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Four-Year Perspective

South Lakes Class of '08 remembers past, embraces future.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

When they entered South Lakes High School for the first time as students in September 2004, the Class of 2008 entered a building that used partitions instead of walls and did not have the skylights that now add light into the school's hallways.

“I have to stop him and say, ‘Well, no, I love my school, I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else. It’s a very special place.’”

— Noah Sweet,
student speaker

“Back then you could say South Lakes had character, sure, but it wouldn’t be a positive thing,” said Noah Sweet, the student government recording secretary and student speaker at the South Lakes Class of 2008 graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 12. “What a difference four



Student speaker Noah Sweet addresses his fellow seniors.

years makes.”

More than the physical building changed at South Lakes as Bruce Butler came on board as the school’s principal. Outside the school, the classmates organized to support

rebuilding efforts after the 2005 Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and raising funds to help a fellow Seahawk battle cancer.

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Yuri Ramirez is congratulated by a friend after the ceremony.



Teachers Viola Samedov and Mil Matey applaud the seniors as they enter the gym.

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Learning From Tragedy

Panel discusses lessons 14 months after Virginia Tech massacre.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

The April 16, 2007, tragedy at Virginia Tech struck a chord in Fairfax County for many reasons, not least of which is that five of the 32 victims and the shooter hailed from the area. Discussing the aftermath of the tragedy almost 14 months after it, fathers of the two victims met with legislators and experts to discuss some lessons learned from the massacre.

“Our angel Reema, Mary Read and other children, and their professors were such creative, positive and inclusive people,” said Joe Samaha, father of Reema Samaha, one of the victims of the tragedy. “We know they would want to fix the wrongs that led to the tragedy,” said Joe Samaha, who along with other members of the family and friends founded Angel Fund, established to honor the victims and learn the lessons from the tragedy to help ensure it does not happen again.

Angel Fund produced an educational forum on Tuesday night, June 10, at the St. John Neumann Catholic Church in Reston. The panel included Joe Samaha, Peter Read — father of Mary Read, a Virginia Tech victim — state Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), state Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67) and Carroll Ann Ellis, director of the Fairfax County Police Department’s Victim Services Division. Samaha said the Virginia Tech tragedy involved a failure of institutions. “Our tragedy at Virginia Tech involved much more than guns,” said Samaha.

Read said a whole complex of issues

“There is still a long way to go to close the gaps that grew over the years.”

— Peter Read,
Mary Read’s father

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Outdoor Lighting Meeting

The Hunter Mill District office, along with the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, will host a meeting on the direction of Reston's outdoor lighting on Wednesday, June 18, at the North County Governmental Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, at 7 p.m. On May 5, the Board of Supervisors voted to increase the limit of streetlights in the Reston Demonstration Project by 76, to a maximum of 350 units. Wednesday's meeting will reestablish the Outdoor Lighting Taskforce.

Sing-To-Save Karaoke

Graduating eighth graders from Herndon Middle School are hosting a "Sing To Save" karaoke summer party fundraiser to benefit Cystic Fibrosis and the American Cancer Society. The party will take place on Wednesday, June 18, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Champps Americana Restaurant at Plaza America in Reston, 11694 Plaza America Drive. All ages are invited to either watch or sing. Each singer pays \$3 and tries to raise as many pledge dollars as possible. Champps will donate 10 percent of each \$12 "Sing to Save" buffet meal sold and created for the event.

Fund-Raising Neighborhood Sale

The neighbors on Aintree Lane are having their garage/yard neighborhood sale on Saturday, June 21, the length of Aintree Lane in Reston. Last year's sale generated \$6,000 for Ava McLin, a three-year-old street resident suffering from Spinal Muscular Atrophy. This year's sale will benefit Ava as well as Herndon-Reston FISH and Reston Interfaith. The sale will take place between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Southgate Community Day

Southgate Community Center will host the Community Day and Health Fair on Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the center, 12125 Pinecrest Road in Reston. The event will feature a blood drive, carnival rides, games, food and prizes. For more information call 703-860-0676, TTY 711.

Agencies Team Up for Softball

Fairfax County's Community Recreation Services and Police Department will team up against the WPGC 95.5 Jams team in a game of softball on Wednesday, June 25, at 6 p.m. at Baron Cameron Park in Reston. The radio station and Southgate Community Center sponsored the event that will feature food and drinks along with the softball game and family time. Baron Cameron Park is located at the intersection of Baron Cameron Avenue and Wiehle Avenue in Reston. Call 703-860-0676.

Potbelly Celebration

Potbelly Sandwich Works will host a grand opening celebration on June 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its 200th store, now open at Reston Town Center. During the time, Potbelly will collect donations for Reston Association's Camp Scholarship Program and will match the customer donations up to \$2,000. Lunch visitors will also be able to enjoy a free sandwich or salad, live entertainment and other festivities. The Potbelly Reston Town Center store is located at 11919 Freedom Drive. For more information call 703-481-5080 or visit www.potbelly.com

RCA Elections

The Reston Citizens Association is seeking candidates for its 2008 election, to be held during Reston Festival on July 12 and 13 at Reston Town Center. Those interested in putting their name on the RCA ballot should download a candidate form at <http://go-resTOWN.org/elections> and submit it no later than June 27. All Reston residents over the age of 16 are eligible to run and vote in the election. Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 8 p.m. at the Comcast TV studio, 12345-G Sunrise Valley Drive and are broadcast live on Channel 28.

For more information contact Debra Steppel or Marie Huhtala of the RCA Election Committee at RCABoard@comcast.net or call 703-758-9577.



Newest Location Preferred Offices held a grand opening at its newest location in Reston Town Center on June 5. Located at 1818 Library Street, Preferred Offices provides full-time and part-time or "virtual" office solutions for growing businesses. At the ribbon-cutting were, from left, Catherine Hudgins, Hunter Mill supervisor; Robert E. Simon, Jr.; Oliver T. Carr, founder of Preferred Offices; Mark Looney, Greater Reston Chamber board chairman, and Angie O'Grady Preferred Offices COO.

Patricide Suspect Regresses

Mental health concerns prompt additional evaluations on Reston patricide suspect.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

A status hearing has been scheduled for July, the same month he is currently scheduled to be tried.

The mental health of patricide suspect Mohamed Adde, 24, has deteriorated and he will be re-evaluated to determine his competency to stand trial.

Adde is charged with the murder of his father, Abdulkadir Munye, 66, who had been fatally stabbed multiple times in their apartment on Winterthur Lane in Reston the night of Sept. 13, 2007.

Adde turned himself in at the Reston District Police Station shortly after 6 a.m. the next morning.

But even after turning himself into police, Adde didn't believe his father was dead.

"When is my father going to visit?" his defense attorney, Karin Kissiah, said Adde repeatedly asked her during previous court hearings in October 2007.

Last Friday, June 13, Kissiah told Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Stanley P. Klein that the psychologist working with Adde had concerns about Adde.

"She approached me," said Kissiah. "She believes he has decompensated and needs to be evaluated."

The psychologist was already evaluating him to determine his sanity at the time of the offense.

Mental health issues and disabilities will be an issue at trial, said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Brandon Shapiro, who had no objections to Kissiah's motion to have Adde further evaluated.

Judge Klein ordered that the Forensic Unit in the Adult Detention Center choose an appropriate, qualified person to conduct an evaluation.

OBITUARY

Dr. Vincent Silane

Dr. Vincent (Jim) Silane died at his home in Reston on June 13, 2008 at the age of 95.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Mary T. Silane; daughter Marguerite Lambert and husband Craig of Reston; daughter Palma Makas and husband Mark of Orlando, Fla.; two grandchildren, James and Kathryn Lambert.

Dr. Silane was a native New Yorker. He had lived in Reston for the past 15 years. He practiced dentistry in the Bronx, New York till the age of 81.

ADDE WAS TREATED already at Central State Hospital in Petersburg following previous court hearings last October.

"It would help everyone if he continues on his medication," said Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge Teena D. Grodner last October.

After receiving mental health treatment, Adde's competency was restored. Adde visibly shook during his preliminary hearing before Judge Grodner in April.

Adde's father suffered several wounds to the back of his neck as well as others to his skull, clavicle, chest and left wrist.

Adde told homicide detective Brian Colligan that he specifically avoided stabbing his father's face, according to Colligan's testimony at Adde's preliminary hearing in April.

Adde bought a knife and a set of spoons at the Safeway in the Hunter Woods Shopping Center before going back to his apartment where his father was sleeping. He bought the spoons, in addition to the knife, because "he didn't want to bring attention to himself," said Colligan.

Adde said he had visions and memories of his father assaulting another family member when they lived in Africa, Colligan said.

Before turning himself into police last September after his father's death, Adde headed towards the beach where he intended to build a boat to leave the country for Africa.

He and his family resided then in Pelham Manor, N.Y.

A funeral Mass was held for Jim Silane at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Reston. Internment will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in New York, N.Y. in the family mausoleum.

Memorial donations in his name may be made to: St. Barnabas Hospital, c/o Dr. Dara Rosenberg, Dental Department-Vincent M. Silane Fund, 4422 Third Ave., New York, New York 10457.

