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Reston's first resident, Julia Rogers, left, chats with Reston Museum volunteer Bonnie Whyte at Sunday's 'Reston Pioneers Talk.'

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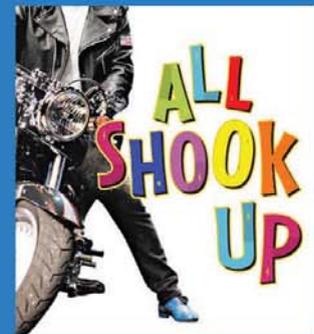
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Some of Reston's earliest residents gather to tell stories of the community's beginnings.

Reston founder Bob Simon, bottom right, was among the early residents who met for the 'Reston Pioneers Talk.'

## Legislating In Troubled Times

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



Thomas Jefferson referred to the orderly transfer of power in government as a "bloodless revolution." Such a revolution occurred in Mr. Jefferson's Virginia last week as Democratic Governor Timothy M. Kaine ended his Constitutionally-limited one term, and former delegate and Attorney General Robert McDonnell took the oath of office as governor last Saturday. Overshadowing the personality and philosophical differences in the two men are the troubled times during which the transfer of power occurred. Virginia's statewide economic indicators are at the worst levels since the Great Depression. There is little solace in realizing that some regions of the Commonwealth are doing better than others and that Virginia is doing better than most states. The state legislature must be concerned about the state as a whole.

As chair of the Democratic Caucus in the House of Delegates, I have pledged with my Democratic colleagues in leadership in the House and Senate to give priority without partisan consideration to programs and services that will restore our economy and put Virginians back to work, strengthen the public's trust in government, move people and goods, and protect our most valuable and vulnerable citizens. I have introduced a budget amendment to require that 10 percent of any funds withdrawn from the Rainy Day Fund be used in the Governor's Economic Development fund to attract and maintain businesses in the state.

Numerous bills have been introduced including a

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## Remembering Reston as a Muddy Frontier

### Early residents gather for 'Reston Pioneers Talk.'

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

Asked about Reston's first Christmas, Julia Rogers recalled planting flower bulbs on Christmas Eve and her husband taking the family's trash out into the front yard and burning it, as it would still be two or three weeks before garbage pickup was available.

"I remember mud. A lot of mud," said her daughter, Katherine, who was in seventh grade when the family moved into the community on Dec. 10, 1964.

They were the "new town's" first residents. Lake Anne still hadn't been filled and construction was ongoing.

Rogers and her daughter were among about 20 early Reston residents, along with a handful of later arrivals, who showed up at the Reston Museum for a talk about the community's frontier days on the day before Martin Luther King Day.

She introduced a brief video interview with Rogers, Reston Museum volunteer Bonnie Whyte noted that it was a year after Martin Luther King Jr. made his famous "I Have a Dream" speech that Reston, Northern Virginia's first integrated community, opened its doors.

In the video, Rogers recalled that laying claim to a home required only a \$250 refundable deposit. "People considered us to be just totally in the boondocks," she said.

Boots were provided to protect prospective homeowners from the omnipresent mud. Rogers and another homeowner both put down deposits near the same time, and she got a phone call from Reston founder Bob Simon, who she said was "very excited" to have his first residents. "When we moved in, we were very happy to find our refrigera-

tor was stocked," she said, adding that steaks, wine and other fine dining had been provided.

Reston's first children had attended school in Herndon, she recalled after the video ended. "There would be no point in building a school for three children. But they did build a golf course."

Whyte remembered her mother being able to play golf for only \$100 per year. With less than 220 residents in the community when she moved in, she said, "Occasionally, we would think, 'My God, what if nobody else comes?'"

"The kids had a new sandbox every day because of the building there," said Walle Hargreaves, who moved into the Hickory Cluster with her family on Tax Day in 1965. A German, she said she might have been the first foreigner in Reston.

"There was already the feeling that being different was perfectly OK."

Her husband recalled that one attribute a lot of people in town seemed to have in common at the time was employment with the CIA. "It felt like you had to show a badge," he said.

"I came here for one reason and that was because it was the only place in Northern Virginia that was open to black professionals," said Tom Wilkins. Moving to Reston in 1969, he had spent 27 years living under segregation. He said he had also been able to entice a number of friends to move to the community. "I love the place, and I try to be a good ambassador for it as well," he said.

He also remembered that in the early days, Lawyers Road, off of which he lived, got as muddy as any half-constructed neighborhood

when it rained, making it difficult to get to Vienna to do the shopping.

Bob Webb said he had been one of three Washington Post editors who had moved to the community because it was integrated. "We just felt that somehow, by witness if nothing else, we could make a contribution just by coming out here," he said, adding that he had wanted his children to grow up in an integrated neighborhood. His hopes were realized within about an hour of moving in, at which point, he said,

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— Bob Webb

his children were already playing kickball with neighboring black children.

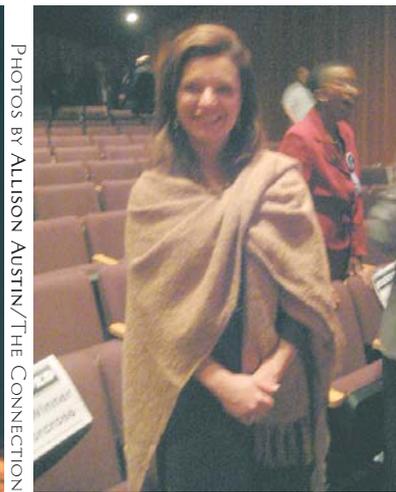
Simon, Reston's original pioneer, also had a story. He remembered sitting in the farmhouse where his office was located, surrounded by a riding ring and stables, when a man walked in and asked to borrow the grounds to stage a production. What he was attempting was "ridiculous," Simon said — an original musical

about Wall Street to be put on in a community that still only had 400 residents. But, 100 of those people got involved, raising \$5,000, and selling 2,000 tickets. "Anybody who bought tickets would get a free dinner in a Reston home," Simon recalled.

