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**Members of the Dranesville Church of the Brethren in Herndon volunteered part of their day on March 21 to help pack sack lunches for the homeless in Washington, D.C.**

## ‘Faith in Action’ At Herndon Church

**Helping homeless in the District.**

BY ZOE GANDEE  
THE CONNECTION

**B**rown paper bags lined tabletops, as an assembly line was created for ham sandwich construction. Volunteers dropped packets of mustard and salt into open bags. One volunteer dried leaves of lettuce as she chatted with a fellow church parishioner about

the virtue of romaine lettuce versus its mel-lower iceberg cousin.

On Saturday afternoon, March 21, volunteers gathered at the Dranesville Church of the Brethren to prepare around 150 bag lunches and at least 10 gallons of soup for distribution amongst the homeless population of Washington, D.C.

The church, led by Pastor Paul Liepelt, partnered with the Lighthouse Salvation Army’s Grate Patrol six years ago on the suggestion of a church member. “We kind of latched on to [the Grate Patrol],” said John Waggoner, one of the program organizers. Over the years, church volunteers have helped to serve thousands in need of food and compassion.

At the Dranesville Church of the Brethren, community service is an essential component of practicing faith. “It’s putting faith into action,” said Liepelt. “This activity has brought in people from the outside. People want the opportunity to serve.”

**PROGRAM ORGANIZERS** Greg Kozak and Waggoner reflected on their experiences with Grate Patrol and joked with their fellow volunteers as they make soup and prepare sandwiches. “To me, this is more meaningful sometimes than church,” said Waggoner of his participation. The volunteers will deliver the meals by hand in the evening to the homeless men and women who live within a 10-block radius of the White House. The route they take is one they know well, as they travel it every month as they distribute the prepared food.

“We’re told a fundamental of Christianity is serving others,” Kozak said. “It’s important ... going and meeting these people face to face and making a connection to people



**Bob Leiter, of Sterling, helps to pack lunches at the Dranesville Church of the Brethren on March 21.**

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## Challenges Beyond Passing the Budget

**Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) discusses FY 2010 budget challenges.**

**Q:** What do you consider some of the most prominent features of the proposed FY 2010 budget (how is it different from the 2009)?

**A:** To me, the most prominent features are the things we have not had to do in recent years. For example, the program cuts we implemented for FY2009 in projecting the impact of FY2010, including a furlough day for all county employees; the considerable reductions in the county workforce by 524 positions; and accessing the rainy day fund. Ultimately, the reductions will hit every single county agency. It is a clear reflection of a difficult economy and its effect is grave, even on a county that is known for fiscal stewardship.

**Q:** What are the most difficult choices that need to be made in order to balance the need to trim the budget and the need to preserve the “quality of life” in this county?

**A:** Fairfax County has a reputation for being a great place to live, work and play, where people have compassion for their fellow citizens. My concern is that we may cut housing and human service programs at the very same time that the need for those services is increasing dramatically. When we fail to serve those in need during good or bad times, we diminish the quality of life for all. The reality of this economic climate is that our quality of life will be affected, to what degree is our challenge.

**Q:** What are some of the citizens’ concerns raised in your budget discussions so far (any examples of citizens’ demands that you will



**Catherine M. Hudgins: ‘Next year’s budget will be equally as challenging as we weather this economic crisis.’**

take to the Board?)

**A:** The citizens of Hunter Mill have been vocal on a variety of issues including those for and against the tax rate increase, funding the schools, cuts in human services, including mental health, substance abuse programs and support for those with intellectual disabilities and senior programs; affordable housing; transportation and public safety programs; and concern for the County workforce. My hope is that we can restore programs that link our schools, human services and public safety.

**Q:** How will the federal stimulus plan affect the budget con-

siderations (impact on the county and your district)?

**A:** While the stimulus funding will provide some relief for the FY2010 Budget, these funds are largely one-time infusions that do not offer long term support for budgets beyond FY2010. The greatest benefit is likely to be seen in capital programs such as transportation, schools, housing and possible funding of public safety grants. It is likely that we won’t have any certainty about the stimulus funding until after we adopt the budget in April.

**Q:** As a county resident, what do you see as the single most worrisome budget item/issue?

**A:** Aside from ensuring that our most vulnerable neighbors can survive through this budget, the most troubling issue for me is that passing this budget isn’t the end of our challenge. Next year’s budget will be equally as challenging as we weather this economic crisis.

## Herndon Students Interprets ‘Unforgivable Sin’

Arienne Johnson, a junior from Herndon, presented “Holy Blasphemy: Interpreting the Unforgivable Sin” at the 11th annual Goshen College Undergraduate Research Symposium on March 14. She is the daughter of Michael and Barbara Johnson, a graduate of Archbold (Ohio) High School and attends Zion Mennonite Church.

The students from a variety of disciplines had the opportunity to present papers they have written for class or research and professional projects they have worked on.



**Arienne Johnson**

“The symposium also provides an opportunity for the Goshen College community to get a picture of the breadth and depth of research done on this campus by students,” said JoAnn Brant, professor of Bible, religion and philosophy and symposium coordinator.

“The symposium also provides students with valuable experience in presenting in a venue comparable to the formal meetings or academic societies. ... It is a satisfying experience for both presenters and audience,” she said.

## For Elections You Can Believe In

### Without a paper trail, electronic voting will fail.

It should serve as a national wake-up call. Here in Northern Virginia, more than 700 votes cast in one precinct in a special election earlier this month were called into question when a voting machine malfunctioned.

The voting machine reported that 724 people had used it, even though officials at the Fairview precinct had recorded only 707 people walking through the door. There was also another voting machine at Fairview, which had already tallied 348 of the 707 votes.

Officials were unable to declare a winner in the race for more than 24 hours while they moved and opened the rogue machine. The conclusion: John Cook (R) defeated at-large school board member Ilryong Moon (D) by 89 votes in an election where more than 13,000 voters cast ballots.

Read reporter Julia O'Donoghue's story on the problems with voting machines at <http://connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=326931>.