PEOPLE

Triple Eagle Court of Honor

Family and friends from Boy Scout Troop 1970 in Reston gathered at United Christian Parish Church on Sunday, May 25, to be part of the Eagle Court of Honor for Ryan Gurtz, Ryan Housley, and Danny Rosenmund. The three boys went through Cub Scouts in the same den, as members of Pack 1971; in 2001, they crossed over together to Troop 1970, becoming Boy Scouts. Gurtz and Rosenmund are seniors at South Lakes High School. Gurtz's Eagle project involved organizing Scouts to collect donations of school supplies and backpacks that were assembled and shipped to children displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

Housley, a senior at Herndon High School, led a group

of volunteers in building a series of log and stone steps up a section of the Appalachian Trail. This Eagle project will help to divert water off the trail and prevent future erosion. Rosenmund designed his Eagle project to help his alma mater, Hunters Woods Elementary School. He coordinated the design and installation of a patio in the shape of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Eagle award was presented to Ryan Gurtz by his uncle, Dennis Gurtz, who serves as the vice president for Administration with the National Capital Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Ryan Housley's award was presented to him by his father, Russ Housley, who is Scoutmaster of Troop 1970. Danny Rosenmund's Eagle award was presented to him by his first Scoutmaster, Gale Faulkner.



An Eagle Court of Honor was held May 25 to award Ryan Gurtz, Ryan Housley, and Danny Rosenmund from Scout Troop 1970.



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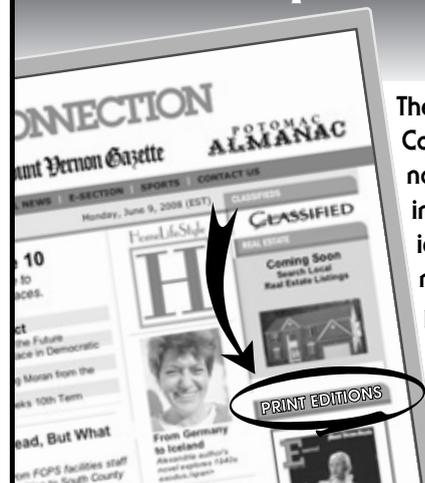
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PEOPLE

VIEWPOINTS

What are your thoughts on graduation?

— BEN LEATHERWOOD



Kate Offut and Andrea Parent Teachers

“This was one of the most congenial groups we’ve had in a while. We’re going to miss them.”



Matt Blackersby Student

“It’s great to be leaving, actually. I’m looking forward to the freedom of being able to do what I want.”



Edres Hafizi Student

“I’m going to miss my friends and my studies here but I’m looking forward to graduating. I’m happy.”



Nicole Geiger Student

“It’s going to be weird not coming here anymore, but I’m just going to work hard to get where I need to go.”



Jenna Brightwell Student

“I think the people are really nice here and I like the atmosphere. I also think it will be nice to break away from the high school setting, though.”



PHOTOS BY BEN LEATHERWOOD/THE CONNECTION

Euphoria and silly string break loose as the new graduates celebrate.

SLHS Grads Say Farewell

FROM PAGE 3

Sweet addressed his fellow graduates in front of a packed South Lakes High School gymnasium that seated their families and friends. The overflow crowd watched the ceremony in the Little Theatre via closed circuit television. “We’ve been working for this day for some 18 years,” said Sweet. “The truly exciting part is that the trip has just begun,” he said. Sweet said he reached a “very fitting realization” when reflecting on his four years at South Lakes during the preparation of the speech. “Change itself is a constant throughout life,” said Sweet.

ANOTHER MESSAGE that resonated in Sweet’s speech is that South Lakes, despite some of its flaws — including bad food and sports teams that do not win many championships — is the only school he would have wanted to attend. When a person would start to become sympathetic and say “sorry” about the experience, Sweet said, “I have to stop him and say, ‘Well, no, I love my school, I wouldn’t want to be anywhere else. It’s a very special place.’”

Sweet’s final message for his fellow graduates was one of love and appreciation for his classmates. “Go get them Class of 2008, I love you, thank you so much.”

David Dalton, the assistant principal for the Class of 2008 for three years — prior to retiring at the end of last year — also expressed his love for the graduates. He thanked them for inviting him to their celebration and to South Lakes High School one last time. “If it is one last time, I couldn’t think of a better company to walk out of here with than the Class

of 2008,” said Dalton.

Dalton offered the graduates more than expressions of love and gratitude, he offered them some practical advice. “Try to save a buck every now and then,” he said, adding that compound interest, much like the sunset, is a beautiful and free thing in life. Dalton urged the graduates to remember who got them to this point in their lives. “Your parents made sacrifices, some small, some huge, but you will never know about them. He said the secret to success is hard work and discipline. Dalton also told the graduates to stay healthy and take care of their bodies, minds and spirits, they have only one of each, and to remember that illegal things are illegal.

Laurence Ward, the faculty speaker, told the graduates that the future is uncertain. However, he said, the Class of 2008 should take their steps out of the high school that they have come to love over the last four years. “Why would you want to do that? You never know and that’s exactly why,” said Ward.

To deal with the uncertainty of the future, Ward encouraged the graduates to take with them certain things: Their conscience, compassion and respect for self and others, respect for authority and will to question that authority when necessary, curiosity, common sense and passion for doing something that is of interest to them. He also advised the Class of 2008 to take their determination and perseverance with them. “The ice is thin and if it breaks, or when it breaks, crawl out and pick yourself up,” said Ward. He told the graduates to bring their humor with them as they take their next steps in life. “For every 100 things that happen, 99 of them are worth laughing about,” he said.

— **David Dalton, guest speaker**

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VIEWPOINTS

What are your thoughts on graduation?

— BEN LEATHERWOOD



Al and Ayla Goncer Parents

“It feels unreal. Just thinking about all those years that have gone by is a little overwhelming. It is a new beginning.”

Judith Clark Guidance counselor

“I’ve been at South Lakes for 20 years so I’ve had a lot of graduating classes, but this is one of my favorites.”



Grayson Fore Band director

“It’s neat to see them go off to some of the higher level schools and be rewarded for all of the hard work they put in. It’s great to see them be so successful.”



Scott Blackersby Parent

“I’m thrilled to see my son graduate. People who don’t know South Lakes don’t realize what a good place it is for kids to go to school.”



Matt Hochstrasser Student

“I had some good times here. I’m not tired of South Lakes, but I’m ready to move on to something else.”



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11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
6:30 p.m. Arnette Report
7 p.m. Life with Connie
7:30 p.m. Eyes on Reston
8 p.m. Toastmasters
8:30 p.m. Swingtime
9 p.m. Yoga with Cynthia
9:30 p.m. Business Focus
10 p.m. Defend Yourself
10:30 p.m. Where's MJ

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
7 p.m. Just Another Sports Show
7:30 p.m. RCA Budget Hearing – Taped June 16

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

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

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

9:30 a.m. Body Quest Pilates
11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase

1 p.m. South Lakes Graduation
4 p.m. A New and Living Way
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
5:30 p.m. Guitar Instruction
6 p.m. RCC News & Views
6:30 p.m. Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins
7 p.m. Strength Advantage
7:30 p.m. Business Focus
8 p.m. Reston Impact: Economic Development of Fairfax County? (EDA)
9 p.m. Health Focus
9:30 p.m. Where's MJ

MONDAY/JUNE 23

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

TUESDAY/JUNE 24

9:30 a.m. Body Quest Pilates
11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
6:30 p.m. Health Focus
7 p.m. Update On ...
7:30 p.m. Virginia Legislative Report with Del. Ken Plum: Oxford House "The Latest in Green Building Technology"
8 p.m. Your Dog's Best Friend
8:30 p.m. Swingtime
9 p.m. Yoga with Cynthia
9:30 p.m. Eyes on Reston
10 p.m. Reston Impact: Fairfax's Best Farmers Market of Northern Virginia

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

9 a.m. Yoga with Cynthia
10 a.m. Defend Yourself
11:30 a.m. Real Estate Showcase
4:30 p.m. Real Estate Showcase
6 p.m. The RCC News & Views
6:30 p.m. Guitar Instruction



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Bears Spotted in County

Fairfax County expects more local bear sightings to take place as the summer continues, officials said last week.

A few people have already reported seeing black bears in and around the western part of the county. The most recent sighting took place June 11 along Route 28 in the Centreville area.

"Since [last week] we have had calls about other sightings in Sully," said Lucy Caldwell, a public information officer with the Fairfax County Police Department.

Caldwell said wildlife experts think the bears are probably just passing through Fairfax County and do not actually live in the locality. They recommend staying out of a bear's way and doing nothing to distract them.

"We haven't heard of any problems with human encounters. But we caution people to avoid contact with a bear, fox, coyote or any kind of wildlife because animals can be unpredictable," said Caldwell.

It is not clear how many bears have been seen in Fairfax. Residents could be reporting multiple animals or just seeing the same bear over and over again, she said.

Sully District supervisor Michael Frey said residents do not seem to be concerned about the bears. His office has received no phone calls about bear sightings.

"I think the fact that there are bears show that we have done a pretty good job of protecting the environment and the ecosystem," said Frey, who added that residents seemed more concerned about recent coyote sightings.

Moran Joins LGBT Caucus

Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., was one of 52 members in the House of Representatives to join a new "LGBT equality" caucus that advocates for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender citizens last week.

The caucus, started by Rep. Tammy Baldwin, D-Wisc., and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., includes two Republicans but is made up mostly of Democrats. It will advocate for civil unions and more domestic partnership rights – including those that affect child adoption and health insurance benefits. The group will also focus on passing legislation on hate crimes that affect the LGBT community and fight for employment non-discrimination, according to Moran's spokesperson Austin Durrer.

"Moran is a strong supporter of gay and lesbian rights and for [gay and lesbian] people being treated like any other American. It is nothing new that he would be involved in a group like this," said Durrer.

