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Leanne Janowski screams
while on the Scrambler at the
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Bergman's Farewell

Band director retires after 30 years at Herndon High.

BY BEN LEATHERWOOD
THE CONNECTION

After 30 years of directing Herndon High School's band program, Richard Bergman took the school's stage for the last time on Sunday.

His final concert included classics by Modest Mussorgsky and George Gershwin, and featured solos by seniors Ben Leventhal, Jack Czerwinski, and Jonathan Brown. Over the course of the performance, the band received six standing ovations.

Although the high school's wind ensemble headlined the event, the concert also included a

shorter performance by an alumni band. The 40-plus members represented graduated classes from 1986-2007, and had assembled to honor Bergman's career.

"He made a difference in a lot of lives."

— Leah Cohen-McHale ('98)

"I thought, 'How wonderful it would be if I could get some of the alumni together to play one more time for Mr. Bergman at his last concert,'" said Leah Cohen-McHale ('98), the primary organizer of the alumni band. "I wanted to make sure he got a really great tribute," she continued, "he made a difference in a lot of lives."

One of those lives was that of Grayson Fore ('91), a saxophone player under Bergman and current director of South Lakes High School's band program.

"He inspired me to go into music," said Fore, "it's great to now be in a position to give to my students what he gave to me."

Fore remembers Bergman's program as "exceptional. He doesn't believe that just because you're students you aren't able to do great things with music."

"[Richard Bergman] is Herndon band, and it won't be the same without him," agreed fellow alumnus Kate Steward ('99), "he made it what it is."

WHAT HERNDON'S BAND is, for those who have not followed their achievements, is one of the most highly decorated high school bands in the region. In 1990 the Herndon High

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Thousands of people descended on Herndon for a four-day Herndon Festival from Thursday, May 29, to Sunday, June 1.

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Mason Winfrey, 4, of Herndon waves his hand outside of a car ride at the Herndon Festival.



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Sarah McDowell, 5, enjoys a break and an ice cream cone.



Amelia Gee, 5, of Falls Church signs Volkswagen's Doodle Bug.



Ben Arthur entertains the festival-goers at the Café Stage on Sunday afternoon, June 1.

Mason Riley, 2, of Reston tries out a motorcycle with the help of Master Deputy Sheriff B.D. Wancik at the Herndon Festival on Sunday morning, June 1.



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Democrats Debate before June 10 Primary

Candidates disagree on health care, electability at debate.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Ashburn resident Joy Maloney is definitely going to vote for the Democrat running against U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) in the general election next fall. But she is not sure whom to support between the two candidates in the upcoming Democratic Party primary June 10.

"I am undecided," said Maloney after a debate between Democratic candidates Judy Feder and Mike Turner at Northern Virginia Community College's Loudoun County campus May 22.

Maloney, who wore a black "Obama" T-shirt to the debate, is familiar with both Democrats. She volunteered on Feder's 2006 congressional campaign and has worked with Turner on the Loudoun County Democratic Committee.

For Maloney, the most important quality in a Democratic candidate is that "they can beat Frank Wolf."

She finds Turner more appealing "on paper" but knows that Feder has the ability to raise as much money as the incumbent does. Feder had raised \$903,850 to Turner's \$82,193 as of March 31.

"It is going to be a tough decision," said

Maloney.

Feder and Turner have each claimed to be more "electable" during the primary campaign.

In 2006, Feder, the former head of Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute, lost to Wolf by 16 percentage points in the general election. During last week's debate, Turner, a retired Air Force colonel, said Democratic voters "could expect the same outcome" if they picked her as the party nominee again.

In response, Feder said she laid the groundwork during her 2006 campaign to win in 2008. She also touted her fund-raising abilities.

"I am the only candidate that has the resources to give Wolf a tough race," she said.

"If a Democrat is going to win, this is the year to do it."

— Rosemarie Pelletier, Northern Virginia Community College, political science professor

FEDER AND TURNER generally agree on issues. Both candidates oppose a federal ban on gay marriage and favor developing alternative energy options. Both support withdrawing troops from Iraq and had concerns about the use of private government contractors in combat areas.

"You don't contract out military responsibilities. We need a responsible government that knows how and

when to contract," said Feder.

The two also had similar criticisms for President George W. Bush's administration. The federal government mishandled its response to Hurricane Katrina because those in trouble were "the wrong color and from the wrong socioeconomic background," said Turner, who previously worked for the American Red Cross.

Feder and Turner also shared in their com-

No Republican Debate Before Primary

Though they have made some side-by-side appearances, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) and his Republican opponent Vern McKinley are unlikely to debate before their party primary June 10.

"He is not doing any debates," wrote Dan Scandling, a member of Wolf's congressional staff, in an e-mail.

McKinley said there have been four efforts to get the congressman to debate his Republican opponent — including invitations from Loudoun County high-school students and the Politics Hour with Kojo Nnamdi on 88.5 FM, the public radio station.

Loudoun County's Northern Virginia Community College campus and the Sterling Foundation Inc. also invited Wolf to partake in a debate similar to

the one held between the Democratic primary candidates last week. Participation would have required Wolf to meet with some of the college's political science students for a predebate interview earlier in the spring.

"The congressman wouldn't agree to debate. ... I don't know why he wouldn't. Maybe he doesn't have time," said Rosemarie Pelletier, the political science professor who extended the invitation to Wolf.

According to the McKinley campaign, former U.S. Rep. Joseph Fisher (D-10) made himself available for several debates against Wolf, his challenger, in the 1970s. McKinley wishes Wolf would give his intra-party challenger the same opportunity.

plaints about Wolf, who they said had been ineffectual as a congressman.

"Frank Wolf ran on rail to Dulles in 1980 and we are still waiting," said Feder.

THE CANDIDATES' biggest disagreement is over health-care coverage.

Feder and Turner said the federal government needed to find a way to provide health care for all Americans. But they had different approaches to achieving universal coverage.

Feder worked on expanding health insurance coverage in former President Bill Clinton's administration. She said she wanted to use both a government-sponsored plan as well as private insurance companies to extend health-care coverage to every American. Her plan would prohibit the discrimination against those with pre-

existing conditions, she said.

"What people pay would be based on what they can afford," she said.

Turner said it is not practical to propose a comprehensive health insurance plan that included private insurance plans.

"It is impossible to do. Choice will cripple any universal health-care proposal," he said.

The candidates also emphasized different solutions to the region's transportation woes. Feder said she would fight for the rail extension to Dulles International Airport as a member of Congress.

"We need to make it clear that we are part of the Washington region," she said.

Turner focused on other ideas — like providing incentives for businesses and federal government to have employees work in

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Candidates' View: Rising Oil Prices

The four candidates running for the U.S. Congress in Virginia's 10th District share their thoughts on what should be done about rising oil prices.

Democrats Judy Feder and Mike Turner face each other in a primary June 10. Vern McKinley and U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) square off in the Republican primary the same day. Voters may only vote in one of the two elections.

FEDER said the problem of high oil prices is both an immediate and long-term concern.

"We are not drilling our way out of this one," she said.

The candidate supports forming a federal watchdog group to oversee and prevent the speculative buying of oil, which she said is artificially driving up the cost of gas. Feder also said the U.S. government has to get rid of tax loopholes for oil companies.

She added that U.S. citizens need to learn how to conserve energy.

