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Members of the grassroots group Save Brown's Chapel man tables outside the Reston Community Center to pass out information and solicit petition signatures during a meeting regarding a possible large-scale recreation center on Brown's Chapel Park. It was the first meeting to offer official information on the proposed project, and the group had already mounted a stiff opposition.

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Residents pack community center to listen, speak up.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

About two hours into a heated meeting about the possible construction of a recreation center on Brown's Chapel Park, Deb Pestronk managed to voice some of the frustrations of each side of the debate.

The former president of the Greater Washington Tennis Association wondered why the Reston Association had commissioned another study on the community's recreation needs. "How many studies do we have to have?" she asked "Reston recreation study has almost become a cottage industry in itself." However, she said, little had come of the studies because residents consistently objected to any indoor recreational development, including minimally invasive tennis bubbles.

"Seemingly, Restonians don't want change, and they certainly don't want it in their backyard," said Pestronk, to the hundreds of people gathered at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods.



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Paul Brailsford, CEO of Brailsford and Dunlavey, talks to residents and RCC and RA board members at the unveiling of the company's report on a possible new recreation center.

But she said the proposal outlined for the recreation center at Brown's Chapel should be shelved because of its "ridiculous financial cost." After audience members shouted that she should ignore her time limit, Pestronk went on to recommend that a new committee be formed with representatives

from both sides of the debate to try to come up with a solution they could all agree upon and "that won't bankrupt the community." She was roundly applauded.

THE PURPOSE of the meeting was for Brailsford & Dunlavey, a facility planning and program management firm, to present to the Reston Association (RA) and Reston Community Center (RCC) its final report on the scope, cost and need for a new recreation center in Reston. The proposed recreation center is the first major cooperative undertaking shared by the two organizations.

Almost all of the 450 seats were taken, and standing attendees lined the walls. Many wore "Save Brown's Chapel" T-shirts. Others wore stickers reading, "Yes! Support the Rec Center."

Carol Ann Bradley, chair of the RCC Board of Governors, assured the crowd that the project would only go forward with the consent of the community and if it could be done without raising the tax rate in Small Tax District 5, which supports the RCC. She said the organization's survey, to be administered this fall, would focus on the possible recreation center, what it should contain, how it should be financed and where it should go.

Reston Association President Robin Smyers said a referendum would have to

go to a vote if land at the park, which is owned by the association, were to be conveyed to the county for the center's construction.

The center would contain indoor swimming and tennis facilities, as well as a gymnasium, meeting space and multipurpose rooms. The firm presented three options for meeting needs, ranging from a minimal, "base" project, estimated to cost \$37 million, to a "comprehensive" option estimated at \$49 million. The structures would range from 119,000 to 173,000 square feet accordingly.

Introducing the presentation, Craig Levin of Brailsford & Dunlavey pointed out that virtually no recreational development had been undertaken in Reston since 1994. A Master Plan for recreation, including indoor tennis facilities, had been created in 1993, but little had come of it. "So it didn't start eight months ago. It started 15 years ago," he said.

In addition to examining previous studies and meeting publicly with a task force assigned to the project, Levin said, the company had talked to a variety of groups. "We didn't just rely on information from the folks up here," he said, indicating the members of the two boards. He said consultants had toured public and commercial recreation

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Reston Fights Cancer

More than \$250,000 raised in the annual Relay for Life.

BY ANNA MCCORMALLY
THE CONNECTION

The annual Reston Relay for Life, Reston's branch of the American Cancer Society's signature event, took place May 30-31 at South Lakes High School. On Saturday night, 1,200 participants camped out on the school's football field, undeterred by the rain. This year, Reston Relay for Life raised a total of \$260,130 for the fight against cancer.

Relay for Life has existed in the U.S. for 25 years, with 3.5 million people in 5,000 different United States cities participating annually. "Relay is so addictive," said Angee Quattro, co-chair of Reston Relay for Life 2009. Quattro chaired the event by herself in 2008. "It's wonderful."

The rules of the relay dictate that one member of every team must be walking (or jogging) the track around the football field at all times. Other team members kept the festive spirit going with everything from live music and dancing to pie-eating and hula hoop competitions. This went on from the relay's beginning on Saturday, at 1 p.m., to its end on Sunday, at 8 a.m.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Del.

Kenneth R. Plum (D-36), Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), Fairfax County Police Chief Dave Rohrer, Fairfax County Fire Department Assistant Chief Mark Rohr, Fairfax County Battalion Chief David Rohr, Dr. Robert Shor, South Lakes High School Principal Bruce Butler and AOL Program Director Ron Tisler all attended Saturday's opening ceremony.

At the ceremony, Yoan N'Komba of South Lakes High School sang the National Anthem and Olivia Wolfe of Langston Hughes Middle School read the Relay for Life Pledge, confirming the relay's goal of honoring survivors, mourning lost loved ones, and contributing to the search for a cure. Hudgins and Plum then cut the ribbon that launched the ceremonial survivors' lap around the track and officially began Reston Relay for Life 2009.

