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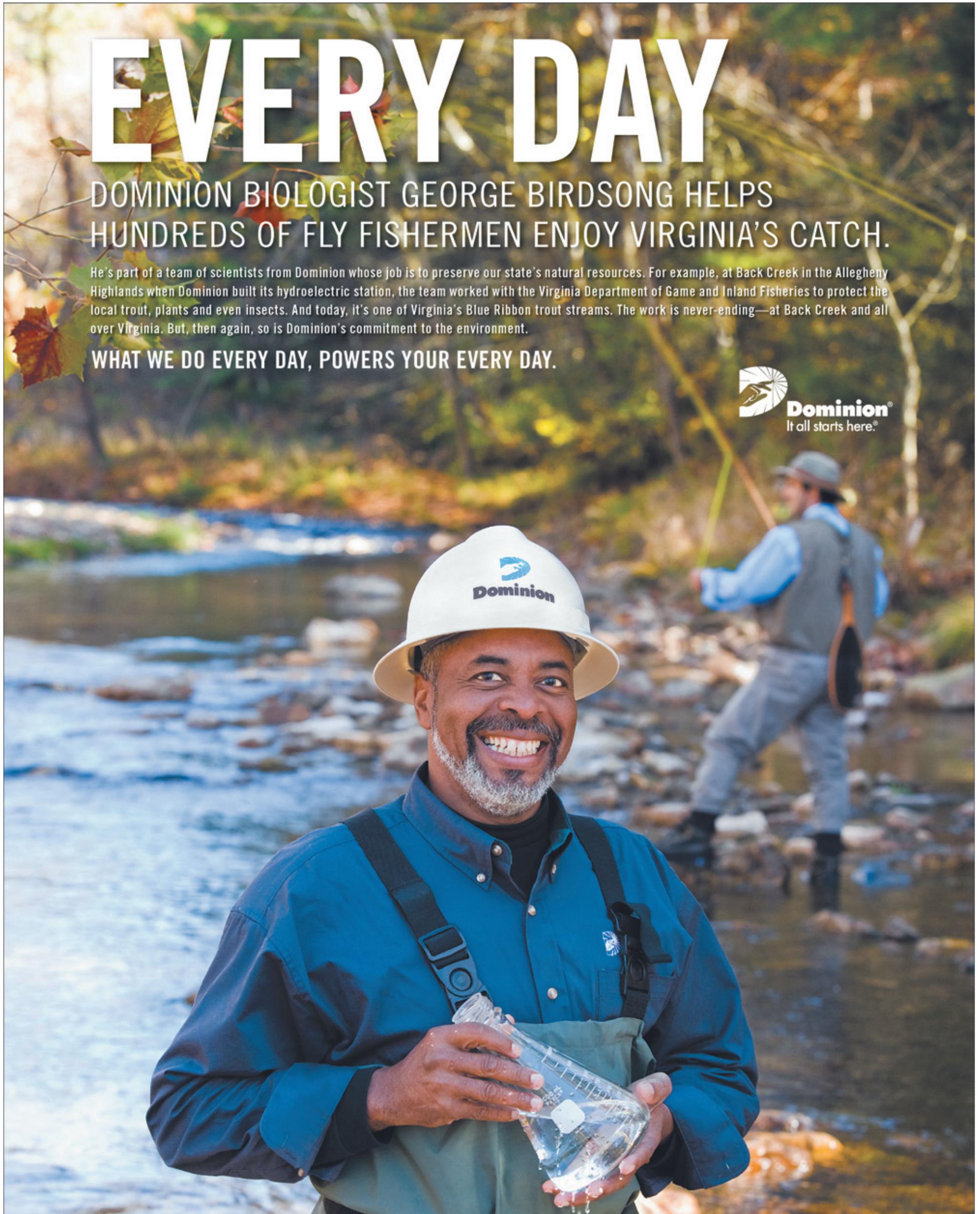


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2 Cases, 2 Courts, Same Day

Attempted capital murder of officer?

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Jeffrey Scott Koger held a shotgun against his shoulder and pointed the gun at Virginia State Trooper Jonathan Groner.

"I said, 'Drop the gun, drop the gun,' over and over again," Groner testified, during Koger's preliminary hearing Tuesday, June 17 in Fairfax County General District Court.

"At that time, I took aim at the subject," Groner testified, about a series of events in

the early morning hours of Feb. 2, 2007 that culminated in the confrontation in front of Springfield Mall.

After Koger, 38, of Oak Hill, fired his weapon, Groner and Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority officers shot back, hitting him in the mid-section.

Groner gave Koger his Miranda rights en route to Inova Fairfax Hospital.

"You are under arrest for attempted capital murder of a police officer," Groner told

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Judge auctions Koger firm.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

Afederal bankruptcy judge Tuesday, June 17, auctioned the troubled Koger Management Group, Inc. to a Fairfax County firm after bidding drove the price up to \$275,000.

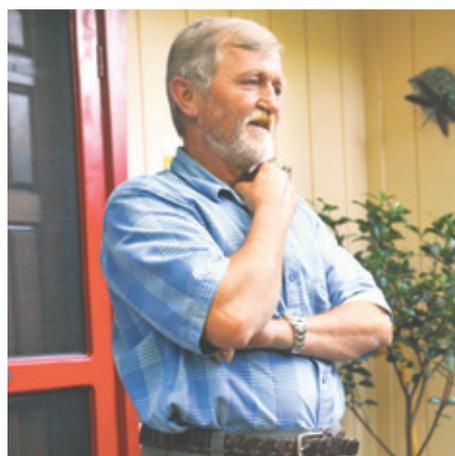
The sale entitles the buyer to the current customers of Koger, now called Tri-State Management, and to any goodwill it may have in the real estate management market.

Robert S. Koger and his wife Pamela were subdued as they listened to the firm that he built over nearly three decades being sold to new owners.

It was a hard day for the couple, whose youngest son Jeffrey Koger was in Fairfax County Court facing charges of trying to kill a Virginia State Police Officer. Jeffrey Koger was bound over without bail for grand jury action.

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Helmut Schworer explains to tour goers his vast amount of plants at his Austin Lane home garden.



Helmut Schworer keeps a pair of East African crowned cranes his in backyard garden. Schworer's garden was on display this past weekend for the Herndon Garden Tour.



Various species of parrots live in the backyard of Helmut Schworer's garden.

Discovering Herndon's Secret Gardens

Garden tour opens up hidden backyards.

BY ANDREW DODSON
THE CONNECTION

Driving up to Maury Cagle and Alied VanDoren-Cagle's McDaniel Court home, visitors see vibrant greens and accents of orange flowers. What they do not see is a 15-year-old evolved garden masterpiece nested in their backyard.

Herndon's annual Garden Tour this past weekend, drew in more than 100 people who received a detailed tour of Herndon resident's personal botanical gardens.

One of the directors of the tour, Melissa Jonas, said it is a great opportunity to see the unknown work of Herndon residents.

"When you pull up to these houses, you don't expect much of anything," Jonas said. "It's a true hidden treasure."

Before Vandoren-Cagle and her husband began building their garden, there was a large tree planted in the middle of their backyard. After cutting down the tree and

removing the stump, a large mud hole was the only thing left and they wanted to create something out of it.

"One thing led to another," said VanDoren-Cagle. "It was over eight years ago and we just kept building."

The mud hole turned into a 1200-gallon pond filled with vibrant goldfish. The pond is the central focal point, with pathways and benches bordering around it, expanding into her neighbor, Jonas', yard.

"The Jonas' agreed to eliminate a fence so we could continue to develop the garden," said VanDoren-Cagle.

VanDoren-Cagle said she and her other gardening friends share ideas and tricks for helping their gardens flourish even more.

ANOTHER HIDDEN treasure thrives on Austin Lane at Helmut Schworer's shaded garden of a masterpiece.

Schworer knew exactly what he wanted when he was house hunting back in 1976.

"I told the Realtor that I wanted the house before even going inside," said Schworer. "The oak trees in the backyard are what I liked and I knew I could change things in the house if I needed to."

Being a landscape architect for over 30 years, Schworer knows a thing or two about plants. While giving a tour to Margaret Peck and Linda Figg of Herndon, he identified

every plant they walked past.

"He made a wonderful design," said Figg. "It is such a beautiful yard."

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Alied VanDoren-Cagle and Maury Cagle pose in front of their garden for the Herndon Garden Tour this past weekend.

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Swearing-In Ceremony

Herndon Mayor Stephen J. DeBenedittis and Town Council Members Richard F. Downer, Dennis D. Husch, Connie Haines Hutchinson, David A. Kirby, William B. Tirrell, Sr. and Charlie Waddell will be sworn in for their terms starting July 1, 2008. A ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 25, starting at 6 p.m. at the Herndon Municipal Center, located at 777 Lynn Street. All citizens are invited to attend.

Gang Awareness Session

The Herndon Police Crime Prevention Council, in support of the Herndon Police Department, will host an informational session on Gang Awareness. Special Agent Eric Vega of the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force will be the guest speaker. The session will take place on Thursday, June 26, at 7:30 p.m. at the Herndon Police Department, 397 Herndon Parkway. For more information or to register, contact Office B. Giron at 703-787-7627 or via e-mail at HCPC@Herndon-va.gov.

July 4th Celebration

The Town of Herndon Parks and Recreation Department is inviting the public to the Town of Herndon July 4th Celebration at the Herndon Community Center, located at 814 Ferndale Avenue. The event will feature a community kickball game, arts and crafts activities and music by Javier Mendoza.

The celebration with fireworks at Bready Park will take place on July 4, from 6:30 to 10 p.m., with a rain date scheduled for the fireworks display for July 5.

Traffic will be rerouted around the celebration and the fire marshal will control the traffic flow during the celebration. For more information call the Parks and Recreation Department at 703-787-7300.

