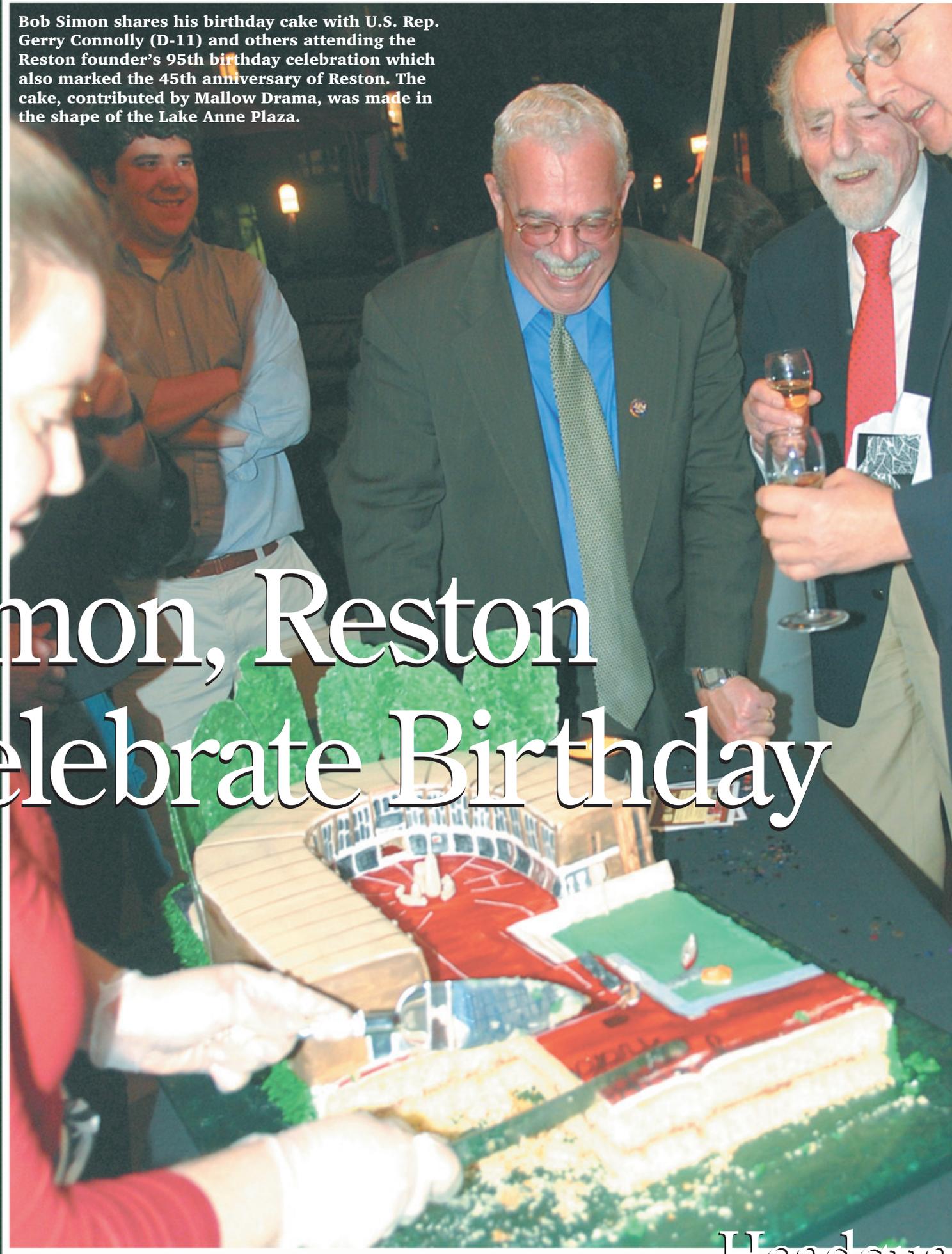


Bob Simon shares his birthday cake with U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and others attending the Reston founder's 95th birthday celebration which also marked the 45th anniversary of Reston. The cake, contributed by Mallow Drama, was made in the shape of the Lake Anne Plaza.



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# NEWS

## Empty Bowls Filled to Capacity

**Giving Circle's fund raiser for Food for Others tops last year's original event.**

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen St. John Neumann Church opened its doors for the Empty Bowls fund raiser Friday evening, April 17, about 50 people were already lined up to get in, Linda Strup said.