30 Percent Rise in Rape Cases

Fairfax County's overall crime rate rose 6.13 percent from 2006 to 2007. Rape cases increased approximately 30 percent during the same time period.

The number of reported rapes in 2007 was 95 compared to 73 in 2006, according to a press release issued June 12. The Fairfax County Police Department did not reply to requests asking for comment.

In general, violent crime besides rape – murder, robbery and aggravated assault – dropped or increased very little. Incidents of reported burglaries fell by nearly 100 from 1,580 in 2006 to 1,409 in 2007.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE



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Bears have been seen in the Sully District area of Fairfax County in recent days.

THE COUNTY LINE

Second HQ Building?

Schools staff presents case for buying additional administrative building this week.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Schools staff will recommend the purchase of a second administrative building adjacent to the school system's Merrifield headquarters at the next school board meeting June 19.

A consultant for the school system, Alvarez & Marsal Real Estate Services LLC, concluded that buying the second headquarters at this time would be fiscally prudent.

The school system would be able to acquire a low interest rate on the project's debt due to a depressed real estate market and Fairfax County's excellent bond rating. The sellers of the building, which the American Red Cross currently occupies, are also offering the property for \$8 million below its assessed value, or approximately \$52 million, according to school system documents.

After renovations, the total cost of the project should be around \$110 million. The building purchase and rehabilitation would pay for itself and save the school system money in the long run, said the school system's chief operating officer Dean Tistadt.

SINCE 2004, the school system has sought to consolidate its administrative staff at one central location. Fairfax County Public Schools purchased Gatehouse I, its first central administrative building, in 2006, largely by handing over excess property to the Fairfax County government. The school system also acquired a second plot of land located next to Gatehouse I, to build a second administrative building, Gatehouse II. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors put a hold on that construction.

Tistadt and others said they could offer evidence that Gatehouse I has fully paid for itself so far. Schools eliminated some staff positions, avoided some maintenance costs and terminated some leases as a result of moving 650 people to Gatehouse I, they said.

If the school system acquired Red Cross building, which shares a surface parking lot with Gatehouse I, it would be able to terminate leases on approximately 38,000 square feet of additional office space they rent in the area. They would also vacate and turn over at least three more properties to Fairfax County, and eliminate an additional 18 positions.

Both Tistadt and the consultant said buying the



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Schools has proposed purchasing a second building to house its administrative functions.

additional building would be more cost efficient than constructing a new headquarters as originally planned. The existing building is 67,000 square feet larger than the headquarters the school system thought it would build. But Tistadt said the extra space would allow the school system to vacate more leased office space elsewhere. They would also be able to vacate more school system-owned buildings. For example, the Dunn Loring Center, which is currently used as office space, could be converted back into an elementary school in anticipation of residential

growth in Tysons Corner, said Tistadt. If approved, 1,050 additional school system employees would be located in Merrifield, bringing the total to 1,700.

THE SCHOOL BOARD would make its initial decision on the purchase of the building July 10. If approved, the school system would then be required to engage in a countywide discussion about the project and report back about community reaction at a School Board meeting Sept. 4.

School board members were split on how they felt about the transaction.

"Interest rates are at an all-time low and this is a better price than we would ever be able to get. ... For those reasons, I think it is a good idea. ... Really, this is a good time to do this," said Braddock District member Tessie Wilson.

But Springfield District school board member Liz Bradsher said she had reservations when so many communities need new schools or renovations.

Tistadt said the building purchase could positively affect both the schools capital and operating budgets, by adding more flexibility in both areas.

Still, Bradsher said the whole situation does not sit well with her. The school board member represents two school communities – South County Secondary School and West Springfield High School – who have been waiting on funding for new schools and renovations years.

"We have students in schools that need renovations. We can't seem to fund that in a timely manner but we can consolidate our offices in a timely manner?" said Bradsher.

Getting public "buy in" on the project could be difficult, particularly when the school system is having to cut back on services.

"Any decision we make in this fiscal environment will be a difficult one, whether it is about students or facilities. ... We are working in an environment where we have very limited funds," said school board president Dan Storck (Mount Vernon).

"Really, this is a good time to do this."

—Tessie Wilson

"We can't seem to fund [renovations] in a timely manner but we can consolidate our offices in a timely manner?"

— Liz Bradsher

SCHOOLS

School Notes are for awards and achievements, as well as special events. Send information to schools@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6434. Deadline is Friday.

The application deadline for the summer round of admissions for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) for the class of 2012 (ninth grade) is Monday, June 30. Only public and private school eighth grade students who moved into a participating school division (the counties of Fairfax, Fauquier, Arlington, Loudoun, or Prince William or the city of Falls Church) after Sept. 30, 2007, may apply at this time. Details are available at: <http://www.fcps.edu/suptapps/newsreleases/newsrelease.cfm?newsid=895>

Community and Recreation Services' Teen Services Division is offering five summer camps for Teens. While basically free, attending teens will need to provide their own lunch and there is a small fee for field trips. The camps will begin June 30 and end Aug. 7, running from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tentative sites are at the following middle schools — Poe, Hughes, Liberty, Irving and either Sandburg or Twain. Registration is ongoing and information can be picked up at the Teen Center Hub sites (South County Government Center, James Lee Community Center, Reston YMCA, Mott Community Center and Irving Middle School) at this time. Space is reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. Each camp is limited to 60 participants. Call 703-324-TEEN (8336), TTY 711.

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

Registration is taking place now for Northern Virginia Community College's fall semester. Students may enroll by three methods: (1) online 24 hours a day at www.nvcc.edu; (2) by telephone at 703-323-3770 or 703-330-3770; or (3) in person at the Student Services Center on one of NOVA's campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge.

The 16-week fall semester begins Aug. 25. NOVA also offers two eight-week sessions, starting Aug. 25 and Oct. 22.

Students who want to start before fall still have time to earn credits during a six-week summer session that begins July 1 and ends Aug. 11.

To learn more, call 703-323-3000 or visit the college's Web site at www.nvcc.edu.

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

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With primaries in all three congressional districts here, a tiny number of voters trickled into polling places to make their choices.

But during the last presidential election, more than 70 percent of voters statewide turned out to vote. If anything, the election coming in November is likely to bring out even more voters.

Not only the presidential race, but also the statewide Senate race and the three local congressional races will attract voters.

Virginia officials would be wise to try to move more local elections, including General Assembly contests, so they coincide with national election, encouraging more voter turnout. Currently, Virginians face some election every November, and they often vote with their feet — by staying home.

What's more, the Board of Elections should

Register for November Election

The deadline to register to vote for the Nov. 4 presidential election is Oct. 6.

For forms and instructions, go to [http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter_Information/ Registering_to_Vote/Index.html](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter_Information/Registering_to_Vote/Index.html)

mail sample ballots to all registered voters in the weeks before an election, allowing each voter to see what will appear on his or her ballot and confirming the date and polling place. As a state, we'd be far better off with more participation.

Help with Community and Newcomers Guides

What would someone new to your town need to know? What interesting places would you like to have learned about earlier?

A bevy of interns and Connection staff members are already working on the Connection's annual Newcomers and Community Guides, which will publish between the end of July and the beginning of August, depending on the

community.

We invite citizens and organizations to send us suggestions, calendar listings for major events for the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization, and anything else you can think of.

We also invite readers to write short pieces about why you love your community, or one

special place you'd like newcomers to know about, or any other suggestion you have for a newcomer to your community.

Send suggestions to reston@connectionnewspapers.com or call Steven Mauren at 703-917-6451.

— MARY KIMM,

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COMMENTARY

The Enemy Is Us

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

When cartoonist Walt Kelly drew a poster for Earth Day in 1970 he had Pogo peering into a trash riddled forest and exclaiming, "We have met the enemy ... and he is us!" When the General Assembly meets in Special Session on June 23 to deal with the underfunding of transportation infrastructure, it may become obvious to members of the legislature as it no doubt has to the public that the "enemy" of a solution may well be the persons who are supposed to solve the problem.

The problem is not new nor is it hard to define. A very conservative list of transportation projects that few dispute are needed has a price tag well beyond the revenue available to pay for them. With construction prices escalating and the buying power of the dollar declining, there simply is not enough money to go around. With the maintenance needs of heavily used roadways taking up most of the money available, there are few dollars to build new roadways or bridges or to match federal dollars

that might be available for new construction. At the same time congestion on the roadways increases with Northern Virginia earning the dubious distinction of having the second worst congestion in the country.

If the problem is clear, what stands in the way of a solution? Simple answers have not proven useful. The argument about reorganizing VDOT is gone with about a half-dozen reorganizations leaving the department but a shadow of its former self. The notion that some private sector folks are going to show up to build our roads for us has not panned out except for the HOT lanes that have some people wondering if they are such a good idea. Gimmicks like those enacted last session have been thrown out by the courts.

Looks like we are down to needing to put some money in the pot. Maybe some of that money can be termed fees. Ultimately, however, there is going to be a need for more revenue that can be generated from any of several different sources commonly referred to as taxation. About a fourth of the members of the House of Del

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Behind All Night Grad Party

To the Editor:

Thank you for your coverage of All Night Graduation Parties, where we try to "Keep 'em safe on the night to celebrate." Continuing an over 20-year tradition at South Lakes High School, the Class of 2008 was able to safely celebrate this very special time in their lives.