Team AOL 1, one of four separate teams sponsored by AOL, raised the most of any individual team. Total donations to their team were at \$36,277 on Sunday when the event ended. AOL also raised the most of any company participating in the relay.

"It's their first year participating," Quattro said of AOL. "They are doing this on behalf of several of their employees."

Booz Allen Hamilton came in second of the companies that participated, raising \$30,379.

"Booz Allen has always believed in giving back to the communities which we're involved in," said Bernadette



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Del. Kenneth R. Plum (D-36) and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) launch Reston Relay for Life 2009.

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Primary Tough Choice for Dems

Strong candidates lead to indecision?

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

With the Democratic gubernatorial primary less than two weeks away, Scott Surovell still had not made up his mind about his vote.

Surovell, a Mount Vernon resident, is not a typical voter. He is the chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, one of the largest local Democratic organizations in the commonwealth. Surovell is paying very close attention to the race and the three candidates — state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25), former Democratic National Committee chair Terry McAuliffe and former Del. Brian Moran (D-46).

"These candidates are pretty similar on policy. There are subtle differences but they are all strong candidates. I think the question a lot of people are trying to answer is which candidate would be the best to go up against Bob McDonnell," he said. "I am actually undecided. I have really been struggling with this myself."

Many other likely voters are having a tough time choosing a candidate in Democratic Party's gubernatorial primary June 9.

"It was a tough decision. We are have embarrassment of riches this time around and it was a tough choice to make," said Greg Zimmerman, a Democratic activist from Arlington County, who would not reveal who he was supporting publicly.

"I think, for Democrats, I think this primary is really difficult," said Loretta Nawakowski, the Democratic Party's captain for the Greenspring voting precinct, which traditionally has the highest election turn out of any precinct in Virginia. Though the residents are known for being politically active, attendance at a candidates' forum May 14 on the Greenspring campus was particularly high, about 250 people.

Volunteers who have knocking on the doors of reliable Democratic households in Northern Virginia have also found a lot of uncommitted voters.

"I am going door to door and a lot of people are undecided," said Steve Baker, an Arlington resident who supports McAuliffe.

Voters may be having a tough time choosing a candidate because the three men in the race are similar in many respects.

Deeds, a native Virginian who lives in Bath County where he grew up, likes to tell the story of his mother only giving him a few \$20 bills in his pocket when he went off to college.

McAuliffe, a McLean resident, started a driveway paving business at 14 years old in upstate New York so that he could pay for school.

Moran, a former state delegate for the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County, recalls when he father was laid off and his employer towed away the company car they

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used as a family station wagon.

All three candidates promise to make Virginia the epicenter of green technology and jobs. McAuliffe talks of turning chicken waste into fuel. Deeds wants to build an algae-to-fuel plant in Hampton Roads. Moran calls for wind farms off the coast of Virginia Beach.

Northern Virginia, they all expect, would be a hub of green job research and take part in developing things like the smart electrical grid and clean coal technology. "I think we can build on the technology companies that we already have here," said Moran.

Moran, in particular, appears to be trying to set himself apart by running to the left of his primary opponents on social and environmental issues.

If elected governor, Moran promises to seek repeal the 2006 Marshall-Newman amendment, which defines marriage as between a man and woman and bans marriage-like contracts for same sex couples. "We should not be placing discriminatory language in the Virginia constitution," said Moran at the Greenspring forum.

As a state senator, Deeds voted in favor of the same-sex marriage amendment in 2006. McAuliffe said he does not support gay marriage but is fully supportive of civil unions. But he has said multiple times that the campaign should focus on other issues.

"If we don't fix the economy, we are going to go backwards on several fronts folks," said McAuliffe at an Annandale debate.

Moran has spoken out against drilling for oil or natural gas off the coast of Virginia and opposes the construction a new coal power plant in Surry County between Richmond and Hampton Roads.

On the issue of offshore drilling, McAuliffe backs limited exploration for natural gas but not for oil. Deeds said he would support some exploration for oil and natural gas.

McAuliffe says if elected governor, he would work to push all payday lenders, which provide small, short-term loans at a very high interest rate, out of Virginia.

Critics of payday lenders said many people become trapped in a unending cycle of debt through these types of loans, which

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they can never afford to pay back.

McAuliffe has also been critical of Virginia's largest utility company, Dominion Power, for not being open to renewable energy and energy efficiency proposals. "There should be no more rate increases until they agree to move on wind and solar power," said McAuliffe, who is not accepting donations from Dominion or the company's political action committee.

Dominion Power has been the largest business interest or individual contributor to Virginia's statewide political campaigns over the last 13 years. Since 1996, the utility company has donated \$5.2 million to political candidates, \$2.45 million to Democrats and \$2.65 million to Republicans. Both Moran, who has accepted \$46,800, and Deeds who has accepted \$57,200, from Dominion since 1996,

said McAuliffe's pledge to turn down Dominion money is hollow because the McAuliffe campaign held a fundraiser at the home of Thomas Capps, Dominion's retired president.

