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Reston Interfaith Coat Closet supports the community.



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 THE CONNECTION

Ever since high school, 19-year-old Nick Tabassi has volunteered his time with Reston Interfaith. On Saturday mornings, he spends the day assisting needy families and children at the Hunter Mill Winter Coat Closet in Reston.

"We try to provide them with good [coats] for the winter," Tabassi said. He was so inspired by the community involvement that he encouraged his family to get involved. His brother and mother now volunteers with the non-profit organization.

Lauren Dore, a 17-year-old Great Falls resident, also volun-

Nick Tabassi, Chris Tabassi, Alix Carlin and Lauren Dore work as volunteers at then 2009 Hunter Mill Winter Coat Closet.

teers at the Coat Closet. She is volunteering her time as part of her community service requirement for her school.

"These people don't have enough money to buy coats," Dore said. "Some are homeless, and they have to pick between food and clothes, especially if they don't have heating."

Dore does not travel alone to the

Coat Closet. Her mother, Kerry Dore, and friend, Alix Carlin also volunteer.

"Lauren told me to come with her," Carlin said. "It's really nice and a friendly atmosphere."

On the other hand, Tabassi's brother, 15-year-old Chris Tabassi, said it's easy to communicate with the diverse group of people who come to the coat closet, since they are trilingual.

"Our mother is from Venezuela," Chris Tabassi said, "and our dad is Iranian. It is easier for us to speak in Spanish. It comes in handy."

The 2009 Hunter Mill Winter Coat Closet operates out of the Community Room at the Hunter Mill District Supervisor's Office, North County Government Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive and Cameron Glen Drive. It is open Tuesday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.; Thursday, 6-8 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. It is closed for major holidays.

The Coat Closet ends on March 13. The non-profit organization is need of more children and men's coats during the holiday season. Coats must be in good condition.

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Herndon of Tomorrow

Residents meet first drafts of downtown redevelopment with enthusiasm.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Herndon resident Bob Bruhns described himself as “a tremendous critic” of most development plans and philosophically opposed to increased density. He had not expected to be impressed by designs and sketches for the redevelopment of downtown Herndon presented on Thursday, Nov. 19 but found himself “blown away,” he said.

“I’m really impressed,” Bruhns said. “This looks like someplace I would want to be and would want to go.” In fact, he said, drawings of some of the higher-density options actually looked more attractive than their less dense alternatives. He said he had some concern that the redevelopment could raise the cost of living in town, adding, “But this would be worth some increase in the cost of living.”

The town contracted the Pittsburgh-based Urban Design Associates to come up with the plan, and the company had met with residents, focus groups, town staff and the Town Council beginning in mid-October before inviting residents to watch the designers sketch out their ideas the day of the meeting and the day before.

Urban Design Associates Senior Vice President Paul Ostergaard presented the draft plans, with different density options, reminding the crowd that different options could be selected on a block-by-block basis.

PART OF THE IDEA, he said, was to cluster retail businesses on the main roads in the town’s core, while also bringing more housing into the downtown area. Some retail businesses, perhaps, should be relocated to this area, he said. “Bring it together and make it a class-A retail core for you downtown.” He said the shopping, restaurant and entertainment outlets could be arranged in a sort of “shopping loop.” Center Street, meanwhile, would become more purely residential.

The plan was also to extend the “very unique and pretty incredible” open space system that runs through the heart of the town, primarily consisting of the W&OD Trail and the Town Green.

Ostergaard displayed maps laying out where retail, residential and civic uses should go, as well as parking garages. “You need parking to build new buildings in your downtown,” he said. The plans proposed a primary garage of about 570 spaces and a smaller one to hold 300 cars.



Resident Pablo Hollstein, Jon Elsen of Urban Design Associates and resident Carla Falconi look over the less-dense development option.



Urban Design Associates Senior Vice President Paul Ostergaard looks over the slide show his company prepared as he presents its draft plans for downtown Herndon.

Along the “shopping loop,” he said, buildings should be moved back to make the sidewalks about 15-feet wide, providing more room for pedestrians and outdoor dining.

A lower-density option for Elden Street would have it lined by two-story, mixed-use buildings, with retail downstairs and offices above. A three-story building would provide an anchor at the intersection with Center Street. Alternately, there could be three-story buildings along Elden with a four-story structure at the intersection. But, he said, “To get to buildings of that height, you really need residential uses.” This could mean apartments upstairs.

He showed sketches of “brand new buildings that respect the heritage of your downtown core.”

Under one option, the consultants proposed expanding the ArtSpace facility and building about 27 townhouses across the street. The other plan for that area was to

relocate ArtSpace, replacing it with a four-story condo development, with a three-story complex for seniors across from it.

Ostergaard said his planners were recommending that a formal road be designated parallel to the W&OD, across from the Herndon Depot, since they were told that people tended to cut through the parking there. The road would be raised to the level of the trail. Showing a picture of that area, where Station Street crosses the bike trail, he said, “It’s empty now. There’s just nothing there. So what really stands out is your utility lines.” He suggested a landscaped, manicured public space. “It’s the only one like it, probably, on the length of the trail and it’s in your town.”

ON THE BLOCK where the Subaru dealership is located, he proposed, among other uses, three restaurants sharing a courtyard
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Bates Becomes Principal

William Bates has been appointed a new principal of the Herndon High School.

Bates joined the school staff as an assistant principal in 2007 and is currently the senior class administrator.

During his tenure, Bates initiated several programs geared toward increasing academic achievement for all students. He is also a strong proponent of Professional Learning Communities where teachers work collaboratively to identify student strengths and weaknesses and apply research-based instructional strategies in the classroom. He will take over as principal on Dec. 1.



William Bates

In an official announcement of his appointment, Marty K. Smith, assistant superintendent for Cluster 1 in Fairfax County Public Schools, said “Bates is committed to building strong relationships with the entire Herndon community.”