A young black girl had tried out to be in the cast but wasn't much of an actor, he said. The show's producers were so eager to have her in the performance, though, that they asked her what she could do. So a tap dancing routine was created.

The group that put on the play was the Reston Players, which became the Reston Community Players, and the little girl was Beverly Cosham, who now performs across the country as a singer, is a regular attraction at Reston events and has acted in numerous plays around the D.C. area.

"The Greatest Game in Town" was a success, and almost all of the \$5,000 was recouped, Simon said.



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**The Langston Hughes Middle School Peer Mediation Program received the Youth Community Service Award.**

**The Individual Community Service Award was presented to Jill Norcross.**

# Community Service Honored

## Reston celebrates Dr. King's birthday.

BY ALLISON AUSTIN  
THE CONNECTION

The message of Reston's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration was unity, civic engagement and the need for positive change in community. Going on its 25th year, the event honored individuals in the Reston community who embody the ideals of the trailblazing civil rights leader. Recipients included Langston Hughes Middle School Peer Mediation Program, Jill Norcross, Reston Interfaith and Global Camps Africa.

The winners were chosen based on their support of peace, equality, commitment to non-violence, conflict resolution and efforts to reduce poverty. The awards ceremony took place at the CenterStage at the Reston Community Center Hunters Woods. Reston Founder Robert E. Simon was among those attending the event.

Tope Oladimeji, an eighth grade student at Langston Hughes Middle School, introduced keynote speaker Sheila C. Johnson.

"I cannot help but think of how delighted Dr. King would be to see all of us gathered here today as this community has for 25 years and how proud he would be of the good work that Jill Norcross, Reston Interfaith, and the Langston Hughes peer mediation have been doing," said Johnson.

Johnson spoke of the friendship between Jackie Robinson and King and the importance of both men to her life, to each other, and to the greater community.

William G. Bouie, vice chair of the Reston Community Center



**Davood Sedaghatfar, Kerrie Wilson, Leila Gordon and Stuart Patz pictured following the presentation of the Organizational Service Award to Reston Interfaith.**



**Phil Lilienthal, founder and CEO of Global Camps Africa, holding award accompanied by board members.**

Board of Governors gave the opening address.

"Merely hoping for change is not enough," Bouie said. He stressed the value of getting together and

sharing thoughts and dreams as a community.

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VIEWPOINTS

## How far did we go in fulfilling Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream?

— ALLISON AUSTIN



**Jannie Miller, Stay at Home Mom, Herndon**

"For the most part, I think his dream is being fulfilled. When you look at what's going on in Haiti, I think you can really see his dream being fulfilled because everyone from all around the world is coming out and helping those people who are really suffering."



**Johanna Schmidt, German Exchange Student, South Lakes High School, Junior, 17**

"For the world, it is really important that Obama was elected as president. It shows that the world is getting less and less prejudiced against the blacks. It helps the whole world to become united. It also has much significance to Martin Luther King's dream for one nation."



**Rick Smith, Analyst, Ashburn**

"I think we're maybe 75 percent there, probably 80 percent. With the election, that helped America be seen in a different light. That we can get to that point of fulfilling Dr. King's dream of anybody, any race, any color, any creed, sex, fulfilling their heart's desire."



**Amy Shaw, Stay at Home Mom, Reston**

"I think we've got a good start. Definitely a huge success to elect Obama to be our President. Also, with everything going on in Haiti, I think it's important to remember that we've still got a ways to go."



**Judy Joe, Stay at Home Mom, Falls Church**

"I believe that we have come a long way. I think Dr. King definitely represented freedom for various people in life. I really thank him for that, for my children too."



**Chuck Smith, Retired, Reston**

"I think we've made tremendous progress. Maybe more than half the way, but we've still got a ways to go yet."

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## SATURDAY/JAN. 16

**CASA Volunteers Information Session.** 11 a.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Free, reservations required at 703-273-3526, ext. 22 or [ekosarian@casafairfax.org](mailto:ekosarian@casafairfax.org). [www.casafairfax.org](http://www.casafairfax.org).

## WEDNESDAY/JAN. 20

**New audiology practice** in McLean, AudioSync Audiology & Hearing, will be sponsoring a Hearing Health Seminar with guest speaker Dave Fabry, Ph.D. at 4:30 p.m. at the Reston Hospital Center - West Wing, Room B, located at 1850 Town Center in Reston. The Hearing Health Seminar is an open forum, lead by Dr. Fabry, to learn more about the hearing ability, solutions to hearing loss and be able to have questions and concerns answered.

## COMMENTARY

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couple from me to help restore confidence in government by expanding the requirements of disclosure of economic interests in bills and strengthening our ethics laws. In response to the pressing need to relieve traffic congestion I have introduced a resolution that would establish a Transportation Commission much like the one that did outstanding work in the mid-1980s in identifying the extent of need for transportation funding and in making recommendations that were enacted for funding transportation. Unfortunately, the work of that Commission has not been updated.

Protecting education, mental health and other human services will be difficult with the sizable reduction in the budget that must be made, but we must ensure that groups that are small in number or limited voting power are not unfairly treated.