Council Members Receive VML Appointments

Herndon Town Council Members Dennis Husch, Connie Hutchinson, Dave Kirby and Charlie Waddell have been appointed to the 2008 Policy Committees of the Virginia Municipal League (VML). Husch will serve on the General Laws Policy Committee, Kirby will serve on the Finance Policy Committee, Waddell will serve on the Transportation Policy Committee and Hutchinson will serve on the Community and Economic Development Committee in 2008.

Music Under the Stars on Saturdays

The "Music Under the Stars" summer concert series has moved to one Saturday a month and will feature two more concerts this summer. "The Fabulous Hubcaps," an oldies band, will perform on July 19 and "Trout Fishing in America," a Grammy nominated family folk and storytelling group, will be featured on Aug. 16. The concerts begin at 7:30 on the Town Green, 777 Lynn Street in Herndon, and are free to the public.

Seat Belt Enforcement

The Herndon Police Department will partner with law enforcement agencies across Virginia and the United States to increase seat belt use with the "Click It or Ticket" campaign. According to the Virginia Highway Safety Office preliminary numbers, there were 1,026 fatalities on Virginia roadways in 2007, 451 of those involved no restraint use. In 2006, 62 percent of the passenger vehicle occupants killed in fatal crashes were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.

The Herndon Police will emphasize seat belt and child seat use during the "Click It or Ticket" Mobilization, now through July 1. Special checkpoints and other special activities will be conducted

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NEWS



PHOTO BY AMY RICHARDS/NWFCU

Melissa Hunt, of the Credit Union Student Choice, presents information on Thursday evening, June 19 on scholarships and grants available to students heading to four-year colleges, at the Northwest Federal Credit Union branch on Spring Street in Herndon.

How To Pay for College

NWFCU hosts seminar on meeting higher education financial challenges.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC
THE CONNECTION

Vienna resident Christine Bucy came to Northwest Federal Credit Union's (NWFCU) seminar on covering the college savings gap for one specific reason. Bucy recently completed her associates degree and is hoping to be on her way to Old Dominion University in the fall to continue her education and acquire a bachelor's degree.

"I came here for one reason, trying to find a student loan that covers off-campus housing," said Bucy. Cheryl Frazier of Fairfax attended the seminar in Herndon for a much different reason. Frazier's oldest son, Justin, is a rising senior at Paul VI and she came seeking information on college payment. "I came to learn how to afford to pay for college and be economically smart about it," said Frazier. "How to get through this without depleting our savings."

While Justin is a year away from college, John Morosini's son Jonathan will be a freshman at West Virginia University this year. Morosini, a Sterling resident, came to the seminar for similar reasons that Frazier did. "I'm just finding better ways to figure out what's best for me," said Morosini. He found the NWFCU seminar, held on Thursday, June 19, informative and suggested that the program should try to attract more young people, prospective college students, as well as parents to learn about college life and finances associated with it.

Frazier suggested NWFCU should hold a separate seminar for the prospective students on the consequences of not following prudent financial practices. "What are the consequences of not saving right," or what happens if they get into credit trouble, said Frazier. "Back when I was a student it was very difficult to get a credit card," she said.

DRAWING ON EXPERIENCES as parents, lending professionals and scholarship judges, Colleen Daly, NWFCU's Vice President for Lending and Melissa Hunt, Credit Union Student Choice representative, presented the seminar in front of about 60 people on Thursday. The seminar covered everything

from what students can do in middle school and high school to improve their chances of receiving scholarships and other financial aid to how they should handle financial decisions while at college. "This seminar is about what you can do to make it [college payments] not as financially painful," said Hunt, who covered the basics of applying for scholarships and federally available money. She told the audience that investing in that four-year college degree could pay off later. According to census figures, she said, an average salary increase for people with a four-year degree over those with a high school degree is about \$29,000. "Investing a couple of years of your life to get that degree is worth it," she said.

Hunt added that prospective students should learn to save money early. They should also maintain good study habits, become involved in extracurricular activities, volunteer and perform community service in order to improve chances of taking advantage of scholarship opportunities available. Scholarships are growing in importance as tuition fees continue to

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— Cheryl Frazier, parent of a rising high school senior

rise. Hunt said today's estimates put the cost of four years at a public college at \$55,000 and at a private college at \$130,000. However, Hunt said, "For as many scholarship opportunities as there are, there are just as many scams." She suggested that library resources or the Better Business Bureau should have reliable information on scholarships. Hunt, a scholarship judge, said reference letters are also a factor in helping a candidate receive the scholarship.

PAYING FOR COLLEGE is all the more challenging in today's economy as people are unable to take out home equity lines to get the money needed to cover their contributions. Other options include using money from savings accounts, retirement accounts, 401k plans, credit cards or finding a private loan from a lending institution. Hunt said the loans constitute a \$70 billion per year market in the United States.

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Members of the Herndon Women's Club listen as Elma Mankin talks about the importance of each officer's duties.

Club Swears in Board

Herndon Women's Club installs board for second term.

BY LEAH KIEFF
THE CONNECTION

The Herndon Woman's club gathered at the Hidden Creek Country Club Monday night, June 9, to install its new board. The officers were all re-elected for a second term and were

sworn in by lifetime Herndon resident and, at 59 years of membership, the club's longest member, Elma Mankin.

Mankin said of the club, "It was an outlet for me, because my husband used to travel a lot. I used to be painfully shy, although no one
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First Baptist's 'Doorkeeper's' Farewell

Pastor served for 18 years.

BY ANDREW DODSON
THE CONNECTION

Dr. Raymond Spears of the First Baptist Church in Herndon is a doorkeeper. A doorkeeper brought him into the ministry, from which he will retire at the end of June, leaving an opening for new doorkeepers.

Standing by a door is a theme that Spears carried through his vocation. It arises from a poem by Samuel Moor Shoemaker called, "I Stand by the Door" and says that a place of worship should not be a place to fear. It talks of someone neither too far in, nor too far out from the door, inviting people into the church.

"There are people searching for something," Spears said. "But they won't walk through a church door. If there is someone their to convey the grace and acceptance



Dr. Raymond Spears stands in the church, First Baptist, that he will retire from at the end of the month.

PHOTO BY ANDREW DODSON/THE CONNECTION

though, that someone is more likely to not feel rejected and stand before righteousness."

Spears arrived in Herndon in 1990 with his three children and wife, Jerry. Coming from Mississippi, Spears said his family and him were ready for something different.

In First Baptist's 109-year existence, Spears is only the second full time pastor. Pastor Leyland Wyatt preceded him for 37 years, starting in 1950. Bi-vocational pastors filled all of those years in between. Those pastors would carry a job to survive financially and still lead worship on week-ends. Spears estimated about 15 bi-vocational pastors in the church's history.

WHEN SPEARS first arrived, First Baptist was a traditional, medium-sized church. In the 1960s and 1970s, Herndon was a small town, but by 1990, that small town boomed, bringing in a large diverse population. With more people beginning to attend First Baptist, Spears and his colleagues made con

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Mainstreet Bank Hosts Inaugural Taste of Herndon

BY BEN LEATHERWOOD
THE CONNECTION

A colorful array of people and ethnic food mingled at the Mainstreet Bank during the inaugural Taste of Herndon on Thursday, June 19.

With the proceeds going to the Herndon Chamber of Commerce, the event's primary purpose was to serve as a mixer — a time for local business-minded people of all varieties to get to know one another in a casual setting. Although Herndon banks have been putting on mixers for decades, the Taste of Herndon showcased local eateries.

"There's wonderful food," said Robert Gillespie, a lawyer and newcomer to the Herndon area, "and I've gotten a couple of cards already."

As the new attorney on the block, Gillespie had good reason to seek out contacts in his new surroundings.

"I really wanted to get some connections in the neighborhood," said Gillespie, "because that's what making contacts is about: building that network so

we can all do business together"

"Being active in the Chamber and reinforcing relationships over time generates business," agreed attendee David Hirsch, "it's an opportunity to meet new people and to get caught up with people I already know."

It's also a chance for downtown Herndon restaurants to get their names out by supplying food to the event gratis.

"All the restaurants bank with us," said Mary Ann Cerrick, one of the organizers of Taste of Herndon. "Tortilla Factory, JJ's Deli, Jimmy's, and So Addictive all donated." Those present seemed to relish the opportunity to bond with their peers over fresh tortillas and a Corona.

"It's about business meeting business," said organizer Patsy Rust. "When you get to know somebody on a personal level it's a whole different ballgame."

As the evening air filled with conversation and the aroma of grilled meat, the organizers were confident that their event was succeeding.

"It seems to be popular," said Rust, "maybe we'll do it again."



Nirosh Rasiyah, Mike Mohsen, and Elham Safari enjoy the Taste of Herndon outside of Mainstreet Bank.

PHOTO BY BEN LEATHERWOOD/THE CONNECTION

Club Officers Sworn In

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believes that now. I really enjoy the club."

The club has worked for the past 69 years to allow the women of the community to pursue their common interests and do philanthropic work in the community. Once a month at Herndon Elementary School, the club meets to earn money for worthy causes and enjoy the company of their fellow members. The club works with local organizations such as the Council for the Arts, Herndon Fortnightly Library, various Herndon

High functions such as the after prom breakfast and various other local organizations.

"The greatest thing about the club is the diversity of the women who are members, who all have these common interests," said Bev Davis, president of the club.

Membership is open to anyone in the area of any age. Contact Gigi Harwell at 703-437-3937 for membership information.

To join or learn more about the club, call Susan on 703-437-4339.

The 2008- 2009 club year will begin again in September.



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The officers, Bev Davis, Chris Toye, Gigi Harwell, Jody Rose Platt and Janet Greene are sworn in by Elma Mankin. Rena Ruble, not pictured, is also an officer.

SCHOOLS

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

Russell Wheeler of Herndon is one of 704 students named to the Dean's List for the spring 2008 semester at Lafayette College. Each of the students earned at least a 3.60 grade point average for the semester out of a possible 4.0. Wheeler is in the Class of 2011.

Brigid Wright of Herndon made the Highly Distinguished Honors List for the Spring 2008 semester at the College of Charleston.

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>

Fairfax County Public Schools will modify the admissions test for Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) beginning with the December 2008 test session.

