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# Bartending For the Record

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Ray "Gizmo" Ward, a 1991 Herndon High graduate, is raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital while attempting to break the Guinness Book record for consecutive days behind a bar with friend and fellow bartender Mike Fobes.

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## Teaching Leadership

Day of fun and competition for three area JROTC units.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC  
THE CONNECTION

The academic and athletic meet that took place at Herndon High School on Saturday morning resembled a regional track meet. Competitions in multiple disciplines on the field, on the track and in the parking lot behind the stadium in addition to a classroom academic test were all performed simultaneously.

This meet, however, had minimal direction from the adults involved. It was the students themselves who had to take charge. "It was hard to coordinate," said Herndon High junior Arjun Singh, the Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadet in charge of executing the plan for Saturday's event featuring units from 16 schools from Maryland, the District of Columbia and Virginia. Singh has enrolled in Herndon's Navy JROTC class each of the three years he has attended the school. He plans on enrolling next year again and then attending Virginia Tech University and continuing his ROTC studies.

"I chose to join because I like the Navy," said Singh. "I was just very interested in it since childhood." His favorite aspects of Herndon's program are the trips the unit takes. Last year the unit visited San Diego and Florida.

Commander Rick Cassara, the unit's instructor, said the JROTC course is a college prep course that teaches leadership and time and project management. The elective



PHOTO BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC/THE CONNECTION

Continuing in winning tradition, the Herndon High School Navy Junior ROTC unit finished first overall at the George Washington University Athletic and Academic Meet held at the school on Saturday, Oct. 11.

"They run it. That's what we try to instill in them is that leadership."

— Technical Sergeant John Wilks,  
Chantilly Air Force JROTC instructor

### Tradition of Success

The Herndon Navy JROTC unit finished first overall at Saturday morning's George Washington University Athletic and Academic Meet. The meet, said the unit's instructor Commander Rick Cassara, is sort of a regular season competition for the cadets. With a win at Saturday's meet, and repeat performances in upcoming competitions, the Herndon Navy JROTC unit could vie for regional and national titles. Herndon's Navy JROTC unit has gone to the nationals four times in its 25-year history, three times in the last eight years.

"Herndon has always been competitive. I would hope that's because we practice right," said Cassara, a career naval officer in his ninth year at the helm of Herndon's JROTC program, of the reason for the success. "We stress a lot of physical fitness," he said. "We hold them [the cadets] to a very high standard."

Arjun Singh, a junior at Herndon, said Herndon's success is a combination of what both the younger and the older cadets bring to the table. "The dedication of the new cadets and the motivation of the upper classmen" is the formula for Herndon's repeated success, said Singh.

course has 105 cadets in it this year. "Anybody can take it. There are no grade requirements, no physical limitations," said Cassara. However, he warned, "It's not an easy thing. We put a lot of pressure on them [the cadets]." For example, Singh was asked to take over coordination of the 16-team George Washington University Athletic and Academic Meet just a week-and-a-half before it took place. Cadets wearing Hornet

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## Bartenders Work To Make Guinness Book

Chics n Wings bartenders aim to make history while benefiting children's cause.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC  
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Ray "Gizmo" Ward and Mike Fobes, bartenders at Tysons Corner's Chics n Wings restaurant, are hoping to make history while raising funds for a children's cause. Ward and Fobes are aiming to spend 17 days behind a bar and return a Guinness Book World Record to Northern Virginia while raising money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

"I've been wanting to do this," said Ward, a 1991 Herndon High School graduate and Manassas resident.

Ward has bartended in the Manassas area for about 15 years, but has been at Chics n Wings for a year now. "I hope to make it to the bartender hall of fame some day," he said.

Ward, 35, decided to raise funds for St. Jude after speaking to his mother, a two-time cancer survivor. Fobes, 31, was more than happy to join his friend in the adventure. "I wanted to shake things up," said Fobes.

The Guinness record for days behind a bar is nothing new to Northern Virginia. Jimmy Cirrito, then a bartender at K.C.'s in Manassas and now the owner of Jimmy's Old Town Tavern in Herndon, set the record in 1991,

"I wanted to shake things up."

— Mike Fobes



PHOTO BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC/THE CONNECTION

Manassas resident Mike Fobes is hoping to break the Guinness Book record for consecutive days behind a bar with friend and fellow bartender Ray "Gizmo" Ward at Tysons Corner's Chics n Wings.

spending 12 days behind a bar. In 2000, Jesse Mass and Justin Fedorchak, bartenders at Jimmy's, spent 14 days behind a bar. Since then the record has been broken twice, leaving Virginia for Ohio and then Canada.

The two bartenders are allowed five minutes of personal time per hour, but everything else is done behind the bar. Eating, sleeping and lots of work are combined with fundraisers such as the plunger ring toss on Ward's head. On Monday, Oct. 13, the sixth day of the adventure, Fobes said that the experience — sleeping on a cot behind the bar, Ward is sleeping on an air-mattress on the bar, and showering at the restaurant when not working — has not been exhausting and has been business as usual. "It's all right, it's only day six," he said.

Several special events have been scheduled for the record-breaking attempt. PS GameGear, a sports memorabilia company,

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# Less Money, More Problems

Decreases in transportation funding for Northern Virginia cancels improvement projects.

BY MIRZA KURSPAHIC  
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Declining revenue streams, rising construction costs, anticipated population growth and near collapse of credit markets all affect near term Northern Virginia transportation needs. Area residents and business people have much to think about while stuck in gridlock on a local road.

"It continues to be a very large thorn to all businesses," said Eileen Curtis, the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce president. Realities of gridlock, pollution and loss of quality time are contributing to employee dissatisfaction, which could lead to loss of productivity or loss of employment. "The

inability to predict arrival times for meetings" is another concern, said Curtis.

**"Weak as the transportation right now may be, we cannot quit."**

— Bob Chase,  
Northern Virginia  
Transportation  
Alliance President

Pierce Homer, the Commonwealth's Transportation Secretary, drove from Richmond after meetings about necessary budget

cuts to deliver a presentation in McLean on Thursday. Homer considered the reasons it would be hard to solve Northern Virginia's transportation woes in the near term.

"Choices will be made" on which transportation projects would be funded, said Homer. "Those choices are not easy. They will be profound and they will have considerable effect," he said.

Homer presented a slide depicting the drastic drop in Northern Virginia highway construction and transit funding forecasts. A scenario possible after Gov. Tim Kaine's budget cuts shows the projected funds available for Northern Virginia's six-year improvement plan dropping from \$1 billion, for fiscal years 2008 to 2013, to

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Customers line up to order food after the ceremonial opening of Fresh City in Herndon.

## Fresh Choice at Clocktower

Fresh City opens its first regional location in Herndon.