I will be working hard to ensure that the quality of life of Virginians takes precedence over partisan gain. In fact, the best way to be politically successful is to be effective in governing. Few years have been more challenging in which to legislate than this one.

My legislative survey is still available on my Web site, [www.kenplum.com](http://www.kenplum.com). Please let me know your views on issues by calling my office at 703-758-9733 or e-mail [kenplum@aol.com](mailto:kenplum@aol.com).

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## Many Numbers Point to Needs

Challenging times as we commemorate vision of Martin Luther King Jr., inaugurate new governor.

Unemployed, uninsured, homeless, hungry. While on a percentage basis, Northern Virginia is better off than most of the rest of Virginia, in raw numbers, we have more people here who are unemployed, more people here who lack health insurance, more people who spend parts of most months without enough food on the table, more people who are homeless.

Some sobering numbers as we celebrate the day of hope and aspiration that is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Sobering statistics as we inaugurate a new governor who has many good ideas, but no plans for new revenue. Cuts in the state budget will affect everyone in Virginia, even those who are not needy.

In November, more than 68,000 unemployed people were looking for full time work here in Northern Virginia, according to the Virginia Employment Commission, up from just under 50,000 in November, 2008.

Later this month, officials and advocates will conduct the annual "point in time" census of homeless. Last January, there were 1,730 homeless people in Fairfax County at the "point

in time" count, more than 1,000 of those are members of families, most of the adults with jobs. In the City of Alexandria, there were 360 homeless people. In Arlington, 527 homeless, about 200 of those were people in families.

According to the latest U.S. Census numbers, from 2008, there were about 200,000 people (under 65) in Northern Virginia without health insurance. These are people who can't get preventative care, can't get routine care for minor illnesses.

EDITORIAL

In Arlington County 38,018 or 21.1 percent of the population lacked health insurance. That number jumped to 62 percent of those living below 200 percent of poverty line.

In Fairfax County, 149,642 people or more than 16 percent of the population lacked health insurance. In the City of Alexandria, 22,399 people lack health insurance, or 18.2 percent of the population. In the City of Fairfax, 3,685 people lack health insurance, or 18.8 of the population.

Another measure of need, and a way of identifying concentrations of poverty, is to look at students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals in public schools.

In Alexandria more than 50 percent of students are eligible for free or reduced meals.

In Arlington, more than one-third of students are eligible for free or reduced meals.

More than 37,000 students in Fairfax County Public Schools are eligible for free and reduced meals, that's 22 percent of the student body. And the needy students also tend to be concentrated in particular schools. For example, some schools, like Wolf Trap Elementary, had no students qualifying for free or reduced meals. Then consider Graham Road Elementary, with more than 78 percent of its students qualifying for free and reduced meals, Lynbrook Elementary with more than 76 percent of its students qualifying; Mount Vernon Woods, more than 75 percent; Mount Eagle more than 74 percent. The uneven distribution showed dozens of schools with very high rates of poor students lumped together; dozens with poverty rates in the single digits.

Food for thought. These numbers don't indicate a tiny population of needy people, they indicate a region with ongoing problems of "haves" and "have-nots." Those 15-30 percent of our populations in local jurisdictions who "have not" are about to have quite a bit less as the state and local budget processes move forward.

— MARY KIMM,

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## Master Planning—Lines Are Drawn

BY JOHN LOVAAS  
CIVIC LEADER AND RESTON  
IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST



INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE

My "cautious optimism" about the Task Force revising Reston's Master Plan is fraying a bit. At last Tuesday's meeting of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force, lines were drawn in the sand among members, and county staff discouraged communication with the community.

The main flashpoint exposing fissures in the Task Force was a proposal from Reston 2020, a group facilitating citizen participation in and support for the Task Force. The notion of citizen working groups had been endorsed recently by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill). But, after the citizen proposal to create the groups was introduced by Task Force (TF) member Mike Corrigan, founder Bob Simon ripped into it calling it "assinine" and telling Reston 2020 to "go take a shower." When the chairman asked for other TF members' views, developers and architects marched in lockstep behind Simon, arguing that citizens would delay their important

work. Other TF members had varied views, some interested or strongly supportive of the proposal, others not so much. When Mr. Corrigan's turn came, he rejected Simon's position as "insulting" to Restonians, including many Land-Use College participants, who had been encouraged to get involved. The community, he said, has not yet come together as the developers side demonstrated it has. He added that "developers are over-represented, community groups under-represented on the Task Force. We are going to fail if we cannot bring the sides into equilibrium and together." Mr. Corrigan hit the nail squarely on its head.

Let's face it: developer and

Fairfax County interests lie in a new plan maximizing new construction, the developers for profit, the resource-strapped county to broaden its property tax base. Incentives for residents are more quality of life and home value related. Few residents can give the time or the intensity that developers and county folks (who do it for a living) can.

The chairman and county staff are to review the proposal and come back to the TF at their Jan. 26 public meeting with their recommendation for organizing community participation in the planning process. How TF Chair Nicoson and Planner Heidi Merkel come down on this will tell what lies ahead.

Also troubling Tuesday was Ms. Merkel's chilling admonition to the TF and residents in the name of "Freedom of Information." She actually told TF members that should three or more be present at any meeting, they must: 1) inform the county; 2) report on any votes taken (on any subject?); and, 3) submit meeting minutes promptly to her. Obviously e-mailing, Twittering or twanging about TF matters are *verboten*. See [www.reston2020.blogspot.com](http://www.reston2020.blogspot.com).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Health Reform Worth the Cost

To the Editor:

It's not surprising that Americans are confused about the health reform legislation being considered by Congress when opponents either lie about what the proposal would do or else are totally misinformed. I trust the latter is Mr. Jack Kenny's excuse for providing so many untruths in his opinion piece ["Goin AWOL!," Reston Connection, Jan. 13-19].

