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**Camberley Homes community operations manager Rick Mountjoy and Northern Virginia Audubon Society Executive Director Darcy Levit pose in the backyard of the first home in the Reserve at Stone Hill during the model home open house. The builder is partnering with the Audubon Society to help homeowners pick out native plants.**

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## NEWS

# Much More Than Books

Herndon Fortnightly Library provides a place 'where everyone can feel at home.'

BY DANIELLE LANDAU  
THE CONNECTION

The Herndon Fortnightly Library is located on Center Street, in the heart of Herndon. Only steps away from the beautiful Washington & Old Dominion bicycle trail, the library's location is key to its inviting quality. Nancy Ryan, Herndon Library's regional manager, works with her staff to provide community members "a cozy spot where everyone can feel at home." Ryan describes Herndon as "a melting pot of individuals who all want different things out of a library."

The library's curious name provides insight into Herndon's history. Herndon Fortnightly Library was originally a club library. In 1889, 11 women formed a reading group, aimed at learning and exploring through the arts, literature, science and current events. It was titled the Fortnightly Club because the women met once every two weeks. Fairfax County Public Library was created in 1939, and initiated a connection with the Fortnightly Library and other local libraries, sharing and cycling books through the various locations. The community backed the founding of the larger systems and the Herndon Fortnightly Library opened in 1972.

From children's activities to booths at the Herndon Farmer's market, Herndon Fortnightly Library stays involved with its community. Even with recent economic challenges the library thrives. "We are hoping that library use will increase in this difficult time," said Ryan. "Books are cheap and families can make the library a group activity for a lot less than most other events. We will have to cut back on a few classes, but the books aren't going anywhere."



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**Sandra Eklund, the youth services manager, says 'youngsters know they can come and explore here.'**

Ryan's positive attitude adds to the enjoyable experience members can take advantage of at Herndon Library.

Annie Proeschold and her sons Lucas, 5, and Max Regal, 12, live in Herndon and enjoy the great selection of books at the library. "My family and I come about once a week," said Proeschold, "We love the activities and the round and bright atmosphere."

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— Annie Proeschold

Sandra Eklund the youth services manager spoke about the children's programs. "We have created a place where kids can come just to do some homework or where toddlers can sit and listen to our 'Mother Goose' readings," she said. "Either way, youngsters know they can come and explore here."

For more information about the Herndon Fortnightly Library visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/HE/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/HE/) or call the front desk at 703-437-8855.

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Visitors depart from the open house showcasing the first house built in the coming Reserve at Stone Hill neighborhood.

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## FISH in '80s: 'Too Much Money' How the organization grew in 1980s.

The second in a series of articles about the history of FISH.

**H**erndon-Reston FISH was very active during the 1980s, providing many of the same services FISH does today — family assistance, transportation, low cost furniture and household goods at The Bargain Loft. In fact, The Bargain Loft was first opened in 1981 and has been operating successfully ever since.

Fund raising was a major concern expressed in the Board minutes from that era. FISH hosted a semi-annual bike sale in the early 1980s. They received donated bikes from the Fairfax County Police Department property division and had one-day, semi-annual sales at The Bargain Loft. By all accounts these were successful and well-attended sales events. The minutes included much discussion of having a house tour, but no evidence exists if one ever took place. Dinner/auctions did occur, however. Each December, the Board had a Christmas auction that was attended by the volunteers, the board and friends. Each person brought something to auction off to each other with the proceeds going to FISH.

Rose Coddling often was the auctioneer at these fun events. FISH was so successful with its fund-raising efforts that it often had “too much money in the bank” and had to seek out ways to spend it to benefit those in the community.

Volunteer recruitment was always a priority. The group never seemed to have enough volunteers to do all the work and those that did volunteer were over worked. They did everything from answering the phones to, in 1986, participating in the Herndon High School Homecoming Parade.