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When they decided to enter into the Washington regional market, the executives at Fresh City, a restaurant chain from Boston, made a decision to open their first location in Herndon. They say the decision means a lot to Fresh City, which is committed to opening 40 locations in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

"We just felt that Herndon could be a great location for a first store," said Brad Brown, vice president of operations. In terms of visibility and market demographics, the executives are counting on the new store at Clocktower Shopping Center, intersection of Sunrise Valley Drive and Centreville Road, to be a major success. "The first three stores have to be great," said Brown.

"You cannot afford to make a mistake when entering a market," said Rob Grimes, CEO of Capitol Fresh, Fresh City's Washington area brand. Making the decision to open the first store in Herndon, Grimes said Fresh City executives took a look at the mix of businesses and the residential component of Herndon's community. "Specifically this location, it is always busy," said Grimes. He said Herndon is a very health-minded community with a lot of activity. "Just look at the mayor," he said.

"THERE ARE incredible opportunities in Herndon," said Brandon Brown, the store's general manager. "There are a lot of opportunities for involvement in the community." The store, which opened for business on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 14,



Herndon Mayor Stephen DeBenedittis stops by Fresh City for a burrito.

is conducting a couple of community-oriented activities in its first week. On Friday, Oct. 17, Grimes will donate \$500 and 15 percent of all receipts to the family of Oscar Alvarado, a Herndon resident who died of a brain tumor last week. The donation will be given through Herndon Youth Soccer, where two of Alvarado's five children play soccer. On Monday, Oct. 20, the store will honor police officers, firefighters and emergency medical teams with a cash donation to Heroes, Inc., a Washington D.C.-based organization that distributes funds to families of officers lost in the line of duty.

"It's exciting," said Brandon Brown of the new location. "We want our first store to be a homerun." Fresh City offers salads, salad wraps, sandwiches and stir-fry among other items on its menu. Brandon Brown said everything is made from natural and organic ingredients. "We are really just trying to have a fresh restaurant," he said.

# Time To Cooperate

Community walk for homeless scheduled for Sunday.

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Reston Interfaith is reaching out to the community and organizing walks to help raise funds for its programs during a time when demand for the services is higher and charitable contributions lower. The nonprofit is also reaching out to governments and other nonprofits to secure as much funding as possible, share resources and eliminate duplication of services.

"Now, more than ever, is a time when cooperation is needed," said Kerrie Wilson, Reston Interfaith CEO. In light of the government takeover of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae – large contributors to area's nonprofits – governments facing budget shortfalls and the meltdown on Wall Street, the charitable contributions to area nonprofits face a decline as more people need the service.

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"It's hard, it's scary," said Wilson of the economic picture, adding that everyone will have to make tough choices to eliminate some spending. For Reston Interfaith, this could mean putting some programs on hold. "This is the time when we cannot walk away from those services," she said.

One of the partners Reston Interfaith is reaching out to is Fairfax County government. "They are such an integral part of what we do," said Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) of Reston Interfaith. She said the challenge is balancing county's ability to fund programs with the demand for them. "There are a lot of people already hurting," said Hudgins. She said the county will have to be strategic in its spending through the economic downturn. "What is it we want to maintain through this time," said Hudgins.

Getting through the economic downturn without losing essential services will "require the community to play a larger role," said Hudgins. She encouraged community mem

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## Alleged Victim Arrested

The Herndon Police Department arrested a 48-year-old man of Strasbourg, charging him with embezzlement and making a false report. He had reported that he was assaulted, injured and robbed of an undisclosed amount of money by four males while he was making a delivery to a business in Herndon on Oct. 3. Herndon Police expended approximately \$2,500 in officers' staff time and equipment to investigate the claims, which were determined to be false.

## Help Save Herndon Meeting

Help Save Herndon will hold a special public meeting to discuss the "degrading quality of life seen recently in Herndon," on Oct. 16 at the Herndon Council chambers at 777 Lynn Street, starting at 7 p.m. The agenda will focus on public safety issues with day laborers seeking work on Herndon streets and seeking overnight rentals. Fairfax County Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) will discuss school budget cuts and thoughts on Fairfax County being viewed as a sanctuary county for illegal aliens. Town Council Member Dennis Husch will discuss the actions the town has taken, and initiatives and ideas, to address the issues in Herndon.

## AAUW Program on Russian History

The Reston-Herndon Branch of the American Association of University Women invites all who are interested to a program on Russian History by Rex Wade, a George Mason University professor. The program will be presented on Thursday, Oct. 16, at 6:45 p.m. at the Reston Regional Library. For more information call 703-759-5543.

## Homecoming Parade

The Herndon Homecoming Parade will take place on Oct. 18 at 9:30 a.m. This year's theme is "Music." The annual event includes entries from all area schools, civic organizations and businesses. The parade will start at the intersection of Sterling Road and Elden Street. It will head toward the Town Hall Square, take a left turn on Lynn Street and end at Center Street. The Review Stand will be at Town Hall Square where Chief Toussaint Summers and the Town Council will serve as judges.

The following road closures will be in effect:

- ❖ Sterling Road Inbound, between Herndon Parkway and Elden Street will close by 7 a.m. Crestview at Sterling Road will close by 7 a.m.

- ❖ Sterling Road, between Herndon Parkway and Elden Street will be closed in both directions at 7 a.m. and remain closed till all parade participants have cleared (approximately 10:30 a.m.).

- ❖ Lynn Street will close at 8:30 a.m. and remain close till completion of Awards Ceremony.

- ❖ Center Street will be closed for the duration of the parade.

- ❖ Elden Street, between Sterling Road and Monroe Street, as well as cross traffic will close at 9:15 a.m. and remain closed for the duration of the parade

## Girl Scout Yard Sale

Troop 4610 is sponsoring a multi Girl Scout Troop Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 8 a.m. until noon. The sale will take place at Cedar Run Community Church, 1360 McLearen Road in Herndon.

## Coppermine Boundary Meetings

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will hold two town meetings to solicit input in determining boundaries for a new elementary school under construction at the Coppermine site in Herndon, located on River Birch Drive. The new school will feature 32 classrooms and serve students in grades K-6. Schools involved in the boundary study include Floris, Herndon, Hutchinson, McNair and Oak Hill Elementary schools. The town meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, at Carson Middle School and Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Franklin Middle School.

## NEWS

### Award for Youth Financial Education



Northwest Federal Credit Union staff prepare the youth club carnival games for members. The Virginia Credit Union League and the Credit Union National Association have recognized the local credit union for its outstanding contributions to youth financial education and savings. NWFCU won first place in the Louise Herring Award for Philosophy in Action competition. This award, acknowledges credit unions for their practical application of the "people helping people" philosophy.

