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President Robin  
Smyers welcomes the  
Nature House's first  
guests in the eco-  
friendly building's  
multipurpose room.  
Above her, a solar  
tube collects and  
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**December Board of Governors Meetings**

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Reston founder Bob Simon is among those to take the first tour of the Nature House, guided by Friends of Reston executive director and Nature House manager Katie Shaw, right. The facility was part of the plan for Reston that Simon drew up in 1962.

## At Home in Nature

Completed Nature House educates on environment, models eco-friendliness.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

The brand-new Nature House at the Walker Nature Education Center, which had its grand opening Saturday, Nov. 21, doesn't have that new-house smell. That's because

its rooms were painted with non-toxic, low-VOC (volatile organic compound) paint, and its furniture, certified by the Greenguard Environmental Institute, also emits no fumes.

The first new structure in the Hunter Mill District to receive Gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, and only the 17th in the state, the Nature House includes a host of environmentally friendly features, from rain barrels to geothermal climate control.

Reston founder Bob Simon included the Nature House in his original Reston plan, written up in 1962, and he was on the first tour given at the building, during the Nature House media day last Wednesday, Nov. 18. "This is a very exciting building, and it certainly demonstrates what you can do to be green," he said.

IN 2001, Reston residents approved a referendum asking for support of the facility, provided that it was

paid for through fund raising. Nature House manager and Friends of Reston executive director Katie Shaw said more than 1,000 donors had contributed in order to raise more than \$1.5 million to pay for the project. "This was a grassroots effort. This community has worked together so hard for so many years" to have the facility built, Shaw said. Ground was broken about a year ago, but she said the actual construction of the 6,500-square-foot building only took about five months.

"This is our first year-round facility for nature education programs. We're truly thrilled," said Reston Association President Robin Smyers.

HITT Contracting, a veteran in environmental design, was selected as the architect, and Accents by Design did the interior design work free of charge.

Almost all the material from the previous building on the site, a small restroom facility, was incorporated into the Nature House, Shaw said. The posts that hold up its awning are made from trees that were cleared to make way for Reston Town Center, and floorboards came from barns across Appalachia. To achieve Gold certification, all materials must come from within 500 miles, Shaw said.

Wood siding is usually made from cedar, but that would come from the West Coast, she said, noting that cypress from the Outer Banks was used instead. The roofs are made from recycled steel that lasts a lifetime.

Native plants form a rain garden for storm water retention, and rain barrels collect runoff from the roof, to be used later



In the basement, behind Nature House manager Katie Shaw are the pipes that carry water through the building and deep underground, as part of the facility's geothermal climate control system.



PHOTO BY SHERRI LONGHILL

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.

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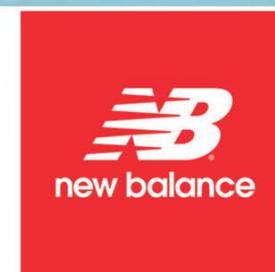
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# NEWS

## Delaney to Head Public Art Effort

Anne Delaney sees value of public art in community enrichment.

Anne Delaney has been appointed the first Public Art Manager of IPAR, the Initiative for Public Art — Reston, which is made up of a group of Reston's top civic leaders and key community organizations.

"The Board is confident that she will bring new energy, new ideas, and above all an exciting vision to Reston, as we seek to expand cultural resources and broaden access to public art for all our residents and visitors," said IPAR president and long-time Reston arts activist, Joe Ritchey.

A Canadian by birth, Delaney brings to her new post a well-developed perspective on the role and value of public art in community enrichment. She is well prepared for her new job, having completed an honors degree in art history at McGill University and graduate work in Museum Studies at the University of Toronto. Her most recent involvements include a four-year stint as Counselor for Cultural Affairs at the Canadian Embassy, where she developed staffing, business planning, communications, and grants activities, including arts exhibitions, relationships with museums and galleries, and arts and culture programming.

Among the projects she takes most pride in are a program featuring Canadian aboriginal artists, helping to commission a major artwork that commemorated the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian, and developing an exhibition program featuring artists from all over Canada.

Prior to her Embassy work, she had a long and well-recognized career in the visual arts, including work for the leading co-operative of Inuit art in North America, Dorset Fine Arts, and the international contemporary art gallery, René Blouin. Her successful private sector work led to a position in Ottawa where she promoted arts internationally.

Delaney is already at work spearheading the implementation of the comprehensive "Public Art Master Plan for Reston," developed in December of 2008 by a consultant team working with cadre of local leaders, including



PHOTO BY P. D. CHISHOLM

Anne Delaney, public art manager, Initiative for Public Art-Reston (IPAR)

Ritchey, William G. Bouie, Kohann Williams, and Mary Bronson, as well as a broad spectrum of Reston artists.