Bates responded to a few questions from Herndon Connection following his appointment.

Q: How do you feel about this promotion?

A: I am ecstatic. I am especially pleased with the support many of the faculty members and HHS parents have shown.

Q: What are your priorities: your promise to the Herndon High community?

A: Success for all students. Promote and provide a comprehensive education that focuses on the academic, social, emotional, and physical development of students.

Q: What are some of the biggest challenges?

A: Not sure. Often times you anticipate certain challenges and spend a great deal of time preparing for how you will address them etc. and they turn out to be minor but it’s the unexpected things that pop up that can make life difficult. I feel prepared and confident for any challenges that may come my way in the immediate future. I am very close to the Senior Class and spend a great deal of one on one time with many of the 12th grade students so my most immediate challenge and concern will be transitioning away from being their direct supervisor.

Mayor Responds to 'Most Obscene' Designation

Herndon has been named by Business Week as among its 25 "Best Affordable Suburbs." Money Magazine has named Herndon the eighth best place to live for the rich and single.

But — most obscene city? That's the dubious designation given to the town (not city, there is a difference) by Business Insider, a Web portal that ranked locations according to the number of times George Carlin's infamous "seven dirty words" were entered into search engines.

So, are Herndon citizens living dual lives, raising their families and working hard at their careers by day and frantically entering words they didn't learn from their mothers into search engines by night?

Not so fast, said Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis. "Herndon, and in fact the entire Dulles Corridor, is fortunate to be home to leading technology companies, including Internet service providers," he said. "Therefore, much Web traffic that goes through Herndon likely originates elsewhere in the region. Google Trends, the source of Business Insider's 'research,' can only attribute traffic to a region. It can't pinpoint it to an exact location — such as a 4.2 square mile town."

"That probably also explains why our upstanding neighbor to the east, Reston, is also high on this list," said DeBenedittis. "I'm sure Reston citizens will echo the sentiments of Herndon citizens by extending an open invitation to all to hop on the toll road and come see us — a community with a rich culture and a proud heritage, where our favorite four-letter word is 'home.'"

Homes Selected for Holiday Tour

The second annual Holiday Homes Tour of Herndon will take place on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Five houses located in Herndon's historic districts will be featured on the tour. Tickets are available in advance at the Herndon Dulles Visitor's Center and the Herndon Florist for \$10 each. Tickets will be \$15 the day of the tour.

One of the houses featured on this year's tour was originally one of Herndon's first schools. The home has had numerous modifications by previous homeowners to serve as a single family home, but many original features still remain. Two new Doll Homes will be on the tour this year both of which are decorated with vibrant colors and interesting furnishings. In addition, one home features a livable, large family room/kitchen and rec room in the basement. The last house on the tour dates back to the early 1900s and fronts on Elden Street. That home has been restored by the current owners and boasts its original wood floors and trim.

Herndon High Band Rings In Holiday Season

The Herndon High School Band will ring in the holiday season on the Herndon Town Green Saturday, Dec. 5, from 5-6 p.m. This free concert and carol sing-a-long will culminate in the lighting of Herndon's Christmas tree.

This annual holiday tradition has a new component for the Pride of Herndon Band this year. Anita's Mexican Food, located across the street from the Town Green, has offered to donate 15 percent of its dinner proceeds that evening to the Herndon High School band program.

The public is also invited to the band's free Winter Concert, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. in the Herndon High School auditorium, whose traditional finale features band alumni joining current members on stage to play LeRoy Anderson's "Sleigh Ride."

The 160-member band, which performs under the direction of Kathleen Schoelwer, is grateful for the support it has received from the community. The band continues to look for corporate support, particularly as it strives to fund a commissioned piece from noted composer Brian Balmages in honor of Herndon High School's centennial. For more information, visit the Herndon High School Band Web site at www.herndonband.org.



This sketch shows the higher-density proposal for Elden Street.

Plans Unveiled for Redevelopment

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for outdoor eating. On the block that now includes the Moose Lodge, townhouses could surround a landscaped courtyard. Alternately, about 80 apartments surrounding a parking deck and courtyard could be placed there. Three-story mixed-use buildings were proposed across the street from the Mediterranean Breeze. And the first story of the hotel that is to be built by Diamond Properties was to include retail uses, as part of the shopping loop.

Ostergaard said he saved the Pines Shopping Center, which had drawn the most criticism from residents, for the end of his presentation because it was the most speculative portion of the redevelopment. "It's a cash cow for the owner," he said. "There's no incentive to sell this property over time."

The company recommended replacing the construction debris dump behind the shopping center with single-family residential units. Without the center being sold, he said, it might be possible to make it more attractive by extending Quincy Street into the property, adding a couple of shops at the corner of Elden and Monroe streets, and introducing some landscaping.

Ostergaard also described an option under which 105 townhouses would be built in the place of the shopping center, with some convenience stores, a civic building at Elden and Monroe, and a public square. Not only would Quincy enter the property, but it would intersect with Pine Street, which would be extended across the parcel. Or, a mixed-use development could replace the center, with townhouses facing the neighborhood that would have replaced the construction dump, commercial businesses on Elden Street and a parking structure in between.

"We could play with the Pines Shopping Center all day long," Ostergaard said.

"I think it's an awesome plan. I want it to be done now," said resident Carla Falconi, adding that she thought the redevelopment would draw more young people and businesses. She said it would unify "all the random little buildings" that may be individually charming but lacked cohesion.

Pablo Hollstein agreed. "It's great. This core section is great," he said, adding that he also liked the idea of extending Pine Street. He said he might have also liked to see a plaza across from the Herndon Municipal Center.