"We have got to use less," said Feder.

MCKINLEY said the U.S. government should not try to control the price of oil. The development of alternative energy sources should also be left up to the world financial market and not subsidized by the federal government.

"[Corn] ethanol is a complete distortion of markets and reality," said McKinley.

The Republican supports opening up restricted territories in the United States, such as those in Alaska, for oil exploration and drilling. He wants to reassess the use of the federal gas tax and said that all responsibility for transportation — and possibly the taxing authority that supports those projects — should ultimately be shifted to the local government.

"I don't think we get our money's worth for all the [federal] transportation money we spend," he said.

TURNER said he would like to offer financial incentives to both residents and companies that conserve energy.

"It is time for Americans to alter their behavior," he said, adding that he would also look at a viable "windfall profits tax structure" — which would charge oil companies who have seen an increase in the amount of money they are making.

Turner supports putting some money aside into "transitional fund" to help industries like trucking and airlines — which are more reliant on oil for survival — shift to greener operations.

The Democrat said the country must also focus on developing a robust green sector.

"This is a serious national security threat," said Turner.

WOLF said he had been supportive of several efforts to conserve energy over the years, including tax credits that may motivate individuals to act in a "green" manner.

"It is long overdue and it should have been done earlier," said Wolf, who drives a hybrid car.

Wolf said offering more mass transit options — like the extension of rail service to Dulles International Airport — will help keep gas prices lower. He said the federal government also needs to investigate wind power, solar power and burning coal cleanly.

"We need research with regard to clean coal technology. We are the Saudi Arabia of coal," said Wolf.

The United States needs to look at opening up domestic sources of oil for drilling, albeit in a more environmentally friendly way, according to Wolf. The congressman said China and other countries are already looking into drilling for oil off the shore of Cuba, an oil reserve that extends to Florida's coast.

"I think you have to look at the domestic energy sources that you have," said Wolf.

NEWS

Art in the Pages

Artist creates "open book" at DES.

BY LEAH KIEFF
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax Public Library foundation's project, "Art in the Pages," has local artists submitting designs to create works of art from blank sculptures. This project, featuring an open book, is reminiscent of the Pandamania and Party Animals that appeared in Washington D.C. a few years ago.

At Dranesville Elementary School, local artist Anne Nagy is creating one of these books in the school lobby. "Its a great opportunity for kids to see a work in progress and to involve them," said Nagy.

The title for the book, "The Book of Love," was chosen because, "I thought it would be a message of

hope and love. The public would be excited about it and the kids would like it too," said Nagy.

Nagy who teaches art at Dranesville Elementary feels art is important for children because, "Art teaches creative problem solving, encourages different kinds of thinking and communicating thoughts and ideas in a variety of ways. Art also is great for self-esteem and gives children a chance to use different materials to express themselves in a positive way."

The Book of Love is sponsored by the Institute of Public Art in Reston and will appear in the Reston Library, at the end of June.

These sculptures will be on display during the summer of 2008 and afterwards will be either do

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Providing Books Girl Scout Junior Troop 880, of Herndon held a community book fair and collected 636 books. The book fair was part of the troop's effort to achieve its Bronze Award. Additionally, the girls wrote and illustrated several works of fiction and poetry to add to the books that were collected through the book drive. The books were then presented to the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic to be enjoyed by community members who use its services. The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic provides access to health care for residents in need, through a network of dedicated volunteers. The clinic encourages children to keep the books that they read at the clinic, to encourage continued reading enjoyment. From left are: Tricia Mussante, Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic Volunteer Coordinator, and from Girl Scout Junior Troop 880; Jenna Krynicki, Casey Martin, Jennifer Bagby, Barbara Kirwan, Kendall Wolfe, Marissa Fonseca, Laura Bentley, Ashlynn Sherman, and Bethany Hurd.



Pre-School Teachers Honored

St. Timothy's Pre-school in Herndon honored several teachers at a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon in May. Recognized for their service were: (standing from left) Jamie Hurd, 30 years, and Cathleen McGraw, 25 years, (seated from left) Colleen Jennings, 15 years and Debbie Butherus, 10 years.



Triathlon Family All of the Hill family of Herndon participated in the Reston Sprint Triathlon on Sunday, June 1. They've lived in Herndon for 22 years and all three daughters graduated from Herndon High School. From left are daughter, Chelsea Hill, 19; Linda Hill and Peter Hill; daughter, Jessie Hill, 21; daughter, Emily Trakas, 29, and Emily's boyfriend, Jeff Draim, 29. For Peter, Jessie and Jeff it was their first triathlon.



Joshua Speights smiles for the camera at his welcome home luncheon hosted by Northwest Federal Credit Union in honor of his safe return from his tour of duty in Iraq with the Army Reserve.

Homecoming for Employee-Soldier

Northwest Federal Credit Union (NWFCU) staff reunited on May 19 with their fellow employee-soldier, Joshua Speights, after his year-long tour of duty with the Army Reserve in Iraq.

NWFCU rolled out the red carpet treatment for Speights to welcome him as he reported back to work at the Credit Union. NWFCU's headquarters in Herndon was decorated with yellow ribbons, American flags and a large "Welcome Home Joshua" banner hung high on the building as a tribute to Speights and his service to the country and the Credit Union.

The celebration and tributes to Speights continued later that day

with an employee-wide welcome home luncheon. "I can't thank NWFCU enough for the warm homecoming and all the care packages and cards while I was away. They (NWFCU) made my time away from home a little easier," said Speights regarding his 10-month tour of duty stationed in Baquaba, Iraq Dilyah Province. "Knowing that you have a strong support group makes a difference. I am grateful and happy to be home."

Speights, a member of the Army Reserve, currently works as a mortgage loan administrator for Northwest Federal Credit Union where he has worked for two years.

PEOPLE NOTES

Jonathan Lena, Herndon High School class of 2000, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk.

In addition to his academic achievements at Herndon, Lena also excelled in gymnastics leading the Hornets to four consecutive Concorde District Championships and the State Championship in 2000.

In 2004 Lena received the bachelor of arts degree in biology from the Uni-



versity of Virginia and proceeded directly to Eastern Virginia Medical School. He will perform his residency program in neurological surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston beginning in July. The neurosurgery residency program lasts seven years. During his residency at Medical University of South Carolina, Lena plans to further specialize in pediatric neurosurgery.

He is the son of Victor and Patricia Lena of Reston.

Survivors Triumph in Sea of Pink

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Lisa Gray's sister and niece each held one of her hands, the day Gray chose to have her head shaved in a hair salon. Gray's own hairdresser was too emotional to cut off Gray's hair, hair not yet claimed by chemotherapy.

"I had my eyes closed, crying, and a voice that wasn't familiar to me, all of a sudden, was in my ear," said Gray. "She said to me, 'You are so strong and you are wonderful.' It was the lady in the beauty parlor sitting next to me.

"You know or you think you're dying and anytime anybody gives you some strength, it just helps you through that day," said Gray, a self-employed technical writer.

Gray, 55 of Kingstowne, is an eight-year survivor of breast cancer. Next Saturday, June 7, she will walk the Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure for the sixth time.

DEBBIE HAYES, of Potomac Falls, was 33 years old when she was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1989.

At that time, there wasn't a lot of information and it wasn't publicly discussed, she said. "Everyone assumed it was going to be nothing," because of her age.

