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Reston Association Director
Cate Fulkerson looks on as
Transportation Advisory
Committee Chairman Dave
Edwards discusses the
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RA Works Out Position on Wiehle Station Development

Board, Transportation Advisory Committee draft letter to county.

By MIKE DiCICCO
THE CONNECTION

“It seemed appropriate to establish from the very beginning that we’re not playing the NIMBY game,” Dave Edwards said as he and the Reston Association board discussed the letter the Transportation Advisory Committee had drafted regarding the development being proposed at the future Wiehle Avenue Metro Station. Edwards, who chairs the committee, was referring to the “not in my backyard” mantra so often heard at public meetings.

Before its regular meeting Monday night, March 8, the board discussed the letter, which it will send on to Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and the Planning Commission. The development proposal for the area around the Metro stop is to come before the commission on March 25.

To establish that the association was not opposed to the development in a general sense, Edwards said, the advisory committee began the letter by expressing its support for transit-oriented development and praising the idea of building a below-grade parking garage as a platform on top of which to build that development.

However, he said he and many others did not like the plan to arrange 17-story buildings around a small plaza that would never see the sun. “The plaza ends up being nothing more than a driveway that serves the buildings, where pedestrians can scurry quickly before they’re hit by a car,” he said. As alternatives, the letter suggests lowering building heights on one side and raising them elsewhere or moving some development onto the right-of-way of Reston Station Boulevard in order to widen the plaza. “We’ve made this point I think 16 times with the applicant,” Edwards said, noting that county staff was well aware of the complaint.

BOARD MEMBER Richard Chew said staff was also aware of engineering and cost obstacles. The county, in fact, is collaborating in the development with Comstock Partners and is bearing the cost of building the garage that will serve the future Metro station. Chew said changing the amount of development to be built over different parts of the garage would change how the parking structure was engineered, increasing costs to the county. He said the association should argue in more general terms for “design excellence,” particularly since there was no design or architectural oversight in the Dulles Corridor.



This illustration depicts the site plan for the final phase of development being proposed at the future Wiehle Avenue Metro Station.

Board member Kathleen Driscoll McKee suggested that the letter might request some sort of architectural review body. Chew had also raised questions about whether the association should push the developer to consolidate property with adjacent landowners, saying the neighbors might not be interested. Edwards said it was known that the neighbors wanted to participate in some manner. “If they come in individually, we have a hodgepodge,” he said.

President Robin Smyers said she didn’t see a problem with leaving all the suggestions in the letter. “You can’t come back after the fact and say, ‘Well, we really want it this way,’” she said.

Board member Joe Leighton said free bus service between the station and the Herndon-Monroe Park and Ride would be needed to cut down on traffic, and he noted

that the letter called for encouraging bus use at a time when the county had just introduced the possibility of slashing bus service in the Reston area. “So it’s very important that we keep the bus service as it is now,” Leighton said.

“I certainly would like to see a stronger statement that the workforce and affordable housing be in Reston if not on one of those four corners,” Chew said. The letter called for density bonuses or other incentives for Comstock to exceed the county’s requirement for 12 percent affordable housing, and Edwards said language specifying that those units be built on the site of the development, or at least within Reston, had been part of the letter at one point and should be reinstated. He said Comstock had expressed its intention to include the affordable housing in the Wiehle Station development.

Smyers suggested that the association should state its desire to be involved in planning storm water retention for the site, and Chew said it should specify that no runoff from the site — or at least no additional runoff — should flow into any RA-owned lakes or streams.

Since the streams and lakes were intended to be a storm water system, and other properties drain into them, Parks and Recreation Director Larry Butler said he wasn’t sure if it would be legal to

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PHOTO BY CATHY WATERS

Clay Connection members, clockwise, Joan Bickelhaupt, Becca Witt, Dick White, Barb Oksanen, Marianne Cordyack, Rachael Witt and Donna Downing.

Local Pottery Artists Help Fight Hunger

Potters donate bowls for April 9 Empty Bowls benefit in Reston.

By MARILYN SILVEY AND
CATHY WATERS

Members of Clay Connection gathered together on a cold, snowy night to conduct a marathon bowl-making session. Bowls they made will be donated to the Empty Bowls benefit supper for hunger relief on April 9 in Reston. For a minimum donation of \$20, guests at the event will choose a hand-made pottery bowl and receive a simple supper of soup, bread, beverage and dessert. The bowl is theirs to keep as a reminder that there are “empty bowls” in our community.

Hundreds of bowls in various colors and patterns are being made by potters from all over the area. In addition to Clay Connection, they include members of the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center in Vienna, the Clay Café in Chantilly and potters from the Reston and Herndon Community Centers.

Marianne Cordyack, president of the Clay Connection, said the group is conducting three “Bowl-A-Thons”, gathering at 5 p.m. and working late

into the night to make 350 bowls. She said she is glad her group can help out.

“I make bowls,” she said. “It’s something I do well, and it’s something I can do to help fight hunger in Northern Virginia.”

Also helping out is the Creative Clay Studios in Alexandria, whose owner, Ed Bull donated the use of the studio for the Clay Connection artists.

The Empty Bowls fund-raiser takes place April 9, from 5:30-3 p.m., at St. John Neumann Catholic Church and will be the third annual such benefit sponsored by the Giving Circle of HOPE. All proceeds will go to Food for Others, the largest distributor of free food to the needy in Northern Virginia.

“I make bowls. It’s something I do well, and it’s something I can do to help fight hunger in Northern Virginia.”

— Marianne Cordyack

Peggy Cressy of the Giving Circle of HOPE said the event has been hugely successful. “It seems to resonate with people. They feel good about helping others, but they also have a lot of fun picking out their beautiful ceramic bowls.”

Tickets for Empty Bowls are available by contacting givingcircle@hotmail.com or calling 703-648-0222.



Theresa Alison Smyth

Theresa Alison Smyth, 21, Dies

Theresa Alison Smyth, known to all as Alison, died in Carlisle, Pa., on Feb. 28, following a long illness. Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, on Aug. 27, 1988, to a Foreign Service family, she subsequently lived in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Jamaica before returning to the United States to complete high school.

A 2006 valedictorian of South Lakes High School in Reston, Smyth was a student at the University of Virginia pursuing a dual major in psychology and biology, reflecting her keen interest in animal behavior, her skills in animal spotting and tracking, and her talent for conflict resolution. Fearless in all endeavors and deeply contemptuous of all hypocrisy or cruelty, she enjoyed rock climbing, hiking, literature, knitting, aquatics, and the theater, and was unreservedly devoted to her family and friends.

