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Rec Center Alarm

Newport Shores residents oppose plans for Rec Center at Brown's Chapel Park.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

According to preliminary plans for a possible recreation center to be built at Brown's Chapel Park, Newport Shores resident Peter Greenberg could find a two-story parking garage within throwing distance of his home. He is not pleased at the prospect. "From my bedroom window on the second story, I would see eye-to-eye with people getting in and out of their cars," he said.

Greenberg said he was happy with the existing park, which includes baseball fields, tennis courts, a basketball court, a tot lot, a volleyball court and other amenities. "This is our open space. This is our park," he said, adding that he had paid a premium to live near the park. "They're taking away what makes Reston Reston."

PRELIMINARY PLANS for a Brown's Chapel Recreation facility show an approximately 171,000-square-foot facility that would house swimming pools, six or eight tennis courts, a gym, multi-activity courts and meeting rooms. Parking is estimated at 514 to 532 spaces, not including the parking at Browns Chapel. One story of parking may be underground.

Reston Association (RA) and Reston Community Center (RCC) officials stress that the numbers are flexible and the idea is conceptual. "We're very early in this. It's all concept," said Reston Association President Robin Smyers.

The RA owns the land, making it cheaper to build the facility there than some other places, where land would have to be purchased.

If a bond referendum is introduced to allow residents of Tax District 5 to vote on whether to create a special tax district to fund a recreation center, that vote would not be taken until June of 2010, she said.

She and Reston Community Center Executive Director Leila Gordon said the impetus to build the facility came from consistent requests from the community. "We've been asking for indoor tennis for many, many years, since we lost it back in the '80s," Smyers said.

Gordon said a survey conducted in 2007 indicated a widespread desire for more capacity for swimming programs. "It does indicate, particularly in the open-response section ... that people are frustrated at not being able to take advantage of the aquatics facility here," she said, referring to the pool facilities at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods. She noted that the wait list for swimming programs there



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This diagram is currently the preferred of two options, but officials stress that plans are very preliminary.

is about as long as the enrollment list.

Also, she said, many have asked for a gym and more classrooms for aerobics, yoga and other classes, and wait lists are adding up for the community center's fitness and well-being classes at peak hours.

"We're very sensitive to the Newport Shores people and we want to work with them specifically," Smyers said, noting that the first community outreach meeting on the subject, scheduled for May 18, would be for that neighborhood in particular.

She has her work cut out for her.

NEWPORT SHORES Cluster President Mike Rierson said he had not met with the neighborhood's board to establish an official position but had been approached by a number of neighbors regarding the subject. "There has not been one person — not one — who has even suggested any level of compromise short of throw everything out and start over again," he said. Rierson said his neighborhood and the residents across Lake Newport were already forming a "large and vocal group with deep pockets" to oppose the construction of a recreation center at Brown's Chapel.

Even a few weeks ago, he said, he had been keeping an open mind and "trying to keep down the dogs of war" who were "ready to storm the castle." He had spoken with Gordon and Reston Association CEO Milton Matthews and had been assured that the organizations' officials were only exploring options and that any ideas were highly conceptual. Then, Greenberg obtained the preliminary plans. "I felt like they had misrepresented the situation," Rierson said.

When an attempt was made to light the ball fields at Brown's Chapel Park in recent years, Newport Shores residents raised an outcry and prevented the project from happening.

Gordon said she understood such concerns but noted that the process, which con-

sisted of public meetings and focus groups with members of the Reston Association and Reston Community Center, as well as the Association of Reston Clusters and Homeowners (ARCH), the Reston Town Center Association, the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, swimming and tennis groups, and hired consultants, had begun without Brown's Chapel Park in mind. "This really didn't start with the Brown's Chapel site," she said, adding that the process that arrived at suggesting a recreation center at that location began only with a decision to address the need for facilities.

Greenberg questioned that need. The Worldgate Athletic Club and other local fitness facilities are fighting to attract customers, he said. Then there's the Reston YMCA. "There's tremendous unused capacity," Greenberg said, adding that there were half a dozen such facilities within 10 miles of his home.

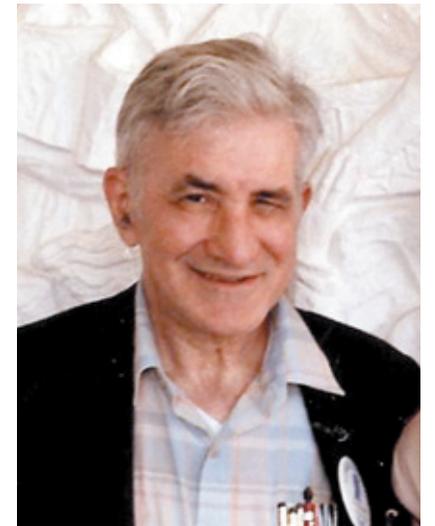
However, Gordon said private facilities did not meet the needs of everyone in the community, particularly those who could not afford such memberships, while the community center is obligated to make its facilities available and affordable to all. According to policy, a Brown's Chapel Recreation Facility would recover no more than 27 percent of its expenditures through direct user fees, just like the existing community center.

Smyers pointed out that paying for the facility with a special tax district, rather than through the Reston Association assessment, would spread the cost among businesses, as well as residents of Reston Town Center, who are not RA members.