"You know when they wheel you into the room for the consultation and your parents are crying and your doctor is crying, you know it's something."

"I was scared to death," she said. "That's the first question I asked, am I going to die?"

Hayes, 52, will be a 19-year survivor of breast cancer in three weeks.

Hayes now works full time to provide support and services to women diagnosed with breast cancer as part of a Herndon-based organization, Breast Cancer Network of Strength Mid-Atlantic, which has received funding from Komen for the Cure.

"I have come into contact with some of the most incredible women," she said. "To realize how many of us there are, how strong we are, and all the synergy between us, is touching."

"I did the walk, I was alive, I was a survivor. From that point on, I was a survivor."

— Lisa Gray, eight-year survivor

COTY DICKSON was a 41-year-old single mother with two children, 12 and six-years-old, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer after detecting a lump during a self-examination.

Dickson's mother had died of breast cancer three years earlier. Dickson's grand-



Coty Dickson, of Great Falls, with her husband Dan Dickson, shown here in France.



Lisa Gray



Susan Sonley



Patti Brownstein, here in Brussels.

mother also died of breast cancer.

Dickson, of Great Falls, chose one full year of chemotherapy rather than six months following her modified radical mastectomy.

"Somehow I have to get strong so I can rear these children," Dickson said she was thinking. "I have to get this six-year-old through high school. What can I do to get 15 years?"

Dickson, now a 20-year survivor of breast cancer, has participated in the National Race for the Cure for 15 years. Now 61 and retired from the federal government, she has remarried, takes art classes at the Torpedo Factory in Alexandria, and has traveled to all 50 states as well as to France, Italy and England with her husband Dan Dickson.

"You try to make sure you seize the moment," she said. "Even though I'm a 20-year survivor, it never goes away, you always think about it."

"WE'RE ON the right side of the coin, but there's another story here, the sisters that we've lost," said Susan Sonley, a 14-year survivor from Reston.

One of her friends, a team member, lost his 32-year-old wife to breast cancer. The couple had three girls.

"I look at those girls and it breaks my heart, the little one won't even know her mother," Sonley said.



Get Involved

Readers can still participate in the 2008 Komen National Race for the Cure. Late registration will be available this Thursday and Friday, June 5 and 6, from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW, in Washington, D.C. See www.nationalracefortheure.org or call 703-416-RACE.

Sonley, vice president of Grubb and Ellis, organizes a team of participants and donors each year. She leads the highest-grossing National Race team, which has raised more than \$500,000.

"I found out it was easier to raise money than to get my friends out of bed [for the race]," she said.

"I look at young people, 14-, 16- and 22-years-old and I want them to live a cancer-free life," she said. "Until we find a cure, there's work to be done."

One of every eight women in the country will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

Gray found herself counting in eights at her niece's high school graduation. "Here were these young women, high school graduates, and I couldn't accept that those young women would have to face this," she said.

THIS YEAR, about 182,460 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed. More than 40,000 women will die.

When the cancer is detected early before it spreads beyond the breast, the survival rate is now 98 percent, compared to 74 percent in 1982.

Komen for the Cure has invested \$1 billion for breast cancer research and community outreach. The organization pledges to invest \$2 billion more over the next decade. Without a cure, an estimated 5 million Americans will be diagnosed and more than a million could die in the next 25 years.

More than 1,070 women in Virginia die each year of breast cancer, on average 113 in Fairfax County, 25 in Arlington County, and 18 in Loudoun County.

Next Saturday, more than 3,500 breast cancer survivors and 50,000 supporters altogether are expected to participate Saturday in the walk and race. In the United States today, there are nearly 2.5 million survivors.

Bob Heyer is a living reminder that breast cancer doesn't only affect women.

In 2008, there will be 1,990 new cases of breast cancer diagnosed in men in the United States. An estimated 450 men will die from breast cancer in 2008 in the U.S.

Heyer, 67 of Fairfax Station, remembers when a doctor told him 11 years ago that he needed to have an operation to find out if he had a malignant tumor in his chest.

"If you do, you're going to have a mastectomy. I said, 'What's that?'" said Heyer, who flew planes for the Navy for 20 years, and now is an engineering consultant.

"I never knew guys get that," he said he's often told. "They are kind of caught back."

PATTI BROWNSTEIN was taken aback, when she was diagnosed in December 1998. "I kind of didn't believe it, because I was in the lowest risk group," she said. "It was very frightening when you're a mother of two teenagers. Very frightening."

Only five to 10 percent of breast cancers are due to heredity; in fact, the majority of women with breast cancer have no significant family history or other known risk factors, according to www.komen.org.

Brownstein, 54 of Great Falls, didn't detect the cancer in her body.

"A mammogram saved my life," Brownstein said, a nine-year survivor.

Brownstein, owner of LGP Promotional Group, Inc., travels to Aruba to celebrate her wedding anniversary each year with her husband Alan Brownstein.

Brownstein hopes for a cure, not only for early detection. "I'd love to change the theme," she said.

SUSAN G. KOMEN was Nancy G. Brinker's sister. Brinker, who went on to found Susan G. Komen for the Cure, promised her dying sister that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer forever.

The first year Gray walked the National race, she had planned to serve as a volunteer. Her sister said, "No, I don't think we should volunteer, I think we should walk. You can walk, you walk Duncan every day."

Duncan was Gray's dog; Gray got up each day to walk Duncan despite exhaustion from chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

Gray walked the race for the first time six years ago with her sister, niece, brother-in-law, neighbor and college friend.

"Unbeknownst to me, they all put banners on their backs," Gray said. "They wrote they were walking in honor of me. Then I cried some more."

"I did the walk, I was alive, I was a survivor. From that point on, I was a survivor."

OPINION

Why I Race for the Cure

Cancer survivor makes a difference by leading top fund-raising team in Race for the Cure.

BY SUSAN SONLEY

This weekend my team, Champions for the Cure, will again participate in the Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure, held annually on the first Saturday in June on the National Mall. My goal is to always be the team that raises the most money, and I've accomplished it for the past nine years. As I add names to my massive mailing list, I reflect on why I became involved. It's not a simple answer, but it carries a strong message of hope and solidarity.

I was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 40, in 1994, and had multiple surgeries, radiation and chemotherapy. When it was all over and my life started to regain some semblance of normalcy, I learned it wasn't really over. Did the treatment work well enough to give me another year or two? This is a question for which there is no answer. So when the treatments are over, it's really not over.

I was always aware of breast cancer because my mother, 29 at the time, was diagnosed in 1959. She had four small children under the age of 6 and underwent a treatment program



GUEST EDITORIAL

that would be considered barbaric today. A radical mastectomy and immediate hysterectomy followed by massive doses of radiation were very hard on her, but saved her life. My father was her steadfast supporter, but it was a very difficult time, and all of our lives changed because of her illness. Within two years my mother lost her own mother to metastatic breast cancer.

Today we have so many more resources available, thanks to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Komen has raised awareness to unprecedented levels and put breast cancer funding on our lawmakers' agenda. We now have many surgical and treatment choices; counseling and support groups are standard procedure. My family would have been so lucky had my mother had half these resources.

