

Mary Brown, director of Reston Environmental Action (REACT) and Kelly Daly, the organization's vice president, display the award they won for the nonprofit or community organization category in the first Reston Sustainability Awards program Saturday afternoon.

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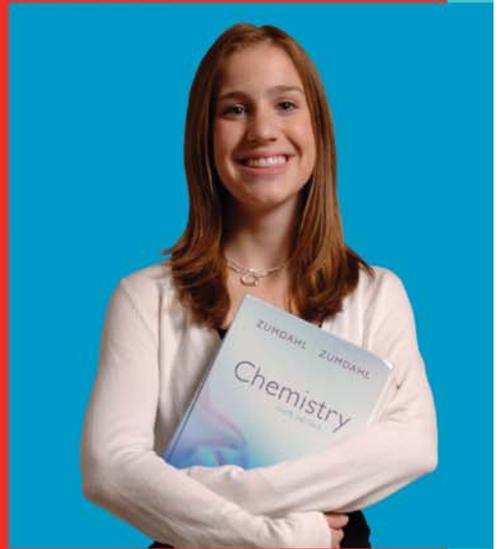
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# NEWS

Sharon Clark presents the youth category award to Bobby Rae Allen of Langston Hughes Middle School's EarthForce Club and the club's nominator, science teacher Lezlie Love.



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## Addressing World's Problems Locally

First Sustainability Awards feature local players, national leader.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

For a while, much speculation took place on the effects that the ongoing stream restoration project might have on Reston's ecology, but members of the EarthForce Club at Langston Hughes Middle School took it upon themselves to quantify that impact, keeping track of water quality in the Snakeden Branch before and after the restoration effort. For this, the club received the youth award in the first Reston Sustainability Awards program on Saturday, Sept. 19.

"They don't receive any credit for this," said Sharon Clark of the Reston Citizens Association's Sustainability Committee as she presented the award to club member Bobby Rae Allen. "They go and stand in the mud and stand in the snow every week."

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— Sharon Clark, Sustainability Committee

**THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE** is a new arm of the citizens association, dedicated to finding ways of living that don't impinge upon future generations, and the awards program, which took place on Washington Plaza at Lake Anne, was to recognize those who help make Reston sustainable. About 40 people showed up for the event, one of them being the nationally known author and economist who would be the keynote speaker.

Presenting the award for the individual adult category, Reston Citizens Association President Marion Stillson called winner Jeanne Strokes "an exemplary force in Reston beautification." She said Strokes had devoted much of her time to beautifying the Golf Course View Cluster and "always makes herself available as a source of good advice and encouragement

in environmental matters."

Accepting the award on Strokes' behalf, Patricia Simeral said one contribution Strokes had made to her neighborhood was to start a gardening club and then encourage members to thin their plants and share the ones they culled, allowing neighbors to beautify their properties at low cost. "You can tell going up and down the street how many people have taken her advice," Simeral said.

Keynote speaker Michael Shuman presented the award for a nonprofit or community organization to Reston Environmental Action (REACT), saying the group demonstrated that "nonprofit need not be non-entrepreneurial." He said the organization had encouraged all sorts of behavioral changes, such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions in local workplaces, cutting down on driving and reducing energy and water use.

Small change consignments has provided a place for recycling children's clothing and other items for more than 25 years, since before the practice was politically correct, Sustainability Committee member Rich Clark said as he presented the award for the business organization category. The store, located just a few doors down from where the ceremony took place, has become a gathering place for

women and mothers, he said. Accepting the award on behalf of store owner Susann Gerstein, Susan Burwell said she knew Gerstein would be grateful for the recognition, and she reminded the crowd that small change consignments also sold Halloween costumes.

**THE COMMITTEE** managed to snag Shuman as a speaker because member Paul Hughes had met him while doing renewable energy consulting in the mid-1990s. Shuman is the director of research and public policy at the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE) and author of "The Small Mart Revolution," "Going Local" and other books. The Independent Publishers' Association has awarded him a bronze medal for best business book.



Dr. Thomas C. Schuler, president and CEO of The Virginia Spine Institute, presents a check for \$25,000 to Kerrie B. Wilson, CEO of Reston Interfaith with Dr. Brian R. Subach, the director of research at VSI.

## Supporting Interfaith's Mission

BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER  
THE CONNECTION

The Virginia Spine Institute presented a check for \$25,000 to Reston Interfaith to support the non-profit organization's mission and to solidify the Institute's commitment as a strategic partner.

Dr. Thomas C. Schuler, president and CEO of VSI, presented the check to Kerrie B. Wilson, CEO of Interfaith, on Friday, Sept. 18, at Laurel Learning Center.

Schuler said what he finds most valuable in Interfaith's work in the community is its commitment to reestablishing and maintaining people as functioning members of society.

"It's essential as a citizen of this country that we work hard to support organizations," he said. "Too often people go after emotional issues, and we need to take care of those in our backyard."

Interfaith, a non-profit organization, serves and empowers those in need of food, shelter,

quality childcare and other services.

Wilson said the money would be used to support a family in their home for two years.

"It's huge for us," Wilson said. "It's their belief in our mission."

Lynn Gilmore, director of community affairs for Northrop Grumman Corporation Information Systems in Reston, also attended the check presentation event.

Gilmore said Northrop Grumman Corporation Information Systems is a fourth year strategic partner of Interfaith at the \$25,000 level.

In the end, Wilson said Interfaith is mostly working on homelessness and housing these days.

Interfaith has been awarded \$424,236 in grants through the Homelessness and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HRRP), authorized through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) under the Obama administration.

"We are at the heart of that," Wilson said.



Kerrie B. Wilson, CEO of Reston Interfaith, and Amy McDowell, Interfaith's event and communications manager, look over documents at the check presentation event.