The TJHSST admissions test is a standardized mathematics and verbal reasoning test that assesses the knowledge and skills needed for success in a high school program for high-achieving students. Changes are planned for the mathematics and verbal sections that will align the test with the new Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT) and admission tests given at comparable selective high schools for high-achieving students nationwide.

Quantitative comparisons will be eliminated in the mathematics section, which now will be composed solely of 50 word problems and computation questions. Analogies and word meaning questions will be eliminated in the verbal section, which will retain logical reasoning ques-

tions and reading comprehension exercises and add scrambled paragraph problems. The changes to the verbal section will reduce that section from 70 to 45 questions. The total testing time for the mathematics and verbal sections now will be two hours; this time frame will better serve students who also must complete a one-hour essay writing exercise on the day of testing.

FCPS is in the process of producing a new Student Handbook for the Admissions Test for TJHSST to help applicants prepare for the test, which is scheduled to be available online by Tuesday, July 1. The handbook will be available on the TJHSST admissions web site (www.TJAdmissions.org) and can be downloaded at no cost. Students without

computer access will be able to obtain copies of the handbook from middle schools in all school divisions that participate in TJHSST, including the counties of Fairfax, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Prince William and the city of Falls Church. Visit the TJHSST admissions web site at www.TJAdmissions.org.

Fairfax County Public Schools offers **SAT Prep classes** throughout the year. These classes help teenagers face the SAT with confidence by strengthening test-taking strategies. Students are instructed in ways to overcome common errors and miscues, and reduce test-taking anxiety. Registrations are also taken by phone at 703-658-1201.

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Media for Hire?

Political campaigns put bloggers on the payroll.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

When Virginia's delegation takes its seat on the floor of the Democratic National Convention in late August, Lowell Feld will be right next to them.

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) selected Feld, an Arlington resident who runs the left-leaning www.raisingkaine.com, to be Virginia's "embedded" blogger at the event in Denver, Colo. After receiving approximately 400 applications, the committee picked a handful of bloggers — people who voice their opinions through online diaries — to cover their state delegations and provide a "local angle" on the convention's proceedings, according to letter posted on the Web site.

Launched in 2005, Feld's blog, which he calls RK, focuses on state and national politics from a Democratic perspective. The Web site features about 12 regular contributors and is popular with political activists, journalists and elected officials around Virginia.

The DNC's decision to hand out convention credentials to more bloggers like Feld, an unapologetic partisan, speaks to the growing influence of this type of media.

According to Microsoft's www.sitecounter.com, RK averages 2,751 visitors every day. Some Democratic activists say they turn to local blogs before newspapers, radio or television for the most up-to-date information on local politics.

"I find [bloggers] to be a very thoughtful and fair group. They are good about getting information out," said Mame Reilly, an Alexandria resident who is a Democratic Super Delegate and Gov. Mark Warner's former political director.

YET FELD and others are not bound by the same rules as traditional journalists. He and a few other local Virginia bloggers have been paid by candidates to do "netroots outreach" and other political consulting.

A mainstream news organization would not employ a journalist who took money from a political campaign, but, for bloggers, the practice often coincides with their reasons for starting a Web site.

"[Blogs] are a hybrid. They are sort of journalism, sort of citizen activism. We are like political operatives in a way," said Feld.

Feld founded RK to help get progressive Democrats elected in Virginia and his paid work on political campaigns can comple-



Lowell Feld, who runs www.raisingkaine.com, will be Virginia's "embedded" blogger at the Democratic National Convention in August.

ment the mission of the blog, he said.

The Democratic activist worked on U.S. Sen. Jim Webb's campaign and is currently consulting for Democratic congressional candidate Judy Feder, a Democrat who will face U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R) in November.

Feld also received at least \$500 from former congressional candidate Leslie Byrne, according to Byrne's campaign manager, Joe Fox.

Feld and other local Democratic bloggers only work for candidates who share their values, candidates they would support regardless of whether they were paid.

"I think Judy Feder is great. I did two years ago when she was running in 2006 and I didn't receive a penny from her then," he said. Feld uses political consulting to make ends meet. He quit his day job with the U.S. Department of Energy a few years ago, in part because he was prohibited from raising money for political candidates. "I could make more money in a lot more stable job working for the government. I choose to do this," he said.

THERE IS some question about whether bloggers who work for political campaigns should be thought of as journalists at all.

"This is an example of the difference between a journalist who blogs and a non-journalist who blogs. The blogosphere is filled with people who are not journalists. They wear multiple hats," said Bob Steel, who studies and teaches journalism values for the Poynter Institute.

Steel went on to say: "Bloggers are not necessarily journalists. A blogger might own a hardware store and write about a product he sells in the hardware store. There is nothing wrong with that but [he is] not being a journalist."

It is important to always bring a dose of skepticism when reading a blog, according to Steel. For bloggers who also work as political consultants, he suggests transparency.

"I think if something is written by a political consultant, the reader deserves to know that it is written by political consultant," said Steel.

SOME LOCAL BLOGGERS handle the overlap of their paid political work and Web site content in the way that Steel suggests. If Feld writes about a candidate that pays

him, he discloses his relationship to the campaign at the bottom of the post, he said.

"I am very clear about what I am doing," said Feld.

Kenton Ngo also revealed that he would be managing Ramona Morrow's campaign for school board in 2007 and then shut down his blog www.kentonngo.com/750volts, until after the election.

"One of first things I did was to put the blog in mothballs. ... You can say you are going to talk about things other than the campaign but eventually you are going to say something that shouldn't be associated with the candidate," said Ngo.

Blogger Ben Tribbett did not disclose he was being paid by state Sen. Chap Petersen every time he posted about the politician's campaign on his Web site, notlarrysabato.typepad.com, last fall. But Tribbett, who is from the Burke area, has also restricted his paid work to candidates who had already employed him during previous campaigns. "I have avoided taking on new people even though I have been asked to work on a number of campaigns," said Tribbett, whose political blog is among the most popular in Virginia.

For Petersen, Tribbett worked on campaign strategy, a topic he would not be posting about on his blog. He also made it clear that "Not Larry Sabato" would not be a "mouthpiece" for the campaign, he said.

"I was not putting anything up on behalf of the campaign. That was the one of the agreements we came to," he said.

Tribbett did promote Petersen and disparage his opponent, Jeanne Marie Devolites Davis, frequently on his blog in the weeks preceding the election. The Democratic activist said he would have championed Petersen, whether the candidate had paid him or not.

STILL, THE PRACTICE of paying bloggers has unsettled some local Democrats, especially those who have been suffered under their attacks. "I, myself, don't believe in putting bloggers on the payroll. I think it is akin to putting journalists on the payroll," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly, who is the Democratic nominee for Virginia's 11th district congressional seat.

Blog Excerpts

Commentary on political blogs ranges from the thoughtful to the ridiculous. Here are some excerpts related to the Democratic primary for Virginia's 11th congressional district earlier this month. Fairfax chairman Gerry Connolly won the election by a wide margin, though many Democratic bloggers favored candidate Leslie Byrne over Connolly.

"It is important to note that Gerry Connolly did not win this by running on his record as a proud pro developer centrist moderate. He won by running more to the left than he has in a long time."

✦ wrote Karen Duncan on <http://anonymouisawoman.blogspot.com>, Duncan supported Byrne but has endorsed Connolly since he won the Democratic primary.

"There is plenty of ammo on Connolly; unfortunately none of it has proven effective yet. However, with the bevy of material, there is bound to be some good hits in there somewhere."

✦ Posted on <http://tooconservative.com> by a blogger who supports Connolly's Republican opponent, Keith Fimian.

In spite of being a Democrat, Connolly has been one of the left-leaning blogging community's top targets for criticism. Several local bloggers backed Connolly's opponent, Leslie Byrne, in the Democratic primary June 10. Connolly won the primary by a wide margin. In the days leading up to the primary election, many bloggers posted disparaging remarks about Connolly on their Web sites. Tribbett ran a bracket, much like those put together for a college basketball tournament, of Connolly's "worst moments" as an elected official.

Last week, the Virginia Democrats' 11th congressional district committee chair, George Burke, announced he would circulate a petition among Virginia's Democratic delegates asking them to remove Feld's "embedding" privileges at the national convention. Among Burke's concerns is the fact that Feld and Tribbett do work as political consultants.

"I think it is just inappropriate for people who promote themselves as journalists to be paid hacks for candidates. They present themselves as journalists but they are actually public relations practitioners," said Burke.

But candidates who have hired bloggers for political consulting said they are paying for a person's expertise at networking over the internet, not positive coverage on the blogger's Web site. "I have known Ben for a long time but I don't attempt to have any editorial control over anything he does on his blog. I have pretty much no input on that," said Petersen.

Feder's campaign manager, Luke McFarland, said Feld has mainly been involved in developing a Web site, www.farewellfrank.com, on the Democrat's opponent, Republican Rep. Frank Wolf.

McFarland and others said it is common for campaigns to hire bloggers.

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— George Burke,
Democrats' 11th congressional
district committee chair



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New HHS Drum Majors

In time-honored tradition, Herndon High School Band Director Richard Bergman announced the drum majors for the 2008 marching season at the annual Band Banquet on June 6. Rising Seniors Carrie Kurtz and Tyler Ogden will lead the Pride of Herndon Marching Band.

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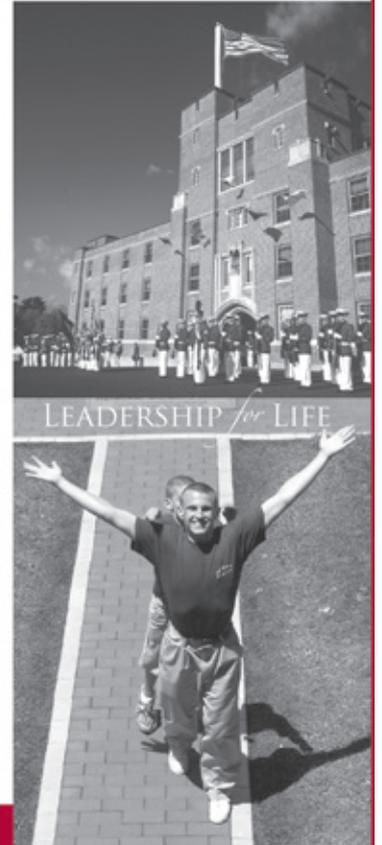
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Hotel Project Reviewed

The Herndon Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Aug. 12 regarding the construction of the Element Hotel in downtown Herndon. On Monday, June 23, the Planning Commission reviewed the Diamond Properties application for the hotel fronting Elden Street between Lynn and Monroe Streets.