At my first race in 1995, I was thoroughly unprepared for the emotions that overwhelmed me that beautiful June morning as I walked onto the National Mall. The uncertainty and fear that were constant companions during my illness were mitigated by the fellowship, love and support from the tens of thousands whose lives had also been touched by breast cancer. I

Get Involved

It's not too late to participate in the 2008 Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure. The annual 5K event will be held in Washington, D.C., Saturday, June 7, rain or shine, with more than 50,000 participants, including 3,500 breast cancer survivors. The race supports breast cancer research and has invested more than \$1 billion over the past 25 years. See www.nationalraceforthecure.org or call 703-416-RACE for late registration.°

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was not alone with this disease. What a powerful message!

I started Champions for the Cure in 1998 to celebrate my 5th anniversary cancer free. Since then, we've been able to raise an astounding \$500,000 for Komen's breast cancer research, treatment, education and screening programs.

I'm constantly grateful to Komen for pulling breast cancer out of the closet and making it a public issue, so different than it was for my mother and grandmother. So every year, I dust off my mailing lists and begin fund-raising again, hoping the cure is in sight. And every year, I find people really do care, and donate generously. I am blessed to be a 14-year survivor who can continue to contribute to this worthy cause.

Susan Sonley is an 18-year Reston resident and breast cancer survivor who, for the past nine years running, has led the highest-grossing National Race team.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recognizing Dedication

To the Editor:

Dr. Raymond L. Spears is retiring as pastor of First Baptist Church of Herndon at the end of June. For many reasons, it is a significant moment for members of First Baptist and for the Herndon community.

Ray is only the second fulltime pastor in the 109-year history of First Baptist. His 18 years here will leave an enduring legacy. Under Ray's leadership, our traditionally Southern Baptist congregation joined the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, supported women deacons and pastors and instituted non-traditional Sunday School classes. We added a contemporary worship service, elements of which are now permanently combined with our more traditional service. Ray is a strong supporter of a unique cooperative ministry we are embarking on with McLean Baptist Church as we enter the transitional period between his departure and selection of a new pastor.

Ray was instrumental in the establishment of a Hispanic congregation at First Baptist and has played a crucial role in negotiating the issues that sometimes arise when two groups share the same facility. Other diverse groups, such as an Ethiopian Bible study, also use our building on a regular basis.

During Ray's tenure, what began as a "mother's day out" program for First Baptist's stay-at-home moms has developed into a full-fledged preschool serving the entire community.

Ray presided over the 100th anniversary of First Baptist in 1999, dedicating a memorial garden. He reached out to other Herndon pastors after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and spoke at a multi-denominational memorial service on the Town Green. Most recently, even as he planned for his retirement, he championed efforts to repair and renovate the stained glass window that is the focal point of the interior and exterior of our church.

His wife, Jerry, has taught in our children's Sunday School department for 15 years, touching the life

of nearly every child who has attended First Baptist. We see the results of her tender loving influence in every young person raised in our church.

Through the years, Ray's vast knowledge of the Bible and its history, his abilities as a teacher, and his open arms policies for all people is something for which the members of First Baptist Church Herndon are grateful and blessed.

The church is planning a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. June 29 to celebrate Ray's service; all present and past members are welcome to attend.

**FBCH Deacon Board
Todd Weiss, chairman**

Best Democrat In the 10th?

To the Editor:

Since the 1990s, Judy Feder has called herself an expert on healthcare and people have believed it. Why is it then that she doesn't have a plan to expand healthcare to all? Why is it then that she only posted bullet points

of what her plan might look like after being prompted by her democratic challenger?

Additionally, Judy Feder should be embarrassed for inaccurately attacking Frank Wolf last September, saying that he voted against SCHIP, a program that provides healthcare to children. Frank Wolf voted for HR 976 and against his party. True, he voted against SCHIP in committee, but voted for it on the floor after making sure that the needs of senior citizens and children did not conflict with each other.

I'm not saying that Frank Wolf is still qualified to keep his job, but Democrats need to understand that you cannot beat someone like Rep. Wolf by going negative. Even with regards to the Iraq War, an issue that should be able to elect any Democrat in northern Virginia, Judy Feder does not seem to be up to the challenge of taking on Frank Wolf.

When Mike Turner criticizes Rep. Wolf for supporting George Bush's war in Iraq, he speaks from experience, having staffed the

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

Joint Chiefs as a colonel during Operation Desert Storm. He also displayed political courage by endorsing Barack Obama last December and coming out against the Iraq War one week before the bombing began.

We owe it to ourselves to elect the people most qualified for the job and that's why I'm voting for Mike Turner on June 10 in the Democratic congressional primary for the 10th district.

Bharat Krishnan
Oak Hill

MILITARY NOTES

Army Pfc. **Nicholas A. Jackson** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Robin Haynes of Austin Hills Drive, Suwanee, Ga., and Ringley Jackson of Alton Square, Herndon.

distinctive Ranger Tab. A graduate of the Ranger Course is the epitome of the U.S. infantryman.

Batt, an infantry officer, has served in the military for four years.

He is the son of William T. and Tina M. Batt of Moffett Forge Road, Herndon.

Army 2nd Lt. Jonathan J. Batt has graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger School at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., with authorization to wear the

In 2003, the lieutenant graduated from Herndon High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2007 from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

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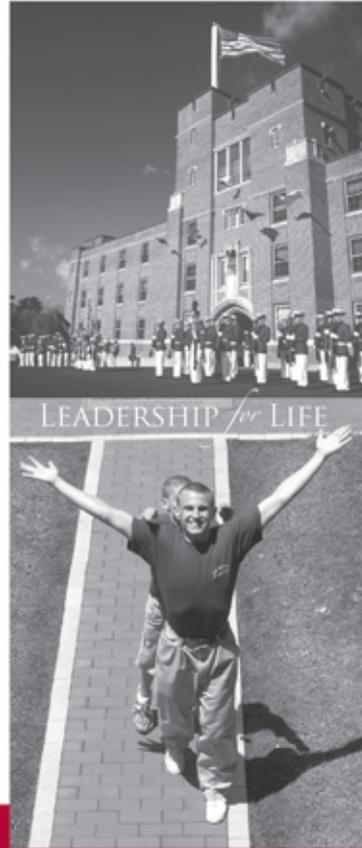
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PRIMARY IN THE 10TH



Congressional candidates Judy Feder and Mike Turner face each other in the Democratic primary June 10.

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Democrats Debate

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shifts, 24 hours per day and seven days per week. He also said the region needed to convince businesses to locate in outer suburbs, instead of closer to Washington.

Turner also suggested that the government offer an incentive for people willing to purchase a global positioning system, which would help them choose the most efficient driving routes.

THE 2008 ELECTION offers Democrats the best opportunity to defeat Wolf, said Rosemarie Pelletier, a political science professor at Northern Virginia Community College. Former Gov. Mark Warner, the Democratic candidate for Virginia's open U.S. Senate seat, will be a strong anchor for others running on the ticket, she said.

"If a Democrat is going to win, this is the year to do it. If they can't do it now, I am not sure when, how and if they could do it," said Pelletier.

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SCHOOLS

Herndon's World-Class Chess Champ

Jeevan Karamsetty to compete in World Youth Championships in Vietnam.

BY ANDREW HARTNETT
THE CONNECTION

When Herndon's Jeevan Karamsetty was only 4 years old there was no other way he would rather spend his time than playing chess. After a month of playing the game 10 hours each and every day, his parents intervened and instructed that he play no more than one hour every day.