Parents and volunteers devote much time and effort to making this happen, but it would not have been possible without the generous contributions from the community. With the Reston Community Center under renovation we thank the YMCA for hosting our event. We extend huge thanks to, and encourage community support to the following:

Outback Steakhouse, Baja Fresh, Merrifield Garden Center, Big Bowl, St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church, Buffalo Wing Factory, Vienna Presbyterian Church, Busara, Reston Hospital Center, Champps Americana Restaurant, Reston Town Center, Chick-Fil-A,

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OPINION

Kaine to NoVa: Drop Dead

BY JACK KENNY
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Recall the famous headlines on the front page of The New York Daily News generated by President Jerry Ford in denying New York City a federal bailout from years of financial mismanagement: "Ford to City: Drop Dead." Of course, President Ford was quite a bit more diplomatic. That was 1975. It took New York voters over 15 years to find Mayor Rudy Giuliani who had the credentials and drive to put The Big Apple back on the fiscal responsibility road.

Fast forward to June 8, 2008 on Fox News with Chris Wallace interviewing Gov. Tim Pawlenty (R) of Minnesota and Gov. Tim Kaine (D) of Virginia; both being discussed as prospects for selection as vice-president candidates for their respective parties. On a show spiced with video clips from each of the presidential candidates on a number of issues, each of the Tims were offered the opportunity to comment on the various issues and positions of the candidates.

When it came time for Governor Kaine to respond to the question of him being asked to become Senator Obama's running mate, the response from Kaine was "Well, first this is not about me. I'm not here about me ... I'm a governor in a state that's doing a lot

of things well. We're the top performing state government in America ... I just want to have strong educational outcomes, and a strong economy, or high income and low unemployment ... And so I'm just going to do everything I can to keep Virginia in a good place."

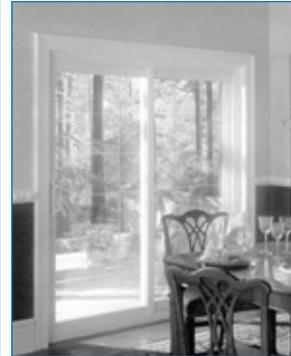
Thus, when presented the opportunity to point out Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads transportation problems as his top priority on national television, Governor Kaine blew it. To miss an opportunity to send a message of his concern for problems within his state made a mockery of his words about keeping Virginia doing well. It just does not track that the Governor of a state would boast of a government that was top in the nation and then avoid mentioning his solution to the problem: more and higher taxes.

In a week or so, the General Assembly will convene in a special session to consider Kaine's sales tax increase proposal to pay for a core public service. This core public service should have been included as one of the top priorities set forth in the governor's budget to be passed during the regular General Assembly session. In short, Governor Kaine is playing sleazy politics with probably the most critical of the drivers of our Northern Virginia economy — the cash cow for the Commonwealth.

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At the Movies

Seniors gather for free movie mornings.

BY ANDREW DODSON
THE CONNECTION



Reston Association volunteer Carole Stadfield signs up people for a door prize at the RA's free movie morning for senior citizens.



Lewis Vinds and Ralph Bell of Vienna pose together at Reston Association's free movie morning.

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Jasmine Muhammad

Performing Sunday

Reston resident to study in Italy.

Reston resident Jasmine Muhammad will be traveling to Urbana, Italy, to take part in the Italian Operatic Experience. Aspiring young opera singers from across the country audition and are selected to travel to the town of Urbana in central Italy's Le Marche Region. The program includes intensive Italian classes and musical coaching by music professors from the U.S. At the end of the season, students participate in a fully-staged opera and opera scenes with full orchestra in the historic Bramante Theater. Jasmine has been selected to play the role of Rita in Donizetti's "Rita" and Mrs. Meg Page in Falstaff's "Verdi." Puccini's La Bohème will be presented as the main opera.

Prior to departing for Italy, Jasmine will present a concert on Sunday, June 22 at 3 p.m. at Heritage Fellowship Church, 2501 Fox Mill Road, Reston. The recital will include spirituals, classical and art pieces. Jasmine is a member of Heritage Fellowship Church, pastored by Rev. Dr. N.A. Tate and will be presenting her latest repertoire to area residents free of charge.

Jasmine attended both Terraset Elementary and Langston Hughes Middle School in Reston prior to transferring to the D.C. public school system to attend Duke Ellington School of the Arts, the area's only pre-professional performing and visual arts high school, where she studied voice. At Ellington she was the first-ever sophomore to sing the lead role of "Mother" in "Amahl and the Night Visitors."

On the last Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m., Reston resident Kurt McJilton greets an average of 200 senior citizens arriving at the Multiplex Cinema at Reston Town Center.

"I like helping out," said McJilton. "I like greeting all the people because they're all so special."

McJilton clicks a metal counter attached to his pocket as each person passes him. Last Wednesday, 113 people attended the movie, "Music & Lyrics."

The free movie morning is an event put on by the Reston Association for the past 14 years. RA events specialist Ashleigh Soloff has led the movie morning for the past 13 years.

"A lot of friends have been made here," Soloff said. "There are many interesting people who attend."

Movies begin at 10 a.m. and coffee and donuts precede one half-hour before the showing. Door prizes are also another incentive for attending. RA volunteer Carole Stadfield greets and signs people up for the prizes, which includes restaurant gift cards and tickets for other RA events.

"It's a lot of fun with the people that come all the time," said Stadfield. "I encourage them to get their orange juice and donuts for the vitamins and energy."

THINGS TO DO

Send announcements to reston@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6449. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

Senior Social. Meet friends and find out more about what is going on in the community in at the Herndon Senior Center, 1-3 p.m. Call 703-435-6577.

Teddy Bear Picnic. Bear lovers are invited to a bearific morning, which includes bear stories, games, and fun at North Hills Picnic Pavilion, 1325 North Village Road, Reston. Bring a picnic lunch and a favorite teddy bear. Earl the Squirrel will be on hand to have pictures taken with him. Reservations requested. Call 703-435-6530 to register. Cost is \$3/members and \$6/non-members.

American Wildlife. Meet and learn about live animals from the backyard and beyond with Animal Ambassadors at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon, 10:30 a.m. Call 703-437-8855. Age 6-12.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Japanese Wind Ensemble. The Saitama Sakae H.S. Wind Orchestra is scheduled to play at the Herndon High School Auditorium. The special

concert will start at 7:30 p.m. A donation of \$5 will go towards the Herndon High School Band Program.

Senior Cinema at 10 a.m. at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave Herndon. The movie will be "Casablanca." 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.

Dance Under the Stars. Dance the night away at the Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston, with conductor, Doc Scantlin, and his live Imperial Palms Orchestra from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for seniors. Call 703-435-6577 for tickets.

Summer Reading Kickoff with Somos el Mar. Listen to music from around the world and sign up for the Summer Reading Program at 3 p.m. at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Call 703-437-8855. All ages. No registration is required.

Creatures Great and Small presented by Rainbow Puppets. A musical review of animal songs and stories at the Reston Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston at 10:15 and 11:30 a.m. Call 703-689-2700. All ages.

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.

old movies close to their hearts.

"The movies when I was growing up were much better," Vinds said. "We didn't worry about all the technology there is today."

"I especially enjoyed the old westerns with Roy Rogers," said Bell. "As a teenager, I remember trying to pick up those programs on the radio."

The next free movie morning is June 25 and will show "A Good Year." For information, call 703-435-6577.

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

Take a Break Concert. Sol Y Rumba a Latin 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. Malcolm the Magician will be at Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston, 11-11:30 a.m. Visit www.lakeanneplaza.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

Friday Night Live will be from 6:30-10:30 p.m. on the Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Crowded Streets and 8 Track Jones will perform. Call 703-481-6133.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Night Music. Enjoy music under that stars at 7:30 p.m. at the Herndon Town Green. Call 703-787-7300.

Senior Prom. 2-4:30 p.m. The Rotary Club of Herndon and Reston's Senior will present a Senior Prom for Herndon and Reston residents age 50 or better at St. Joseph's Church, 750 Peachtree Street, Herndon. 703-437-5886, call

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for reservations.

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. Jacky & Strings (Caribbean, flamenco, Afro-Cuban) will perform this week.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

The Reston Heights Concerts on the Square feature Bob Boguslaw & The Way, from 5-7 p.m. Located in Reston Heights at 11750 Sunrise Valley Drive the concerts are free and open to the public. Light refreshments are offered, bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Garden Tour. The 2008 Herndon Garden Tour will be held from noon until 4 p.m. Admission is \$10; tickets are available in advance at the Herndon Florist, 716 Lynn St., and at the Herndon Visitor's Center, 717 Lynn St. The Herndon Garden Tour is self guided, with a suggested tour route and directions provided. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

MONDAY/JUNE 23

Ice Cream Social. Come out to the pool and enjoy some refreshing ice cream while lounging poolside at the Lake Audubon Pool, 2070 Twin Branches Road, Reston. Make sundaes for the children and oneself. Supplies are limited. Call 703-435-6577.

On The Ball! Spinny Johnson, former Harlem Globetrotter, performs basketball tricks at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, **768 Center St., Herndon, 2:30 p.m.** Cosponsored by the Friends of the City of Fairfax Regional Library. Age 6-12. Call 703-437-8855.

American Wildlife. Meet and learn about live animals from the backyard and beyond with Animal Ambassadors at The Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, 2:30 p.m. Cosponsored by the Friends of the George Mason Regional Library. Age 6-12. Call 703-689-2700.

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

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Senior Movie Day. The Reston Association, in cooperation with Reston Town Center and Reston Town Center Multiplex Cinemas, presents "Meet Me at the Movies" at the Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Join them on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Refreshments are provided and door prizes are distributed prior to the movie. Check out upcoming movie descriptions at www.reston.org. Call 703-435-6577.

