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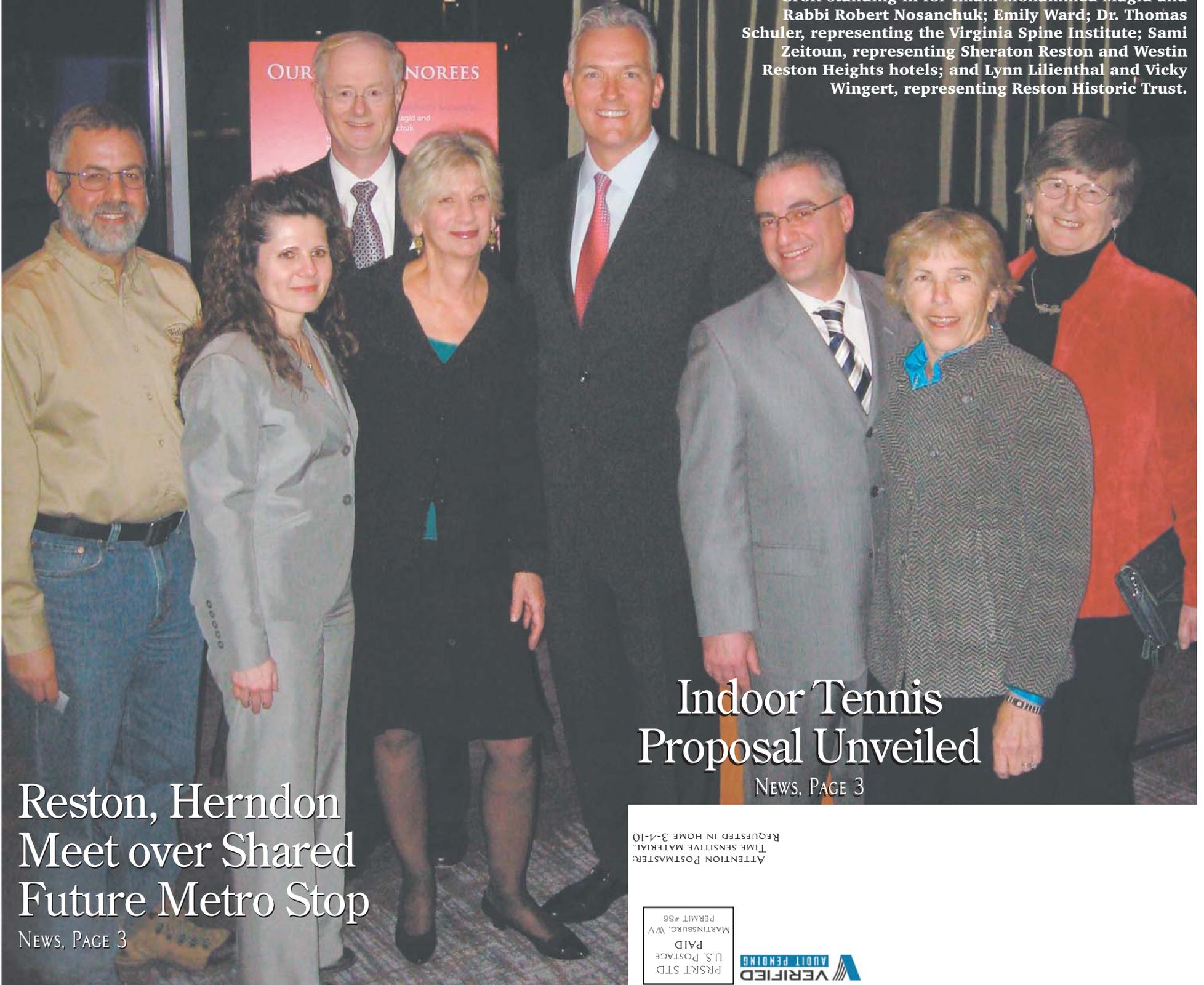
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This year's Best of Reston revealed, from left, are Mike Rolband, representing Wetland Studies and Solutions Inc.; Holly Norris; Reston Interfaith Board Chairman Al Groff standing in for Imam Mohammed Magid and Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk; Emily Ward; Dr. Thomas Schuler, representing the Virginia Spine Institute; Sami Zeitoun, representing Sheraton Reston and Westin Reston Heights hotels; and Lynn Lilienthal and Vicky Wingert, representing Reston Historic Trust.

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Herndon planner Kay Robertson describes the north side of the Herndon-Monroe Metro station area.

Reston, Herndon Meet over Shared Future Metro Stop

Task force is Reston's, but future of Herndon-Monroe station could be town's.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Ian McDonald of Herndon wondered whether more pedestrian and bicycle routes over the Dulles Toll Road were planned for the area where the Herndon-Monroe Metro station will one day be situated. Regarding the existing Monroe Street bridge, he said, "The pedestrian facilities on there are not great."

Meanwhile, Anthony Balducci of the Polo Fields neighborhood in Reston worried that in the future, drivers would park in his community and walk to the Metro station, as some already did in order to access the existing park-and-ride facility.

Both men live less than a half-mile from the planned Herndon-Monroe Metro station, but the community workshop at Langston Hughes Middle School Saturday morning, Feb. 27 represented a rare occasion when they might meet in a public forum,

as residents and leaders of Reston and Herndon came together to discuss the future of the area around the Metro station they expect to share by 2016. It was the first of four community workshops planned by the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force, with each addressing the area around one of the stations in the Reston area.

County planner Heidi Merkel told the nearly 200 people in attendance that the areas of prime concern to the county, in accordance with Fairfax's transit-oriented development (TOD) policies, were those within a half-mile of the stations, but she noted that some low-density, single-family-home neighborhoods crossed into those circles. "We are not proposing or planning any changes for those areas," she said.

Most of the areas around stations, though, will see increases in density, as planners attempt to mitigate future traffic congestion caused by the rapid population and job growth the area is expecting.

THE HERNDON-MONROE STATION will sit in the median of the Dulles Toll Road, near the current park-and-ride facility, with Fairfax County to the south and the town of Herndon to the north. For the county's part, Merkel said,

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This map shows the current land uses in the Herndon-Monroe Station study area, between the Fairfax County Parkway and Centreville Road. The two concentric rings illustrate the quarter-mile and half-mile radii from the planned Metro station.



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PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

Parks and Recreation Director Larry Butler and architect Mike Miller present a proposal for an indoor tennis facility at Lake Newport.

Indoor Tennis Proposal Unveiled

RA Board votes to move forward with community outreach.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

The Reston Association's Parks and Planning Advisory Committee unveiled its proposal for indoor tennis at Lake Newport at the RA Board meeting Thursday evening, Feb. 25. The drawings for a five-court indoor tennis facility to replace the six existing courts at Lake Newport remain conceptual, and board members expressed interest in soliciting broad community input before putting any final plan to a referendum. No cost estimates had yet been calculated, pending review by the Design Review Board, which is to look at the plans today, March 3.