"By 5:30, we had them pressing at the doors," said Mary Narayan, who, 15 minutes later, was delaying people at the door to prevent overcrowding.

This is the second year that the Reston-based Giving Circle of Hope, of which Strup and Narayan are founding members, hosted the fund raiser to benefit Food for Others. Last year's event had brought in more than 400 people and raised \$17,000 for the charity. This year's was even bigger.

The fund raiser brings together local potters who donate handmade bowls, local businesses that donate the soup to fill those bowls, as well as other food, and Reston residents, who buy a ticket to choose from hundreds of bowls and sit down for a hot meal with their neighbors. Area Girl Scouts help serve the meals.

"It's a great community-building thing because people in Reston don't see each other all the time," said Strup, adding that the event also relied on the cooperation and generosity of various groups.

Giving Circle of Hope is a nonprofit made up of more than 100 local women who raise money among themselves and in the community to donate to charitable causes and also run several volunteer programs. Empty Bowls is one of the organization's two annual fund-raisers.

This year, more than 500 people attended the event, and it raised more than \$21,000 for Food for Others. Strup said 500 people had been considered full capacity for the 2 1/2-hour event, as the dining hall could only seat about 240.

"This event brings in a lot of money for Food for Others, and all the work is done by the Giving Circle," said Roxanne Rice, executive director of Food for Others. "We have a very small staff, but this type of help allows us to work at our primary mission of feeding people in need, as opposed to holding special events."

The organization is the largest distributor of free food directly to the needy in Northern Virginia, dispensing about 2 million pounds of food per year, Rice said. Since most of the food is donated, the organization's primary expense is paying for staff to pick up and deliver food. Rice said each dollar collected in cash enables the pickup and delivery of six meals worth of food.



PHOTOS BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION  
**Joe Berger looks on as volunteer Ginny Trygstad fills Priscilla Fritz' bowl with soup.**



**From left, Miranda Essig, 13, of Girl Scout Troop 4553 and Monica Lannen, 11, of Troop 4255, help Becky Dister and Matthew Willard select desserts.**

Food for Others also was the beneficiary of the food baskets that acted as centerpieces on the dining tables. These were all prepared and donated by local groups, ranging from families to Brownie troops, offices, neighborhoods, Mah Jong clubs and others, Strup said. "We needed 30 and we got over 70."

The Girl Scouts helped at Empty Bowls last year, and they were back again this year, helping guests carry their food and find seats, filling drinks, busing tables, emptying trash and chatting with diners. "They're basically doing everything that needs to be done," said Deborah Miles, who organized the Scouts for the event.

Girls from five local troops were in attendance.

## 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 Codding 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*

— MARCIA DI TRAPANI

**"This type of help allows us to work at our primary mission of feeding people in need, as opposed to holding special events."**

— Roxanne Rice,  
executive director of Food for others

"The girls love it," she said. "They all go home not only with a good feeling from helping but it's also entertaining."

"They're wonderful because they're so helpful," Strup said of the Girl Scout volunteers.

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Children enjoy the cool water of the fountain in the middle of Lake Anne in Reston on Saturday while enjoying Founder's Day festivities with their families.



Area residents spend a sunny Saturday at Lake Anne enjoying the festivities of the 45th anniversary of Reston and the 95th birthday of Reston founder, Bob E. Simon.

## Simon, Reston Celebrate Birthday



PHOTOS BY MIKE MCKEE

Bob Simon, who earlier this month turned 95, toasts the people of Reston, the town he



founder, founded 45 years ago. The honored couple, Cheryl Terio Simon and Robert E. Simon Jr., Reston's Founder, watch the Reston Community Orchestra's Brass Quintet.

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# RA Headquarters Referendum Fails

At a brief meeting Monday night, April 20, Reston Association President Robin Smyers announced that the referendum requesting up to \$15 million to purchase a new Reston Association headquarters did not garner enough votes to meet quorum requirements. The percentage of members voting in the affirmative also did not meet the required supermajority.

Thirty percent of eligible voters had to cast ballots in order for the vote to be valid. This meant 5,193

votes had to be returned, but only 5,022 ballots were received and 117 of those were invalid. Most of the invalid votes were disqualified either because the voter submitted both an online and paper ballot or because they were returned after the April 10 deadline. Of the valid ballots returned, 2,474 voted in favor of the referendum and 2,341 voted against it. Had quorum been achieved, two-thirds of voters would have had to vote in the affirmative for the referendum to pass. "The next obvious ques-

tion is, 'Where do we go from here?'" Smyers said. She said the RA would continue working with commercial real estate advising firm CresaPartners to find a suitable location to lease. "It will be within Reston and it will be a location designed to help us deliver the best services to our members," she said.

