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School Bond Passes By 70 Percent

Approximately 70 percent of Fairfax County residents who went to the polls Nov. 3 voted in favor of Fairfax County acquiring approximately \$232 million of new debt through bonds to help pay for the public school system's construction and renovation projects.

Though the Fairfax County School Board could use the money from the bond for any school capital project, the governing body tends to approve a list of projects associated with the debt they are asking the public to acquire.

The renovation of the Marshall High School (\$101.8 million) is the most expensive project listed amongst those the 2009 bond would fund. Another high-dollar item that is supposed to be funded through the bond is the new South County Middle School (\$50 million).

Though approval for the school was still fairly high, it is markedly lower than the approval rate for the bond passed in 2007, at about 77 percent.

A few elected officials and school administrators were concerned that voters may have overlooked the bond referendum by accident because it was on the backside of the ballot.

"I was upset to see the school bond on the back of the ballot," said Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield).

Herrity, whose constituents are particularly concerned about the new South County Middle School, said he intends to question Fairfax County election officials about why the school bond was the only item on the backside of the ballot.

Fairfax County Public Schools chief operating officer Dean Tistadt said he was also concerned that the placement of the bond referendum question would lead to a lower approval rating than the county is used to seeing. He said he does not want the smaller number of votes, which could be due to the bond referendum question placement, to be interpreted as a decrease in support for new school construction and renovation projects.

Prior to the polls closing, Tistadt said he thought it was unlikely that the school bond referendum would fail to get approved, even if some people missed the question on the backside of the ballot. Fairfax County has not had a school bond fail since the 1970s, he said.

But one of the two organizations with the largest influence over elections, the Fairfax County Republican Committee, did not actually come out in support of the school bond referendum.

Republican volunteers were handing out "sample ballots" — a list of the candidates the Republican Party wants voters to support — that listed the school bond question but left both the "yes" and "no" bubble blank next to it.

For those who support the bond, this is actually an improvement over previ-

ous years, when the school bond referendum was simply left off the Republican "sample ballots" handed out at the polls.

Members of the county Republican committee have not been able to agree on whether to support or oppose the bond, said Fairfax Republican chair Anthony Bedell. Some people active in the organization object to the county government carrying debt on principal. Others, like School Board member Liz Bradsher, want the public to support new school construction and renovation projects.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Rates Increase on Dulles Toll Road

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors voted to increase fees on the Dulles Toll Road incrementally over the next three years during a meeting Nov. 4.

The first rate hike will take effect Jan. 1, 2010, when the fees for a car with two-axes will go from 75 cents to \$1 at the main toll plaza and 50 cents to 75 cents at the entrance and exit ramps, according to a press release from the organization.

The board also voted for two additional 25-cent increases at the road's main toll plaza, which will go into effect at the beginning of the 2011 and 2012 respectively.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority plans to use the money from the higher tolls to help fund the Metrorail extension to Dulles International Airport and Loudoun County. Toll road revenue is expected to cover 52.6 percent of the project's \$5.25 billion price tag.

While many elected officials consider the current toll increases modest, some worry about what the future might hold for toll road users. The Metropolitan Airports Authority, which now has complete control over the toll road, is likely to raise rates again in the future.

The organization has sought public input on the rate increases so far but its board does not have to answer directly to elected officials. If the public were to object to a future rate increase, it would be able to exert very little control over the airports authority board, which makes all final decisions on toll hikes.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has also already gotten upset because the airports authority allocated toll road revenue to an improvement project in Loudoun County, which they considered outside the immediate Dulles corridor.

It is also unclear who or what will cover extra expenses if the Metrorail project goes over budget and some fear toll road users would also be responsible for absorbing those cost overruns.

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PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE CONNECTION



Bob McDonnell stands with Rachel, Taylor and Sarah and a number of their friends from Girl Scout Troop 6400. The Girl Scouts had a bake sale at Riverside Elementary School on Election Day.



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Reston founder Bob Simon poses on the steps of Lake Anne with the City Council of Ansan City, South Korea. The council got a tour of Reston Friday afternoon, as a 'new town' in its own jurisdiction is under consideration by the Korean government to become a 'mini-cluster' of innovative technology.

Winning As 'Fairfax's Own'

County grows in size, influence.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Many independent polls had predicted for weeks that former Attorney General Bob McDonnell (R) would beat Democrat Creigh Deeds in the Virginia's gubernatorial election Nov. 3.

But few local Republican activists expected McDonnell to carry Fairfax County.

"Honestly? No, I did not think this would happen. We had planned as if [McDonnell could win Fairfax] but realistically I didn't think it would happen," said Anthony Bedell, chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee, when asked about statewide campaign's local success on election night.

The new governor-elect beat Deeds by 4,529 votes in Fairfax, managing to collect just over 50 percent of the vote countywide. Fairfax County is Virginia's most populous locality and home to about 12 percent of all registered voters in the Commonwealth.

Over the past nine years, only three Republican candidates, including McDonnell, have managed to beat a Democratic opponent on countywide level in Fairfax. By contrast, 17 Republican candidates have lost to Democrats on a countywide level in Fairfax during the same time period.

Still, the Republican base was more energized this year than they have been in several election cycles, said many party volunteers.

"The feel this year is a lot like when my husband won in 1993 and Clinton was in the White House," said Susan Allen, wife of former governor and U.S. Sen. George Allen (R-Va.), as she campaigned outside her local polling place at Stratford Landing Elementary School.

AS FAIRFAX residents have grown to become such a large part of Virginia's overall voter pool, statewide campaigns have found it harder to ignore the locality, like some more ideologically conservative Republican operations had done in the past, accord-

ing to several local elected officials from both sides of the aisle.