The commission's initial concerns regarding the proposed building were many. Some members worried that the structure would be too tall to be situated on Herndon's highest point, while others lamented the increase in traffic that a new commercial building would attract. Planning Commission chairman Carl Sivertsen mentioned there were concerns that "such a project would increase pressure to build similar buildings in the vicinity."

An issue that is yet to be resolved is that of truck noise management. Restaurants in the building, require

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Snatching defeat from the jaws of victory, the Virginia Supreme Court overturned an unlikely and hopeful transportation funding plan passed by the Virginia General Assembly earlier this year.

At the same time, funding for rail to Dulles has hit several bumps that could derail the project.

EDITORIALS But at the beginning of this week, members of the General Assembly were back in Richmond, supposedly to produce a plan that would replace the \$300 million or more that the now defunct plan would have raised.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine has made some sensible proposals, but the forces of “no, never, no taxes” say they will scuttle many if not all of the possible sources of new revenue to pay for transit, roads and other transportation improvements.

Kaine points out that Dulles Airport and the Port of Virginia are responsible for an estimated 375,000 jobs and \$895 million in state revenue. “These are our two most valuable con-

nections with the global economy, but they depend upon a network that will allow easy movement of people and goods to and from these critical transportation hubs,” Kaine said at the opening of the special session Monday. Here’s what he proposes:

- ❖ Raising the annual vehicle registration fee by \$10 and increasing the sales tax on automobiles from 3 to 4 percent. Virginia’s auto title tax would still be significantly below the national average.

- ❖ Fix the regional packages by imposing a 1 percent regional sales tax on goods other than food, medicine or automobiles.

- ❖ A grantors’ tax on property sale proceeds — 25 cents for each \$100 in value to create a Transportation Change Fund, with 75 percent of the revenue going for new transit strategies

and 25 percent dedicated to projects for economic development. This would support public transit, carpooling, teleworking, etc.

These add up to a sensible proposal, and would provide money needed for maintenance as well as dedicated funding for Metro.

Meanwhile, if you’re sitting in traffic, higher gas prices might be the future source of some relief. Finally, with a clear economic motivation, perhaps some real alternatives will arise, some plan that calls for something other than millions people with jobs getting into cars one person at a time and heading to and from work at about the same time every weekday.

We can only hope that new technologies and new approaches developed over the next decade or two will provide less need to clog the roadways.

Without Basics

Electrical storms have left many people without electricity in Fairfax, Loudoun, Arlington and Alexandria in the past few weeks, most of us for brief periods, but some for a couple of days at a time.

Across the river in Montgomery County, hundreds of thousands of people lived without drinkable water for a couple of days.

Being without either or both serves as a reminder that ordinary events (rather than terrorism) also require a little preparedness.

Recommended: Three days worth of non-perishable food and water for everyone in your household, plus flashlights, a battery powered radio and extra batteries. What’s in your storage cupboard?



Rini Feil and her daughter Shiri Feil listen to “Happy Birthday Moon” at the Herndon Fortnightly Library’s birthday party.



Shreyon Rajesh decorates a hat to celebrate the Library’s birthday party.



Finn Wilkins plays a drum, while wearing the hat he decorated, as he leads the procession around the lower level of the library.

Fortnightly Library Celebrates 7th Birthday

Seven years ago, during the first week of June, the Herndon Fortnightly Library opened at its new location. On Wednesday, June 4, the library celebrated its birthday with an interactive children’s program. “These programs are important because it helps them to develop a lot of things, motor skills, concentration etc. When they are together they are more apt to participate,” said Assistant Children’s Librarian

Kumund Merchant.

There were approximately 15 children who attended the event. “They bring a lot of stories and books we’ve never heard of, I can do everything at home but here you have a big group of children,” said mother Rini Feil who frequently attends these events with her daughter. Merchant read stories to the children with birthday themes, with new versions of birthday songs set to the lyrics of classic children’s songs. After the stories were finished

the children decorated birthday hats and then picked up instruments to join in a procession around the library. Then it was time for the party, where the children gathered around the table to eat cupcakes and drink punch. “We want it to be a really pleasant experience so they want to come. We always have a craft activity so they have something to take home. They’re learning but they don’t know they’re learning,” said Merchant.

— LEAH KIEFF

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Attempted Capital Murder of Officer?

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Koger, who was admitted to the hospital in critical condition.

On Tuesday, June 17, Judge Penney S. Azcarate certified the case to a Fairfax grand jury, one of the first steps for a felony case to proceed in Fairfax County Circuit Court.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Casey M. Langan presented Groner as his only witness Tuesday. Koger faces the possibility of life in prison, if convicted.



Jeffrey Koger

SHERIFF'S PHOTO

that had been chasing them. Koger, driving a 1990 Jeep Cherokee, followed them and shot both men, Fairfax County Police said.

Trooper Groner earlier had stopped a vehicle that had been traveling erratically and was told by the occupants that they were traveling to the Franconia District Police Station to help friends who were in trouble there. Groner was escorting them to the Franconia Police Station when he spotted a SUV with its hazard lights flashing. The trooper asked the occupants if everything was all right.

"They pointed over my right shoulder and said there was a man with a gun over there," Groner said.

Groner focused his attention on the man with the gun, who turned out to be Koger.

Koger fled the scene in his car, traveling 70-80 miles per hour on Franconia Road.

Trooper Groner and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Police pursued Koger who slammed his Jeep into a traffic control box in front of the Springfield Shopping Mall.

"The defendant got out of the vehicle with the firearm in hand," Groner testified.

PETER D. GREENSPUN, Koger's defense attorney, asked Groner if Koger said anything at that time. "The only thing he said out loud was, 'Help me, they're coming to get me,'" Groner testified.

"I said, 'Drop the gun, drop the gun,' over and over again."

— **Jonathan Groner**, Virginia State Trooper

IN THE EARLY MORNING of Feb. 2, 2007, ac-

According to police reports, a man stopped his car behind a taxicab stopped at a traffic light at the corner of Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street in Alexandria.

The driver of the car got out, walked to the taxi driver's window, and fired several shots into the cab. The taxi driver was seriously injured, according to police.

About 20 minutes later, two men drove into the parking lot of the Fairfax County Police Station on Franconia Road to escape a car

At this time, Koger has only been charged with attempted capital murder of a police officer, although the investigation is continuing.

During a preliminary hearing, the prosecution presents just enough evidence to establish that there is probable cause to move a case forward to a grand jury. The defense does not present its version of events or defense theory of the case.

Koger's case is scheduled to proceed to a Fairfax County grand jury in July.

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Local Chesapeake Crime writers, from left, Mary Ann Corrigan, C. Ellett Logan, and Barb Goffman

It's a Mystery Writers share thoughts on writing.

BY LEAH KIEFF
THE CONNECTION

The Chesapeake Crimes III is the latest installment of the award-winning Chesapeake Crimes short stories mystery series. All of the stories are set in the Chesapeake region and all of the authors resided or currently reside in the region. Three of the authors are from Reston and Herndon. Barb Goffman of Herndon wrote "Compulsive Bubba," C. Ellett Logan of Herndon wrote "Backseat" and Mary Ann Corrigan of Reston wrote "Chimera."

Goffman's first short story was nominated for an Agatha award. She moved to Herndon two years ago, but has worked in Reston as an attorney at Sally Mae, for the past four years. She says her favorite short story she has written is "the one in this book, 'Compulsive Bubba;' it's about a woman who has been in an abusive marriage for 30 years and when her husband starts an affair, she won't have it. I get to show a character who evolves and doesn't take crap anymore. It's funny, I got to do all the things that I love in this story."

Logan, whose story, "Backseat" is her first short story, got into mystery writing because "I joined a writers group and the lady who masters it, Donna Andrews, was a mystery writer, so I was influenced by her." Logan who started writing again after her last child

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COMMUNITY

Objective: Garden Preservation

Friends of Margaret's Garden form non-profit organization.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHC
THE CONNECTION

For more than 30 years, nature lovers, painters, school groups and people seeking relaxation in open space have flocked to a five-acre plot located off of Lawyers Road.

The owner, 86-year-old Margaret Thomas, has grown irises and other flowers and vegetation in her garden since a neighbor handed her some irises over the fence.

"It really is a nice slice of heaven that sits right there in Herndon," said Sharon Swab, a volunteer at Thomas's 2-and-a-half acre garden for the last eight years. "It's a very relaxing atmosphere, a very refreshing atmosphere," she said. Swab, a Herndon resident in her 40s and a Northern Virginia native, said she has seen Northern Virginia's farmland and other open space disappear during her lifetime. "Some pieces of land should not be destroyed for the sake of progress," said Swab.

WITH THE LAND sitting in the corridor between Fairfax and Reston, the plot is valuable and, according to friends, Thomas has thus far refused offers from developers. The volunteers who help run the garden are hoping to preserve it as a nature sanctuary, an educational center and a park for continued community use.

"I really believe it's an asset to the community," said Swab. "There is a lot of potential there," said Swab, adding that the volunteers would love to see the garden preserved as it is and then built to support educational offerings for the community. "Kids learn stuff there just as they would in a park," said Swab.



Margaret Thomas was out in the garden greeting new visitors and old friends.



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Volunteer Jeanette Curling works her way through the irises, deadheading those that have been spent.

Margaret Thomas's Garden

12410 Lawyers Road in Herndon. To learn more visit <http://www.herndonirisdgarden.com/index.html>.



The Iris "Thornbird."