Rierson said he didn't think local taxpayers would be eager to take on another burden given the current economic climate. "This is not the time, this is not the economy, this is not the situation to be adding more

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OBITUARY



Donald D. Fusaro

Donald D. Fusaro, 81, of Reston, Died March 9

Donald Dennis Fusaro, 81, retired Computer Systems Analyst with the Library of Congress, died March 9, 2009, at home from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Mr. Fusaro came to Washington in 1965 as a computer programmer with IBM. He joined the Information Technology Service at the Library of Congress in 1970 and was a programmer and systems analyst. He worked on the Library's conversion from a manual to a digital database system and other projects.

He retired in 1998. He liked to dialogue, pun and engage in conversational sparring. He and his family moved to Reston in July, 1967.

Donald D. Fusaro was born in New Britain, Conn. He graduated from Yale University in 1950, and studied at the Yale School of Architecture, following which he worked for architectural and engineering firms. In 1960, he received a Masters Degree from Yale.

During the 70s, he participated in Bucky Fuller's World Games Summer Institutes. He was a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor "Ellie" Fusaro; son, Dennis Fusaro and his wife, Mary; daughter, Susan Alderson and her husband, Michael; seven grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions for a lecture on Buckminster "Bucky" Fuller may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston, 1625 Wiele Ave., Reston, VA 20190.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, April 11, 2009, at 11 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, Va.

NEWS

Residents Might Pay for Waterfront Park Access

Proposed budget cuts lead park authority to vote for \$4 resident vehicle fee.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Dana Wiseman uses Lake Accotink Park almost every day. Wiseman lives in the Cardinal Forest condominium complex in Springfield, which is located near one of the park's entrances.

"I use the park to relax and enjoy nature, to get away from things that are bothering me," he said while walking near the lake April 8.

If the Fairfax County Park Authority moves forward with new user fees, fewer people may get to enjoy Fairfax County's lakefront parks like Accotink for free.

In the face of a \$4.1 million budget cut, the park authority board voted last month to charge Fairfax County residents for entering four of the locality's most popular parks in vehicles during peak seasonal hours.

It is the first time county residents would have to pay to just enter county-run park grounds. Currently, the park authority only charges out-of-county residents in cars for coming into Burke Lake Park in Fairfax Station.

The four affected facilities – Lake Accotink, Burke Lake, Lake Fairfax Park in Reston and Riverbend Park in Great Falls – attract about 3 million visitors in total each year.

Officials said the bulk of the park system's users, approximately 17 million people annually, would not be impacted by the new fees.

"It is important to realize that we are only talking about four out of 420 parks," said Judy Pedersen, public information officer for the Fairfax County Park Authority.

THE NEW LAKEFRONT park fee structure would go into effect July 1 and apply to people who visit the parks on weekends and holidays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. July through October.

During these times, residents would pay a fee of \$4 per vehicle to drive a car onto the four park grounds. Non-residents would pay \$8 per vehicle to enter Lake Accotink, Burke Lake and Riverbend's facilities and \$4 per vehicle to use Lake Fairfax.

Lake Fairfax's "non-county" fee is lower because the park authority markets its "water mine" to out-of-county residents and did not want to discourage those people from visiting the popular water park, said Pedersen.

She added that the new charges are also unlikely to affect daily users of the waterfront parks since many of those people visit the facilities outside of peak hours anyway.

For example, those people who walk or jog in the parks on a regular basis typically come before 9 a.m. or after 5 p.m., said Pedersen.

Some residents will also avoid the fees because they do not have to drive to the parks to use them. For example, Wiseman will always be able to use Lake Accotink for free, even during peak hours, because he walks, and doesn't drive, to the site.

But Wiseman was unhappy about the county potentially charging for park use. With the economy in



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Residents may soon be charged a fee to visit Lake Fairfax Park in a car.

a downtown, people need a refuge, he said.

"People are not going to have a place to get the relaxation and release of tension that they need. That's important, especially in this economy," said Wiseman.

THE PARK AUTHORITY will consider rolling back plans for the new fees if the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors restores some of the park system's funding in the 2010 budget.

In his initial budget proposal, county executive Anthony Griffin cut park funding to help close a \$650 million shortfall overall. But the supervisors have the authority to make major changes to Griffin's proposal when they vote on the final budget April 27.

If supervisors decided to give the park authority back \$650,848 for programs at Lake Accotink, Burke Lake and Lake Fairfax as well as \$150,000 in funding for Riverbend Park, the park board will have no need to implement the fees, said Pedersen.

This funding covers approximately 33 positions, she added.

Several supervisors indicated that they are interested in trying to find a way to keep the parks free for county residents.

FAIRFAX COUNTY chairman Sharon Bulova (D), who is also head of the budget committee, said she is looking for a way to restore waterfront park funding so residents do not have to be charged.

"I have a real problem with the park authority charging county residents to use those parks. ... People pay to acquire the parkland and to develop the parkland already," said Bulova.

The chairman said it could also be prohibitively expensive to charge non-county residents coming into the three parks – Accotink, Fairfax and Riverbend – that are currently free for everyone. The cost of putting up and staffing entrance could be more expensive than the revenue collected from the out-of-county residents come to use the facilities, she said.

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OBITUARY

Brian Douglas Gordon, 35, Dies

Brian Douglas Gordon, 35, of Columbia, Md., beloved son of Joyce T. Tate and Dr. Rev N. A. Tate of Reston, Va., and Frederick Douglas Gordon of Hughesville, Md., died on April 10, 2009.