## Less Money, More Problems

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\$500 million for fiscal years 2009 to 2014. Homer said revenue reduction for transportation will be far worse, on percentage basis, than that of the general fund.

"IT CAME as no surprise," said state Del. Tom Rust (R-86) commenting on Homer's presentation. "There is a list of projects already cancelled in Northern Virginia, things people have been counting on, that are just not going to happen," said Rust. He added that the state is collecting less revenue from the gas tax as consumers drive fewer miles, from the sales tax as consumers shop less and from the income tax. Rust said the cuts to transportation funding have direct impact on his constituents as certain streets in his district that were tagged for improvements for this year, for example repaving, will simply not be considered. "That's a direct impact on the individual who expected that," said Rust.

Fairfax County Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) said he was surprised Homer and other speakers at Thursday's presentation at the Capital One auditorium in McLean did not mention the widening of Route 7 from Loudoun County to Reston Avenue during the seminar. "Because it's not going to happen," said Rust about the lack of mention of the Route 7 widening.

"We've known this has been coming," said Rust.

"Weak as the transportation right now may be, we cannot quit," said Bob Chase, president of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, the organizer of the Thursday, Oct. 9, seminar in McLean.

Frustrations experienced on the road are not the only ones Northern Virginians are feeling when it comes to transportation. "On top of that, in my mind, is a psychological anger that the voice of Northern Virginia is not being heard [in Richmond]," said Curtis.

Homer said it is at times hard to explain to leaders of jurisdictions in other parts of the state that "the equivalent of the City of Richmond moved to Northern Virginia in this decade alone. And we're only seven years into the decade."

According to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments figures, the metropolitan area will see a population increase of 32 percent, to more than 6.5 million people, from 2005 to 2030. The same analysis estimates that vehicle miles of travel will increase by 28 percent. Chase said most of the

projected growth would occur outside the Capital Beltway where planned transportation projects are yet to be built. "Most of this [growth will occur] on a highway network that is the second most congested in the country and a metro system billions of dollars short," said Chase.

"It's a considerable challenge to accommodate that many people," said Robert Dunphy, a senior resident fellow at the Urban Land Institute.

**PRIORITIZING ROAD** improvements in the region is something Homer hears about often. However, he said, "One of the reasons we are not getting serious about prioritization is because we are still working on priorities from 1991." Homer listed five projects, including the I-66 and I-95 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and completion of the Fairfax County Parkway, as priorities stated more than 15 years ago. Two major projects, one under construction and another still facing a hurdle until approval, have also been in the works for a long time. Homer said the Capital Beltway High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes project is 20 years in the making. The Rail to Dulles land was reserved for rail 40 years ago, he said.

A Richmond Circuit Court judge is scheduled to  
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State Del. Tom Rust (R-86) said Route 7 between Loudoun County and Reston Avenue is not on VDOT's schedule for improvements.

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# CRIME

The Herndon Police Department reported the following activities Oct. 6-12.

## ASSAULT

**2100 Block Raven Tower Court.** The victim reported being assaulted by a subject making a delivery to their residence, Oct. 6.

**500 Block Florida Avenue.** A 39-year-old male of Herndon was arrested for assault, Oct. 8.

**2100 Block Raven Tower Court.** A 34-year-old female of Herndon was arrested for assault, Oct. 11.

**400 Block Arkansas Avenue.** The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance, Oct. 12.

**1100 Block Treeside Lane.** The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance, Oct. 7.

**1200 Block Herndon Parkway.** The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance, Oct. 11.

**1200 Block Mosby Court.** The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance, Oct. 12.

**800 Block Station Street.** The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance, Oct. 7.

**1000 Block Knight Lane.** The victim reported being assaulted by an acquaintance, Oct. 9.

**1200 Block Elden Street.** A 24-year-old male of Herndon, was arrested for malicious wounding, Oct. 10.

## LARCENY

**13000 Block Worldgate Drive.** An 18-year-old male of Reston was arrested for grand larceny and served with two outstanding warrants for unauthorized use and auto theft, Oct. 8.

**400 Block Arkansas Avenue.** The victim reported leaving their debit card in the ATM, upon returning it was discovered an undisclosed amount of money was withdrawn from their account, Oct. 9.

**900 Block Alabama Drive.** A vehicle was broken into and stereo equipment was stolen between Oct. 10-11.

**700 Block Center Street.** The victim reported their laptop was stolen from their vehicle, Oct. 9.

**1000 Block Elden Street.** A subject removed the price tag from one item and placed it on a more expensive item to get it at a lesser price, Oct. 12.

## FAITH NOTES

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

**Congregation Beth Emeth Hazak Chapter,** 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, hosts prominent speakers and entertainers on the **third Tuesday of each month**, Sept.-June at 1 p.m. There is no cost and light refreshments are served. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127. The guest list is as follows:

**Oct. 28:** Sheri David, Donkeys and Elephants

**Nov. 18:** Rabbi Steve, Jewish Medical Ethics

**Dec. 16:** Laura Shulman, Religious Diversity in the US

**Jan. 27:** Rabbi Leonard Cahan, Jewish Marriage Customs

**Feb. 17:** Rabbi David Kalendar, The

Jews of Uganda

**March 17:** Dr. Louis Blumen, Jewish Medieval Medicine

**April 21:** Steven Gross, The Holocaust in Hungary

**May 19:** Speaker from Embassy of Israel

**June 16:** Year-end Luncheon

**Every Wednesday** at 12:15 p.m., **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St. in Herndon, offers a lunch-time **Healing and Holy Communion service**. This half-hour service is offered to all and allows people an opportunity to worship during the work week when they may be away from their regular church. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Sacrament, and all who have not been baptized may receive a blessing at the Altar rail. Call the church Mondays-

Fridays, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at 703-437-3790 or visit [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org).

**Knitters** needed the **first and third Wednesdays** of the month at 7 p.m. at **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The church's Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets and other knitted items for people in need. No cost and yarn can be provided. E-mail [shawl@saint-timothys.org](mailto:shawl@saint-timothys.org) or visit the Pastoral Care page at [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org).

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



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# JROTC Units Compete at HHS

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colors coordinated from the press box, engaging the medic when they needed to, keeping scores and alerting fans and participants of who was supposed to be where and when.

"He has responded magnificently," said Cassara of Singh's coordination effort.

**THE MEET** featured two other Fairfax County JROTC units, an Army JROTC unit from Hayfield Secondary and an Air Force JROTC unit from Chantilly High School. Chantilly's 84-cadet strong unit includes students from other schools. Both of those units' instructors said they emphasize the same values Cassara mentioned, leadership and management.