Political observers from both parties agree that the Republican Party cannot simply hope to balance out the votes potentially lost in Fairfax by driving up participation in more reliably right-leaning parts of Virginia as they sometimes did in the past.

In fact, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) has said that a statewide candidate who manages to win Fairfax County by approximately 65,000 votes is nearly impossible to defeat in a Virginia statewide election. The congressman has credited Fairfax, for example, with electing U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D), who defeated incumbent George Allen (R) by double digits in the county tally, despite winning the election statewide by less than a percentage point.

President Barack Obama's campaign recognized the importance of Fairfax during his 2008 race, since the national campaign invested in 10 field directors for the county alone.



IN AN INTERVIEW last spring, McDonnell said that he planned to campaign far more aggressively in Fairfax than the Republican had in his 2005 campaign. Four years ago, McDonnell barely won the attorney general race, defeating Deeds by fewer than 350 votes statewide and losing Fairfax by approximately 41,500 votes.

"I am going to make sure people know that I am the original Fairfax resident. I am going to spend a lot of time up here next fall. I have been here a lot already," said McDonnell in the spring. The Republican grew up in the Mount Vernon area, and attended high school in the City of Alexandria.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) said McDonnell may have appealed more to Northern Virginia residents than previous candidates because of his roots in the area.

"He was raised in Northern Virginia. When people talk about I-66, he knows where that is and he talked about the issues that matter to people up here," said Wolf.

STILL, McDonnell performed better in other parts of the commonwealth than Fairfax, winning with 58.6 percent of the vote statewide.

South Koreans Tour Reston

As Ansan City's own 'new town' is considered for redevelopment, council revisits the concept's roots.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

The City Council of Ansan, South Korea became the latest foreign delegation to tour Reston last Friday, Nov. 6. Ansan's own "new town" of Banwol-Sihwa is being considered by the Korean government to become one of several "mini-clusters" for innovative technology, so the council visited Reston to learn about its planning and amenities.

This was the only U.S. city on the council's tour, although the group also visited a water treatment facility in Baltimore and went to New Jersey to learn about energy initiatives.

With the assistance of a translator, Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-

Hunter Mill) told the delegation that many of the ideas that had formed Reston had come to shape the progress of the county. "The planning and zoning of Reston has served as a model for Fairfax County," she said, noting that mixed-use zoning and diversity in housing were now part of the county's governance. Reston also pioneered the emphasis on environmental stewardship, trails and parks that the county now embraces, Hudgins said.

Reston founder Bob Simon suggested that planners develop a program for what they wanted to accomplish and how life in the community could be made interesting and beautiful before laying

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Students Get Dictionaries, Virtual Field Trips

Reston Rotary expands one education initiative, adds another.

This week, the Reston Rotary Club finished donating 682 English dictionaries and 597 English-Spanish dictionaries to area third-graders, after making deliveries since mid-October.

When the club started buying dictionaries for students through the national Dictionary Project two years ago, only two schools received the books, said Rotarian Carol Ann Babcock. This year, dictionaries went to six of the seven elementary schools in the South Lakes High School pyramid. Babcock said Sunrise Valley Elementary had considered its population was too affluent to need the donations.

At each school, she said, the third-graders were called to an assembly, where they found the dictionaries piled high in the front of the room. When the principal announced that all those dictionaries would be given to the students, Babcock said, "Jaws drop, eyes get all buggy. It's really gratifying."

The goal of the program, she said, is to help all the students finish the school year as strong readers, writers and thinkers. She



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Third-graders at Dogwood Elementary hold up the dictionaries given to them by the Reston Rotary Club on Thursday, Nov. 5.

said the dictionaries were bought with membership dues and fund-raisers. "It's donations from the membership, primarily."

That membership is unusually small, with only 34 people in the club.

Students in the first schools to receive dictionaries, such as Fox Mill Elementary, had already written stacks of thank-you letters. "They're great and I learned a lot of stuff like the longest word in the world, but I can't pronounce it!" wrote one Tessa K.

"I bet you worked hard on earning the money and buying the dictionaries," Eric

Noyes, another Fox Mill student, wrote.

A student who identified himself as Peter wrote, "I enjoyed how you had a Spanish dictionary. It was helpful for my dad to understand what my mom said, and for me whenever I don't understand what my mom says."

Babcock said Rotary's primary goal was to promote health, good citizenship and education, particularly literacy.

On the citizenship front, she and her husband Jim got their club involved this year in funding "electronic field trips" created by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. Both of

the Babcocks work in national intelligence and have found that "politics can get shrill," she said. But they discovered that a trip to Williamsburg and a return to the country's founding principals refreshed them.

So this year, they funded electronic field trips for two of the elementary schools on the club's dictionary delivery list, at \$500 apiece, "and we challenged the Rotary to fund the rest, which they did," she said.

Each of the year's seven lessons is broadcast on public television, with breaks that allow students to ask questions via telephone or e-mail. A series of interactive Internet resources accompanies each program, allowing children to investigate history and examine primary sources, Babcock said. Among her favorites was the option to e-mail Henry Timberlake, a colonial journalist and cartographer, as part of the "Emissaries of Peace" installment. Students who send an e-mail get a response from Timberlake. And each electronic field trip comes with teaching resources.

"What we buy when we sponsor a school is the copyright access to this material for the school for the year," Babcock said, noting that all seven installments and accompanying material become the school's to keep and all students get usernames and a password and can log in whenever they like.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Lupus Foundation of America Greater Washington Chapter Support Group. 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, West Wing Conference Room A, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. Sessions are led by trained professionals who understand the challenges of lupus, a chronic, autoimmune disease with no known cure. 703-689-9240 or www.lupusgw.org.
Office of Special Education Instruction Applied Behavior

Analysis Parent Workshop: Facilitating Play and Leisure Skills. 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center, room 1. For parents whose children are receiving special education services using applied behavior analysis at the preschool, elementary or secondary levels. www.fcps.edu/ss/ABA/.