The March 10 special election was held to

choose the successor to Sharon Bulova (D) for Braddock District supervisor.

There were no optical scan machines available for the special election because election officials were trying to save money; there was no paper trail to back up questions about the accuracy of the electronic voting. Rokey Suleman, Fairfax County registrar, cited the high cost of paper.

But the costs of any legal challenge to the results would make the cost of paper pale by comparison. The loss of voter confidence would have more disastrous and far-reaching effects.

Computer experts warn that relying solely on the software inside electronic voting machines is a formula for disaster. Most of the rest of us who are not computer experts have seen first hand what can go wrong when computer hardware or software malfunctions, and the importance of good (or any) back-up systems.

Virginia will hold very important elections in June and November. The contest for Governor alone will be hotly contested and could be very, very close, both in the June primary and

the November general election. Remember that Bob McDonnell, now the Republican candidate for Governor, became Attorney General in the last election by a margin of 360 votes out of nearly 2 million votes cast.

Every seat in the House of Delegates will also be on the ballot in November. In Fairfax County at least, election officials do not plan to offer the optical scan/paper ballot as an option.

Nearly 80 percent of registered voters turned out for last November's presidential and congressional elections, and Fairfax County equipped each polling station with at least one optical scan machine, giving voters a choice. This plus the many voters who were able to vote absentee in person ahead of time were part of the reason Election Day went smoothly.

Offering the choice to use paper ballots and optical scanning machines doesn't address the question of a possible failure of an electronic machine and the need for a paper trail.

Local jurisdictions around Virginia should ponder a worst-case scenario now — the results of a close contest could be unreliable or undeterminable because of voting machine malfunction. The costs involved would dwarf the costs of setting up back-up systems now.

#### EDITORIAL

#### SCHOOL NOTES

**Herndon Elementary School**, 620 Dranesville Road, is holding a Career Fair Thursday, **April 2**, with session one from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and session two from 1-3 p.m. Call 703-326-3117, fax to 703-326-3197 or e-mail [Tiffany.Bryant@fcps.edu](mailto:Tiffany.Bryant@fcps.edu) or [Donna.Neil@fcps.edu](mailto:Donna.Neil@fcps.edu) to register.

The **Herndon High School Student Services Department** is looking for parent volunteers to help proctor AP exams on May 4, 7, 8, 12, 13,

14 and 15. E-mail Sonya Williams at [sonya.williams@fcps.edu](mailto:sonya.williams@fcps.edu) or Allison Ayoub at [Allison.Ayoub@fcps.edu](mailto:Allison.Ayoub@fcps.edu).

**Herndon High School yearbooks** are currently being sold for \$70 until March 31. After that, the online and telephone ordering centers will close and books will only be able to be purchased through the school for \$80. The order form is available online at [www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS/pdf/0809/yearbookorderform.pdf](http://www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS/pdf/0809/yearbookorderform.pdf).

The **Herndon High School Robotics Team** 116 took first place for the Autodesk Animation Award at the inaugural DC Regional Feb. 26-28. Their entry can be found at [http://firstbasefr.autodesk.com/?nd=m\\_first\\_competition\\_vis2009\\_viewer&file\\_](http://firstbasefr.autodesk.com/?nd=m_first_competition_vis2009_viewer&file_).

The **Herndon High School Band**, "The Pride of Herndon," has been designated a 2008-2009 Virginia Honor Band.

Juniors **Stephanie Varner** and **Lindsay Wolff** of the Herndon High School Odyssey of the Mind Team took first place at the Odyssey of the Mind NoVA West Regional Tournament on March 14. Along with five other team members from South Lakes, Thomas Jefferson, Langley, and Oakton high schools, Stephanie and Lindsay formed their team in October and began to work on their chosen problem for the competition: "The Lost Labor of Heracles." They are headed to the Virginia State Tournament on April 18 in Newport News.

The **Herndon High School Key Club and Keyettes and the Student Government Association** will hold a spaghetti dinner to Benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation **April 15**, 5-7 p.m. at the Herndon United Methodist Church, 701 Bennett St., Herndon. Tickets are \$10 each for spaghetti w/meat or marinara sauce, Papa John's pizza, garden salad, garlic bread, beverages and desserts. Contact Mr. Tiernan [edward.tiernan@fcps.edu](mailto:edward.tiernan@fcps.edu) or 703-727-9637 for tickets.

The **Herndon Elementary School** Kindergarten orientation will be held Thursday, **April 30**, 6-7 p.m. with registration from 7-8:30 p.m. Call the school at 703-326-3110 and make an appointment during school hours.

**Amanda Courtney** of Herndon was named as a recipient of the Veritas Award at Oakcrest School in McLean, an

independent Catholic school for girls grades 6-12. The Veritas Award is the school's merit award for current students and applying students entering the ninth grade at Oakcrest. Awarded annually, it consists of a \$7,500 tuition remission per year for four years at Oakcrest School for up to two students.

**Catherine O'Doherty, Christopher Blough, Diana Weigel, Nicholas Jacobs, Karleen Kovalcik, Nora Allen, Allison Godart, Katherine Geary and Kimberly Dennis**, all of Herndon, were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at the University of Mary Washington. Also, **Daniel Garcia** was named to the President's List.

**Lola's Place**, a Montessori-based school for toddler and children through age six, is now open at the site of the former Boyd School in Herndon. Lola's Place offers Montessori Education on a 12-month basis for toddler and primary programs. The toddler program hosts children ages 18 months to 3 years and the five day primary program educates children ages 3 through Kindergarten. Call 571-434-7555 or e-mail [cascadesdirector@lolas-place.com](mailto:cascadesdirector@lolas-place.com).

The **Herndon High School Girls Indoor Track Team** was the regional runner-up for the first time in school history. Hiruni Wijayarathne (3200 m) and Emily Palmer (Triple Jump) were regional champions. Hiruni, Emily and teammates Carina Peter, Danielle Theberge, Carolyn Hennessey, Ashley Banks, and Millie Kidder-Goshorn will compete in the State championships. On the boys' team, Rich Roethel will compete at states.

