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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY WRAP UP

The Virginia General Assembly concluded most of its 2010 legislative session March 14.

The following is a sample of bills that members of the Virginia General Assembly considered this year and information about how your local state senator and delegate voted on particular bills.

Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) still has an opportunity to veto any bill that General Assembly has passed over the next couple of weeks. Legislation that McDonnell vetoes would then require two-thirds of the votes in both branches of the General Assembly in a one-day session held April 21 in order to become law.

More information about each bill can be found on the General Assembly's Web site at <http://leg1.state.va.us>.

### Concealed Guns Allowed In Bars

The Virginia General Assembly has voted in favor of allowing people to carry a concealed gun into a bar or restaurant as long as they have an appropriate permit and do not consume alcohol. Current Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) has indicated he will sign the bill into law.

**IN FAVOR:** Vienna and Fairfax Sen. Chap Petersen (D-35); Vienna and Oakton Del. Mark Keam (D-34); McLean and Great Falls Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34); Clifton and Centreville Del. Tim Hugo (R-40); Franconia Del. Mark Sickles (D-43); Springfield and Lorton Del. Dave Albo (R-42); Fairfax Del. David Bulova (D-37)

**AGAINST:** McLean and Great Falls Sen. Janet Howell (D-34); Centreville, Burke and Springfield Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37); Chantilly Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67); McLean Del. Jim Scott (D-53); Mount Vernon Del. David Englin (D-45); Mount Vernon Del. Scott Surovell (D-44); Mount Vernon Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-36); Mount Vernon Sen. Toddy Puller (D-30); Herndon Del. Tom Rust (R-86); Reston Del. Ken Plum (D-36); Reston and Herndon Sen. Mark Herring (D-33); Fairfax Station and Clifton Sen. George Barker (D-39); Springfield Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35); Fairfax and Springfield Del. Vivian Watts (D-39)

### House Kills Several Bills To Ease Absentee Voting

About a half dozen bills aimed at relaxing the standards for early voting died in Virginia House of Delegates' subcommittees that review election law.

Virginia only allows residents to vote by mail or in person early if their circumstances – including having a disability or being out of town on election days – warrant a need to vote at a time other than when the polls are open.

Some would like Virginia to establish “no excuse” absentee voting, where residents would not have to provide a reason for voting before Election Day.

### Law To Shield Gay Workers, Pregnant Women Fails

A House of Delegates subcommittee killed legislation that would have expanded the list of reasons people could not be discriminated against to include sexual orientation, pregnancy, medical conditions related to childbirth and pregnancy or status as a veteran. No Northern Virginia legislator was on the subcommittee that voted the bill down.

Currently, the law specifically says employers cannot discriminate because of race, color, political affiliation, age, disability, national origin or sex.

### Money From HOT Lanes Tickets Will Go To Private Company

The private company that will own and operate the High Occupancy Toll [HOT] lanes being built from Springfield to Tysons Corner on the Capital Beltway will profit from those using the roadways both lawfully and unlawfully.

Transurban Group will not only collect revenue from people paying to ride in HOT lanes but also those who try to skip out on the fee and get caught. The Australian company will get to keep any of the money collected from traffic violations associated with the tolls.

Arlington County Del. Adam Ebbin (D-39) introduced legislation this year that would have altered this arrangement, sending all money collected from HOT lane violations to the state coffers instead of Transurban. But the Virginia House of Delegates' transportation committee voted to kill the legislation.

McLean, Great Falls and Herndon Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34), Clifton and Centreville Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) as well as Herndon Del. Tom Rust (R-86) – as members of the transportation committee – voted against Ebbin's proposal.

Ebbin's Arlington colleague, Del. Bob Brink (D-48), voted in favor of the bill.

### Establishing Charter Schools Made Easier, But Not Much

The Virginia General Assembly did agree to tweak the charter school application process, though the legislative body stopped far short of the complete overhaul Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) put before them.

The Virginia Board of Education will now review and decide whether to support each charter school proposal that surfaces in the commonwealth, though local school boards would still have the ultimate say in whether a new charter school opens in their district.