"I was teaching my daughter to play chess when Jeevan was 4 years old, and he decided he wanted to learn so I taught him as well," said Jeevan's father Pardha. "He practiced hours each day with a computer and he began beating me when he was 5 years old." He is the son of Suneetha and Pardha Karamsetty of Herndon.



Jeevan Karamsetty with his many chess trophies.

NOW, FIVE years and countless tournament championships later, Jeevan is a member of the U.S. Chess team, which will compete this October in the 2008 World Youth Championships in Vietnam.

In his first year of competing in chess tournaments, Jeevan quickly became accustomed to success. He won a national championship in his age group at age 5 and won the Virginia state championship K-3 section as a kindergartener. He followed it up in 2004 with second-place finishes at the National Championships for the K-1 section in Pittsburgh and the first-grade section of K-12 Nationals in Orlando. The next year Jeevan won first place in the D.C. Junior Pre-teen Championships and continued his winning ways as a 7-year-old in 2006, triumphing in the Virginia Third-Grade Championships and the K-8 section of the Virginia State Championship.

Also in 2006, Jeevan won the Consolation Championship Award at the 2006 International Chess Competition conducted by World Chess Network in Las Vegas, and was subsequently named to the U-8 Section for the 2006 World Youth Championships in Georgia, which he could not attend.

In 2007, Jeevan won first place in the Amateur section of the 39th Annual Virginia Open Championships held in Springfield. The most recent honor that has been bestowed upon Jeevan is his naming to the U-10 Section for the 2008 World Youth Championship in Vietnam.

"Being named to the United States World Youth team is one of my greatest accomplishments," says Jeevan, now a fifth-grader at Oak Hill Elementary. "The team is made up of players from all over the country and we will be competing against teams from about 120 different countries from around the world."

Although the tournaments Jeevan competes in allow him to showcase his talent across the country, the constant travel does not come

without sacrifice. "Most tournaments are over the weekends but the international tournaments are 2-3 weeks long, which makes things difficult," said Jeevan's father.

"**HE WAS NOT** able to attend the Youth Championships the last time he was selected to the team, but this year my wife will be taking Jeevan to Vietnam for the tournament." In his spare time, Jeevan plays basketball and learns to speak Hindi and French. He also finished taking a course for talented kids in cryptography offered by Johns Hopkins University. In the future he hopes to become a grandmaster and world champion.

"I think it is Jeevan's dedication and hard work that makes Jeevan so good at chess," said Pardha. "The amount of time he spends playing the game shows his level of interest, and he loves mathematics, which I believe is common amongst kids who excel at chess."

SCHOOL NOTES

"**Wackadoo Zoo**" — the musical — will be presented at **Herndon Elementary** on Thursday, **June 5**, by students in grades 1-3. Wackadoo Zoo is centered around the plight of five groups of animals (lions, monkeys, pigs, goats, and cows) who employ a professor of linguistics to help them with their speech. The musical celebrates the differences among people.

The following Herndon High students were selected for the 2008 Hispanic Youth Symposium: **Natalie Bello, Angel Martinez, Norma Miranda, Adriana Reyes, Jose Landaverde, Eliana Leon Rodriguez, Katya Cisneros, Tammy Melendez,** and **Lilian Perez.** They were selected from hundreds of applicants in the metropolitan area for the program to be held at George Mason University.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 5

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Celebrate Fairfax!

The annual Celebrate Fairfax! — with rides, concerts, performing arts, exhibits, food and fireworks — will be held Friday, June 6, through Sunday, June 8, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The festival's hours are Friday, 6 p.m. to midnight; Saturday, 10 a.m. to midnight; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

General admission is \$10 (ages 11 and up); \$8 (age 55 and up and active military with ID); \$5 (ages 3-10); and free (ages 2 and under). This includes all the concerts, entertainment and exhibits for that day. Carnival rides are not included in the general admission price.

A fireworks display will light up the night on Friday and Saturday evenings. Free laser shows will be held in the Government Center Board Auditorium every half-hour on Friday, 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

People enjoy the food and festivities of last year's "Taste of the Town."



Tasty Festival Nears

Reston Town Center to host 18th Taste of the Town.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHC
THE CONNECTION

More than nine months of work for Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce staff will culminate on Saturday, June 14, when the 18th Taste of the Town festival takes place. This year's festival will be larger than previous ones and will feature multiple entertainment stages and tents for restaurants that will move permanently to Reston Town Center later in the year.

"It's double the pleasure, double the fun," said Penny Pompei, Reston Chamber's president and CEO. "We've taken a wonderful event and made it even more wonderful," said Pompei.

The festival will take over most of Market Street in Town Center's urban core, from the Hyatt Hotel to Il Fornaio restaurant. "This is the biggest event at Reston Town Center," said Pompei. She said it is expected that 30,000 to 40,000 people will visit Reston Town Center, a good number of them coming from areas other than Reston. Former Chamber Chair Marion Myers also said the event is the largest to be held at Reston Town Center. "People expect it and people look forward to it," said Myers. Pompei said the Kiddie Korner has also been expanded and this year will feature live animals. The Reston Town Center pavilion will reopen before the festival and will feature rock music throughout the day. Another stage will be set by the Hyatt, which will



At last year's festival, patrons enjoyed Cajun fries courtesy of the Mardi Gras-themed M&S Grill.

feature Salsa and Swing music. A third stage will be set in the Reston Town Square park and will feature blues and jazz. "That park is a very nice place to expand into," said Myers of Reston Town Square.

"We've taken a wonderful event and made it even more wonderful."

— Penny Pompei, Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce President and CEO

With the introduction of multiple entertainment stages also comes an introduction of multiple beer and wine gardens and chairs and tables at some of the gardens. "People don't have to be stuck in one spot," said Myers. "It's a little bit more of a relaxed atmosphere this year."

The festival is more than just a one-day celebration, according to Myers. "It's sort

of a kickoff for the summer," she said. "It's a cross-demographic festival. Everyone comes out and you see a nice cross-section of people," she said of different age groups that attend the festivities.

"It is a great opportunity to bring the business community and Reston's residents and resident of the greater region together," said Mark Looney, chair of the Reston Chamber. "Taste of the Town is a hallmark of the chamber here, in terms of touching as many Restonians and people in the region as possible," said Looney.

About 40 restaurants will set up booths offering their specialties. The charity recipient of this year's proceeds is Inc.Spire, the Reston Chamber's incubator program. To learn more about the festival and to see the entertainment schedule and the food vendors, visit <http://restontaste.com>.

CALENDAR

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Senior Cinema at 10 a.m. at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. The movie will be "Hairspray." Call 703-435-6800, Ext. 2109.

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

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

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

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Curl Gala. Local Author and Stylist Nicole Siri will be hosting a complimentary "Curl Gala" for women with curly hair from 8-9:30 p.m. at: Salon Nordine and Day Spa, 11955 Freedom Drive, Reston. The curl Gala will be a night of beautiful curly hair fashions and education work shop. Siri will also teach a few looks from her book and have an open discussion about curly hair. The Gala will help raise money for "Locks of Love" an organization that provides wigs for children who do to illness, have lost their hair. There will be a \$20 entry fee. Call Nicole at: 571-215-5970 to reserve a spot.