Other highlights and concerns during the 1980s included the purchase/lease of a truck to haul furniture, need for a part-time paid staff person for the “store” to answer assistance calls as well as to perform other duties. The Board grappled with what exactly the role of the Board was and concern over the changing structure, needs and demands of FISH. The by-laws were changed in 1988 to reflect these new roles. Evidence exists that FISH coordinated services closely with Reston Interfaith and LINK.

Much was accomplished in the 1980s thanks to the FISH Board of Trustee presidents: James Grady, Ron Okransinski, Carol O'Neill, Becky Abbott, Larry and Joan LeGallo, Lois McMahon, Marlene Kwast, Michelle de Cou, Beryl Mack, Barbara Guinee; and, before 1988, the Principal Coordinators: Marlene Kwast, Chris Klein, and Cheryl Church.

Next Week: FISH in 1990s

# Here Comes the Neighborhood

## Reserve at Stone Hill, coming to Franklin Farm, opens doors of first house.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**E**ven if she couldn't afford to live there, Ginger Fleming was pleased by what she saw of the coming Reserve at Stone Hill neighborhood that will soon house her new neighbors. Touring the future neighborhood's model home with her husband, the longtime Franklin Farm-area resident said she appreciated the quality of the house and the small scale of the neighborhood. “Every time they put in a new subdivision it gets bigger and bigger, and this is awesome,” Fleming said.

Camberley Homes, the luxury home building division of Winchester Homes, opened the doors of the new model Saturday afternoon and residents from across the area came to check out a future home-buying prospect or to see what the neighborhood next to them was going to look like. A chance to take a ride in the new Tesla 100 percent electric sports car didn't hurt either.

The neighborhood will put 36 single-family homes on about 15 to 20 acres along West Ox Road, between Oak Farms Drive and Timber Wood Way. The Homes will be arranged on quarter-acre lots along two new cul de sacs — Winter Wren Court and Purple Martin Place.

**THE MODEL HOME**, the first home built in the neighborhood, is the largest of four models to be offered. The homes will run from 3,900 to 4,250 square feet of finished space, but the added sunroom and finished



One of the master bedroom's two walk-in closets is large enough to merit furniture.

basement brings the model to 6,300 square feet. Prices for the basic models range from \$1,198,000 to \$1,230,000.

“It has a lot of open space and it's huge,” Fleming said. “You could get lost in here.” She said she expected the neighborhood to bring “quality people” and tax revenue to the area. She and her husband are close to retirement, she said, and would like to move to the neighborhood but may not be able to afford it. “When we win the lottery, right?”

In addition to the standard family room, dining room, living room and kitchen, the house includes a study and has four bedrooms. Most bedrooms have walk-in closets, and the master bedroom has two, one of which is large enough to house furniture. Between the master bedroom and bathroom is a “master sitting area.”

One of the bedrooms has its own bathroom, creating what Camberley community operations manager Rick Mountjoy called a “mother-in-law's-type suite.”

Mountjoy said a less visible benefit of a

home in the neighborhood is that the entire house is Energy Star-rated. This means windows that minimize heat transfer, increased insulation in the attic and tightly sealed ductwork, in addition to Energy Star appliances and climate control. Each house is certified by an independent inspector.

The entire house is connected to a Control4 system, allowing the automation of lights and climate control. “We utilize technology to reduce our energy consumption within the home,” Mountjoy said, adding that the system also controls the security system, cameras and any electronics in the house. “You can control the whole house from one remote.”

Outside, a grill, sink, refrigerator, ice chest and cabinetry had been added to the deck. “We can do some customizations that are pretty intense,” Mountjoy said. He said the ability to customize homes and still have them finished within about nine months of the contract date was one of Camberley's

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— MARCIA DI TRAPANI

## Extend Earth Day through Spring

Celebrations this month and beyond can lead to more small steps for families and individuals.

While you may or may not be set up to consider biking to work on some days, or any day, it's worth considering getting to work without your car on Bike to Work Day on May 15, and if possible, one day or more a week thereafter.

With dozens of local events this week marking Earth Day, it's a good time to think about taking steps small and large to improve the environment and increase your family's connection to the natural world.