**Herndon High School swimmers** Mark Rodakowski, Danny Camozzo, Brian Via, Molly Cudahy, Jenna Van Camp, Christian Matthews, Christian Polito, Will Cormier and Ryan Williams all competed in the state competition.

#### COMMUNITY NOTES

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**Lamp Rewiring Clinic** - 2 day workshop offered at The Bargain Loft located at 336 Victory Drive in Herndon: March 30 and April 6, 5 p.m.-6:30 p.m., donation of \$38 is requested. The Bargain Loft is a thrift shop supporting Herndon-Reston FISH (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help), Inc., a non-profit corporation assisting local neighbors in short-term emergencies for rent, utilities, and prescription medications. Call Sherri Longhill at 703-437-0600 or email [sherri.longhill@herndonrestonfish.org](mailto:sherri.longhill@herndonrestonfish.org).

**Mothers First-Herndon/Reston** is a nonprofit support organization helping women transition from careers to at-home motherhood. Meetings are on the **first and second Wednesdays** of each month at 10 a.m. at the Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Mothers First will go on a field trip to the Udvar Hazy Air and Space Museum Feb. 18, 4:15 p.m. RSVP to 703-467-0391.

**Square dances** at the Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace St.,

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Senior swim time at the **Herndon Community Center** Pool for a reduced rate of \$2 all day on **Tuesdays**. Pool is at the Herndon Community Center at 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Call 703-787-7300.

**Teen Friday Nights** for middle school students **every Friday** at the Herndon Community Center, 8-10:30 p.m. Events include exclusive use of the teen room and game room. There will be room to dance and mingle with friends. Tickets will be sold at Herndon Middle School the Thursday and Friday before; students must show school ID or have a parent present when purchasing admission at the door. \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door.

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## Area Police Officers Receive Valor Awards



**Herndon Police Captain Robert Presgrave** was presented with the Lifesaving Award during the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Valor Awards at the McLean Hilton on March 12. Presgrave was honored for his role in saving lives following a boating accident.



**Herndon Police Sergeant Darcy Nidell** was presented with the Certificate of Valor during the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Valor Awards at the McLean Hilton on March 12.



Fairfax County Police 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Kevin Barrington, police officers Reanna Jacobson and Charles Reinhard were awarded the Bronze Medal of Valor and officer Eugene Bork was given the Silver Medal of Honor during the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Valor Awards at the McLean Hilton on March 12. The four officers were recognized for their response to a single-vehicle accident that turned into a possibly deadly situation for the officers when the occupant refused to obey orders and pulled a gun on them when he was physically moved from the vehicle. Officer Bork, Jacobson and Reinhard are out of the Fair Oaks Station and Barrington is out of the Reston Station.



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**Del. Tom Rust presents Noel Menard with a Commonwealth of Virginia pin.**

## Rust Recognizes Herndon Cub Scouts

On March 20, Del. Tom Rust (R-86) recognized five Cub Scouts from Pack 157 for achieving the "Arrow of Light" in a ceremony at the

Herndon United Methodist Church.

David Busey, Thomas Cecil, Spencer Jonas, Noel Menard, and Jacob Reeves received the Arrow of Light award. It is the highest award a Cub Scout can obtain before rising to Boy Scouts. Ian Crosbie also fulfilled the requirements, but was unable to attend.

The boys were led by Den Leader Bill Jonas and Pack Leader Dave Dunn.

## Dinner for Homeless

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and let them know they matter." Kozak's son and mother-in-law, Virginia Rayburn of Sterling Park, also volunteer at the Church of the Brethren. "It's kind of a family thing," said Rayburn.

**THE DRANESVILLE CONGREGATION** comprises 80 people. Every month they see an average of 12 volunteers who prepare meals for those less fortunate. One volunteer, Hannah Seitz, 13, said, "Back where we came from, we were the only young family in our church. ...We thought this would be something fun to do."

"Another reason we do this is we have a lot of fun," said Kozak."

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**WEDNESDAY/MARCH 25**

**Anatomical Illustration.** 7-10 p.m., Sunset Hills Montessori, 11180 Ridge Heights Road, Reston. The Chez Nous Reston Evening Salon Series continues with a presentation entitled "Anatomical Illustration: from DaVinci to PC" by Marie Dauenheimer, medical illustrator and art professor. \$30/person; includes buffet. E-mail [Najwa@NMSEnterprises.com](mailto:Najwa@NMSEnterprises.com) or call 571-235-3556.