He is also survived by a sister, Indya Mungo (Lennie) of Columbia, Md.,

grandmother, Ida Bolden of Fort Washington, Md.; a nephew Lawson Mungo of Columbia Md.; two stepbrothers, Norman (Che) Tate of Glen Burnie, Md. and Keith Tate of Fairfax, Va.; stepsister Keisha Tate of Bowie, Md.; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and special friends. Family will receive friends on Friday, April 17, from 9 a.m. until time of service, 11 a.m. at Heritage Fellowship Church, 13515-C Dulles

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House of Delegates votes to turn away millions for local people without jobs.

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After all, the unemployment rate here is the lowest in the state, Northern Virginia is the economic engine of the state, so it might not matter much up here, right? Wrong.

There are more unemployed people in Northern Virginia than in any other part of the state, 75,390 unemployed people looking for full time work here in Northern Virginia in February, according to the Virginia Employment Commission, up from 38,100 last year. That's 75,390 of the statewide total of 291,100.

The unemployment rate in Northern Virginia of 5.2 percent, up from 2.7 percent in February, 2008, pales in comparison to, say Danville's

rate of 12.3 percent. But in Danville, that rate translates to 6,450 unemployed people, less than 10 percent of the number here.

Every local jurisdiction in Northern Virginia is facing its highest unemployment rate in more than a decade.

Arlington has the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 4.4 percent, up from 2.3 percent last year at this time, and 1.6 percent a decade ago.

Fairfax County's unemployment rate is 4.7 percent, up from 2.6 percent this time last year and 1.5 percent a decade ago.

Loudoun County's unemployment rate is 4.8 percent, up from 2.7 percent last year at this time and 2.4 percent a decade ago.

The City of Alexandria's unemployment rate is 5.1 percent, up from 2.7 percent a year ago and 2.8 percent a decade ago.

The City of Fairfax's unemployment rate is 5.6 percent, up from 3.3 percent a year ago, and 1.3 percent a decade ago.

This is one instance where there is no competition between jurisdictions. Unemployed people in Northern Virginia were hurt the same amount as unemployed people in other parts of the state when the Virginia House of Delegates voted not to alter Virginia's unemployment requirements, voted to turn away millions in aid for the unemployed.

While those who voted against the changes said they did so to protect Virginia's pro-business environment, the changes required — extending unemployment benefits to part-time workers and unemployed people in certain job training programs — would not have moved Virginia down from the very top of the list as a pro-business state.

What businesses in Virginia need right now is to bolster consumer confidence. Turning away federal stimulus money does just the opposite.

Local members of the General Assembly who voted against the benefits will likely discover that many more of their constituents than they thought are currently unemployed.

The economy here is already showing signs of recovery, meaning job opportunities for the unemployed. But in the meantime, check in with your legislators to see how they voted.

Here are the local representatives who voted no:

In the Senate, just one from Northern Virginia, Sen. Ken Cuccinelli.

In the House, Northern Virginia delegates voting against the unemployed included Dave Albo, Tim Hugo, Bob Marshall, Joe May and Tom Rust.

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EDITORIAL

Will You Be My Friend? Soft on Crime

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

Facebook friend, that is? Yes, I have joined Facebook finally after most of the world is already there. It has become the new way of communicating for many people, and as an elected official I need to be in touch with constituents through the diverse media from which they gather information.

Everyone is bombarded with all kinds of media and information that vie for our attention. A subject like state government is not necessarily on the top of everyone's wish list to know more about. Except, of course, when the snow is not plowed from the street or the income tax refund is late or there is another immediate need to which state government should respond. As an elected official you must be available and accessible in order for persons to know to whom they can turn.

I was one of the first Virginia legislators to have a Web site, www.kenplum.com. My legislative work in starting the Joint Commission on Technology and Science made me aware of the growing power of the Internet, and I started a Web site. It includes an electronic version of my Citizens Handbook,



my district every two years for nearly 20 years. Several other legislators have borrowed the idea and adapted the Handbook for their own districts.

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BY JACK KENNY
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN CLUB
OF GREATER RESTON

In a recent Opinion Column [The Reston Connection, April 8-14, 2009] Del. Ken Plum (D-36) promotes the idea that Virginia needs a commission to examine its policies toward incarceration ["doing the time"]. He cites various national and international statistics to bolster a very weak case.

Most of us can remember it was not long ago when Gov. George Allen (R) led the charge to abolish parole and build several more prisons to house Virginia's miscreants. Guess what happened? The crime rate dropped several percentage points and the recidivism rate followed. Surprised?

Now we have another liberal governor who worked his way into a \$3.5B hole and wants to save several million dollars by reinstating parole for non-violent criminals. We are not given all the facts on who is a non-violent criminal. How many are there? What are the crimes considered non-violent?

Let's take a look at the other side of the equation — victim's rights. One of the categories of non-violent



criminals is a drug dealer. These drug dealers (recall not too long ago we had several students at a local high school running a drug dealing ring!) prey on our high-school students. Whether it be meth, crack, heroin, downers, uppers or simply marijuana, most of your children know who to go to get whatever they want. Fortunately, most just stay away. Is it non-violent to get a child hooked on drugs?