One of the easiest ways to help air quality and traffic this spring and summer involves more telecommuting. Press your employer to allow you and other employees to work from home at least one day a week.

One of the best ways to benefit the environment for the indefinite future is by instilling an appreciation for the natural world in your children and family. This can be as simple as getting out into your own yard and talking about the trees, plants, birds and animals living right along side of you. Get out into a local park, walk along a stream. Go to programs at

### Earth Day and Environmental Events

#### NORTHERN VIRGINIA

**Bike to Work Day. Friday, May 15,** Join thousands of area commuters for a celebration of bicycling way to get to work. Meet at one of 27 pit stops with gathering places in Alexandria, Arlington Rosslyn and Crystal City, Fairfax Corner, City of Fairfax, Reston, Springfield Metro Park, Sterling, Vienna and Tysons. See <http://www.waba.org/events/btwd/pitstops.php>.

**Virginia Invasive Plant Removal Day, Saturday, May 2.** Join in this state-wide invasive plant removal day, find local projects in Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, Reston, McLean, Loudoun and more at <http://www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/invasives/index.html>

#### FAIRFAX

**Fairfax County's Annual Earth Day - Arbor Day Celebration, Saturday, April 25,** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Free admission, entertainment, games, activities Call 703-324-5471, TTY 711 or go to [www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org](http://www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org)

**Student for EQAC:** The Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) is seeking a high school student to serve on the council from July 2009 through June 2010. The EQAC student member will help make decisions and recommendations that impact the county's environmental policies. Applications are open to high school sophomores and juniors. Home-schooled students also encouraged. Applications must be postmarked by May 1. Contact Noel Kaplan, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning, at 703-324-1380, TTY 711, or e-mail [eqac@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:eqac@fairfaxcounty.gov). Information about EQAC and the student member position is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/eqac/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/eqac/)

**Environmental Excellence Awards:** Fairfax County is accepting nominations through May 31 for the 10th annual Environmental Excellence Awards recognizing those who dedicate time, energy and expertise to improve the environment in support of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' environmental goals. Awards are for achievements that occur between June 1, 2008, and May 31, 2009. Call 703-324-1788, TTY 711. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/eqac/awards.htm>

the local nature center or classes run by the Audubon Naturalist Society, [audubonnaturalist.org](http://audubonnaturalist.org).

Make a commitment to be a little warmer in the house this summer, to let the thermostat stay a little higher and the air conditioning a bit warmer. When the light bulb burns out, replace it with a compact fluorescent.

The Washington, D.C. chapter of the Sierra Club offers simple tips for things you can do to help the environment at <http://dc.sierraclub.org/volunteer/lifestyle.asp>. Sug-

gestions range from reducing the amount of junk mail you receive, using cloth bags at the grocery store and cloth napkins at the dinner table, conserving water, buying local food, not buying bottled water, leaving the car parked at least one day a week, and sharing your values with your children and neighbors.

—MARY KIMM,

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Explaining Assembly's 'Veto Session'

To the Editor,

On April 8, the Virginia General Assembly conducted its veto session to review recommendations that Gov. Kaine (D) made to some of the bills passed by the General Assembly earlier in the year.

The most talked about issue of this veto session were the governor's recommendations to SB1495, specifically using stimulus money to expand benefits. The General Assembly voted for accepting federal stimulus money that will have a positive affect on our local economy.

I supported initiatives that seek to benefit laid-off employees, employed workers without health insurance, employers and business that create new full-time jobs. Some of this includes:

- ❖ Accepting \$62.5 million in federal stimulus funding to support Virginia's unemployment insurance trust fund. There is also about \$450 million in federal funds that will be used to increase the weekly benefit by \$25.

- ❖ Extending the period of time that unemployed Virginians can receive unemployment benefits from the traditional 26 weeks to 59 weeks. This extension will end when the \$62 million of federal stimulus money expires in two years. By then, experts anticipate our economy will have rebounded.