Smyers said the association planned to move out of the present headquarters before its current lease is up in the spring of 2010.

— MIKE DICICCO



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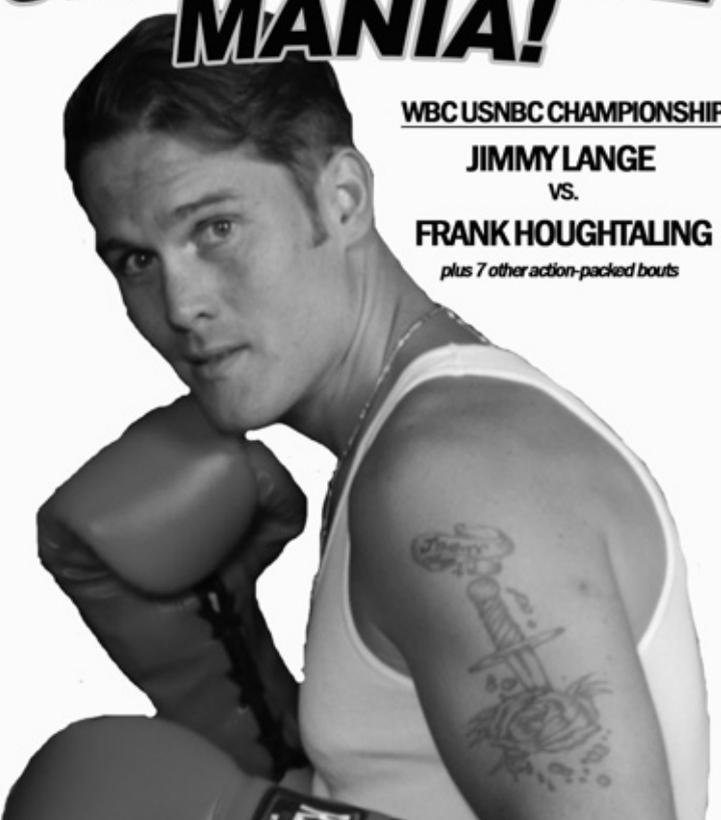
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**W**hile you may or may not be set up to consider biking to work on some days, or any day, it's worth considering getting to work without your car on Bike to Work Day on May 15, and if possible, one day or more a week thereafter.

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.

**EDITORIAL** 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

### 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)

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 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>. Suggestions 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.

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## Earth Day Every Day

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

**T**he original Earth Day celebration in 1969 reminded us that we need to take good care of Mother Earth to keep her healthy. The level of concern about environmental issues at the time was not great among the citizenry, and the level of awareness was limited. Now, 40 years later, the news media abounds with articles about climate change; store shelves are filled with green products; and Al Gore won an Academy Award for "An Inconvenient Truth," his movie about global warming.

Numerous Web sites provide directions and advice on living a green life. Even my weekly electronic newsletter, Virginia E-News, has a regular feature of "Climate Change Citizen Action" with suggestions for responsible environmental stewardship (subscribe at [www.kenplum.com](http://www.kenplum.com)). Hybrid cars that consume less gasoline and create less pollution are readily available. Electricity for the home and office can be purchased from renewable sources. Join me this Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Wolf Trap to recycle your old electronic devices courtesy of the Northern Virginia Technology Council, PC Recycler Inc., Wolf Trap Foundation and the Boy Scouts.

Even with all the activities going on and with all the individual and corporate actions being taken, it is clear that much more vigorous global changes must be made if the adverse impacts of climate change are to be averted. Under President Obama's administration our country will become a willing and cooperative partner in international efforts to reduce the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. At home, the Congress needs to come to a resolution of the kind of cap and trade laws to adopt about greenhouse gases. Such a law and resulting regulations will have winners and losers. Without a resolution of the issue, we will all be losers. The failure of the General Assembly to pass meaningful legislation this session after the Governor's Climate Change Commission on which I served came up with very meaningful recommendations was disappointing.

Individually, we need to be concerned about the health of Mother Earth. Buy phosphate-free fertilizer this spring, and do not use more than the recommended quantity. Change your light bulbs to CFLs. Choose renewable energy. Reduce your own carbon footprint. And, very importantly, lobby elected officials to think of every day as earth day and enact legislation friendly to the future of our planet.