Bob Rudine said he preferred the lower-density options. "I don't know why we'd need to be putting

more residents in the downtown," he said. "It doesn't make sense." He said he had always considered the block with the Moose Lodge, where Urban Design had proposed a residential community, to be a location for a four-story commercial development.

But Hollstein and Falconi disagreed, saying they thought more residents would bring more life to the area.

Rudine still said the planning was "the best vision I've seen to date" and effectively visualized the community's input. He said he especially liked the idea of raising the proposed new road along the W&OD to the level of the trail. And he said he thought there would still be enough room to hold Herndon Festival without closing too many roads.

COUNCILMEMBER Connie Hutchinson said she preferred the less dense option, although she liked elements of the alternative. One of these was the idea of senior housing, although she said she might rather see it be two stories instead of three. And she said she preferred the main parking garage in the higher-density model because it was taller, with a smaller footprint.

"I like that it's not going to be Old Town Fairfax," Hutchinson said, noting that she was pleased with the idea of Elden Street being widened rather than narrowed. And she said she thought the planners effectively blended the older buildings with the proposed new ones. As for the idea of bringing more residents into the downtown, she said, "Our traffic studies will show whether that's feasible."

"I thought they did a beautiful job of capturing what Herndon could be," said Lisa Merkel, adding that the proposed architecture blended in nicely. She said she appreciated the idea of filling the space around the bike trail near the depot but didn't care for the proposal of a residential community where the Pines Shopping Center is, preferring the option that simply made the center more attractive. At least on Elden Street, she said, she liked the higher-density design because it was a better fit with the Nachman Building.

Urban Design took residents' comments that night and will work with the town, its Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee and various contractors to further refine the plan, said Dana Heiberg, senior planner with the town. In January, the committee will work toward its final recommendation, and a public hearing with the Town Council can be expected around March, he said.

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Home-Invasion Robbery Yields 13 Years Prison

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Before Centreville's Nino Justice Pascal was sentenced in court for a brutal, home-invasion robbery in Reston, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Katie Swart told the judge to send him to prison for a long time.

"He pistol-whipped the victim and wounded him — and all for a very little bit of gain," she said. "This defendant deserves to be incarcerated for a significant portion of his life."

In the end, Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge David Schell agreed and sentenced Pascal to 13 years, four months in prison.

The crime occurred Jan. 24 in a residence on Reston Avenue. Robbery Det. Eric Deane explained what happened in a Feb. 2 affidavit for a warrant to search Pascal's home for possible evidence. He wrote that a firearm was used "to perpetrate the robbery and assault the victim" — who sustained a laceration to his head. Wrote Deane: "The blood from the victim is believed to be on the clothes of the suspect who caused this injury."

Following an investigation, police arrested Pascal on Jan. 26, charging him with robbery, malicious wounding, abduction with intent to extort money, use of a firearm in the commission of a felony and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The last charge stemmed from the fact that authorities believed Pascal used a pistol to assault the victim, and because, on March 24, 2006 in Circuit Court, he was convicted of a felony — distribution of a Schedule I controlled substance.

On March 16, the grand jury indicted Pascal, 27, of 6161 Strasburg Drive in The Meadows community, on all five charges. Later, on July 21 in Circuit Court, the use-of-a-firearm charge was dropped. Pascal then entered Alford pleas of guilt to the other four charges. By doing so, he didn't admit guilt, but acknowledged the presence of enough evidence to convict him.

He returned to court, Nov. 6, for sentencing, and Swart said Pascal "was identified as the person who committed these horrific offenses." She told Schell the high end of the state sentencing guidelines for this case — 10 years, nine months — was "shockingly low."

Defense attorney Ashley

Henderson said a female co-defendant had problems with the victim and "she was the one who took money and drugs from the victim." Henderson said the victim initially wasn't going to seek medical attention for his injuries and even drove himself to the hospital.

Regarding the abduction charge, she said, "The victim was pushed down a long hallway; there's no evidence of him being tied up or moved from place to place. This isn't as appalling as the commonwealth would have you believe. [Pascal] doesn't have a history of violence, just some drug convictions."

Henderson said her client has an 11-year-old daughter and "wants to play a more important role in her life as she grows up." She then asked Schell to just sentence him to the three-year mandatory minimum for the remaining firearm charge.

Pascal told the judge he's coached Little League football to teach teamwork and achieving goals. "I want to start a nonprofit

organization for kids who are on a path to prison," he said. "I've learned from my past mistakes and want to help others learn from them, too."

But Schell remained firm. "The facts of this case are extremely violent," he said. "A handgun was used and the person received multiple injuries to the head. [He] was forced to go down on his knees with a person behind him with a gun to his head."

For each of the robbery, malicious wounding and abduction charges, Schell then sentenced Pascal to 20 years in prison, suspending nine years, eight months, leaving him 10 years, four months to serve. These sentences will run concurrently with each other.

Pascal also received three years behind bars for the firearm charge. This sentence will run consecutively to the others, for a total of 13 years, four months in prison. He'll also be on five years active probation upon his release.

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Last year, 17 million households in the United States were without enough food for some part of some months because they didn't have the money to buy food, up from 13 million households in 2007. That's 49 million people, up from 36 million in 2007.

The numbers are almost certainly higher now, as 2009 draws to a close.

The ongoing recession and loss of jobs are driving an ongoing surge of families turning to food banks here in Northern Virginia. There are more unemployed people in Northern Virginia than in any other part of the state, according to the Virginia Employment Commission. While the employment rate is lower here as a percentage of the population, this area still has by far the largest number of people unemployed.

In August, there were 69,770 unemployed people in Northern Virginia, with an unemployment rate of 4.7 percent. The rate was down from 5.1 percent in July, but up from 3.3 percent in August, 2008.

People have lost their jobs, are unable to find new ones. In some cases people who own homes are stuck, unable to sell their houses because the homes are worth less than they paid for them, and are facing foreclosure as well.