According to committee members, it was the first that RA Board members or the presidents of neighboring clusters

had seen of the draft plans.

THE CHOICE of Lake Newport as the site stemmed from the Design Review Board's 2003 approval of a four-court indoor facility at that location, and architect Mike Miller, who drew up the plans, said the advisory committee started by examining the 2003 proposal. "The result was that we took the building and broke it apart and moved it around," he said. What they ended up with was two prefabricated buildings, one with three courts and the other with two, connected by an indoor observation area. The proposal also includes a snack bar, a pro shop, a meeting room, storage spaces, showers, a foyer, a galley and an outdoor eating area.

Five courts were recommended because that is the number needed for a tournament.

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A rendering of the proposed indoor tennis facility.

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Representing the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Graves of Bridgeman Communication and Lynn Gilmore of Northrop Grumman speak about Best of Reston's benefit to Reston Interfaith and the community.



From left, Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Mark Ingrao looks on as chamber Chairman Matt Brennan announces this year's Best of Reston award recipients. Vicky Wingert and Lynn Lilienthal stand by, representing civic group award recipient Reston Historic Trust.

Reston's Best Revealed

Winners of this year's Best of Reston announced; Gala set for April 15.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Mark Ingrao told the crowd gathered for the announcement of this year's Best of Reston award recipients last Wednesday, Feb. 24 that he and the chamber thought any community, like a stool, was held up by three legs — the government, business and nonprofit sectors. "We believe the whole community needs to be strong," he said, noting that nonprofits even contribute directly to commerce by making up 18 percent of local job opportunities.

The annual Best of Reston reception, as well as the awards ceremony that will follow in April, are carried out through a partnership between the Reston chamber and the community's most prominent nonprofit organization, Reston Interfaith. All proceeds from the events go to Reston Interfaith, and Lynn Gilmore of Northrop Grumman directed the crowd gathered at Vinifera Wine Bar and Bistro in the Westin Reston Heights Hotel that evening to a model house representing the nonprofit's 42nd home, which she said last year's Best of Reston event

paid for. The house was dedicated to the chamber in May.

"It's wonderful what we're about — supporting people who have great needs," Gilmore said, adding that those needs were now greater than ever.

This year's fund-raising goal was \$300,000, and it was announced that \$218,000 had already been raised. "Now is the time not to meet \$300,000 but to exceed it," said Georgia Graves of Bridgeman Communications Inc.

THE AWARDS recognize individuals, civic organizations, corporations and small businesses that have shown a commitment to community service and improving the lives of others, as well as police officers and fire fighters of the year.

This year's individual awards will go to Imam Mohammed Magid of the All Dulles-Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) and Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk of the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation for their longtime work in promoting an ongoing dialogue between their members; Holly Norris, director of environmental services at Reston Hospital Center, for bringing English as a Second Language courses to the hospital, spearheading a variety of local charitable events, and supporting active troops and wounded veterans; and Emily Ward for her volunteer work

at Reston Interfaith's affordable child care center, the Laurel Learning Center.

Reston Historic Trust will take the civic organization award for its work to preserve and interpret Reston's history, maintaining the Reston Museum, which underwent major renovations last year, and providing educational programs and hosting events like Founders Day and the Reston Homes Tour.

The Sheraton and Westin hotels at Reston Heights will share the corporate business award in recognition of the care they show their employees, their donations to the community, their sponsorship of various charitable events and the many hours of volunteer work performed by their employees.

One small business award will go to the Virginia Spine Institute for its donations of time and money to various local and national philanthropic organizations, its environmental stewardship and its progressive, successful track record of patient care. Wetland Studies and Solutions Inc., which is in the middle of a major stream restoration project throughout Reston, will receive the other small business award in recognition of its environmental leadership, its various conservation-oriented education efforts and the thousands of weekend and evening

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WEEK IN RESTON

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Fairfax County police officers conducted DWI directed patrols throughout the Reston District, to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers on Saturday, Feb. 27 from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. Sunday. Motorists stopped for suspicion of driving while intoxicated were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs. Approximately 42 motorists were stopped. One arrest was made for DWI. Forty-three summonses were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses. Seven officers participated in the operation.

RA Board To Discuss Letter on Wiehle Avenue Station

The Board of Directors of the Reston Association is conducting a special meeting on Monday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at the Reston Association's Main Office, 1930 Isaac Newton Square.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider a letter to be sent to the Fairfax County Planning Commission regarding the current Comstock proposal (Rezoning Application RZ FDP2009-HM-019), for Wiehle Avenue Station.

At its regular meeting on Feb. 25, the Board of Directors received a draft of the letter from the Trans-

portation Advisory Committee, but asked the committee to make revisions, which will be discussed in the special meeting. It is open to the public. Comstock is developing the parking deck for the Wiehle Avenue Metro Station.

RCC Board Invites Community Input

The Reston Community Center Board of Governors invites Small District 5 residents to attend the Joint Meeting of the Program Policy and Community Relations Committees to gather the community's input on Reston's cultural, recreational and leisure time amenities needs. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, located at 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. This meeting was originally scheduled for Feb. 8 but was postponed due to inclement weather. All community members are encouraged to attend. The RCC Board of Governors will be seeking public participation in identifying and prioritizing Reston's future recreational needs. The Board's monthly meeting schedule is posted on the RCC's Web site at www.restoncommunitycenter.com and published in the local newspapers.

Residents are welcome to attend and participate in the planning process. Written comments may also be submitted by e-mail to RCCcontact@fairfaxcounty.gov or mailed to: Reston Community Center, Attn: Board of Governors, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA 20191.

Proposal Review Underway

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To make the building appear less massive, it would be pushed down into the slope of the ground. "So the visual impact is minimized," Miller said. "It's still a big building." The structure would have a footprint of about 46,600 square feet, while the existing courts cover close to 36,250 square feet. Miller noted that a screening of evergreens would be required between the building and residential areas, making the structure less visible.

"I'm a little dismayed that we're so apologetic," said Board member Cheryl Beamer. "What we can build an indoor tennis facility as long as no one can see it?"

Miller said it was more of a "sensitivity" than an apology. "I've been around Reston a long time, and change around here is not something that is readily accepted," he said.

"I love this design compared to what we approved in 2003," said Board President Robin Smyers, who had been on the Design Review Board when the last proposal was approved, saying the new design looked friendlier and less massive.

Reston Association Director of Parks and Recreation Larry Butler said he would get a rough cost estimate after the Design Review Board had made any suggestions

it might have for changes to the building's design.

"Public outreach on this is absolutely critical," said Board member Richard Chew. He said he thought the community would support the concept but might or might not support the cost. "Then, we'll start discussing whether or not it's something we can afford."

"The several times this has been proposed in the past, it often began with a straw man and just found a lot of members approaching it with torches," said Board member John Higgins. He said he couldn't understand why tennis was the only activity provided by Reston that some people thought should pay for itself. However, he said, "We don't have to sell this concept to anybody. We just need to listen to what people say."