**THURSDAY/MARCH 26**

**International Children's Festival**

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| 2718 COPPER CREEK RD .....    | 5  | 3  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$610,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.57 .....   | COPPER CROSSING .....          |
| 13113 FROG HOLLOW CT .....    | 5  | 3  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$575,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.28 .....   | BRADLEY ACRES .....            |
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| 903 ELDEN ST .....            | 4  | 3  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$518,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.25 .....   | HERNDON .....                  |
| 2457 SILK CT .....            | 3  | 3  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$480,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.04 .....   | PARKSIDE VILLAGE .....         |
| 13372 SCOTSMORE WAY .....     | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$480,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.22 .....   | CHANTILLY HIGHLANDS .....      |
| 12040 CHEVIOT DR .....        | 4  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$420,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.29 .....   | STUART RIDGE .....             |
| 2983 EMERALD CHASE DR .....   | 4  | 3  | 1  | OAK HILL ..... | \$410,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.21 .....   | EMERALD CHASE .....            |
| 12716 SOCIETY DR .....        | 5  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$408,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.20 .....   | KINGSTON CHASE .....           |
| 12809 LONGLEAF LN .....       | 4  | 3  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$378,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.23 .....   | HIDDENBROOK .....              |
| 3319 DAIRY LOU DR .....       | 4  | 3  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$365,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.21 .....   | FRANKLIN FARM .....            |
| 1000 JEFF RYAN DR .....       | 5  | 2  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$360,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.48 .....   | CUTTERMILL .....               |
| 2450 TERRA COTTA CIR .....    | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$360,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 ..      | COPPERMINE CROSSING LAND ..... |
| 2572 JAMES MADISON CIR .....  | 3  | 2  | 2  | HERNDON .....  | \$355,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 ..      | MCNAIR FARMS LANDBAY 5/6 ..... |
| 2506 BRONZE STONE PL .....    | 3  | 2  | 2  | HERNDON .....  | \$340,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 ..      | COPPMN CROSSING LAND BAY ..... |
| 2105 CAPSTONE CIR .....       | 3  | 2  | 2  | HERNDON .....  | \$332,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.04 .....   | ROCK HILL .....                |
| 13468 FOXLEASE CT .....       | 3  | 2  | 2  | OAK HILL ..... | \$307,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.04 .....   | FRANKLIN FARM .....            |
| 3305 HILL HAVEN CT .....      | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$305,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.05 .....   | FRANKLIN FARM .....            |
| 2496 CURIE CT #1 .....        | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$300,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | .....        | COPPERMINE CROSSING .....      |
| 3290 TAYLOE CT .....          | 3  | 2  | 2  | HERNDON .....  | \$295,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.04 .....   | FRANKLIN FARM .....            |
| 13508 NICKLEBACK CT .....     | 3  | 2  | 2  | HERNDON .....  | \$272,500 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.04 .....   | MCNAIR FARMS WEST .....        |
| 288 MISSOURI .....            | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$260,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.26 .....   | CHANDON WOODS .....            |
| 13345 STANTON PL .....        | 2  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$260,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 ..      | MCNAIR FARMS LANDBAY 5/6 ..... |
| 759 BARBARALYNN PL .....      | 5  | 2  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$257,500 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.22 .....   | TREESIDE .....                 |
| 12954 CENTRE PARK CIR #404 .. | 2  | 2  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$250,000 ..   | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | .....        | BRYSON AT WOODLAND PARK .....  |
| 13072 MARCEY CREEK RD .....   | 2  | 2  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$234,000 ..   | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | .....        | FOX MILL STATION .....         |
| 12905 CENTRE PARK CIR #403 .. | 2  | 2  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$230,000 ..   | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | .....        | BRYSON AT WOODLAND PARK .....  |
| 2133 MALEADY DR .....         | 4  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$230,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.21 .....   | REFLECTION LAKE .....          |
| 815 BRANCH DR #408 .....      | 2  | 2  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$225,000 ..   | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | .....        | FORTNIGHTLY SQUARE .....       |
| 2490 QUICK ST #102 .....      | 2  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$225,000 ..   | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | .....        | MANORS AT MCNAIR FARMS .....   |
| 710 ARCHER CT .....           | 4  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$223,500 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.25 .....   | CHANDON .....                  |
| 815 BRANCH DR #403 .....      | 2  | 2  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$220,000 ..   | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | .....        | FORTNIGHTLY SQUARE .....       |
| 1265 BOND ST .....            | 4  | 3  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$216,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 .....   | BLUEMONT .....                 |
| 2718 CENTREVILLE RD .....     | 3  | 2  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$215,000 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.79 .....   | MOUNTAIN VIEW .....            |
| 12905 ALTON SQ #201 .....     | 2  | 2  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$205,120 ..   | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | .....        | WORLDGATE .....                |
| 2201 SAUNDERS DR .....        | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$180,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.05 .....   | REFLECTION LAKE .....          |
| 1158 LISA CT .....            | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$180,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 .....   | TOWNS ON THE GREENS .....      |
| 920 BRANCH DR .....           | 4  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$172,278 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.06 .....   | PARK AVENUE SQUARE .....       |
| 917 BRANCH DR .....           | 5  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$170,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.01 .....   | PARK AVENUE SQUARE .....       |
| 13356 PREUIT PL .....         | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$168,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 .....   | REFLECTION LAKE .....          |
| 1207 SUNRISE CT .....         | 4  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$162,750 ..   | Detached .....          | 0.20 .....   | FOUR SEASONS .....             |
| 964 BRANCH DR .....           | 4  | 3  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$155,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.06 .....   | PARK AVENUE SQUARE .....       |
| 1175 AUTUMNHAZE CT .....      | 4  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$152,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.06 .....   | FOUR SEASONS REGIME .....      |
| 13319 ROWLES PL .....         | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$152,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 .....   | REFLECTION LAKE .....          |
| 1002 SABER LN .....           | 4  | 3  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$152,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.04 .....   | CAVALIER PARK .....            |
| 323 RENEAU WAY .....          | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$150,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.04 .....   | CRESTVIEW .....                |
| 13300 APGAR PL .....          | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$150,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.05 .....   | REFLECTION LAKE .....          |
| 13282 POENER PL .....         | 4  | 1  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$148,500 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.05 .....   | REFLECTION LAKE .....          |
| 2247 CHRISTY PL .....         | 3  | 2  | 2  | HERNDON .....  | \$147,500 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 .....   | REFLECTION LAKE .....          |
| 13336 PREUIT PL .....         | 4  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$146,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.05 .....   | REFLECTION LAKE .....          |
| 944 PARK AVE .....            | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$145,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.04 .....   | PARK AVENUE SQUARE .....       |
| 1314 WEXFORD CT .....         | 4  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$145,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.06 .....   | TRALEE .....                   |
| 1319 WEXFORD CT .....         | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$142,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.09 .....   | TRALEE .....                   |
| 2221 SAUNDERS DR .....        | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$139,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.05 .....   | REFLECTION LAKE .....          |
| 509 EARLY FALL CT .....       | 3  | 1  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$136,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.04 .....   | FOUR SEASONS REGIME .....      |
| 2136 MAGER DR .....           | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$135,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 .....   | REFLECTION LAKE .....          |
| 749 CORDELL WAY .....         | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$124,500 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 .....   | CRESTVIEW .....                |
| 1021 CHARLES ST .....         | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$124,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 .....   | CAVALIER PARK .....            |
| 2205 JENSEN PL .....          | 3  | 2  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$120,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 .....   | REFLECTION LAKE .....          |
| 1215 SPRINGTIDE PL .....      | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$119,500 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.06 .....   | FOUR SEASONS REGIME .....      |
| 13246 POENER PL .....         | 3  | 1  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$113,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 .....   | REFLECTION LAKE .....          |
| 1225 ALABAMA DR .....         | 4  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$105,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.04 .....   | DULLES PARK TOWNHOUSES .....   |
| 1203 ALABAMA DR .....         | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$102,000 ..   | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 .....   | DULLES PARK TOWNHOUSES .....   |
| 511 FLORIDA AVE #T4 .....     | 2  | 2  | 0  | HERNDON .....  | \$95,000 ..    | Garden 1-4 Floors ..... | .....        | JEFFERSON MEWS .....           |
| 1208 MAGNOLIA LN .....        | 3  | 2  | 1  | HERNDON .....  | \$57,000 ..    | Townhouse .....         | 0.03 .....   | DULLES PARK TOWNHOUSES .....   |