Let's start with the facts.

Approximately 46 million people in this country have no health insurance. According to the Institute of Medicine, at least 18,000 people die annually as a result, and many others suffer needlessly. The reform legislation would provide coverage for between 31 million and 36 million of these people, says the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. A third of those remaining without coverage would be undocumented immigrants.

The legislation accomplishes this objective by changing the rules under which insurers operate, by requiring everyone to buy cover

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# LETTERS

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age, and by providing subsidies to make insurance affordable.

Currently, many people who try to buy health insurance on their own, rather than as employees, are turned down because insurers view them as too risky. Two of my three quite healthy adult daughters were denied health insurance because of their medical history. Our experience is not atypical.

Once all the provisions of reform take effect in 2013, insurers could no longer deny anyone coverage for a pre-existing health condition, fail to renew coverage if someone got sick, or charge people with poor health more than anyone else of the same age. Older people would pay no more than three times what young people pay, compared to the 10 to 1 ratio that is now permitted in many states.

Until these provisions are in force, high-risk citizens — but not illegal immigrants, as Mr. Kenny claims — who would otherwise be denied coverage or find it prohibitively expensive could buy more affordable coverage from a new high-risk pool. Also, adult dependent children up to age 26 would continue to be covered under their parents' policies instead of being cut off when they

graduate from high school or college, as is typical now.

Everyone would be required to acquire health coverage or else pay a fine. Of course, without provisions to make coverage affordable, such a requirement would be unfair and unworkable. Thus the legislation would make many more people eligible for Medicaid, the public program for lower-income people. Any citizen under age 65 whose income is less than \$14,440 per year would be eligible. The current rules exclude many poor people well below this income level and some others no matter how low their income, such as single individuals or parents without children.

Importantly, middle-income people would also get financial assistance. Subsidies to help cover the cost of private insurance would vary by income but would extend to families with incomes up to \$88,000 for a family of four.

People receiving these new year-round tax subsidies would buy coverage through "insurance exchanges," essentially a kind of farmers' market where many private insurers would offer a variety of standardized benefit plans, making it easier for people to compare plans and decide which offered the best value, thereby forc-

ing health plans to compete. Most people, however, would continue to acquire coverage as employees, insured by the private plans that now serve them. Contrary to Mr. Kenny's claim, there is no provision being considered that would require all, or even any, existing insurance companies to become not-for-profit organizations.

The legislation explicitly specifies that illegal immigrants would not be eligible for any form of financial assistance. Thus Mr. Kenney's claim that the legislation would provide coverage for 21 million illegal immigrants is ridiculous, particularly since most estimates put the total number of undocumented immigrants in the U.S. at no more than 12 million.

Most employers would be required to contribute to the cost of coverage for their employees. Small employers would be eligible for subsidies so that they could afford to insure their employees.

Mr. Kenny criticizes the reform legislation for being expensive and raising various kinds of taxes. There is no question that providing coverage for an additional 30+ million people and making coverage affordable for millions more would be expensive, at a federal cost averaging roughly \$90 billion

per year. But it's expensive because medical care is expensive. There is a cost to covering more people, to ensuring that we can't be denied or lose coverage because of deteriorating health, to improving the health of millions of citizens. That cost has to be paid by Americans in one form or another — in higher prices for medical services, reduced profits for corporate shareholders, reduced wages, or higher taxes — because there's no one else to pay it.

Of course, it matters which particular people pay more, and reasonable people can certainly disagree about how the burden should be distributed. But to complain, as Mr. Kenny does, that somebody is going to have to pay more is simply another way of saying he opposes the bill.

I believe that if most Americans really understood what the proposed legislation would accomplish and how they would benefit, they would agree that it's worth the price.

I have a Ph.D. in economics and social policy, and I just recently retired from my position as a senior health economist with a national health care consulting firm. I have been working on issues related to health reform, insurance

reform, and covering the uninsured for the last 35 years.

Elliot K. Wicks  
Reston

## Kudos to SLHS Drama

To the Editor:

I think that the hard work and sheer talent displayed by the students at South Lakes High School deserve some recognition. Despite having to stop the run of the show due the monster snowstorm, they picked back up and finished the run with grace and finesse. The principal, Bruce Butler, should be commended for saying yes to this controversial show; a play about the reaction to a gay Wyoming student's tragic death in 1998 could not have been an easy decision. Maria Harris' direction was thoughtful and edgy. It brought out the best in her cast. The technical aspects of the show were simple yet mesmerizing. Congrats to the excellent Theatre Department at SLHS!

Winslow Wacker  
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## THURSDAY/JAN. 21

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

## FRIDAY/JAN. 22

**'The Violet Hour.'** 8 p.m. at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 269

Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. A mysterious machine is delivered unordered, and within a few minutes begins spewing out pages of information about the future. \$19 adults, \$16 seniors and students. 703-481-5930 or [www.elderstreet.com](http://www.elderstreet.com).

**'The Trip to Bountiful.'** 8 p.m. at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Tickets are \$15-\$18, available at [www.rep-tix.com](http://www.rep-tix.com) or 703-476-4500 or at the Reston Community Center's box office. 703-435-2707 or [www.restonplayers.org](http://www.restonplayers.org).