Smyers said staff had already begun meeting with presidents of the clusters around Lake Newport. "Dialogue has already started, but there's a whole lot more we need to do to make sure everyone feels included," she said.

THE PROPOSAL came as a result of the RA Board's instructions to the Parks and Planning Advisory Committee in August — after the option of building a recreation center at Brown's Chapel Park was struck down — to look into possi-

bilities for indoor tennis, indoor aquatics and improvements to existing facilities at Brown's Chapel Park. In November, the committee recommended a five-court structure at Lake Newport, and the board authorized the group to conduct further conceptual work.

Parks and Planning Advisory Committee Co-Chairman David Robinson told the board Thursday that the group also had come up with recommendations for two of the three fields at Brown's Chapel, including lighting and field improvements, and was looking at the possibility of a 50-meter, covered pool at Lake Newport, which could be uncovered in the summer. This, he said, would be a more long-term project.

On the other hand, he said he hoped to put a proposal for indoor tennis to referendum by June, although one or two board members said that might be too soon.

The board voted unanimously to present the concept plan to neighbors of the Lake Newport tennis courts, post it on the Reston Association Web site and have it evaluated by the Design Review Board, the Environmental Advisory Committee and the Fiscal Committee by sometime in April.

"So, ultimately, when this new board sits in May, they will have direction," Smyers said.

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OPINION

Increasing Burden, But No Tools

State will cut hundreds of millions in expenditures that localities will have to pay for; but how?

In Virginia, localities like Fairfax County, Arlington or the City of Alexandria, have only the exact powers that the Virginia General Assembly has bestowed upon them.

The right to extend protection from discrimination to particular groups? No.

The right to decide when school will open in the Fall? No.

The authority to tax income? No, only the state can tax Northern Virginia residents' income, and then the state spends that income everywhere but here. Northern Virginia gets

back less than 20 cents on the dollar it sends to Richmond. No "piggyback" income tax allowed.

The authority for local elected officials to consider a variety of broad based sources of revenue to fund schools and other services? No.

And let's be clear, voters could evict representatives who overstepped tolerances.

So now as the state budgets is shaping up, or shaping down would be more accurate, without knowing the exact details or numbers, it's clear that hundreds of millions of dollars in non-optional social services and education expenses (K-12 and higher education) will shift to localities.

Localities are already grappling with decreases in revenue because of the decline in real estate values. And taxing real estate, commercial and residential, makes up the vast majority of most localities' revenue base.

Arlington has proposed increasing the property tax rate by more than 11 percent, or 9 cents.

Fairfax's real estate property tax rate would increase from \$1.04 to \$1.09, though the drop in home values would mean that Fairfax residents would pay approximately \$48.55 less on their property tax bill than they did last year.

Home values in Fairfax declined between 3 percent and nearly 8 percent, depending on location (see chart at <http://connectionnewspapers.com/photoview.asp?id=218615>). But consider the drop in value since the top of the market. In McLean, the jurisdiction that held up the best, assessments are down 12.5 percent from the top a few years ago. In Lorton, assessments are down 28.7 percent from the top of the market.

So while in Richmond, the General Assembly slashes and burns its way to a budget with no revenue increases, here where the rubber meets the road, there are few options, because the General Assembly won't allow them. They're passing the bill, but refusing to allow any reasonable method of making up the difference.

COMMENTARY

An Ugly Budget

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

The House of Delegates reported out a budget last week. With a \$2 billion hole to fill, everyone knew it would not be pretty; it was downright ugly. I did not vote for it. There were too many examples of misplaced priorities. Certainly, the state has to make ends meet. The Constitution requires a balanced budget. Where the cuts are made becomes the issue.

Virginia has had the distinction of being the best managed state in the nation. With this budget, I believe that recognition will go away. A major piece of filling the budget hole was nearly a \$1 billion "savings" in the state's retirement system. A more accurate description is a loan from the retirement fund nearly doubling its unfunded liability. The expectation is that the fund will be replenished in more prosperous times, but the demands on future dollars for other needs will be great.

Certainly, the distinction of Virginia being one of the best places to raise a child will be lost. The ma-



major cuts to children's health insurance, family medical care, preschool programs and at-risk educational programs were astounding. One would have hoped that these already sparsely funded programs that are such an important investment to help children get a strong start could have been spared from cuts or at least had their reductions minimized. A change in the funding formula for distributing at-risk educational funds had the effect of shifting monies from the poorer inner cities to the suburbs.

Virginia has been known as a state friendly to business, but some of its attractiveness will be removed with this budget. While the budget included about \$50 million in incentives to attract new jobs, the budget actually cut more jobs than it created. The majority party's "jobs budget" actually created a net loss in jobs according to a local newspaper analysis. Most of the jobs lost will be school teachers. The loss of attractiveness of the state will also come from the elimination in this budget for the Commission on the Arts, the Foundation for the Humanities, the Public Service Centers at the universities and the significant reductions in higher education. Also visible will be the holes that have been made in the safety net for the most vulnerable.

Sadly, for me as someone involved in government reform and transparency throughout my career, the process for putting together this budget took us back decades when budgets like this one were put together by a couple of members and reflected their political ideology. It lacked a balanced perspective and a more realistic set of priorities that could have been achieved with a more inclusive process. Fortunately this is not the final budget. The Senate has a much better version. The two will be reconciled in a conference committee. It is bound to be much prettier than it is now.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Expertise for Challenging Times

To the Editor:

I write this letter today because I want to share with fellow Restonians what I believe is our good fortune to have Rengin Morro as a candidate for Reston Association Board at this vital time for Reston. Our community is in the midst of controversial issues like the coming of Metro, construction of a new indoor recreational facility, increasing development, negotiations on the future of the RCIG area, and diminishing affordable housing. She is an adjunct professor of Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University and we sure can use her expertise in this field on the board.

Rengin has been a resident of our cluster for six years. I met her the same week she and her husband moved in. Pregnant with their daughter then, her first words to me were: "We moved to Reston because it is a great place to raise a family." As a mother myself, I was happy to learn that they were expecting a baby girl with whom my little girl could play.

I didn't know then how valuable her expertise and her energy would be for our cluster, where she has become very involved. With 86 homes, there are many issues to

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Reston Association – main conference room.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 10

The Moms Club of Reston, an international non-profit organization aimed at providing support for mothers who work part time and/or

stay at home to raise their children, meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. at the Hunter's Woods Community Center (2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston) in rooms 3 and 4. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 10. Activities include: playgroups, babysitting co-op, regular monthly activities and events, moms' night out and much more. For more information email: momsclubofreston@yahoo.com or log on to: www.momsclubofreston.webs.com

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 17

The Advisory Board of the Northwest Center for Mental Health Services. 7-9 p.m. at

Northwest Center for Community Mental Health, 1850 Cameron Glen, Reston. Volunteers are needed to serve and act as advocates for women's shelters, homeless shelters, etc. The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Contact Cleveland at 703-435-0868 or leaderwilliams@gmx.com.