Edith Willis, a volunteer at the garden for more than 10 years, has helped run the daily operations of the garden for the past two years. She said the volunteers are in the process of transforming the Friends of Margaret's Garden group into a nonprofit organization. The articles of incorporation have been drafted and the group is in the process of writing its bylaws. Its mission is to buy the property from Thomas, preserve the garden and expand its offerings. The group hopes to raise about \$6 million to purchase the land.

"The community has already demonstrated how much they want the garden to remain," said Willis about the volunteers' effort to petition the county to designate

the land as a conservation easement.

AS SOON AS the nonprofit organization gains its tax deductible status, Willis hopes the community could help the group reach its goal. However, she realizes that the \$6 million sticker shock will not be reached through community donations alone, but will have to be coupled with grant money and other fund-raising efforts.

Willis hopes a steward will emerge who could take the challenge of raising the money as a full-time project.

"There is no quick way and there is no cheap way to do it," said Willis. However, the community can help in other ways, according to Willis. "What we need the most is probably physical work in the garden," she said. Margaret Thomas's garden is located at 12410 Lawyers Road in Herndon. To learn more visit <http://www.herndonirisdgarden.com/index.html>.



IBM sales manager Randall Griffin enjoys a Saturday afternoon painting in Margaret's garden.

CALENDAR

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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-



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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

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.

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, 11-11:30 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

"Snow White." The Elden Street Players Theater for Young Audiences will perform "Snow White" at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Industrial Strength Theater, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Tickets are \$7 general

admission. Call the Elden Street Players at 703-481-5930, option 3, or go to www.eldenstreetplayers.org.

Volunteers Needed. Reston Association is seeking volunteers for its Weed Warriors Program from 10 a.m. to noon on South Shore Road. Contact Ha Brock at 703-435-7986 or habrock@reston.org to volunteer.

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 Drive, Reston. Call 703-437-8147.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

"Snow White." The Elden Street Players Theater for Young Audiences will perform "Snow White" at 2 p.m. at the Industrial Strength Theater, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Tickets are \$7 general admission. Call the Elden Street Players at 703-481-5930, option 3, or go to www.eldenstreetplayers.org.

MONDAY/JUNE 30

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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.

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Burnt Sienna Comes to Herndon Town Green

BY LEAH KIEFF
THE CONNECTION

This coming Friday June 27, Burnt Sienna will be performing at Friday Night Live, a free series of outdoor concerts on the Herndon Town Green, from 6:30 till 10:30 every Friday night. Burnt Sienna member, Jeff Ebbert answered a few questions about his band.

What is your inspiration?

We all spent time in live music clubs seeing great live acts and popular cover bands. It obviously looked like fun, and definitely drew our interest to hear that these bands could make a living off performing.

Where do you normally play?

D.C., Arlington, Herndon, U of MD, Dewey Beach, Northern DE, Philly, Reading PA, South NJ Shore, Boston MA, and private parties and functions everywhere

Where do you enjoy playing the most?

We generally only play venues that we really enjoy, so the answer would be everywhere. Dewey Beach has probably been the most instrumental to our success, especially in the VA/MD/DC area.

Have you ever performed in Herndon before?

Yes, we've performed for about



The band Burnt Sienna has been playing together since 1997.

four years at Ned Devine's Herndon and every summer since at Friday Night Live.

What did you like best about Herndon? Any favorite spots in Herndon?

We typically perform once per summer at Friday Night Live followed by a second show at Ned's Herndon. This is always a fun day, since many of the people that hang out in the afternoon follow us over to our club show at night.

Where are the members of your band from?

Reading PA, Trenton NJ, and South NJ.

How did you get booked to play at Ned Devine's after the Herndon festival?

Our manager (Rick Green of Midnight Sun Company) books several of his bands at this venue.

How did you come up with your band's name?

Bob Ross Joy of Painting Little Happy Trees painted in Burnt Sienna.

How would you describe your sound?

We cover a wide range of genres and eras, and usually cater to the sound of the original recordings, so basically our sound is all over

the place.

Who are your favorite musicians?

Too many to list, since we are all inspired by different styles of music. Would say that all five members appreciate Beatles, Led Zeppelin, and Queen. Can't go wrong with the classics.

What is your favorite song or genre to perform?

"Somebody to Love" by Queen

Does your band have any other jobs, outside of musicians? If so, what are they?

No. We are all full-time musicians

How long have you been playing in the band?

Since we started it in 1997

What is the most interesting thing that has happened to your band while on the road?

Literally on the road? Having a snowball fight between our two vehicles while driving in a blizzard on our last trip to Boston. Don't tell our families that story.

How would you describe your concerts?

High energy, wild and unpredictable stage antics, good party vibe, good sense of humor about ourselves.

What would you say to an aspiring musician?

Work on your trade early and often and do whatever it takes to get on a stage in front of people. With good musical skills and live performing experience, you will always be in demand and can perform for a long time. Work with people that take it seriously, and stick with it. Some of the best musicians I ever shared a stage with gave it up a long time ago, and it's frustrating to hear about.

What do you enjoy most about performing?

The entertainment aspect. I love the challenge of trying to get a crowd to enjoy themselves as much as possible. Especially if it's unfamiliar people or territory. Also, we are all very involved in picking what songs to play in what order. Just like a good dj, we have to predict which song will fill the dance floor early, what time to play a singalong, etc.

When did you start the band and why?

March 1997. Saw potential to make a good living and was impressed by the live shows of local cover bands in DE and Philly.

Are you excited to perform at Friday Night Live?

Definitely. It's a rare opportunity for us to perform to a family crowd as well as the bar age crowd. The kids seem to have the most fun at this event.

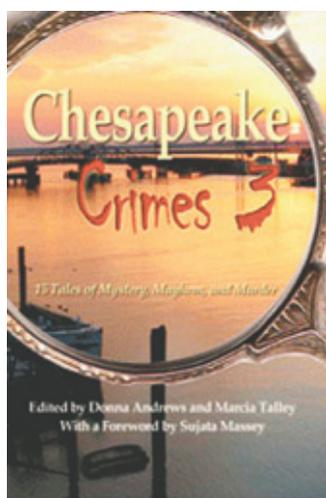
Authors Add to Mystery Series

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graduated college five years ago, lived in Reston for two and a half years before moving to Herndon last September.

Corrigan used to be a writing and literature professor at Georgetown University and Northern Virginia Community College. She has lived in Reston since the 1970s and thinks that people are drawn to mysteries "because they like the puzzle element and trying to figure it out along with whatever character from the book. In mysteries, justice is served by the end, so you have a feeling of satisfaction. Life isn't always so tidy as it is in mystery novels." This is the first story Corrigan has written since she was about 14.

All three of the women are members of Sisters in Crime Chesapeake Chapter, a group



Chesapeake Crimes III is part of an award-winning mystery series. All of the stories from the books are set in the Chesapeake region and come from members of the group Sisters in Crime.

for mystery writers. While Corrigan knows how her writings are going to end, Goffman and Logan do not. Both Goffman and Corrigan get some of their ideas, specifically the ideas they used in these two stories, from watching the news. All three of the authors suggest that aspiring writers need to read — a lot.

Goffman says the most important thing is: "ass in seat. The worst problem people have is they think about it but don't do it. People get overwhelmed by the thought of writing when they really just need to do it."

Corrigan suggests "once you start writing, get a group of people who will read and critique what you have written." While Logan said, "You just have to write and allow yourself to write badly."

CALENDAR

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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. To find out what's playing or to be placed on the mailing list 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.

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FRIDAY/JULY 4

- Town's July 4th Celebration.** Join the Town of Herndon for a free family-fun event featuring games, races, craft activities, Bingo and more. The event takes place in Bready Park, around the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon starting at 6:30 p.m. Main Stage entertainment will have the crowds up and dancing. Look for special entertainers around the park. Throughout the evening, festive food, ranging from hot dogs and hamburgers to funnel cakes and cotton candy will be on sale. The fireworks show is choreographed to music and starts at 9:30 p.m. Visit www.herndon-va.gov.
- July 4th Celebration.** Start the day with a splash at the Lake Newport Pool, 11601 Lake Newport Road, Reston, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Come to the pool and enjoy the festivities before the fireworks. Food will be available for purchase. Call 703-435-6577.
- 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.

Judge Auctions Koger Firm

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the whole drama when he was accused of embezzling some \$2.2 million from the customers of his father's firm early last year.

A year after those diversions, in July 2007, his father, sought protection under bankruptcy laws.

The sale will become final on June 27, 2008 after a newly discovered claim against Koger Management is determined to be a factor in the sale. All sides asked Judge Stephen S. Mitchell to waive a 10-day waiting period on June 27 so that the new owners could begin work by July 1. They purchased the business without its liabilities and the bankruptcy case will continue until the court has approved a satisfactory payment system for creditors.

The proceeds of the sale will be part of the money that Robert Koger can use to pay his creditors. Though claims have not been evaluated, there appear to be some \$8 million in claims. Koger maintained a \$1 million insurance policy against the contingency he might not be able to pay his bills, but the insurance company said it would not pay him since he allegedly misled it about the role his son played in the firm. Robert Koger has sued the insurance company.

Earlier this year, American Management, a new firm created by two former employees of Koger, Paullette Heiderman and Ernest Lightfoot, offered to buy Koger for \$100,000.

Yesterday, the list of potential purchasers had grown to four.

Gates Hudson and Associates, Inc. a management firm located in Fairfax, bid \$135,000 and had accompanied the bid with a certified check for \$13,000.

Capitol Property Management bid \$125,000 and accompanied it with a check of \$12,500.

The Stoladi Group also made a bid, but withdrew it before the final bidding.

Judge Mitchell acted as the auctioneer. American Management started the bidding at \$135,000.

Gates Hudson followed with \$140,000.

Capital Management rejoined at \$145,000.

The bidding went on in \$5,000 increments between Gates- Hudson and Capitol Management until \$270,000 was reached.