EDITORIAL

Families have used up their safety net, spent their savings. They find themselves without being able to put food on the table, and they turn to local food banks, food pantries, churches and other charitable organizations for their most basic needs.

Food pantries around the area have launched additional food drives to try to meet the need. Many local charities also offer winter coats and holiday gifts, and are also turning to the community to meet the rising needs.

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— MARY KIMM

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The Bargain Loft Holiday Shop opens Dec. 1.

Holiday Shop Opens at The Bargain Loft

FISH depends on proceeds to boost assistance program.

The Bargain Loft is hoping for record sales Dec. 1-24, according to Manager Sherri Longhill. The annual Holiday Shop brings in the highest sales of the year. If the record profits of the last two months are any indication, this should be a good December.

This would be welcoming news to Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. (Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help), which depends on its thrift shop, The Bargain Loft, to support the FISH Assistance Program that helps people with short-term emergencies, such as assistance

with rent, utilities, medical supplies and prescriptions, free rides to medical appointments, workshops for personal finances, and holiday food and gift boxes.

Marcia Di Trapani, FISH president, reports that requests for assistance to date this fiscal year have increased 49 percent over the same period of time last year and that requests for utilities assistance has risen a record 129 percent. She said the community continues to support FISH through financial donations and/or donating and shopping at The Bargain Loft.

Sales should be popular for the

low-priced holiday decorations thanks to the generosity of customers and donors. Regular and holiday item donations are welcome Dec. 1-31 during business hours, Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Additional holiday hours will include Thursdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Dec. 24, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. A special "re-gifting" program is being promoted, whereby new gifts, still in the box or package may be donated and re-sold as "new" gifts for those who cannot afford to buy full-price new gifts for loved ones.

Per Manager Longhill, two new

activities during the Holiday Shop aim to stimulate additional donations to FISH. Gift wrapping of Bargain Loft purchases will be offered for a donation on Thursdays, 4-6 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Expect to hear live music from the piano on display. A sign-up sheet is available for volunteers and customers to play the piano in 15-minute segments. Those who like what they hear, can put some money in the donation jar on the piano.

The Bargain Loft is located at 336 Victory Drive (off Spring Street), in Herndon, phone 703-437-0600. For information about FISH: www.herndonrestonfish.org.

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FRIDAY/NOV. 27

Reston Chorale Carol Sing-Along. 6 p.m. at the Reston Town Center, with the annual tree lighting ceremony followed by a sing-along of holiday favorites led by members of The Reston Chorale and a brass quintet. Free. 703-834-0079 or info@restonchorale.org.

Interactive Retelling of the Thanksgiving Story. 11 a.m. at the Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center, 2739 West Ox Road. With Glee Mania's Sue Cournoyer. \$4. Pre-paid reservations required. 703-437-9101.

Fun Run for Neediest Kids. On Market St. at Reston Town Center. Registration begins 7 a.m., race begins 8 a.m. Races in six age brackets for children and the Corporate Challenge, in which Alan Webb will participate. \$5 requested, not required. All proceeds go to Neediest Kids, to provide area students with the basic necessities to attend class and to be ready to learn. www.guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary_filderman_lynn@bah.com or 703-917-2158.

SATURDAY/NOV. 28

Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series, with Jimmy Gaudreau and Orrin Star on guitar and mandolin. 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. \$15. 703-435-8377.

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 Fairfax United Methodist Church www.our-daily-bread.org.

TUESDAY/DEC. 1

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

Folk Club of Reston-Herndon: Singer/Songwriter Bryan Bowers. 7:15 p.m. in the Back Room at The Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden St., Herndon. \$11 members, \$12 non-members. DAHurdSr@cs.com or www.restonherndonfolkclub.com.

Holiday Bazaar, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Dr. Reston. Admission: \$25 on-line at www.pwconnections.com (before 11/27) or \$30 walk-in. Admission includes holiday buffet, door prizes every 30 minutes and more. Stop by the vendors to start your holiday shopping! Open to the public.

THURSDAY/DEC. 3

Open Mic for Bands Night. 9 p.m. at Jimmy's Tavern, 697 Spring St., Old Town Herndon (on the Corner of Elden and Spring Streets). Bands will receive 30 minutes to play, and must pre-sign with Andre' Love at soulcraftmusic@yahoo.com or 703-984-9114. Walk-ins will only be accepted if time permits. All types of music welcomed. 703-435-5467.

David Kitchen Band CD Release Party and Emma Bailey. M&S Grill, Reston Town Center. 703/787-7766 or www.goosecreekmusic.com.

Opening Reception and Gallery Talk. 7 p.m. at McLean Project for the Arts, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. As Likely As Not: Sculpture by Alex Bay and R. L. Croft (Emerson Gallery). Free. www.mpaart.org or 703-790-

Reston Celebrates Season

On Friday, Nov. 27, Restonians will celebrate holiday season with activities starting at 8 a.m. and running until 10 p.m. The highlights include 19th Annual Reston Holiday Parade at 11 a.m.; Tree Lighting and Sing Along at 6 p.m. as well as Run with Alan Webb race for toddlers and teens with local Olympian and US record-holder for the fastest mile (3:46).

Here is a more complete schedule for the day:

- ❖ 8 a.m. - Stores Open
 - ❖ 8 a.m. - Run with Alan Webb [Races divided by age. \$5 donation.]
 - ❖ 11 a.m. - Reston Holiday Parade sponsored by RCC and RUCA
 - ❖ 12:30 p.m. - Visits & Photos with Santa
 - ❖ 6 p.m. - Tree Lighting and Sing Along
 - ❖ 6:30 - 10 p.m. - Carriage Rides
- All events rain or shine.