Softball. The Hunter Mill District Supervisor's Office will host a community softball game from 6-8 p.m. at Baron Cameron Park, 11300 Baron Cameron Ave, Reston. The

Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services and the Fairfax County Police Department will play WPGC-95.5 FM. Free food and drinks are provided.

Family Dive-In Movie. Join other families for free pool side movies at Hunters Woods Pool, 2501 Reston Parkway, Reston, 8:30 p.m. There will be popcorn and drinks, but don't forget a float. Movie titles will be advertised at the event locations. Call 703-435-6577.

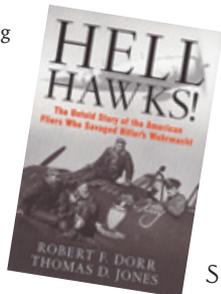
Music in the Field. Enjoy summer mornings with this free, outdoor performance series held in the field adjacent to the Frying Pan Farm Visitor Center, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Take a musical adventure with the Fairfax Symphony's "Overture to Orchestra Brass Quintet." Bring a blanket or folding chair. Visit the farmers market for fresh fruit and produce after the show. Call 703-437-9101.

Celebrate Summertime! Stories, activities and a craft. Age 3-5 with adult at Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon, 2:30 p.m. Call 703-437-8855.

Once Upon a Story. Stories and activities at The Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, 10:15 a.m. Call 703-689-2700. Age 4-6.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

Book Signing. "Hell Hawks!: The Untold Story of the American Fliers Who Savaged Hitler's Wehrmacht." Historian, Robert Dorr and retired Astronaut Thomas Jones will



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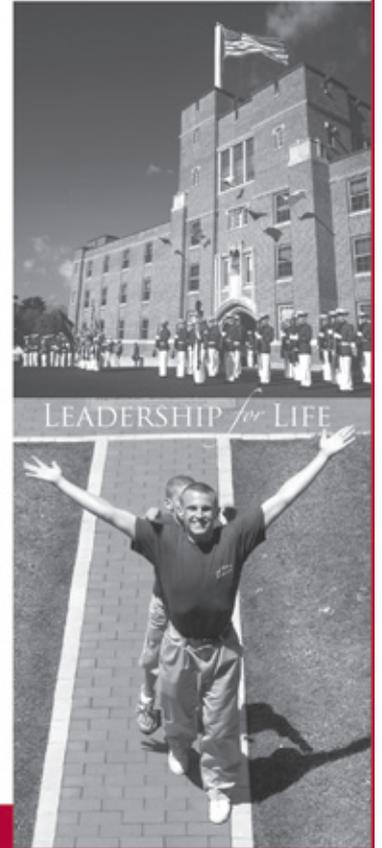
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be discussing and signing their book a story of pilots fresh from flight training in the US who flew in close support of Eisenhower's ground forces as they advanced across France and into Germany at 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston. Call 703-437-8147.

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

Board Planning & Evaluation Committee Meeting at the Reston Association Main Office, 1930 Isaac Newton Square, Reston, 6-7 p.m. Call 703-435-6515.

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 Lake Thoreau Pool, 2040 Upper Lakes Drive, Reston. Come relax, enjoy a Luau atmosphere and the movie and refreshments. Movie titles will be advertised at event locations or call 703-435-6577.

Poseidon, Zeus, Medusa and Others. Greek/Roman mythology stories and activities at The Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, 11 a.m. Call 703-689-2700. Age 6-12.

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.

Take a Break Concert. Prelude a Swing 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. Bingo the Clown will be at Lake Anne Village Center, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston, 11-

'Dance Under the Stars'

Put on dancing shoes and spend the night dancing under the stars to the sounds of 1920s, '30s, and '40s. Join Doc Scantlin and his live Imperial Palm Orchestra on Thursday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Reston Town Center Pavilion. No alcoholic beverages are allowed inside the pavilion. This event will be held rain or shine.

Advanced tickets are \$20 for adults (18-54) and \$10 for seniors (55+). Tickets are currently on sale at Reston Community Center, Reston Association, Reston Hospital Center, and Tall Oaks at Reston Assisted Living. Tickets are also available at the door for \$25.

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11:30 a.m. Visit www.lakeanneplaza.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

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

Ice Cream Social. Come out to the pool and enjoy some refreshing ice cream while lounging poolside at the Tall Oaks Pool, 12025 North Shore Drive, Reston. Make sundaes for the children. Supplies are limited. Call 703-435-6577.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Celebrate Zoo and Aquarium

Month. Make a zoo or aquarium with stickers at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon, 11 a.m. Cosponsored by the Council for the Arts of Herndon and the Herndon Fortnightly Club. All ages. Call 703-437-8855.

Storytime. During Barnes & Noble's, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston regular children's story time, local Children's author Susan Crites will be reading and signing her new book "I love You More Than Rainbows," 11 a.m. Stay for a rainbow craft activity. Call 703-437-8147.

Author Signing. "Flies in My Spaghetti Chocolates over the Wall," a travel biography by author Joseph Conte who will sign and discuss and read from his new book at 2 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, 1851 Fountain



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MONDAY/JUNE 30

A Day at The Beach With Under the Sea. See creatures one would find at the shore and learn about sand, waves, tides and sun, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Cosponsored by the Friends of the Reston Regional Library, 10:30 a.m. Ages 6-12. Call 703-689-2700.

TUESDAY/JULY 1

Youth Night. Youth Nights are back at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon, 8 -10 p.m. Have fun playing basketball, volleyball, or other games, hang out

in the teen room or game room playing Xbox or pool and munch on snacks. Ages 10-15. \$4 Drop in Fee. \$30 Youth Night Pass (8 visits). Visit www.herndon-va.gov.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 2

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

Family Dive-In Movie. Come join the Reston Association for free a pool side movie at the Lake Audubon Pool, 2070 Twin Branches Road, Reston, 8:30-11 p.m. They will provide the popcorn and drinks, but bring a float. Movie titles will be advertised at the event locations. Call 703-435-6577.

Lighters and Matches: Tools for Grownups Only. A puppet show presented by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Participants will each receive a helmet, activity book and parent brochure. Age 3-7 with adult. Call 703-437-8855.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

Senior Cinema at 10:30 a.m. at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Call 703-787-7300.

Ice Cream Social. Come out to Autumnwood Pool, 11950 Walnut Branch, Reston, and enjoy some refreshing ice cream as you lounge poolside. Call 703-435-6577.

FRIDAY/JULY 4

Friday Night Live will be from 6:30-11 p.m. on the Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. Hyjinx will perform along and there will be fireworks. Call 703-481-6133.



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Discussing Lessons from Virginia Tech Massacre

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needs to be explored to try to prevent future tragedies. Although it is impossible to change the past, Read said lessons should be learned. Both he and his wife are in military intelligence careers. "We understand a little bit about dangerous situations and a duty to warn and a duty to mitigate danger," said Read about the need to study the tragedy and implement rules that would help prevent future tragedies.

"TRAGEDIES TRUMP each other, there is always the next one coming," said Ellis, who was also a member of the Virginia Tech Panel. "It is important to learn from this one," said Ellis. She said the Virginia Tech Panel had come up with a number of good suggestions regarding mental health, firearms and other issues that could help prevent a future tragedy. Ellis said law enforcement agencies, on and off college campuses, should implement situational training. "That means training always," said Ellis. "Review, revise and practice. Ensure roles are understood."

Howell said one thing that is certain to have come out of the Virginia Tech tragedy is a revamping of Virginia's mental health system. "We have wonderful people providing services, but we didn't have enough services," said Howell. She said that while the General Assembly has approved additional \$42 million of spending on mental health, that is not enough. "It is frankly a drop in the bucket of what we need," said Howell, estimating that about \$250 million is needed per year to adequately fund Virginia's mental health system.

Caputo said there was an understanding in both the House of Delegates and the Senate that the mental health system needed to be reformed. "The need is fully recognized and the desire is there to right some wrongs," he said. However, he said, firearm legislation he introduced during the last General Assembly session did not receive such support. One bill he hoped to

pass through was to have private gun vendors follow federal guidelines in performing an instant background check on their customers. Caputo said that the police testified in favor of the bill, but that it was struck down in a committee. He said the gun show loophole bill would have reduced

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— **Carroll Ann Ellis,**
Director of FCPD Victim Services Division

the probability of guns winding up in hands of wrong people. "Here to me was a no-brainer," he said. Another two firearm bills he introduced, banning firearms in libraries and day care centers, did not pass through a subcommittee.

John Callaghan, the development director at Opportunities, Alternatives and Resources (OAR) of Fairfax County, asked

what the major arguments were from people who are against closing of the gun show loophole. Caputo said the grand argument is their defense of the Second Amendment and that the next step would mean further restrictions on firearms.

"FROM THEIR perspective, the government is always and forever trying to get their guns," said Read, adding that a member of the Virginia Citizens Defense League said he wanted his gun delivered over night as a matter of convenience. "No amount of logic or obviousness can persuade them," said Read. "They will literally stand next to someone whose daughter has been shot dead and tell them about inconvenience."

Samaha said regional influences are also brought up in the arguments against firearm restrictions. "We also get the argument that this is an urban issue, a Northern Virginia problem," he said, adding that the pro-gun lobby speaks of the south of the state as a place where guns are traded between neighbors. Howell said "gun rights zealots" make up a small proportion of the political body, but she is frustrated that they

exert so much influence.