TUESDAY/NOV. 17

Graceful Care to Hold Free Memory Screenings. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. at the Herndon/Reston Senior Center, 873 Grace St., Herndon. AFA's National Memory Screening Day coincides with National Alzheimer's Disease

Awareness Month. 703-464-6200 or 703-904-3994.

THURSDAY/NOV. 19

Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce new and prospective members lunch, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Dulles Regional Chamber's Chantilly Office, 3901 Centerview Drive, Suite R, Chantilly. Learn about the impact of this regional chamber and avenues for promoting a business. Extensive networking on site; attendees are asked to bring business cards. Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required at 571-323-5300 or dullesherndonregionalchamber.org.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon, is looking for people to sing in a choir. Floris UMC has a season of music including concerts featuring Schubert's "Mass in G Major", Handel's "Messiah" and more. Rehearsal on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and singing most Sunday mornings at the 11 a.m. service. Scott Glysson at sglysson@florisumc.org or 703-793-0026.

Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, will host a **Yiddish Club** on the **first Tuesday of each month.** Members will engage in a variety of activities that utilize the Yiddish language, including reading stories, listening to music and radio broadcasts, reading Yiddish newspapers and more. Free. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

Adult Sunday school will be held **every Sunday**, at 9:30 a.m., at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow every Sunday at 11 a.m.



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NOV. 19 - 7pm Thursday	Dhruv Pateder, MD Reston Hospital Center 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston, VA	877-689-DOCS (877-689-3627)

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Veterans Day

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Family members say Bill Cahir had a kind of indomitable spirit, one that propelled him through difficulties toward accomplishing a goal, reported Michael Lee Pope earlier this year.

After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound sustained while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

"We all thought he was crazy," said Brett Lieberman, a former colleague at Newhouse News Service.

On April 8, 2006, Cahir married Washington lawyer Rene Brown at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. The couple settled in Rosemont on West Cedar Street. Brown was pregnant with twins at the time of Cahir's death.

MORE THAN 4,300 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and nearly 800 more have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 35,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Veterans Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veteran. In the past year, the new GI bill provides a giant step to pay for college for veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill, championed by Virginia's U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. George Mason University has been on the forefront of implementing the GI bill for veterans locally.

Efforts to improve health care, employment and housing for veterans are also underway and deserve meaningful commitment of resources.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said

his mother.

2Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005.

Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obles-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

Children's Connection

Every year, over the winter holidays, the Connection turns the pages of one entire issue over to the contributions of local students.

We will feature artwork of many kinds, photography, poetry, opinions, short stories, reflections and more. Artwork can include paintings, drawings or any media; photos of sculpture, ceramics or other works too large to submit are also encouraged.

We welcome contributions from public schools, private schools and students who are home schooled. Past contributions have come from children from nursery schools through those preparing to graduate from high school.

Sometimes an art or English teacher will assign a project and

submit the work of an entire class, but individual submissions from any young person in the community are welcome.

You can see last year's Children's Connections on our Web site. Go to www.ConnectionNewspapers.com, click on "print Editions Online" in the red bar and scroll down to "Children's Connection."

We prefer digital submissions, delivered on CD or via email. Please send in submissions as soon as possible. Our address is 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. E-mail to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Please be sure to include the name of the artist or author, and include age, grade, school attended and name of the home town, along with address and phone number to be used for verification purposes only.

OBITUARY

Mary Dorothy Stack-Dunne, 79, Active in Many Organizations, Dies

Mary Dorothy Stack-Dunne, a resident of the Reston-Herndon area for more than 20 years, died Oct. 21 at Inova Fairfax Hospital of injuries sustained in an auto accident a week earlier. She was 79.

At the time of her death, Stack-Dunne was active in many community organizations, including the League of Women Voters and American Association of University Women, where she chaired the Reston-Herndon branch's Public Policy Committee and served in the organization's Lobby Corps. She was a volunteer docent at the National Archives. At Congregation Beth Emeth, where she was a member, she and a friend were responsible for the development and maintenance of the library, and she had represented the congregation on the board of Reston Interfaith. She also was a blood donor, an election worker, a member of the board of directors of her homeowners association and a teacher of English as a second language.

Born Mary Castenholz in New

York City, she spent part of her childhood in California, but returned to the East Coast to study English and psychology at Barnard College and the University of Connecticut, and then began graduate school in nursing at Yale University in New Haven, Conn. where she met her husband. She moved with him to England, but later returned to Connecticut with her daughters and received a certificate in nursing and then a master's degree in public health and epidemiology from the University of Massachusetts. After moving to Northern Virginia, she worked in research and as a staff nurse at Arlington Hospital until her retirement.

Stack-Dunne is survived by her daughters Rachel Foster of Oak Hill and Susan Nixon of Herndon, grandchildren Rebecca and Kate Kopperman and Timothy and Elizabeth Nixon, and sisters Elizabeth Kuehner of Sacramento, Calif. and Joan Langer of Dewitt, N.Y.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to Congregation Beth Emeth.

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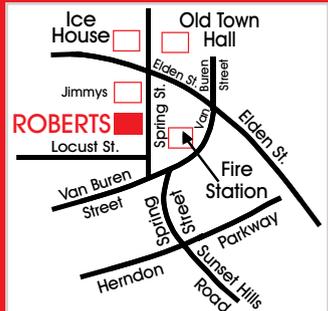
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Reston Town Center Ice Skating Pavilion opened for the season on Nov. 1.