When there is consensus on an issue, such as the need for quick job creation, the candidates have different approaches.

Deeds, who represents the Charlottesville area, wants to use Virginia's well-regarded higher education system to spur growth and new employment.

McAuliffe would have a hands-on approach to attracting business to Virginia. As governor, he intends to be the commonwealth's number one salesperson and business recruiter.

"You all know I am good at getting money out of people," said McAuliffe at a meeting with the Northern Virginia Technology Council. The candidate, who once wrestled an alligator for a campaign donation, revolutionized political fundraising for the national Democratic Party.

Moran, who runs his own small law office, said he intends to shore up the economy by supporting and promoting small businesses.

"I have created a business in Virginia, a small business," said Moran.

If elected, Moran's first action as governor would be to convene a bipartisan sum-

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mit of business community members and government leaders to brainstorm about the best ways to address the current economic situation in Virginia. The summit would not just address job creation but also housing needs and other problems that have cropped up in the down economy.

"We need a governor who puts the people first," said Moran at the Greenspring forum.

Deeds and Moran have similar professional backgrounds. Both worked as local prosecutors and are currently lawyers at small law firms. They are also both former members of the House of Delegates. In 2001, Moran replaced Deeds as the House of Delegates Democratic caucus chair when Deeds won his election to the state senate.

A fixture of political talk shows, McAuliffe is one of the most recognizable Democratic Party figures on the national stage, even though he has never held elected office.

McAuliffe is trying to reshape his public persona into that of a Mark Warner-like businessman, who does Democratic Party activism on the side. He has rescued both a failing bank and Florida home building company during his career. Through these and a few other business ventures, McAuliffe said he has created several thousand new jobs.

Deeds and Moran tout their legislative experience in Richmond as an asset.

Deeds said he was able to get legislation passed as member of the minority and the majority party in the House of Delegates and Senate.

"I am going in knowing that system like the back of my hand," said Deeds.

While McAuliffe talks about needing to win more Democratic seats in the House of Delegates, Moran points out that he has actually done that as head of the House of Delegates Democratic caucus.

"I helped build the House Democratic caucus from 33 members to 45 members," said Moran.

McAuliffe, who has lived in McLean for almost 20 years, does not seem phased by his lack of experience at the Virginia statehouse. The Washington insider is running as a Richmond outsider.

"If you are happy with Richmond, I am not your guy," said McAuliffe.

See www.ConnectionNewspapers.com for more.

COMMENTARY

Lasting Impact of Great Depression

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



I am a product of the Great Depression. Not that I lived through it, but my parents did. It had a lasting impact on the way they lived their lives and by transference on the way I live mine. We saved and re-used aluminum foil and wax paper. String was wound onto a large ball for reuse. Mason jars were reused indefinitely for canning food products as long as a cap with a new ring was used. We made simple and complex repairs ourselves. Clothes and other items were handed down from older family members. The garden provided fresh produce in the summer and canned or frozen foods for the winter. Meals were sometimes augmented with wild game. While all these activities helped families get through the Great Depression, for my family and many others they became a way of life that continues through generations to today. The experience of the Great Depression when there was little cash available taught values of frugality, self-reliance and perseverance.

Fortunately, the current economic recession has not had as devastating an impact on people's lives. Having been a throw-away society for so long, adjusting to a more frugal lifestyle would be difficult for most with many practical impediments. Packing today is for the most part not intended to

be re-used. Garden plots are available for a limited few in most communities. Self-reliant living is difficult if not impractical in most urban and suburban settings.

A potential for savings exists, however, and it may take grandparents' stories about the Great Depression to start us thinking about how we can live more economically and with less footprint on the Earth. Combining an interest in being more self-sufficient and more environmentally friendly has great potential. I have been giving more thought to how I can save money, save energy, survive the recession and be friendly to the Earth. I recently cleaned out a chest freezer in the basement and unplugged it. We no longer need the space nor do we need to add to the demand for electricity. And there are the obvious: turn off the lights when you are not in the room; switch to CFL bulbs; repair dripping sink faucets and toilets; seal up cracks around windows and doors. Other considerations: do not buy products with excess packaging; buy from the local farmers' markets; reuse or recycle all you can; consolidate your errands into one trip.

Did your parents; or grandparents' experiences with the Great Depression affect the way you live? Are you being more conserving because of the recession or your concern for the environment? Share your experiences with me at kenplum@aol.com, and I will pass along selected ideas to others.

SCHOOL NOTES

Twenty-five **Armstrong Elementary students** recently traveled to the Hyatt Regency Reston where they spent the day shadowing Hyatt employees on the job. The students rode the Hyatt shuttle to the hotel then attended a staff meeting with the hotel's general manager. Students were able to shadow employees including the director of sales, rooms executive, front office agent, reservations agent, PBX operator, housekeeper, bell person, door person, concierge, executive chef, sous chef, director of food and beverage, and restaurant manager. °

Jason Aaron Harte of Reston earned Bachelor of Science from Excelsior College in Albany, N.Y.