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**Falsettos.** 8 p.m., Industrial Strength Theater, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. The Elden Street Players will perform the Tony Award-winning musical "Falsettos." Visit [www.EldenStreetPlayers.com](http://www.EldenStreetPlayers.com) or call 703-481-5930 for tickets.

**SingStrong.** 8 p.m., South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Day one of the three-day SingStrong festival kicks off with "A cappella Idol." Music groups will compete in an "American Idol" format for \$1,000. Tickets: \$10. Visit [www.SingStrong.com](http://www.SingStrong.com).

**SATURDAY/MARCH 28**

**Spaghetti Dinner.** 5:30-7:30 p.m., St. Thomas à Becket Catholic Church, 1421 Wiehle Ave., Reston. The church's 15<sup>th</sup> annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction will be held. The

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proceeds will benefit the Senior High School WorkCamps on their weeklong mission this summer to repair homes for the poor, elderly and handicapped residents of Winchester. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/children 4-12, free for ages 3 and under.

**Watershed Clean-Up.** 9-11:30 a.m., Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 W. Ox Road, Herndon. Join individuals, students, families, scouts and other community groups to collect tires, bedsprings, bottles, cans and other debris from local waterways. Wear boots and old clothes and bring gloves. Trash bags and appreciation will be provided. Call 703-324-8702 to make a reservation.

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**Something Different 2009.** 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Industrial Strength Theater, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. The Elden Street Players will perform the show "Something Different." Visit [www.EldenStreetPlayers.com](http://www.EldenStreetPlayers.com) or call 703-481-5930 for tickets.

**SingStrong.** 10 a.m., South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. On day two of the three-day festival, SingStrong will present more than 20 master classes on such topics as producing a CD, starting an a cappella group, beat boxing, copyright law and musical arranging. Tickets: \$10. Visit [www.SingStrong.com](http://www.SingStrong.com).

#### SUNDAY/MARCH 29

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**Something Different 2009.** 2 p.m., Industrial Strength Theater, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. The Elden Street Players will perform the show "Something Different." Visit [www.EldenStreetPlayers.com](http://www.EldenStreetPlayers.com) or call 703-481-5930 for tickets.

**SingStrong.** 10 a.m., South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. On day three of the three-day festival, SingStrong will present more



Top row: Alex Turner, Marie Turner, Anne Kight Lloyd; second row: Kyla Waitt, Vanessa Moir; bottom: Scott Olsen.

## 'Something Different' in Herndon

The Elden Street Players Theater for Young Audiences presents "Something Different 2009" at the Industrial Strength Theater, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon.

"Something Different 2009" will bring to life fairytales and folklore from around the world, Saturday, March 28 and April 4 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., Sunday, March 29 and April 5 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$7. Go to [www.eldenstreetplayers.org](http://www.eldenstreetplayers.org) or call 703-481-5930, box 3 for tickets.

than 20 master classes on such topics as producing a CD, starting an a cappella group, beat boxing, copyright law and musical arranging. Tickets: \$10. Visit [www.SingStrong.com](http://www.SingStrong.com).

**"Lost & Found."** Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Artist Anita Bucsay Damron's paintings and mosaics will on display in the exhibition entitled "Lost & Found." The exhibit can be viewed during times the church is open, but call the church office at 703-742-7992 to check which specific times the exhibit can be viewed, as other functions are taking place concurrently.

#### MONDAY/MARCH 30

**Broadway Tunes.** 7 p.m., South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. South Lakes High School's Theatre Program will host an evening of classical and contemporary Broadway songs and show tunes in support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of the Mid-Atlantic, Inc. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10 or before the event, online at [www.sltheatreprogram.org](http://www.sltheatreprogram.org) for \$8. For sponsorship opportunities, e-mail Robert at [srbroadwaygivesback@gmail.com](mailto:srbroadwaygivesback@gmail.com).

## Herndon Classical Dancer in Solo Debut

Herndon resident Rajashree Ranganathan will present her Bharathanatyam Arangetram, i.e., formal solo debut in an Indian classical dance form. The event is Saturday, April 11, at the James Lee Community Center Theater in Falls Church. The Arangetram (pronounced uh-rung-ay-trum, and meaning, "ascending the stage") is the first complete concert of a dancer, akin to a graduation. This is an initiation performance that heralds the artiste's commitment to this art form, and brings to light her caliber. It also celebrates the role of the teacher (guru) in the artiste blossoming to perform the complete repertoire. It denotes the threshold of a professional career, the prelude to a dancer's life for the artiste.

Ranganathan's training in Bharathanatyam began at the age of 6 and continued for about 10 years. In 2005, she revived her



Rajashree Ranganathan, right, with her teacher, Sheela Ramanath.

passion for dancing and resumed formal training in Bangalore, India. Here in the United States, she has been training with Sheela Ramanath, artistic director of Kalavaridhi in Sterling, since 2006.