We may also take another non-violent crime — thievery. Not the robberies where guns are waved and victims are physically threatened. These are the people who break into a business establishment after hours and loot a business. Yes, nobody was threatened or placed in fear of their life. Yes, insurance may have covered the loss of the goods but what damage did it do to the owner? Did it replace all the costs, repairs to the building, loss of business, increased insurance rates? The business owner now has to charge more for his goods or services.

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Park Fees Discussed, Opposed

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“It may not be that easy to sort out people from outside the county,” said Bulova.

Springfield supervisor Patrick Herry (R) is also opposed to levying park entry fees for residents. He said the entry fees at the four waterfront parks could cause unanticipated problems for the

county.

People may be more inclined to park their cars in neighborhoods near the parks to avoid paying the vehicle fee. The new fees could also aggravate the back up that already forms at some park entrances on the weekends because now every driver entering those facilities would have to stop and pay, he said.

Adult “walk-ons” who play pickup sports on fields at some of these larger parks – especially Lake Fairfax – could also start crowding onto space at smaller neighborhood parks to avoid paying the new fees, according to Herry. He added that there are already problems with field access and “walk on” games in many parks in the county.

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Although Route 123 will remain open throughout the entire project, motorists should expect long-term lane closures and delays on this road when construction begins in late April.

Drivers: what to look for now

- The left lane in each direction of Route 123 will be closed beneath the I-495 overpass (approximately 500 feet in each direction)—these lane closures will be in effect 24 hours a day until Thanksgiving, when the two lanes will reopen for the 2009 holiday shopping season, and then close again in early 2010 until work is completed in 18–24 months
- When driving through the work zone, expect delays during a.m. and p.m. rush hours—please allow extra time to reach your destination
- There will be no lane closures on the Beltway during rush hours, and no routine work done on weekends
- Arterial roads like Route 7 will remain open throughout the entire project—motorists may experience additional delays due to utility relocation and rail extension work taking place as part of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail project

Get help navigating construction: Big roadwork projects like these can be challenging to deal with. But rest assured—when completed, they'll improve traffic flow, business efficiency and personal mobility for everyone in the area. Until then, you can sign up to receive project updates and helpful information on commuter solutions at VAmegaprojects.com.

The I-495 HOT lanes construction is part of the Virginia Megaprojects—a series of large-scale transportation improvements designed to ease traffic congestion and provide you with more choices and better transportation options than ever before.



Tysons Corner Construction
Lane Closures on Route 123 at I-495

- Route 123 Work Zone
- Current Traffic Flow
- Construction Zone
- 1** New I-495 South Bridge being built
- 2** Left Lane Closures
Late April 2009–Nov 2009
Closed again in early 2010
- 3** Widening Westpark Bridge

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CALENDAR

Send announcements to reston@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6437. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 15

Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Enjoy an interactive storytime for you and your child. Ages 13-23 months. Call 703-689-2700.

Miles Stiebel. 8 p.m., CenterStage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Local artist Miles Stiebel will perform jazz. \$15/person. Download an order form at www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call the box office at 703-476-4500, option 3 for tickets.

Live Improv. 9:30 p.m., Paolo's Ristorante, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Interactive improv games with audience suggestions and participation in the television show "Who's Line is it Anyway?" will be played. Free. Call 703-318-8920 or visit www.paolos.com.

THURSDAY/APRIL 16

Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Enjoy stories and activities with other toddlers. Ages 2-3 with an adult. Call 703-689-2700.

"I Love You More Than Rainbows." 11 a.m., Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Local children's author Susan Crites will read "I Love You More Than Rainbows." Free; registration required; call 703-437-8855 to register.

FRIDAY/APRIL 17

San Jose Taiko. 8 p.m., CenterStage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. San Jose Taiko brings the rhythms of taiko, the Japanese drum while incorporating many world rhythms. \$30/person. Download an order form at www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call the box office at 703-476-4500, option 3 for tickets.

Swing Dance. 8:30 p.m.-12 a.m., Hilton Washington Dulles, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. Join Tom Koerner and Debra Sternberg for a swing dance with The Cutaways. Beginner swing lesson held 8:30-9 p.m. \$15/person. Call 703-359-9882 or visit www.gottaswing.com.

SATURDAY/APRIL 18

Founder's Day. 12-5 p.m., Lake Anne Village Center. Enjoy an afternoon of free entertainment in tribute to Reston founder Robert E. Simon, Jr.'s 95th birthday at the Lake Anne Center. From 12-5 p.m., there will be appearances by Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and Chuck Veatch and performances by the Reston Community Orchestra and Chorale, Reston Community Players and others. From 7-10 p.m., there will be music and dancing with a champagne toast and birthday cake. Tickets: \$30/person for the nighttime events. Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

Saturday Samplings. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Lake Anne Florist, 11426 Washington Plaza W. Enjoy free samples of "Virginia's Finest" gourmet treats, and hand-made chocolates. Call 703-437-8686.

Parent/Child Art Workshop. 10



Orrin Star and John Seebach will play their original bluegrass music live Saturday, April 18, 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Tickets: \$12/person. Call 703-435-8377 for reservations.

a.m.-12 p.m., Reston Art Gallery & Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza W., Reston. Create a colorful butterfly or bug with artist Pat Macintyre. Free. Call 703-481-8156.