THURSDAY/MARCH 18

Luncheon for Sean Connaughton, Va. Secretary of Transportation. 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. Committee for Dulles members in advance \$45, at the door \$50. Nonmembers in advance \$55, at the door \$60. www.committeefordulles.org.

Gala Set for April 15

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OFFICER Eric Glueckert is to be named Police Officer of the Year for his work on several high-profile cases, including his attempted resuscitation of a suicide fatality, a grand larceny case that also led to the resolution of an auto theft and the recovery of a stolen rifle left in

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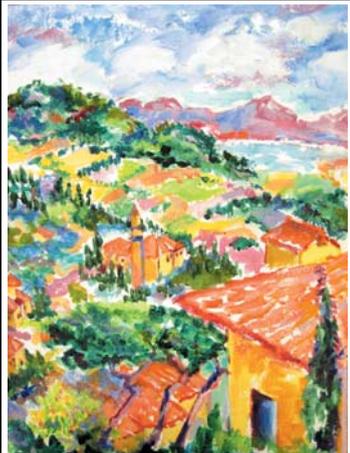
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By JOHN LOVAAS
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INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE

It is really tough to be a liberal here in the old Confed eracy. Once one gets outside the friendly confines of Reston, you need to set the clock back 200 years. Yet, in 2008, Virginia turned blue for Barack Obama and for a new U.S. senator, Mark Warner. Warner, too, promised change.

Barack Obama has been true to his word, working for change to benefit the vast majority of Americans, including the low end of the food chain. Mark Warner, a guy I worked for in two Senate campaigns and a gubernatorial race, has proved an obstacle to change. Labeled "Republican Light" by a former congresswoman, he likes to portray himself as a "radical centrist." He is, in fact, a conservative Democrat. In the Republican spectrum, he'd be more center-right since that party today has gone Neanderthal right. Mark is part of the Senate's dysfunctionality. On the

telling issues, he is an obstacle to his president and part of the reason that a 59-41 majority accomplishes nothing.

Most troubling to this progressive is that Warner is an agent of the corporatocracy. That is, he typically approaches issues so as to further the interests of the rich and powerful, counter to the interests of those who most need change to restore some economic balance in America. When he ran for the Senate, he told labor leaders that he would work to strengthen working people's right to organize and bargain collectively through Free Choice legislation. This proposal would put a stop to many corporate practices suppressing workers' attempts to organize. The legislation died in the U.S. Senate because Warner and others turned their backs on it. He voted against legislation to guarantee women equal pay, and big Pharma runs TV ads for him and fills his campaign kitty for health "reform" that is all profit and no care. Centrist? I don't think so.

Remember the near collapse of our financial system in 2008? Remember the promises of reform to bring back regulation that had meant prosperity and protection from systemic abuses for 60 years? In fact, the House passed legislation to address many of the problems, including protecting consumers. The Senate has done nothing. Mark Warner can be heard cautioning restraint so as not to impede financial innovation and corporate profitability. Who is he standing up for but the wealthy bankers? He is absolute in his praise of markets as the solution to all ills, unwilling to let reality or history change his mind.

Don't even get me started on Warner's role in discussion of climate change legislation. He opposes cap and trade or pollution taxes, fearing, as he says, they could impinge on business and corporate profits. On pocketbook issues where the rubber meets the road, Mark Warner is not someone we can rely on. He is a Democrat in name only, a DINO. He fails working men, women and families where they need him most — providing opportunity for greater income in an increasingly unequal society.

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A Different Kind of 'Young Professional'

Photo courtesy of the Shakespeare Theatre

Kent Jenkins was the Duke of York in the Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of "Richard III" three years ago.

Local children and teenagers launch their show business careers early in life.

By **Julia O'Donoghue**
The Connection

Think of the Helen Hayes Awards as the Washington D.C. professional theater community's local version of the Tony Awards. To be nominated for the honor means an actor gave one of the best performances or was part of one of the best shows of the year in this region.

So the fact that Rachel Boyd was part of the Signature Theatre "Les Miserables" cast that won the Helen Hayes Award for outstanding musical ensemble last year is a big deal. And Rachel is now part of the "Show Boat" ensemble at Signature, nominated for the same award again.

The Fairfax resident has had the type of critical and professional success that many actors have to wait years to accumulate. But at only eight years old, she hasn't exactly been toiling away at her craft as a starving artist for years.

While another child might talk about joining the local soccer game, Rachel said she participates in professional shows because it is "cool." She doesn't get nervous when she is, for example, singing "Castle on a Cloud" as Cosette in "Les Miserables," despite the fact that it is one of the most recognizable musical theater moments of all time.

"It is fun to pretend you are the actual person and not just playing the character. It is fun to get emotional because it is an emotional part," said Rachel, who has logged almost enough hours on stage to qualify for her union card with the American Equity Association, not that she is that concerned about pay scale and benefits at this point.

"I like doing big shows, like that a lot. You have fun backstage experiences," she said in an interview.

LOCAL THEATRES have a need for talented children and young adults to play age appropriate roles. And Northern Virginia is home to many families who invest time and money on talent agents, dance classes and voice coaches so their children stand a better chance of landing

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Different Kind of 'Young Professional'

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a role in a production at the likes of Arena Stage or The Kennedy Center.

If a child is lucky enough to be cast in a role, it can devour hours of both the child's and the parents' time, going to and from rehearsals and performances that can run four hours on a week night and up to 12 hours on the weekend. It can be exhausting for everyone involved.

"This is all new to me. I was in athletics growing up and I don't remember it taking up this much time. My daughter spends three or four times as many hours on a production than I ever did at sports practice," said Tom Weichbrodt, whose teenage daughter Angela is in "That Face" currently running at the Studio Theatre downtown. The family lives in Belle Haven.

Most families said it is the child, not the family, who is the driving force behind devoting so much time and energy trying out and performing in professional productions.

"She goes to bed after a rehearsal or a show at midnight and gets up at 6 a.m. for school. I can't remember the last time she hung out with her friends. I don't know that many high school students who would be willing to give up time with their friends to do anything," said Weichbrodt.

STILL, some parents, particularly those with younger children, said they had a few reservations about getting their child involved in professional productions, which require being out late on several school nights.

When Kent Jenkins III, now 13 years old, was part of The Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of "Richard III" a few years ago, he had to perform in 72 shows in 74 days.



Photo courtesy of the Shakespeare Theatre

Burgundy Farm County Day School student Kent Jenkins juggled 74 performances of the Shakespeare Theatre Company's production of Richard III on top of his schoolwork in 2007. He played the Duke of York.

The demanding schedule caused Kent, who also plays sports, to drop off his ice hockey team for a good portion of the season. When the show was running that winter, Kent, as fourth grader, didn't step off stage until 10:30 p.m. and usually got home around midnight on school nights.

"It is a real, significant commitment of time and energy and you do worry if it is simply just too much. But what we have found is that he really enjoys doing the shows. It is a lot of fun for him and he handles all the work just fine," said Kent Jenkins Jr., whose son also starred as Tiny Tim for two seasons in Ford Theater's "A Christmas Carol."