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# Herndon Baseball Pitchers in Search of Zone

**Strong starting pitching has McCullock's squad off to 2-0 start.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**A** year ago, Herndon High baseball pitchers struggled to find the strike zone over the course of the 2008 season. That inconsistency from the pitching mound played a key factor in the Hornets' struggling 7-11 season.

So, over the early part of the current season, Herndon head coach Al McCullock and his staff have made a point of stressing the importance of avoiding walks and getting ahead in the count.

"Last year, we walked the world. I think we just gave away too many games, pitching-wise, with walks," said McCullock. "We're emphasizing cutting down walks."

Early on, Herndon's hill toppers have taken to their coach's pitch. The Hornets received outstanding mound work in wins over both South Lakes, 13-0, and Fairfax, 5-1, last week.

In Friday night, March 20's Concorde District home win over Fairfax, Herndon start-

ing pitcher Daniel Shill, a member of the Herndon JV team last year, was superb. Over six innings, Shill, a junior right hander, allowed just one hit and one walk.

"He did a good job and kept them off balance," said McCullock. "And we made all the plays defensively."

Shill saw some pitching action at the varsity level last year as a sophomore, working 5-2/3 innings over three relief appearances. But for the most part, he was a huge contributor to a Hornets' JV team that went 12-1.

"He was their key pitcher," said McCullock, of Shill's importance to the JV team in '08.

On March 18, Herndon had received a solid pitching outing in its season opener win over visiting cross-town rival South Lakes. That day's Herndon starter, senior Jake Stewart, held the Seahawks to one hit in the complete game shutout win.

"Jake did the same thing [as Shill]. He didn't walk anybody," said McCullock. "He kept us in the game. Even when [South Lakes] hit the ball, we played real good defense."

It's unrealistic to expect such starting efforts every time a Herndon pitcher takes the mound this season. But the Hornets can hope and expect that their pitchers do not

give up too many free passes as a result of bases-on-balls over the season. The Hornets can put together a winning season, but it has to start with good starting pitching outings.

**OFFENSIVELY**, Herndon should have good punch at the plate. Two of the team's top hitters are senior catcher Zach Leach and junior third baseman Nick Impellizzeri. Leach, the team's No. 3 hitter in the line-up, had three hits, including a double, and two RBIs in the win over Fairfax. Leach, a third year varsity starter, recently signed a college letter of intent to play baseball at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro next school year.

Impellizzeri, in his third year as Herndon's leadoff batter, had a pair of hits and scored twice against the Rebels, and went 3-for-3 with a double, triple and two RBIs against South Lakes.

"Both really worked hard in the offseason in winter camp hitting the ball," said McCullock. "When Zach hits the ball, he hits

it hard. Nick is more of a singles type hitter. He knows the strike zone and gets on base."

Several other Herndon players have made solid contributions over the team's first two games. Sophomore first baseman Ben Simpson homered and knocked in three runs in the opener against South Lakes and senior outfielder Chris Medina tripled and knocked in a pair that same game. Against Fairfax, sophomore middle infielder Cody Smestad hit a double and senior shortstop Stephen Kovarik singled.

While Herndon has numerous players back from last year's varsity team, only four of those are seniors — Kovarik, Leach, Medina and Stewart. So the future looks bright for the program both for this season and next year.

Herndon was scheduled to play district games this week at Chantilly on Tuesday, March 24 and Friday night against visiting Robinson. The game with the Rams is set to begin at 6:30 p.m. Next Monday and Tuesday, the Hornets will travel to Park View and Oakton, respectively.

**"Last year, we walked the world. I think we just gave away too many games, pitching-wise, with walks."**

—**Herndon Baseball Coach Al McCullock**

## ROUNDUPS

**The Herndon High boys' soccer team** opened up the new season with a 3-0 home win over Marshall on March 11. Anatole Doak and Christian McLaughlin, stars from last year's outstanding Hornets' team, are playing the sport at college this year. But their younger brothers, junior Emile Doak and freshmen Patrick McLaughlin, are on this year's Herndon squad and hoping to make their own name for the black and red.

Herndon newcomers Chris Czerinski, EK Korvah, Raleigh McKenzie and Jason Webster all had a positive influence in the win over Marshall. In the game, a combination of going into a strong head wind, having young and inexperienced personnel going through first contest jitters, and the fact that the Hornets had not played any prior scrimmage games, got the best of Herndon in a scoreless first half. Herndon, for the most part, played well in that first half, with good combination play, good possession of the ball and some decent shots. But the locals could not get onto the scoreboard.

The second half was a different story. Doak (one assist) sent in a well-placed corner kick to McKenzie (one goal), who nodded an easy header into the near post to give Herndon a 1-0 lead. Newly hired assistant coach Chris Naquin, a former four-year starter at both Herndon and James Madison University, had designed the play that resulted in the opening score a few days before.

Strikers EK Korvah (one assist) and Uwem Etuk (one goal), who worked well together all night, made it 2-0 with nifty combination play and a nice left finish. The goal of the match, however, came from Chris Czerinski with about seven minutes left to play. On the score, he nailed a rebounded ball with his left foot from 30 yards out.

"That was one of the best goals I have

ever seen," said Naquin.

Katie Rynex, a 2008 graduate of Herndon High School, is a freshmen pitcher on the Ball State University (Muncie, Ind.) women's softball team this spring. Rynex's role for the Cardinals this season will be as a back-up pitcher. Ball State, under head coach Craig Nicholson, is an NCAA Div. 1 member of the Mid-American Conference. Rynex, a right-hander who is wearing jersey No. 21 for the Cardinals, is coming off an outstanding high school playing career at Herndon, where she was a four-time letter-earner. She earned All-Concorde District accolades on three occasions and was a two-time All-Northern Region selection. Rynex was instrumental in helping the Hornets reach both the district and region tournament finals during her season year. That Herndon team, under coach Bonnie O'Hearn, qualified for the state AAA playoffs. Rynex, a marketing major at Ball State, is the daughter of Rick and Leslie Rynex.