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## On Political Signs

Candidates for public office uniformly define themselves as law-abiding citizens with the public good at heart.

So why then does virtually every candidate allow or encourage their campaign workers to violate the law by posting hundreds of signs in the public right-of-way in the medians of major roads?

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Political signs in roadway medians simply scream that the candidate in question has enough money to print signs and pay staff members to put them up. Certainly some signs are put in medians by enthusiastic volunteers.

Meanwhile it is not OK for a citizen to take down political signs even if they are illegally in the public right-of-way.

A little local enforcement, citing candidates for violations with an accompanying press release while removing the illegal signs, would go a long way towards curbing this unsightly practice.

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You can also register in person at the elections office during business hours or at the DMV, or you pick up a form in a library or other public places.

After you register, you will receive confirmation and a voting card in the mail. You can call the elections office to verify that you are registered.

To find your polling place, go to [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov) and click on "voter information." Polling places will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, Nov. 3. Check with your local elections office for information on absentee voting.

A little local enforcement would go a long way.

### Absentee Voting

Virtually any Virginia voter can vote ahead of time in person or by mail if for any reason you expect to be away from home, including commuting to your job, on election day. You can mail in an application for an absentee ballot by downloading it at [www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms\\_Publications/Index.html](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Forms_Publications/Index.html). A ballot will be mailed to you for you to fill out and mail back.

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### EDITORIALS

## Top State for Business

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

In the most recent issue of The Voice of Technology, the journal of the Northern Virginia Technology Council (NVTC), Bobbie Kilberg, president and CEO of NVTC, joined the chorus of individuals and organizations proclaiming Virginia to be "America's Top State for Business" ([www.nvtc.org](http://www.nvtc.org)).

During the past three years, Virginia has been recognized as the most business-friendly state in America by Forbes.com — 2006, 2007, and 2008; one of the best states for business by CNBC — 2007, 2008, and 2009. In addition, Pollina Corporate Real Estate Inc., a top U.S. corporate site relocation expert, ranked Virginia second in its annual study of pro-business states in 2006 and first in both 2007 and 2009. Virginia was recently recognized as one of the top five states to start a business by U.S. News and World Report in July 2009; the top-performing state government in America by Governing Magazine in 2008; and the state where "a child is most likely to have a successful life," according to a 2007 Education Week report. In addition, "Virginia is for Lovers"

was recognized by Forbes.com as one of the top marketing campaigns of all time. Announcements of all of these recognitions can be found at [www.commerce.virginia.gov](http://www.commerce.virginia.gov).

No other state comes close to Virginia in its widespread recognition as the most friendly state for business. Kilberg lists many reasons for the Commonwealth to receive such broad acclaim from business leaders; among these are low taxes, reasonable regulations, competitive tax incentives for businesses to locate here and expand, and streamlined permitting processes. But, as she also points out, Virginia has a great quality of life where CEOs and their employees want to live.

Interviews with corporations that have located their headquarters or facilities to Virginia often cite the excellent educational pro-



grams available in the state as among the reasons for relocation here. Corporate employees can have confidence in sending their own children to the public schools and colleges in Virginia, and corporations can draw upon the excellent workforce

that comes out of the educational institutions. Our colleges and universities offer excellent places for research and development.

Virginia is third among the states in federal research and development funding.

Virginia was hard-hit by the recession but not nearly as hard as many other states because of its strong business base. Virginia is the top state for business, and the attributes that make it that way contribute to it being a great place to live and raise a family.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Rail to Alaska

To the Editor:

It seems a little disingenuously that Sen. John McCain (PR-Ariz.) seeks to cut "pork barrel spending" by proposing to remove \$85 million from the FY 2010 Department of Transportation Appropriations Bill earmarked for the FTA New Starts Program funds specifically set aside for Dulles Metro Rail Phase One. Isn't this the same John McCain who corrupted the 1,500-mile limit on flights from Reagan National so that he wouldn't have to make that difficult trip to Dulles for his flights home to Phoenix? What about water projects benefiting the Arizona desert to be paid for by the rest of us? Boy, would he have been a boon to the citizens of Washington had he inhabited the White House.

In his defense, he probably does need more money to spend on more important projects in Alaska.

David A. Edwards  
Reston

#### Band Continues Fund-Raising Effort

To the Editor:

The 2009 Tag Day annual fund

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# OBITUARY

## Major Ralph Quinn Butler, 65, of Reston, Dies

Reston resident Ralph Quinn Butler, 65, died on Sept. 9.

He was born on Aug. 17, 1944 in Cheboygan, Mich. to Ralph Q. and Mildred Burgess Butler. He grew up in Huntsville, Ala. where his father was an engineer for NASA. After graduation from the University of Alabama – Tuscaloosa in 1966 with a bachelor of science in Business Administration, he enlisted in the Air Force, attended officer training school and was commissioned in 1972. As an officer, he specialized in signals intelligence and electronic security. He progressed through a number of command and staff assignments in the United States and overseas. While in the service, he earned a master of science degree in international relations from Syracuse University. His final assignment was as commander of the 6942nd Electronic Security Squadron at Fort Meade, Md. His award and decorations included the Air Force Commendation Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the defense Meritorious Service Medal awarded by the National Security Agency.

Butler retired from the Air Force in December 1989 and with his wife Linda moved to Reston in 1990. In retirement he worked initially for Xerox and most recently in the advertising department of the Connection Newspapers. He also was active in the local Democratic Party organization, was part of the original organizing group for the Reston Multicultural Festival, and was an active communicant of St. Anne's Episcopal Church. He is survived by his wife Linda, sister Joyce Russell, brothers Mark and Clifford Butler, nieces Wendy Dyer Keefer and Megan Mack, and grandnephews Nathan, Trenton and Hayden Keefer and AJ Mack.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Weed Warriors Project:** Our native trees, ferns and wildflowers are under attack by invasive exotic plants like English Ivy, Japanese Honeysuckle and Bamboo. "Weed warriors" are needed to join the effort in rescuing Reston's parkland from these aggressive plants.

Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m.-12 noon, join the volunteers in removing the burning bush, barberry and other aggressive invasive exotic plants behind Stirrup Lane. The volunteers will be returning to this site to continue the fight they started last year against these invaders. Park along Colts Neck Rd. or at the tennis court parking lot. The work will take place along the natural path behind Stirrup Lane. To sign up, call: Ha Brock, RA Volunteer Specialist, via email habrock@reston.org or call 703-435-7986

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The annual meeting of Greater Reston Arts Center membership will be held at the Arts Center on Wednesday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. Beverages and hors d'oeuvres will be provided. The program will include highlights of GRACE programs over the past year and plans for the coming one, the introduction and confirmation of new board members and board appreciation for those who have completed their tenure of service to GRACE. Special thanks will be given to all GRACE volunteers and recognition to outstanding volunteers for their exceptional contributions. All members are invited to attend. Memberships are available and can be renewed at this meeting.

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## OPINION

# Losing One of the Good Guys

BY JOHN LOVAAS  
CIVIC LEADER AND RESTON  
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**INDEPENDENT**  
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**O**n Wednesday, Sept. 9, Reston lost one of its finest — Ralph Butler. At 65, he succumbed to cancer about two years after suffering a crippling stroke.

Ralph was born in Michigan and grew up in Huntsville, Ala., where his dad was an engineer for NASA. Following his graduation from the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa with a B.S. in business, he signed up with the U.S. Air Force, attended OCS and was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1972. He received numerous citations and awards before retiring from the Air Force and moving to Reston with his wife Linda Anderson Butler in 1990.

In retirement, he worked first

with Xerox Corporation and then we worked together at the Connection Newspapers until

Ralph's stroke forced him to the sidelines. But, He and I met and actually worked together on several community and Democratic Party activities before he joined the Connection staff in the Advertising Department. I was particularly proud of the fact that I had helped recruit Ralph into Democratic activism because he was a hard worker and a man who not only got along with other volunteers but inspired them, leading by example. Ralph was often the first to identify jobs that needed doing and always the first to sign up to get them done. Part of his special energy, I think, came from the fact

that he had been active in the Reston Republican Party (even being named Republican of the year at one point) before becoming totally disenchanted with their philosophy and direction.

But, above all, Ralph was a generous, caring and self-effacing person who was always ready to contribute his time and efforts for his community and for those in need in Reston. From helping a local charity pick up used furniture and move it to the apartments of low-income residents to being one of the original organizers of the Reston Multicultural Festival, Ralph was always there doing more than his share. He was a kind, gentle man who had an engaging smile readily offered to those in need of one. I'm not sure they still make good men like Ralph these days. He will certainly be missed by many in Reston. I know I am one of them.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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raiser run by the award-winning South Lakes High School Band was scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 12. The band would like to thank the community for their generous support on Saturday. Yes, the 130 members of the band went door-to-door in the South Lakes High School community meeting their neighbors and asking for donations. The band exceeded its goal set for the Tag Day event by \$5,000. This money provides the annual operating budget for the band. Currently, the band has raised \$25,000 of the \$63,000 they need to purchase new uniforms.

Approximately 130 students are enrolled in the band program at South Lakes High School, which includes the Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Jazz Band, Flag Corps and the Spirit of Reston Marching Band. This is up from 70 students last year and it is expected that 150 students will join the band next year. Their current uniforms are 10-years old and need to be replaced. Many of them are worn or are not the proper size for our students.

These high school students need your help to continue the success they have experienced in recent years. Not only is the attendance at each concert increasing but the caliber of their performances is superior. The Wind Ensemble is the premier performing ensemble at South Lakes High School and has performed at Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, the National Concert Band Festival and our Marching

Band won a USSBA State Championship in 2006. Please assist them continue their success and support these students.

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Their next fund raiser will begin in October and continue through the beginning of November. They will be selling citrus in time for the holidays. Each year, the South Lakes Band has been selling fresh Riversweet Citrus from Florida. Don't miss this opportunity to support the band and have plenty of fruit just in time for the holidays.

For further information, visit the South Lakes High School Band Web site at [www.southlakesband.org](http://www.southlakesband.org).

**Grayson Fore**  
Band Director

## Facts Do Help

To the Editor:

Yes, facts do help [Hurlburt Letter to the Editor, The Reston Connection, Sept. 16-22, 2009]. H.B. 3200 was first introduced in the House on Aug. 14, 2009 and immediately referred to five committees; House Energy and Commerce, House Ways and Means, House Education and Labor, House Oversight and Government Reform, and the House Budget Committee

Since that assignment was made, three of the committees have reported out with the notation "Bill

Text Revised" revisions including the cited House Ways and Means Committee report. Yes, there were significant revisions to the text. Not surprising after several months of tea parties and raucous town meetings. We may think that our representatives have lost it but some messages do get through. Mr. Hurlburt compares the revision reported out by the House Ways and Means Committee to the original version introduced in the House. Duh? Two of the committees have yet to report out according to "Thomas," the source that Mr. Hurlburt cites. Doubtless, we will see many more of the more onerous provisions disappear under the eye of public scrutiny as the debate continues and our representatives hopefully read the bill and do their duty.

However, he misses the point of the column: to create a community awareness to U.S. Rep. Moran's Town Hall, encourage participation in the town hall, and foster open debate on the merits of the proposed healthcare bill. Shame on him for castigating The Reston Connection and trying such a blatant, misleading ploy. Contrary to the mainstream media (which is neither), the Connection is providing a valuable service to the community in the face of declining advertising revenues.