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FRIDAY/DEC. 4

Virginia Opera presents Donizetti's romantic comedy "The Daughter of the Regiment." 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$44-\$86. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Reston Lions Club Annual Florida Citrus Sale, at North Point Shopping Center. Florida oranges and grapefruit, Virginia peanuts, aged Vermont Cheddar Cheese and turkeys. Sale continues through Dec. 6. All proceeds are used for community service, including vision screenings, eyeglasses and hearing aids. www.restonlions.org.

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

A Seasonal Celebration, the Reston Chorale's 2009 Holiday Concert. 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and youth. Buy tickets online or at the Reston Community Center Box Office. 703-476-1111, 703-834-0079 or info@restonchorale.org.

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 Reston Bible Church www.our-daily-bread.org.

Santa Arrives by Barge. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Lake Anne, Reston. Free family fun with entertainment, a petting zoo, holiday market and the arrival of Santa by barge to meet children on the plaza at 12 p.m.

Flatpicking guitarist Doc Watson with banjoist David Holt and grandson Richard Watson, performing "Hills of Home." 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Traditional Appalachian roots with a variety of American musical genres including bluegrass, country, gospel and blues. Adults \$21-\$42. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Weekend Bluegrass Concert: Dead Men's Hollow. 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. \$12. 703-435-8377 or www.deadmenshollow.com.

Christmas Concert and Sing-along. 6:30 p.m. at Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne Center, Reston. Free. Bring a can of food to donate to

Reston Interfaith Food Pantry. 703-471-5225 or wbpcevents.org.
Colvin Run Ballroom Dance. At Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Live music by Arrow. Dance lesson 8 p.m., dancing 9-11:30 p.m. \$15 dance, \$5 lesson. 703-795-2003 or www.colvinrun.org.

The 20th Annual Model Train Display. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Many different gauge model trains will be running in the main building, caboose and on the grounds. Enjoy hot chocolate and a gingerbread man. \$5 adults, \$1 children. 703-425-9225.

Holiday Homes Tour of Herndon. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Five houses located in Herndon's historic districts will be featured on the tour. Tickets available in advance at the Herndon Dulles Visitor's Center and the Herndon Florist for \$10, \$15 the day of the tour. Herndon Dulles Visitor's Center, Inc., 703-437-6366.

The Smart Split: Legal Aspects of Separation and Divorce. 10 a.m. at McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. \$45 non-members, \$35 members. www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

SUNDAY/DEC. 6

Herndon Holiday Arts & Craft Show, at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Wreaths, quilts, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, decorations, original artwork, photography, stained glass and more. Free admission and parking. Sponsored by the Town of Herndon Department of Parks and Recreation.

Christmas Concert. 6:30 p.m. at Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza N., Reston. 703-471-5225.

Virginia Opera presents Donizetti's romantic comedy "The Daughter of the Regiment." 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$48-\$98. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or www.gmu.edu/cfa.

Master Singers of Virginia: From Chant to Carol: Christmas Music based on Gregorian chant and plainsong. Lecture at 6:15 p.m., concert at 7 p.m. at Church of the Epiphany, 3301 Hidden Meadow Drive, Herndon. \$18 adults, \$15 students and seniors. www.msva.org or 703-655-7809.

The 20th Annual Model Train Display. 12-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Many different gauge model trains will be running in the main building, caboose and on the grounds. \$5 adults, \$1 children. 703-425-9225.

Chanukah Boutique. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Judaica Shop with menorahs, soap, wooden pens, fused glass, ribbon and jeweled sandals, scrapbooking products, Israeli crochet necklaces and leather belts, cigar box purses and more. Gift wrapping available. Free admission. 703-437-7733.

PackPower Tour with Cesar Millan, Dog Whisperer. 5:30 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Event includes Washington Humane Society Blanket & Towel Drive, where individuals are encouraged to bring new and gently used blankets and towels to the venue beginning at 3:30 p.m. Tickets \$39.50-\$150, at www.ticketmaster.com or at 703-573-SEAT. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

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SPORTS

Xplosion Baseball Captures Fall Season Baseball Title

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The 12-under Virginia Xplosion powered its way to a travel baseball championship with an 11-5 victory over the Fauquier Mustangs in the finals of the Old Dominion Baseball League (ODBL) playoffs. The local team, stationed in Sterling, is made up of players from throughout the Northern Virginia area.

The tournament was held on Nov. 7-8, at Nokesville's Valley View Park. The title was the Xplosion's first after three previous trips to the ODBL championship game.

"Good players make good coaches," said Xplosion Manager Kenny Burch. "I was fortunate to be surrounded by terrific kids, dedicated assistant coaches and supportive parents."

The Xplosion pounced on the Mustangs early, scoring three times in the first inning on Mike Smith's run-scoring blast and Joe DiConsiglio's two-RBI single. Pitchers Jett Manning, Smith and Forest Wagner never looked back, stifling a strong Mustangs squad.

The relentless Xplosion attack was sparked by Dylan Robertson's booming two-run double. Wagner and Smith both collected three hits. Drew Dackowski added a hit and scored two runs. Devin Vigneault iced the game with a run-scoring knock in the final inning.

In the semifinals, pitchers Wagner and DiConsiglio shut down the Alexandria Heat, 11-1. Lead-off batter Manning paced the Xplosion offense with a 4-for-4 performance. Burch and Dackowski both slugged two hits. In early rounds, the Xplosion bested the Stafford Titans, 6-2. Reid contributed two hits and five stolen bases. Catcher Koerner capped a 9-1 win over Western Loudoun by gunning out a base-stealer in the last inning.

Throughout the tournament, the Xplosion received big performances from Corey Burch, Colin Reid and Trent Koerner. Injured Xplosion star Brian Hopkins returned to action after missing much of the season.

The Xplosion assistant coaches are Mike Hopkins, Marty Reid and Todd Vigneault.

The team finished the regular season with an 8-5-1 record, earning the second seed in the ODBL championship tournament.