Ice Skating at Reston Town Center

The Ice Skating Pavilion at Reston Town Center opened for the skating season on Sunday, Nov. 1. To continue a long-standing tradition, 50 percent of proceeds from the opening weekend went to Reston's Character Counts! Coalition. Character Counts! is a national, nonprofit, nonpartisan, character education initiative. The donated proceeds will help fund development programs offered by the Coalition.

The Season Opening Exhibition took place Friday night, Nov. 6, and included performances by the Ashburn Ice Angels, a U.S. Figure Skating Synchronized Skating team, and Sebra Yen, a figure skater who trains in Fairfax and has competed in competitions around the world.

The Ice Skating Pavilion is open from November to March for public skating. For hours of operation, fees and more information, call the skating hotline at 703-709-6300 or visit www.restontowncenter.com.

— CHRISTY STEELE



A group of Brazilian au pairs skate together at Reston Town Center Ice Skating Pavilion.



Lilly Kate Shortmeyer, right, and her sister Ellie observe skaters on the rink.

Simons Welcome New Maestro of Reston Chorale

Reston founder Robert E. Simon Jr. and Cheryl Terio Simon hosted a reception in their Reston home honoring David Lang, the new Maestro of the Reston Chorale. Members of the Chorale Board of Directors and the community gathered to hear Lang speak about the upcoming Chorale season and heard him play a few pieces on the Simons' Steinway piano. Refreshments were then served.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to reston@connectionnewsletters.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewsletters.com.

THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Artist Patricia C. K. Macintyre. 11 a.m. at Reston's Used Book Shop, 1623 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne Village Center, Reston. "From Here To There And Back With A Quack!" book signing. 703-435-9772.

Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-689-2700.

Friends of the Library Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Call for title. Adults. 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/NOV. 13

Reston Community Players Present Curtains. 8 p.m. CenterStage Theater at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. \$20 adults, \$17 seniors and students. 703-476-4500 or www.restonplayers.org.

Friday Night Coffee House. 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Featuring members of the Songwriters Association of Washington. \$10 cover charge for food and drinks. 703-742-7992.

Patricia Reilly Giff. 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Newbery Award winner, author of the Polk Street School books, presents "Writing: The Story of My Life." 703-249-1520.



Bob Simon, David Lang and Cheryl Terio Simon discuss the upcoming Reston Chorale season on the balcony of their home.



Ruth Overton, Chorale Board member; Bob Simon; David Lang; Cheryl Terio Simon; and Al Torzilla, Chorale president, at the reception.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 14

Reston Community Players Present Curtains. 8 p.m. CenterStage Theater at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. \$20 adults, \$17 seniors and students. 703-476-4500 or www.restonplayers.org.

Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series, with Lonesome Highway. 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. John Arnold, banjo; Buddy Dunlap, guitar; Jimmy Kountz, mandolin; and Tom Suddath, bass. \$12. 703-435-8377.

Reston Epilepsy Awareness Stroll & Silent Auction. 9:30 a.m. at South Lakes High School, 11400 S Lakes Drive, Reston. Sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of Va. To register contact 703-698-0229 or danadouglass@cox.net. www.evfase.org/2008STROLL.htm

Our Daily Bread Holiday Food Drive. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. next to Safeway at Courthouse Plaza, 10376 Willard Way, Fairfax City. Proceeds to benefit Food for Others. www.our-daily-bread.org.

Harpers Ferry photographer Jim Kirby. 2 p.m. at the Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza N., Reston. In time for the 150th anniversary of John Brown's raid on Harpers Ferry, local photographer Jim Kirby signs his book exploring the cultural and natural history of Harpers Ferry in photographs. 703-709-7700.

Artist Patricia C. K. Macintyre. 1 p.m. at Reston's Used Book Shop, 1623 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne Village Center, Reston. "From Here To There And Back With A Quack!" book signing. 703-435-9772.

Thanksgiving Craft Time. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Celebrate Thanksgiving with stories and a craft. Cosponsored by the Council for the Arts

of Herndon. All ages. 703-437-8855.

SUNDAY/NOV. 15

The League of Reston Artists: ArtsCapade Reception. 1-6 p.m. at Camden Dulles Station, 2330 Dulles Station Blvd., Oak Hill. Live music. www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

MONDAY/NOV. 16

Special Twos. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories and activities. Age 2 with adult. 703-689-2700.

Easy Reader Book Discussion-Level 2. 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Read a book aloud and enjoy a related craft. Call for title. Age 6-7.

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TUESDAY/NOV. 17

Colvin Run Community Center Weekly Dance. 7 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. \$10. www.colvinrun.org.

St. Joseph School Open House. 9:30-11 a.m. at Saint Joseph Parish, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon. Overview by principal Joan Cargill prior to visiting all classrooms. 703-880-4350 or sjherndon.org.

SAT and Essay Tips. 6:30 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Smita Lal on how to organize the college entrance exam testing process. TJHSST Entrance Exam participants also welcome. Age 13 and up. 703-437-8855.

Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-689-2700.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

Baby Signs. 10:30 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Meet Beebo the Baby Signs Bear, hear stories and learn some simple signs. Age 6-24 months with adult. 703-437-8855.

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-689-2700.