Known for her quick wit, curiosity, intelligence, and all-encompassing compassion, Smyth leaves behind her grieving parents, Janice and Richard Smyth of Carlisle; her dear sister, Caitlin Smyth of Newport News, Va.; grandmother, Kathleen Sullivan of Atlanta, Ga.; grandparents, Ronald and Alyce Smyth of Bend, Ore.; loving uncles; aunts; cousins and her beloved friends. Her father is currently detailed to the Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute at the U.S. Army War College.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Alison Smyth's memory to one of her favorite charities, the Jamaica Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 10 Winchester Road, Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies or to Horse Power for Life, 219 Prescott Drive, Chester Spring, PA 19425. Visit www.Since1853.com to send condolences.



The North Point candidates, from left, are Rengin Morro, Peter Greenberg and Mike Collins.



Incumbent Joe Leighton, left, and David Robinson are two of the four at-large candidates.

RA Board Candidates Debate Reston Priorities

Seven of 10 candidates attend ARCH forum.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

The only Reston Association Board of Directors race in which all the candidates showed up for the forum that the Association of Reston Clusters and Homeowners (ARCH) organized on Wednesday, March 3 was the run for the North Point district director's seat.

Rengin Morro introduced herself as a professor of conflict analysis and resolution, longtime volunteer and fiscal conservative. She said she wanted to freeze or decrease membership dues, not by cutting services but by finding alternate resources.

Peter Greenberg said his experience as a businessman who owns two hotels and his six years as chair and vice chair of the Alexandria Convention and Visitors' Association would be useful to him as a board member.

Mike Collins said he had helped to create and lead one of Habitat for Humanity's first homeowners associations and had a background in risk management consultation and litigation. He said his first priority as a board member would be communicating with residents.

Moderator Robert Goudie, chair of the ARCH Issues Committee, asked the candidates three questions, all of which had been sent to them ahead of time. Asked whether Reston needed additional recreational facilities and who should build them, Greenberg said need was not an issue because such facilities were nonessential. "I'd love to use the facilities, but I take the board's fiduciary respon-



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Ken Knueven and Kevin Danaher are two of the three Lake Anne/Tall Oaks District candidates.

sibilities far more seriously," he said. Greenberg said the board should not subject members to long-term debt and should focus instead on preserving and maintaining the association's existing parks and open spaces. He suggested placing the open spaces under a preservation easement.

Collins said the community had grown and therefore needed additional facilities. The two biggest obstacles were always cost and location, he said. "I don't think that should stop us. We can come up with that." He said the county, Reston Community Center or developers might be called on to help pay the bill.

As far as the proposal being discussed for indoor tennis, Morro said, "The Reston Association board is seeking for more information, and I think this is an appropriate thing." As a professor, she said she valued research. The vital question, though, was whether the community wanted the facility, she said.

GOUDIE ASKED whether the candidates considered last year's failed headquarters referendum

and thwarted proposal for a recreation center at Brown's Chapel Park to be worthwhile proposals that lacked support or whether there were broader lessons to be learned from those episodes.

Collins said he thought the headquarters referendum suffered from bad timing and what "perhaps wasn't the best sales job that could have been done." The lesson, he said, was to take ideas to the members sooner and solicit input. "Above all, I'm going to be visible and active throughout the community," he said.

"One word: 'Communication,'" Morro said. She said the reinstatement of the RA's Communications Advisory Committee showed that the board had learned a lesson. "While listening to others, we learn from each other," she said, adding that she would put her expertise in conflict resolution to use as a board member.

"The notion of an initiative that lacks community support is self-contradictory," Greenberg said, adding that members should come up with initiatives and the board carry them out. The recreation center, he said, was not fair or af-

fordable, while a county owned and operated facility, perhaps in the soon-to-be-redeveloped Reston Center for Industry and Government (RCIG), would make more sense. Greenberg said transparency, communication and outreach needed to be board habits, as well as managing and saving money.

Asked how the Reston Association should pitch the idea that future residents in the RCIG should be association members, Morro said money that developers hand over for parks proffers could be spent elsewhere, while Reston Association's amenities stay nearby and would make the developments more attractive to potential residents. "It will create a win-win situation for everyone who's involved," she said.

Greenberg said that, absent real data, he was not comfortable offering an opinion. "Common sense says that it's very unlikely," he said, adding that residents would probably already be paying condo fees to support amenities in their developments and that developers would likely see the cost of RA fees as a deterrent to people moving in.

Collins said those residents would at least be using the association's paths, while the association picked up after them. He said Reston residents already spoke of north and south Reston and the community didn't now need a "Middle Reston." "Developers sell communities, and we've got one," he said, adding, "It's 50 bucks a month. It's not a huge burden."

Goudie said at-large candidate Patrick Shipp and Lake Anne/Tall Oaks district candidate Guy Rando had both expressed a desire to participate in the forum but were unable to be there that night. At-large candidate Rod Koozmin was

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Letter Lists Concerns, Proposals

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deny Comstock that same right. "Can we deny something we've provided over the course of the years?" he asked.

Board member Cheryl Beamer said the letter should at least make clear that the association did not want any waivers for storm water retention granted.

Edwards said the developer had

planned to retain all storm water onsite.

THE LETTER also encourages a minimum of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification and pushes for the county to improve pedestrian access to the station area, particularly across Sunset Hills Road and Wiehle Avenue, and to determine

how Soapstone Drive might be extended over the Dulles Toll Road corridor and look into direct access from the parking garage onto the westbound Dulles Toll Road ramp.

The board moved that Smyers and staff be authorized to incorporate suggestions from the evening's discussion into the letter and forward it to county officials.



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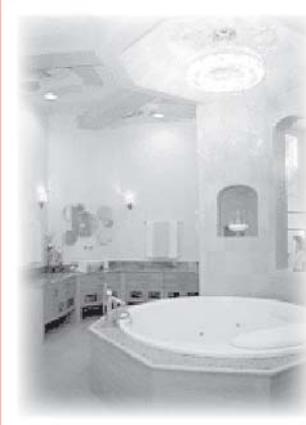
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OPINION

No Way

Assembly should kill bill that would pave way to hand state tax revenues to private companies in public-private transportation projects.

While most states are working on ways to increase revenues during the recession, which cost states across the country more than \$80 million in just 12 months in 2009, Virginia's governor appears to be looking for a way to give away future state revenue.