- ❖ Establishing a "mini-COBRA" program to allow employees of small businesses to have better access to the federal health insurance premium assistance program. This legislation also provides an opportunity for small employers to assist their laid-off employees in retaining affordable health insurance coverage in order to weather the current economic recession.

- ❖ Keeping roughly 1,000 eligible Virginians from being removed from the unemployment rolls by maintaining the eligibility limits.

- ❖ Extending the current major business facility job tax credit from Jan. 1, 2010 to Jan. 1, 2020. This tax credit is provided to major businesses that create new full-time jobs in Virginia, and will be particularly helpful to Northern Virginia.

- ❖ Authorizing the Virginia Public Building Authority and the Virginia Resources Authority to fi-

nance economic development initiatives for major employment and investment projects performed by state and local government entities.

- ❖ Adding several new Unemployment Express Offices to better serve displaced workers. In Northern Virginia, one will open up on April 27 in Centreville (14260-L Centreville Square).

Only two of the programs that were recommended by the governor were turned down because of the strings attached to the money.

They would have permanently increased certain unemployment benefits to two new groups of recipients who do not receive unemployment benefits with temporary

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### Civil War Presentation at Herndon Elementary

On March 23, fourth graders at Herndon Elementary School participated in a Civil War presentation. Chris Godart portrayed Confederate Gen. Richard Ewell and Dave Meisky came in a uniform as Confederate Private Smith. Students heard what life was like for a general and for a soldier marching up and down the Virginia countryside. On display were many artifacts such as bedding, a musket and bayonet and kitchen and toiletry items. Students enjoyed traveling back in history as they gained a better understanding of the Civil War period.

WEEK IN HERNDON

### 10th District Job Fair Set for May 7

More than 40 federal agencies and private sector companies will participate in a job fair on May 7 in Loudoun County hosted by U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10). The job fair will take place Thursday, May 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Loudoun County School Board Office, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn.

Participating employers to date include the State Department, the Defense Logistics Agency, the National Security Agency, the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Air Marshal Service, Cox Communications, UPS, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Fairfax County Public Schools and the Howard Hughes Institute.

A complete list of participating agencies and companies is available online at [www.wolf.house.gov](http://www.wolf.house.gov). The job fair is free and open to the public. For more information about the job fair, or if your company would like to be represented, contact Wolf's Herndon office at 703-709-5800.

### 'Herndon in Bloom' Clean-Up Weekend

Neighbors throughout the Town of Herndon are joining together to clean up neighborhood common areas, spruce up yards that need attention, or perform other general maintenance projects as part of the Herndon in Bloom Clean-Up Weekend, April 25-26.

To date, neighborhoods participating in the Clean-Up Weekend include Branch Drive, Dulles Park, Grace Street, Ballou Street, Potomac Fairways and Chandon

Park; Girl Scout Troop # 1666 is also participating in a clean-up project.

For more information, or to sign up to participate in the Herndon in Bloom Neighborhood Clean-Up Weekend, contact Cecily Powell, manager of Neighborhood Resources, at 703-435-6890 or via e-mail at [Cecily.powell@herndon-va.gov](mailto:Cecily.powell@herndon-va.gov).