Summer Marie Thomas of Reston and was named to the High List, Episcopal High School's academic honor roll, for the third quarter of the 2008-09 school year. This honor denotes an average of 90 or above in five or more academic courses for the quarter. Tho-

mas, a freshman, is the daughter of Ms. Tracy P. Thomas.

Aline Beaumont of South Lakes High School was named a Gold Award winner at the national level in the National Scholastic Art Awards.

Michael Cavalieri, Leslie Fishpaw and **Christopher Tjoumas** of Reston were honored at Virginia Tech's fall Graduate Commencement ceremony Dec. 15.

Lake Anne Elementary was recognized as an official Certified Wildlife Habitat site by the National Wildlife Federation. In order to become certified, a property must provide the four basic elements that all wildlife needs—food, water, cover, and places to raise young—and must use sustainable gardening practices. The habitat at Lake Anne consists of a pollinator garden including a pond; a sponge garden, which is a natural way of filtering water; native plant species; and bird feeders.

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OPINION

Vote June 9, Much at Stake

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Every polling place in Northern Virginia will be open on June 9 for a Democratic primary, with two state wide races and several important contested primaries locally.

Much is at stake for Democrats in choosing a candidate for Governor.

The contentious, high volume campaign between the three candidates, Terry R. McAuliffe of McLean, Brian Moran of Alexandria and Creigh Deeds of

Charlottesville will be settled by voter turnout on June 9. Primaries like this in Virginia

often garner embarrassingly low turnout given how much it matters.

The winner will seek to extend the leadership of Mark Warner (D) and Tim Kaine (D), the current and past governors, facing Bob McDonnell (R) in the general election in November.

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On the Ballot

STATEWIDE

Democratic primary, Governor, choose one:

♦ **Terry R. McAuliffe**, McLean, <http://www.terrymcauliffe.com>

♦ **Brian J. Moran**, Alexandria, <http://www.brianmoran.com>

♦ **R. Creigh Deeds**, Charlottesville, <http://www.deedsforvirginia.com>

Democratic primary, Lieutenant Governor, choose one:

♦ **Jody M. Wagner**, Virginia Beach, <http://www.jodyforva.com>

♦ **A. Michael Signer**, Arlington, <http://www.mikesigner.com>

♦ **Jon I. Bowerbank**, Withdrawn 5/18

See www.connectionnewspapers.com for more coverage of the race.

Also on the ballot are Democratic primary races for Lieutenant Governor, House of Delegates in Vienna, District 35; Arlington, District 47; and Falls Church, District 38.

Because voters do not register by party in Virginia, all registered voters are eligible to vote in the June 9 primary races.

For information on where to vote and more, see www.sbe.virginia.gov.

Father's Day Photos

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21, and once

again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood.

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Master Planning as Summer School

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INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE

The process of preparing a new Reston Master Plan has lain dormant since November. Suddenly, Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) has decided it is an urgent matter. The first open meeting is Tuesday, June 16 at 7 p.m. at Lake Anne Elementary School on North Shore Drive.

The timing for a supposedly participatory process is curious — the start of the summer season. The first meeting will introduce the "Land Use College", a primer for Reston residents not experienced in the arcane ways of county planning and zoning so that they can participate effectively in reviewing the existing Master Plan and shaping a new one. Don't let the "College" title intimidate. I understand from county staff that it will consist of only two to three user-friendly meetings to get versed in planning vocabulary and legalities.

The last Reston Master Plan was done 40 years ago. It is hopelessly out of date and is a root cause for

erratic growth and congestion facing Reston. A new Master Plan with a deep community imprint can make a dramatic difference for the next generation or two, restoring some of the original Reston principles vs. a congested, ugly Tysonizing that none of us wants. Unlike the Towns of Herndon and Vienna, whose residents make their own land-use decisions, Fairfax County supervisors, with help and campaign money from developers, rule on all proposals for Reston. But, they do so within the boundaries of the Master Plan. So, get involved.