Virginia already has a public-private transportation act, which paved the way for the ongoing construction of "High Occupancy Toll" Lanes on the Beltway for example.

Public-private partnerships have their place.

But a last minute proposal in the Virginia General Assembly would not only allow the private entity to collect direct revenue from a project, like tolls, but would also allow agreements that would pay the private company a portion of increases in tax revenues that might result from the project.

If this were in place when the HOT-Lanes agreement was written, for example, the Commonwealth of Virginia might be paying the private company in this public-private partnership quarterly payments equal to as much as 50 percent of income taxes paid by construction workers and engineers working on the project, plus a similar proportion of sales taxes paid on equipment and materials purchased for the project, plus "multiplier or spin-off economic activity," and so on, in addition to the agreement that allows the company to collect

the tolls on the road for more than half a century.

CONSIDER: The bill, HB 1395, allows for the state to pay grants to a private entity out of a "portion of the growth in state taxes attributable to the development of the project."

"State tax revenues attributable to such economic activity may include, but shall not be limited to, state tax revenues from (i) wages, salaries, and contract payments paid to persons in the development of the transportation facility; (ii) purchases of machinery, equipment, and materials in the development of the transportation facility; (iii) insurance premiums paid; (iv) the production of goods or services at business locations within a geographical area surrounding or adjacent to the transportation facility; and (v) multiplier or spin-off economic activity relating to the development of the transportation facility including, but not limited to, wages, salaries, and contract payments paid to multiplier or spin-off jobs."

The money would be paid out of the General Fund, money intended to pay for basics of education, public safety and a social safety net, all facing draconian cuts right now.

If that isn't scary enough, the bill would also allow localities and "authorities" to enter into such agreements.

MANY OTHER STATES that have entered

into public-private transportation projects have done so by having the private company pay huge up-front cash payments, billions of dollars, in exchange for "leasing" a toll road, that is collecting the tolls for some often very long period of time into the future. In the HOT Lanes example, the company is widening the Beltway and replacing and repairing bridges, etc., between approximately the American Legion Bridge and the Mixing Bowl, in exchange for being able to charge an as-yet-to-be determined toll to drive in a lane that will be kept free of congestion by raising the tolls, likely much higher than the \$4.15 each way currently charged on the Dulles Greenway. Vehicles with three or more occupants (high-occupancy) will ride in the congestion-free lanes without charge. Or that's the plan.

At the point that the state believes that it's appropriate to collect tolls approaching \$10 for a round trip on a portion of their commute, it makes sense to investigate the funds available to the state directly by issuing bonds based on that revenue stream.

It's not clear who is looking out for the best interests of the citizens of Virginia in these partnerships. Details of some proposals, like a proposal for HOT-Lanes on I-95 appear to build in many guarantees and protections for the private companies, but less for the Virginians who would be paying the tolls or who could be getting less benefit for their tax dollars.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Building Bridges, The Reston Way

To the Editor:

What good news that Imam Mohammed Magid and Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk are being honored as "the Best of Reston." They are building on a ten year foundation of friendship and mutual respect between ADAMS (All Dulles Area Muslim Society) and the United Christian Parish of Reston.

In 2000, The United Christian Parish invited ADAMS to hold their Friday prayers in our Hunters Woods sanctuary, following the fire at Dogwood Elementary School, where they had previously met. That began a relationship, made more important on Sept. 11, 2001. On that terrible day, when all citizens were in shock and many were fearful, UCP gathered members of all local religious communities for a service of prayer and consolation. The representatives of ADAMS came cautiously and were received with grace, and became a vital part of the community. Since that time they have joined in the interfaith activities on a number of occasions, and the

bonds have continued with my successors, the Rev. Dr. Bruce Irwin and the Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes.

Last year when the Hunters Woods UCP building was sold, and the sanctuary was no longer available, UCP tried to assist ADAMS in finding a new home in Reston for Friday prayer. During a meeting for Works Sunday, a program of interfaith community activity founded by UCP, the need for a new site was expressed and two congregations stepped forward. St. Thomas à Becket was unable to meet ADAMS schedule but the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation graciously offered their space. The rest is history.

Where else but Reston could Jews, Muslims and Christians share sacred space and grow in appreciation and understanding at such a meaningful level? Congratulations to all.

(The Rev.) Suzanne Rudiselle

Letter Writer's Assertions Challenged

To the Editor:

I read with some amusement

Rick Beyer's recent letter to the editor ["Three Responsible Choices for RA Board," Reston Connection, March 3-9, 2010]. I am compelled to respond to some of the assertions made in his letter.

Beyer asserts the results of last year's RA Board elections were "wrongly interpreted by most members [of the RA Board] as a mandate to do whatever [the Board] wanted." I guess we could get into an academic discussion of how to define "most" but the bottom line is this is a patently false characterization of a majority of the current RA Board. More importantly, Beyer knows his statement to be false.

Beyer asserts the RA Board "has taken advantage of its members by using executive privilege to hold an excessive number of closed-door meetings." I can only surmise that Beyer is living in the past. As he knows, I am a strong proponent of the limited and proper use of executive sessions during RA Board meetings. As a former president of RA, Beyer is fully aware of the statutory requirements governing when the RA Board can meet in executive session. Since I am sure he has done his homework and knows precisely how infre-

quently the Board has actually met in executive session recently, I can only assume Beyer knows his statement to be false.

While the most recent RA Headquarters facility referendum "failed" to achieve the required supermajority, the whole point of the referendum was to gauge the level of member support for acquiring such a facility rather than continuing to pay rent. This was an inclusive act, not an exclusive one. Beyer, of course, understands this because Beyer championed a similar HQ referendum during his term as president of RA that was approved by RA members. Unfortunately, since his referendum was so flawed in its space and financial assumptions, a subsequent referendum became necessary. Perhaps his leadership to defeat the latest referendum was simply an attempt to validate his original referendum.

Beyer asserts the RA Board "promoted construction of the \$100 million Brown's Chapel recreational facility." Since he knows there was never any RA Board action in support of the conceptual facility, I can only assume Beyer knows his statement to be false.

Beyer closes his letter by stating
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OPINION

...Shall Not Be Abridged!