## Primary — A Real Race

BY JOHN LOVAAS  
CIVIC LEADER AND RESTON  
IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

**J**ust a few years ago, the Democratic Party of Virginia insisted on selecting its candidates in smoke-filled caucuses and conventions. As one who argued strongly for opening the party's processes, I am particularly pleased to see the competition generated for the June 9 Primary for governor. We've got two veteran legislators — State Sen. Creigh Deeds from Bath County and former Del. Brian Moran from Alexandria — and a newcomer, powerful political fund raiser, Terry McAuliffe of McLean, involving himself for the first time in Virginia politics — running for the top job.

After interviewing all three on my Reston Impact community TV program, the Progressive inclines toward one of the three over Republican candidate Bob McDonnell. McDonnell was Virginia's attorney general since defeating Deeds by 360 votes four years ago. McDonnell is a righty, trying to recast himself as more centrist for this election cycle.

Deeds, McAuliffe and Moran see eye to eye on many things that differentiate them from McDonnell. They strongly believe Virginia should take \$125 million from President Obama's stimulus program to expand unemployment benefits for

300,000 Virginians slammed by the Bush recession. McDonnell and the Republican legislators do not. The Democrats also agree that common sense dictates closing the gun show loophole allowing any wacko to buy any firearm without so much as a background check.

But, there are some telling differences among the Dems. To his credit, Mr. McAuliffe accepts no money from coal-fired polluter Dominion Power, which gives money and gifts to nearly all Virginia politicians (including Deeds, Moran, and our local delegate) to gain enormous influence. But, McAuliffe takes mega bucks from special interests all over the country. Moran has a solid progressive record and has become more progressive over time. He has made serious environmental action a centerpiece of his campaign, including real investment in green alternatives. Furthermore, he has proven leadership experience in the legislature, which will come in handy as governor.

While McAuliffe has the grit, I am concerned that he perceives government's role as serving the business sector, including well-heeled contributors.

The question is: 1) who can beat McDonnell and, (2) who will take us in a more progressive direction? A close call, but for me Brian Moran is the one.

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# Book Sale Draws British Volunteers

**Couple arrives at Reston to help at library's book sale.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

Margaret and Keith Weaver live not far from a country home of Queen Elizabeth in Royal Berkshire and quite far from Reston, Va. But during many springs since 1997, the Weavers have made the trip from Reading, Berkshire, to Reston to help the Regional Library with its spring book sale.

"Reading in Royal Berkshire is about 40 minutes from London by road," said Keith Weaver. "I ... say jokingly that the Queen is our neighbor, as one of her residences is in Berkshire, hence the Royal in Royal Berkshire. Windsor Castle is about 25 miles from where we live, so we can call her our neighbor just."

The Weavers met Charleen "Charly" Karlsson and her husband, Rik, of Oakton while both couples were on a tour to Canada 12 years ago. "It was a mixed bunch of Brits and Americans," said Keith Weaver. "We hit it off with the Karlssons and after we got back to the U.K. kept in touch, first by letter, then e-mail. When we found out they were involved with the Reston Friends, we wanted to know more about it as both of us were, and still are, avid readers."

"Then we offered to fly over and help [with the book sale] if they would like." Their offer was accepted and the Karlssons provided the Weavers "with bed and board ... and our friendship with the Reston Friends was born."

The Weavers were scheduled to arrive at Dulles on April 14, in-time to help their good friend, Charleen Karlsson, and a host of other volunteers, sort and categorize books for the Friends of Reston Regional Library book sale. They will volunteer their services during the sale, as well, but make time for sight-seeing and socializing with Charly and Rik Karlsson.

"Why do we do it? Well, it is fun, it gives us a good insight as to the workings of a library system — not so very different to ours but better organized. We not only work the sale as best we can, but like meeting people, and we have a vacation at the same time. Hopefully, we can continue for a few more years. The Karlssons have been very good to us, putting up with our British ways and lan-



PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

**Whenever their schedules and budget permits, Keith and Margaret Weaver travel to Reston from England to help out the Friends of Reston Regional Library at its spring book sale. They met Charleen Karlsson, book sale chair, 12 years ago.**

**Keith Weaver, Charleen 'Charly' Karlsson and Margaret Weaver sight-see at Meadowlark Gardens. The Weavers make the journey from Reading, Berkshire, U.K. to help Karlsson at the book sale hosted by the Friends of Reston Regional Library.**



guage, and between us we have a great laugh."