**Oak Hill resident Jesse McCarrick**, a junior right-handed pitcher for the Colgate University (Madison County, N.Y.) women's softball team, pitched a six-hitter to lead Colgate (8-5) to a 2-1 win over Hartford in the Raiders' second game of the day at the Rebel Spring Games in Kissimmee, Fla. on March 17. Colgate won the first game of the day, 8-5, over Fairleigh-Dickinson. McCarrick improved her record to 3-0 on the season.

Going into the current **Northern Region high school baseball season**, the region coaches put together a pre-season Top 10 Baseball Poll. The following are the results of that poll: 1) West Springfield, 2) Lake Braddock, 3) Chantilly, 4) Stone Bridge, 5) McLean,

6) Madison, 7) South County, 8) Robinson, 9) Westfield, 10) Langley. Other teams to receive votes were Oakton, Yorktown, Centreville, Woodson, Marshall and Washington and Lee.

**The Oakton High crew team** renamed a recently purchased shell after its long time coach, Tom Bennett. Ceremonies for the occasion were conducted on a March Saturday at Sandy Run Regional Park. Coach Bennett has been with the team since its inception six years ago. He has coached every level of boys' and girls' rowers. His dedication and good sportsmanship have established a core foundation for the Oakton team.

**The Herndon Elite U-14 girls' soccer team** opened its spring season in Williamsburg Feb. 14-15, as it competed in the first Annual President's Day Cup Tournament. Playing up in the U15 age bracket, the Elite opened tourney competition against the U15 FASA United. Herndon controlled the match and came away with a 2-0 victory. Charlotte Ratcliff scored on a direct kick in the first half and Darbie Kelley knocked one in from the top of the 18 in the second half.

Game two was against a U15 all-star team from the Pennsylvania Soccer Academy. Both teams had many chances but could not finish in a scoreless tie.

On Sunday morning against a U14 VCCL all-star team, the Elite controlled play in a 2-0 victory. Murielle Tiernan scored first for the Elite. A second goal came off a corner kick by Darbie Kelley that Charlotte Ratcliff knocked in.

With the win, Herndon advanced to the finals against a U15 Virginia Legacy Phoenix team that had rolled easily in its



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**The Herndon High girls' and boys' track teams recently completed the winter indoor season. Now, the locals are competing in the outdoor spring season. On Saturday, April 4, the Hornets will be competing at the McLean Relays event.**

preliminary rounds in the other bracket, winning by scores of 2-0, 1-0 and 2-0 to reach the championship match.

**The Legacy Phoenix** showed why its ranked fifth in the U15 age group of Virginia. The Elite scored first with Innis Hitt making a beautiful cross just outside the 6-yard box and Murielle Tiernan heading it into the goal for a 1-0 lead. It was the first goal scored on the Phoenix in the tourney. Ten minutes later, the Phoenix scored on a strike from outside the 18 yard line to the upper right corner of the net, making it 1-1 to end the half. The Phoenix went ahead, 2-1, on a corner kick. Within two

minutes, however, the Elite tied the score as a ball was played up to Charlotte Ratcliff with her back to goal. She fought off the defender, turned and drilled it in for a 2-2 tie. With seven minutes left in the game, the Phoenix found an open net to make it 3-2. That proved to be the winning goal in a truly exciting championship match.

Coached by Paul Ellis, the Elite, a Division 1 member of the Washington Area Girls Soccer League (WAGS), is composed of girls from Fairfax and Loudoun counties. For more information about the Elite, visit

[www.herndonyouthsoccer.org/travel/elite](http://www.herndonyouthsoccer.org/travel/elite).

# LETTERS

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support their headquarters referendum when:

❖ So many RA members have pointed out what seem to be numerous errors in the validity of the financial data RA submitted with their referendum ballot. How can we, therefore, be confident in the financial impacts on their Members that RA has projected?

❖ RA stated that the premise for having to hastily move forward with the referendum and the circumstance that preclude their considering a build option was that they needed to vacate their current headquarters space early next year. Bob Simon has now indicated that he has talked to RA's landlord and confirmed that is not true.

❖ RA indicated, in the materials that accompanied the ballot, that Repair and Replacement reserves may now be used as a source to fund their headquarters. This after significant increases in our assessments over past years to sustain what they said was our "Aging Asset Infrastructure." Now, to justify using R&R reserves to fund their new headquarters, RA states they can't determine whether their Repair and Replacement reserves are under funded or not.

❖ The RA Board President has stated that, even if the referendum fails because RA members have not given them the authority to purchase 35,000 square feet — almost twice the amount of space they asked for in their prior referendum — the RA Board, against the expressed will of the voter, still intends to move forward with the lease of 35,000 square feet. The RA Board doesn't need your approval to lease, only to buy or build.

❖ Finally, the real estate firm with which RA entered into an exclusive agreement to find their commercial space is the same firm telling them how much space they need, and RA admits the more space the firm sells RA the more money the firm gets paid. Talk about conflict of interest. Makes you wonder what came first: the space the real estate consultant is pushing or RA's stated requirement for space?

The audacity of the RA board is an affront to its members.

**Robert B. Riedel**  
Reston

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## Too Close for Comfort



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Boy, am I glad I woke up this morning, for obvious reasons. For less than obvious reasons, I'm happy I woke up this morning because the dreams I was having (or shall I say, the dreams I am remembering) were just that, dreams and not real. The content of the three I remember were 1) my accountant and I were speaking on the phone (always scary). He was giving me dire medical news (not his specialty), advising that the continuing lack of a "mature" diet, on my part, combined with a non-fitness regimen had finally come home to roost. He didn't call me a chicken for not having wised up sooner and changed my eating habits, he simply said something — that I don't remember — which was eye-opening, almost literally.

The second dream I remember was almost worse, but not exactly. It had to do with work, Connection Newspaper work. Not a specific task or deadline, or anything to do with commuting to and from, rather it just had to do with being at work, Monday through Friday. It was when I woke up and realized that I didn't have to actually go to work BECAUSE IT WAS SUNDAY that I knew I had dreamt a nightmare instead.