Other issues were also raised at the June 10 forum, including proper emergency notification practices and privacy laws discussed in the General Assembly and within the Virginia Tech Panel. Caputo said he is pushing for a bill that would make it possible for students going to college to opt out of disclosure policies, allowing the institution to contact the parents if something happens with the student. "Mrs. Cho said 'If only I had known,'" said Samaha about the mother of Cho Seung-Hui, the gunman who killed 32 people at Virginia Tech before taking his own life. Samaha said Cho was a known entity to the Virginia Tech administration. "Cho didn't appear on the Virginia Tech campus on April 16, he was there for four years," said Samaha. "There were red flags everywhere, but nobody connected the dots."

Samaha advised those who are seeking to get involved in the issues related to the Virginia Tech tragedy to keep an eye out for certain elections that are in the near future. For example, he said, the elections for the Attorney General and the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia are scheduled for next year.

While legislators and lobbyists discuss reforms necessary to prevent another tragedy, the families of the Virginia Tech victims continue to grieve. "There is still a long way to go to close the gaps that grew over the years," said Read. He said the families of the victims are learning to live around a hole that the tragedy left and that he is trying to find the road to forgiveness, which is the only way to recover the humanity and the wholeness. "I'm still on that road, I'm still on that journey and I think I will be for a long time," said Read.

"Victims taught me early on, there is no closure, I understand that. Your life is changed forever," said Ellis. "Do victims go on, of course they do," she continued. "They also find wonderful missions to take on."

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Carroll Ann Ellis, the director of the Fairfax County Police Department Victim Services Division addresses about 20 people in the audience on Tuesday night, June 10. The panel that discussed the Virginia Tech tragedy also included, from left, Joe Samaha, Peter Read, Chuck Caputo and Janet Howell.

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Gov. Tim Kaine and state Del. Ken Plum (D-36) addressed more than 100 people who came to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the founding of the Dulles Corridor Rail Association.

DCRA Celebrates 10th Anniversary

More than 100 people gathered at the Westin Reston Heights hotel on Wednesday evening, June 11, to mark the 10th anniversary since the forming of the Dulles Corridor Rail Association (DCRA).

"It was 10 years ago that we met about a half a block away from here at the Sheraton" to form the association, said state Del. Ken Plum (D-36), addressing a crowd that included area business and civic leaders as well as county and state legislators. Plum expressed hope that the building of the rail extension could begin soon. "We certainly

could be turning some dirt and getting this project on the way," said Plum.

Gov. Tim Kaine (D) was the honorary guest at the celebration and he also addressed the crowd. "The Dulles Corridor rail project could have no better friend through its ups and downs, trials and tribulations, than our governor of Virginia," said Plum when he introduced Kaine.

"I'm with you on this until we're riding on it together," said Kaine about the rail extension project. He said that while politics may change over the years he is certain the project would be built because of its merits. Kaine said the rail extension to

Dulles Airport is important to the nation as well as Virginia and the local area. He added that Dulles Airport is one of Virginia's greatest assets.

Kaine was also full of praise for DCRA's work in promoting the rail project in the Dulles Corridor. "What they've done to get the Congressional delegation on board is certainly great," he said about DCRA's accomplishments over the last 10 years. He added that the extension has been a complicated project, but that much advocacy labor for the project will begin to come to fruition soon as the project's approval moves forward.

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OPINION

Tweaking New Master Plan

BY JOHN LOVAAS

CIVIC LEADER AND RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

On June 3, County Duchess of Tweak Cathy Hudgins quietly called a community meeting with far-reaching consequences — to rewrite the Reston Master Plan. Despite the session's import, few Reston serfs were present — about 25 plus a dozen Tweaker political retainers and County staff. Why had so few of those most affected by a new plan come? It seems many were not aware of the meeting. Others perhaps surmised its futility and did not bother.

The Duchess spoke first, noting that the Master Plan was old and although it reflected the genius of its creator, Oracle Bronze Bob the Developer, it was in need of renewal to allow serious additional tweak-

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ing. Next the Oracle himself rose to give the Word. Bronze declared that he foresaw 2 million more people coming to the region soon and that Reston must absorb a good share because, as he has often told us, we can never have enough density. He noted our good fortune having a pliable Tweaker Duchess to facilitate the Developer's vision. The Oracle was followed by Patrick of Kane who said to the great Oracle, your wisdom knows no bounds, but let me offer some numbers nonetheless. The land of Reston has but 65,000 serfs at present. While there is talk of growing to a paltry 75,000 or 80,000, I scoff and say we must achieve not less than 100,000 for each of Reston's six village centers plus 100,000 more at "Town" Center. Hearing this, tears of joy filled the Developer Oracle's eyes.

How to arrive at density nirvana? County staff spoke the Duchess's plan. Rather than trouble Restonites by involving them in redrawing the plan, county staff would: 1) Inform the public in this meet-

ing of information on the "Maximum Population Calculation"; 2) Intake the public, meaning taking a few weeks to seek the views of selected serfs; and, 3) Recommend to Duchess Tweaker how to rewrite our Master Plan. When a troublesome serf in the audience inquired why not let representatives of community organizations and the public itself play a lead role in deciding a vision for their own Master Plan, he was sharply rebuked by both Oracle and Tweaker. The Developer Oracle growled that the people knew little and would but slow the process. The Duchess of Tweak said that should she feel a need to involve serfs she would name the usual Tweaker Task Force to represent them. In fact, the names of the usual, loyal task force fillers are known to all.

AN UNRULY SERF WOMAN wanted to know who, besides our own beloved Duchess, had the power to decide what development would arise in Reston. When told that Ten Royal Supervisor Tweakers would decide, the woman was puzzled — how could nine Supervisor Tweakers who knew not Reston decide our fate? Duchess Tweaker reminded the less faithful that the Board of Supervisor Tweakers has a sacred trust for all the domain of Fairfax, not just one insignificant area of the realm such as Reston. With that, the public (all two dozen) were dismissed and told that the county would proceed with dispatch to outline the new Reston Master Plan and that the serfs would likely be informed when she and the Oracle Developer would meet with them again. Or, the serfs might learn of the new Master Plan when the bulldozers arrived!

Meanwhile in Lake Anne, an angry Oracle declared all alternatives to his plan for redeveloping Lake Anne to be "irrelevancies" and that the county staff "must not compromise" the maximum density model in its new Lake Anne Plan or they will feel his wrath! Next week: Real Alternatives for Lake Anne.

BULLETIN BOARD

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

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

The Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club is hosting a meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, located at 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly. Herndon Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis will be speaking on illegal immigration and how the

town of Herndon is handling this problem.

Public Hearing. Members of the public are invited to vet their ideas and suggestions for the Capital Improvement Program at a public hearing at the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens Visitor, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna, 6 p.m. Members of the public can also submit their project ideas for the CIP via email at plandev@nvrpa.org.

MONDAY/JUNE 23

The NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees) May

Luncheon Meeting will be at 11:30 a.m., at Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. Call 703-435-3523 to make a choice of the lunch entrée for \$16. Visit www.vanarfe.org/1241/1241news.pdf.

TUESDAY/JUNE 24

Network Night at Lake Anne, 5:30 p.m. Food and beverages and mingling with the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce at 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Visit www.lakeanneplaza.com.

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egates have signed pledges to never raise taxes. No one wants to. Some will want to shuffle this state responsibility off to local officials to raise the revenue. Others will make speeches suggesting the problem is not as big as some proclaim it to be; maybe there will even be hints that it might magically go away. Both political parties will blame each other.

Pogo observing what seems to be about to happen would likely conclude that "we have met the enemy ... and he is us."

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11800 SUNSET HILLS RD #705	2	1	0		RESTON	\$274,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	0.00	05/02/08
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1702 RANDOM STONE CT	3	2	1		RESTON	\$430,000	Townhouse	0.04	05/13/08
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1641 BENNINGTON HOLLOW LN	3	3	1		RESTON	\$509,000	Detached	0.26	05/13/08
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1417 NORTHGATE SQ #31A	1	1	0		RESTON	\$155,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.00	05/14/08
2330 DARIUS LN	4	2	1		RESTON	\$495,000	Detached	0.27	05/14/08
1830 FOUNTAIN DR #1405	3	3	1		RESTON	\$1,067,500	Penthouse	0.00	05/15/08
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12708 ROARK CT	4	2	1		RESTON	\$540,000	Detached	0.23	05/16/08
2303 COLT'S BROOK DR	4	2	1		RESTON	\$545,000	Detached	0.25	05/16/08
2317 ROSEDOWN DR	4	2	1		RESTON	\$534,580	Detached	0.46	05/16/08
2275 WHEELWRIGHT CT	4	3	1		RESTON	\$281,900	Townhouse	0.03	05/16/08
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11104 WEDGE DR	4	3	1		RESTON	\$597,000	Detached	0.53	05/28/08
11296 FAIRWIND WAY	3	2	2		RESTON	\$440,000	Townhouse	0.04	05/28/08
11344 HEADLANDS CT	3	2	2		RESTON	\$293,388	Townhouse	0.04	05/28/08

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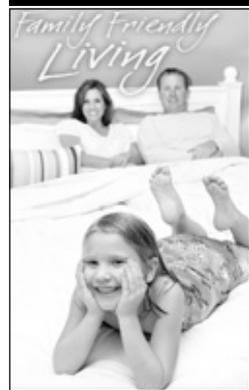
BUSINESS NOTES

LeMay Erickson Architects, a Reston, based architecture and interior design firm, has changed its name to LeMay Erickson Willcox Architects. The firm has also introduced a new corporate identity and logo, and a new Web site.