"WE TRY TO ORGANIZE our books the way people shop," said Pam Chin, Friends treasurer and Karlsson's right-hand coworker. "Not just broad categories, but we narrow it. Literature has subcategories and so does history, like 'wars,' 'true crime.'" Several volunteers specialize in a particular genre and take the extra step of helping patrons find books that would appeal to them.

"When you're talking about all the ways Charly converts book to money, we raise over \$100,000 a year," said Chin. "That reflects the generosity of the community which donates the books."

Buyers come from all over the country to browse through the collections. A signed novel by a young and unknown author, Jim Webb, is for sale. Thirty years later, Webb represents Virginia in the U.S. Senate. Another prized col-

lectible book was signed by Israeli Foreign Minister, Moshe Dayan.

Chin and Karlsson emphasize that the workers restock constantly so new books are always being placed out.

So far, the Friends have collected between 25,000 – 30,000 books, enough to fill almost 1,000 boxes. Karlsson has spent a decade volunteering for the book sale and now chairs the book sale committee. Chin and Karlsson agreed that the sorters and volunteers are the "heart" of Friends, "truly the ones who make the sale successful."

A dedicated Friends of Reston Regional Library pre-sale is April 23, from 6-8:30 p.m. New members are welcome to join and pay the membership fee at that time. The book sale opens to the public on April 24 and April 25 at 10 a.m. and April 26 at noon.

Hardcover books sell for \$1.50; paperbacks sell for 50 cents to \$1 dollar. Premium collectibles are priced slightly higher.



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**THURSDAY/APRIL 23**  
**Langston Hughes M.S. Art Show.** 7-8:30 p.m., U.S. Geological Survey Visitors Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. The USGS will host a reception in the Art Hallway of the National Center for an evening of art, music and poetry. Guests will be treated to works of art including charcoal drawings, self-portraits, and still life paintings created by the school's students. The exhibit will be on display at the through April 29. Call 703-648-5928.

**FRIDAY/APRIL 24**  
**Semi-Annual Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. The Reston Regional Library will hold its semi-annual book sale. Call 703-689-2700.  
**Complimentary Cake Tasting.** 4-7 p.m., Edibles Incredible, 11900 Market St., Reston. Enjoy Spring flavors with a complimentary dessert tasting. Call 703-709-8200 or visit [www.ediblesincredible.com](http://www.ediblesincredible.com).  
**What Your Eyes Say About You.** 6:30-8 p.m., Eyewear Gallery, 11900 Market St., Reston. Iridology looks at the eye's iris to uncover clues about a person's health and emotions. Michelle Dion, Diplomat Holistic Iridology, will help you learn more about yourself and your loved ones. Call 703-709-5400, e-mail [drdawn@eyewear-gallery.com](mailto:drdawn@eyewear-gallery.com) or visit [www.eyewear-gallery.com](http://www.eyewear-gallery.com) for



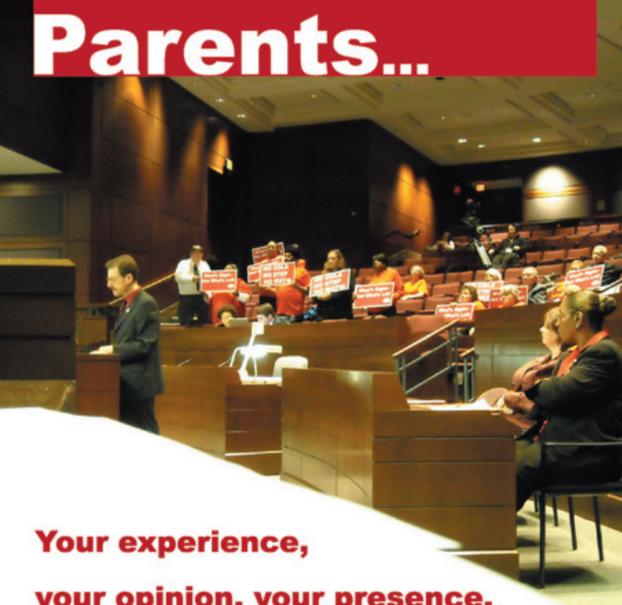
The Reston Choral will perform Brahms' "Ein deutsches Requiem, Opus 45" at their Spring Concert Saturday, May 9 at 8 p.m. at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The performance will include a specially commissioned piece in honor of the Choral's Artistic Director Fred Wygal (pictured), who will be retiring after this season after 27 years of leading and directing the Reston Choral. \$20/adults, \$15/seniors and youth. Call 703-476-1111 or stop by the Community Center Box Office for tickets.