BY JACK KENNY
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN CLUB
OF GREATER RESTON

In a few short days, the General Assembly is expected to finish the 2010 Session except for the "Veto Session." Let us review the votes cast by our senator and our delegate representing the

A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

Reston area focusing on our basic rights and freedoms. First responders did not fare well on our delegate's position. The bill provided that persons murdering or being an accomplice to murdering emergency medical personnel would be charged with a capital offense. He has continued to vote against imposing the capital punishment for murder crimes as it has never been shown that capital punishment has to be shown to be a deterrent to murder. Somewhere the phrase "Right to life, liberty and the pursuit to happiness" should be considered. That, plus the responsibility of the state to provide protection of its

citizens seems not to be considered. Does one remember the riots in D.C. in the 1960s where firemen were taking sniper fire when trying to stop our nation's capital from burning?

"The Death Committee" (Senate Courts of Justice Committee) met to demolish the "Castle Doctrine" bill. The basis of this bill resides in the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Based on old English doctrine "The house of every one is to him as his castle and fortress, as well for his defence against injury and violence." Thus, a citizen may be prosecuted for defending his home against someone using force, including deadly force invading his or her home. Another assault on our rights vs. protection of criminals.

The Death Committee relegated a number of anti-gun control bills to the trash bin. A special Senate sub-committee was formed to consider at least 15 bills addressing the right to carry weapons, as well



as various administrative procedures in localities throughout the Commonwealth. Bowing to the crime rate in the State of New York, Virginia had to impose a one-gun per month limit purchase. It seems that not only are we responsible for New York's trash, but we should examine whether or not this imposition actually had an effect on New York's crime rate. In actual fact, the former "Hiz Honor" Guiliani had a far bigger impact on cleaning up some of New York's crime by hiring loads more policeman. In actuality, the Republican-controlled House of Delegates was more concerned about our rights and safety than was the Democrat-controlled Senate. The people spoke.

However, the Senate did take a stand against the incursion of the Federal Government ever-increasing control of our lives. The 10th Amendment provides for limiting the powers of the U.S. Congress

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GRACE Exhibits Emerging Visions

The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) recently conducted its Emerging Visions: Fusion show in celebration of Youth Art Month. The show features submissions from Herndon, South Lakes and Pimmit Hills high schools. The show was a success with many guests attending and artists pleased with how their work was received and at being recognized in a professional art gallery.

"The art show was really cool and it's also a great way to get noticed as an artist," said Nick Fagan, an artist who worked with Conner Geery to create "Coming Through the Walls." "I really enjoyed watching how people interacted with our piece and reacted to it."

The guests, parents, friends and teachers alike, praised the art and the artists. The show included themes like the combination of art and science, the fusion of nature and science and



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Juliana Nazare and Hannah Elmer, seniors at South Lakes High School, pose in front of their piece, a fusion of art and math.

messages against pollution. Some students were relatively new to the art scene and happy about being in the show. "I'm not really an artist so it was all overwhelming especially with all the people there," said Sorina Rosoiu. "But in the end, I thought it was a really fun and exciting experience."

"Emerging Visions: Fusion" is

open through April 15. A Teen Night will take place on the closing night, April 15 from 6-9 p.m. GRACE is located at Reston Town Center, 12001 Market St. and is open Tuesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.restonarts.org or call 703-471-9242 for more information.

— BRANDON MENDONCA

CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/MARCH 11

Lupus Support Group. 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. tinyurl.com/lupusgrps or 1-888-349-1167.

Friends' Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder. Adults. 703-689-2700.

Big Apple Circus. 7 p.m. at the Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Sterling. Tickets \$15-\$52 at 888-541-3750 or bigapplecircus.org.

Author Sandra Parshall: Broken Places. 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston. 703-437-9490.

FRIDAY/MARCH 12

Big Apple Circus. 7 p.m. at the Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Sterling. Tickets \$15-\$52 at 888-541-3750 or bigapplecircus.org.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change. 8 p.m. at Reston Community Center CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Tickets \$18-\$21. 703-476-4500.

SATURDAY/MARCH 13

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. at George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. With Alon Goldstein, piano, and Avner Dorman, composer. 7 p.m. pre-concert lecture free to ticketed patrons. The Symphony requests concertgoers bring canned foods to the concert, to be donated to Food for Others. \$25-\$55. Tickets available at 1-888-945-2468 or Tickets.com.

Midas Touch Pot of Gold Gala. 7:30 p.m. at Artspace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. 100 Pot of Gold Raffle tickets available for purchase at \$100 each, including admission to the Gala. \$2,500 first prize, \$500 second prize. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, door prizes and more. www.artspaceherndon.com or 703-956-6590.

Celebrating Black History Concert. 3 p.m. at Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne Center, Reston. Music by R. Nathaniel Dett, Boyd E. Gibson, John Childs and Richard Smallwood. Free, donations accepted. Proceeds benefit Haiti earthquake relief. Bring canned food to Reston Interfaith Food Pantry. <http://wpbevents.org>.

Reston Contra Dance. At the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. Beginners' workshop 7:15 p.m., dance 8-10:45 p.m. \$8 admission, workshop free. Potluck snacks. Partner not necessary. 703-476-4500.

Solar System Exploration. 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925

Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. NASA's use of robotic spacecraft to explore the solar system. Age 6-12. 703-689-2700.

Big Apple Circus. 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Sterling. Tickets \$15-\$52 at 888-541-3750 or bigapplecircus.org.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change. 8 p.m. at Reston Community Center CenterStage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. This performance will be sign interpreted for the deaf and hard of hearing. Tickets \$18-\$21. 703-476-4500.

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Big Apple Circus. 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Sterling. Tickets \$15-\$52 at 888-541-3750 or bigapplecircus.org.

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MONDAY/MARCH 15

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Reston of the Amphibians. 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Meet a toad and participate in amphibian activities. Preschool. 703-689-2700.

Debate Continues Next Thursday

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in the audience, but Goudie said Koozmin had elected not to participate because he was bothered by one of the questions.

THIS LEFT ONLY TWO of the four at-large candidates participating. David Robinson introduced himself as a past member of the Devonshire Cluster board and current co-chair of the Reston Association's Parks and Planning Advisory Committee. And, as a corporate liaison for UPS, he said he knew how to build relationships between entities and take a long-term view on issues. "I'm running to encourage that we do that," he said. "What do we want Reston to look like in 10 years?"

As president of his cluster for 10 years, Joe Leighton said he was practiced in communicating with members. And, as the only incumbent running for a seat, he touted his nine-year record on the board, including helping to pass the Nature Center referendum by making sure membership dues didn't pay for the project, suggesting changes to the association's investment strategies that ended up yielding higher returns, and ensuring that Tall Oaks Pool opened. Among the goals he listed for the next term were increasing transparency, keeping the pools open, limiting dues and making sure future residents of the RCIG would be Reston Association members.