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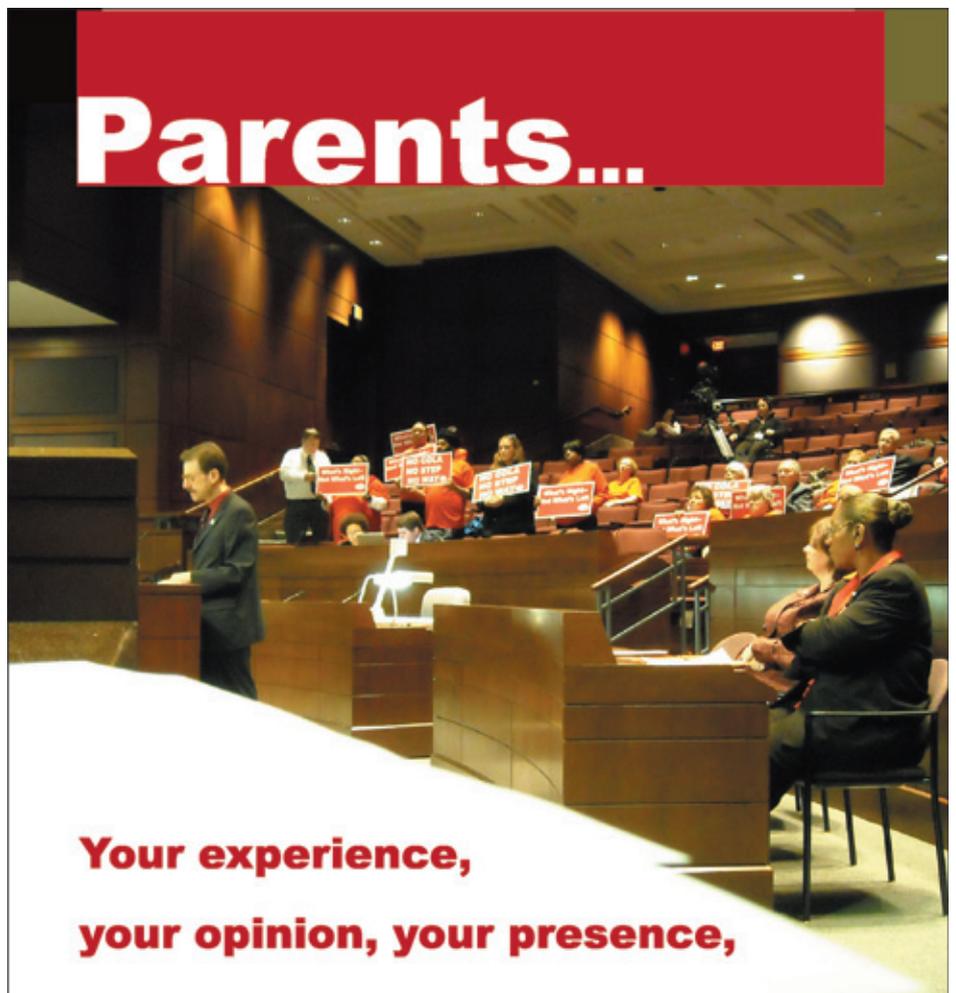
During the third quarter of FY 2009 (Jan. 1, 2009 through March 31, 2009) 39 new complaints regarding excessive occupancy of residences were received by the Town of Herndon's zoning inspections team. Thirty-seven cases were closed during the quarter, with violations abated in 16 cases and no violations found in the remaining cases.

Fiscal year to date, 95 new cases have been reported in the first nine months of FY 2009, compared to 110 new cases reported in the first nine months of FY 2008.

The length of time between receipt of a complaint and an initial visit by the town's zoning enforcement team has remained consistently low, at less than one day.

During the third quarter of FY 2009, two individuals were successfully prosecuted for overcrowding violations, bringing the town's total number of successful prosecutions to 45. For more information on excessive occupancy enforcement or to file a complaint, contact the Department of Community Development, Zoning Inspections, at 703/707-2666 or

[community.violations@herndon-va.gov](mailto:community.violations@herndon-va.gov). Information is also available on the enforcement page under Planning/Zoning at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).



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# SPORTS

## Elite Volleyball Prepares Athletes for College

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Virginia Elite Volleyball Club (Reston) has announced that two of its players from the Elite 17s team, Allison Williams and Celene Alasomuka, have committed to play the sport in college at the Division 1 level. Williams, a middle blocker, has verbally committed to play for Villanova University (Big East Conference).

"I'm excited to be playing volleyball for Villanova," said Williams, a Chantilly High junior. "Not only is Villanova a fantastic school academically, but I feel like I've found the perfect volleyball program for me."

Williams plans to study management information systems at Villanova.

Alasomuka, an outside hitter, has verbally committed to play for the College of William & Mary (CAA Conference). "I am honored and excited to be able to play for a great volleyball program at such a highly regarded, academically oriented school," said Alasomuka, a Centreville High junior. "This is a dream come true for me and I'm grateful to the coaches at William & Mary for giving me this terrific opportunity."