Development already outpaces the outdated Master Plan. The following is a partial list of new con-

struction already approved or at various stages in the process: 1. Huge, new mixed-use (commercial/residential/retail) project at Wiehle Metro site under no-bid contract with county; 2. High density mixed-use redevelopment of Spectrum-Town Center; 3. Two new condo towers at Parc Reston; 4. Oracle, one office and two new residential towers; 5. Estimated 1-million-square-foot mixed use at Sheraton Reston next to Reston Parkway; 6. Massive (including estimated 1,700 condos, hotel) new mixed-use at Lake Anne Village; 7. Three new office towers at Reston Crescent on Sunrise Valley Drive; 8. Fifteen-story building, condos and retail, Explorer St in

TC; 9. Nine hundred and forty new condos, high and mid-rise, and two retail stores on site of Fairway Apartments; 10. Office complex on Sunset Hills Drive; 11. Senior affordable condos (200) on Colts Neck; 12. Major expansion of Reston Hospital Center; 13. Hotel at Sunset Hills and Hunter Mill Road; 14. mixed use high/mid rises on site of Ruby Tuesday lot in TC; 15. Up to 20 new mixed-use APR proposals for land along Toll Road, etc. Space precludes a more complete list.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stealing the Park

To the Editor:

As you read this, the boards of the RA and RCC along with Bill Bouie, who is the head of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, are trying to commit you to pay for their enormous recreation center and make up any budget shortfalls for years to come. They are, at this moment, working with lawyers to transfer the ownership of the Brown's Chapel Park to Fairfax County without your vote. If that turns out to be illegal (and gosh, it should be, shouldn't it?) rumor is they'll bury it in a referendum about another non-controversial issue. That's right. You can't take down a bush in your front yard without getting a nasty compliance letter, but they are working on sliding a whole park out of your back yard before you find out. And once that precedence is set, what's next? Hand over Lake Anne and make it a year round skating

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It sounds ludicrous, I know, but at the finance committee meeting on May 18 they cited a few facts that led them to conclude that this project was necessary. Apparently, parents in Reston are burdened with the hardship of having to drive their young swimmers up to 15 miles in the early hours of the morning to attend swim practice. Really? I have three kids who like to ski. Do they know how long I have to drive to get them to the slopes? Now that's hardship, but not one that I expect the government to fix with your tax dollars.

When pressed to answer a question about how ownership of the parkland would be transferred, Robin Smyers, president of RA, dodged and waved before finally saying, "I'm not at liberty to say at this time". Wow.

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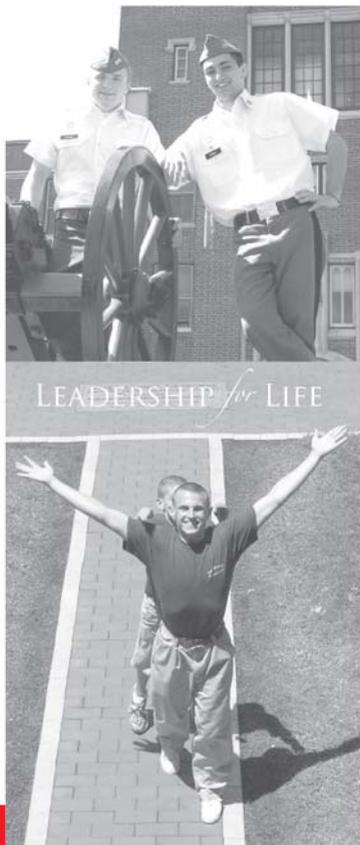
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NEWS

Team Keeps Promise

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DaCruz of Booz Allen Hamilton. She has been involved in Reston's relay for eight years, been a team captain for seven of them and been on the planning committee for Reston's event five times.

Other sponsors of the Reston Relay for Life include Comcast; CPU Tech; High Performance Technologies, Inc.; IC Training; Integrity One; Mamma Lucia's of Reston; Rejuvenations; Saab Aircraft; Sheraton Reston; Software AG; the Observer Newspapers and The Protection Engineering Group, Inc.

One of the community teams made an impressive showing by raising more money than nine out of the 11 companies that participated. With 125 members, Team S.T.O.M.P was the largest Relay for Life team in Virginia that wasn't corporate. It raised almost \$20,000.

"We did it cupcake by cupcake," said Meredith Ross, a Robinson Secondary School senior and the

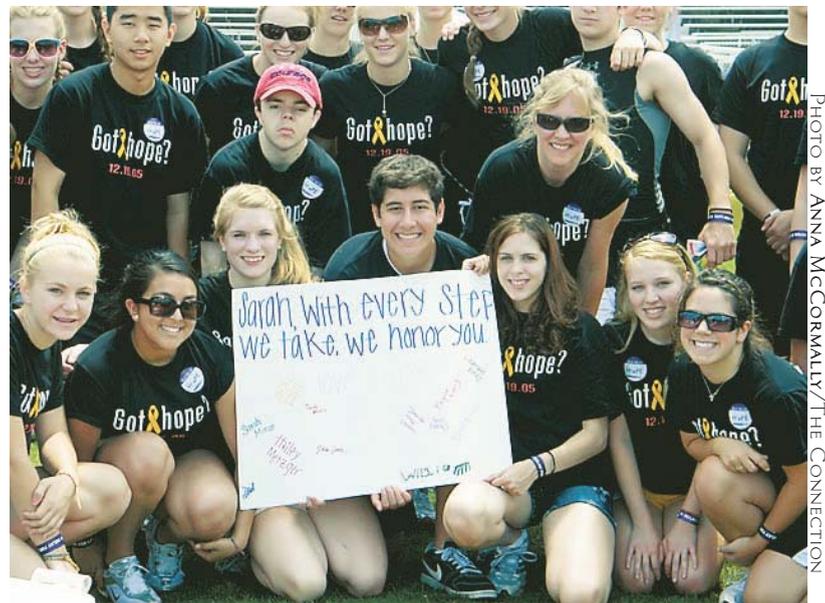


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Members of Team S.T.O.M.P pose with a sign in memory of Sara Winthrop, who died of liver cancer in 2005.