## SATURDAY/JAN. 23

**Author Brian Forst with 'Terrorism, Crime and Public Policy.'** 2 p.m. at Reston Museum,

1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. Signed copies will be available at Lake Anne Village Center. 703-709-7700.

**Violinist Augustin Hadelich and the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. 7 p.m. pre-concert lecture free to ticketed patrons. Tickets \$25-\$55, available at 1-888-945-2468 or [Tickets.com](http://Tickets.com).

**So You Think You Can Dance Fairfax County Final Competition.** 4-7 p.m. at the Annandale High School in the Gymnasium, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale. \$3 per person. Sponsored by the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services'

Teen Services Division. 703-324-TEEN (8336), TTY 711.

**Harlem Wizards vs. the South Lakes Dream Team.** 7 p.m. at South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Fundraiser benefits SLHS athletics. Advance prices for students and seniors \$10, general admission \$15. At the door for students and seniors \$15, general admission \$20. Buy tickets at [www.SeahawkBoosters.com](http://www.SeahawkBoosters.com).

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## SUNDAY/JAN 24

**The Band of the Irish Guards and the Pipes and Drums of the Royal Regiment of Scotland.** 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The U. S. debut of the Band of the Irish Guards, with marches, sailor ballads and Celtic folk songs. A

pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier. \$24-\$48. Youth through grade 12 half price when accompanied by an adult. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or [www.gmu.edu/cfa](http://www.gmu.edu/cfa).

**Capitol Steps Benefit Performance.** Live and silent auctions at 6:15 p.m., performance at 7 p.m. Hyatt Regency Reston, 1800 Presidents St., Reston. With Virginia Delegate Ken Plum as auctioneer. Benefit performance for Reston Interfaith programs, including emergency shelter, supportive and rapid-rehousing, food and financial assistance, affordable childcare, and neighborhood-based initiatives. [www.restoninterfaith.org](http://www.restoninterfaith.org).

**'The Violet Hour.'** 3 p.m. at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. \$19 adults, \$16 seniors and students. 703-481-5930 or [www.elderstreet.com](http://www.elderstreet.com).

## MONDAY/JAN. 25

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

**Creations of the Night.** 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Bats and beavers, foxes and flying squirrels. 703-689-2700.

## TUESDAY/JAN. 26

**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).

**ESL Group Conversation.** 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925



**Capitol Steps Benefit Performance for Reston Interfaith programs will be held Sunday, Jan. 24, at Hyatt Regency Reston, with live and silent auctions at 6:15 p.m. and performance at 7 p.m.**

Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Practice your English in a group with a volunteer facilitator. Adults. 703-689-2700.

## WEDNESDAY /JAN. 27

**Reston Writers Monthly Meeting.** 12 p.m. at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. For active writers. Discuss publishing, support the writing effort of others and collaborate on the business of writing. [lynnbstop@gmail.com](mailto:lynnbstop@gmail.com).

**Let It Snow! Preschool Storytime.** 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Wintertime

stories. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-437-8855.

**English Conversation Group.** 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for adults non-native speakers every Wednesday. 703-242-4020.

**Reston Writers.** 12 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Networking and professional discussion for writers in the Reston area. Adults. 703-689-2700.

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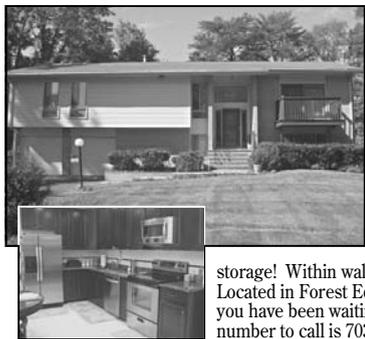
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**P. Wesley Foster, Jr.**, chairman and chief executive officer of The Long & Foster® Companies, announced that Barry S. Redler has been selected to serve as chief marketing officer, a newly created position within the organization. Redler is an experienced marketing leader having worked with both Fortune 10 and privately held corporations. Prior to joining The Long & Foster Companies, he oversaw marketing and sales as a vice president for the Stanley Martin Companies, a privately held regional homebuilder. Redler also worked for

The Ford Motor Company for over 20 years in various senior level marketing and sales positions. Redler resides in Northern Virginia with his wife and two children.

**Nikki Ryan** of Keller Williams Realty in Reston has earned the "Certified Distressed Property Expert" designation, having completed extensive training in foreclosure avoidance and short sales. Realtors with the designation have can offer the homeowner better alternatives to foreclosure, which virtually destroys the credit rating.

**Jeremy Staadeker**, CPA at the Reston-based firm Ryan, Sharkey &

Crutchfield, LLP, recently obtained the Certified Valuation Analyst designation. The National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts awards the designation.

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## LETTERS

### South Lakes Band Thanks Community

To the Editor:

The 2009 Citrus sale and White House Ornament sale both annual fund-raisers run by the award winning South Lakes High School Band was very successful thanks to the Reston community. The band surpassed their last year's sales by three times. The band would like to thank the community for their generous support of the band program.

The band recently had its winter concert on Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2009 in which the Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and the Wind Ensemble were featured. All three groups played holiday favorites such as "A Big Band Christmas" arranged by Carl Strommen, "Wassail" arranged by Robert W. Smith, "Christmas Festival" and the "Sleigh Ride" both by Leroy Anderson.

We hope you had a chance to join the South Lakes High School Marching Band as they brought in the holiday season by marching in the Holiday Parade at the Reston Town Center on Nov. 27, 2009. This was an exciting event for the community and we hope everyone enjoyed the parade.