Healthy Kids Day. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., YMCA Fairfax County Reston, 12196 Sunset Hills Road, Reston. YMCA Healthy Kids Day celebrates making wellness a fun family affair with activities such as family yoga, games, sports, blood pressure screening, wellness assessments, swim tests, raffles and more. Visit www.ymcadc.org or call 202-232-6700.

Basket Bingo. 7 p.m., Herndon Moose, 779 Center St., Herndon. The Virginia

German Shepherd Rescue is having a Basket Bingo featuring Longaberger baskets. There will also be raffles, 50/50 bingos and door prizes. \$20/person. E-mail maryanne@shepherdrescue.org or call 703-435-2840 and press 8.

March for Babies. 9 a.m.-1 pm, Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. Enjoy a 4-mile walk, picnic, live band and children's activities. Proceeds support the March of Dimes. Call 703-824-0111 or visit www.marchforbabies.com.

Common Knee to Hip Injuries Faced by Runners. 7 p.m., Potomac River Running, 11900 Market St., Reston. Mike Taylor,

sports massage therapist, discusses common knee to hip injuries that runners face, highlighting the IT band, quadriceps and ham strings. Call 703-689-0999 or visit www.potomacriverrunning.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 19

"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.

Author's Tea. 2-4 p.m., Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, 2254 Hunters Woods Plaza, Reston. An Author's Tea, sponsored by Assistance League of Northern Virginia, will feature "American Girl" book author, Valerie Tripp as the guest speaker, a doll raffle, door prizes and tea, treats and lemonade. \$20/person. To reserve a seat, mail \$20 for each person to ALNV-Author's Tea, P.O. Box 209, Herndon, VA 20172. Contact Teri at 703-200-3911 or ALNorthernVA@yahoo.com.

LKO Scholarship Awards Program. 1-4 p.m., Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. The Lambda Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will hold its annual Scholarship Awards Program and Book Signing, featuring Gwen Ifill, author and Moderator of PBS' "Washington Week." Ifill will discuss and sign her new book "The Breakthrough: Politics and Race in the Age of Obama". E-mail

lkbooksigning@yahoo.com or call 703-877-2290.

MONDAY/APRIL 20

Book Club. 7:30 p.m., Reston's Used Book Shop, 1623 Washington Plaza, Reston. The store's Book Club will meet. Call 703-435-9772.

TUESDAY/APRIL 21

Wine Dinner. 7-10 p.m., Il Fornaio, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Enjoy a five-course dinner paired with wines. \$75/person. Call 703-437-5544 or visit www.ilfornaio.com.

Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day. 12 - 8 p.m., Ben & Jerry's, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. The shop will be giving out free cones to thank customers for another great year. All donations will benefit ChildHelp.org. Call 703-787-9096 or visit www.benandjerrys.com/reston.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 22

Senior Movie Day. 10 a.m., Multiplex Cinema, 11900 Market St., Reston. The Reston Association presents "P.S. I Love You." Refreshments and door prizes provided prior to the movie. Free to those 55 and older. Call 703-435-6530.

Honoring Local Businesswomen. 11:30 a.m., Morton's Steakhouse, 11956 Market St., Reston. The kick-off luncheon will for a series honoring local business women will honor May Bernhardt of Mayflowers Floral Studio. Guests will enjoy lunch with signature Morton's dishes, a short program and plenty of networking time. \$45/person. Contact Kate Tourville at 703-796-0611 or cm.mre@mortons.com to RSVP.

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Music and Dancing
Join us later that evening for a Champagne Toast and Birthday Cake as we celebrate our founder Robert E. Simon Jr. and his 95th Birthday!

Time: 7 - 10 p.m.
Location: Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston, Virginia
Tickets: \$30.00 — available online at www.restonmuseum.org
Fee includes: Champagne toast, cake and commemorative gift. (\$20 is tax deductible)

This community event is sponsored by Reston Community Center, Reston Historic Trust, Reston Association and Friends of Lake Anne.

For more information visit www.restonmuseum.org or call 703-709-7700.

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All listings due by Monday at 3 pm.

COMMUNITY

United in Fighting Cancer

Moms For A Cure organizes events throughout area.

Committed to giving back to the community after regaining her own health, Ari Hausfeld Jones has created a team called Moms For A Cure and is organizing events in Fairfax County and Washington, D.C. to raise money for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

As team leader, Jones has scheduled fund-raising events in April, May and June ranging from ice cream sundae breaks, murder mystery dinners, happy hours, a community yard sale and more. The largest fund-raising event is called "Rock for A Cure" and will



CONTRIBUTED
Ari Hausfeld Jones.

take place May 2, from 7-11 p.m. at Sunset Hills Montessori school in Reston. The evening will include a silent auction, a pre-Mother's Day boutique, door prizes, a pre-concert performance by the a capella group The Tone Rangers, and a rock concert featuring the band Second Wind. Admission is \$25 per person in

advance and \$30 at the door. Admission includes complimentary food, wine and beer. To make a donation, register for "Rock for A Cure" or to see the complete calendar of events, visit www.momsforacure.com.

As a wife and mother of two children, Jones survived a life-changing discovery of thyroid cancer four years ago. A Mother's Day gift of a massage brought attention to a previously undetected lump in her neck. After surgery and radiation treatment at George Washington University Hospital, Jones returned home to recover. Determined to ease the lives of others facing blood-borne cancers, Jones became a leading fundraiser for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. In assembling her own team of fund-raisers, she said, "I wanted this Little Engine That Could team of moms to join forces and create a fundraising force to be reckoned with and an achievement that our children would be proud of."