team's leader. Ross, who hopes to become an oncologist, was first motivated to action when she lost her friend Sarah Winthrop to liver cancer in 2005. She made a promise to do what she could in the fight against cancer. "This was all because of a promise," Ross said

of the money she and S.T.O.M.P have raised.

S.T.O.M.P did not reach its goal of \$30,000, the cost of one month of liver cancer treatment, this year. But the team, led by Meredith's sister, Emma Ross, will return to Reston Relay for Life in 2010.

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Rec Center Debate Begins

FROM PAGE 3

facilities in and around Reston, interviewing the people who ran them, and had also met with various sports and citizens groups.

CEO Paul Brailsford said the center's main target market would be Reston residents and employees of Reston businesses, and Levin said users from outside Small Tax District 5 would pay 60 percent to 100 percent more to use the facility.

"It's really not put in place to generate additional revenues," Brailsford said, adding that the goal would be to reduce fees for residents.

Highly educated and affluent Reston residents represent a demographic likely to make use of recreational facilities, Levin said.

Brailsford said the community had far fewer such facilities than would be expected for its demographic.

Levin also noted that, although Reston was nearing build-out, the surrounding communities continued to grow and would put pressure on Reston facilities, and with Metro coming in, the business sector would expand, bringing more employees.

Because businesses in Tax District 5 also pay the tax that supports RCC, their employees are entitled to the local rates.

Levin said the facility would likely cover 74 percent to 80 percent of its operational costs, with the rest being covered by the tax district.

"If you have the money now, now is the time to build," noting that construction costs were remarkably low in the slow market," Levin said.

"We've done a lot of work, but we're really still at the beginning in terms of community engagement," Brailsford said, laying out the long process ahead.

Former RA President Rick Beyer, now co-chair of the grassroots group Save Brown's Chapel, said he thought members of the association had become conflicted and were representing county interests over those of the Reston residents they were bound to represent. He noted that the RCC Board of Governors, on the other hand, represented the county to the extent that the district supervisor appointed its members.

SAVE BROWN'S CHAPEL started in the neighborhood adjacent to the park, but Beyer said the coalition now drew from all districts of Reston, and 1,000 people had signed a petition opposing the

recreation center. He said the group had retained legal counsel and would take action if the RA and RCC tried to build the center without putting it to a referendum. Much of the crowd arose behind him in a standing ovation.

But Reston Masters Swim Team President Gordon Gerson said his group — and the community — badly needed more indoor swimming. "A most excellent planned community should have a most excellent recreation center," he said.

"We're not against anything," Gerson said. "The only thing we're against is not doing anything."

Evan Bass, chair of the RA Tennis Advisory Committee, said Reston needed to fight the growing problem of childhood obesity by providing a place to exercise during winter and in bad weather.

"This is a very expensive project, and I think there are other ways to solve the problem," said Michael Kogan, president of the Newport Cluster Association.

Mike Rierson, president of the Newport Shores Cluster Association, said he wanted a moratorium put on all plans for Brown's Chapel Park until a Master Plan was cre-

ated for the park, with the neighbors providing input. "We do not oppose a properly sized and planned and funded facility," he said to the recreation center proponents in the audience.

Marie Huhtala, director of the board of the Reston Citizens Association, said her organization had serious concerns about the project. She said members wanted to know how the building would be financed, whether use by outsiders would translate to tax relief, how the facilities at Brown's Chapel Park would be replaced and how the environmental impacts of the building would be mitigated.

"We certainly don't want to build a rec center that's inappropriate," said Tyrone Gillum, adding that both sides of the debate had valid points. He acknowledged that he wore a "Support the rec center" sticker. "Today, I heard information for the first time," he said, noting that it was the first time anyone had heard anything official. He pointed out that three options had been offered. "All I ask is that we can disagree without being disagreeable, and we certainly have to be respectful."

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SPORTS

Postseason Time for Herndon-Reston Girls' Lacrosse

Local under-9 teams conclude season in festival showcase.

The Herndon-Reston Youth Lacrosse (HRYL) teams were in action this past weekend, with the girls' teams finishing up their season and the boys' teams competing in their final regular season games. Two of the girls' teams competed in the playoffs and four of the HRYL boy's team advanced to the playoffs. The U9 teams celebrated their season by playing in a season ending U9 festival. Playoff schedules, complete results, and league information can be found at HRYL.org.