So far this school year, the South Lakes High School Band performed in November for the Virginia State School Board Association Conference in Williamsburg. This was a great honor for the students and South Lakes High School.

The band had a successful marching band season. They not only performed a very difficult half-time show but also participated in several competitions this fall such as the USSBA Northern Virginia Regional Competition. They took first place in class IV A at the 2009 Fall Classic Marching Band Competition held in Manassas on Oct. 3, 2009.



**South Lakes Marching Band members play their instruments at the Holiday Parade at the Reston Town Center on Nov. 27, 2009.**

The band also received awards for best Marching, Best Music, Best General Effect, Best Drum Line, Best Drum Major and Second Place Color Guard in class IVA. The powerful 101 marching unit of the Seahawk Marching Band began practice in August before school started.

The South Lakes High School Band wants to thank the community for their support of the band program. They hope to raise enough funds to replace their uniforms. Also, they are looking for corporate support and businesses that are willing to place an ad in their concert programs. The next concert is Feb. 17, 2010, Pre-Festival Concert featuring the Wind Ensemble and the Symphonic Band

For more information and to follow the events of these energetic students, visit the South Lakes Bands Web site at [www.SouthLakesBand.org](http://www.SouthLakesBand.org)

**Grayson Fore**  
Director

### Reston's Future: Is It Here Now?

To the Editor:

Although Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) has established a task force to look at the "future of Reston," in fact a likely future is apparent now. JBG, a well-heeled and well-connected developer, is far along in gaining approval of a plan to demolish the Fairways Apartments across from the Lake Anne School and replace it with a big, up-market, high rise development.

The revised JBG plan presented at the Jan. 4 Reston Planning and Zoning Committee (PZ COM) meeting made some limited revisions in response to Committee and RA Design Review Board concerns. But the basic plan for a more intensive development remains. It will have at least twice the people and about three times the cars of the current Fairways (Fairways now has 345 units and 520 parking spaces; the new proposal is for 940 units and 1,500 parking spaces). And to respond to the interest in more open space and trees, one of the towers will now be 21 stories high.

Many believe that intensive development in Reston should be transit-oriented, located adjacent to jobs and concentrated near the Metro stations, along the Dulles corridor, in the Town Center and at re-developed village centers. But this proposal is isolated

from those locations and is car dependent.

Through the magic of Reston numerology, the proposed density is apparently "legal." But the original Reston Master plan said high density development would be confined to 60 people per acre, about what Fairways has now. This means that the existing infrastructure — North Shore Drive, Temporary Road and neighboring schools, pathways and recreational facilities — were planned with smaller numbers in mind.

Although Fairways is currently reasonably priced, JBG says it has no legal responsibility to provide affordable housing. But it says it will voluntarily meet the county goal of 12 percent affordable housing.

The plan will obviously divert energy, dollars and potential future residents from Lake Anne. Yet some think its already approved redevelopment should be a Reston priority.

As to the future of Reston, one supporter at the Jan. 4 meeting said this plan will be a good model for the future of other Reston garden apartments. Ballston and Forest Hills, here we come!

**Dick Rogers**  
Former Associate Member,  
Reston PZ Committee

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— Darrell Green, NFL Hall of Fame

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# Bounce-Back Victory for South Lakes Girls

**Zoe Beard-Fails tallies 25 in Seahawks' win over Fairfax.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**Z**oe Beard-Fails and several other South Lakes High girls' basketball underclassmen have played a huge role in helping the Seahawks remain one of the better teams within the Liberty District this season.

It is not unusual for a program that has seen success to drop down a few notches after the graduation losses of key senior players. But that has not occurred with coach Christy Winters Scott's team this winter. A year ago, a seasoned South Lakes squad, led by senior stars Kelcyn Manurs and Kacey Liscomb, captured the regular season district title and went 19-4 overall. Manurs, the team's point guard, was named District Player of the Year.

This season, the Seahawks are much younger and have started three freshmen — pivot player Beard-Fails, and guards Gabrielle Schultz and Marlena Tremba. The trio has mixed nicely with veteran players such as senior guard Jasmine Jones, the top returning player from last year's Seahawks, and junior point guard Ashlei Sutton to help South Lakes build an impressive 10-4 overall record and 4-2 district mark going into this week.

The 6-foot-2 inch Beard-Fails, averaging 16.5 points and six rebounds per game, has proven to be one of the top newcomers to the Northern Region. She scored 25 points in the Seahawks' 73-57 Liberty District home win over Fairfax last Friday night.

"If you look up 'tough' in the dictionary, you will see her face there," said Winters-Scott, of her outstanding ninth grade frontcourt player. "She's one of the toughest kids I've ever coached. She has an innate feeling of fearlessness. People notice she has that type of will."

Beard-Fails, 14, can be a dominant inside presence but is also a good ball-handler and can play around the perimeter.

"She's so versatile," said her coach. "She can get a rebound and take the ball all the way down the court. She's very capable of handling the ball in traffic. There are a lot of things she can do. She's aggressive, focused and strong, and she's also strong-minded."

In the win over the Rebels, the Seahawks also received a stellar game from Tremba, who scored 21 points from her two-guard position. She converted three of her team's four shots from three-point territory. Also in double figures for South Lakes was Nia Wardlaw, a junior frontcourt player who came off the bench to score 10 points and



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**Zoe Beard-Fails and the Seahawks were 10-4 heading into this week.**

grab four rebounds.

Other good games for the Seahawks came from point guard Sutton, who scored seven points while dishing out five assists and playing solid defense, and Natalie Kendall, a senior forward who scored six points along with four assists. Schultz, who during one three-game stretch this season had at least 13 rebounds in each contest, added four points for South Lakes, which trailed 19-14 after one quarter before outscoring the guests 44-23 over the next two quarters.