Established in 1986 by Michael LeMay, AIA, and Paul Erickson, AIA, the firm has developed into an award-winning practice that specializes in commercial, residential, fire & rescue, and religious architecture.

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Summer Swim: Everybody Into the Pool

The CSL and NVSL kick off their 2008 swim season.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

There is lots of excitement for this Saturday's NVSL opening season dual meet between Div. 1 opponents Chesterbrook and Overlee of Arlington. Both teams have been Div. 1 powers over the years, with Chesterbrook winning division titles in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 and Overlee grabbing the crown the past two summers. The friendly rivals will meet at 9 a.m. this Saturday at Chesterbrook.

"It's a very interesting, storied rivalry," said Chesterbrook team representative Mike Moriarty, a former NVSL swimmer for High Point (Falls Church) during the 1960's and 70's. "It's a good way to kick off the season. There are a lot of [the swimmers] who go to the same winter clubs and schools."

Chesterbrook is coached by Joe Viola, who is in his first year at the helm of the summer team program. He has been a Chesterbrook assistant coach in recent years and is head coach at Gonzaga High during the school year.

Chesterbrook had a little bit of a down season in 2007 and will be looking to make an early swim season statement when it hosts Overlee this weekend.

"There is an unusually high level of excitement for the season opener," said Moriarty, who can hardly wait for the early season swimming showdown.

Fox Mill Woods team rep Jane Leeds said practices for the Div. 4 Reston squad began the Tuesday following Memorial Day weekend. She said some team members were not able to come out to the first several practices because of other commitments, including end of the year school activities or class work. But with Fox Mill Woods' season-opening dual meet at High Point set for this Saturday morning at 9, more and more of the team's swimmers have been at practices and there is a sense of great anticipation.

"I think they're really looking forward to it," said Leeds, of Saturday's competition at High Point. "[Monday] was our very first morning practice."

Fox Mill Woods is under the guidance of head coach Paris Jacobs. The coach emphasizes the importance of enjoying the sport to her swimmers. Her assistant coaches and the adult team reps have that same mindset.

"We try to keep our team focused on fun and fitness, and not just winning," said Leeds. "We have a very young group of kids [this season] and we try to make it fun."

Along with the awesome swimming that Fox Mill Woods fans will witness when their team is competing in home meets this summer, they will also enjoy morning treats at the popular concession stand. Nancy Robbins and Lisa Arthur have a reputation for preparing some great treats for spectators, coaches



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Chesterbrook 8-under swimmers take a break and enjoy the action at last Saturday's annual 'Red Black' pre-season trials meet. The Chesterbrook club will host Overlee this Saturday morning.



A CSL swimmer shows off her dolphin body art at the 2007 Relay Carnival at Sugarland Run.



CSL swimmers dive into the pool at the 2007 Relay Carnival.



Oakton Swim & Raquet club fans cheer on their team during the 2007 CSL Individual All Star meet.

2007 Division Champs

Northern Virginia Swim League

Team	Record	Points
Division 1		
Overlee	5-0	2014.00
Division 2		
Little Rocky Run	5-0	1757.00
Division 3		
Lee-Graham	5-0	1803.00
Division 4		
Fox Mill Woods	3-2	1414.00
Division 5		
High Point Pool	5-0	1432.00
Division 6		
Dunn Loring	5-0	1448.00
Division 7		
Mansion House	5-0	1581.00
Division 8		
Villa Aquatic	5-0	1398.50
Division 9		
Hollin Meadows	5-0	1402.50
Division 10		
Forest Hollow	5-0	1296.00
Division 11		
Fox Hunt	5-0	1406.00
Division 12		
Rolling Forest	4-1	1309.50
Division 13		
Camelot	5-0	1241.00
Division 14		
Rutherford	5-0	1277.00
Division 15		
Long Branch	5-0	1308.00
Division 16		
Lincolnia Park	4-1	1332.00
Division 17		
Laurel Hill	5-0	1460.0

Colonial Swim League

Team	Record	Points
Red Division		
Burke Centre	5-0	1653.00
White Division		
Chan. Highlands	5-0	1505.00
Blue Division		
Barrington	5-0	1387.00
Gold Division		
Fort Meyer	5-0	1558.00

NVSL and CSL: 2008 Important Dates

Colonial Swim League

First Dual Meet of the Year:
Saturday, June 21, 8 a.m.
Relay Carnival
Sunday, July 13, 1 p.m.
Divisionals
Saturday, July 26, 1 p.m.
All Stars
Saturday, Aug. 2, 8 a.m.

Northern Virginia Swim League

Divisional Relays
Wednesday, July 13, 4 p.m.
All Star Relays
Wednesday, July 16, 4 p.m.
Divisionals
Saturday, July 26, 12 p.m.
Individual All Stars
Saturday, Aug. 2, 12 p.m.

and swimmers alike on race days.

"We have one of the best concession stands in the NVSL, and a lot of folks will tell that to us," said Leeds, smiling at the thought.

What a great mix — summer time swim meets and great food to go along with it.

— Send weekly swim team reports and photos to: sportsphotos@connectionnewspapers.com. Team reports must be submitted by Monday.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

In Reston Swim Team Association

(RSTA) league action last Saturday, the Lake Newport Lightning put together a stellar showing in a 563-485 win over a gritty Glade Gators team.

One of the meet highlights came on the Gators' side where Jonathan Christensen set a new Glade team record in the boys 15-18 age division, 50-meters breaststroke event with a time of 32.19, breaking the old record of 33.16 first set on Aug. 1, 1991.

At Saturday's meet, Christensen and Bryce Onozuka were both triple event winners.

Meanwhile, Lake Newport had three-event winners in Jack Edgemond (boys 8-under), Conor McLaughlin (boys 9-10), Ryan McLaughlin (boys 11-12), JJ Becker (boys 13-14) and Nicole Russell (girls 13-14).

Double event winners for the Glade team were: Tara Ravishankar and Catrin Waters (8-under girls); David Clark (boys 9-10); Emmalyn Barlow (girls 9-10); Olivia Wolfe (girls 11-12); Andrew Draganov (boys 13-14); Morgan E. Barlow (girls 13-14); Nicholas Hazelton and Sean McGuire (boys 15-18); and Sarah Hazelton, Natalie Kendall and Maggie Morris (girls 15-18).

Lake Newport Lightning double event winners were: Buckley Ross (boys 8-under); Beatrice Kelly-Russo (girls 8-under); Jessica Keys (girls 9-10); Conner Johnson (boys 11-12); Susie Patrick and Katie Storch (girls 11-12); Brigitte Gallagher (girls 13-14); Matt Chan (boys 15-18); and Alexa Wauben (girls 15-18).

In another RSTA season opener dual meet on Saturday, the Lake Anne Stingrays earned a 539 to 485 win over a talented Newbridge Dolphins team.

Triple event winners for Newbridge were: Winston Evans and Jake Seibt (boys 8-under); Celia Compton and Maria Liu (girls 8-under); Eric Compton (boys 9-10); and Maura Burke (girls 13-14).

Triple event winners for the Stingrays were: Ramzi Assir (boys 11-12); Tope Oladimeji (girls 11-12); and Michael Ziaii (boys 15-18).

Double event winners for the Dolphins were: Christian Kalinowski and Christopher Miner (boys 9-10); James Baldwin (boys 11-12); Lisa Kolgan (girls 11-12); Stephen Baldwin and Tony Nelson (boys 13-14); Nora Okoth (girls 13-14); and Shannon Burke (girls 15-18).

Lake Anne Stingrays double event winners were: Juhi Chandrabhatla and Claudia Ruder (girls 8-under); Abby Frazer (girls 9-10); Matthew Rodakowski and Jack Ruder (boys 11-12); Megan Greatorex (girls 11-12); Nolan Davis and Bryan Marquet (boys 13-14); Isabel Oliver and Suzanne Ziaii (girls 13-14); Mark Rodakowski and Andrew Satyshur (boys 15-18); and Kat Mckinstry (girls 15-18).

The Hunters Woods Blue Marlins edged the North Hills Hurricanes, 521-520.

Rachel Swarts of the Hurricanes set a new team record in the girls 13-14, 50-meters backstroke with a time of 34.56, breaking the old record of 35.51 first set on July 29, 2006.

In Saturday's meet, North Hills Hurricanes triple event winners were: Chris



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The Herndon-Reston Youth League 15A boys' team advanced to the semifinals in recent 'A' division playoff action. See Connectionnewspapers.com to read about the team's successful postseason run.

Wallace (boys 13-14) and Katherine DeCrosta (girls 15-18).

Hunters Woods Blue Marlins triple event winners were: Dylann Nasr (girls 9-10); Logan Nasr (boys 11-12); and Kevin Cho and Lloyd Ramey (boys 15-18).

North Hills Hurricanes double event winners were: Logan Kruse and Grace Tierney (girls 8-under); Teresa Poirier (girls 9-10); Alexander Boelcskevny (boys 11-12); Aaron Meland (boys 13-14); Kayla Kent, Maggie Sagan and Rachel Swarts (girls 13-14); and Veronica Poirier (girls 15-18).

Hunters Woods Blue Marlins double event winners were: Matthew G. Beach and Jaap Blindenbach (boys 8-under); Mary C. Byron and Victoria P. Thai (girls 8-under); Christopher Byron and Hunter Carrico (boys 9-10); Ashley Turner (girls 11-12); Lauren Herron (girls 13-14); and Lucy Tamberrino (girls 15-18).