Taking her cue from the proud tradition of public art built into Reston from its earliest days at the Lake Anne Village Center and most recently manifested in Fountain Square and the development of Reston Town Center, Delaney says she is "looking forward to building on that strong foundation to create a future for public art in Reston that will match its history." The Master Plan, she said, can help Restonians do four things:

- ❖ Serve as a blueprint for inspiring a vigorous commitment to public art;
- ❖ Stimulate civic partnerships that will create a new generation of world-class art in Reston;
- ❖ Bring more public energy to the long-term task of building a quality living environment in Reston;
- ❖ And foster a lively public discussion and an attractive educational environment for public art.

Asked why she was attracted to Reston as a place for developing public art programs, Delaney said that she had "been impressed with Reston's long and well-known history of commitment to public art," noting that in her first visit to Reston after joining the staff of the Canadian Embassy, she immediately saw that Reston was "a great concept. When I learned that the people here had developed such a comprehensive and dynamic master plan for public art, that made the job irresistible. My whole career in the arts fell right into place when I saw the job description."

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# OPINION

## Give Locally

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**D**uring 2008, more families across the country were without enough food during part of some months than at any time since 1995 when the U.S. Department of Agriculture began monitoring the extent and severity of food insecurity in U.S. households.

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.

With the holiday season underway, it's time to help.

— MARY KIMM

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### COMMENTARY

## Restorative Justice

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

**T**he week of Nov. 15-22 has been designated Restorative Justice Week to draw attention to the important work being done to make offenders take responsibility for their actions and try to repair the harm that they have done. The traditional criminal justice model of a crime followed by a court conviction and incarceration leaves out the needs of the victim and the community to be restored. According to an article in the Oct. 25, 2009, issue of "Parade" magazine, some communities use restorative and punitive justice for serious crimes. In these instances, a burglar may serve a prison term but also be required to make reparations. Some communities use restorative justice instead of the court system for juvenile crime to have juvenile offenders accept responsibility for what they did and to make amends. One community reports that only 10 percent of the young people commit another crime under the restorative approach compared to about 70 percent of those who

go through the traditional criminal justice system. Visit [www.restorativejustice.org](http://www.restorativejustice.org) for more information.

I attended a conference on restorative justice in Richmond recently. Proponents of the new approach make it clear that restorative justice is not a way for offenders to get a lighter sentence or that it is a substitute for the existing court system. It is victim centered and victim sensitive that allows victims to have a voice outside the courtroom. It provides an opportunity for offenders to learn how to start changing their behavior. There are several community-based and court-based programs in the state ([www.rjav.org](http://www.rjav.org)). Successful programs report that victims are more satisfied with the outcome of their case, financial restitution is more likely to be paid, and closure is more likely to be felt by the victims and the community. Offender recidivism is reduced, and community safety is increased.

Restorative practices that are



a part of restorative justice are used in many school divisions including Fairfax County Public Schools to encourage positive discipline. The approach is to change discipline into an opportunity for an offender to take ownership and be responsible for his

or her actions. The practices provide the opportunity to identify the harm that has been done and to repair that harm and heal and restore the community. A series of professional approaches and best practices have been identified to implement restorative practices, and these can be taught to all levels of school personnel for implementation.

At a time when one in 31 Americans is involved in the criminal justice system, it is important that we take a hard look at our system to see how victims might more effectively be considered, anti-social behavior might be changed at an earlier age, and recidivism be reduced. Restorative justice practices should play a greater role in the future.

### LETTERS

## Wrong Title

To the Editor:

The article titled "Real-Life Hero at South Lakes High" [Reston Connection, Nov. 18-24] states:

"Brig. Gen. Lyn Sherlock, secretary of the Air Force at the Pentagon, encouraged students to work hard and take advantage of opportunities to serve their country."

The secretary of the Air Force is a position normally filled by a civilian.

The general's bio, found here [www.af.mil/information/bios/bio.asp?bioID=10159](http://www.af.mil/information/bios/bio.asp?bioID=10159) states that her current position is "Director, Regional Affairs, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force, International Affairs, Headquarters U.S. Air Force," which is something different entirely. The "hero" title escapes me.

The current Secretary of the Air Force is Mike Donley. See: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_Secretary\\_of\\_the\\_Air\\_Force](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Secretary_of_the_Air_Force).

**Tim Moriarty**  
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NEWS

# Keeping Us Warm

Reston Interfaith Coat Closet supports the community.



JANELLE L. PLUMMER/THE CONNECTION

BY JANELLE L. PLUMMER  
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.