South Lakes was outstanding at the free throw line, converting 21-of-24 shots. Beard-Fails made 11-of-12 from the charity stripe and Tremba made all six of her tries.

room. A team captain of the youth Reston team told the South Lakes players that they played great.

"They've come to our camps over the last couple of summers so a lot of our girls have seen them," said Winters-Scott, of her team's relationship to the local Reston youth travel team players.

While pleased with her team's bounce-back win on Friday and her team's good first half of the season, Winters-Scott said there is always room for improvement.

"We still have some growing to do in terms of maturity and being competitive," said the coach. "We're still learning every day about how hard you have to work. But I'm not surprised where we are [record wise]. We've been in every game. I'm very encouraged about the future of the program. It's exciting to see."

The Seahawks' top scorers this season are freshmen Beard, Fails (16.5) and Tremba (15). In all 14 of South Lakes' games, Tremba has knocked down at least one three-pointer. She has scored in double figures in all but two of her team's games. Her lowest point total this season was eight points.

South Lakes has received good bench play this season from such players as Wardlaw and sophomore guard-forward Emily Lopynski.

"Emily is pesky on defense," said Winters-Scott. "She's the hardest working player out there. She gets on the floor and does a lot of the dirty work in a game."

Wardlaw, meanwhile, also goes all out. At the end of every practice, one South Lakes player earns recognition as "Player of the Day" for their hard work ethic and overall solid play. The prize is the honor of wearing a South Lakes blue, green and gray colored scarf. Wardlaw has worn the bright scarf more times than anyone thus far.

**ON SUNDAY NIGHT**, Jan. 24, the South Lakes varsity, JV and freshmen girls' squads will make a trip to College Park to watch the University of Maryland women's team take on Duke in an ACC affair.

"We take them every year," said Winters-Scott, a 1990 Maryland graduate. "I think we saw North Carolina last year."

Winters-Scott played four years for Maryland and, in 2006, was inducted into the school's athletic Hall of Fame. During her collegiate playing career, Winters-Scott was a part of two Maryland teams that captured ACC titles. During her junior year, the Terapins reached the NCAA Final Four when they went 29-3.

She earned First Team All-ACC honors as a senior and made the All-ACC Tournament team as both a sophomore and senior. In 1990, Winters-Scott was named to the Kodak All-American Eastern Region team. She is among Maryland's top career points and rebounds leaders.

This week, South Lakes was scheduled to play district road games at Langley (Tuesday, Jan. 19) and Madison (Friday, Jan. 22).

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# Not Able Without Cable



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

It's only now, the Sunday afternoon following the previous Thursday night, that I'm able to recount the difficulties and demands of the 15-day, eight-hour period beginning 1:34 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16 and ending at 8:45 p.m., Thursday, New Year's Eve. It had nothing at all to do with my cancer and/or any consequences there to (not really, anyway). It had to do with my Cable. Specifically, not having Cable service, meaning no television and computer for over two weeks.

Let me try to explain as patiently as I am able to do so, now, the events leading up to and the ultimate conclusion to some of the worst two weeks of my life (death, taxes and health-related news notwithstanding).

On Wednesday, Dec. 16, a contractor for Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission began digging up my neighborhood street to solve a much-needed browning-of-our-tap-water problem. Days before the initial dig, I noticed spray paint markings on the street and on my driveway indicating Miss Utility had been contacted. (Little did I know that certain colors were missing; had I known that, the subsequent pain and suffering that we endured could have been avoided. But alas, poor Yurik, I know very little of what I'm talking.) Within an hour of the beginning of the dig, sure enough, the unmarked ground did not direct the construction crew away from my cable and phone lines and as a direct result, I received one (two, actually) of the most unkindest cuts.

I will spare you the details of the many phone calls made by yours truly to rectify the problem because that's not really the point of this column, and besides, I can't do the story justice in print as I can in voice. The point of this column is to discuss how one survives when they lose something that is most crucial to their day-to-day existence and lose it not because of anything they said or did, but lose it (and then not have it repaired or responded to in a reasonable time) due to the negligence of others. Collateral damage is how I found myself characterizing my circumstances.

If truth be admitted to, I barely survived. Every day that the problem persisted, I fell deeper into an emotional hole. Every day that the much-needed connections to the outside world remained disconnected, I fell even deeper into that abyss. Every day that progress was supposed to be made to repair the lines (and then ultimately wasn't) took an ICC-type toll on my psyche. Every day that I couldn't resume my routine: work, play, business, banking, hobbies, areas of interest, areas of need, etc., via the television and computer and thus fill my day accordingly was yet another day spent not in paradise (we did borrow DVDs from a neighbor, one of which included the first two seasons of Magnum PI; he was in paradise, literally and figuratively) but one spent in a blackening hole, cratering more and more every day.

When the third (fourth? fifth? I've lost track) cable technician/team knocked on my door on Dec. 31st at 8:15 and asked if I had a picture, I thought I had died and ended up back on my couch watching television. It wasn't until 30 minutes later that my service was 100 percent restored, finally; you can't imagine the emotional release I experienced when that service returned to normal. It's still taken me a few days to regain my composure, resume my routine and get myself back on track, however.

In retrospect, I don't know how I managed, really. Given that I'm a homebody, not a reader and connected to the outside world electronically (like most people), being cut off as I was, without any warning was almost too much; in fact, it may have been one of the hardest things I've ever had to do. I may be reconnected now, but I feel like I've lost two weeks of my life, two weeks that I really didn't have to lose.