The third piece of a dream that I recall had to do with my nearly 14-year old, golden retriever Bailey. In my dream/dream state, I heard a dog barking somewhere in the distance, as if he was lost, wailing a forlorn-type howl as if he knew he would never be found (at least that's what it felt like in my dream). In reality, Bailey had requested (and I use that term loosely) that he be let out earlier than usual, 5:22 a.m. instead of 6:30 a.m, approximately; early enough that after letting him out (unattended as usual; he has the run of the neighborhood so he doesn't require supervision), I went back upstairs to bed rather than sit and wait (sometimes up to an hour) for his random return. A return/routine he has followed without fail for his entire life so it was nothing I was worried about and absolutely nothing out of the ordinary. I figured that when he was good and ready to come back in the house, he would bark his intentions, as he has done hundreds of times before.

And so he did. That lost dog barking in my dream/nightmare was actually Bailey barking at the front door wanting to be let back in. So when I woke up thinking that it was a work day and a work day that began with some sobering medical news, along with the feeling that my dog (my son, if you will) was lost and barking his farewell (sort of) turned out instead to be something completely different and much less serious. It was not a work day, my accountant was not calling me (with or without medical news) and Bailey was not lost; he was simply standing outside the front door, snow-covered (under cover though on our porch) barking his normal sounds asking to be let back in.

Certainly I felt relief when I woke up and realized that all I was "nightmaring" was merely a dream and not real at all. Still, it felt real so much so that I thought a column commenting on it was appropriate and possibly even therapeutic.

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## Pack 913 Webelo Scouts Bridge to Boy Scouts

Sixteen fifth grade boys from St. Joseph's School Cub Scout Pack 913 in Herndon were recognized for completing all of their requirements as Webelo II scouts on Friday, March 20, receiving their Arrow of Light award. All of the boys bridged over into Boy Scout Troop 913 where they will begin their journey towards achievement of the highest award in the Boy Scout program, Eagle Scout.

### 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 703-917-6437. Deadline is Thursday.

**United Christian Parish**, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston, is hosting a family Good Friday program Friday, April 10, 4-7 p.m. Each room will feature a scripture and a way to experience that scripture. Visit [www.unitedchristianparish.org](http://www.unitedchristianparish.org) or call 703-620-3065.

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon, has announced their Holy Week Services schedule:

- April 5:** Palm Sunday Services, 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
  - April 8:** Healing and Holy Eucharist Service, 12:15 p.m.
  - April 9:** Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist Service, 7:30 p.m.
  - April 10:** Stations of the Cross, 12:15 p.m.; Passion Gospel and solemn prayer service, 7:30 p.m.
  - April 12:** Easter Sunday Service, 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m.
- Visit [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org) or call 703-437-3790.

**Southview Baptist Church**, 2620 Reston Parkway, Herndon, has announced their Holy Week Services schedule:

- April 10:** Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.
  - April 11:** Free Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30 a.m.
  - April 12:** Easter Sunday Morning Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.; Easter Sunday Worship Service, 11 a.m.
- Visit [www.southview.org](http://www.southview.org) or call 703-860-8800.

**Washington Plaza Baptist Church**, 1615 Washington Plaza, Reston, has announced their Holy Week Services schedule:

- April 5:** Children will be given a special opportunity to participate in the Palm Sunday service, 11 a.m.
  - April 9:** Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.
  - April 10:** Good Friday Service, 12 p.m.
  - April 12:** Easter Sunday Celebration followed by free lunch, 11 a.m.
- Visit [www.washingtonplazachurch.com](http://www.washingtonplazachurch.com) or call 703-471-5225.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, offers several worship opportunities this Easter season:

- April 5:** Palm Sunday services, 8:15 and 11 a.m.
  - April 9:** Maundy Thursday Service of Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m.
  - April 10:** Good Friday Vigil, 12-3: p.m.
  - April 12:** Easter Sunday Worship Services with Holy Communion, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.; Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m.;
- Service of the Draping of the Cross, 7:30 p.m.

**Chabad of Reston-Herndon**, 2598 Viking Drive, Herndon, will host their Community Passover "Seder" Wednesday, **April 8** at 7:30 p.m. and on the second night Thursday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. \$36/adults and \$18/children. Call 703-476-1829 or visit [www.chabadrh.org](http://www.chabadrh.org).

**Floris United Methodist Church**, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon, is looking for people to sing in a choir. Floris UMC has a season of music including concerts featuring Schubert's "Mass in G Major", Handel's "Messiah" and much more. Rehearsal is every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. and singing most Sunday mornings at the 11 a.m. service. Contact Scott Glysson at [sglysson@florismc.org](mailto:sglysson@florismc.org) or call 703-793-0026.

**Congregation Beth Emeth Hazak Chapter**, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, hosts prominent speakers and entertainers on the **third Tuesday of each month**, at 1 p.m. Free light refreshments are served. Call 703-860-4515, Ext. 127. The guest list is as follows:

- April 21:** Steven Gross, The Holocaust in Hungary
- May 19:** Speaker from Embassy of Israel
- June 16:** Year-end Luncheon

**Citizenship classes** meet Thursdays, **through March 26** at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 1700 Wainwright Drive, Reston. The goal is to prepare qualified adult students to pass the USCIS interview and exam for naturalization to become U.S. citizens. Book fee of \$15.00. Call 703-437-6530.

**Dranesville Church of the Brethren**, 11500 Leesburg Pike, Herndon, offers an 11 a.m. traditional service and a 5 p.m. contemporary service every Sunday. On **March 14** at 2:30 p.m., the Church will meet in the Fellowship Hall to prepare sandwiches, soup and other food to take to the homeless in Washington, DC. Bring winter socks, scarves, hats and coats. Visit [www.dranesvillebrethren.org](http://www.dranesvillebrethren.org).

**Congregation Beth Emeth**, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, will host a **Yiddish Club** on the **first Tuesday of each month**. Members will engage in a variety of activities that utilize the Yiddish language, including reading stories, listening to music and radio broadcasts, reading Yiddish newspapers and more. Free. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

**Every Wednesday**, at 12:15 p.m., **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., 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).

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