Hot Tub Movie. RA invites all those who enjoy the late night adult swim hours to stay for a free movie by the hot tub at North Shore Pool, 11515 North Shore Drive, Reston. Come relax, enjoy a Luau atmosphere and the movie and refreshments. Movie titles will be advertised at event



artReston 2008

Kiwami Drummond of Reston won the \$500 Jo Ann Rose Award for the oil painting "Guadalupé" (above) for the juried artReston 2008 exhibition by the League of Reston Artists which runs through July 30. The exhibition at the Jo Ann Rose Gallery in the Reston Community center at Lake Anne is free and open to the public. . An opening reception will take place on Sunday, June 8, from 2-4 p.m.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 7

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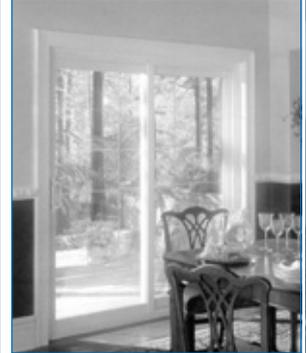
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Hair Show. Salon Chakra will present a hair show at the Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston, 12 p.m. Visit www.lakeanneplaza.com.

Reston Lake Cleanup. Join fellow boaters and lake enthusiasts from 9 a.m. – Noon for the 2nd Annual Lake Cleanup. Looking for volunteers to get on their boats and to walk the shorelines of Lake Audubon, Lake Thoreau and Lake Anne. To volunteer contact Ha Brock, RA volunteer coordinator at 703-435-7986 or email habrock@reston.org. For meeting locations or more information go to www.reston.org.

Concerts on the Town. Reston Concerts on the Town is a free series that takes place at the Reston Town Center Pavilion every Saturday from 7:30 – 10 p.m., rain or shine. Music lovers of all ages are invited to bring blankets, lawn chairs, and picnic baskets to the concerts each week and come ready to have a swingin' good time. Call the concert hotline: 703-912-4062. Beatlemania Now! will perform this week.

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



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

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.

TUESDAY/JUNE 10

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

Summer Reading Program Volunteer Pizza Party. Find out about volunteering at the library this summer at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon, 5:30 p.m. Free pizza. Age 12-18. Call 703-437-8855.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

Preschool Storytime at Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, 10:15 a.m. Age 2-3 with adult. Call 703-689-2700.

Book Discussion. "Family Linen" by Lee Smith will be discussed at Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, 10:30 a.m. Adults. No registration is required. Call 703-689-2700.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Take a Break Concert. The Fabulettes, a 1960s-style girl group, will perform at Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston, from 7-9 p.m. Free. Visit www.lakeanneplaza.com.

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

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Baby Signs. Come meet Beebo the Baby Signs Bear, hear stories, and learn some simple signs at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon, 10:30 a.m. Age 12-18. Call 703-437-8855. Age 6-24 months with adult. Call 703-437-8855.

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FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Friday Night Live will be from 6:30-10:30 p.m. on the Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Dr. Fu and Seven From Sunday will perform. Call 703-481-6133.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Dairy Day. Celebrate National Dairy Month at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Milk cows and goats, and taste different types of dairy products. Churn butter, enjoy hands-on farm activities and see other farm demonstrations. The cost is \$4 per person. Call 703-437-9101.

Happy Father's Day. Stories, activities, and a craft, 11 a.m. at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Call 703-437-8855. Age 2-5 with adult.

SUNDAY/JUNE 15

Acoustic Jam. Bring an instrument or come by to enjoy this free drop-in session at the Frying Pan Country Store, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon, from 1 to 4 p.m. Call 703-437-9101.

TUESDAY/JUNE 17

Spring Lunchtime Picnic for the Town of Herndon Employees will be from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Bready Park, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

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All That History and Jazz

Herndon residents refurbish house to capture 1950s feel.

By MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

Jennifer Baker and her husband Ted Terrenoire moved to their Herndon house four years ago. The house that sits in historic downtown Herndon, on Madison between Monroe and Van Buren, was built in 1951 and an addition was constructed in the 1980s.

Now, however, the house was remodeled to feature architectural accents from the 1950s era throughout. “It’s phenomenal,” said Baker, a software sales professional. “We wanted one cohesive look and it really does the house justice,” she said.

The couple received remodeling help from HGTV’s “Curb Appeal” show. They also went through a process with the Town of Herndon’s Heritage Preservation Review Board during the six-month remodeling process to ensure the house fits in the neighborhood.

“People love it,” said Baker of the comments received from the neighbors and other frequent visitors to the neighborhood, including the mailman.

Terrenoire, co-owner of a Herndon video production company, said his love of the 1950s era drove the thought behind the remodeling process. “I am a big lover of jazz,” said Terrenoire of the affection for the decade. The affection also spreads to the architectural styles of the era when post-World War II construction boom occurred. “I see it as the apex of design in the last 100 years,” he said.

The remodeling has made Baker and Terrenoire feel more at home in their own house. “First and

The house before and ...



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED



... after Curb Appeal renovations.

foremost it’s comfortable,” said Terrenoire. He said the large windows of the 1950s era allow for plenty of natural light to enter the house.

“We really had the best intentions to fit in the neighborhood while modeling the house according to our style,” Baker said.

Bruce Gregory of Chantilly-based Katchmark Construction worked on the house’s roof for the couple. Baker and Terrenoire hired all of their contractors locally. “It’s pretty nice,” said Gregory of the remodeled house. “It kind of mimics the Old Town Alexandria” style, he said.

The remodeling of the Baker/Terrenoire house will be featured on HGTV’s “Curb Appeal” on Monday, June 9. The episode will air at 8:30 p.m. and will be repeated on June 10 at 12:30 a.m. and July 12 at 12:30 p.m.

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Anne Nagy and Ms. Allison's 1st grade pose with the unfinished, "Book of Love."

SLHS Triumphs over HHS

BY BEN LEATHERWOOD
THE CONNECTION

South Lakes High School faced off with Herndon High School in the Brain Bowl on Friday, May 23, beating their arch-rivals in front of a sparse but enthusiastic crowd. This marked the first time the team-based academic contest had been held since the inaugural Brain Bowl in 2006.

The South Lakes varsity contestants — comprised of Heatheryn Berry ('09), Danny Rosenmund ('08), and Liz Schenker ('09) — took a commanding lead early in the match and held on for a 125-75 win over Hornets Derrick Etienne ('08), Maggie Loughnane ('08), and Catherine O'Doherty ('08).

Anna La Valley ('10), Alexis Robertson ('09), and Chris Rodrigues ('10) of South Lake's junior varsity squad also emerged victorious, beating Hannah Kwon ('11), Dimitri Gann ('10), and A.J. Sudy ('09), 170-70.

South Lakes has now swept Herndon on all levels of competition in both of the Brain Bowl events to date.

Featuring questions ranging from Hemingway to Hezbollah, from Panama to the Pythagorean theorem, the Brain Bowl tested the competitors on a vast range of subjects. All teams often drew gasps of surprise from the spectators by correctly answering difficult questions.