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

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From left, Claudette Chenevert, Joan Walsh and Cindy Burgess, founding members and past presidents, hold a cake celebrating the group's fifth anniversary as the 113th chapter of Assistance League, a national volunteer service organization.

## Assistance League Celebrates Anniversary

Members of the Assistance League of Northern Virginia took time out from holiday activities to celebrate their fifth anniversary and last year's accomplishments at their annual luncheon. Assistance League is a nonprofit, volunteer organization dedicated to promoting literacy and well being through community-based programs. Volunteer members develop, fund and staff philanthropic programs in response to current community needs.

Assistance League has three on-going programs, Operation Hugs which offers comfort to youth and adults treated for sexual assault and abuse at the Inova Fairfax Hos-

pital Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Clinic; Lullaby Program provides infant layettes to new mothers who lack financial resources and a social support system and Operation School Bell, provides language arts and literacy skills enrichment for at-risk primary grade students.

This year Assistance League is expanding its Operation School Bell to include providing new clothing to three schools in Fairfax County and one in Prince William County. A second new program is the Weekend Food for Kids Program, which will supply food for children at one Title 1 school in Fairfax and one in Prince William County for one long weekend.

## Elden Street Players Receive 19 Award Nominations

The Elden Street Players have received 19 nominations for awards from the Washington Area Theater Community Honors (WATCH) for five of their productions during 2009. Thirty community theater companies participated in WATCH adjudication with 114 productions (33 musicals, 81 plays) being adjudicated in 2009.

The nominations received are:  
From the production of "Shining City" (January, 2009)

- Outstanding Lead Actor - Michael Kharfen as "John"
- Outstanding Cameo - Ian Brown as "Laurence"

### From production of "Falsettos" (March, 2009)

- Outstanding Musical - Produced by John Segota
- Outstanding Music Direction - Elisa Rosman
- Outstanding Lead Actress - Amy K. Cropper as "Trina"
- Outstanding Lead Actor - Harv Lester as "Marvin"
- Outstanding Lead Actor - John Loughney as "Whizzer"
- Outstanding Sound Design - Stan Harris

### From production of "The History Boys" (June, 2009)

- Outstanding Featured Actress - Jane

MacFarlane as "Mrs. Lintott"

- Outstanding Light Design - Ken & Patti Crowley
- Outstanding Sound Design - Kevin Garrett

### From production of "Passion" (August, 2009)

- Outstanding Music Direction - Elisa Rosman
- Outstanding Lead Actress - Evelyn Trester as "Fosca"

### From our production of "The Musical of Musicals" (The Musical!) (October, 2009)

- Outstanding Musical - Produced by Janet Bordeaux
- Outstanding Direction - Wade Corder
- Outstanding Choreography - Amanda M. Cane
- Outstanding Featured Actress - Mimi Preda as "June"
- Outstanding Featured Actor - Brent Stone as "Jitter"
- Outstanding Sound Design - Kevin Harney

ESP President Jeff Boatright said that he was very proud to have received nominations for all five of the Main Stage productions put on by ESP during 2009. "To have received this many nominations in so many wide ranging categories speaks highly of the overall quality and versatility of our theater program".

The awards ceremony announcing the recipients of the awards will be held on March 14, at The Birchmere in Alexandria.

## Community Service Honored

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visors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) spoke of life growing up in a society divided by color and not understanding what that meant.

"You don't understand what you don't have," said Bulova, who called King integral in bringing Americans out of a "comfort level that wasn't right."

The Youth Community Service Award was presented to the Langston Hughes Middle School Peer Mediation Program.

"The peer mediator group really brings modeling of equality and conflict resolution and problem solving skills to the community, to their peers," said Aimee Monticchio, principal of Langston Hughes Middle School. "They certainly invite Dr. King's dream and legacy of equality and non-prejudice and conflict resolution in peaceful ways."

The Individual Community Service Award was presented to Jill Norcross, executive director, Housing Association for Nonprofit Developers.

"For somebody who cares about giving back to the community, social justice and equity, I can't think of more of an honor than receiving an award with Dr. King's name on it," said Norcross, accepting her award.

The Organizational Service Award was presented to Reston Interfaith. Both Kerrie Wilson, executive director of Reston Interfaith, and Stuart Patz, member of the Board of Directors of Reston Interfaith, accepted the award on behalf of the organization.

"It's such a pleasure and such a great honor on our 40th anniversary," said Wilson.

Jean Van Devanter White introduced a new award of International Impact by a Reston-based organization. The award went to Global Camps Africa. White began by acknowledging the tremendous loss and devastation in Haiti and noted the HIV/AIDS problems in South Africa.

Phil Lilienthal, founder and CEO of Global Camps Africa, accepted the award, acknowledging the strong collaboration between the organizations honored at the event.

"What we all basically long for is making a difference," said Lilienthal.

The event highlighted many positive strides made in the community but during the keynote speech, Johnson emphasized pushing forward and making progress.

"Are we keeping the promise?" Johnson asked. "It is up to you, it is up to me, it is up to all of us to join together to make the dream a reality."

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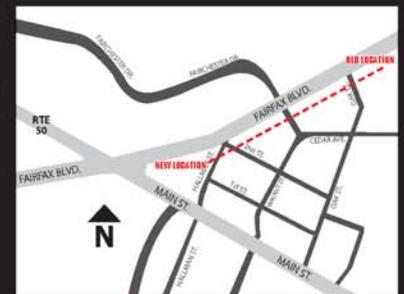
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