Charter school advocates have said that a local school board's ability to veto any char



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**Dignitaries and nonprofit representatives gather to cut the ribbon on the Connections for Hope Center. From left are Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), Tracey White of Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), Vecinos Unidos President Barbara Sorenson, county Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-at large), Literacy Council of Northern Virginia Executive Director Patti Donnelly, Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic Executive Director Meagan Ulrich, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), Community Services Board Executive Director George Braunstein, Helping Children Worldwide Chairman Todd Stottlemeyer, Helping Children Worldwide Executive Director Sarah Newman, Floris United Methodist Church senior pastor Rev. Tom Berlin and Reston Interfaith CEO Kerrie Wilson.**

## New Center Connects Nonprofits

**Connections for Hope celebrates grand opening.**

By MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

**W**e believe in hope. We are literally in the hope business," Rev. Tom Berlin, senior pastor at Herndon's Floris United Methodist Church, told the crowd gathered in the Herndon area's new nonprofit center Monday morning, March 15. It was the grand opening of Connections for Hope, a center that houses seven area nonprofits under one roof and still has room for more.

The idea of the center, conceived by Helping Children Worldwide, a nonprofit that started at Floris United Methodist, is for service organizations to share overhead costs while creating a single place where families in need can access various resources.

Berlin said he knew there was great need for such services in the community because residents in need turned to the church. For example, he said, he had just received an e-mail from a woman with a green card who was attending Northern Virginia Community

**"This all kind of started with Floris United Methodist Church, and it started 10 years ago."**

**— Todd Stottlemeyer, Helping Children Worldwide chairman**

College and had found herself with a \$2,500 bill for a root canal. "That's life-changing for her," he said.

"As a church, we're tired of Band-Aids," Berlin said, adding that there was no need to reinvent the roles of Reston Interfaith, the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic or any of the other organizations now housed in the center. The church and Helping Children Worldwide would rather help existing charities do their work more efficiently and effectively, he said, and he noted that there was still space in the building for a dental office that could provide root canals.

Helping Children Worldwide signed the lease on the newly renovated, 10,000-square foot building off Dulles Technology Drive and has hired a receptionist and otherwise manages the facil-

**"It has been great to have community members engaged with their idea and working toward the partnership you see today."**

**— Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill)**

ity while subletting space to the other nonprofit groups.

"This all kind of started with Floris United Methodist Church, and it started 10 years ago," Todd Stottlemeyer, chairman on the board of Helping Children Worldwide, told the crowd. It was then that the church set out to raise \$25,000 to help children in Sierra Leone and ended up raising about \$100,000, he said. Helping Children Worldwide was formed and opened a child rescue center and children's hospital in the impoverished African nation.

However, he said, the organization eventually decided it wanted to help children in its own community as well. "And we said, to help kids, oftentimes, you have to help parents and you have to help families." So Connections for

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**Students Dan Huchette, Amanda Youmans and Patrick Cullen repair the robot between matches.**

## Herndon High Robotics Team Wins Excellence in Design Award

**O**n March 5, at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center, Herndon High School's robotics team won the Excellence in Design Award sponsored by Autodesk for its animation called "A Case Study on the Usefulness and Impact of Rooftop Gardens on Reducing Smog and Carbon Emissions in Urban Settings, to the Ultimate Benefit of the Environment, Mankind, Flora, and Fauna Everywhere. And the Planet, too. And Turtles." A mentor on the team,

Greg Smith, won the Woodie Flowers award, which recognizes the mentor's contributions to the students and the team. The Herndon students had been preparing the robot up until the first match of the day, trying to make up for the two weeks of build time lost due to "snowmageddon." Even though the robot "Ed" did not place in the Washington, D.C. competition, the students can't wait for their next competition in Atlanta, Ga. when they get to try again.



**Greg Smith and his Woodie Flowers Award.**

## Parks Seek Volunteers for Cleanup

Eight Fairfax County Park Authority sites are seeking volunteers to do work gloves and lend a hand in picking up everything from plastic bottles and bags to discarded mattresses, rusting auto parts, old appliances, rubber tires and other debris illegally dumped in local waterways. Since 1990, volunteers have helped improve the health of the Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay downstream by removing trash from streams and creeks close to home.

The Frying Pan Farm Park Cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Participants are encouraged to wear boots, old clothes, and to bring gloves. Trash bags and appreciation will be provided. Call 703-437-9101 to register.

## Community Meeting on Wiehle Avenue Station

On Saturday, March 20, at 9 a.m. Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D- Hunter Mill) and the Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ) will host a community meeting to provide the community an opportunity to generate ideas for the Wiehle Avenue Transit station. The meeting takes place at Langston Hughes Middle School, Cafeteria, 11401 Ridge Heights Road, Reston.

DPZ will also be reporting on the results for the Brainstorming Activity for the Herndon/Monroe station area.