Cascades Flag Football League in Sterling concluded an exciting fall season. The league consisted of 375 players on 39 teams and four grade divisions. The league conducted its annual end of season tournaments Nov. 7-8. The tournaments featured 35 games on three fields. Four teams won championships with the Vikings finishing off an undefeated season and winning the kindergarten-first grade division. Other division winners were: the Patriots (grades two and three); the Rams (grades four and five); and Falcons (middle school division). Registration for the Spring 2010 season is now open at youthflag.com/cascades.

Cascades Flag Football is a youth league open to boys and girls in kindergarten through eighth grade. The Spring 2010 season starts April 5. Early bird rates apply through Feb. 12. For more information on coaching or officiating call 703-444-8805, ext. 112 or email cascades@youthflag.com.

Loudoun Field Hockey Association will have its Spring 2010 season at two field locations: East in Sterling and West in Leesburg. The league is open for girls ages 8-to-17 of all skill levels. The season starts April 5. Register online at loudounfieldhockey.org. Early bird rates apply through Feb. 12. Volunteer coaches and referees are needed. Call 703-444-1020, ext. 104 for more information.

Also, Adult field hockey within Loudoun Field Hockey Association is open to players ages 21 and over of all skill levels. Games are played at NVCC-Loudoun. For more information go to loudounfieldhockey.org.

Edric Wung (McLean) finished in a second place tie in the boys' 12-13 age group division of the recent MAPGA Junior Turkey Two-Day golf event at Fauquier Springs Country Club. Ian Hildebrand of Purcellville finished first. Wung had a two-day total of 164, tying him with Errol Clarke

(Mitchellville, Md.).

In the overall girls' division, **Shabril Brewer** (Oak Hill) broke away from the field and won by eight shots over April Nimjareansuk (Alexandria). Brewer started the day with birdies at holes one, two and seven. She fired a 5-over 77 to finish the event at 11-over par. Brewer, a Westfield High student, was part of the Bulldogs' team that captured the state AAA golf title a few weeks ago.

Shannon Brooks (Vienna) cruised to a victory in the Girls 12-14 division with a two-day total of 166. Her second round 81 was a two-day low for her division. Julie Luo (Herndon) finished nine shots back with 175.

The South Lakes High football team was well-represented in All-Liberty District honors. Seahawks named All-District First Team were: Kevin Ball (offensive tackle), JaJuan Jones (running back), Shawn Khan (linebacker), Sean Price (wide receiver) and Darius Smith (kick returner). Second Team members were: Jamal Cooper (offensive tackle), Tony Jenkins (wide receiver) and Darius Smith (both running back and defensive back). Gaining All-District Honorable Mention honors for South Lakes were: Mikey Bissonnette (linebacker), Mike McKeon (defensive tackle), Lance Petit (linebacker), Shawn Rana (quarterback), Stepfon Sanford (running back) and Jake Slover (center).

South Lakes, under coach John Ellenberger, went 5-6 this season and qualified for the Northern Region Div. 5 playoffs.

Matt McLean (Sterling), a junior at the University of Virginia and a member of the Cavaliers' swim team, recently received a pair of swimming honors. He earned ACC Performer of the Week accolades (Nov. 10) and was also named the NCAA Division I Men's Swimmer of the Week by CollegeSwimming.com. McLean, in UVA's 165-125 team victory over Kentucky, won both the 200 and 500 freestyle events. He clocked a mark of 1:38.08 in the 200, which qualified him for the national 'B' cut. He also won the 500 in 4:26.48, the fastest time in the ACC this season, for another qualifying 'B' cut.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VIRGINIA XPLOSION

The 12-under Virginia Xplosion fall baseball team recently defeated the Fauquier Mustangs in the finals of the Old Dominion Baseball League (ODBL) playoffs.

Garrett Roe (Vienna), a junior forward on the St. Cloud State University (Minn.) men's ice hockey team, recently scored his 100th career point for the Huskies. St. Cloud State is a member of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association (WCHA).

Roe scored his 100th point during St. Cloud's 3-1 victory at Michigan Tech on Oct. 31. Roe becomes just the 22nd player in team history, at the NCAA Div. I level, to score 100 career points. He now has 37 goals and 64 assists for 101 points in 85 games played at SCSU.

In his career at SCSU, Roe is averaging almost 1.20 points per game for the Huskies. He is a two-time All-WCHA selection and an NHL draft pick selection of the Los Angeles Kings. SCSU owns a 3-3-

2 overall record this season and a 2-1-1 record in the always rugged WCHA.

The Sterling Golf, Swim and Tennis Club had its Fifth Annual Mega Scramble. The weather, unfortunately, did not cooperate. Top prize was a four day, three-night travel package to each member of the winning team. First place went to Don Christenson, Ken Albanese and Todd Murphy. The second place team, made up of Doug Mallory, Sean Mallory and Thomas Breedan, received a three-day, two-night travel package. Dave Bryant won the Carnival Cruise in the Putting Contest and Mike Yannello won the opportunity for a 60-foot putt, but was 2 inches short for the \$5,000 prize.



The Reston Anklebiters captured the Fairfax County Youth Football League championship two weeks ago. Read about the team's playoff success in the Reston Youth Football report at connectionnewspapers.com. Go to Reston or Herndon sports. The Anklebiter champions, back row, from left, are coaches John Moyle, Daryl Savage and Craig Summey; Middle row, Daniel Ezidinma (No. 62), Alexander Constantine (65), Co-Captain Cameron Savage (21), Co-Captain Nick Castillo (35), Co-Captain Samuel Moyle (60), Justin Russell (88) and Andreas Kamali (67); and, front row, Alex Ezidinma (32), Andrew Ezidinma (34), Anton Coghlan (30), Bryce Thomas (24), Tahj Summey (3), Brayden DiBacco (58) and Justo Esteve (28).