One description of a nationalized healthcare system is: It has all the marks of the efficiency of the U.S. Postal Service, the bedside manner of the Internal Revenue Service, and a budget exceeding that of the Department of Defense.

**Jack Kenny**  
Reston

# Death Sentence Overturned

Va. Supreme Court sends case back to Fairfax for sentencing; capital murder convictions stand.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

Last Friday, Sept. 18, the Virginia Supreme Court overturned Alfredo R. Prieto's death sentence, although his convictions on capital murder remain intact.

Prieto successfully argued that jury verdict forms used in his 2008 trial were "defective because they failed to give the jury the option of imposing a life sentence."

"We reverse the two sentences of death and remand the case for resentencing," the court ruled. "We find no reversible error in the guilt phase of Prieto's trial, and, accordingly we will affirm Prieto's convictions on all charges including the capital murder charges."

A new Fairfax jury will now decide whether Prieto, already on death row in California, should be sentenced to death or to life in prison for the Virginia murders.

Rachael Raver's family told a

Fairfax Circuit Court jury in March 2008 about the pain and grief they lived with for two decades as Raver's and her boyfriend's murders remained unsolved. Raver lived in Mount Vernon at the time of her murder.

"When you hear about these things happening to families, you can sympathize, you can even empathize a little," Raver's aunt testified, "but you can't understand the full impact."

Jacqueline F. Fulton understands.

Her son, Warren H. Fulton III of Vienna, was Raver's boyfriend. He was captain of George Washington University's baseball team when Prieto murdered the couple, both 22, off Hunter Mill Road in Reston in December of 1988.

"When the bullet went through Warren's heart, it didn't stop there, it went to his grandparents, his uncles, brother; and it came to rest, lodged in my heart," Jacqueline Fulton testified.

That jury convicted Prieto for rape and capital murder and recommended that he be sentenced to death — a sentence Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Randy I. Bellows upheld during a formal sentencing hearing in May 2008.

Prieto was also charged with the rape and murder of Veronica "Tina" Jefferson, 24, whose body was found behind McKinley Elementary School in Arlington in May 1988.

Velma Jefferson last talked to her daughter on Mother's Day in 1988. And even though more than 20 years have passed since her daughter was murdered and raped, her mother still hasn't had the opportunity to tell a jury the impact it has had on her and her family.

"Objection," said Peter D. Greenspun, defense attorney for Prieto, when Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh

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Renovated museum shows off all-new, professional displays.

“Every stitch is new,” Arja Sahramaa said at the grand reopening of the Reston Museum. The single, large display room on Washington Plaza at Lake Anne, closed for renovations since the beginning of January, was reopened last Thursday, Sept. 17. “So it was like giving birth — nine months,” said Sahramaa, one of the museum’s staffers.

After getting by on donations and volunteer work for about 11 years, the museum received \$250,000 in grant money from the county’s Department of Housing and Community Development and from the Office of Community Revitalization and Reinvestment to fund a renovation.

Until then, “It was kind of a ware-

house for Reston memories, but not in any order or understandable components,” said Vicky Wingert, president of the Reston Historic Trust, which operates the museum.

In addition, the space, which had not been updated since it was built in 1964, is now handicapped accessible.

Some of the money came from redevelopment funding that is allocated for designated revitalization districts, such as Lake Anne Village Center, said Lynn Lilienthal, chair of the museum’s Board of Trustees. “So [the county] came to us and said, ‘We have this money. Apply for a grant.’”

She said the museum’s mission was to educate residents of all ages as to Reston’s history and its significance to residents and the larger world, a charge

it could now carry out not only through its many new displays but also with increased outreach. Already, the museum undertakes programs with Langston Hughes Middle School, Forest Edge Elementary School, and the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, as well as sponsoring a series of walks and a house tour. Now, Lilienthal said, the museum plans to host evening programs for adults and other activities. Plans are also underway for special exhibitions of the renovated museum throughout the year.

Visitors to Reston have often visited the museum in the past, Lilienthal said, “but now, it’s a place where we can really show it off in the best possible light.”

— MIKE DICICCO



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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 24

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 25

**Semi-Annual Used Book Sale.** 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. 703-689-2700. **MallowDrama, At Play Cafe and Cupcake Mission** for the nationwide drive to raise money for The Michael J. Fox Foundation. For every cupcake purchased today, MallowDrama will donate 50 percent of their proceeds to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson’s Research. At Play Cafe, 2254-B Hunters Woods Plaza, Reston, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 26

**Reston Multicultural Festival,** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Reston Community Center. Entertainment, food, displays, and fun for all ages on the plaza. Attendees are invited to dress in costume of their culture. Admission and activities are free. [www.restoncommunitycenter.com/arts\\_community\\_MCF.shtml](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com/arts_community_MCF.shtml)

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**Community Meeting and Walk for the Final Plan of Stream Restoration** at Reaches 5 & 6 of The Glade. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Lunch included. Free. Reserve at [RestonInfo@wetlandstudies.com](mailto:RestonInfo@wetlandstudies.com).

**Walk Around Bright Pond.** Meet at the Reston Museum at 1:30 p.m. to walk a marked RA trail and short nature trail to Bright Pond. Wear sturdy shoes. [www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org).

**Herndon High School Marching Band.** Bands from the Northern Virginia Region will participate in the USSBA Northern Virginia Regional at Herndon High School. Tickets \$11. [www.yea.org](http://www.yea.org).

SUNDAY/SEPT. 27

**Semi-Annual Used Book Sale.** 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. 703-689-2700.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 29

**PJs and Teddy Bears Storytime.** 6:30 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Wear PJs and bring teddy bears to enjoy bedtime stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-437-8855.

**Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance.** 7 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$10. [www.colvinrun.org](http://www.colvinrun.org).

directional signs and blue balloons, including Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike. Or download a copy of map and artists’ directory at [www.GreatFallsStudios.com](http://www.GreatFallsStudios.com). Tour is supported by the Arts Council of Fairfax County, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts and the Great Falls Business & Professional Association. Artists will demonstrate their work. High-quality local art for sale. Tour benefits the Great Falls School of Art.

## Multicultural Festival Promises Day of Fun

Saturday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lake Anne Village Center.

It’s time to “Discover the World in Reston” at the Ninth Annual Reston Multicultural Festival on Saturday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lake Anne Village Center. The Reston Multicultural Festival is a celebration of the diversity and welcoming community spirit that is found in Reston. This free annual event brings together the rich medley of cultures through music, entertainment, dress, food and cultural treasures from all over the world. All are invited to come dressed in their native attire and share their culture with neighbors.

This year, the three Festival stages will be enlivened by hundreds of performers from more than 25 cultural organizations and groups representing traditions from all over the world performing family-friendly entertainment on the World Stage, the Gallery Stage and the Global Stage. Each stage features continuous local and national performing groups throughout the day. Along with performances on the three stages, the Festival will also feature arts and crafts, storytelling, ceramic-making workshops, interactive demonstrations and gallery activities such as Chinese brush painting by Tracie Griffith Tso, RCC’s Chinese painting instructor.

Sample the many culturally diverse foods at the Global Café or shop in Glo-



Midnight Wind, 23 inch x 20 inch Ink and colored pigments on rice paper; Chinese brush painting by Tracie Griffith Tso. Inside the Jo Ann Rose Gallery, the Reston Multicultural Festival Intergenerational exhibit will feature the work of local artists that reflects our community’s diverse cultural origins. The exhibit runs through October 5.

bal Market and take home a memento from artisans’ work from neighboring lands. With a vast array of performing

### Reston Multicultural Festival

**Where:** Lake Anne Village Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston  
**When:** Saturday, Sept. 26, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**Parking:** Off-site Parking is available at the Lake Anne and Forest Edge Elementary Schools, Brown’s Chapel and the Tzu Chi Foundation. All are within a short walking distance to the Festival site.

The Reston Multicultural Festival is sponsored by the Reston Community Center and co-sponsored by the Reston Association, Lake Anne of Reston Condominium Association, and The Lake Anne Merchants Association with support from many other community organizations and businesses. Media sponsors include Reston Connection, The Observer and COMCAST.

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# FAITH

## Praying for Good Year

Dear Friends:

The high holidays are upon us once more, but this year things seem different. After a year of unremitting financial calamity, global terrorism, and natural disasters, we all feel more vulnerable and porous. So mighty, so independent, so connected, so wired and yet so utterly defenseless are we.

The words of our Holiday liturgy

have new resonance. "Man ... is likened to a broken shard, withering grass, a fading flower, a passing shade, a dissipating cloud, a blowing wind, flying dust and a fleeting dream."

No longer imagining ourselves invincible and "post modern," the haunting words and simple images speak straight to our hearts. Yes, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur

are days of awe and introspection. We stand before G-d's judgment naked and unadorned. We pray, beg and hope for forgiveness and a good year. So many needs, so many questions.

We believe that G-d hears us. We know that G-d is true, eternal and ultimately good. Yet His plan — for us personally and for the world entire — remains a deep mystery

to us. The days are somber. We feel uncertain but still, we trust.

Soon the High Holidays are over and Sukkot arrives, followed closely by Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. Quickly the mood turns joyous, our hearts are lighter, uplifted.

The Sukkah, Jewish mysticism teaches, is G-d's embrace. Within it we sense G-d's closeness; a tight

connection, an intimacy that makes us feel buoyant.

Our lives are woven of these disparate strands; the ultimate craftsman has designed it just so. May this be a year filled with the most obvious good, a year of unmitigated joy, peace and prosperity for all.

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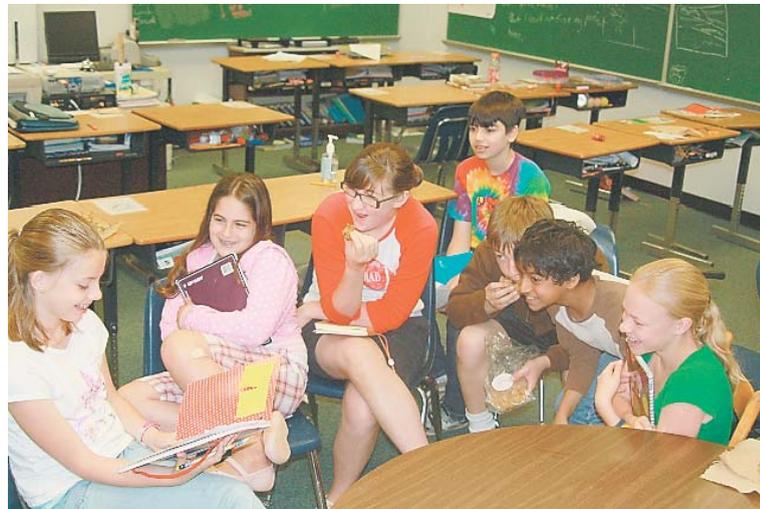
## CAMPS & SCHOOLS

# The Young Writer's Voice

BY MELANIE ZUCKER  
STANLEY

**Y**oung writers are bursting with assorted flavors in their word choices and ideas throughout our elementary schools everyday, and I sometimes wonder how many adults get to enjoy the opportunity of hearing and reading what these young people are crafting in our 21st century. Their words are our tomorrow.