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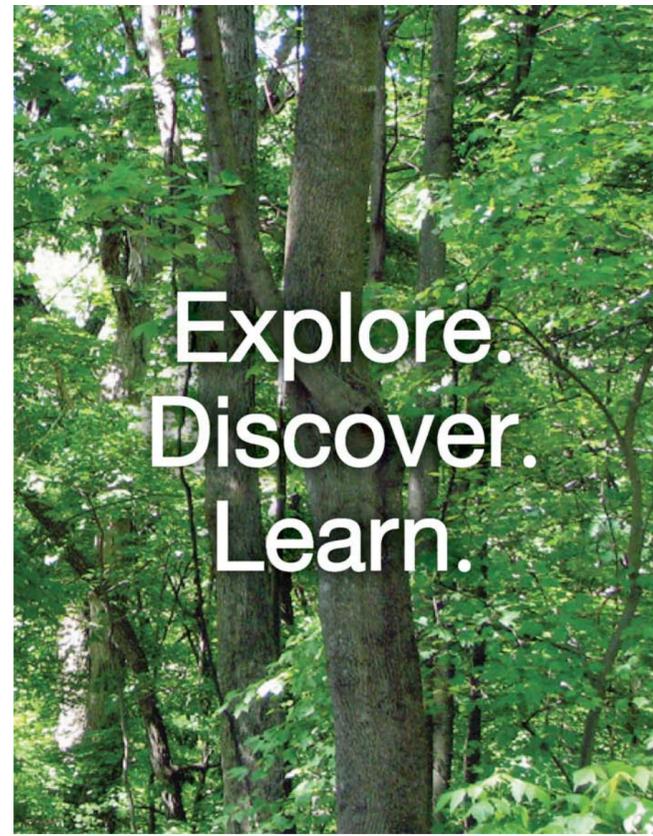
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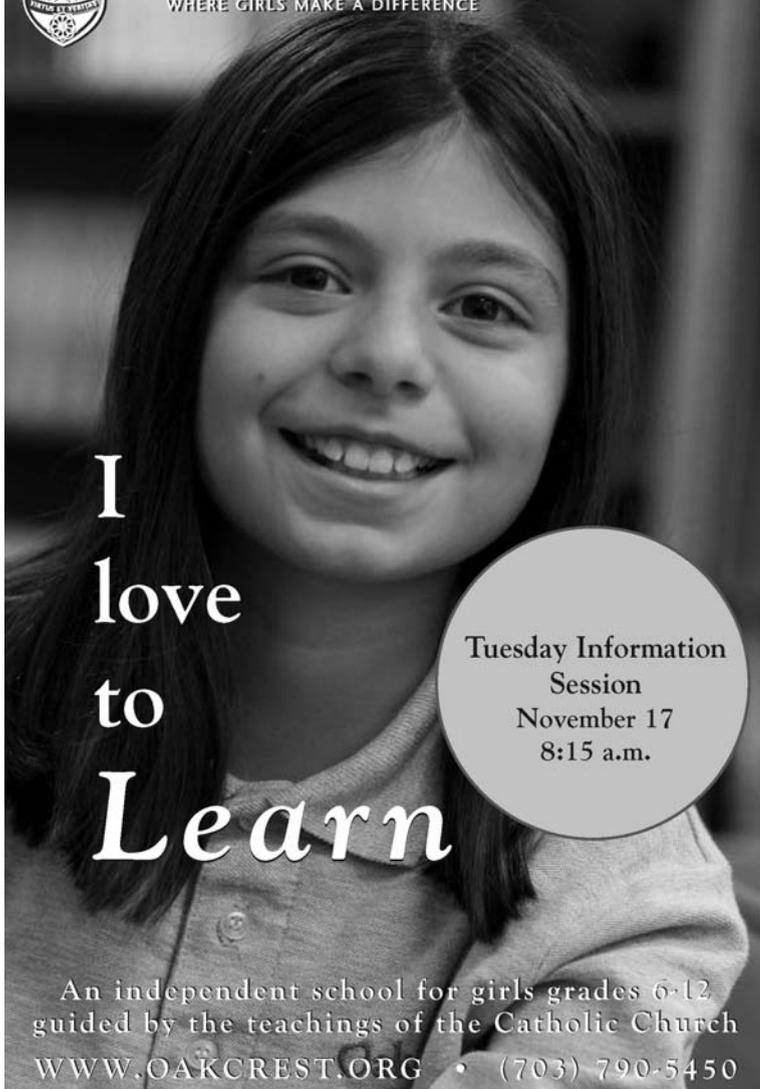
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SCHOOLS

Jane E. Carey graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Carey is a student at the University of Richmond. She is the daughter of William D. Carey Jr. of Cobblestone Lane, Reston, and a 2006 graduate of South Lakes High School.

Lake Anne Elementary has established a Bayscapers Club for students in grades 2-6 who want to learn about the Lake Anne environment, do some gardening, create outdoor and indoor artistic projects that celebrate the environment, publish a newspaper, and build a shed. Bayscapers members will also add to the school's compost pile, build a frame for a garden sign, and transplant plants.

Khrystyna Chekhlat of Reston, Pratt photography freshman, was honored with a Young Photographers Alliance (YPA) Award and \$2,000 at the inaugural YPA Award Ceremony and Benefit Auction at the Metropolitan Pavilion in New York City.

Reston residents **Vanessa Oakes, Katie Cleveland** and **Larry Stern** have gained membership to the Marching Virginians at Virginia Tech. To qualify for the marching band students must audition one week before the beginning of classes each fall. Commonly known as The Spirit of Tech, Virginia Tech's marching band is celebrating their 35 anniversary this year. Under the direction of David McKee and Tony Marinello, the band will present music

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by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Chicago, the Four Seasons, and other artists during the 2009 season.

Sareenah Sayall of Reston has received a master of business administration in business administration and management from Boston University of Boston, Mass.

Emilia Saunders of Reston has been accepted as a student at The Culinary Institute of America (CIA).

Tiara Hairston of Reston, a sophomore majoring in communication, theatre arts in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, was chosen to be a resident advisor at Virginia Tech.

Army Pvt. **Nicholas Turse** has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training. Turse is the son of Gary Turse of Berwick, Pa., and Patricia Samper of Tamarack Way, Herndon. He is a 2008 graduate of Berwick High School.