reservations.  
**Oratorical Contest.** 7 p.m., Herndon Council Chambers, 765 Lynn St., Herndon. The Herndon Optimist Club presents 2009 Oratorical Contest, open to all girls and boys under 16 separate contests will be held, one for girls and one for boys. This year's topic is "For Me, Optimism is..." Speeches are to be five minutes in length and follow the theme. E-mail Mary Burger at [mary.b38@verizon.net](mailto:mary.b38@verizon.net).  
**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 to Natty Beaux, a combination of blues, swing and rockabilly. Beginner swing lesson held 8:30-9 p.m. \$15/person. Call 703-359-9882 or visit [www.gottaswing.com](http://www.gottaswing.com).

**SATURDAY/APRIL 25**  
**Semi-Annual Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. The Reston Regional Library will hold its semi-annual book sale. Call 703-689-2700.  
**Parent/Child Art Workshop.** 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Reston Art Gallery & Studios, 11400 Washington Plaza W., Reston. In recognition of Cinco de Mayo, make paper riasras and colorful God's Eyes. Free. Call 703-481-8156.  
**Cooking Class.** 12-3 p.m., Il Fornaio, 11900 Market St., Reston. Learn to prepare a main course and then enjoy a full lunch with a glass of wine and an Il Fornaio gift. \$45/person. Call 703-437-5544 or visit [www.ilfornaio.com](http://www.ilfornaio.com).

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- Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 6 p.m.-10 p.m.
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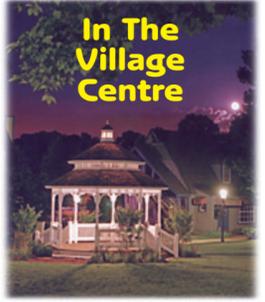
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May	1	2U (U2 tribute band) + Road Soda
	8	Lost in Paris
	15	Laura Lea & Tripp Fabulous
	22	Black Sheep
June	5	Burnt Sierra
	12	Monster Band
	19	Dr. FU
July	3	Crowded Streets + 8 Track Jones
	10	Flip Like Wilson
	17	Kristin & the Noise
	24	B2B (Jimmy Buffett Beach Band)
August	31	JunkFood + Fools & Horses
	7	Hyjinx + Rise & Fall
	14	Gonzo's Nose
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**Knife Sharpening Event.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Williams-Sonoma, Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Alicia Gronki from Sharpen This will professionally sharpen kitchen knives for \$1 per blade inch. Call 571-203-8815.

**Arts and Crafts Fair.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Community of Faith United Methodist Church, 13224 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon. An arts and crafts fair will be held to raise money for both local and nationwide missions. There will be multiple selling everything from clothing and jewelry to fine art. Free admission. Call 703-+620-1977.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 26

**"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.

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**Walk MS.** 1930 Isaac Newton Square, Reston. Join hundreds of walkers and volunteers for "Walk MS" to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The new Reston Walk MS site features a 4.5-mile route beginning and ending in front of the Reston Association building. To register, volunteer or learn more, contact the National Capital Chapter at 202-296-5363 or visit [www.MSandYOU.org](http://www.MSandYOU.org).

## TUESDAY/APRIL 28

**Wine Tasting.** 7-9 p.m., Il Fornaio, 11900 Market St., Reston. Tasting features five wines and assorted antipasti. \$25/person. Call 703-437-5544 or visit [www.ilfornaio.com](http://www.ilfornaio.com).

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 29

**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 style of the television show "Who's Line is it Anyway?" will be played. Free. Call 703-318-8920 or visit [www.paolos.com](http://www.paolos.com).