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Councilman Dennis Husch, Vice Mayor Connie Hutchison, Councilman David Kirby, artist Marcia Billig, Mayor Steve DeBenedittis and Councilman Charlie Waddell pose in front of the newly unveiled sculpture at the Herndon Community Center.

‘Community Circle’ Unveiled

Town’s first public art is in place at community center.

Herndon’s first public art project was officially unveiled and commemorated by the mayor and Town Council on Nov. 17. The bronze sculpture, titled “The Community Circle,” stands at the entrance to the Herndon Community Center, welcoming the public and representing leisure, community, fun, activity and the parks and recreation department mission.

The design of the community center renovation and addition included space for an outdoor art piece. Research for an artist and an appropriate piece began in 2005. In early 2006, the town began working on concepts, with the clay model completed in July of that year. The full-size clay model was completed in 2007, before completion at the foundry. New Arts Foundry in Baltimore, Md. performed the bronze work under the guidance of the artist, Marcia Billig.

Billig created dozens of sculptures found around the Washington, D.C. metro region and the United States. Five of her pieces are recognized in the book “Washington Sculpture: A Cultural History of Outdoor Sculpture in the Nation’s Capital.”

David Lipman Wiesen, 77, Dies

David Lipman Wiesen, 77, died on Nov. 15, at his home in Reston. He was born on Feb. 23, 1932 in New York, N.Y. to the late Nissan and Norma Wiesen. Wiesen earned his B.S. from MIT in 1954 and his MBA from NYU in 1964. Wiesen was stationed in Greenland during his military service with the Signal Corps in 1956. A lifelong ham radio enthusiast (K2VX), he was a member of the Vienna Wireless Society, ARRL and QCWA. He served as secretary and board member of the MIT Enterprise Forum of Washington and Baltimore and was active in the MIT

Alumni Association. Wiesen was the beloved husband of the late Muriel Wiesen, loving and devoted father of Sloan C. Wiesen and his partner Randall Blandin of Reston.

The family received friends on Friday, Nov. 20 at Adams-Green Funeral Home, 721 Elden St., Herndon, with funeral services at 12 noon. Internment immediately followed at Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Herndon. In lieu of flowers, charitable contributions can be made to the Reston Interfaith (restoninterfaith.org) or Equality Virginia (equalityvirginia.org).

Correction

The last week’s article [“Real-Life Hero at South Lakes High”] misidentified Brig. Gen. Lyn Sherlock. She is a director, regional affairs, Office of the Deputy Undersecretary of the Air Force, International Affairs.

Two Juveniles Charged With Setting Fires

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department fire investigators charged two juveniles with setting multiple fires at Langston Hughes Middle School on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

The juveniles were charged with burning or destroying personal property less than \$200 (Class 1 Misdemeanor, Virginia Code 18.2-81). The fires were set in the boy’s locker room. There was no damage to the structure. There were no injuries.

RA Board Approves Budget

After months of work sessions and two public hearings, the Board of Directors of the Reston Association approved the 2010-2011 budget for the 62,000-member community association.

The board also set the annual assessment rate to \$515 for 2010. The current rate is \$491.

Unlike a town or city, which uses tax revenue to pay for services and amenities, Reston relies mostly on assessment dollars from the 21,346 households in the planned community.

The annual fee covers maintenance of the 15 pools, 48 tennis courts, 55 miles of trails that connect neighborhoods and village centers, covenants administration, management of the association and member communications.

Milton W. Matthews, Reston Association’s chief executive officer, said the biennial budget was developed with “full consideration” of the current economy. He said the \$13.4 million budget focused on many of the priorities set by the nine-member board.

“There are no new initiatives,” Matthews said. “In fact, the board eliminated a total

of \$200,000 that would have financed within a quarter mile of each pathway lighting near the Hunters Woods Village Center and the South Lakes Village Center.

The board raised the assessment to maintain current services and amenities and plan for the anticipated cost of moving to a new headquarters facility in 2010.

Sue Pinkman Honored As Citizen of the Year

Reston Citizens Association President Marion Stillson announced the selection of Sue Pinkman as the 2009 Reston Citizen of the Year. The award will be presented formally at a ceremony on Monday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Community Center at Hunters Woods.

“Picking the Citizen of the Year is never an easy task,” said Colin Mills, Citizen of the Year Committee chair and RCA vice president. “There are so many people who deserve to be recognized. But Sue is a top-notch choice. As a long-time fan of the Reston Community Players, I’m delighted to see her recognized with this well-earned honor.”

Pinkman was cited for her exceptional contributions to the development and excellence of the theatre arts in the Reston community. She has served as a Reston Community Players volunteer for more than 30 years, from set construction and backstage technician to producing, directing and acting. She has been the Players president since 1998 and is currently playing a lead role in the RCP production of “Curtains.”. Thanks to her leadership, RCP has provided scholarships annually for the last 18 years to a local graduating high school senior. She also started a YMCA Children’s After School theatre program and implemented sign-interpreted shows for the hearing-impaired.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/NOV. 26

Chantilly-Centreville Chamber of Commerce Monthly Power Networking Breakfast. 7:45-9:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Select, Expo Center, Chantilly. Network, exchange business cards, develop prospects and introduce your company to other attendees. Those who register prior to the event will have their contact information provided to all attendees at registration. \$30 dollars for members. 703-815-6060 or dullesherndonregionalchamber.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 28

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Service at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter hosted by the Zeta Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Dinner will be served from 4:45 until 6 p.m. The Zeta Upsilon Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. has served the Northern Virginia community since its inception on Dec. 12, 1975. More information can be found at <http://www.zul1906.org>.