I worked with fifth and sixth grade writers in a program called the Writer's Café that I started at Sunrise Valley Elementary School, where I was the assistant principal for four years. I retired July 2008 and was invited back by Beth English, the principal, to continue working with the Writer's Café. This involved frequent meetings with sixth graders who are not only passionate young authors but very responsible as leaders who help organize the Writer's Café that involves bringing fifth and sixth graders into the library several times throughout the year



**"Sharing writing before school" from left to right in semi circle: Megan Bell, Ellie Rakoff, Kelleen Moriarty, Stefan Parrott, Jonathan Lee, Vijay Iyer, and Catherine Cole.**



to share writing beyond the classroom. The sixth grade teachers were supportive and invited me to use their classrooms for these early morning meetings with those who would orchestrate the program for others. These meetings smelled of breakfast treats, a buzz of youthful exuberance, and a fine assort-

ment of writing!

**THIS PAST YEAR** I had a very special group of sixth grade writers who met with me either at lunchtime or early in the morning, an hour before school began because they could not resist those sweet, rich moments in which earthy, vibrant writing was shared,

## Writer's Café at Sunrise Valley Elementary promotes good writing.

critiqued, and even debated.

Anyone who knows sixth graders is aware of the manner in which they believe in what they choose to do as a hobby, sport, or pastime, and their energy knows no limits or constraints. Their hearts are "gi-normous" and their smiles infectious. Imagine working with a group of these wonderful human beings when writing is what revs their engines! What follows are examples of scenarios from our meetings where writing brings us together:

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"When you don't know who you are, or where you came from, you don't know yourself. It's like every day a new window opens, and you get a glance at yourself. That's how Millie Jackson was; unknown, even to herself."

Vijay Iyer and Stefan Parrott chime in with compliments. They are impressed with her colorful description. Jonathan Lee adamantly agrees, and then Kelleen Moriarty asks questions, wondering why Ellie wishes to make changes in one particular scene. "I feel the same way," interjects Megan Bell, "and like it the way it is." Ellie shoots back, "But there aren't any strong words!" Kelleen asks more questions to help Ellie pinpoint an area for revision, and then Kathryn Cole tells her that she agrees that some changes are needed but is not sure where. Jonathan offers a good suggestion and then asks, "If Millie cannot remember anything but her name, how can she remember what she sees?" Vijay furrows his brow and

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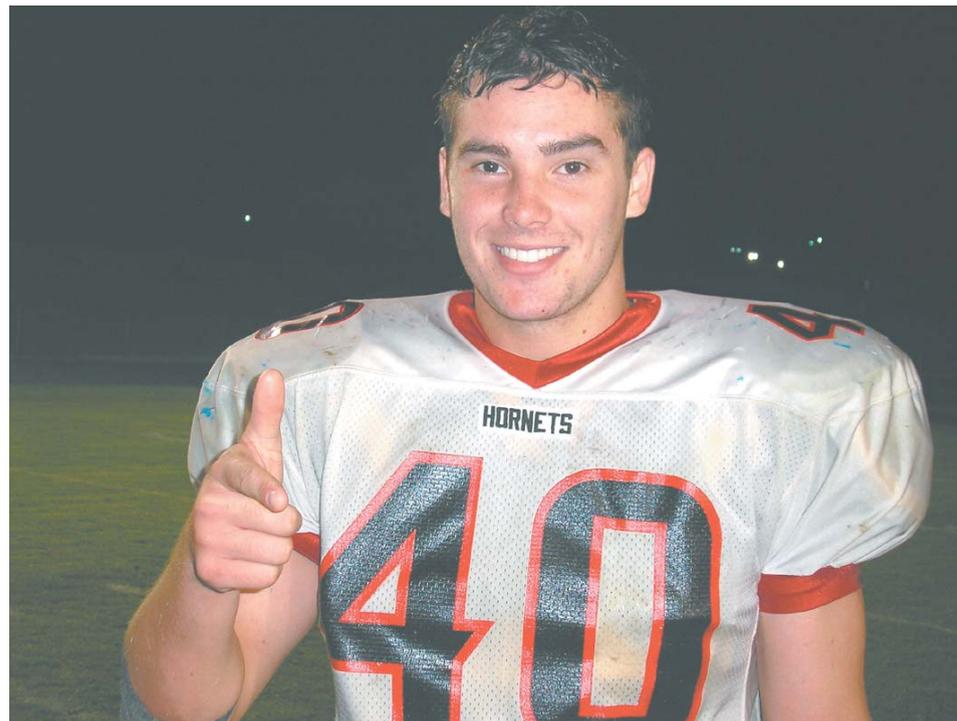
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BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Local fans were treated to an early season high school football treat when cross-town rivals Herndon and South Lakes met for the annual Baron Cameron Bowl Friday night, Sept. 18, in Reston. Both teams played their hearts out from the opening kickoff — South Lakes' Darius Smith stunned the buzzing crowd with a 94-yard touchdown return — until the final whistle. In the end, visiting Herndon, which has dominated the rivalry over recent years, went on to a 29-25 win.

"We've had our names on the trophy for so many years," said Herndon senior Austin Moore, of the sparkling piece of hardware presented to the game's winning team. "As seniors, we had to uphold the high standards of [past Herndon teams] in this game. That's what motivated us."



Herndon coach Joe Sheaffer holds the Baron Cameron trophy following the Hornets' 29-25 win over South Lakes Friday night, Sept. 18.

2002," said Ellenberger, who was a South Lakes assistant coach before becoming head coach of the program a few years ago. "I've been [at South Lakes] since 1996 and been through a lot of Herndon games. Other than 2002, I think this is the best we've played them."