The Ridge Heights Sharks handled a gritty Autumnwood Piranhas team, 543 to 507.

Ridge Heights Sharks triple event winners were: Ryan Ferzoco (boys 8-under); Maya Becker (girls 9-10); Carter Schultz (boys 11-12); Harrison Hughes (boys 13-14); Emily Sennett (girls 13-14); Brad Dillon (boys 15-18); and Jasmine Jones (girls 15-18).

Autumnwood Piranhas triple event winners were: Abby Freeman (girls 8-under) and Jake Elliott (boys 9-10).

Ridge Heights Sharks double event winners were: Grace Qian (girls 8-under); Dylan Hawley (boys 11-12); Haley Borko and Caitlin Ferzoco (girls 11-12); Cole Oslund (boys 13-14); and Katie Sennett (girls 15-18).

Autumnwood Piranhas double event

winners were: Logan King (boys 8-under); Diya Murthy (girls 8-under); Richard Cobb and Hugh Curran (boys 9-10); Kalista Majoros (girls 9-10); Katie Harrington (girls 11-12); Griffin Harrington and Zach Talbot (boys 13-14); Steven Gasparis (boys 15-18); and Katie Maxwell (girls 15-18).

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

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

a first come, first served basis. Cost is \$125 per player. The camp will take place at Langston Hughes Middle School. There is online signup at: www.seahawkboosters.com/boysbasketballcamp.htm

The U17 Reston Nightmares girls travel soccer team is conducting tryouts to add players for the fall season. The team is expanding its roster size by five players and looking for quality players who have a passion for soccer. For information about tryouts, contact Andy Gluck by email at gluckandrew@verizon.net or by phone at 703-328-2383.

Herndon High School, in conjunction with the **Herndon Braves** of the Cal Ripken Sr., Collegiate Summer Baseball League, will be hosting four weeks of instructional baseball camp. Instruction will be provided by coaches and college players from Herndon High School and the Herndon Braves to help players develop and improve their skills. Camp will operate from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday of the following weeks: June 23, June 30, July 7, and July 14. Camp is open to both boys and girls ages 7-to-14. For more information, go to www.herndonbraves.com or contact Lauren Taggart at 703-754-6808.

The Fairfax County Football Officials Association will hold its 2008 organizational meeting in July for current members. Those interested in becoming a paid football official in Fairfax County should call Commissioner Don Stitt at 703-577-0977.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As the years have passed, so too have
many of my relatives. And as the numbers of
those surviving relatives have dwindled, the
few who remain have taken on added
significance. In my family the few who remain
(what I really mean to say are the ones with
whom we've stayed in touch) couldn't
possibly have taken on more importance than
they already had, but they have. I refer to my
first cousins, my mother's deceased, older
sister's (my Auntie Lee's) children, specifically
my cousin Rona (my mother's niece), her
husband Gil, and their two daughters, Susan
and Jayne (and on this most recent visit,
Susan's daughter, Jessica, as well).

For the second time in five months
(previously, in December, Ronnie and Gil,
alone, had been in Washington to celebrate
my mother's 85th birthday), my cousins
drove down from Cape Cod (Pembroke,
actually), Ma., 450 miles, eight hours
approximately, stayed one night in a hotel
and left the following morning at the ungodly
hour of 4:45 a.m. no less, in an attempt to
avoid I95 N traffic. (Talk about walking the
walk, they drove the drive.)

My mother (Ronnie's Auntie Cee, short for
Celia), is Ronnie's deceased mother's only
surviving sibling; there had been two
brothers, Al and Frank, both of whom had
died years before, before even my Auntie Lee
had died. The family was always close, first in
Massachusetts where they all grew up — and
lived most of their lives — and then in Florida
where Lee and her family first moved, and
then a few years later after my father turned
70, my parents joined them to spend their
retirement years together, and out of the cold.
And there, for 14 years, until my parents
moved to Maryland to be near their children,
the relationship between Lee and Al (her
second husband); her daughter, Rona (and
her husband, Gil) and Marty (Rona's brother,
my mother's nephew) and Rona and Marty's
children, became exceptionally close, beyond
even the closeness that had existed while
they were all living in Massachusetts (where
for a while, in the old days, they had all lived
together in my maternal grandparents' house
in Dorchester). And it was in Florida where the
surviving members of the Blacker/Lourie
family found strength in their dwindling
numbers.

And in the six years or so since my parents
moved to Maryland (most of those years Rona
and Gil still lived in Florida until a few years
ago when the hurricanes hitting South Florida
convinced them to head north to be with
their children), the effort made by my cousins
to stay connected to my parents and most
recently, after my father's death, to my
mother, with frequent calls, occasional cards,
letters and photographs and twice yearly visits
(at a minimum), sometimes for a weekend,
other times for only a day/night, are the stuff
of which memories — and legends — are
most definitely made.

My cousins have not only gone the extra
mile, they've gone the extra thousands of
miles, figuratively and of course, literally. If
there was a non-military-type medal of honor
given for actions above and beyond the call
of familial duty, my cousins, Ronnie and Gil,
and their two daughters, Susan and Jayne
(both of whom have made nearly as many
trips here as their parents have) would be
most deserving recipients.

I'm sure there are many other equally
deserving recipients out there, and to those of
you who are fortunate enough to be the
beneficiaries of such non-random acts of
extraordinary kindness and respect from your
relatives, you know how I feel: extremely
lucky. However, this column was not written
to imply that we/they are unique in any way,
it was written more so to express our
gratitude and appreciation to our cousins,
Ronnie and Gil (and their children and
grandchildren) and to say how proud we all
are to be members of the same family. You all
have made a difference in my parents' lives
— and continue to do so — and for that we
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Genene H. Debelia, dated March 6, 2006, and recorded March 7, 2006, in Deed Book 18268 at page 1320 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

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at 11:32 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time

the following property being the property contained in said Deed

of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 103, Section 3, Reflection Lake as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 3401 at page 93, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 2219 Gingell Place, Herndon, Virginia 20170.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$20,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 7.90 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and

shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

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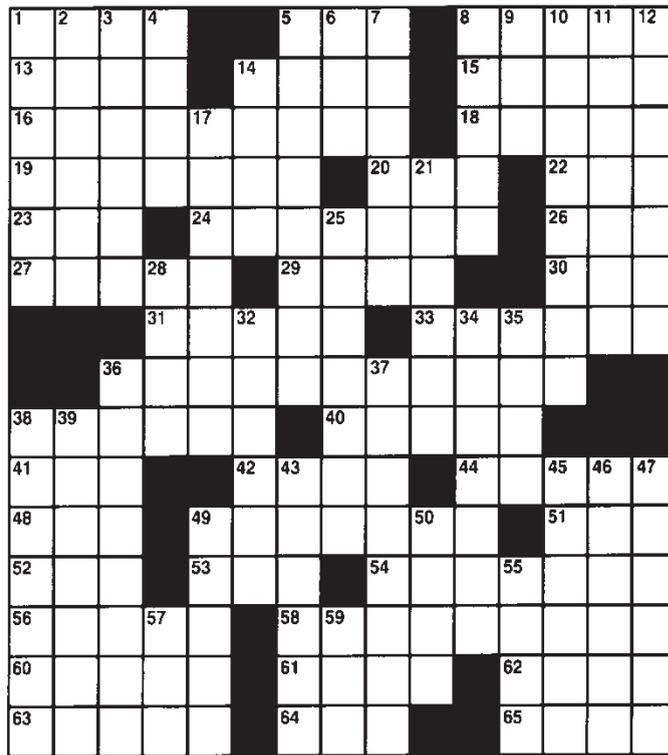
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- 8 Some Iranians
- 13 Part of a chorus
- 14 Word with strings or horns
- 15 "Do I — you?" (line from "GoodFellas")
- 16 *Beechcraft Baron or Cessna 310*
- 18 Clobber
- 19 Atomic energy source
- 20 More, musically
- 22 Sellout
- 23 Bond accrual: Abbr.
- 24 Division
- 26 Modern prefix with friendly
- 27 See 32-Down
- 29 Mischief
- 30 Kind of boot
- 31 Take off the rolls
- 33 Thrower's outflow, maybe
- 36 Bygone era, which will help answer the five italicized clues
- 38 Boss, slangily
- 40 Without a break
- 41 Granary grain
- 42 — scale
- 44 Monthly bill
- 48 Invention, so to speak
- 49 Woodworker?
- 51 New Deal prog.
- 52 Audible warning
- 53 Suffix with theatrical
- 54 Ones taking orders
- 56 Moderate brown
- 58 *Philip Roth protagonist*
- 60 More literal
- 61 Protection: Var.
- 62 Book of Artaxerxes
- 63 50's political name
- 64 It may be Red, White ... and blue
- 65 Forks in the road

- 4 Wool weights
- 5 Carry away, in a way
- 6 Short —
- 7 Eye
- 8 On the fritz
- 9 Ralph's "The Avengers" co-star, 1998
- 10 Acts impatiently
- 11 *Chicken legs*
- 12 Make sure
- 14 Fruit used for preserves
- 17 Noted family of Italian sculptors
- 21 Con

- 25 *Edwardian wit who wrote "The Happy Hypocrite"*
- 28 Quinine, for malaria
- 32 Place where 27-Across is sung
- 34 Undissembling
- 35 Counter offer?
- 36 Fade gradually
- 37 Badges
- 38 1950's TV variety show sponsor
- 39 *Salon fixtures*
- 43 African antelopes
- 45 Nicely sun-tanned
- 46 Poe poem
- 47 None too challenging courses
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