MONDAY/NOV. 30

Open Season Workshop for Federal Employees and Retirees, with Congressman Gerry Connolly. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center,

12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. With OPM’s Dean Schleicher, project leader for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program annual Open Season, and Walt Francis, author of Consumer CHECKBOOK’s Guide to Health Plans for Federal Employees. FEHB plan representatives will be on hand to answer questions and help participants. Call Congressman Connolly’s District Office at 703-256-3071.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 2

Dulles Corridor Rail Association Annual Meeting. 6-8 p.m. at Gannett, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, Tysons Corner. To honor the progress of construction of Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and the people who are making it happen. 703-716-5750 or www.dullescorridorrail.com.

SUNDAY/DEC. 6

Ostomy Support Group of Northern Virginia. 1:30-3:30 p.m. Fairfax Hospital Physicians Conference Center. Annual holiday festivities, also Capital Hospice. 703-802-3457 or www.ostomysupportofnova.org.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 9

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. 7:30 p.m. at Reston Art Gallery at Heron House, Lake Anne Village Center, Reston. Contact Lucy, 703-757-5893. www.lwv-fairfax.org.

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Praise for the Station That Prays



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

I imagine it's a bit more than a coincidence under my present health circumstances (God works in mysterious ways, it is said), that after pressing the "seek" button on my car's radio, the radio will regularly (it doesn't feel random anymore) advance itself and stop on "Praise 104.1," an "inspirational" Gospel music station, (and not one of my "pre-sets"). And for the first time in my life, other than occasionally watching Joel Osteen with my recently deceased mother on Sunday mornings, and/or watching the Christmas/Easter services broadcast from Rome, with my wife, Dina's, Italian grandmother, Filomena (also recently deceased), I am now stopping and listening again; definitely to the music and sometimes even to the words.

As for the songs I hear, which are not really distinguishable to me as yet, I don't know if it's the arrangement, the production/engineering, the music, the musicians, the lyrics, the singer, the choir, but together, it all sounds wonderful. It "taps my toes" and lifts my spirit. Moreover, it's so upbeat and positive and full of life and enthusiasm that it almost makes me feel like dancing (and that's saying/doing something), and I feel better just listening (not healthier, yet; let's be realistic). Maybe, even, a little hopeful, though. But I'm not quite committed, emotionally. Nor have I reprogrammed my car radio's "pre-sets." And I don't know any of the D.J.s/"personalities" or the formats that may differ from hour to hour, day to today, either. At present, I would describe myself as a casual/inadvertent listener but one whose interest has been piqued.

So what next? Do I change one of my "pre-sets on my car's FM radio and become a regular listener? Do I call in and inquire about getting on the station's email/web site list (if they have one)? Do I join their frequent listener club (if they have one)? How involved do I want to be? Dare I ask, will whatever that level of involvement becomes, will it/could it positively affect my life; and if someone, anyone, says it might, shouldn't I, given the seriousness of my underlying medical condition, embrace any and all options that might offer a way through this most arduous journey in which I find myself entangled?

Maybe there's an interim step I could hesitatingly take?

Maybe I should first listen better when the radio "seeks" and finds "Praise 104.1," and pay closer attention to more of what's broadcast, specifically the lyrics in the songs, what the D.J.'s say, the station's promotions/advertisements, in general, the overall flow and feeling, the vibe. Maybe it's not as much of a match as I think it is? I've only heard bits and pieces of parts of songs, minimal D.J./broadcaster involvement and so far, very little proselytizing. On balance, so far what I've heard has been good, but it's been so infrequent and irregular, that I haven't focused my attention yet and really listened to hear what I might learn and determine if in fact, this station's content is what I want/need to hear.

And if it turns out that it's not where I'm comfortable being, I think I'll be better off having reached out, so to speak, to make that assessment. As much as this cancer thing may have closed me, somehow I need to find ways to stay open. Who's to say, or who knows, what really helps? Probably, it all does. Who knows which way to turn/how best to proceed? Certainly not me.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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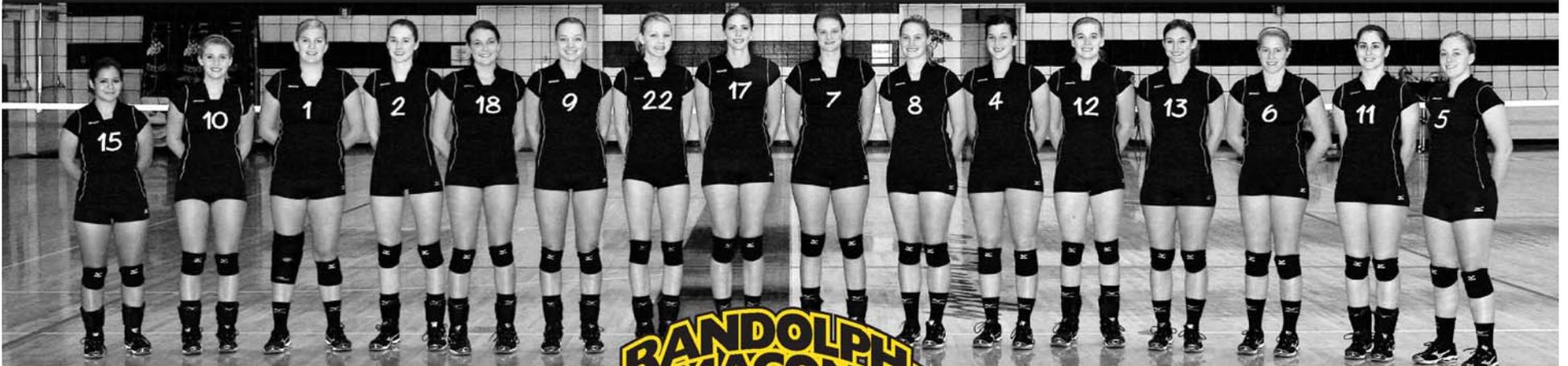
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