Goudie asked what were the

most important recommendations for the Reston master planning that was underway, and Leighton said keeping the North Point and South Lakes village centers unchanged and including adequate parking in any developments in the RCIG would be important.

Robinson said he wanted to get more people involved. He noted that, while much had been made of the 600 people who turned out for a meeting about the recreation center proposal, that number represented only 1 percent of the community. "We better do it in numbers or we're not going to have a winning argument," he said of the master plan process.

When the candidates were asked what they thought of accusations that the Reston Association had abused its option to conduct discussions behind closed doors in executive sessions, Robinson said he wasn't sure what had caused such remarks. Executive session has specific purposes, such as discussing personnel issues, he said. "I would say it's a valuable option to have when you need it. It should be used very sparingly."

"The problem has been pretty well eliminated," Leighton said, crediting RA President Robin Smyers with a new practice of publicly identifying each executive session's purpose. If anyone started discussing a matter inappropriate for a closed-door talk, they were told to stop, he said, adding that the remaining problem was that

the audience was always gone when the board came out of executive session.

Asked whether the headquarters referendum and recreation center initiatives were worthwhile efforts or there were broader lessons to be learned, Leighton said of the headquarters proposal, "We should have gotten more member input before it went to referendum." Now, he said, he was pleased that the indoor tennis proposal was coming from the Parks and Planning Advisory Committee, rather than the board, where last year's recreation center proposal had originated. "You don't start at the top. You start at the bottom, so to speak," Leighton said.

Robinson agreed. He said he had opposed one of the two proposals — although it wasn't clear which one — because he had thought it was too big and not enough information had been provided. He said the Parks and Planning Advisory Committee was now being told to gather just enough information to bring an indoor tennis proposal to the community before moving further. "I think that's a very important lesson learned," he said.

LAKE ANNE/TALL OAKS DISTRICT candidate Ken Kneueven said his district was bearing the brunt of many of the changes and challenges to Reston in recent years, such as pool closures and the need for revitalization at Lake Anne Village Center, and he said

the area's residents needed to have a unified voice. As an executive at Microsoft, he said he understood how high-performance organizations operated.

Kevin Danaher said his work as the community events director for Reston Community Center had given him experience in a leadership role working with a variety of local organizations. Also, he said he had been on the board of the Ivy Oak Square Condominium Association for the last 12 years and volunteered as the production manager for the South Lakes High School chorus and chair of the book fair at Lake Anne Elementary School.

When Goudie asked about the need for more recreational facilities and who should supply them, Danaher said there was "absolutely" a need for facilities, as evidenced by "statistically valid surveys" and existing waiting lists. "My daughter swims and, let me tell you, we need an indoor pool," he said, adding that having the county pay for it would be the easy answer, except that the county was in the process of cutting fire fighters, police officers and education funding. "I personally think we need to get the new developers to pay for it," he said.

"When the county can't afford to do these things, how in the world can we afford to do these things?" Kneueven asked. He wondered how the RA could talk about opening pools at a time when it was clos-

ing them, and he said the association should focus on maintenance of its facilities and avoid incurring debt.

Asked what recommendations were most important to the master plan update, Kneueven said infrastructure, including the recommendations of the Reston Metrorail Access Group (RMAG) would be critical, and upgrades to infrastructure should be in place before development is increased. Also important, he said, would be preservation of open space, both in the RCIG and throughout Reston.

"I'd like to see IPAR (Initiative for Public Art Reston) included in the master plan process," Danaher said, adding architecture design guidelines for new development would also be desirable. Most importantly, he said, future residents in the RCIG needed to be RA members. "Otherwise, it's going to Balkanize Reston." And he said new development should be planned for bikes, pedestrians and buses. "If you plan for cars, that's what you're getting," he said.

When Goudie asked about the implications of the headquarters and recreation center initiatives, Danaher said he thought timing played a role in the fate of the headquarters referendum, with the current landlord balking at extending the lease until the real estate market crashed just before the lease was up. Then, he said, the board was "handcuffed" by the \$5 million that had been approved in

a previous referendum. As for the recreation center, he said he thought the effort was valid, as it was a direct response to a 2005 survey that showed ball fields ranking low in importance and indoor recreation as a priority. "The history of Reston is littered with projects that got killed by NIMBY (Not in My Back Yard) opposition," he said, but he added that the association should have taken the idea to the community earlier in the process.

"I looked at these situations as a little bit of abuse of executive session," Kneueven said, adding that the board could have seen better results if it had been more open with members. He said he thought the proposed price tag for the new headquarters was "a stretch" and that the recreation center seemed like the right thing until residents realized how much planning had been done before it was presented to them and that the RA would have been deeding away land to the county.

Kneueven, Greenberg and Leighton have been openly endorsed by the Save Brown's Chapel group that formed last year to fight the proposal for a recreation center at Brown's Chapel Park. Meanwhile, RA President Robin Smyers has openly endorsed Danaher, Collins and Robinson.

Another candidates' forum is scheduled for next Thursday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Nature House.



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Andy Hill will be working the South Lakes High football sidelines next fall season.

Andy Hill Named New South Lakes High Football Coach

Led Park View football to four playoff appearances in recent years.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Former Park View High football coach Andy Hill has been named the new head coach at South Lakes High School.

Hill, who led Park View to the Region II, Division 4 playoffs last fall, replaces John Ellenberger.

Under Ellenberger last fall, South Lakes went 5-6. The season was an up and down one for the Seahawks, who began 5-1 before losing their final four regular season games and then seeing their season end with a first round Division 5 Northern Region playoff loss to eventual region champion Stone Bridge.

Ellenberger, who remains at South Lakes as the assistant director of student activities, was at the helm of the South Lakes football program for six years. The Seahawks went 17-45 during those six seasons but did qualify for the Division 5 playoffs twice.

Hill, who was named the new coach three weeks ago, is the eighth head coach in South Lakes' football history. In its 32 years of existence, the program has captured four district titles (1983, 1984, 1988 and 1991) and a pair of Northern Region titles — in 1991 under Bob Graumann and in 2002 under Joe Trabucco. The Seahawks' last winning season

came in that 2002 campaign when they went 9-4.

Hill was the Park View head coach the past five years. In 2007, he led the Patriots, members of the Dulles District, to a 10-2 record. That Patriots' team started off 9-0 before losing to district rival Broad Run in the final week of the regular season with the district title on the line.