The court called Michael A. Matlat to the stand to describe the efforts he made in the sale and his efforts to ascertain that the winning bidder, Gates-Hudson, was a valid buyer. Matlat said he worked for a division of KPMG Corporate Finance, LLC that handled finding buyers for financially distressed properties.

Matlat said he sent out 2,000 flyers, advertised on the Internet and in appropriate trade publications and the Wall Street Journal.

Patricia Blackburn, president of Gates-Hudson, replied to one of the flyers. He testified that he had no connection the to firm, there was no undisclosed compensation or provisions in the sale and his relationship with Gates-Hudson was at "arms length."

An official of Capitol Property Management said they would remain as backup bidder if the sale to Gates-Hudson did not go through.



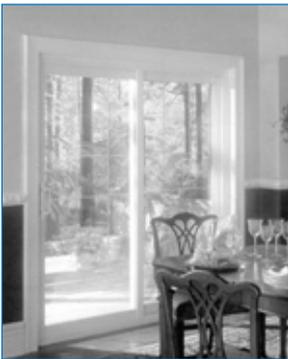
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FAITH

First Baptist Pastor Retires

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scious decisions to change with the times. Spears said he received no opposition.

"When you don't change with the times, the setting becomes irrelevant, and when you become irrelevant, you can't go anywhere," Spears said. "People were open to the reality."

The largest change that Spears installed was adding a contemporary worship service on Sunday, which was intentionally different from the traditional service. The contemporary service presided in the gathering hall, rather than the sanctuary, with tables and chairs and an opportunity to enjoy a cup of coffee during the service — a more relaxing atmosphere.

Spears said people not familiar with the service's true purpose called it not serious. He was quick to say that one can be relaxed, yet very serious, and through that, First Baptist gained many members solely because of the contemporary service.

"The music, the way we worshipped, and the way we reached out to people may have changed, but the content remains the same," said Spears.

Today, the service blends traditional and contemporary aspects because Director of the Deacon's Board Todd Weiss, along with Spears, saw the church divide. "It got to a point where people who went to one service didn't know that other people were even members of the same church," Weiss said. "Our first priority is to keep the church together."

While attendance fluctuated during the mid-90s and into the new millennium, it was never about conquering via numbers to Spears.

"**MY PURPOSE** is to introduce people to Jesus Christ, and find some appropriate way to do so," Spears said.

With Spear's last service scheduled for June 29, he finds his final sermon always on his mind.

"It's something that you can't be halfway thinking about," Spears said. "It's always a work in progress."

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6449. Deadline is Friday.

Spiritual Workshop. The Spiritual Science Research Foundation presents a free workshop entitled "Role of the Spiritual Dimension and the Spiritual Master" from 1:15-3 p.m., **July 13**, at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Call 1-877-909-SSRF or see www.spiritual-research

foundation.org/events.

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren Street, Herndon, is offering join its annual **Vacation Bible School**, to all Herndon-area children 3 years old through rising 6th graders, **July 14 - 18** from 9:30 a.m. 12 p.m. This year's theme is "Rainforest Adventure: a Tree-top Bible Blast!"

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College Aid

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Daly, a mother of two college students, said families should make a financial plan before sending the students off to college. "Talk about the budget, who will pay for what. Discuss with your kids what they are responsible for," said Daly. She said the students should get in the habit of saving money and using credit cards wisely. "It's a good idea to have a credit card for emergencies," said Daly. However, she warned, "Be very careful of the offers that come your way. They will be enticing."

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SPORTS

Playing the Sport with a Passion

Herndon High softball center fielder Marra Hvozdovic helped lead Hornets to the state playoffs.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Chances are usually pretty high you can find Herndon High girls' softball standout Marra Hvozdovic on a diamond somewhere working on her game.



2008 Herndon High graduate Marra Hvozdovic



PHOTOS COURTESY/HVOZDOVIC FAMILY

Marra Hvozdovic, Herndon's leadoff batter, hit over .500 during the spring. Defensively, she committed no errors in the outfield.

Hvozdovic, a key member of a Hornets' squad that made it to the state AAA playoffs this past spring for the first time in the program's long history, simply loves the sport. The center fielder, over her high school career, spent many hours working on her hitting, fielding and overall game.

"I don't know if I ever had a kid who studied softball all the time," said recently retired Herndon High coach Bonnie O'Hearn, who stepped down following this past spring season following 13 years in charge of the program. "She watches college softball [on TV] all the time. She's a softball fanatic. And she is extremely knowledgeable about the game."

Hvozdovic's zeal for the game certainly was contagious on a veteran Herndon team that was determined to break into new postseason territory in 2008. The Hornets reached the Concorde District and Northern Region finals games, and competed at states.

Hvozdovic, who will be a member of the Virginia Tech women's softball squad in Blacksburg next school year, earned First Team All-Region and All-District honors during her senior season. From her leadoff position in the Herndon batting order, she

led the Hornets in hitting with a .500 average (42 hits in 84 at-bats). She scored 18 runs, knocked in 12, pounded around 12 doubles and homered and tripled once. Her slugging percentage was .682 and her on-base average was .571 (12 walks). There was only one game all season in which Hvozdovic failed to get a hit. In center field, she made no errors and had 18 putouts.

"She has a great eye for the ball and rarely strikes out," said O'Hearn. "She's a gap hitter."

BUT FOR ALL her stats, Hvozdovic was more concerned about her team's success and the players who made up the Hornets' squad. Often throughout the season, the popular team captain would work with teammates who were having difficulties at the plate.

"She'll find a kid who is struggling at the plate," said O'Hearn. "She knows the technique of hitting."

Prior to games, Hvozdovic would often pass out encouraging, uplifting poems that she had written to her teammates.

"She'd get them all pepped up before a game," said O'Hearn. "She's always very helpful, spirited and motivated."

The coach believes Hvozdovic will fare just fine in the college game.

"I think she'll do a great job," she said. "She doesn't try to be a power hitter and she gets on base so often."

Hvozdovic attracted the Virginia Tech coaching staff's attention about a year-and-a-half ago while competing in travel tournaments. She kept in contact with the Tech folks by e-mail. Eventually, she asked if there was a chance she could one day make the Hokies' team as a walk-on. She was told that there would be a roster spot for her if she was accepted academically to Tech. Being a strong student-athlete, Hvozdovic was accepted by the school and is looking forward to her college future, both in the classroom and on the ball field.

"I kind of pride myself on being a student athlete," said Hvozdovic. "I like doing well in school and on the softball field. I plan on working hard and getting in the starting line-up [at Tech]."

THE YOUNGSTER said she grew a love for softball when she began playing within the Herndon Optimist Youth Softball league as a second grader. She played within the

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2008 Senior Send-Off

As this year's class of graduating seniors prepare for the next phase of their lives, the Connection Newspapers would like to take one more look at the student-athletes that made a difference, on and off the field, during their four years of high school. Honorees were chosen for a variety of reasons – whether to highlight the top athletes in our area one last time, to shine light on an athlete who may have been overlooked during their time in school, to praise those whose success on the field was matched by their success in the classroom, or just to tell a story that needs to be told.

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Marra's Next Step: Va. Tech

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organization for five years and later played for the Travel Fire and Ice U-14 travel team for two years.

"I just love to play," said Hvozdovic. "My parents introduced me to the sport in the second grade. I've always been around softball and baseball. If I'm not playing softball, I'm going to a softball or baseball game."

Hvozdovic's younger brother, Paul, was a member of the Herndon High JV baseball team this past spring.

She has seen Herndon softball come full circle during her four-year varsity career. The Hornets went 4-12 and finished in last place in her freshmen season. Three years later as a senior, she was part of a Herndon team that was one of just two Northern Region squads to earn a bid to the eight-team state playoffs. It's been a remarkable turnaround.

"We've gone so far," said Hvozdovic, who earlier in her high school career saw time in the infield as a shortstop or third baseman. "We made it to the district championship, the region championship and for the first time we had a chance to go to states. I've had a chance to see the program completely change. We've gone from last place [in the district] to second place [in

"I just love to play. My parents introduced me to the sport in the second grade. I've always been around softball and baseball."