Personal stories of team members can be found at www.momsforacure.com/stories.html

Upcoming Events

May 2 - 7-11 p.m. - Moms For A Cure presents ... Rock For A Cure, Sunset Hills Montessori Hall, 11180 Ridge Heights Road, Reston. Tickets are \$25 per person in advance and \$30 at door. Enjoy charity pre-Mother's Day boutique, drinks, food, a silent auction, and live music.

Fairfax, 100 percent of profits donated to Moms For A Cure. Items also accepted for donation.

May 21 - 8 p.m. Moms For A Cure presents ... Memorial Day Weekend Kick off at Jimmy's Old Town Tavern-697 Spring Street in Herndon. Raffle prizes, guest bartenders, special appearances and dj.

May 9 - 8 a.m. -12 noon. Community Yard Sale, 3507 Broadrun Drive,

OPINION

Plum

FROM PAGE 6

people who are doing interesting things in the community can also be viewed at www.rctv28.com/videosVR.htm.

Periodically, I mail newsletters to constituents in my district including an annual survey of opinions on issues. And I have refrigerator magnets and ballpoint pens with my contact information printed on them as well. Send me an email at kenplum@aol.com or call me at 703-758-9733 for magnets, pens, or a Citizens Handbook.

Kenny

FROM PAGE 6

Some businesses find it more difficult to compete. Who pays? We customers do.

Virtually all crime, whether violent or non-violent has a cost. We all pay somehow. Yet, we have politicians who find it somehow expedient to point to what may be a disgrace. The disgrace is that we have politicians who are soft on crime — that somehow the criminals are the victims and we tax-paying, honest, hard working citizens must accept and pay for their misbehavior.

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NEWS

Four Decades of Dedication

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of FISH, this is the first in a series of articles highlighting the history of Herndon-Reston FISH.

BY MARCIA DI TRAPANI

FISH –standing for Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help - began in 1969 as a loosely organized group of volunteers from churches and synagogues in Herndon, Reston, Sterling and Great Falls who rotated 24 hours 7 days a week “on call” for community based assistance that included emergency housing, safe shelter for women, food, clothing, transportation needs and even babysitting for children or adults. By March, 1970, FISH had over 100 dedicated volunteers. FISH’s first newsletter published in June 1971 had this to say to the volunteers: “A fact to consider for wives of fidgety husbands is that FISH mileage is tax deductible at 6 cents per mile.” In 1972, Sterling formed its own FISH organization.

Also in 1972, **Eric Scheeler** organized a group of young people ages 10 to 16, MINNOWS, the junior branch of FISH. These young-



Herndon – Reston FISH, Inc.
Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help

sters collected food for Thanksgiving, ran errands, babysat for free, wrote letters and scrubbed floors for FISH clients.

By 1974, Chantilly residents were added to the group of people served by Herndon-Reston FISH. Also in 1974, Friends of FISH was formed to meet the ever growing requests for assistance. The Reston Lions, the Reston Jaycees and Gemini became actively involved in helping FISH. It was also decided at this time that LINK would respond to all requests for food in Herndon. FISH was incorporated on August 27, 1974.

Eventually, FISH moved away from 24/7 access after the Northern Virginia Crisis Hotline was established. When Fairfax County established women’s shelters, FISH stopped its assistance in this area. Likewise, FISH yielded its food pantry to Reston Interfaith

FISH Fling on May 9

Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. is preparing for its fourth annual FISH Fling on Saturday, May 9, 6–10 p.m. at the Crowne Plaza Dulles Hotel, 2200 Centreville Road, in Herndon. This will mark the 40th Anniversary of FISH contributions to the community.

Live music by the Alan Baylock Jazz Quintet will set the tone for an evening of dancing, auctions, games, raffles, cash bar and a seated dinner. Del. Ken Plum (D-36) will serve as the auctioneer for the live auction.

All proceeds will go to FISH Assistance. To learn more about how to receive an invitation, become a donor or sponsor, contact Marcia Di Trapani, FISH President, at fish@HerndonRestonFISH.org or call 703-758-0346.

and its clothing program to The Closet to avoid duplication of efforts. These changes allowed FISH to focus its resources on Family Assistance in a growing and diverse community. FISH also was operating independently of any church or religious group by the end of the decade.

Early leaders for FISH were: Toby Milne, Fran Grady, Leslie Orth, Rose Codding and Pat McCracken.

NEXT WEEK: FISH in the 1980s



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SPORTS

SPORTS NOTES

The South Lakes High boys' varsity lacrosse team will be honoring its 13 senior players on Monday, April 20, when the Seahawks host Liberty District opponent Stone Bridge. The Senior Night festivities to honor the 12th graders will take place prior to the evening contest. Several of the South Lakes seniors are International Baccalaureate Diploma candidates. And on the field, they have earned Liberty District and Northern Region honors for their fine play. South Lakes is proud of the program's talented, dedicated group of seniors.