However, Park View avenged that setback the following week with a 16-12 win at Broad Run in a Region II, Division 4 playoff game. That sent the Patriots into the region finals where their season ended with a 38-0 title game loss at Sherando High (Stephens City).

After the loss to Sherando, Hill said, "For us to win 10 football games this year, that's quite a statement for this team. When people look at this [38-0] score, it won't be an indication of how the season went."

Park View, the following season (2008) slipped to 3-7 but this past fall came back strong with an 8-4 record and another region playoff berth. In the postseason, Hill's Patriots defeated Western Albemarle, 35-0, in a region semifinals home playoff game before falling to Winchester's Handley High, 33-7, in the region title game.

Hill was thrilled with his team's success in 2009, especially following the three-win season the year

before.

"It was an incredible job by everybody," said Hill, of the '09 season. "All of these kids played [in the 3-7 season in 2008] and really put in their minds that we weren't going to be that team this year. 8-4 was a real step up."

Over his five seasons at Park View, Hill led the Patriots to two district titles and four playoff appearances. Overall, Park View was 35-21 during his tenure at the school.

Hill announced his resignation as the Patriots' head coach in an e-mail to the Park View community on Jan. 15.

"This was not an easy decision, but it was one that was made after a lot of thought and consideration," Hill wrote in the letter. "I have had a great time here at Park View over the last five years, and while I have matured and grown professionally in this experience, the most difficult part of the decision was leaving the student-athletes that make up our program. My decision came down to my personal desire to seek a new challenge."

Hill grew up in Minnesota and earned two varsity letters as a college football player at the University of St. Thomas (St. Paul, Minn.) At St. Thomas, he earned a degree in social sciences for secondary education. Following college, he remained in Minnesota where he had coaching stints at Hill-Murray School, Apple Valley High and Woodbury High before ultimately coming to Northern Virginia.



PHOTO COURTESY/LANGLEY HOCKEY

The Langley ice hockey team finished an outstanding 8-1-1 during the regular season to qualify for the postseason.

The Langley High ice hockey club finished its regular season with an 8-1-1 record following an impressive 10-0 Senior Night win over Loudoun County High School on Feb. 12.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

With the victory, Langley clinched the Northern Virginia Scholastic Hockey League (VSHL) North Division Conference title. Langley has now won the division championship three out of the last four years. Langley celebrated the Senior Night win with big games from 12th graders Todd Hatfield (three goals), John Mensing (two goals), Will Derryberry (two goals), Jon-Marc Diner (two goals) and John Labelle (one goal). Freshman Evan Sterling also had a strong game and scored a hat trick. Junior goaltender Brendan Mullen was awarded the 'hard hat' after the game by his teammates as the hardest working player of the game. He made numerous spectacular saves during the game to preserve the shutout.

The Fairfax County Football Hall of Fame will be honoring three new inductees on March 14, at 4 p.m., at the McLean Hilton Hotel

The 2010 class includes Dallas Cowboys tight end and former Vienna Youth player Jason Witten, Nick Hilgert of Robinson Secondary and Richard Herman of Fort Belvoir Youth Sports.

Awards for high school and youth football players from the area will be handed out as well.

For ticket information, contact Betty Powell at bpowe1@aol.com or 703-273-3216.

Langley High graduate Morgan Danner, a sophomore member of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (Troy, N.Y.) women's indoor track and field team, was named a Women's Track and Field Performer of the Week as a result of her strong showing at the Liberty League championships. At the postseason meet, Danner finished third or better in all four events she competed in. She won her second straight indoor pole vault title with a height of 3.05 meters and also claimed victory in the long jump with a distance of 5.22 meters. The McLean resident also finished third in the triple jump (10.22) and helped the 4x200 relay team to a second place finish. It was the second Field Performer of the Week honor for Danner, who was also recognized with the same award on Feb. 1.

Bennett Standiford of Great Falls is a starting defenseman on the Trinity College (Conn.) men's lacrosse team this spring. A senior defender and three-year letterman, Standiford was part of a 2008 Trinity team, under coach Jim Finlay, that advanced to the New England Small College Athletic Conference semifinals. In high school, Standiford was a Langley High lacrosse starter under coach Earl Brewer.

Fairfax Holds Snow Summit

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors transportation committee will host a "Snow Summit" at the Fairfax County Government Center March 16 at 3:30 p.m. to assess what did and did not work well during the region's two major snow storms.

The summit will be a public meeting but members of the public will not be given an opportunity to testify during the meeting. Instead, Fairfax County and the Virginia Department of Transportation are soliciting comments and stories about the snow storms in advance of the meeting.

County officials encourage people to provide input at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/snowsummit/> by March 15 at 8 a.m. The summit will be broadcast live on channel 16 in Fairfax County.

— Julia O'Donoghue

SCHOOL NOTES

The following Reston residents have been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Virginia Tech at Blacksburg: Christopher H. Cummins, Omar G. Dary, Erik P. Lund, Jennifer L. Ravinskas, Ezana G. Zewdie, Timothy J. Boyle, Christopher B. Cox, Dana A. De Filippi, Aleksander V. Drozdetski, Joshua R. Eager, Sarah L. Francis, Scott E. Fundling, Matthew L. Green, Tara M. Kharrazian, Jessica E. Leonard, Naomi A. McCrea, Vanessa J. Oakes, James M. Parnham, David J. Pina, Eric J. Richards, Corey A. Robinson, Rachel N. Russell and Nachamai M. Singaram.

The following Reston residents have been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Virginia Tech at Blacksburg: Havens A. Smith, Nora B. Tayiel, Joshua A. Albert, Jeffrey S. Bentley, Kevin A. Chauvin, Carly P. Erickson, Anna A. Findley, Marliese A. Gowin, Brandon W. Grubic, Benjamin H. Jackson, Jessica R. Luehrs, Benjamin S. Miller, Courtney A. Pence, Trevor L. Richards, Ryan A. Scimeca, David L. Selnick, Daniel P. Shanahan, Grace E. Shin, Jennifer N. Sibio, Kelly A. Simoncic, Sarah C. Skrocki, Lawrence A. Stern and Megan D. Whitham.