When the final buzzer sounded, the participants immediately rose to their feet to trade handshakes



PHOTO BY BEN LEATHERWOOD/THE CONNECTION

Herndon freshman Hannah Kwon answers a question in the junior varsity game as South Lakes' A.J. Sudy looks on.

and friendly banter with their erstwhile opponents. As head of the losing school, Herndon principal Agustin Martinez had to wear a South Lakes sweatshirt for a full school day last week, as stipulated by a prior bet between the two schools. The Seahawks' victory also ensured that the Brain Bowl, a silver trophy with a large plastic brain, will spend yet another year in South Lakes' trophy case.

Though the competition had ended for the time being, the resumption of the Brain Bowl seems to have signified the beginning of a new chapter in the Herndon-South Lakes rivalry. "We'll definitely be back next year," said Herndon coach Kim Belknap.

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HHS Band Director Retires after 30 Years

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School Wind Ensemble was the only band nationwide to receive the Sudler Flag of Honor. The award recognizes superior achievement over the course of seven years under the same director and is considered to be the most prestigious band-related award on the high school level.

Under Bergman's tutelage, Herndon's band has also appeared at various prestigious venues, performing at the Mideast Music Convention, Midwest International Band and Orchestra Convention and at the Washington Redskins' and Baltimore Ravens' football stadiums.

Bergman has also received numerous personal accolades since his arrival three decades ago. In 1995, Bergman was elected to the American Bandmasters Association, becoming one of only 15 high school directors to have been accepted into the organization.

Bergman has also been honored as one of the 2008 "Educators of the Year" by the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, and his years of leadership have been recognized by a Herndon Town Council resolution. He has been featured in "Who's Who in Performing Arts" as well as "Who's Who in American Education."

Herndon High School Bands have received more than 50 first place and grand champion awards in musical competitions since Bergman's arrival in 1978.

"It's impossible to replace someone like that," said Rob Taylor, a French horn player who graduated in the class of '91, "he's such an important part of the fabric of the town."

Unfortunately, replacing Bergman is exactly what Herndon High School will have to do this summer. With a new marching band season rapidly approaching in August,



Bergman with senior soloists Jack Czerwinski and Jonathan Brown.

the problem of choosing Bergman's successor has a lot of people worried.

"We're all nervous," said Laura Fyfe ('88), who played flute under Bergman throughout high school. "Those are big shoes to fill."

Students also voiced feelings of uncertainty regarding the post-Bergman era. "It's going to be so weird without him," said Junior LeeAnn Ramsay as she recalled his quirks and unique flashes of humor.

"It's going to be chaos," deadpanned sophomore Michael Milazzo.

PROBABLY THE MOST difficult adjustment, however, will have to be made by Bergman himself. "It's surreal," said Bergman, "suddenly there's a void ahead me. It's been 40 years since I've had August off!"

It seems to have primarily been the students who have motivated him to keep showing up at marching band camp for each and every of the last 40 Augusts: "They come to that moment in the concert when

you know that everything that we've taught suddenly begins to gel," he said. "All of the frustrations just go away and you realize that this is what this job is really all about: achieving a level of musicality and musicianship with our students that is very rarely achieved anywhere."

Soon, Richard Bergman will be removing the sign from his office door that asks

"Do you want to be loved, or do you want to be a band director?" As he has demonstrated over the past 30 years, it is not always necessary to choose between the two. As he walked off Herndon's stage for the last time, he left behind him two things that will define his legacy: one of the most honored high school bands in the country — and thunderous applause.



Richard Bergman takes his final bows as Herndon's band director.

PHOTOS BY LYNN GABRIEL

WEEK IN HERNDON

DCRA 10th Anniversary Celebration

The Dulles Corridor Rail Association will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Wednesday, June 11, at the Westin Reston Heights, 11750 Sunrise Valley Drive. Gov. 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.

Nursing/Personal Care Training

Express Care, a Herndon-based non-profit, will begin the seventh session of its Nursing/Personal Care Assistant Training Program, aimed at helping the immigrant population become certified in working as medical assistants. The course will be held at the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center, 1086 Elden Street, twice a week, starting on June 13. Interested participants can visit the Express Care office the Neighborhood Resource Center or call Yasmeen Durrani or Naila Alam for appointment at 703-471-1891 or naila@expresscare.org.

A certificate from the Department of Medical Assistant Services will be given to students who complete the 12-class course.

Music Under the Stars On Saturdays

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.

Gang Awareness Session

The Herndon Police Crime Prevention Council, in support of the Herndon Police Department, will host an informational session on Gang Awareness.

Special Agent Eric Vega of the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force will be the guest speaker. The session will take place on Thursday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the

Herndon Police Department, 397 Herndon Parkway. For more information or to register, contact Office B. Giron at 703-787-7627 or via e-mail at HCPC@Herndonva.gov.

Herndon Police Enforce Seat Belt Use

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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. In 2006, 62 percent of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in fatal crashes were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash. 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.

Herndon Coach Going Out in Style

O'Hearn leads Hornets to first state playoff appearance.

BY RICH SANDERS
 THE CONNECTION

Herndon High girls' softball coach Bonnie O'Hearn probably could not conclude her 13 years at the helm of the Hornets in a better way than what she is experiencing.

The popular O'Hearn, who recently announced she will be stepping down from her duties as the team's coach at the conclusion of this breakthrough spring season,

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has led her Herndon squad to its first-ever trip to the state AAA playoffs.

The Hornets (17-9) were scheduled to play a quarterfinals round state playoff game at Hickory High (Chesapeake) on Tuesday of this week. A win there would advance Herndon to this Friday's semifinals, set to take place in Northern Virginia at Westfield High School.

"It's been incredible," said O'Hearn, of the fabulous season in which the Hornets put together a stellar regular season before reaching the championship games at both the Concorde District and Northern Region tournaments. "For me, it's like a dream come true."

When O'Hearn took over the Herndon softball team 13 years ago, she was hoping to quickly turn around a program that had had won only a handful of games over the previous few seasons. But success came slowly as the Hornets, under O'Hearn, struggled those initial few seasons. But Herndon, over time, got better and better. Last year, the Hornets reached the quarterfinals round of the 16-team regional playoffs. This season, Herndon did even better as it went all the way to the region championship game before losing to Westfield.

But reaching the region finals automati-

"It's great knowing the program has turned around this much and that we went to the district and region championships and are going to states."

— Herndon High Softball Coach
 Bonnie O'Hearn



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Herndon softball reached the Northern Region finals for the first time in school history. Read more about the title game at connectionnewspapers.com. And read about the team's region quarterfinals win over South County on page 19.

cally qualified Herndon for the eight-team state tournament. It marks the first time the Hornets have ever made it to states.

"It's great knowing the program has turned around this much and that we went to the district and region championships and are going to states," said O'Hearn. "I had come [in the mid 1990s] hoping I could turn things around immediately. But it was a slow progression."

PRIOR TO coming to Herndon, O'Hearn was an assistant coach at Langley High School under former Saxons' coach Dean Ferrington. There, she was head coach of the Langley JV squad in both the 1990 and 1991 seasons.

Ironically, O'Hearn got a taste of her past during Herndon's region playoff run when her Hornets defeated Langley, 5-2, in the semifinals. The win over the Saxons, currently under coach Bob Morrow, prevented the Liberty District Langley squad from making states. Then at the region finals, Herndon lost to a Westfield team currently coached by Ferrington.

O'Hearn said her team's May 28 semifinals win over Langley last week was particularly gratifying because the Hornets had

played poorly against the Saxons during a pre-season game earlier this spring. But in the playoff meeting at South County High School, the Hornets turned the tables.