Hudgins encourages all Reston residents to come out and participate in the planning process for the Wiehle station. "The whole community should be involved in the process," Hudgins said. "We all want to retain Reston's existing natural beauty, vibrancy and sense of community. Working together, I know we can do that."

Questions regarding the meeting may be forwarded to Heidi Merkel of Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-324-1380.

## Herndon Rotary Club To Host Tango Gala

The 2010 Rotary Tango Gala takes place the Saturday, April 3, 6 p.m.-12 a.m., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Reston Town Center. The Rotary Club of Herndon is sponsoring the evening with the support of the Argentine Embassy of Washington, D.C. The evening will feature a live 30 piece orchestra with professional tango dancers and instructors, two floor dance areas, and a three-course gourmet dinner with complimentary Argentine wine.

Price: \$100 per person. Dress: Black Tie Optional.

In addition to the complimentary dinner, dessert and wine, a cash bar will be available. More information at [www.herndonrotary.org](http://www.herndonrotary.org).

## Vendors Needed for Feel Good Fair

Greater Reston Newcomers and Neighbors Club (GRNNC) is seeking vendors for their "Feel Good Fair" scheduled for April 15 at their monthly General Meeting. Vendors may purchase a table for \$23 and will be given a few minutes to talk about their product. Selling is permitted and encouraged. Contact Roberta at 703-433-2754 for application and further information.

Source: <http://www.americantowns.com/va/reston/news/vendors-needed-for-feel-good-fair-april-15-261775>.

## Laurel Learning Center Named Program of the Month

Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), the nation's oldest and largest children and families' literacy nonprofit organization, has named Laurel Learning Center's RIF Program in Reston as its national Program of the Month award recipient for February, 2010.

"The Laurel Learning Center has done a fantastic job of in

## NEWS

# Virginia Tech Team Wins Construction Award

Vaibhav Gupta of Herndon a member of the winning team.

Vaibhav Gupta of Herndon, a third-year construction engineering and management student in the Myers-Lawson School of Construction, College of Engineering, was on a team of five Virginia Tech students from the Colleges of Architecture and Urban Studies and Engineering who won first place in the 2009 Associated Schools of Construction/Associated General Contractors Region II Heavy-Civil competition in Jacksonville, Fla.

The team — Jason Lieb of Lafayette, N.J., a fourth-year construction engineering and management student in the Myers-Lawson School of Construction, College of Engineering; Stephanie Savoia of Chester, N.Y., a third-year construction engineering and management student in the Myers-Lawson School of Construction, College of Engineering; Josh Zilke of Winchester, Va., a second-year construction engineering and management student in the Myers-Lawson School of Construction, College of Engineering; Vaibhav Gupta of Herndon, a third-year construction engineering and management student in the Myers-Lawson School of Construction, College of Engineering; and Gavin McDuff of Flat Rock, N.C., a fourth-year building construction



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Pictured from left are Stephanie Savoia, Jason Lieb, Christine Fiori, Gavin McDuff, Josh Zilke and Vaibhav Gupta.

student in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies — were advised by Christine Fiori (<http://www.mlsoc.vt.edu/users/cfiori>), director of undergraduate programs for the Myers-Lawson School of Construction.

The student teams were given a construction problem statement at 7 a.m. on the day of the competition and had until 8 p.m. that same day to develop a solution, an estimate, and construction schedule. The teams had to consider concrete placement, traffic control, structural steel erection, bridge construction, and conventional concrete in their solution for the fictional Port Everglades Bridge project in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

After formulating their solutions, the teams had until 7:30 a.m. the next day to prepare a pre-

sentation for Kiewit, one of North America's largest and most respected construction and mining organizations. The winning team would be able to demonstrate full knowledge of plans and specifications, problem solving, construction methods, scheduling techniques, estimating, risk management, and communication skills. "Basically, we were in a hotel room for 24 hours working on the project. We went to bed at around 4 a.m., and found out we won at the banquet that night," said McDuff.

Fiori, of Blacksburg, received a doctorate in civil engineering, two master's degrees in engineering geology and civil engineering, and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Drexel University in Philadelphia, Pa.

## Richard W. Krempasky, 61, Dies

Honorable Richard W. Krempasky, of Oak Hill, retired administrative judge, Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Contract Appeals and retired lieutenant colonel D.C. Army National Guard, died suddenly on March 9, surrounded by his family. He was 61.