"We tell them what the standards are," said Colonel Joseph Spicer, Hayfield's Army JROTC unit instructor, the rest is on the 115 cadets at the school. Spicer stood aside as his cadets performed in the Australian Trolley drill in the parking lot, letting senior cadets run the drill for his unit. "Really, this whole thing is about teamwork," said Spicer. He said no more than 20 percent of seniors graduating from

Hayfield's unit continue on the ROTC path in college, enlist in the military forces or attend a military academy such as West Point. "It's not a high percentage," said Spicer. The course, he said, is more about teaching life skills, including balancing a checkbook, than the military. "They [the cadets] get to do different things. It's kind of like a family," said Spicer.

Technical Sergeant John Wilks, an instructor at Chantilly's Air Force JROTC unit, also stood aside during the meet, letting the cadets take on the responsibility of getting their teammates to where they are supposed to be at all times. "They run it. That's what we try to instill in them is that leadership," said Wilks.

As far as the reasons for bringing their units to Saturday's competition at Herndon, both Spicer and Wilks said it is a chance for their cadets to have some fun. "It's an opportunity to come over here and work as a team," said Spicer. "It's something to brag about if they do well, or even if they don't do well but try."

"It's an opportunity for the kids to come out and mingle with peers from other units," said Wilks. "It builds camaraderie, that unity we try to build in them."

## BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed, send to [herndon@connectionnews.com](mailto:herndon@connectionnews.com) or call 703-917-6449 with questions. Deadline is Friday.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 16

**Race for the Presidency.** Peter Beinart will speak on Obama, Liberalism and Restoring America. Beinart is former Editor and present Editor-at-Large of The New Republic and columnist for Time and the Washington Post. 8 p.m., Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Call 703-437-7733.

**The MOMS Club of Herndon.** Monthly meeting from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. Topic: "Tips for Surviving the Holiday Season." For more information, contact Sarah by email at [herndon\\_moms\\_info@yahoo.com](mailto:herndon_moms_info@yahoo.com).

### SATURDAY/OCT. 18

**Reston Home Tour.** Go on a self-conducted tour of five private homes in Reston, plus a chef demonstration at Linden Springs from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tickets and information available at the Reston Museum by calling 703-709-7700 and at [www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org).

### TUESDAY/OCT. 21

**Fairfax County Government Discussion.** Fairfax County Public Schools and Fairfax County government are inviting the public to register attend one of 20 upcoming community dialogue sessions to share their comments and thoughts about

the FY 2010 budget, which is projected to have a deficit of more than \$400 million. Registration will be held at Herndon, Marshall, and Oakton High Schools and South County Secondary from 7-9:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 25

**Recycling Roadshow.** The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycling Roadshow will be at Herndon High School. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/calendar.htm>.

**SALT Conference.** Attend the annual SALT Fall Conference to hear a presentation of the parish-based network's initiatives and strategies from 9-11:30 a.m. at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Parish at 1421 Wiehle Ave., Reston.

### MONDAY/OCT. 27

**NARFE Luncheon.** The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. at Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. Call 703-435-3523 to make your choice of lunch entrée for \$16. Visit [www.vanarfe.org/1241/1241news.pdf](http://www.vanarfe.org/1241/1241news.pdf).

### TUESDAY/OCT. 28

**"End of Life Decisions: What Families Need to Know."** Seminar for family caregivers who will face end-of-life decisions for loved ones, 7-9 p.m., Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace Street, Herndon. To register visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa), or call 703-324-5205.

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will auction off jerseys and autographed memorabilia on Friday evening at the restaurant.

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Junior **Elliot Dean** has been promoted to the top leadership ranks of the Air Force Junior ROTC detachment at Randolph-Macon Academy. He is the son of Jim and Carol Dean of Herndon.



Elliot was awarded the position of Hotel Flight Sergeant with the rank of cadet technical sergeant. He is a member of the Academy's cross country, track and honor guard teams. Only students with records of strong academics and leadership abilities are eligible for the Academy's cadet officer and non-commissioned officer ranks.

Student musicians from **Herndon High School** and **Rachel Carson Middle School** will perform at the Virginia Music Educators Association conference in November in Hot Springs.

The Carson Middle School Advanced Women's Chorus, directed by Amy Moir, and Herndon High School Vocal Jazz Group, directed by Jim and Dana Van Slyke, will be participating.

**Oakton High School** has three finalists in the 2008 Virginia High School League (VHSL) Writing, Photo and Design Contest. **Chris Weil** is nominated in the "In the News" category and **Matt Johnson** and **Erica Wohlleben** are finalists in the "Features" category. Oakton High School is a finalist in the Concept Packaging category as well. Winners will be announced at the 2008 VHSL Championship Journalism Workshop, running Oct. 18-19 in Richmond.

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# Mark Warner for Senate

**M**ark Warner's success as governor has made him one of the most popular politicians ever in the Commonwealth, and that respect is well earned. His appearance on the ballot statewide will likely help other Democrats, whether they are above or below Warner on the ticket.

Mark Warner faces another former governor, Jim Gilmore (R) in the race to replace retiring U.S. Sen. John Warner (R).

John Warner has been a remarkable leader for Virginia, and his leadership along with Northern Virginia's congressional delegation, has made a difference for all residents here. The retirement of John Warner along with U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11), will mean more challenges for local projects and initiatives.

That's why it's critical to send Mark Warner to the Senate, a man who has demonstrated his appeal and ability to work across party lines perhaps more than any other elected official ever in Virginia. Warner successfully took on some of the toughest issues, budget shortfalls and transportation gridlock, and made signifi-

cant progress. He faced problems with business sense and courage.

Jim Gilmore's tenure as governor left the state with a massive shortfall and his leadership resulted in bitterness and bad blood that remains to this day. The last thing we need in the Senate right now is Gilmore's style of partisan nastiness and dogmatic inflexibility.

If elected, Mark Warner will join Sen. Jim Webb in representing Virginia. It's hard to imagine a better team.

Will Virginia Republicans second-guess their decision to use a convention rather than a primary to nominate their candidate for Senate if Virginia votes Democratic for president on Nov. 4 for the first time since 1964? It is almost certain that a small number of votes statewide will determine which presidential candidate carries Virginia. Would it help the Republicans if the top of the ticket statewide were someone more appealing to a broader number of Republicans, who might appeal to some Democrats? Say someone like Tom Davis?

Endorsements in Congressional races will appear next week.

— MARY KIMM

## Consider Voting Early for This Election

**E**very vote will count in Virginia this year. No matter whom you are planning to support, a small number of votes could make all the difference.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4, and polling places in Virginia will be open 13 hours on that day, from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. With record turnout expected, and large numbers of first-time voters, lines could be long. Be sure to allow plenty of time on Election Day. And consider voting ahead of time.