—Herndon Graduate Marra Hvozdovic

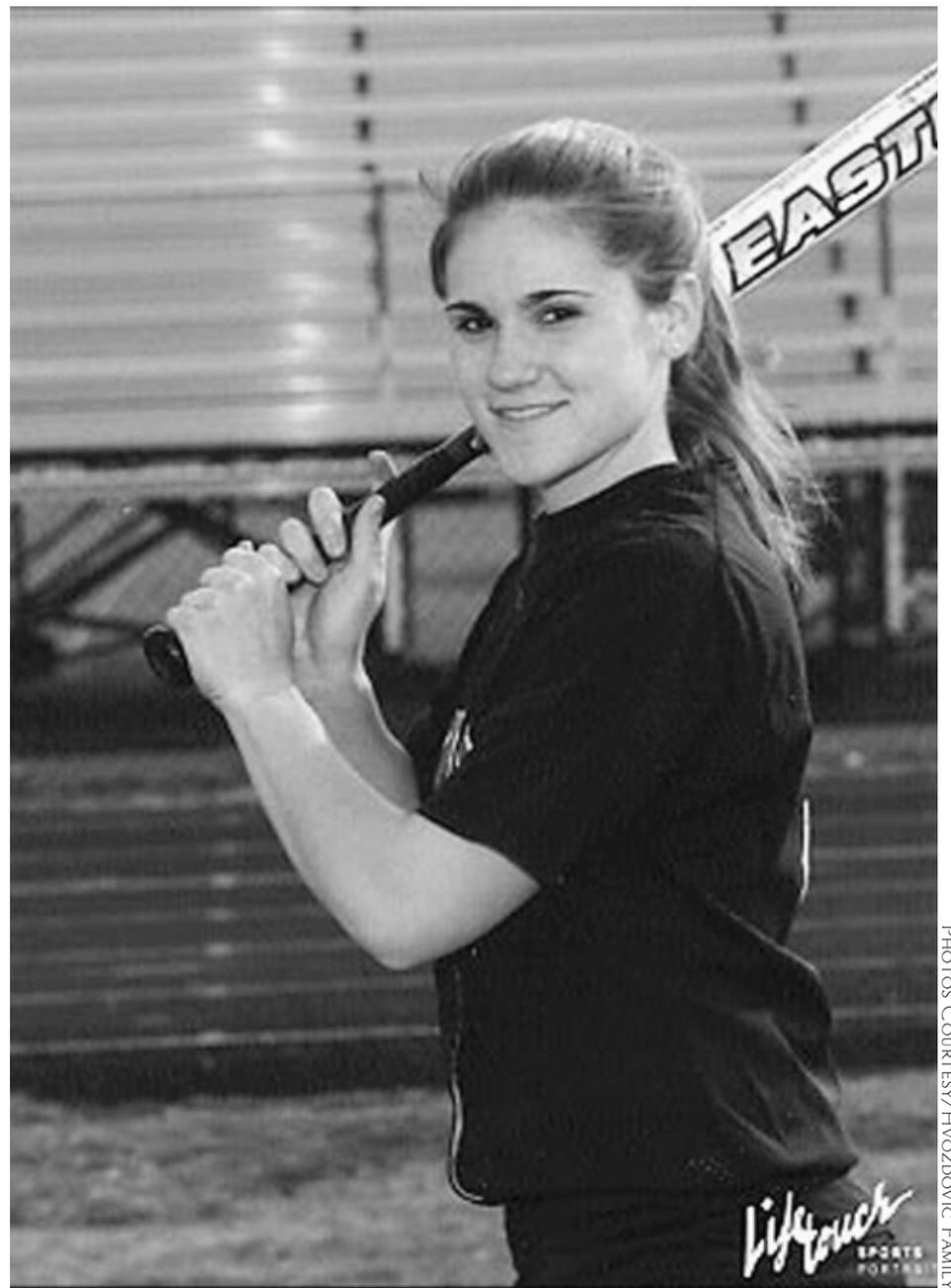
the region] in four years. We finished my senior year 17-10. It's kind of awesome to see the program change."

Hvozdovic said a key to Herndon's success in '08 was the team's overall talent and experience. Eight of the team's 11 varsity players were seniors this past spring.

"We were mostly seniors and got a few new people on the team," said Hvozdovic, who singled and eventually scored Herndon's lone run in a 1-0 region quarterfinals playoff win over South County a few weeks ago. "All of us wanted to [win] together and end our high school careers on a high note."



A team captain, Hvozdovic is a meticulous student of the game, according to Bonnie O'Hearn.

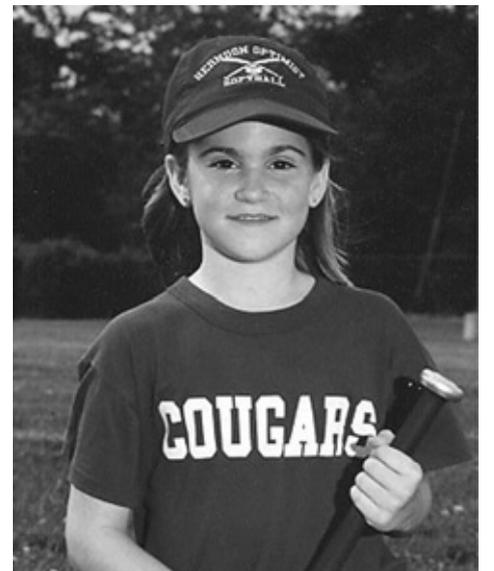


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Hvozdovic got at least one base hit in all but one game last season.



As a youngster, Hvozdovic played girls' softball within the Herndon Optimist Youth organization.



Herndon Optimist softball slugger Marra Hvozdovic

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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Obviously I'm aware that prescription medications, new or used (or rather unused) are prescribed for a specific medical reason/patient and as such are hardly as donatable/usable as an unopened jar of mayonnaise or a canned good, as an example of some of the items collected for good will. But if condiment makers can create a blend of mustard and mayonnaise (dijonaise), certainly the pharmaceutical companies or the creative minds at the F.D.A. (Food and Drug Administration) can devise a system, a secondary-type market, where prescription medications bought and paid for by person "x" can somehow be recertified/requalified as a 100 percent reusable option for those less able to pay. I mean, we recycle trash, can't we find a way to recycle health and welfare products, too?

Granted, this task is fraught with danger and regulatory reflux but what greater good is there than to provide aid and comfort to your own citizens — and fellow countryman — at a time when more and more of them, it seems, need it (the aging of the population) and an increasing percentage of them can't afford it; medications that is, to ease their troubled minds and insufficient incomes? If, as a country/planet, we are becoming an ever-greening/carbon footprint-type populace, and we're motivated to "save the trees," as but one example of the hundreds of selfless acts of compassion witnessed on a daily basis, can't we at least attempt to save/conservate the beneficiaries of all these other "conservation" efforts, too, the actual people themselves? I mean, it's only human, to save the humans, even if corporate America is involved, right? Despite the fact that corporations are entities (things, not individuals), they are in fact made up of human beings who know full well the trials and tribulations of their fellow man. It's getting them to take care of it that's the problem. If we could somehow devise a system that would enable corporate America to turn the problem into a solution, and a profitable one at that, thousands, if not millions of their fellow citizens (perhaps even some of their fellow shareholders) could benefit. And what better story to market than one that advances the causes and minimizes the concerns of an entire generation (the Baby Boomers), a generation that will dominate, demographically speaking, for decades yet to come? Who among us doesn't have bottles of prescription medications, some unopened even, accumulating dust, and serving no particular — and current — purpose other than taking up space? Certainly there has to be a better and more useful end for these potentially life saving, and at the very least, life changing medications, than a flush.

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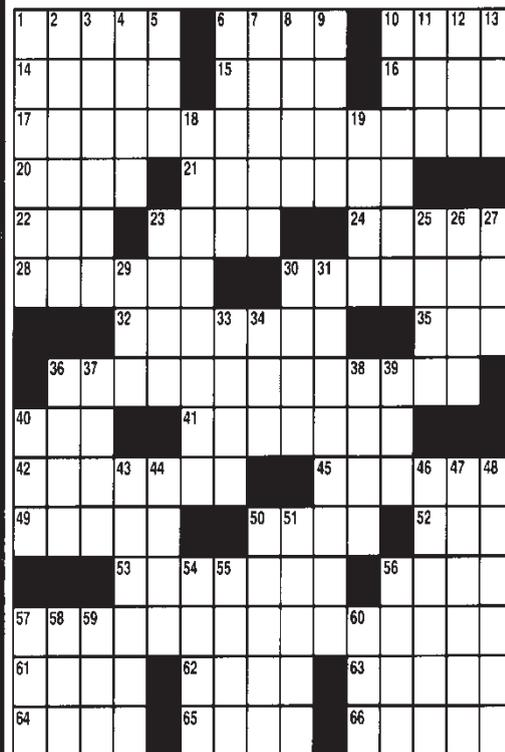
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Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

ACROSS

- 1 Cuba's Castro
- 6 Amo, —, amat (Latin exercise)
- 10 Fishhook's end
- 14 Positive pole
- 15 70's-80's TV alien
- 16 Theater award
- 17 Place in the news, 3/28/79
- 20 Genesis son
- 21 Moderately slow, in music
- 22 Drink in a mug
- 23 Helen of —
- 24 Shady retreat
- 28 Examiner
- 30 Shock
- 32 Duracell competitor
- 35 Bandleader Brown
- 36 They're hard to walk on
- 40 Mel's Diner waitress
- 41 Baby's room
- 42 Terriers and toy poodles, e.g.
- 45 Marvelous, in slang

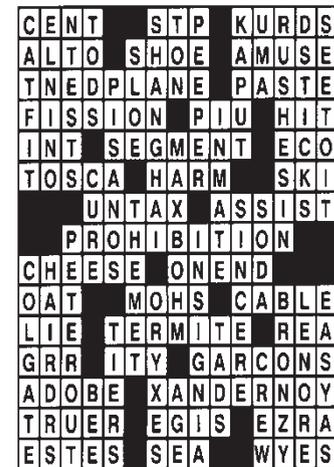
- 49 Photographer Adams
- 50 Air conditioner capacity, for short
- 52 Scot's refusal
- 53 Marsh plant
- 56 Speaker's spot
- 57 Offside setback
- 61 Persia, now
- 62 Clumsy dancer's obstacles
- 63 Like a lot
- 64 Not straight
- 65 Not — eye in the house
- 66 Legislative aides

- 11 Lawyers' org.
- 12 — Tin Tin
- 13 Retirement locale?
- 18 Getting hitched
- 19 Number on a baseball card
- 23 Sign of weeping
- 25 Torero's foe
- 26 Smallest bills
- 27 Country rtes.
- 29 Robert Morse Tony-winning role
- 30 Sounds of relief
- 31 Amtrak posting

- 33 Burden
- 34 TV hookup
- 36 Spanish custard
- 37 "Stupid me!"
- 38 Blows it
- 39 Iris's place
- 40 Neighbor of Ga.
- 43 Clothed, informally
- 44 Oil of —
- 46 Not digital
- 47 — d'
- 48 Emphatic affirmative
- 50 Justice Ruth — Ginsburg
- 51 Sloshed
- 54 Socialite's "bye"
- 55 Walked (on)
- 56 Baby's first word
- 57 Prevaricate
- 58 Wrath
- 59 Vehicle with sliding doors
- 60 40 winks

DOWN

- 1 Big shot
- 2 Fill the lungs
- 3 Boats with paddles
- 4 Genesis garden
- 5 Light-Horse Harry, for one
- 6 Kind of acid
- 7 Like stuff in the back of the fridge, maybe
- 8 Environs
- 9 Flesh
- 10 "10" music



Theme answers: (win-eh)(g)ined plane, (ale)xander (port)noy, (d)rumsticks, max (beer)bohm, hair (d)yeys

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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.