U13A Girls Playoff Report

The HRYL girls met the always tough team from Vienna in playoff action this past weekend on the turf field at Marshall High School. The Dynamite girls had been soundly beaten by Vienna in the regular season and were looking to gain revenge. HRYL began short-handed with two of their long-time and skilled players, Madeleine Daum and Katherine Wilson, sidelined. Nevertheless, HRYL stayed focused and came out strong, taking the lead on a goal from sharp shooter Brianna Curran.

Vienna scored the next two goals, but HRYL knotted the score when Megan Greatorex aggressively picked up a loose ball, passed to Curran, who fed Kelly Mathews for a goal. Vienna scored two more goals to take a 4-2 lead. HRYL coaches Mathews and Daum called a timeout and drew up a play resulting in a score off a nice feed from Susie Patrick, to Curran, to always-hustling Maggie Williams. Vienna countered with three unanswered goals, but Mathews scored as time expired in the first half, pulling HRYL to within 7-4.

In the second half, Emma Rogers and Maggie controlled many of the draws to gain possession for HRYL. Gabrielle Parisi hustled after ground balls all over the field and made numerous aggressive stick checks to force turnovers. Williams and Mathews scored the next two goals for HRYL, the second coming off an assist from Alexis Duke. Vienna then pushed their lead out to 10-6.

Youngster Kristina Woodward caught the ensuing draw and passed to nifty stick-handling Emma, who fired a shot past the Vienna goalie. Again, Vienna scored twice to extend their lead to 12-7. But the HRYL Dynamite team would not give up. The defensive unit of Ellen Cranley, Madi Chernick, Alexis Duke and Mary Claire Shaffer buckled down, hustling to ground balls and intercepting Vienna passes.

Goalie Ingrid Boyum made numerous fantastic saves. Anna Seitz and Kelsey Donnelly played hard in the offensive zone, setting up the third goal for Maggie, the second goal for Brianna, and the fourth goal for Kelley to bring the score to 12-10. Momentum was squarely on HRYL's side, but the clock was ticking, and time ran out on the come-back bid.

The Dynamite ended their season on the losing end, but pushed Vienna to the limit and can be proud of a well-played game and fine season. All of the girls improved during the year and displayed a high caliber of play, both individually and as a team. The



Bennie Tignor scored four goals in the U9 Fun Day Tournament.

fans were privileged to watch the accurate passing, smart adjustments, good field movement and solid team effort and look forward to next season.

U9 Boys

In the biggest game of the season, at the NVYLL U9 Fun Day, parents, family and friends gathered at EC Lawrence Field to cheer for the Herndon-Reston Optimist U9 Boys Lacrosse team. Herndon league commissioner Lou Peterson was there in vigorous support. With much anticipation, the Herndon Hurricanes faced the venerable Alexandria Youth Club. There was a fierce duel in the dust at X, and Herndon's Zach Bell (1 goal) won the opening face-off. Both teams knew it would be a brawler.

Led by Cole Trippett, and Patrick Thompson (two assists), the Herndon boys showed their experience on the natural grass surface, pounding the ground balls in the scrums and coming up with them. The Herndon offense broke it open in the second half, showcasing the midfield speed and power of Bennie Tignor (four goals) and Blake Rodgers (one goal, two assists). Both boys inspired the team with outstanding tournament play. The Alexandria boys fought back. In the second quarter, a hush descended when the hardened Herndon netminder, Jonathan Prisciandro (four saves), saved a shot in his left quad from 5 yards out.

From the opening whistle, Dylan Griffith showed tremendous toughness at midfield and Anton Coglihan ran through the fourth quarter with grit and determination.

On defense, Carson Mach and Dodson Piotrowski showed great athleticism in checking the opponent and man-handling the scrambles. David Batt (one goal) led an aggressive Herndon attack converting on a nice bounce shot on the crease. The U9 Optimist fans exulted at the culmination of a fantastic season of lacrosse fun for all.

U11B Boys

On Saturday, the Herndon-Reston Youth Lacrosse U-11B boys team won its seventh consecutive game by outpacing the visiting Loudoun West U11 B3 squad by a score of 9-6.



South Lakes' Adrian Vaughn (475) helped the Seahawks to a Northern Region boys' team title two week ago with a sixth place finish in the 200.

Sixts at States

South Lakes' Fortes takes first in boys' discus event.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The South Lakes High boys' track and field team finished a solid sixth place at last weekend's state AAA Outdoor Championships, which were held at Todd Stadium in Newport News.

The Seahawks, who two weeks ago captured the Northern Region team title, scored 26 points at states. They were the top finishing team at states from the Northern Region. The next top team from the region was West Potomac. Western Branch (Chesapeake) won the boys' team championship.

Quintin Fortes of South Lakes won the state championship in the boys' discus event. He was the lone individual champion for the Seahawks, who also received good outings from

Vincent Brown, who was second place in the boys' 110 hurdles, and Mike Harrell, fourth in the 110 hurdles and sixth in the 300 hurdles.