John B. Thibault graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Thibault is a student at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He is the son of Michael J. Thibault of Lakeport Way, Reston, and Mary B. Thibault of Arusley Court, Herndon. Thibault is a 2006 graduate of Oakton High School, Vienna.

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SPORTS

It's Playoff Time for High School Football Teams

High School Notebook: 16 teams set to play this Friday night; cross country state championships scheduled for Saturday.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

It's time for the Northern Region football playoffs following the conclusion of the regular season this past week end. Four Division 6 (larger enrollment schools), and four Division 5 (smaller schools) first round playoff games are slated for Friday night, Nov. 13.

In Division 5, games scheduled to be played are: No. 8-seed South Lakes at top seed Stone Bridge; No. 7 McLean at No. 2 Lee; No. 6 Yorktown at No. 3 Hayfield; and No. 5 Edison at No. 4 Madison.

Stone Bridge (9-1) of Ashburn, the two-time defending Division 5 region champion, has been less dominant this fall than in recent years despite its excellent record. The Bulldogs won three games by three points (over Westfield, 21-18, West Springfield, 36-33, and Langley, 17-14) and lost to Liberty District opponent Madison, 28-14, at home on Oct. 19. But Stone Bridge appears to be at or near the top of its game in recent weeks with victories over McLean, 38-21, and South Lakes, 45-22, to close out the regular season. In a Division 5 playoff field not as formidable as in the past few years, with teams like Edison and Yorktown not being as strong, the Bulldogs could roll towards another title.

Their first round opponent, South Lakes (5-5), which the Bulldogs played last week, was one of the surprises of the season after a 5-1 start, including a win over Madison at the Warhawks' homecoming. But the Seahawks have cooled off since with four straight losses to conclude the regular season. Still, it has been an overall good season for a South Lakes team that had combined to win just four games over the past two seasons.

South Lakes has a potentially explosive offense with the likes of talented running



The South Lakes defense will have a difficult test in shutting down Stone Bridge Friday night, Nov. 13, when the two Liberty District football teams meet in a first round playoff game in Ashburn.

backs Ja'Juan Jones and Darius Smith, along with wide receiver Sean Price and quarterback Shawn Rana. The Seahawks love to run the football behind premier tackle Kevin Ball.

The Seahawks, over the last month, lost lopsided games to non-region foe Dominion, 46-20, as well as Stone Bridge, and also fell in closer affairs to district opponents Fairfax, 27-22, and Langley, 24-21.

McLean (6-4) has put together a dramatic turnaround season after last year's winless campaign. The Highlanders clinched a winning record with last week's dramatic, 35-34, overtime home win over cross-town opponent Langley (4-6). They have one of the region's top running backs in Riley Beiro, who ran for 284 yards and four touchdowns on 47 carries against the Saxons. The win snapped a two-game losing streak for McLean, which had fallen to Fairfax, 55-17, and Stone Bridge, 38-21, before edging the Saxons.

Coach Jim Patrick's McLean team will travel to Lee to take on the 7-3 Lancers on Friday. Lee experienced a three-game losing streak following a 5-0 start — the setbacks coming to Lake Braddock, 28-21, West Potomac, 17-7, and South County, 10-7 — before righting the ship with wins over West Springfield, 30-27, and T.C. Williams, 27-13, to close the regular schedule.

Finishing behind Jefferson in the team standings was Langley, which placed five runners in the top 15.

The Jefferson boys won their race with a score of 34 points and also placed six runners in the top 15. TJ's boys were led by Jimmy Wu (Great Falls), who finished second overall. Jefferson's other top runners were Jonathan Phillips (Herndon), Will Manaker (Alexandria), JB Reiter and Ian Rappaport (Vienna), Sam Brinton (Fairfax) and Dave Warrington (Centreville).

Madison (6-4) won its final two games to clinch a winning record, the wins coming over Jefferson, 34-7, and Marshall, 49-7. The Warhawks' most impressive triumphs this season came over Fairfax, 21-7, and Stone Bridge, 28-14. Madison is hosting an Edison team that has been in three straight Division 5 title games, including a title game win over Stone Bridge in 2006. The Eagles are not as dominant as they have been in past seasons. They are 7-3 and their losses have come to West Springfield, 23-12, National District foe Falls Church, 16-14, and Hayfield, 28-21, last week. Edison enjoyed a five-game win streak earlier in the season, including wins over defending Division 6 champion Oakton, 18-14, and Yorktown, 42-10.

Speaking of Oakton, the Cougars are a vastly different team than the experienced, super-talented squad of a year ago that finished 14-1 overall and won both the Concorde District and region titles. This year's Oakton squad is young but managed to squeeze into the Division 6 playoffs with a 5-5 record. Oakton began the season 3-1 before going just 2-4 over its last six games. The Cougars closed the regular season with a 21-7 district win over Chantilly last week.

Oakton will travel to top seeded Woodson this Friday to face the 9-1 Cavaliers. Since a week three loss to Lee, 27-7, Woodson

Former Olympian gymnast Kerri Strug, who captured the heart of the U.S. at the 1996 Summer Olympics (Atlanta) with a one-legged landing on vault that solidified the USA teams winning of the Gold, was in Sterling last week. Strug stopped by NVGA Gymnastics, where she has been visiting regularly, to share her gymnastics knowledge and to work with the NVGA program's competitive gymnasts.

Strug, at the 1996 Olympics, competed with six other American gymnasts, including Shannon Miller and Dominique

has put together a seven game win streak, including a 35-0 triumph over South County last week.