Many voters in Northern Virginia who have full-time jobs qualify to cast an absentee ballot. If you might be at work for nine hours, and your commute has ever taken an hour each way, you qualify to vote absentee.

Virginia voters who might spend 11 hours or more commuting and working on Election Day, between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m., qualify to vote by absentee ballot.

**IN FAIRFAX COUNTY**, the Office of Elections offers in-person absentee voting at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, now through Saturday, Nov. 1, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and at seven satellite locations throughout the county, Wednesday, Oct. 15, through Saturday, Nov. 1. Satellite times and locations are available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb). Call Office of Elections at 703-222-0776, TTY 711.

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## Vote Yes For Parks In Fairfax

**F**airfax County voters have always voted to support expanding and maintaining county parks. The current economic crisis is no reason to alter from this commitment. In fact, right now, land might be more affordable than it has been in the past. The likely brief slowdown in marching towards complete build-out in the county is an excellent opportunity to add to the county's open space.

See [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/bond) for more.

— MARY KIMM



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## Gathering of Area Lions

**The Reston Lions Club was host to other clubs in its zone at its regular meeting on Sept. 3 at the China Star Restaurant in Reston. State tax regulations, district events and reports were discussed. Officers from the participating clubs, from left, are Jim Vertrees, South Riding; Todd Horting, Sterling; Jim Ryan, Reston, and William Alkire, Great Falls.**

## Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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# CALENDAR

## THINGS TO DO

Send announcements to [herndon@connection-newspapers.com](mailto:herndon@connection-newspapers.com) or call 703-917-6451. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com).

### THURSDAY/OCT. 16

**Comic Artist Exhibition.** Exclusive images by DC and Marvel artists will be on display through Nov. at ArtInsights, located in the Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Visit [www.artinsights.com](http://www.artinsights.com).

**Choosing Eyeglasses.** Join Dr. Gammon and image stylist Anne Morgan to learn how to select the best frames that fit properly, harmonize with coloring, and balance features and face shape. 7-9 p.m.; call 703-709-5400 or visit [www.eyewear-gallery.com](http://www.eyewear-gallery.com)

### SATURDAY/OCT. 18

**Halloween Family Fun Day.** Come in costume and enjoy a puppet show, magic show and candy and prizes for free from 1-3 p.m. at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza. For children up to 8 years of age with adult guardian.

**CPR Class.** Learn the important skill of infant and Toddler CPR at Cradle & Crayon, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Limited seating; reservations at 703-437-0900. Also, gather in the Cradle & Crayon Nursery for Story Time every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

**Autumn Adventure.** Horse-drawn hayrides, hay maze, living scarecrows, arts and crafts, treat-or-treating, live music and more from 12-4 p.m. at the Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St. Proceeds benefit Reston Interfaith. \$5/child, \$20/family.

**Home Tour.** Visit five private homes and Linden Springs Manor House in the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Reston Home Tour. Jacques Haeringer will present cooking demonstrations and tastings throughout the day, and the tour will end at the Wine Cabinet at North Point for complimentary wine-tasting and appetizers from 4-6 p.m. Tickets: \$30. Call Reston Museum, 703-709-7700 or Bonnie Haukness, Reston Home Tour chair, 703-437-7700 for tickets.

**RCC Poll.** The annual RCC Preference Poll to vote for Reston Community Center Board members will be held at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 19

**Ladies Who Brunch.** Preview new fall merchandise while enjoying brunch from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Midtown Jewelers, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Female friends and family are invited for fun and prizes. RSVP to 703-707-9664 or [susan@midtownjewelersinc.com](mailto:susan@midtownjewelersinc.com).

## THEATER

The **Reston Community Players** is introducing a **new Teen Ensemble Class and Production**, taught by Haley Murphy and Heide Zufall. Registration for this two-part, 16-week workshop is now until **Oct. 15**; the class begins **Nov. 8**.

Cost is \$400 for class only, \$800 for class and production. The ensemble class is 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and the ensemble production is 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the RCP Scene Shop and Lindsay C. Petersen Rehearsal Hall, 266 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon.

For more information see [www.restonplayers.org](http://www.restonplayers.org) or call 703-435-2707.

**"Secrets of a Soccer Mom,"** Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 8 p.m., Friday, **Oct. 24**; 8 p.m., Saturday, **Oct. 25**; 8 p.m., Friday, **Oct. 31**; 8 p.m., Saturday, **Nov. 1**; 3 p.m., Sunday, **Nov. 2**; 8 p.m., Friday, **Nov. 7**; 8 p.m., Saturday, **Nov. 8**; 7 p.m., Sunday, **Nov. 9**; 8 p.m., Thursday, **Nov. 13**; 8 p.m., Friday, **Nov. 14**; 8 p.m., Saturday, **Nov. 15**. See [eldenstreetplayers.org](http://eldenstreetplayers.org).

**"The Fisherman and His Wife,"** Theater for Young Audiences, Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, **Nov. 1**; 12 p.m., Sunday, **Nov. 2**; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, **Nov. 8**; 2 p.m., Sunday, **Nov. 9**; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Saturday, **Nov.**

**Beatles and Faith.** Ken Mansfield, U.S. Manager of Apple Records for the Beatles, will speak about his experiences with the band and his faith at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10/person, \$25/family; available at door only. To RSVP, call 703-295-2503 or e-mail [2008oct19@cox.net](mailto:2008oct19@cox.net).

**Author Reading.** Local author Gene Wood will read, discuss and sign his book "Thoughts of a Lifetime" at 2 p.m. at Reston's Used Book Shop, 1623 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne Village Center. Call 703-435-9772 or visit [www.restonsusedbookshop.com](http://www.restonsusedbookshop.com)

### MONDAY/OCT. 20

**Book Club.** The Reston Book Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Reston's Used Book Shop at Lake Anne Village.

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 22

**Senior Movie Day.** Reston Association presents the feature film "Rush" at the Multiplex Cinema, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., 10 a.m. Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to the movie. Free to those 55+. Call 703-435-6530.

**Book Discussion.** Author Andrew Jampoler talks about his book, "The Last Lincoln Conspirator: John Surratt's Flight from the Gallows," a book about the Lincoln assassination, at 7 p.m. in the Barnes and Noble Reston, 1851 Fountain Drive.

**Trail Tour.** Go on a 30-minute guided Halloween trail walk at the Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Dr., Reston, from 6-8 p.m. \$5/person. Call 703-435-6530.

### THURSDAY/OCT. 23

**Author Presentation.** Author Andrew Meier will present "The Lost Spy: An American in Stalin's Secret Service" at 7 p.m. in the Barnes and Noble Reston, 1851 Fountain Drive.