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OPINION

Core Services of Government

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

The General Assembly is likely to meet its March 13 deadline for passing legislation with the probable exception of reaching agreement on the biennial budget. Conferees from the House and Senate are working to resolve major differences between the two bodies on a spending plan for the next two years. Agreement will be difficult to reach as the task is greater than getting the numbers in the different budgets to add up; the differences are in the definitions of the core services of government held by the Republican-controlled House of Delegates and the Democratic-controlled State Senate. The differences could not be starker than in the contrasting

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plans for funding public education. The Senate budget that I voted for would provide more than a half-billion dollars more for public schools than the House budget. In a floor debate in which I engaged on public education funding, the vice-chairman of the House Appropriations Committee told the members of the House in response to my plea for greater funding for preschool education that he did not consider preschool to be a core service of government. While I always suspected that was his feeling, I was nonetheless shocked to hear him say it. That same member in a leadership role in the House may feel the same way about remedial and alternative education as those programs were slashed in the House budget. How far the definition of core services goes in public education is unclear as there is a strong push to establish charter schools.

The legislature is likely to recess

and members go home until a budget compromise is reached. A short, probably one-day session would be called to ratify the budget plan in that case. Gov. McDonnell (R) indicated last week that he is likely to call two special sessions: one to deal with his plan to reorganize government and another to respond to our transportation needs. While the House budget provides a glimpse as to what the Republican governor and House majority consider the core services of government, a special session will reveal the broader blueprint. A periodic review of government functions is appropriate.

We need to be vigilant though as to the winners and losers in this new definition of government. What some people may consider budget bloat may be other people's safety net.

Check on the progress on legislation at <http://legis.virginia.gov>.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 6

that "members of the RA Board have selected" a slate of candidates. It is certainly true that some on the RA Board did considerable community outreach to encourage Members to volunteer to serve. They did so precisely to avoid another uncontested election and to give RA members a choice of candidates. As for slates, the only slate that existed at the time candidates filed to run was the one Beyer organized.

Beyer's characterization of candidates who are not on his "slate" as being "either conflicted, new to the community and/or will go along with business as usual" is not only unfounded, it's an embarrassment to the community. Again, Beyer knows his statement to be false.

I do agree that "RA members deserve better." Reston Association members deserve a reasoned, honest, respectful, and civil dialogue on the issues of importance to the association and community. Unfortunately, Beyer and the core members of his Save Brown's Chapel coalition seem unwilling to take the high road when it comes to communicating with the Reston community.

Richard Chew
Reston

ing open space to the brink of success, a position that made him an outsider on the current Board.

Vote for Peter and Joe and send a message to the rest of the RA Board – open immediately!

Michael and Therese Hathaway
Reston

Great Potential Of Volunteering

To the Editor:

One of the greatest potentials for recreation and helping the Reston Association budget-wise is citizen volunteering. I participated in the recent Reston shovel out and in the past remember our parents volunteering at the Terraset Elementary School. The Terraset Elementary School had become overrun with weeds and we parents rolled up our sleeves and cleaned the place up. It gave all of us a great feeling maybe kind of like community barn rising of old.

I'm not speaking of the pick of volunteering the Reston Association usually emphasizes. I think citizens could with training pretty much do everything in Reston and would like to mostly for the fun of it.

Some may not like to go cut down a tree or use a front-end loader for the fun of it but I believe there are plenty of people who would and it would make Reston a better closer community.

Once friends moved and gave me their old lawn tractor, which they no longer used. I brought it over to my little place here in Reston but there just wasn't much to cut though I tried to cut the neighbors for a while. I tried to volunteer to mow the Reston property but there was just no concept of greater citizen volunteering at RA and my request to help mow fell on deaf ears.

I was intrigued by a citizen who brought a bob cat to the recent shovel out. Another brought his own snow thrower. How much more potential might there be for citizen volunteering and how might can it help Reston lower the annual dues? And it would be fun!

Rod Koozmin
Reston

The writers is a candidate for the RA Board.

Board Needs to 'Open Immediately'

To the Editor:

"Open immediately!" — That's what the RA Election Ballot's envelope shouted. In fact, that's a great slogan for those of us who demand a more transparent, responsible and accountable RA Board.

This election is a vital opportunity to upgrade our representation on the Board by voting for Peter Greenberg in the North Point District and by re-electing Joe Leighton to the at large seat. Peter led the charge against the irresponsible, misconceived and ridiculously expensive proposal to build the misnamed "Robert E. Simon Recreation Center" on top of Brown's Chapel Park. Joe courageously stood against the back-room deals and cronyism that pushed the destruction of Reston's largest remain-



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Herndon Middle School eighth-grader Jefferson Talbot poses with some of the old paint cans he collected from residents of his Reston neighborhood as a National Junior Honor Society service project.

Eighth-Grader Disposes of Paint Cans

Reston resident brings neighbors' old paint to disposal site.

The National Junior Honor Society eighth-grade students at Herndon Middle School have been busy with service activities in the community. One of those students, Jefferson Talbot, organized a "paint can collection" day in his Reston neighborhood. Jefferson distributed informational flyers to his neighbors that explained proper disposal of old paint and offered to purge any unwanted paint cans.

On Saturday, Feb. 27, Jefferson spent the morning collecting and transporting paint cans from his neighborhood to the Fairfax County Household Hazardous Waste site. He collected more than 100 paint cans and needed both his parents' cars to get everything to the disposal site.

Jefferson wanted to do a community service activity that would directly benefit his neighbors. After hearing his mother complain about all the old paint that had collected in their basement, Jefferson thought other neighbors probably had the same problem, so he did some research about paint disposal and made a plan to help get rid of all that old paint. The neighbors appreciated the effort and Jefferson's mom is glad to be rid of all those paint cans.

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Phase Two (Year Two, Diagnosis to Date)



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Now that year one is over, what next? Ergo, the problem. So much of year one (post diagnosis) is spent assimilating; facts, feelings, and figuring out all the new people, places and things that cancer and its treatment present. Eventually, for me, anyway, it all becomes routine, second nature, almost. The mental energy/capacity needed to coordinate, arrange and integrate all the cancer elements into your life has lessened as year one has come to an end. No longer am I stressing over where do I go, who do I see, how do I get there and when will I know, whatever; now it has simply become, what happens next?

However, it's that uncertainty concerning what does happen next which is likely responsible for the malaise, the ennui, the lack of drive that has characterized my attitude/behavior over the past month or two. Originally I thought my missing motivation was simply a natural reaction to the cable-computer disconnect I wrote about ("Not Able Without Cable," 1/20/2010) and experienced during the last two weeks of December. Now, I'm beginning to think that the neutral in which I'm stuck might be more symptomatic and probably characteristic of cancer patients who've been given 13-month to two-year life expectancies; at some point, reality has to take its toll. As I find myself saying recently (and regularly) in trying to explain my feelings, I can be naive or I can be in denial, but I don't think I can be both. I have a serious situation here and pretending/presuming that somehow it's not, is hardly a long-term solution.