OAKTON BOYS DEFEND REGION CROSS COUNTRY TITLE

The Northern Region boys' and girls' cross country championships took place Thursday, Nov. 5, at Burke Lake Park. Oakton (79 points) successfully defended last year's crown, finishing ahead of second place Lake Braddock (105), third place West Potomac (127) and fourth place Centreville (140). Each of the top four teams earned a seeding at this Saturday's state championships to take place at Great Meadows in The Plains.

Oakton's Andrew McCullen finished second overall in the boys' race, behind first place Chris Foley of Chantilly. Also for Oakton, Patrick Fulghum finished eighth overall, Matt Woodhouse was 11th and Padriac Flynn 14th.

Herndon High's Jack Jasper earned eighth place to qualify for states. Athletes who ran well but did not finish in the top 15 to qualify for states included Madison's Tom Inglis (17th place), South Lakes' Nick Guarnaccia (21st), Herndon's Troy Hunsaker (27th) and South Lakes' Will Sickenberger (28th).

Fifth place Jefferson was led by 10th place overall finisher Jonathan Phillips (Herndon resident), 20th place Jimmy Wu (Great Falls) and 26th place Will Manaker.

THE TOP FOUR GIRLS' team finishers were champion Lake Braddock (63), second place West Springfield (71), third place West Potomac (100) and fourth place Jefferson (126). Each of the top four teams automatically qualified for states. Team's not making states included sixth place Oakton, seventh place Langley and ninth place Herndon.

Top 15 individual girls' finishers who earned medals and qualified for states included Langley's Mary Fouse (eighth overall), Langley's Jessica Miles (ninth), Herndon's Carolyn Hennessey (13th) and Oakton's Lanie Smith (14th).

Other good individual outings came from Herndon's Carly Kulik (21st), Oakton's Alison Gregor (25th) and South Lakes' Val Moyer (29th).

Jefferson's top finishers were Stephanie Marzen (16th), who is from McLean, Sarah Stites (20th), a Reston resident, and Rehka Schnepf (26th), from McLean.

Moceanu, under the direction of head coaches Marta and Bela Karolyi. The team, often called the Magnificent Seven, struggled against the Russian team to win the all-around gold medal. On the last day of team competition, Strug needed a high score on vault in order for the American team to win. On her first attempt, she severely hurt her ankle, causing many spectators to fear she could not complete a second attempt. Despite the injury, Strug went on to complete her second attempt, scoring a 9.7 and winning the gold medal for the Americans.

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SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Both the **Thomas Jefferson High** girls and boys cross country teams successfully defended their Liberty District championships on Oct. 29 at Burke Lake Park. TJ's girls won with a low score of 26 points and had six runners place in the top 15. The Colonials were led by Stephanie Marzen (McLean resident), who successfully defended last year's district crown. Marzen was joined by teammates Rekha Schnepf and Kelly Rogers (McLean), Sarah Stites and Sarah Nielson (Reston), Lisa Junta (Springfield) and Rachel Kuprenas (Annandale).

Hearing on Rail Tax District

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will listen to public testimony and make a final decision about whether to approve a second business tax district that would help fund the Metrorail extension to Dulles International Airport and Loudoun County Nov. 23 at 9 a.m.

The second tax district will specifically help pay for three new Metro stops planned for Reston Parkway, the Herndon-Monroe Park & Ride and Route 28. The three stops are located between the Wiehle Avenue station, a stop already fully funded, and Dulles Airport.

In order for the tax district to be considered, either 51 percent of the area's landowners or those people who own land worth 51 percent of the district's assessed value had to agree to pay extra fees that will go toward Metrorail construction.

The extra taxes apply only to commercial property owners and not residents who have single-family homes in the district.

The supervisors said they received a petition of support with signatures from those who own land worth 51 percent of the district's assessed value. The Town of Herndon must also allow the property that is located in the town limits to become part of the tax district, according to county documents.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

SCHOOL NOTES

Army Pvt. **Nicholas Turse** has graduated from the Infantryman One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and Advanced Individual Training. Turse is the son of Gary Turse of Berwick, Pa., and Patricia Samper of Tamarack Way, Herndon. He is a 2008 graduate of Berwick High School.

John B. Thibault graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Thibault is a student at the Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He is the son of Michael J. Thibault of Lakeport Way, Reston, and Mary B. Thibault of Arusley Court, Herndon. Thibault is a 2006 graduate of Oakton High School, Vienna.

Herndon residents **Robert Smith, Angela Thompson, Jenna George, Michelle Gervasio, Kristofer Kusano, Thomas Martin** and **Kyle Poulsen** have gained membership to the Marching Virginians at Virginia Tech. To qualify for the marching band students must audition one week before the beginning of classes each fall. Commonly known as The Spirit of Tech, Virginia Tech's marching band is celebrating their 35 anniversary this year. Under the direction of David McKee and Tony Marinello, the band will present music by Rodgers and Hammerstein, Chicago, the Four Seasons, and other artists during the 2009 season.

Alyssa Homyk of Oak Hill has gained membership to the Marching Virginians at Virginia Tech. To qualify for the marching band students must audition one week before the beginning of classes each fall. Commonly known as The Spirit of Tech, Virginia Tech's marching band is celebrating their 35 anniversary this year.

Humphrey E. Matthew graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash. Matthew is a student at Indiana University, Bloomington, and the son of Frank M. Humphrey and Alexis L. Mazzocco of Otsego Drive, Oak Hill.