The 2009 South Lakes High School Summer Camp program will offer the following camps: All Sports Camps (session 1 - June 29-July 2; session 2 - July 27-31); Virginia Tech Volleyball Camp (June 26-27); Girl's Basketball Camps (session 1 - July 6-10; session 2 - July 13-17); Boy's Basketball Camps (session 1 - June 22-26; session 2 - June 29-July 2; session 3 - July 20-24); Girl's and Boy's Volleyball Camp (July 20-24). All camps are sponsored by the South Lakes High Athletic Booster Club. For more information on the camps or to register, go to www.SouthLakesAthletics.org.

Colgate University (Hamilton, N.Y.) women's softball pitcher Jesse McCarrick (Oak Hill) earned the decision in the Raiders' 11-3 win at Holy Cross (Worcester, Mass.) on April 5. The game was the second of a double-header between the two Patriot League rivals. McCarrick, a junior, allowed seven hits and two earned runs while striking out four and walking just one in notching her seventh win of the season. With the win, Colgate improved to 15-10 overall and 5-3 in league play.

Marshall High School recently introduced Bill Laphorn as its new head football coach. Laphorn, a native of Cincinnati, played football at the College of Mount Saint Joseph. There, he earned a degree in health and physical education. Laphorn coached football for five years at Cincinnati Winton Woods School, while also earning his masters degree in secondary education at Xavier University. After completing his masters, he moved to Northern Virginia and accepted a position at South Lakes High School, where he taught health and physical education and served as the football team's offensive coordinator. In 2007, Laphorn joined the Marshall High community as a varsity assistant coach and health and physical education teacher. He said his goal for the Statesmen football program will be to produce a team that the entire Marshall community can be proud of by building champions on the field and in the classroom.

T.C. Williams High girls' basketball player Tierra Ruffin-Pratt was unanimously selected as the Virginia State AAA Girls Basketball Player of the Year by the Virginia High School Coaches' Association (VHSCA) during recent meetings in Charlottesville. Ruffin-Pratt, headed to North Carolina on a college basketball scholarship, led the Titans to the region finals this past winter season. There, T.C. lost to Oakton in the finals.

Joining Ruffin-Pratt on the All-State First



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

Matt Blamey, the South Lakes High boys' lacrosse coach, saw his team win at Marshall, 14-6, in a Liberty District encounter this past Monday night. On Thursday, April 16, the Seahawks will travel to district power Langley. On Monday, April 20, South Lakes will celebrate Senior Night with a home game against Stone Bridge.



PHOTO COURTESY/HRYL

The new Herndon-Reston Youth Lacrosse (HRYL) season is underway. Here, Abe Shull (45) of the U15B team scores the first goal of the season against Southwest two weeks ago. To read the opening week HRYL report, please go to connectionnewspapers.com and then go to Reston sports.

Team were: sophomore Elizabeth Williams and junior Samisha Powell (both of state AAA champion Princess Anne of Virginia Beach), senior Tashuana Rodgers of King's Fork (Suffolk) and Forest Park (Woodbridge) point guard Danni Jackson.

Local All-State honors went to Myesha Goodwin (Edison High) and Kyani White (Stonewall Jackson of Manassas), who were named to the Second Team. Gerda Gatling (Forest Park), Shelby Romine (Westfield), Tracy King (Mount Vernon) and Kelcyn Manurs (South Lakes) received Honorable Mention accolades. Oakton's Fred Priester was named state AAA Co-Coach of the Year with Princess Coach Darnell Dozier. Priester led the Cougars to the state finals this past season.

At the State AA level, Mexiandra Porter of state champion Freedom High (South Riding) and Kendra Holmes of Division 4 state champion Loudoun County were named Players of the Year in their Divisions. Coach Jason Eldredge (Freedom) and Kevin

Reed (Loudoun County) were named Coaches of Year in their respective Divisions.

Priester will be the head coach of the West squad and Eldredge and Reed will assist coach Rachel Mead (Cosby) with the East Squad in the VHSCA All-Star game to be held on July 7 in Hampton. Oakton High's Erin McGartland will be a member of the East squad.

For the first time in Oakton High's short crew history, all four varsity boats qualified for the finals at the recent Polar Bear regatta. The Women's Varsity 8 battled for first place, ultimately taking second.

Annual tryouts for Future Elite Lacrosse, a travel lacrosse team representing high schools from across Northern Virginia, are taking place. Girls' players in the ninth and 10th grades are encouraged to try out. Tryouts are at Sugarland Valley Field in Herndon. For more information, go to www.FutureEliteLacrosse.com.



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Former Seahawks' star Mia Christensen recently earned collegiate All-American honors as a standout swimmer at the University of Virginia.

Cavalier Effort from Christensen

South Lakes graduate and UVA swimmer dominates at ACC championships.

University of Virginia woman swimmer Mei Christensen (South Lakes High graduate) was recently named the ACC Swimmer of the Year.

Christensen, a junior, had a stellar third season for the Cavaliers. At 20th the NCAA championships, she took fifth place in the 100-backstroke and sixth in the 200-back to earn her first career individual All-American honor. The Reston native also took part in the All-America 400 medley relay race — in which the Cavaliers finished sixth — and she was part of three Honorable Mention, All-American relay teams (200-free, 400-free, 200-medley).

Prior to NCAA's, Christensen had a dominating showing at the ACC Championships, where she set new league standards in the 100-back (51.79) and 200-back (1:52.22) events, as well as the 200-free, 400-free, 200-medley and 400-medley relays. During the season, she twice earned ACC Performer of the Week and was named CollegeSwimming.com National Swimmer of the Week on Nov. 19.