**Trail Tour.** Go on a 30-minute guided Halloween trail walk at the Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Dr., Reston, from 6-8 p.m. \$5/person. Call 703-435-6530.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 24

**Big Kid's Night.** Go on a 30-minute guided Halloween trail walk at the Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Dr., Reston, from 6-8 p.m. \$5/person. Ages 5 and up only. Call 703-435-6530.

**Open Mike Night.** Open Mike Night will be held in Reston's Used Book Shop at the Lake Anne Village Center, 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 25

**Fall Fun at Lake Anne.** Enjoy entertainment and  
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15; 2 p.m., Sunday, **Nov. 16**. See [eldenstreetplayers.org](http://eldenstreetplayers.org).

**"Forbidden Broadway,"** Reston Community Players at CenterStage of the Reston Community Center, 8 p.m., Saturday, **Nov. 8**; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, **Nov. 9**; 8 p.m., Friday, **Nov. 14**; 2:30 p.m., Saturday, **Nov. 15**; 8 p.m., Saturday, **Nov. 15** (sign interpretation); 2:30 p.m., Sunday, **Nov. 16**; 8 p.m., Friday, **Nov. 21**; 2:30 p.m., Saturday, **Nov. 22**; 8 p.m., Saturday, **Nov. 22**, and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, **Nov. 23**. See [www.restonplayers.org](http://www.restonplayers.org).

**"The Sound of Music,"** Herndon High School Theatre Department, at Herndon High School, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, **Nov. 13**; 7:30 p.m., Friday, **Nov. 14**; 7:30 p.m., Saturday, **Nov. 15**; 2 p.m., Sunday, **Nov. 16**.

**"Anne of Green Gables,"** Theater for Young Audiences, Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 7:30 p.m., Friday, **Dec. 12**; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, **Dec. 13**; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, **Dec. 14**; 7:30 p.m., Friday, **Dec. 19**; 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, **Dec. 20**; 2:30 p.m., Sunday, **Dec. 21**. See [eldenstreetplayers.org](http://eldenstreetplayers.org).

**"Shining City,"** Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, **Jan. 23-Feb. 14**. See [eldenstreetplayers.org](http://eldenstreetplayers.org).

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trick-or-treating for free at the Lake Anne shops, 1609 Washington Plaza from 12-4 p.m.

**Bluegrass Concert.** Travers Chandler & Avery County perform at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Reservations: 703-435-8377. Cost: \$12.

**Yom Kippur.** Chabad of Reston is offering services at no charge at the Tyson's Corner Marriott Hotel, 8028 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. To reserve seats visit [www.chabadrh.org](http://www.chabadrh.org).

**Great Kids Expo.** Live entertainment, educational sessions, activities and more than 100 exhibitors will be on hand at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. Tickets: \$6/children 2-17, \$12/adults.

**Giant Pumpkin.** See the giant pumpkin at the Lake Anne Florist in the Lake Anne Village Center, Reston and enter a contest to guess its weight.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 26

**Entertaining.** Learn how to entertain with style at the Pottery Barn, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., 10 a.m. RSVP to 703-437-6001.

**Great Kids Expo.** Live entertainment, educational sessions, activities and more than 100 exhibitors will be on hand at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. Tickets: \$6/children 2-17, \$12/adults.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 28

**Blood Drive.** INVOA Blood Drive from 12-7:30 p.m., beside the Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St. Schedule appointments at 1-866-256-6372 or [inova.org/donateblood](http://inova.org/donateblood).

### WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

**Book Signing.** Fairfax author Michael Sullivan will have a Q&A discussion and book signing at Barnes and Noble- Spectrum Center, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston at 7:00 p.m. Call 703-437-9490.

### SATURDAY/NOV. 1

**"Walk Like Madd."** Fund-raiser for MADD, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Lake Fairfax Park. See [www.WalkLikeMADD.org](http://www.WalkLikeMADD.org).

**Artist's Home Studio Tour.** Join the members of the League of Reston Artists on a tour of selected artist's home studios. Meet at Reston Art Gallery, 11400 Washington Plaza, Reston from 1-5 p.m. Following the tours, an artist reception and silent auction will be held from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are \$30 and are available at [www.leagueofrestonartists.org](http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org).

**Ice Skating.** The Ice Skating Pavilion at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., opens today and is open

until March for public skating, skate rentals, lessons, private parties and more. For hours and rates, call 703-709-6300.

**Pet Adoption.** Animals from local rescue organizations and shelters will be showcased from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. To volunteer, go to [www.gooddogz.org](http://www.gooddogz.org).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 8

**Fall Color in the Glade.** Go on a walk that goes along Snakeden Branch to Lake Audubon to enjoy the last of the fall color. Meet at the Glade Pool, 11550 Glade Drive, Reston, at 1:30 p.m.

**Salute to the King.** The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Elvis Tribute Dinner Show will be held at the Dulles Hilton Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. Dinner at 7 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$55; call 1-800-318-8326.

### THURSDAY/NOV. 20

**Farmer's Market.** Shop for locally grown produce, meats, cheeses, beverages and more at the Reston Town Square, 11900 Market St. 3:30-7 p.m. Visit [www.smartmarkets.org](http://www.smartmarkets.org).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 22

**Enchanted Forest.** Stroll through a whimsical forest of nearly 300 theme-decorated trees and handmade gingerbread homes while enjoying crafts and entertainment. All proceeds benefit the Junior League of Northern Virginia's mission and community programs. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 703-848-2884, visit [www.jlrv.org](http://www.jlrv.org) or e-mail [tef@jlrv.org](mailto:tef@jlrv.org) for tickets.

### SUNDAY/NOV. 23

**Enchanted Forest.** Stroll through a whimsical forest of nearly 300 theme-decorated trees and handmade gingerbread homes while enjoying crafts and entertainment. All proceeds benefit the Junior League of Northern Virginia's mission and community programs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 703-848-2884, visit [www.jlrv.org](http://www.jlrv.org) or e-mail [tef@jlrv.org](mailto:tef@jlrv.org) for tickets.

### FRIDAY/NOV. 28

**Holiday Celebration.** Celebrate the Holidays at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St. Stores open at 8 a.m.; run with Alan Webb, U.S. record-holder for fastest mile; 11 a.m., Reston Holiday Parade; 12:30-4:30 p.m., visits with Santa; 6 p.m., tree lighting; 6:30-10 p.m., horse-drawn carriage rides. Visit [www.restontowncenter.com](http://www.restontowncenter.com).

## FOOD & DRINK

The **Wine Cabinet** at 1416 North Point Village Center, Reston, is celebrating five years in business with a week full of food and wine pairings and special guest appearances through Saturday, **Oct. 18**. Robert McFarlane will host a "birthday bash" on Thursday, **Oct. 16**, 5-8 p.m. and Matthew Tucker will discuss "Top Scoring Wines" on Friday, **Oct. 17**, 4-8 p.m. For more information see [www.thewinecabinet.com](http://www.thewinecabinet.com) or call 703-668-WINE (9463).