Alasomuka hopes to study International Relations at William & Mary.

Both players said the coaching and training they have received at Virginia Elite have been key in enabling them to achieve their dreams of playing volleyball at the college level. Both players will officially sign na-

tional letters of intent with their respective colleges during the next school year as seniors.

Virginia Elite is a member of the Chesapeake Region Volleyball Association (CHRVA) with a focus on building academic and athletic excellence in female volleyball players ages 13-18. For more information, go to [www.vaelite.com](http://www.vaelite.com).

The Herndon High School Dance Team is conducting tryouts for all interested rising ninth graders (current eighth graders) through rising seniors on May 13, 14, 15, 18 and 19, from 3-5 p.m., at Herndon High School. An interest meeting will take place on April 30, at 2:45 p.m., in the Herndon High Lecture Hall near the Main Office. The team performs dance routines for home football games, basketball games and competitions in the categories of pom and hip-hop. Dance team begins practice during the summer to prepare for camp and continues through February. Physicals dated after May 1, 2009 are required. See forms online at [www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS](http://www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS). For more information, contact head coach Rachele Aiken at [rachnjas@yahoo.com](mailto:rachnjas@yahoo.com) or call 703-582-5960.

The Langley High girls' lacrosse team defeated South Lakes in a Liberty District contest played on Thursday, April 16. South Lakes' goals came from Tess DeAtley and



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERLITZ/THE CONNECTION

**Herndon High boys' soccer coach Sean Lanigan will see his Hornets play a Concorde District game at Centreville High Friday, April 24, at 7 p.m. On Monday, April 27, at 7 p.m., Herndon will host district rival Westfield.**

Lara Duffy.

South Lakes is looking to fill the following coaching vacancies: varsity field hockey coach and dance team coach. All interested

applicants may send their resumes to [Linda.Jones@fcps.edu](mailto:Linda.Jones@fcps.edu) or fax them to her at 703-715-4688.

The following Northern Region Coaches Poll for boys' and girls' lacrosse teams is presented by TripleEDGE Lacrosse. Boys' Top 10: 1. Chantilly (5-1), 2. Langley (8-0), 3. Woodson (6-2), 4. Robinson (4-2), 5. Madison (7-1), 6. Oakton (4-3), 7. Herndon (6-4), 8. West Springfield (6-3), 9. Annandale (4-1), 10. Westfield (3-4). Girls' Top 10: 1. Chantilly (10-0), 2. Robinson (5-2), 3. Woodson (3-2), 4. Langley (6-0), 5. Madison (7-1), 6. Westfield (4-2), 7. Stone Bridge (6-2), 8. Oakton (3-3), 9. Annandale (8-2), 10. South County (5-1).

The following Northern Region baseball teams are ranked in this week's Coaches Poll: 1. West Springfield; 2. Chantilly; 3. Lake Braddock; 4. Westfield; 5. Langley; 6. South County; 7. McLean; 8. Stone Bridge; 9. Madison; 10. Yorktown. Other teams receiving votes: Woodson, Oakton, Marshall and Robinson.

Stuart High senior Corey Haynes recently signed a collegiate scholarship to play women's volleyball at Division 1 St. Peter's University (N.J.). Haynes will be the first Stuart (Falls Church) girls' volleyball player to ever play the sport in college. The Stuart volleyball program started up in 2003. The Raiders, members of the Northern Region's National District, are under coach Sharon Ponton.

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

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](http://www.SouthLakesAthletics.org).

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](http://www.FutureEliteLacrosse.com).

The need for new high school football officials is becoming a big issue in the greater Washington



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**Katherine Woodward of Herndon-Reston Youth Lacrosse springs down the field in U9 action. See this week's HRYL Report at [connectionnewspapers.com](http://connectionnewspapers.com). Go to Herndon sports.**

Metropolitan Area. With new schools opening and more students participating, the need for new officials is ever increasing. If interested in becoming a high school football official, contact Dennis Hall at 540-837-1316 (w).