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12071 CHANCERY STATION CIR	3	3	1	RESTON	\$765,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.06	
1913 LOGAN MANOR DR	4	3	1	RESTON	\$720,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.05	
1307 MURRAY DOWNS WAY	5	3	1	RESTON	\$720,000	Detached	CRIPPENS CORNER	0.25	
2629 FOX MILL RD	3	2	1	RESTON	\$670,000	Detached	RESTON	1.28	
11126 TIMBERHEAD LN	5	3	1	RESTON	\$657,450	Detached	RESTON	0.31	
11690 BENNINGTON WOODS RD	6	3	1	RESTON	\$650,000	Detached	RESTON	0.30	
10702 CROSS SCHOOL RD	4	3	1	RESTON	\$640,000	Detached	RESTON	0.58	
11905 FAWN RIDGE LN	4	2	1	RESTON	\$591,000	Detached	RESTON	0.53	
1334 PARK GARDEN LN	4	3	1	RESTON	\$544,500	Townhouse	WINDSOR PARK	0.06	
1632 STOWE RD	4	2	1	RESTON	\$530,000	Detached	RESTON	0.16	
11324 MYRTLE LN	4	3	0	RESTON	\$515,000	Detached	RESTON	0.50	
1630 BENNINGTON HOLLOW LN	3	2	1	RESTON	\$510,000	Detached	RESTON	0.22	
2517 FREETOWN DR	4	2	1	RESTON	\$425,000	Detached	RESTON	0.32	
11776 STRATFORD HSE PL#301	2	2	0	RESTON	\$395,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	STRATFORD		
1234 VINTAGE PL	2	2	0	RESTON	\$357,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.03	
11800 SUNSET HILLS RD #208	2	2	0	RESTON	\$351,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	CARLTON HOUSE		
11921 ESCALANTE CT	3	2	1	RESTON	\$347,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.04	
11800 SUNSET HILLS RD#1113	2	2	0	RESTON	\$330,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	CARLTON HOUSE		
1519 NORTH POINT DR #301	3	2	0	RESTON	\$329,990	Garden 1-4 Floors	NORTH POINT VILLAS CONDO		
1544 GOLDENRAIN CT	3	3	1	RESTON	\$329,900	Townhouse	RESTON	0.04	
10968 HARPERS SQUARE CT	3	2	2	RESTON	\$325,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.03	
11612 NEWBRIDGE CT	4	3	1	RESTON	\$320,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.04	
11913 SENTINEL POINT CT	3	2	2	RESTON	\$320,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.04	
12020 TALIESIN PL #25	2	2	0	RESTON	\$318,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	OAK PARK		
2122 CARTWRIGHT PL	4	2	1	RESTON	\$302,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.03	
11760 SUNRISE VALLEY DR#204	2	2	0	RESTON	\$280,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	MERCER		
1701 SUNDANCE DR	2	2	1	RESTON	\$279,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.04	
1591 WOODCREST DR	2	1	1	RESTON	\$275,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.02	
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2220 SOUTHGATE SQ	4	2	1	RESTON	\$209,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.03	
11916 BARREL COOPER CT	4	2	1	RESTON	\$206,900	Townhouse	RESTON	0.03	
2220 COQUINA DR	5	2	1	RESTON	\$205,000	Detached	RESTON	0.07	
1978 VILLARIDGE DR #B	2	1	0	RESTON	\$192,500	Garden 1-4 Floors	VILLARIDGE		
1707 ASCOT WAY #A	2	2	0	RESTON	\$190,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	PARCRESTON		
1310 NORTHGATE SQ	4	2	0	RESTON	\$189,900	Townhouse	RESTON	0.03	
2324 ANTIQUA CT	3	2	2	RESTON	\$180,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.03	
2334 ANTIQUA CT	3	3	1	RESTON	\$155,000	Townhouse	RESTON	0.03	
1701 ASCOT WAY #1701B	1	1	0	RESTON	\$150,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	PARCRESTON		
11619 STONEVIEW SQ #74/1B	2	2	0	RESTON	\$100,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	SHADOWOOD		
2309 FREETOWN CT #18/1B	2	1	0	RESTON	\$95,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	GLENVALE		