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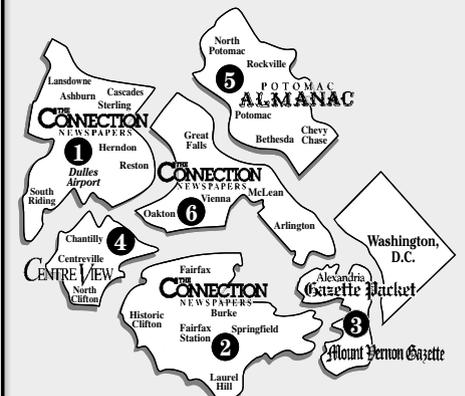
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Do I doubt, as former Washington, D.C. Mayor and current D.C. Council member, Marion S. Barry once said (on a completely unrelated subject), "the veracity" of the insurance company's claims (the suggestion, not the department)? Probably not. I suppose if it weren't true, the company wouldn't be saying it and/or paying/advertising to say it. (Or is that a Banana Boat I just fell off?)

Do I think the car insurance companies are baiting me/us consumers so we'll switch, presuming we believe there's gold (figuratively speaking) in them thar insurance hills? (Well, we certainly wouldn't bother if there's tin in them thar hills.) Yes! If we don't believe or are not lead to believe the pursuit is worth our while, it will likely be awhile before we ever call "1-800 CASH-4-ME" (made up number).

Do I believe the faltering economy and the relating cash flow (in and out) adjustments, shall we say, by consumers might be creating an opportunity for corporate America/Big Business to present/bathe themselves in an extremely soft and glowing light into which consumers might be drawn (like moths to a flame) and hopefully find some financial answers/relief? Yeah! Is that a bad thing? Hopefully not for those of us who fall victim (I mean, consider their alternatives).

It's almost unfair, really. How does one resist the temptation to say yes/make that call? Money is no longer growing on trees (if it ever did). It's hardly growing at all. Have you seen the interest rates being paid at your local financial institution? Actually, they should change the description to "lack of interest" paid. And so, in come the car insurance companies (since most of us still have cars, although some of us no longer have homes or jobs) to try and interest us. If we no longer can save money in the bank (and earn interest on that money), perhaps we would be open to the next best option: not spending it. To update Benjamin Franklin's most famous admonition; a penny not spent is like an increase in your unemployment compensation. And a lower premium for your car's insurance is similarly money well not-spent.

So what am I waiting for? Godot? This is ain't no movie. This is real life, as real as it gets when there's not enough money to pay for the too-many things with which many of us have become accustomed or worse, dependent. If saving money on car insurance was as easy as we have been advertised to believe it is, we should all be grateful to live in a country where such timely opportunity exists. I always knew, as my father often rhetorically opined: "Is this a great country or what?" Yes, it is.

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out a physical plan. He said amenities and public art should be added at the same time as buildings and infrastructure.

Members of the group expressed awe at the size of the center, as well as the height of the towering grass plants in front of the nearby housing.

On the subject of public art, Simon also recommended that such works should be communicative. "A lot of modern art here doesn't communicate very well," he said, noting that he had requested sculptures that children could play on in Reston. To illustrate the importance of imagination in the planning process, he showed the council the boat-like sculpture at the far end of Washington Plaza, recalling the time he had seen young children playing in the piece of art when one pointed skyward and called out, "Shark!"

At Reston Town Center, real estate broker and consultant Joe Ritchey, who helped design the urban center, explained how planners had included the fountain and pavilion to create a sense of place, energized the space by adding an ice rink and kept the buildings on the south side of Market Street low to allow sunlight to reach the pedestrians.

"Building a community shouldn't be all serious," he said.

The Ansan City Council was the first major foreign delegation to tour Reston in the last couple of years, said Reston Association spokesman Amelia Townsend, but she said several such tours had been given in the last six years or so, as the community remains an international model for the "new town" concept. "This one is different because they actually reached out just to Reston," she said.

The delegation was given a bus tour of the community, during which Reston Association President Robin Smyers pointed out the pools, ball fields and trails scattered throughout Reston, as well as the near-completed Nature House and the ongoing stream restoration project. The group stopped by the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, where they got a quick tour and Executive Director Leila Gordon explained the center's funding plan and ar-

Reston Association CEO Milton Matthews recalled one other visit from a South Korean group, as well as a delegation from Japan, in his five years on the job, although he noted that Simon often gave smaller group tours to foreign dignitaries on his own.

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Fall Into Fun with RCC Youth Events

Father/Daughter Dance!

The father-daughter relationship is a special and unique one. Join us for a fabulous evening of dancing fun and prizes! Light refreshments will be served.

Friday, November 13
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Admission is \$7
RCC Hunters Woods

Ages 5
and up



Children's Fall Flea Market Fling

Saturday, November 14
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
TABLES STILL AVAILABLE!
RCC Hunters Woods

For admission, prospective buyers and browsers are asked to donate one can of food toward our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive.



Fall & Winter Festivities at RCC!

Photo Lab Holiday Workshop

For ages 7 and up



Wednesday
November 18, December 2,
December 9 OR December 16
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
\$14 (R) • \$20 (NR)

Bring film negatives and photos that you would like to print or tone, or learn how to add color and apply other techniques to your photos for gift giving.

Family Turkey Bowl

For all ages



Saturday
November 21
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
\$17 (R) • \$22 (NR)

RCC's family bowling series continues! Lanes will be reserved for the RCC group at Bowl America Dranesville, and two turkeys will be raffled off and awarded.

Holidays at the Bargain Loft

For ages 2-5



Thursday
December 3
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
FREE!

Donate gently used holiday ornaments and books during this morning visit to the Bargain Loft. Children will have the opportunity to learn about the store and the integral role it plays in our community.

NYC & Radio City Music Hall

For ages 5 and up



Friday - Sunday
December 4 - 6
10 a.m. (departure)
7 p.m. (estimated return)
Prices start at \$325

This annual weekend excursion includes round trip charter bus transportation, two nights of lodging, ample time for shopping in the city, a guided tour of Rockefeller Center, tickets to the Christmas Spectacular show at Radio City Music Hall, one dinner and two breakfasts.

For more information and to register for these programs, visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com



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