IN SOME CASES, children also have more flexibility in their schedule because their families have chosen to home school them.

"I actually enjoy teaching her myself and it helps with the scheduling. If she on stage until 11, she doesn't have to turn around and get up at 7 a.m. the next morning. We can also accommodate the other actors in the show because we can do daytime rehearsals and stuff like that," said Lori Boyd, mother of Rachel Boyd.

Brian Reimer, now a sophomore at Georgetown Day School in Washington D.C., was also home schooled earlier and said the flexibility benefited his interest in acting.

Reimer also played Tiny Tim in Ford's "A Christmas Carol" and had a part in a Kennedy Center production of "Hecuba."

The McLean resident has worked on commercials and as an extra in several movies, including "Night at the Museum II" and "National Treasure II."

"Because I was homeschooled I could go to extra rehearsals or early rehearsals and just watch the other

actors, who were really really good at what they did, work," said Reimer.

OTHER PARENTS, like Jenkins, said their children benefit from attending school.

"Kent is very social and a very outgoing guy. He likes being in school and it wouldn't be right to deprive him of that experience," said Jenkins, who added that his son's school, Burgundy Farms Country Day School, had been very flexible about homework and other matters when Kent is in the middle of a show.

At the high school level, many students who are seriously considering a career in theater and the arts opt to attend the Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts, where they take special classes designed to prepare them for a creative career.

Academy teacher Mike

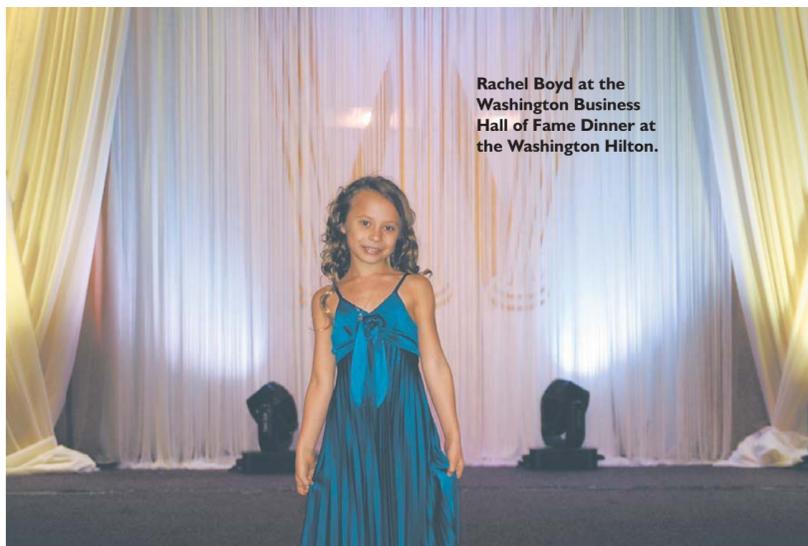


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"Frankly, if this is the life you are going to choose, it never gets easier. Most professional actors are working five days a week nine to five p.m. and then performing every night."

— Mike Replogle, Fairfax Academy

Kent Jenkins played Tiny Tim for two years in the Ford's Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol."



Rachel Boyd at the Washington Business Hall of Fame Dinner at the Washington Hilton.

only to improve their presentation and performance but also so they have a better understanding of how much rejection is involved in the performing arts world.

"If you are going to work in this business, you have to be in the top 25 percent in your age group and sex in terms of talent. And even then, you will only get called back once for every 25 auditions you go on. If you are Harrison Ford, maybe you get called back once every seven

times," said Replogle.

When Kent first started auditioning for professional shows, Jenkins said he was extremely concerned about the amount of rejection his son would receive and the toll that might take on his self esteem as a child.

"It was a big, big concern of mine. But happily, he figured out early on that he shouldn't take those things too personally and

so he just kind of shrugs it off," said Jenkins.

Kent said he tries not to think about shows where he doesn't get call backs or gets a call back but ultimately doesn't get the part.

"The best way to handle it is not to think about it. Rejection doesn't mean you were bad. It just means that you weren't necessarily what they were looking for," said Kent.

THERE IS NO better insight for a child or a young adult into what it is like to try and make a living as a performer than to work on a professional production, said several students and parents.

After her experience at Studio, Angela Weichbrodt has been considering not majoring in theater and coming up with a better "back up" plan to acting professionally.

"After getting involved and doing this professionally, I think she has talked to some people and realized it is good to have a fall back plan. If I, as her father, had told her that, she never would have listened to me. She had to hear that from a peer," said Weichbrodt.

At 13, Kent said his experience working with adult actors has made him doubtful about

whether he would want to pursue an acting career.

"It is certainly a fun hobby but pursuing acting as a career is really hard. You have to look for work every few months and the pressure and the stress from that could get nerve racking," said Kent.

BUT SOME STUDENTS, particularly those who attend Fairfax Academy, could never see themselves doing anything else.

"It was never really a choice for me. It is something that has happened to me," said Ally Milewich, a Fairfax Academy student and Mantua resident who said she couldn't see herself doing anything else as a career.

For the right opportunity, academy student Alex Alferov, said he would be willing to forego college altogether and leave high school early.

A few weeks ago, Alex rode the bus to New York City and got in line at 6 a.m. for the opening cast call of the musical "Hair." If he gotten cast in the show, Alex said he would had no qualms, outside of upsetting his mother, about dropping out of high school.

"Who needs a high school education if I can get work and this is what I want to do?" said Alex.

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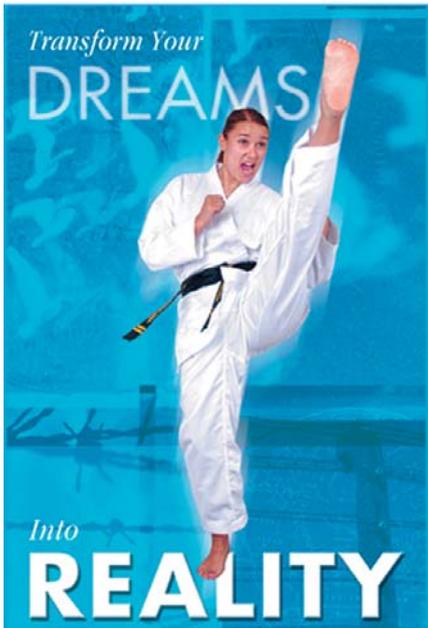
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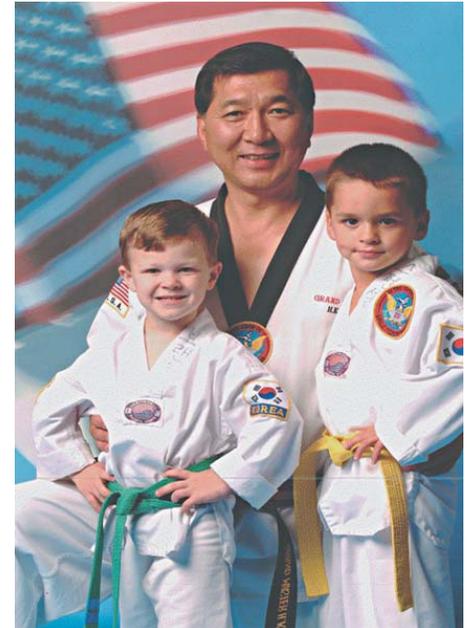
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Beverly Cosham signs some famous jazz songs with Dingwall Fleary accompanying.