But it has been a year-one solution. However, that year is up and so too is the effectiveness of that solution. So now, I have to come up with a year-two solution, a solution which has been difficult to find, and one whose non-existence is likely responsible for my less-than-chipper mood of late. Fortunately, this mood is not the result of any new pain or deficit that I'm experiencing. Generally speaking, my symptoms remain relatively manageable, all things considered, and have not changed appreciably. My problem is more mental than physical. I'm in the second year of a diagnosis whose original prognosis was that patients rarely, if ever, live beyond two years. As my Oncologist said, "There are no parades for lung cancer survivors;" (in fairness, it was in response to one of our questions). Nevertheless, am I supposed to ignore that medical (albeit statistical) fact and forget that I ever heard it just because I feel – and look – pretty good?

What really complicates finding a year-two solution is that much of what was new and difficult and emotionally overwhelming in year one for me, after becoming a cancer patient; (again, I feel I have to qualify since I can't speak for all or any other cancer patients) is not nearly so in year two. As a consequence, I now have "brain space" available, space that previously was filled with all sorts of cancer treatment/lifestyle stuff. It's not exactly gone but, it has found its own level, and in that leveling, has enabled my brain (subconsciously and consciously; heck, maybe even unconsciously) to wander the emotional landscape and begin to consider and assess the past, present and hopefully future of, Kenny-the-cancer patient/survivor. Considerations that were beyond its reach/grasp while dealing with all the cancer clutter of year one.

And it's wearing on me. I wouldn't say I'm worrying about dying it but it's getting increasingly more difficult to ignore certain facts/arrangements – medical, financial, insurance, funeral etc. – that might need to be made, and better made in advance, presumably. If you think I need some help, you're probably right. At the least, I needed to write about it. It's a start, anyway. Thanks for reading.

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to those powers provided for in the U.S. Constitution. The Senate voted to protect Commonwealth citizens against enforced ObamaCare. This vote caused no small consternation in the White House and U.S. Congress. The idea is growing across the entire country. Of course, the case can be made that Medicare can also be questioned as an appropriate extension of the Federal government, as well as a number of other programs ill-conceived or failing programs.

Bottom line: What does one not understand by the words "... shall not be abridged"?

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ARCpoint offers accurate, reliable and confidential testing for your workplace, your family and your life in a comfortable, efficient and convenient way that defines the ARCpoint experience.

ARCpoint is your community partner in helping to create a drug free Northern Virginia.

You are cordially invited to join Team ARCpoint in our GRAND OPENING EVENT

When: Monday, March 15, 2010
Time: 5:00 – 7:00pm
Where: ARCpoint Office
462 Herndon Parkway; Suite 103
Herndon, VA 20170

Complimentary Snacks and Drinks
Door Prizes

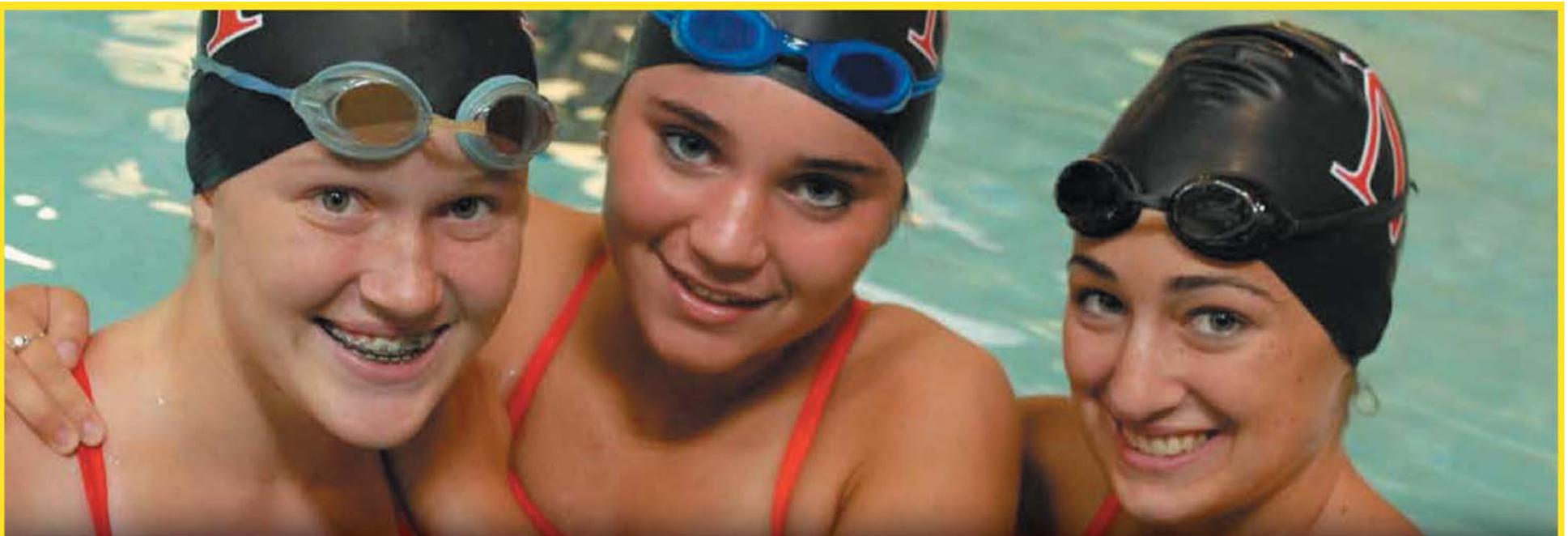
MAR. 18 - 21 **SAVE \$6 on Tickets to Weekday Shows!**
Applies to any scheduled Monday through Friday performance, except Friday evening.
verizon Center

MAR. 25 - APR. 4 **SAVE \$3 on Tickets to Weekend Shows!**
Applies to any scheduled Friday evening through Sunday evening performance.
Patriot Center
George Mason University

APR. 7 - 18
1 MARINER Arena

3 WAYS TO REDEEM YOUR SAVINGS:
1. In person at the appropriate Box Office
2. Log on to Ticketmaster.com and use code **MAGIC**
3. Call (202) 397-SEAT and use code **MAGIC**

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