Herndon High's Rich Roethel finished second in the boys' high jump. Other area place finishers on the boys' side included: Stone Bridge's Trevor Springman (second in shot put); Stone Bridge's David Wang (fourth in shot); Stone Bridge's Daniel Allen (fourth in the 200); and Oakton's Andrew McCullen (sixth in the 3200).

The girls' team champion was Landstown High (Virginia Beach). The top Northern Region team finisher was Lake Braddock High, which finished ninth.

Herndon senior Hiruni Wijayarathne finished 11th in the girls' 3200 race.

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Hunters Woods Elementary School Principal Olivia Toatley, Artist-in-Residence Bonnie Fitzgerald and student Lucas Lin.

Promoting Values Through Art at Hunters Woods Elementary

Students of the graduating sixth grade class at Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences unveiled their legacy art project to the delight of fellow students, faculty and Artist-in Residence Bonnie Fitzgerald, who supervised the design and installation of the 165-square-foot mosaic.

Featured on a brick wall located at the front of the school, the design was inspired by student Lucas Lin, whose artwork was selected from among the nearly 200 sixth-grade student entries. Students were asked to incorporate the school's key values of Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Compassion into their designs.

All Hunters Woods sixth grade students participated in constructing the mosaic mural

and completed the initial layout in one week. Bonnie Fitzgerald installed the mosaic with the help of volunteer mosaic artists from around the region. "The kids loved working on the mosaic and many gave up lunch and recess to help out, it created a real sense of community" said Fitzgerald.

"I see the mosaic as a constant reminder to live as citizens of the world," said Hunters Woods Principal Olivia Toatley.

Each year since 2002, sixth-grade students have participated in a public art project to leave as a legacy gift to their school. The school's PTA raises funding for the public art projects. To learn more about Bonnie Fitzgerald, her public art and her mosaic company Maverick Mosaics visit www.maverickmosaics.com.



Completed Hunters Woods mosaic mural

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Growing Pains



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Oregano, thyme, rosemary, sage, basil, mint; some of the home-grown herbs and spices a few of our friends are growing/cultivating; with distinction, from what I've heard. And as I was listening to the ebb and flow of how their gardens grow, I could not imagine for a moment, why in the world I would ever undertake such an endeavor. Nevertheless, the passion and enthusiasm with which these friends were discussing their gardening gains — and losses, was so heartfelt, so filled with conviction, I couldn't help but be drawn into the conversation.

And the conversation was wide-ranging, too, gardening wise; from south-facing, to potting, to planting, to trimming and pruning, to plant-life expectancy, to harvesting, to the impact of weather and watering. The tips/anecdotes/words-to-the-wise just kept coming. As for the words to the stupid (yours truly) all I could do was ask questions and listen in amazement as these friends spoke about the care and feeding, locally, of these centuries-old and historically popular spices. The conversation sounded similar to many I've had about sports; using past, present and imperfect examples of players, performances, statistics, tendencies, championships, etc., rather than planting location, depth, proximity, and too many other planting considerations lost in translation, to determine an appropriate course of action/pursuit.

As I listened, and unfortunately didn't really learn, since it was established that my life didn't really depend on the outcome, (which if it did, it was suggested, I might pay more sincere attention), I nonetheless marveled at the depth of information that our friends possessed on the subject, information I presumed existed, but never previously bore witness to.

It never ceases to surprise me the things; categories, hobbies, avocations, vocations, pursuits, that people are into, and aware of, most of which are usually beyond my comprehension — and grasp, quite frankly. And it's not that I'm stupid when I sit and listen cluelessly; it's more that I'm incredulous how little I know about so many subjects, one of which was discussed this particular evening: the trials and tribulations — and rewards, of growing herbs and spices in your own backyard. Who knew there would be such back and forth — and such knowledge, about such things? Not me (in case you didn't know that previous sentence was rhetorical.)

And though I am now not the least bit interested in tilling the soil at "Belly Acres," (our two-acre, non-ancestral home), I am nevertheless intrigued by the possibility. The only problem I foresee, other than all the obvious problems that you readers foresee, is what exactly would I do with all the herbs and spices if I were able to actually grow them? The closest I get to a spice is my aftershave. The closest I get to an herb is my neighbor across the street. I realize that herbs and spices have something to do with food and taste and cooking and food preparation, but that's no more my world than growing the stuff was in the first place. Oh, I can certainly appreciate the effort required to grow your own; my problem is, if I did grow it, would I have to eat it?

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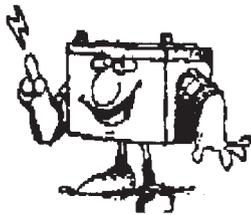
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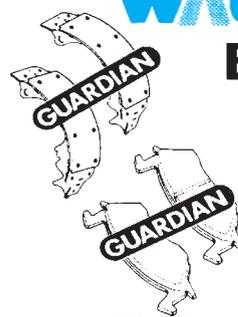
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