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OBITUARY

Mary Luther Bowen, aged 68, passed away on Friday, June 13th. Mary will be remembered in our hearts as a loving and generous mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. Mary always held a strong passion for travel (82 countries), learning, and her beloved country. She retired from the Federal Government after a variety of assignments including a stint at the US Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She will be buried with her best friend and husband, James Webster Bowen, at the National Arlington Cemetery. She is survived by her daughter, Renee Fulton, grandson James Fulton, and brother Larry Luther

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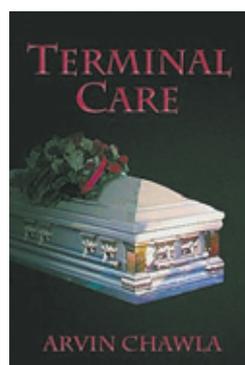
Herndon internist writes medical mystery novels.

BY LEAH KIEFF
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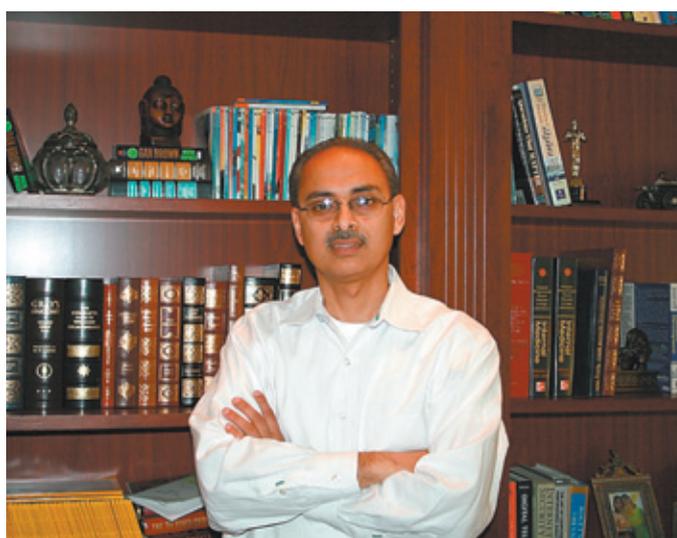
This year Dr. Arvin Chawla published his second medical mystery thriller, entitled "Deadly Recall." In 2004 he published his first novel, "Terminal Care." A practicing physician, Chawla uses writing, "as an outlet to wind down after a day's work. Its very relaxing and rejuvenating for me."

Chawla uses his personal experience and then lets his imagination run wild, to come up with the stories. "I wanted to write and be a journalist, it's always been a hobby of mine," said Chawla. He began writing in his late 20s; he was the editor of his school's medical journal. "This is not a commercial venture for me, its more of a hobby, one that's gotten out of hand," said Chawla.

For aspiring writers, "you just have to write from your heart. People who write for



Dr. Chawla's first book, "Terminal Care," was published in 2004. "I liked the first one better, but people like the second one better," said Chawla.



Local writer Dr. Arvin Chawla, published his second novel, "Deadly Recall," in 2008. Both of his novels are medical thrillers.

PHOTO BY LEAH KIEFF / THE CONNECTION

commercial success — that doesn't always work. The writing may look simple, but when you read it it's very good," said Chawla.

Chawla, who reads a lot of Sherlock Holmes, Agatha Christie and other old mystery writers, thinks people enjoy mysteries, because "I think people enjoy the element of the unknown, when you read mysteries, you want to know if the character you think is good or bad. People are naturally inquisitive."

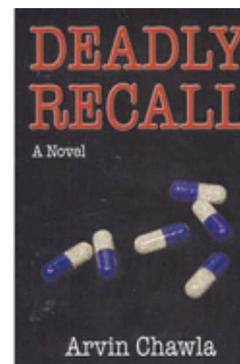
Chawla was 26 when he emigrated from India. He is currently writing a third novel based on his and some of his friends from India's experiences coming here. The third novel is about "a guy who comes here and makes it good and how he ties the two worlds together. It's based on my friends and my experiences and how you strive to be successful here," said Chawla.

IN INDIA Chawla had been trained as a physician. After coming here he attended

the University of Maryland, interning at Prince George's Hospital. Chawla is an internist, who has practices in Herndon and Sterling and is affiliated with Loudoun and Reston hospitals.

Chawla resides in Ashburn with his wife who is also a physician, his daughter who will be a sophomore at the University of Virginia next year and his son who attends Stonehill Middle School.

In Herndon, Chawla enjoys "the Supper Club of India; if you want Indian food, that's the place to go."



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Secret Gardens

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"The planning is so intricate," said Peck. Intricacy is something not on Schworer's mind, however. In the back right corner, a natural pond is engulfed by a diversity of plants where amphibians and reptiles reside.

"I just let this area grow," said Schworer. "I don't do anything to it, it's nice to have a natural setting in your backyard."

Passing through awnings and gazebos that Schworer built himself, garden tour groups make eye contact with the most memorable aspect of the garden: the wildlife.

AT THE ENTRANCE, a large cage houses several species of colorful parrots. Schworer says he brings the parrots into his basement during the winter months.

In the back right corner of Schworer's garden, two large East African crowned cranes strut around, pecking for food and fluffing their feathers. For first-time visitors to Schworer's garden, oos and ahhs are common because no one expects such exotic birds to live in a Herndon backyard.

"Aren't you just beautiful," Figg said, talking to the cranes.

Schworer said he is glad to show people those beautiful cranes and his secret garden if interested.

For more programs by Cultivating Community Initiative, the volunteer program that presented the garden tour, email information@herndon-va.gov.

WEEK IN HERNDON

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during that period. For more information visit www.dmvnow.com/highwaysafety.

Hotel Project Reviewed

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ing regular restocking, could potentially generate a significant increase in truck noise. This could be problematic, and the commission admits that it is difficult to forecast the effect that this could have on nearby businesses and the general ambience of the downtown area.

Despite its drawbacks, the commission appears to have found that the pros of the project outweigh the cons. The building does have the potential to stimulate the local economy with new stores and jobs. It could also serve as a modern, commercial face for downtown Herndon.

— BEN LEATHERWOOD

HCTV SCHEDULE

HCTV-23 Herndon Community Television, Cox Communications Channel 23. Tune in to the video web pages on channel 23 for updates. Call Jan Tirrell at 703-689-2323. HCTV is also looking for volunteers, training is provided.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

7 a.m. Jazzercise
8 a.m. Army News Watch
9 a.m. Travel TV
10 a.m. Vintage HCTV (A Look back at some old HCTV Programs)
Noon Jazzercise
1 p.m. 2008 Herndon Festival Highlights
3 p.m. Army News Watch
4 p.m. Concert: Thaddeus Wilson
6 p.m. Jazzercise
6:30 p.m. Army News Watch
7 p.m. Travel Television
7:30 p.m. Herndon BZA Public Hearing
10 p.m. Vintage HCTV (A Look back at some old HCTV Programs)

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

7 a.m. Jazzercise
7:30 a.m. The Reading Lady
8 a.m. King Henry Show
9 a.m. Cornerstone Connection
10:30 a.m. Inside Herndon
11 a.m. Policing Our Town -

Meet our Officers
Noon Jazzercise
1 p.m. Travel TV
2 p.m. Buffalo Soldiers - The Colors of Ft. Bayard
3 p.m. King Henry Show
4 p.m. Concert: LIVE at Best Checks
6 p.m. Jazzercise
6:30 p.m. The King Henry Show
7 p.m. Jimmy's Old Town Tavern
Open Mike Night
9:30 p.m. Woody's Western Theater

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

7 a.m. Jazzercise
8 a.m. Music and the Spoken Word
9 a.m. The Reading Lady
9:30 a.m. King Henry Show
10 a.m. W&OD-Railroad
11 a.m. Small Green Domicile
Noon Jazzercise
12:30 p.m. Jimmy's Old Town Tavern
Open Mike Night
1:30 p.m. Inside Herndon
2 p.m. W&OD-Regional Park
3:30 p.m. Music and the Spoken Word
4 p.m. Concert: LIVE at Best Checks
6 p.m. Jazzercise
7 p.m. Tea with Laura Ratcliffe
8:30 p.m. Travel TV
9:30 p.m. Music and the Spoken Word
10 p.m. Jimmy's Old Town Tavern

Open Mike Night

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

8 a.m. Music and the Spoken Word
9 a.m. Cornerstone Connection
12 p.m. Inside Herndon
1 p.m. Inside Herndon
2 p.m. After the Storm
3:30 p.m. Music and the Spoken Word
4:30 p.m. David Young - A Musical Journey
5 p.m. Travel TV
5:30 p.m. Small Green Domicile
6:30 p.m. Music and the Spoken Word
7 p.m. Jimmy's Old Town Tavern
Open Mike Night
8:30 p.m. W&OD-Railroad
9:30 p.m. Woody's Western Theater

MONDAY/JUNE 30

7 a.m. Jazzercise
8 a.m. NASA Connects
9 a.m. Mayor's Volunteer Appreciation Night 2008
10:30 a.m. After the Storm
11 a.m. Policing Our Town-Meet the Officers
Noon Jazzercise
12:30 p.m. Woody's Western Theater

Rust Appointments

William Howell, Speaker of the House at the Virginia General Assembly, appointed Del. Tom Rust (R-86) to four committees and commissions. Rust was selected to serve as a member of the Economic Development, Transportation and Cultural Affairs Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference, which deals with issues relevant to the progress of the southern region of the Commonwealth. Rust also received appointments to the Commonwealth Competition Council, the Commission on the Prevention of Human Trafficking and the Joint Commission on Technology and Science.

Giving Circle's Grant Cycle Open

The Giving Circle of HOPE, a Reston-based organization that provides help to nonprofits in Northern Virginia, has opened its 2008 grant cycle. Grant guidelines and applications are available at www.givingcircleofHOPE.org or can be requested at givingcircle@hotmail.com.

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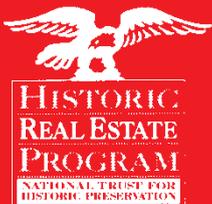
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