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Bye Buy



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Sometimes I wonder, as a semi-mature married man with no children, if I should be buying some of the goods and services that I do. And more so the curiosity when the incentives to buy said goods and services are so obviously directed at either a woman or a person (married or not) with children. And not that I think I'm a "type," per se, but when the offers seem so contrary to my "type," or what "type" I think I am, it gives me pause to reflect. Am I not the married man I thought I was or have I been broken off from some mold and cast adrift in a sea of market-driven, median-income, demographically-identified consumerism?

As an example, I opened up a box of Cheerios recently. A reasonably healthy choice of whole grain and low sugar that promotes its cholesterol-lowering potential product presumably aimed in some measure, at adults who can no longer neglect to consider their caloric intake any more than they can ignore the nutritional labels of the products they buy. I found the following: a \$1.50 off coupon for Pampers, diapers for children, not adults.

As an adult, I have to ask, why am I buying/eating a product who's marketing/manufacturing's maven think the eater/buyer might have an interest in diapers - for children? I would be less offended, and less inclined to have written this column, if the coupon inside had been for Depends (adult diapers) or Viagra (erectile dysfunction), products more in sync, shall we say, with the potential needs of an adult population. But it wasn't. Apparently, I'm not the demographic I thought I was, at least as far as this breakfast cereal is marketed.

Certainly I'm aware of the concept and logic behind cross promoting and realize the benefit and advantages of utilizing strengths/exposure to overcome weakness/unfamiliarity. Moreover, acquainting a previously untapped demographic to your product is probably not the worst approach/thing that a manufacturer or marketing campaign can do to generate some additional buzz/sales volume. And, though I can certainly appreciate the underlying strategy in attempting to attract new buyers (for what I imagine is a relatively minimal financial commitment/risk), has anyone given thought to the feelings of the demographic who is actually receiving the offers/incentives to buy products/services that are completely outside their sphere of interest? What do they feel? That I don't know specifically, but I can tell you what I feel, sort of. Perplexed? Bewildered? Educated? Enlightened? Misunderstood? Misinformed? Stupid? What's their marketing point? I understand they want new buyers/more sales for old products/flat sales (maybe even old people to buy new products), but doesn't there have to be some kind of connection, some kind of reason for the previously-unmarketed-to to get off the couch and venture into a supermarket/drugstore/superstore aisle where they've dared not tread other than the need of the manufacturer/goal of the marketing team for them to do so?

Granted, this is not rocket science; it's simply supply and demand, cause and effect, seek and ye shall find, but I have to be honest (actually, I don't have to be, but I will), I really don't need to buy the diapers and the longer you advertise/tell me that I do, the shorter the time that I will be buying your product.

Apparently, I'm not who I'm supposed to be or who "they" thought I was. Apparently, I've been buying a product more suited to a different type of individual, like a parent. Who knew? What else have I been buying/doing that I'm not supposed to be buying/doing? Yikes!

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tax burden," he said.

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"Now, in this economic environment, a lot of people are saying, 'Are we really going to move forward with a \$60 million project,'" said Jerry Volloy, ARCH president. But, as the former CEO of the Reston Association, he said he saw a need for such a facility. "The RA has always needed, in my opinion, indoor tennis. They've always needed more indoor swimming," Volloy said. He said swimming facilities at the Reston Community Center and the YMCA had been "completely maxed out" for some time, and he noted that Reston has a huge tennis-playing population. He said he used to pay more than \$100 per month to play tennis at Worldgate.

However, Volloy, who was part of the planning effort, said whether or not Brown's Chapel Park was the correct location and how large the facility should be remained to be determined.

Gordon said residents of Tax District 5, as well as employees of businesses there, would be given first priority to sign up for programs and would pay lower fees for one-time programs and drop-in rates, as is done at the existing community center. "It would be designed entirely to encourage and support the vast majority of its use coming directly from Reston," she said.

Greenberg had other money concerns, such as the value of his home and his neigh-

bors' homes and the money the RA and RCC would spend on legal fees if the matter came to a lawsuit between those organizations and Newport Shores residents. This money would come from his assessment dues. "We're basically paying to sue ourselves," he said. Also, he said the Reston leadership had "already wasted money to study something that won't even begin to fly."

The preliminary plans were the product of a market and feasibility study conducted by facility planning and program management firm Brailsford & Dunlavey. The company's final report is due June 1.

Smyers said she did not know how much had been spent on the study to date, as it is ongoing, but she said those numbers would be released when available, in the spirit of "full disclosure and transparency." She said the study was "just to see what would possibly be feasible at Brown's Chapel" and that the end result could be considerably altered. Until community input is gathered, she said, it will remain unclear what sort of facility is warranted.

Rierson said he might support a small structure, such as a tennis bubble, on the southern ball field area, but he said any design that included a parking structure and lighting would be "dead on arrival."

Smyers said she was particularly sensitive to the concerns of Newport Shore residents but also wanted to take into account the needs of all Reston residents. "We're not doing this for our health," she said. "We want to make sure it's the right thing for the community."

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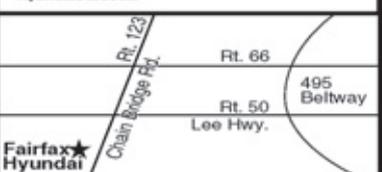
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