The annual Ambassador Cup soccer tournament, sponsored by McLean Youth Soccer (MYS), will

take place June 27-28 at Spring Hill Park in McLean. The all-adult tournament is made up of players from all around the metropolitan area. MYS will have a team represented in the Cup.

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Colgate University pitcher Jesse McCarrick (Oak Hill) tossed a five-hit shutout to lead her team past Siena, 8-0, in a recent college women's softball game. It was the first game of a double-header between the two teams. Colgate (Hamilton, N.Y.) went on to win

the second game as well, 10-2, for its 10th straight win. In the first game, McCarrick picked up her 10th victory in 12 decisions and posted her second shutout of the season. She struck out seven in the win and walked none.

South Lakes is looking to fill the following coaching vacancies: varsity field hockey coach and dance team coach. All interested applicants may send their resumes to [Linda.Jones@fcps.edu](mailto:Linda.Jones@fcps.edu) or fax them to her at 703-715-4688.

Junior middleweight boxer Jimmy Lange (29-3-2, 20 KOs) has a new opponent for the World Boxing Council (WBC) United States National Boxing Championship (USNBC) Super Welterweight (154-pounds) championship fight coming to the Patriot Center on May 2. After his previously-confirmed challenger (Ryan Davis) unexpectedly backed out, Ice Promotions officials confirmed that Frank Houghtaling (19-15-5, 4 KOs) of Albany, N.Y., had accepted to fight the popular Great Falls, Va. boxer in a 12-round Main Event title fight.

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You all don't know me, really. I mean, you read what I write; know what I think (in print anyway); relate to what I feel, hopefully. But, other than as a weekly read, you don't really know what I'm like on a daily basis: what my personality is, what my peculiarities are (OK, maybe you do), what my reactions to things are, etc. And though I try to be open and honest, still, admitting what matters — and what doesn't — isn't always easy.

What is easy to admit to are my feel-ings toward my computer. We are not exactly hand and glove, we are more like hand and foot: involved with the same whole (me), but not exactly on speaking terms (although we do attend the same meetings). And as artificially intelligent as my computer is, I don't really respect it. Sure, I appreciate its many super-human abilities and skills, many (heck if I'm being honest, most) of which are far beyond this mortal man, but I don't connect with it; emotionally, physically, spiri-tually, etc. And as much as I would like to, I don't hit it in frustration. Nor, quite frankly, do I praise it. (That can't matter, can it?) It is within this uneasy framework that I/we exist. I try to be patient but I'm sure I'm not (absolutely sure!).

So it was not a total surprise, when I consider for a moment our man-machine association, that one day last week while computing at home, my home computer popped up a window "messengering" me a missive — with attitude, I thought: "Your cartridge is running low on ink. Consider having a replacement cartridge available." (Do you even put quotes on what computers pop up?)

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I can be the most understanding and accommodating person; that is until you take advantage of my patience and kind-ness and treat me not with the respect and appreciation I deserve but instead treat me with disdain and distrust. I know what I'm doing, mostly, "and I don't need no stinkin' " computer telling me what it thinks I should be doing. If I wanted its opinion, I'd ask for it.  
So from now on, computer, just respond to my keystrokes and mind your own business. You work for me! I don't work for you. And that's just the way I want to keep it.

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## NEWS

# Model Home Unveiled

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strengths, and he added that the company allowed customers to be as involved in the process as they pleased, even meeting with subcontractors to give input.

Camberley is also partnering with the Audubon Society to help homeowners pick out plantings for their yards, and Northern Virginia Audubon Society Executive Director Darcy Levit was onsite for Saturday's open house. She said the society had approached Camberley asking to help homeowners choose native plant life that "invites wildlife to come land and feed and play in your backyard with you."

The model had a small pond with running water in the yard, which Levit said was "a great way to diversify and attract wildlife."