"To beat Langley was huge because they've been a success story in the region forever," said O'Hearn.

In the win, Herndon received fine pitching from both starter Katie Briggs (four innings) and reliever Katie Rynex (three innings). Briggs struck out seven Langley batters, while Rynex had three K's.

"Each girl gave up one run and both pitched fantastic," said O'Hearn, of the two seniors.

The Hornets played a near flawless game in the win over Langley, but did not play as well in the region championship game where they lost to Westfield, 5-3, at Yorktown High School in Arlington. All five of the Bulldogs' runs were unearned in that title contest.

Herndon received a top-notch pitching effort from Rynex, who allowed only three this to Westfield batters. But it was not enough.

"We had said that we had to play perfect ball to win over the last few weeks," said O'Hearn. "We didn't do that against Westfield."

Three Herndon players were named to the All-Region team. Those players were: senior Stacy Fox, who blasted a three-run home run in the win over Langley, senior Marra Hvozdovic and Rynex.

O'Hearn said her team understands it lost to Westfield, in part, to spotty defense. But for the most part over the postseason, Herndon has played outstanding in the field.

"They are disappointed we lost, but understand why we lost," said O'Hearn. "We did things we can't do. When we play a flawless game like we did against Langley, we prove we're unbeatable."

This week, Herndon was looking to make its mark at the state tournament, beginning with its first round game against Eastern Region representative Hickory.

O'Hearn said friends and Herndon supporters have encouraged her to remain as head coach after this season. But she is set to have knee replacement surgery soon and is ready to step down for good.

"People say, 'You can't make this your last [season],'" said O'Hearn. "I say, 'Yes I can, we're going out on top.' It's heart-breaking to leave coaching, but wonderful to go out like this."

SPORTS

Rynex, Hornets Shut Down Stallions

Senior pitcher strikes out 12 in first start since March 28.

BY PAUL FROMMELT
THE CONNECTION

Katie Rynex still remembers how she felt after breaking her ankle sliding into second base two months ago. When the Hornets' pitcher learned that she would lose a sizable chunk of her senior season, the first thing that she thought of was her teammates.

"It affected me a lot because I felt like I let down the team," said Rynex, who was injured on March 28 against St. Frances.

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Rynex, watched as the Hornets rebounded and finished the regular season tied for second place. She watched as the Hornets advanced to the Concorde District tournament finals for the first time in school history.

"It was hard to watch," she said.

By May 16, however, Rynex was finally cleared to play.

"The doctor gave her clearance and she wanted to pitch [immediately]," said Herndon head coach Bonnie O'Hearn. "This is what she has been waiting for."

Rynex worked 1 1/3 innings in the Concorde District final, allowing one hit and striking out two in the Hornets' 4-2 loss to Robinson.

It wasn't until the Hornets' Northern Re-

gion quarterfinal matchup against South County on Monday that Rynex got her chance to start.

"She is a competitor," said O'Hearn. "Her goal was to get back in time for regionals. This was our goal."

The Hornets' hurler didn't disappoint, pitching a complete game shut out against the top-rated Stallions, allowing only three hits and striking out 12 in Herndon's 1-0 victory.

"It was intense," said Rynex. "My team was behind me all the way and I just did what I do best. It felt great."

WHEN HERNDON'S Marra Hvozdovic singled off of South County's starting pitcher, sophomore Chelsey Dunham, to lead off the game and then scored on a double by Rynex two batters later, it looked as though both teams had a high scoring affair in front of them. It turned out, however, that Hvozdovic would be the only player on either team to touch home plate.

"That is all it takes at this level," said South County head coach Al Thompson. "It is tough when you drop one run in the first inning."

After the first inning, Dunham, two-time Patriot District Pitcher of the Year, matched Rynex pitch for pitch. Dunham scattered seven hits, using carefully placed pitches and plenty of movement to induce 11 in-field pop outs.

Thompson, who led the Stallions to their second consecutive district title this year, admitted that he was surprised to see Rynex start for the Hornets.

"We were looking forward to seeing [Katie] Briggs. We are proud to say that they had to bring her in for us," he said with a smile.



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Herndon has reached both the district and region finals during this postseason.



The U-10 Herndon Wanderers reached the Silver Division finals of the Virginia Soccer Tournament, held over Memorial Day weekend. Pictured on the front row, left to right, are: Kaitlyn Gallegher, Audrey LaMothe, Maggie Haas, Logan Campbell, Katie Herlihy, Syona Satwah. Back row: assistant coach Campbell, Erica Christopher, Sara Pasquariello, Grace Kulik, Hannah Reeves, Peyton Green, Kayla MaGee and Coach Carney.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Herndon Optimist Youth Football (HOYF) will provide two free camps: June 16-20 (football) and July 21-25 (football and cheerleading). Camp times will be from 6 to 8 p.m. and be held at Herndon Middle School fields. All are welcome to come learn basic skills and to have fun. Pre-registration is not required.

Register now for the fall season at www.HOYF.com for football and cheerleading. Football ages 7 to 16 years old, cheerleading ages 6 to 15 years old. Football practice begins Monday, Aug. 4, and cheerleading practice begins Tuesday, Aug. 12, at the Herndon Middle School fields from 6 to 8 p.m. Registration forms for the fall season are also available at the Herndon Community Center. Register prior to July 31 to avoid the \$25 late fee. Contact Registrar@hojf.com

The Herndon Elite, rising U14Girls (WAGS D1), will be having tryouts for the 2008-'09 team on June 5 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Hutchison Elementary's turf field. Other tryout dates will be on June 11 and June 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Stratton Woods. For

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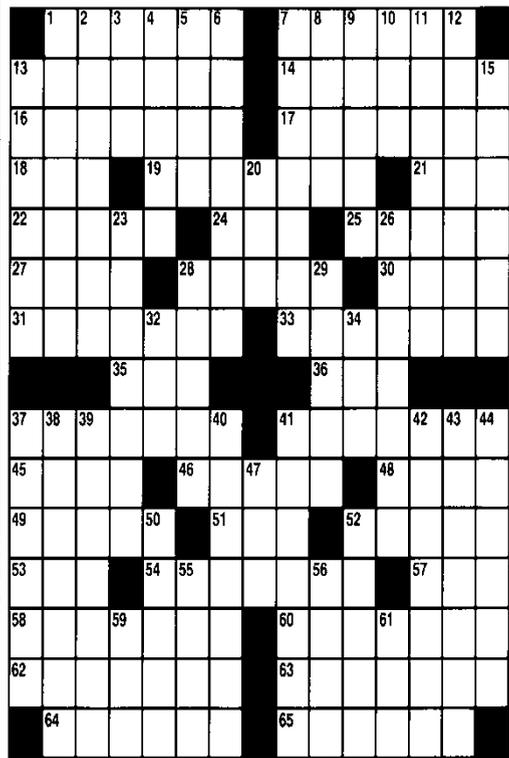
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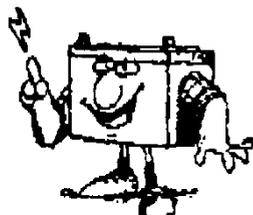
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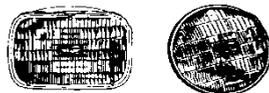
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