An Evening of Jazz at Lake Anne

Beverly Cosham and Dingwall Fleary thrill audience at Reston Museum and Shop.

In honor of Black History Month, Beverly Cosham and Dingwall Fleary performed some of their favorite jazz songs on Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Reston Museum and Shop at Lake Anne. "One of the things that makes jazz different from other things is that in jazz, you improvise," said Cosham, talking about her love of jazz. She travels the country singing her jazz.

Cosham and Fleary, the director of the Reston Orchestra, have performed together in the past and have known each other for more than 30 years. This is evident in their onstage performance, which included sing-alongs, requests, and co-

medic song introductions. "I enjoyed the performance a lot," said Gladys Longchamp. "I love the connection between her, (Cosham) and the audience."

The event was sponsored by the Reston Historic Trust, a non-profit community based organization whose goals are to engage the public in an exploration of community history, promote Reston as a destination point for tourism and collect, preserve and interpret the artifacts and documents of Reston's history.

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Local Track Athletes Excel at States, Regionals

Seahawk boys capture region title; McLean's Graham takes Second in high jump.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Centreville High boys were the second top team finisher from the Northern Region and finished tied for 12th place overall at last Saturday's Virginia State AAA Track and Field Championships, at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton.

Tenth place Lake Braddock was the only team from the Northern Region to finish better than Centreville (13 points), which finished in a four-way tie with Deep Run (Central Region), Grassfield (Chesapeake) and Stafford (Fredericksburg).

Centreville senior Yazid Zouaimia became a state champion in the boys' 3,200 race, winning with a time of 9 minutes, 15.67 seconds. He finished ahead of Chantilly cross-town rival Christopher Foley, who timed at 9:22.99. It was a one-two state finish for the two outstanding local athletes.

Another Northern Region runner, Oakton's Andrew McCullen, took fourth place in the 3,200, giving the region three of the top four runners in that event.

A week earlier at regionals, Zouaimia took first place in the 1,000 event while Foley was third.

But at states, Zouaimia did not compete in the 1,000, but reserved his strength instead for both the 3,200 and his anchor position on the 4x800 relay event. It paid off big time with his first place run in the 3,200.

In the 4x800, the Centreville boys finished in sixth place. The Wildcats' foursome was made up of Robert Kelly, Joey Hannah, Mattson Heiner and Zouaimia. The Chantilly boys' 4x800 team, the region champions, finished in 12th place at states. The Chargers' team was made up of Matt Cumpian, Sean McGorty, Eric Rolfe and Sam Tucker. Mohamed Labor-Koroma, who had run the final leg in Chantilly's first place 4x800 at regionals, did not run in

the event at states. But Labor-Koroma did race in the boys' 500 event, and excelled with a solid fifth place finish.

Centreville's Paul Barbour finished a strong 10th in the boys' long jump event.

Langley High's Efosa Guobadia finished third place in the boys' high jump event. Saxon teammate Peter Sanson, meanwhile, was ninth in the long jump.

In the boys' triple jump, Sean Price of South Lakes finished eighth overall. Also for the Seahawks, Adrian Vaughn finished eighth in the 300 dash. South Lakes' 4x400 relay team of Muhammad Yasin, Armando Drain, Vaughn and Alvin Moore finished ninth.

Herndon's Jack Jasper finished eighth place in the boys' 1600 race.

ON THE GIRLS' SIDE at states, Lake Braddock (11th), Robinson (12th) and West Springfield (13th) were the highest finishing teams from the Northern Region. Other Northern Region teams to finish in the top half of the 50 team field included West Potomac (18th) and McLean (tied for 22nd).

McLean's Dominique Graham captured second place in the girls' high jump with a mark of 5 feet, 7 inches. Herndon's Danielle Theberge tied for sixth in the same event.

Centreville's Katie Bannon and Chantilly's Nina Ullom tied for ninth place in the pole vault.

In the shot put, Westfield's Kaylin Newman took sixth place.

In girls' triple jump, Oakton's Alex Straton earned a sixth place finish and was also 10th in the 300.

Herndon's 4x800 relay team, made up of Belle Burgess, Mehnaz Haq, Nina Bagley and Carolyn Hennessey, finished ninth. Hennessey took ninth place in the 1,600 race.

At the Northern Region Championships on Feb. 20 at George Mason University, the South Lakes boys' team captured the team title with 72 points, ahead of second place Langley



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Dominique Graham of McLean High School finished second in the girls' high jump event at this past Saturday's state AAA track and field championships in Hampton.

(54).

Adrian Vaughn of South Lakes won the 300 race and was second in the 500. His teammate, Muhammad Yasin, was fourth in the 500. Sean Price won both the long jump and triple jumps for the

McCullen (second in 3,200) and Oakton's Patrick Fulghum (sixth in 3,200).

Madison's 4x400 relay team of Young Jeon, David Secor, Shane Nelson and Stephen Swartz finished fourth.

Seahawks.

South Lakes won the 4x400 relay. The Seahawks' foursome was made up of Yasin, Armando Drain, Moore and Vaughn. South Lakes' 4x800 relay team of Jacob Grundahl, Daniel O'Malley, Sam Boone and Will Sickenberger was fourth.

For the Saxons, Alex Maybury was third in both the 300 and the 55 hurdles. The Langley 4x200 relay team of Maybury, Robert Bennett, Peter Sanson and Thomas Robinson was second overall. Robinson was fifth in the 55 race.

Other local place finishers were Herndon's Jack Jasper (second in 1,600), Herndon's Jimmy Luehrs (fourth in 1,600), Oakton's Andrew

THE OAKTON GIRLS finished fourth at regionals, while Herndon was sixth and McLean seventh.

Herndon's Carina Peter took first in the 55 dash. South Lakes' Val Moyer was fifth place in the 1,000 race. Also for the Seahawks, Kyannah Calhoun was fifth in the 300, one place ahead of McLean's Ayom Izebu.

Oakton's Alex Straton was second in both the 300 and long jump events, and third in the 55. Lanie Smith was eighth in the 3,200. Also for the Cougars, Meghan Jean-Baptiste captured first in the triple jump, while getting fifth in the 55-hurdles and sixth in high jump. Oakton's Jennifer Markin was third in pole vault.

In the 4x200 relay, Oakton's foursome of Shelby Windmuller, Danielle Fitzgerald, Emily Corridon and Straton finished second, while the Herndon foursome of Mehnaz Haq, Enuma Ezewa, Danielle Theberge and Carina Peter were third. The Hornets' 4x800 relay team of Nina Bagley, Haq, Belle Burgess and Carolyn Hennessey took third place.