**TOURING** the master bedroom, Siamak Kanzi, who lives across the street in Franklin Corner, said he had been watching the house go up and was interested in moving into the neighborhood if the price was right. "In Fairfax County these days, you cannot find new houses anymore," he said.

"Beautiful. It's a beautiful house," said his wife, Frankie, adding that she liked the floor plan.

"But the prices, I believe, are still out of this world," Siamak Kanzi said. He said com-

parable square footage was available elsewhere in the area at lower cost, so the couple would wait to see if the prices came down.

"We are very impressed with the layout and all the attention to detail," said Reston resident LaToya Willis.

"It seems like they didn't miss much at all. We've looked at a lot of model homes and this pretty much has everything we would want," her husband Malcolm said. "From the moment you walk in the door, it seems like they made the right decisions on what goes where."

John Rose, who lives across the Fairfax County Parkway from the neighborhood-to-be, said he too appreciated the "roomy, spacious" design, but he remained skeptical as to what he would actually get for his money. "The thing about houses like this is they put in all these upgrades so you don't know what the base model looks like," he said.

Rose said he was considering moving into the neighborhood because he was looking for a larger house but wanted to stay in the same school system. "I still want to see what the actual base model is," he said.

The model home is open every day from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Depending on the sales pace, Camberley Director of Operations Matt Lufler said he expected the neighborhood to be built out in two to three years.

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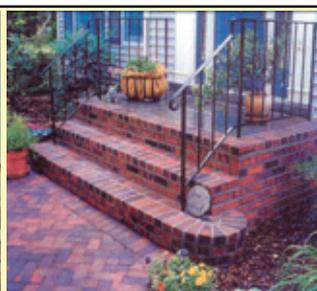
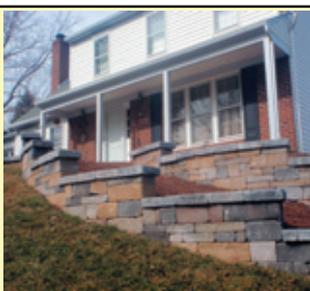
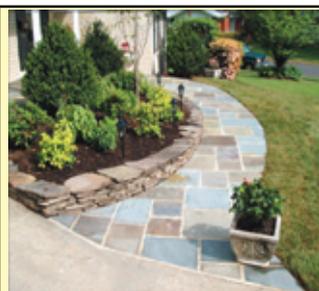
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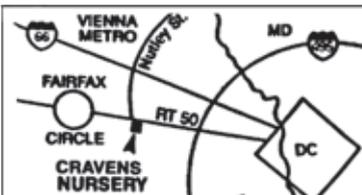
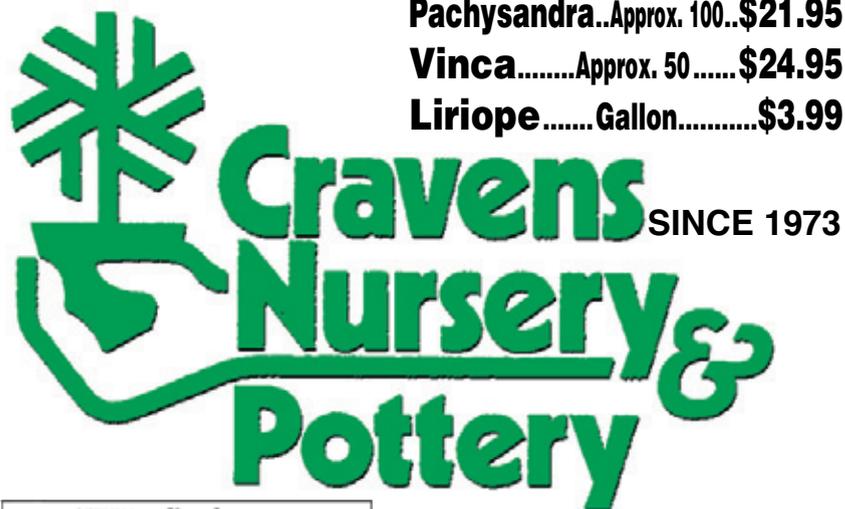
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