"I love seeing the kids," Dore said. "It gives you joy. They are always smiling. It's nice to have an impact on someone."

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

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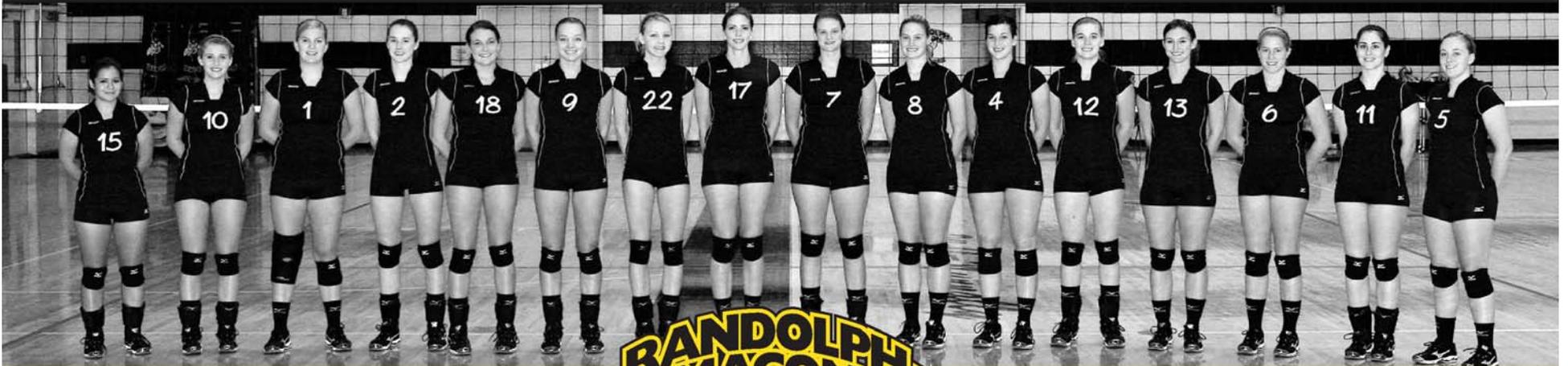
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## FRIDAY/NOV. 27

**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](mailto: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. [guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary\\_filderman\\_lynn@bah.com](http://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

## 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
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Safeway at Courthouse Plaza, 10376 Willard Way, Fairfax City. Proceeds to benefit Fairfax United Methodist Church [www.our-daily-bread.org](http://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](http://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. [DAHurdSt@cs.com](mailto:DAHurdSt@cs.com) or [www.restonherndonfolkclub.com](http://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](http://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](mailto: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. 703787-7766 or [www.goosecreekmusic.com](http://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](http://www.mpaart.org) or 703-790-1953.

## 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](http://www.gmu.edu/cfa).

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**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](mailto:info@restonchorale.org).

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## 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 [wpbcevents.org](http://wpbcevents.org).

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## 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.

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

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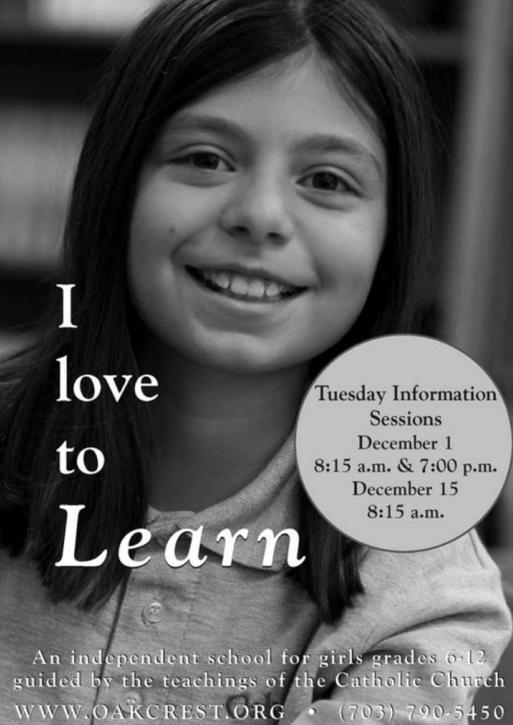
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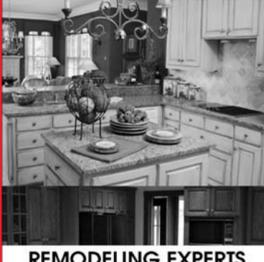
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## OPINION

# Unintended Consequences

BY JACK KENNY

PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN CLUB OF GREATER RESTON

The U.S. House of Representatives has barely passed the infamous Affordable Healthcare for Americans Bill — all 1,990 pages of it — most of it not read or understood by our elected representatives. Much still needs to be accomplished before we may see it into law. The Senate must pass their version of the bill. Then a conference committee must wrangle over and resolve the differences. Then the bill goes back to the House and Senate for final passage after which it is forwarded to the White House for signature.