In girls' high jump, McLean's Dominique Graham was the region champion. She was also fifth in the long jump and sixth in the triple jump. Marshall's Brittany Johnson was third in both the long jump and triple jump events. Herndon's Theberge finished third in the high jump.

Langley's Mary Fouse finished third in the 3,200, and Saxon teammate Courtney West was sixth in the same event.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Kelcyn Manurs (South Lakes, Class of 2009), a member of the Livingstone College (Salisbury, N.C.) women's basketball team, has been named to the 2010 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) All-Rookie Team, as voted on by the CIAA Sports Information Director's Association. The Blue Bears compete as an NCAA Division 2 program. Manurs, a freshman guard from Reston, is second in the conference in scoring among freshmen, averaging 6.7 points per contest. She is fifth on her team in scoring average. Manurs is also tied for team-best in steals with 47 and is second on the team in assists with 71. Her top performance this season came in a victory over St. Paul's College on Jan. 9 when she scored 17 points. At South Lakes last year, Manurs was one of the top players in the Northern Region and led the Seahawks to the Liberty District regular season title.

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Kelcyn Manurs, a former South Lakes player, is excelling as a freshman guard at Livingstone College.



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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that I ingest an inordinate amount of pills daily (less now that I've completed the six-month oral chemotherapy protocol of the 12-month study in which I'm enrolled), but I do swallow my share (it wouldn't make any sense if I were swallowing somebody else's share): some prescription, some not, some related to the cancer, others not. Regardless, I seem to gain a perverse pleasure in stacking/organizing the many bottles I have, filing up the current bottles in rotation (to their respective brims no less) with inventory from the bottles in reserve, discarding the empties as soon as possible and then rearranging my reserve stacks in a decreasing and more manageable/viewable array.

If I had to say (and I don't, really), I guess I would characterize this behavior as somewhere between obsessive-compulsive and anal-retentive (the determination of which comes from years of anecdotal and non-specific experiences/observations). Behaviors I would further characterize as completely normal given the severity of my underlying stage IV lung cancer diagnosis. Meaning, whatever a cancer patient has to do, is willing and/or able to do to get through the days and nights of symptoms, treatments, side effects (some expected and prepared for, others not), deficits; lifestyle choices, changes and challenges; and most difficult for me, emotional and mental pressure, in an attempt to live a semi normal and productive and rewarding life is absolutely understandable. Just as there's no rest for the weary, likewise should there be no misunderstanding of the terminally ill: we deserve a wide berth and we've earned your inexhaustible tolerance and patience, like it or not.

Not that any of us should (or would) abuse the privilege (some privilege?), but it ain't easy being us. There are good days and bad days and everything in between, and before and afters, too. Sometimes the feelings come from conversations with your health care providers/professionals (results of lab work, X-Rays, miscellaneous scans, physical exams, etc.); other times, from your friends, family members or co-workers. Every day is a roller coaster of thoughts, fears and anxieties; some you can control (and compartmentalize) and others you cannot. There's no handbook, there's no owner's manual, and there's certainly no road map (nor do I think a GPS device would help).

Oh sure, there's plenty of medical material, opinions and resources readily available online (merely a keystroke away), but in my experience, diagnosis-to-date, it's too impersonal. Nevertheless, I need it, but I want it to be about me, not someone like me. And of course, it never can/will be because of privacy and confidentiality protections. So why bother searching for it? Accepting certain facts, some in evidence, some not, and then assimilating and embracing them accordingly, has been my M.O.R. (Method of Rationalization).

At this juncture, I can't change the diagnosis (don't you know I would if I could; duh!). But I can certainly try to not let it change me. Therefore, whatever I do that helps me maintain my lifestyle and sunny disposition, and am able to do so without going completely crazy (I realize that's a judgement call), is beyond any one's reproach. If I'm going to fight this battle, I have to fight it my way. If and when I go down, I'm going down exactly as I went up: with humor and good intentions.

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be addressed and naturally disagreements arise from time to time. Rengin uses her engaging style and ability to connect with people to help us to work through these issues. She can get things done.

In 2006, when we were in the process of updating our rules and covenants it was great to have a volunteer who helped to resolve the disagreements. She also pitches in to help organize our annual Halloween spookfest, summer barbecue and other neighborhood get togethers.

Rengin is very patient. She knows how to listen and when to talk. Her attention to detail is extraordinary. Her friendly, outgoing personality and her constant smile connect her to everyone effortlessly. She can build coalitions at every level you can imagine. She believes in communication and works to improve it in our neighborhood. She is honest and upfront even when she knows you might not like what she is about to say.

Moreover, Rengin cares about others. Her history of volunteer work goes way back long before I knew her. She is a long-standing member of the Rotary International and volunteered in an organization that provided humanitarian aid to Bosnian women during the terrible conflict there. She also served at the Educational Volunteers Foundation, which seeks to help and tutor disadvantaged elementary school students.

I am glad she is running for the RA Board at this difficult time for our community. She can energize people, construct creative solutions and prevent and resolve conflicts. I will vote for Rengin and I hope you will too.

Nora St. Arnold
Reston

Upholding Reston's Core Values

To the Editor:

I am supporting candidate Joe Leighton for re-election as Reston Association board member at-large. I've worked with Joe over the years on issues related to Reston tennis programs and specifically indoor tennis. Joe has always been a man of his word, someone I could count on to make the decisions that were in line with Reston's core values. He has a vision for Reston that maintains what so many of us like about our multi-faceted community. He takes the long view, asks good questions, defends our live/work/play philosophy, understands that we must also keep pace with a changing world and votes accordingly.

Joe is not afraid of a challenge. Last summer, I worked along side him to spare Brown's Chapel Park from threatened development. Serving as an at-large RA Board member, Joe took the early and unpopular position to stand against both the RA Board and Reston Community Center, a partner in the proposal to turn 22 acres of parkland and baseball fields into a Wal-Mart-sized county recreation center. I witnessed some petty behavior by board members toward Joe as a result of his opposition, but he never flinched. He held his head high for

what he believed was right. In the end, the board agreed with Joe.

We need strong, fearless people on the board who will do the right thing for Reston. I am voting for Joe. I am also voting Peter Greenberg (North Point) and I am supporting Ken Knueven's campaign for the Lake Anne/Tall Oaks board position. All three of these principled men will bring integrity, focus and transparency to the RA Board. They are just who we need.

Jane Acton
Reston

Three Responsible Choices for RA Board

To the Editor:

Three years ago the economy was strong, property values were high and the general outlook for the future was bright. When things are going well, we usually don't pay much attention to our local government as we have enough to do in our daily lives. As a result, the last three candidates elected to the Reston Association (RA) Board ran unopposed, which was wrongly interpreted by most Board members as a mandate to do whatever they wanted.