**SOUTH LAKES** scored both the game's first and final touchdowns. But in between, Herndon got the better of the action. The Seahawks' lone lead of the night came following Smith's stunning touchdown on the game's opening kickoff. The junior initially misplayed the ball, which bounced away from him before he ran it down. Upon fielding it at the 6-yard line, Smith started running left but found little room to maneuver. So he cut across the field into open space. He was soon coasting down the right sideline before ultimately going back towards the middle of the field and into the end zone. The only downer for the Seahawks on the touchdown was that they could not convert the extra point. Even so, they led 6-0 and had early momentum.

Later, Herndon capped a 55-yard drive with a 20-yard scoring run from quarterback Zack Ozycz, who had originally dropped back to pass before South Lakes pressure forced him out of the pocket. On the play, he was flushed right, but then cut back and began running towards the left. He indicated to a teammate he needed a block with an arm wave, then bolted towards the end zone. He dove towards the left hash mark and landed in the end zone with 5 minutes, 13 seconds left in the opening quarter.

It was the first of three opening half

touchdowns by Herndon, which later got second quarter scoring runs from running backs Sam Groter and Randoll Anane. In between those scores, South Lakes running back Ja'Juan Jones found the end zone from four yards out. By halftime, the guest Hornets held a 21-12 lead.

The Seahawks' Smith gave his team a huge lift early in the second half when, from his defensive back position, he intercepted a long pass down the left sideline. He then returned the ball 30 yards to set his team's offense up at its own 38. Eight plays later, Smith came up big again when, from his running back position on offense, he capped a 62-yard South Lakes scoring drive with a 10-yard touchdown run off the right side. Erich Belt knocked in the point-after kick and the Seahawks were within 21-19.

But moments later, Herndon punter Alex Stopa made one of the biggest plays of the night when, on a fourth-and-seven from his team's 40, he booted a booming punt that took a nice bounce and ultimately went out of bounds at the 1-yard line.

Two plays later, South Lakes quarterback Shawn Rana, with his team still pinned back at the one, was sacked by Herndon's Moore for a two-point safety, making the score 23-19 Herndon.

On top of that, South Lakes, according to rules following a safety, had to punt the ball to the Hornets. As a result, the Hornets began their next possession at midfield. Nine plays later, Herndon, on the second play of the fourth quarter, found the end zone on a 3-yard run by Moore. One play earlier, Herndon running back Devon Thompson had set up the touchdown with a 15-yard run to the 3.



Austin Moore of Herndon ran for a fourth quarter touchdown and intercepted a key late-game pass to lead the Hornets to victory.

Herndon, following Moore's TD run, failed on a two-point conversion try but led 29-19. But South Lakes, less than 3 minutes later, got within 29-25 as a result of a 25-yard touchdown run by running back Bobby Lewis, who appeared to be stopped at the line of scrimmage before breaking free down the left side of the field and barely getting inside the left hash and into the end zone with just over 10 minutes left.

Neither team would score again, although the Seahawks did threaten in the final minute when they moved the ball from their own 36 to the Herndon 34 yard line. But there, on a first down play with 18 seconds left, Herndon's Moore intercepted a medium range pass over the middle of the field at the 20. That clinched the win for the Hornets.

"They just never quit," said Ellenberger, of his team. "It's a great football rivalry. Like [Herndon coach] Joe [Sheaffer] said in his speech, it's a shame one team had to lose."

Sheaffer was impressed with South Lakes' play.

"They fought hard," he said. "You can see they've gotten better. Their program is gaining confidence."

**BOTH TEAMS** had enormous success running the ball in the game. Herndon rushed the ball 49 times for 283 yards. Moore finished with 93 yards on 19 carries while other big contributors included Thompson (67 yards), Anane (45) and Groter (32). Ozycz, Herndon's senior QB, completed eight-of-12 passes for 73 yards and also rushed for 38 yards.

"We didn't tackle well tonight," said Ellenberger. "We have to improve on that."

South Lakes, meanwhile, totaled 237 yards on the ground on 37 attempts. Big rushing nights came from Lewis (79 yards) and Smith (49), as well as Jones and Stephon Sanford (both with 46).

On Friday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m., South Lakes will travel to Marshall for a Liberty District game. Herndon, meanwhile, will host Concorde District foe Robinson.

"I want to congratulate Herndon and South Lakes for an outstanding high school football game."

— South Lakes Principal  
Bruce Butler

Following the end of the game, both teams gathered at midfield for post-game ceremonies where South Lakes Principal Bruce Butler and both teams' head coaches addressed the players.

"I want to congratulate Herndon and South Lakes for an outstanding high school football game," said Butler. "This is the best rival [game] for both schools and exciting. You always conduct yourselves with class."

Herndon coach Joe Sheaffer, whose team improved to 3-0 with the victory, encouraged the South Lakes team during his postgame words.

"You guys did a great job tonight and worked hard," said Sheaffer, to the Seahawks. "It's hard to lose a game like this."

South Lakes coach John Ellenberger, whose team slipped to 2-1 with the loss, wished Herndon the best.

"Good luck in the Concorde [District]," said Ellenberger to the Hornet players. "I hope you guys win it."

Later, during an interview, Ellenberger, whose team has already matched last year's win total of two wins, said his Seahawks played one of its best games ever in the rivalry.

"The last time we beat them was

## CAMPS & SCHOOLS

# Young Writers Share Stories, Poems

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ponders, "It's not like amnesia, is it?" And they are off and running, carrying the ball, passing it to one another, until each writer has had a say and has also been heard by the others. They work magically in rhythm while I sit back and quietly facilitate with a very gentle hand. I want them to be in control ... to take the reins and learn how writers work together to improve their craft. I have worked with them to create guidelines for offering constructive comments that support positive, yet thoughtful, authentic feedback. These writers strive to support each other and have learned how to pull compelling ideas from one another. One of the biggest challenges was to overcome the urge to offer so many ideas that the piece was no longer in the hands of the original author.

Vijay Iyer asks if he may read his poem, "Twilight." Everyone nods his or her head in anticipation as Vijay flips through a thick book he has created for his poetry.