**Vinifera Wine Bar & Bistro** is taking guests on a tasting tour of Virginia's best vintages throughout the month of October to celebrate "Virginia Wine Month." Vinifera is offering half-priced wine flights de-

signed to showcase the best of Virginia during October. The restaurant is located in the Westin Reston Heights at 11750 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Visit [www.viniferabistro.com](http://www.viniferabistro.com) or call 703-234-3550.

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VDOT Virginia Department of Transportation

## I-66 spot improvements

# PUBLIC HEARING

## I-66 Westbound Spot Improvements

### Arlington & Fairfax Counties

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) is holding a public hearing on the preliminary design of spot improvements on I-66 westbound inside the Capital Beltway.

**Monday, October 27, 2008, 7- 9 p.m.**  
*Presentation begins at 7:15 p.m.*  
 Washington-Lee High School (cafeteria)  
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The public is encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. Throughout the hearing, the public will have the opportunity to make written comments, leave public comments with court reporters, and ask questions and discuss any concerns with the design team. The proposed project plans depicting the design features and the environmental documentation in the form of a Categorical Exclusion will be available for review at the public hearing, Northern Virginia VDOT District Office and public libraries in Arlington and Fairfax County.

**The three spot improvements** will extend and connect acceleration and deceleration lanes on I-66 westbound from Spout Run to Glebe Road, from Fairfax Drive to Sycamore Street, and from Washington Boulevard to the Dulles Connector. These spots were identified in earlier studies as the most congested locations.

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At the Herndon/Reston **Long & Foster office, Virgilio Vasquez** was the top producer, lister, seller and the agent with the most new listings (eight) for the month of August, with a sales volume of \$5.1 million. The **Thurman/Harper Team** were

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# SPORTS

## Herndon Volleyball Ready for Postseason

Hornets were 14-1 going into this week.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he only blemish to the Herndon High girls' volleyball team's win-loss record thus far was a three-game sweep at Chantilly on Sept. 25. Other than that, the Hornets have been victorious in all of their other matches, sporting a 14-1 overall record heading into this week.

In action last week, Herndon won a non-district match at Lake Braddock, three games to none. Prior to that, the Hornets defeated non-district guest Annandale in four games on Oct. 2.

"I always believed the best in all of my players," said Herndon coach Pat Smith. "I'm not surprised we've done as well as we have."

With the postseason set to begin in a few weeks, Herndon will be working hard to continue its outstanding play in hopes of carrying the regular season's momentum into the upcoming Concorde District tournament in two weeks.

The Hornets were scheduled to play district games this week against visiting Fairfax on Monday (Oct. 13) and at Centreville on Wednesday. And next week, Herndon will wrap up its regular season schedule with its final home game on Monday, Oct. 20 against Westfield and a game at Oakton on Thursday, Oct. 23. Both are district affairs.



Herndon's Hannah Vick (7) makes a hit against Langley earlier this season.

Herndon is certainly one of the best teams in the metropolitan area this fall. The loss to district foe Chantilly was a bit of a stunner for the Hornets.

"We didn't find a rhythm," said Smith, of the three games to none match loss. "I think the team was real disappointed we didn't give them a better match. Things we'd done

consistently all year we didn't do against Chantilly."

The coach said Chantilly's big, talented front line gave her team problems. The Hornets, she believes, would have fared better with a more brisk offensive strategy. She also credited the Chargers with serving well.

"Chantilly is a very strong team," said Smith. "They served tough, hit the ball tough and really brought a high level of play to the court. We did not have a very strong night. Their strong serving sort of knocked us out of our system."

**HERNDON'S SUCCESS** this season has been a result of outstanding team play and individuals playing at a high level within the team frame. Exceptionally strong seasons have come from junior middle blocker Steph Drahozal, junior middle blocker and first year player Hannah Vick, and senior opposite Jess Strother.

"Steph has consistently been one of our top kill producers," said coach Smith. "Hannah has been a little more hot and cold, with a couple of great games and some off nights. Jess is a co-captain. Her defense is good and she jumps high. She has led our team in kills at times. She's a very effective player all around, and she's a good blocker."

Another solid contributor has been junior outside hitter Kelly Madden.

"She's very strong on offense and defense," said Smith, of Madden's game. "She's been very consistent all along. She doesn't have off nights."

Neither has the team as a whole, for the most part.

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## Rowland Relinquishes Oakton Baseball Position

Successful coach led Cougars to the state crown in 2000.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**L**ongtime Oakton High baseball coach Scott Rowland has stepped down from his position at the helm of the program. The decision became official on Oct. 1.

Rowland, who led Oakton baseball to three Northern Region titles (2000, '01 and '07) during his nine seasons as head coach from 2000 through 2008, said he was simply ready for a change.

"There is no one particular reason," said Rowland, earlier this week. "It probably had to do most with all the outside stuff that comes with being a coach. It's a year-round job now."

Rowland said that high school coaching, more so in recent years, is much more than just the on-field coaching. There are numerous other challenges that come with being a high school head coach, such as team

fund-raising projects, field maintenance, and other variables. He emphasized that he understands and has accepted all of those job requirements as being part of the entire head coaching experience. But his primary passion, he said, is coaching baseball and working with his players on the ball diamond. All of the other facets and demands of the position were beginning to weigh him down.

"There's always a little extra to do," said Rowland, who led Oakton to the state AAA title in 2000. "That's just high school baseball around here right now and in every [high school] sport. The baseball part I could do forever."

Rowland said he had been thinking about relinquishing his position for a while. Last spring, he led the Cougars to a 19-5 overall record. Oakton reached the region tournament semifinals where their season ended with a loss to Lake Braddock.

"He's kind of taking a step back," said Pete Duperrouzel, Oakton's director of student activities. "He's been thinking of it for a long time."

Duperrouzel said recently he hopes to have a new head coach named by the

middle of this month.

Rowland has had several assistant coaches over the years at Oakton, including longtime assistants Don Kildoo (pitching coach) and Brian McGowan (infield coach). Neither, he said, is interested in interviewing for the head coaching vacancy.

**ROWLAND** said he would be open to working as a volunteer assistant baseball coach within the Oakton program in the future. But that, he said, would be dependent on several factors, including who the next coach is.

Rowland currently runs MVP Baseball in Fairfax, which holds baseball hitting and pitching camps. During the summers, he has coached or been involved with the game in some way. Last summer, he coached the Carney Pirates, a team made up of college and high school aged players. The Pirates were participants in both the Clark Griffith League (college) as well as the Old Dominion League (high school).

From 1999 through 2005 Rowland was general manager of the Vienna Mustangs of the Clark Griffith League.