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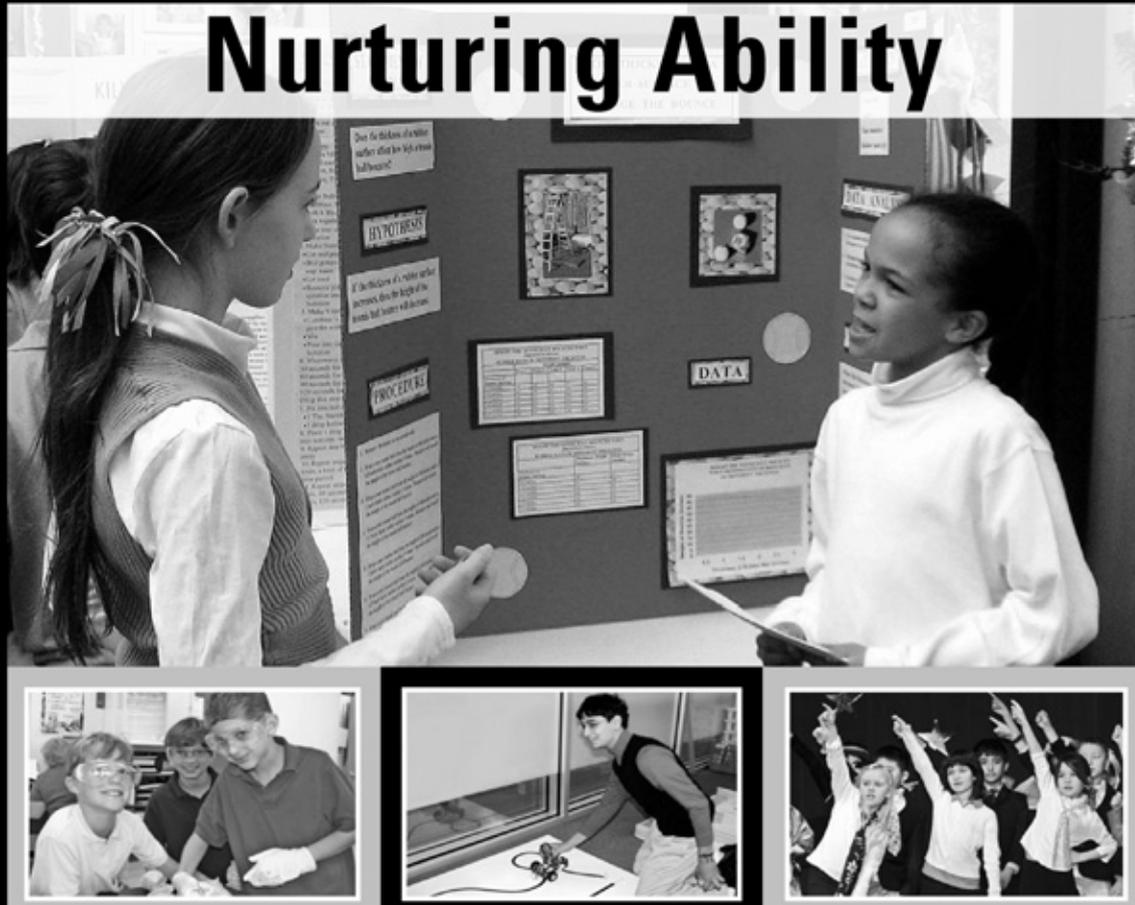
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# SPORTS

## 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



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**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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**Herndon-Reston Youth Lacrosse games are action-packed, as the players in this U-9 boys' game can attest. See this week's HRYL Report at [connectionnewspapers.com](http://connectionnewspapers.com). Go to Reston 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.

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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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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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 feelings 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, spiritually, 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 "messaging" 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?)

"CONSIDER" Consider this (obscene gesture). If I've ever been tempted to hit a computer, this was it. "Consider." Where does my computer get off talking (printing) to me like that? I pay its Internet provider to service me monthly. I keep the computer plugged in and turned on so that it can live and learn, think and grow rich, maybe. I type its keys to give its circuits, processors and mother board (and whatever else it contains that I have no knowledge of) reasons to compute, calculate, find, file and aid and assist in whatever way I, as the master of its domain, see fit. And if I, for any reason, real or imagined, want to end its pathetic dependency on me, I can, with the press of a button or the pulling of a plug, do so. I can end its useful life. Furthermore, if I so choose, I can cart its computer carcass to the local dump — and not recycle it.

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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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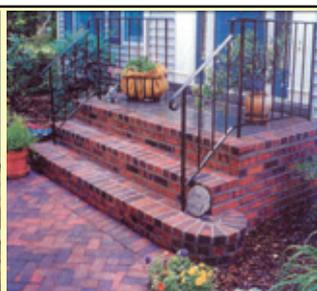
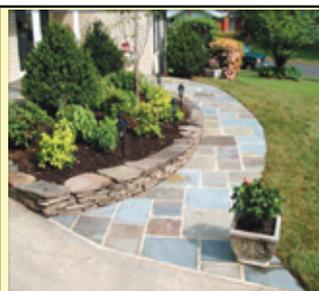
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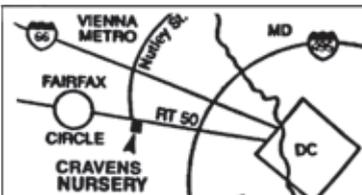
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