### A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

Prompt action by the Senate is doubtful. The Senate, according to the Founding Fathers was intended to curb the “passions of the House.” Thus, this more deliberative body may take well after the holidays to produce their version of the bill.

We have seen a number of laws passed quickly that have resulted in less than desirable results. The Alternative Minimum Tax or ATM comes to mind. It has yet to be fixed and may well not be fixed for the foreseeable future.

However, let’s take a look at what the present healthcare bill may do. A goodly portion of Reston residents’ income comes from Federal employees and contractors to the various Federal agencies. (All you experienced folks, please forgive the writer for the simplistic explanation). In contracting with the federal government, contracts are usually written for services and tangible products; e.g., studies, imple-

menting procedures, computer programs, etc. The federal government pays for a given set of skills enumerated in a Statement of Work and Contract Line Item or CLIN as the jargon goes. In addition, various costs are reimbursed by the government. Direct labor costs are negotiated. Finally, a fee (read “profit”) is negotiated. Thus, the government usually pays about double what the employee receives in wages.

Each employer, in order to attract the most qualified and available workers, must offer a series of fringe benefits: annual leave, sick leave, family leave, retirement contributions, life insurance, savings plans, holiday pay and health care. Most employers offer a selection of plans based on the individual employees’ needs. A young, single, healthy person may only want basic medical care. Employees with families want coverage for their spouse and children. Older persons may also want temporary disability benefits in case of accidents or the onset of a disabling disease; e.g., cardiac incident, cancer, etc.

Let us take a moment and wonder what may happen under the proposed Public Option of the current version of the Obama/Pelosi/Reid healthcare bill. Suppose each or many of the contractors suddenly realize that with the public option, they can merely say (or may not have the choice — nobody has read and understand the entire bill) to their employees: “We cannot compete with the government healthcare system. Therefore, you must take the public option.” Of course, contracts will have to be renegotiated and all employees’ paychecks will have to be adjusted accordingly. Not too farfetched to ensure that the Public Option becomes the only option available to everyone. Presto, we now have universal healthcare.

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# NEWS

## Teens Lend Helping Hand

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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.

Nevertheless, Carlin said she does not mind waking up early on weekends when she can choose to sleep in like others her age.

"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."

In the end, Nick Tabassi said if anyone in the community desires to volunteer their time at the Coat Closet, they should get involved.

"It's a lot easier when it's a big group," he said.

According to Reston Interfath, Winter Coat Closet assistants facilitate the daily operations of the Hunter Mill Winter Coat Closet, operated in partnership with the



JANELLE L. PLUMMER/THE CONNECTION

**Reston Interfaith and Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) are partnering to provide winter coats to needy children and families.**

Hunter Mill District Supervisor's Office.

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# SPORTS

## Xplosion Baseball Captures Fall Season Baseball Title

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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.**

**H**erndon’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](http://restoninterfaith.org)) or Equality Virginia ([equalityvirginia.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://dullesherndonregionalchamber.org).

### SATURDAY/NOV. 28

**Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Service at the Embury 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

## NEWS

# Nature House Unveiled

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for watering. "That way, we're managing all our storm water right here onsite," Shaw said.

The walls are made with a structural insulation paneling system (SIPS) to prevent temperature leaks, and the drywall over them is completely recycled. In fact, the building is so airtight that it requires fresh air intakes.

Some of the floors are covered with "marmoleum," which Shaw said was long lasting but biodegradable because it's made with natural ingredients such as rosins and linseed oil, while recycled carpeting was laid elsewhere. Some floor mats are made of recycled bottles and tires, and others consist of fibers from plants that grow around Reston's lakes. The restroom tiles are made from recycled porcelain and are "really beautiful," Shaw said. "It can look beautiful and be green, and it doesn't always have to be a tradeoff."

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The building has a residential feel, particularly in the Chuck Veatch Room, where the welcome desk and most of the facility's resources are located. There, a fire place and bookshelves can be found, as well as terrariums containing a corn snake, a frog and an uncharacteristically gregarious box turtle. "It's a space where we wanted everyone to feel welcome," Shaw said.

The room is named for a Reston photographer and conservationist whose book, "The Nature of Reston," was sold as a fund raiser for the Nature House.

The stuffed heron at the foot of the stairs serves as a cautionary tale. It was caught a fishing line that was left in one of the canals that feed into Lake Anne and drowned.

In February, a wildlife pond will be installed behind the building, including a sculpture piece, and the frog will be relocated to this outdoor environ in time for spring.

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