Over the past three years, the RA board took advantage of its members by using executive privilege to hold an excessive number of closed door meetings. Nothing usually good happens behind closed doors. Last year, RA members had to remind the board who they represent. First, the RA board failed with a \$15 million new headquarters request and then its members expressed their overwhelming discontent with the board's actions in promoting construction of the \$100 million Brown's Chapel recreational facility that would also have entailed the destruction of a member-owned park.

Considering the events of the past year and with the upcoming Board elections upon us, it is clearly the time to elect three responsible board candidates who will take its members rights seriously and protect our community's parks, lakes, paths and property. The three candidates who we believe will do so are Joe Leighton (At-large), Peter Greenberg (North Point) and Ken Knueven (Lake Anne/Tall Oaks), all long-standing members of the community.

It has become apparent that current members of the RA board have selected their own slate of hand-picked candidates who are either conflicted, new to the community and/or will go along with business as usual. RA members deserve better. We have a great opportunity to elect three very responsible individuals who will help make Reston a great community.

Rick Beyer, Co-Chair
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Neighbors Begin Metro Stops Review

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this station is the most problematic for transit-oriented development. According to policy, the greatest density is to be situated closest to the station, but to the immediate south of the planned Metro stop is a 1,700-space parking structure that is to double in size. And the low-density Polo Fields neighborhood is within throwing distance of the parking garage and will have to be buffered from any new development. Meanwhile, the nearby property of the Reston Arboretum office development contains a natural wetland. "Staff does not anticipate any proposals to change the wetland area," Merkel said to applause.

To the north, however, the land in Herndon closest to the station is already planned for urban development, said town planner Kay Robertson. The town has not yet established transit-oriented development goals but is seeking a consultant to develop a policy, she said.

Herndon's area near the future station is not without its constraints, though. A power line right-of-way cuts through Herndon's portion of the study area, and Robertson said the town was in talks with Dominion Power to see how that could be dealt with. The headwaters of Sugarland Run also create a resource protection area not far from the station. Another difficulty is presented by the fact that the station's pedestrian platform will touch down on private property. And, the land is entirely developed, Robertson said. "For anything to happen, there has to be redevelopment or infill." She said planners would meet with landowners there, as well as town residents, to decide how the land should be developed and would hold workshops similar to Saturday's. "I hope those of you interested in what's going on on the north side will join us when that time comes," she said.

Attendees at the workshop were broken up into four groups according to their birthdays, and facilitators recorded group members' comments. Working with the July-to-September birthday group, Merkel told Balducci a district requiring parking permits would be worth considering, in order to prevent commuters from parking in Polo Fields.

She also told McDonald planners were thinking of using the station's pedestrian platforms to create a walkway over the toll road, but she recorded his interest in improving pedestrian accommodations on the existing bridge and making sure there was pedestrian access to all bridges. McDonald also wondered about improving access to parking from the toll road, and Merkel said access roads running along the toll road could be one way to make it easier to reach parking.

Richard Newlon, chairman of the Reston Association's Design Review Board, asked how stated goals such as excellence in urban design would be achieved now that the covenants for the Reston Center for Industry and Government (RCIG), which runs along the toll road, had been thrown out. "There's nobody looking over anybody's shoulder in the RCIG corridor anymore," he said.

THE RESTON ASSOCIATION has been pushing to have any residential developments in the corridor

Master Plan Schedule

- March 9:** Understanding the Wiehle Avenue area
- March 20:** Community workshop for Wiehle Avenue
- March 23:** Discussion of Wiehle Avenue area
- April 13:** Understanding the north Reston Town Center area
- April 17:** Community workshop for Reston Town Center
- April 20:** Discussion of north Reston Town Center area
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- May 22:** Community workshop for Reston Parkway area
- May 25:** Discussion of Reston Parkway area
- June 8:** Public presentations and comments
- June 22:** Discussion of draft recommendations

brought under its auspices.

Merkel said some sort of organized community-based oversight would be appropriate.

Herndon Town Council member Charlie Waddell said the first reaction he usually heard from residents was that they didn't want the area overdeveloped. But he said the council had also received suggestions that nightspots and hotels be built there, and he noted that a trolley system to serve the area and possibly even connect it to Reston Town Center could be desirable. The town has already conducted a trolley study.

"People who have to drive to work, this would be the place to have them," said Terry Maynard of the Reston Citizens Association's Reston 2020 Committee, suggesting that a preference be given to office development, since the area is served by multiple north-south throughways to carry commuters.

Also, Maynard said, "The government spot takes the core out of this TOD area," referring to the county-owned parking structure. "Is there any way you can build above it?"

"Theoretically, yes," Merkel said, although she added that both near- and long-term expectations needed to be taken into account.

Rae Noritake, an architect and the Western Alliance for Rail to Dulles (WARD) alternate appointee to the Master Plan Task Force, said it looked like the area on the south side of the toll road was destined to serve primarily as the area's parking lot. "The real opportunity is for the Town of Herndon," he said, predicting that a grid of retail, residential and office space would sprout there over the next three decades.

Diane Blust of Reston said she thought the wetlands at the Reston Arboretum could be "a destination that could be one of the things that give this area its sense of place." Carolyn Badila agreed.

As representatives from each group presented their notes, they found that many of their comments and concerns were similar. Reading off his group's results, Alliance of Reston Clusters and Homeowners (ARCH) President Jerry Volloy also mentioned affordable housing, storm water management, tree canopy, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification and the possibility of indoor recreation facilities, among other suggestions. And, he said, "Further coordination, we believe, is necessary with Herndon." Volloy said the burdens of traffic and parking ought to be shared equally.

John Carter mentioned that his group wanted density to diminish as development approached residential neighborhoods.

Reston Association appointee to the Master Plan Special Study Task Force Paul Thomas said his group recommended a system of pathways and a circulator bus system throughout the area and hoped that the highest densities would be located in the area now occupied by the Sprint complex, near the intersection of the toll road and the Fairfax County Parkway.

Merkel said the task force would take attendees' comments into account and would present its proposed changes to the county's Comprehensive Plan at a public meeting in the future.

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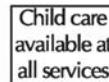
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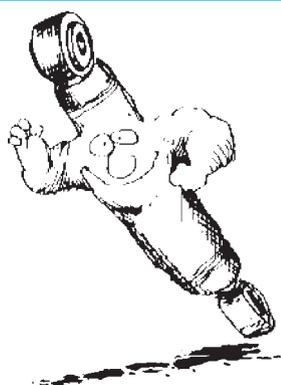
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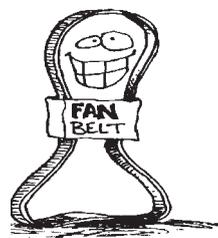
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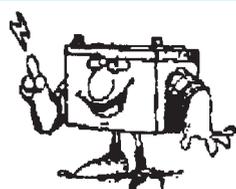
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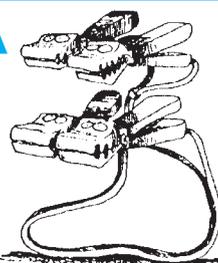
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