**Twilight**  
A volcanic eruption of colors fills the sky  
With a divine unseen beauty.  
As the sun sets, the colors darken, knowing what lies ahead.  
But the shining armor of light is seen faintly  
As the colors darkened,  
It stayed beautiful.  
The serenity hands on,  
And that darkened beauty  
That I cannot define lives on.  
And as wonderful as it was  
It, like everything should,  
Leaves  
Without a trace,  
Leaving the universe  
Blackened.

**THE WRITERS** are saturated in silence, and I hear their gentle breathing as they quietly reflect on Vijay's words. The voice of Kathryn softly interrupts the united reverie. "Your poem painted a picture...especially in the beginning with the volcano and colors. I can just see that." Ellie pipes up with all the things she thought about related to twilight, and Kelleen asks him to re-read part of the poem. Jonathan, a poet himself, smiles with approval. Megan talks about his discipline with words, and I ask him what he hopes to achieve as a poet. "I don't want to write in a clear way, like a story. I want to let the reader decide what my poems are saying." Vijay's resting expression is focused and dead serious. The group is thoughtful again, reliving some of the lines he has just read.

Megan Bell has started a historical fiction piece with the Civil War as her time period, and Virginia as her setting. Megan is interested in history and wants her story to reflect real events while weaving a fictional story into the fabric of a war that tore our country apart in 1861.

Kelleen Moriarty shares a poem, one of several she has written lately:

Where I'm From  
I am from chocolate chips right out of the bag  
From Delia's t-shirts and baggy sweats

Long, aimless walks and conch shells  
Overgrown gardens like the jungles  
I am from the cucumbers, the green beans  
Summer in a seed  
From birthday treats and Christmas pj's  
Papa Gino and Grandma Angel  
I am from "When the Stars Go Blue" and two-  
and touch with people I love  
From recycling, the World Series, and laughing  
'Til I cry  
I am from the Ten Commandments  
And singing off key  
From East Coast beaches  
And no meat meals  
I am from spunky and happiness that never  
fades

Kelleen is a strong, thoughtful writer, and her passionate voice is heard in each piece she creates. As much as she enjoys sharing her writing, she is always one of the first who wants to listen to what others have crafted.



Kathryn Cole is working on a story about a young girl named Cali who loses her mother as her seventh grade year comes to an end. She begins to read:

"When she approached her front door, she took a deep breath and plunged through the door. 'I'm home,' she yelled, expecting her parents to be right there, praising her for her hard work and perseverance. They weren't.

The house was silent. She walked through the parlor with its dimly lit candles and its over sized couches to her mother's office to see that no one was on the lower level. As she walked up the stairs, she heard the faintest sound of crying coming from her parents' bedroom..."

Margaret Baule, who is quietly thoughtful as she listens to others read, is a poet with a broad spectrum of topics from the beach to logistical prose. Her poem, "180 Degrees," is provocative as much as it is fun. The other writers enjoy her words.

Jonathan Lee has been writing poetry also but has recently decided to tackle a fictional story he has been trying on in his head.

**EVERYONE** "Ooh's and ahhh's" at this last sentence, and Jonathan's mind is spinning with joy as he anticipates the unwrapping of thoughts from peers.

When I remind the group that this meeting has ended and school is about to start, it is all I can do to get them to put their journals away because in their minds, they are just warming up! I laugh and send them away listening to their excited voices reverberate through the narrow hallway.

Ellie Rakoff expresses that youthful love of writing quite succinctly: "Writing takes me to another world. My paper is a closed door; my pencil is my key."

I am ever grateful for the camaraderie that sprang from these meetings with vibrant sixth graders who gave so much of their time to the group and me. There is every reason to believe that they will continue to write in middle school and beyond, bringing wisdom and inspiration to many readers in the future ... and of course to other young writers.

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In anticipation of Yom Kippur, Chabad of Reston-Herndon has announced its Services schedule. This will be the second year of Services for the relatively new organization. Services will be "Warm, Friendly and Traditional;" membership is not required to join. All are welcome, free of charge, regardless of background or affiliation.

In addition, a special children's program will accompany the adult Services. All prayers will combine the original Hebrew,

as well as translated English.

According to Tradition, at the New Year the Doors of Heaven are open; so are ours.

Services will take place on Yom Kippur: Sept. 27 and 28 at the Best Western Tysons Westpark Hotel, 8401 Westpark Drive, McLean. For more information regarding High Holiday Services, or about Chabad, call or check out their Web site [www.chabadrh.org](http://www.chabadrh.org).

All are welcome!

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## Fairfax Jury to Decide on Prieto's Sentence

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asked Jefferson how the murder of her daughter has affected her. She was not permitted to testify.

Fairfax prosecutors did use information about Jefferson's murder as part of sentencing Prieto for the murders of the Fairfax couple.

DNA evidence taken in 2005 from Prieto, who had been on death row at San Quentin State Prison in California since 1992, linked him to the Fairfax and Arlington rapes and murders.

Prieto was on death row in California for

the rape and murder of a 15-year-old girl in San Bernardino County.

He was indicted for capital murder in Arlington in December 2005. Arlington and Fairfax county police officers brought Prieto back to Virginia from the California prison in April 2006.

Arlington County prosecutors chose to nolle prosee its capital murder case against Prieto after he was sentenced to death in Fairfax County. At the time they dismissed the case, it was understood that Arlington prosecutors could reinstate the charges if Prieto was successful appealing his Fairfax death sentence.

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**Gary Lloyd**  
12 p.m. - 12:50 p.m.  
2 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.  
(Inside Reston's Used Bookshop)



**Jeanne's "Going Buggy"**  
3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.  
(Inside RCC Lake Anne on the Gallery Stage)

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