He plans on continuing to coach a summer team if there is a position just right for

him.

"I plan on continuing coaching somewhere," said Rowland, of summer ball. "But I'll wait for the right fit."

Rowland works within the Fairfax County Public Schools system as an itinerant adapted physical education teacher, where he moves around to various elementary, middle and high schools.

Prior to taking the Oakton head baseball position in 2000, Rowland was the head baseball coach at South Lakes High School from 1997 through 1999. There, he led the Seahawks to a region title in 1997 and a district crown in 1998.

Galvin Morris, the current South Lakes baseball coach, was an assistant coach when Rowland was head coach of the Seahawks.

"The region will miss him. I'm sure some of the Concorde District coaches are glad because his teams were beating them," said Morris, with a laugh.

Morris said Rowland had talked to him at times about stepping down at Oakton.

"He had talked about it before," said Morris. "He called me right before it hit the press and I could tell he was more serious this time."

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The group that helped pick up the trash from a pathway behind Southgate Community Center included Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Reston Interfaith.

# Time for Cooperation

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bers to both contribute to charity the best they can and to contribute their ideas to the county government. "These budget meetings are very important," she said.

Wilson had a similar message for area's residents. "Get out to the Fairfax County budget hearings. Weigh-in on what is most important at a time when the economy is bad," she said. On a more personal side, Wilson said Reston Interfaith is organizing new volunteer opportunities and asking the community to conduct food drives. "We are asking people to stay engaged and see what they can do and call us if they need help," she said. "I'm optimistic that the community understands the need," said Wilson. "We are blessed for having an engaged community."

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organized a community walk to raise awareness for the homeless and the environment. The nonprofit worked in cooperation with Fairfax County's branch of the Virginia Cooperative Extension, the District of Columbia Cooperative Extension, D.C. Urban Forestry Administration, Helios HR, USDA Forest Service and the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments to organize a tree planting at Southgate Community Center and the walk that raised awareness for the homeless while cleaning a pathway behind Southgate Community Center. On Sunday, Oct. 19, Reston Interfaith is sponsoring the Community Walk for the Homeless starting at 2 p.m. The walk is about two miles long, starting at the Embury Rucker Community Shelter, 11975 Bowman Towne Drive. For more information visit [www.restoninterfaith.org](http://www.restoninterfaith.org).

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# Less Money, More Problems

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rule on a challenge that the transfer of the Dulles Toll Road to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) was illegal without the consent of the General Assembly by Oct. 17. "Once we clear that threshold, we have one more threshold," he said, referring to the release of federal funding for the rail line. On a question of whether there is a contingency plan if the court decides the toll road should not have been transferred to MWAA — and therefore it cannot be used as a revenue for rail construction — Homer said, "The short answer is yes," without elaborating on what that plan is.

Reston businessman Joe Ritchey asked a different question on Dulles Rail financing. Ritchey asked what is the potential to add tolls to the Route 123 interchange with the Dulles Toll Road and tolls on some interchanges with the Greenway in Loudoun County. "As of now we don't have plans to extend tolls," said Homer. "We believe we have adequate finances to fund that project."

# I Feel Your Pain — Really



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that I want — or need — the Federal Government to understand the kinds of financial choices I regularly make but I was somewhat amused, after the passage of the "Bailout" bill, to learn that the Federal Government (meaning Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulsen, Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben S. Bernanke, among others above and below their respective pay grades) haven't quite figured out exactly how and what "toxic" mortgage-related securities and/or non-performing debt they're actually going to buy/assume. To summarize, they don't know what the heck they're going to pay for first. And according to some economists/talking heads/pundits/government officials, the bailout, such as it has presently been passed, may not even have enough money in it to pay for the obligations that the Congress has just legislated a responsibility to do so. Gee, that's too bad. Welcome to my world and don't let the door hit you on the way out.

If I understand what news reports I've heard and some of the articles and opinions I've read, it all sounds personally very familiar: not enough money to pay too many bills. I wouldn't say I feel sorry for the federal Government though, but I can certainly relate. As to the specific causes and underlying policies that actually contributed to this current Wall Street/Main Street melting downturn, I can only listen and learn, and there appear to be no shortage of opinions. Many reasoned and well thought out, others infused with partisan poison.

As for us middle class survivors, it's not a pretty sight, nor is it, unfortunately, a road less traveled. Hardly. I'm on that road every day and to make matters worse, the gas that I need to stay on that road has been, up until recently, extremely expensive. Moreover, trying to figure out how — and where — the money is going to be spent: food, water, home, heat, cold, gasoline; health, life, disability and long term care insurances; parent, child, self and spouse, retirement, investment, etc., has been challenging, to say the least, and to say the most, downright impossible. Not that I'm a drinker, but I am beginning to feel the urge to start.

Sometimes, as I sit at my desk, checkbook in hand, pondering, it feels as if allocating dwindling dollars in a planned and prudent way is my vocation and the actual job I do have (the one for which I get paid) is my avocation. It's all mixed up. Granted, I need to work at my job in order to get paid so that I can pay my bills. However, given the responsibility and difficulty of juggling incoming versus outgoing, it almost feels like I'm paying bills just so that I can continue to work. Because if the bills aren't paid (in a timely fashion), I might not be in the mood, shall we say, to present myself as an employee worth keeping (meaning one who gets paid). I might be unable to keep my financial circumstances from getting the best of me. After all, I'm only human. I have feelings and frailties and not having enough money to meet my obligations will make Kenny a dull and depressed boy. And if I understand correctly, it looks like the Federal Government is, at least on paper, and at present, in the same kind of boat.

A boat that probably won't sink, but one that is definitely taking on water (no wonder it's called a "bailout" bill). We're not sunk, yet, by any means. We are listing, though, and there appear to be rough seas ahead. But it's nothing that many Americans haven't been faced with before, in some way or another. We'll make it. We may be changed by the experience but so what, sometimes change can be a good thing, especially if citizens weren't expecting any money back from their \$700 billion Government bailout.

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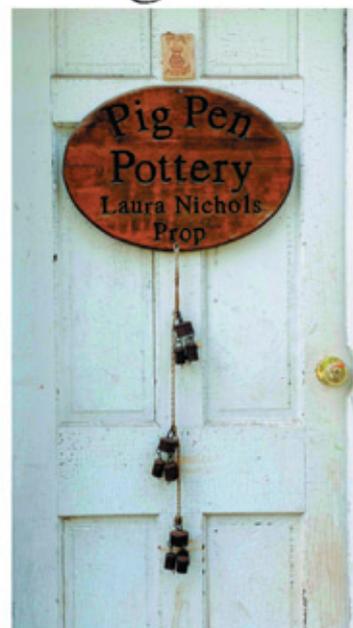
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