He was born Oct. 6, 1948, in Washington, D.C., son of the late Joseph and Thelma E. Thompson Krempasky of Clinton, Md. He was married in 1974 to his loving and devoted wife, Ramona M. Oshetski, of Danville, Pa. He is survived by four children, Katrina R. of Oak Hill, Rachel E. of Fairfax, Laura P. Sherman and husband Michael of Herndon and Richard

J. and wife Jennifer (Macken) of Centreville.

He is also survived by two brothers, Joseph R. and wife Mary (Hertzog) of Lewiston, Idaho and John H. of Greenbelt, Md., and two sisters, Elizabeth A. Krempasky, Denton, Md. and Alice P. K. Peach and husband Glenn, Virginia Beach.

Krempasky graduated from the College of William and Mary in Virginia in 1970 and from the University of Maryland School of Law in 1973.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1974-1978 in the Judge Advocate General's Corps at Fort Benning, Ga. and as Post Judge Advocate for Fort Drum, N.Y.

He was a member of the 428th Judge Advocates General D.C. Army National Guard from 1983-1992. Upon promotion to lieutenant colonel, he was commander of the 340th Judge Advocates Detachment D.C. Army Reserve National Guard from 1992-1998.

From 1978-1990, he was an attorney for the Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation.

Krempasky was appointed Administrative Judge, Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Contract Appeals in 1990, retiring in 2007.

He was a lifelong avid outdoorsman who loved to fish. He would fish in any body of water, but especially loved fishing the



## Groundbreaking for Executive Meeting Center

The Hyatt Dulles conducted a groundbreaking on Tuesday, March 9 for its Executive Meeting Center set to open in Fall 2010. The space will add 10,000 square feet of state-of-the-art meeting space and is expected to achieve LEED certification and IACP accreditation prior to opening. Following the ceremony, Lee Pillsbury of Thayer Lodging welcomed guests over a lunch prepared by the hotel's chef especially for the event. Pictured, from left, are Jerry Lewin, senior vice president of Field Operations, Hyatt Hotels and Resorts; Lee Pillsbury, co-chairman and CEO of Thayer Lodging; Eileen Curtis, president and CEO, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce; Bruce Wiles, COO, Thayer Lodging; and Michael Sessions, GM Hyatt Dulles.



## Meteorologist Visits Herndon Elementary

Weather Producer and Meteorologist Alex Liggitt from the Channel 7 news team gave a presentation to Herndon Elementary fourth grade students. He discussed why he chose his career and showed a video on reporting the weather in a TV studio. The students were able to see the weather instruments on the news station's Storm chaser Hummer.

### SCHOOL NOTES

**Participants in the Hub Theatre's spring break camp,** March 29-April 3, for ages 7-12, will rehearse "A Thousand Cranes," by youth theatre author Katherine Schultz Miller, and perform with the cast of professional actors. 703-674-3177 for more information.

**Jacob Merlin** of Oak Hill was named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Emory College of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. Merlin is the son of Charles Merlin and Mary Jean Merlin.

**Miranda Smith** of Herndon has

been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Roger Williams University of Bristol, R.I.

**Karen Nirschl** of Herndon has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Longwood University of Farmville, Va. Nirschl is a 2005 graduate of Bishop O'Connell High School and a DI lacrosse player at Longwood.

**Kathleen A. Fallon** of Herndon has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Fallon is a senior majoring in music, and the daughter of Michael and Christine

Fallon of Herndon. She is a graduate of the Madeira School.

**Matthew Pirocchi** of Herndon has been named to fall 2009 president's list at University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg. Pirocchi is a sophomore.

Four residents of Oak Hill have been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg.

They are **Justin Anderson, Emily Meyer, Lauren Redding** and **Joseph Winter**.



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## The Transportation Fix

No help on congestion just a small part of spreading pain from budget.

**T**he Virginia General Assembly has adjourned.

If for some reason your attention lapsed between the campaign for Governor (Gov. Bob McDonnell took office just two months ago) and now, you might expect a transportation plan as one of the outcomes of this assembly session.

Here is the transportation relief proposed and passed and likely to be signed: the maximum speed limit on some roads will increase to 70 miles-per-hour.

This seems like it might violate equal protection standards, since there are very few hours of the day on any Northern Virginia's roads that getting above 55 is possible. Heck, most of us are really happy if traffic on the Beltway or 66 or 95 or Toll Road moves along at 30 mph without frequent stops.

So in other parts of the state not dominated by congestion, vehicles will be moving faster.

In Northern Virginia, there will be even less money for even fewer efforts at relieving congestion.

The governor's commitment to fixing transportation, the center of his campaign that boosted him to an election victory even in Fairfax County (not Arlington or Alexandria) turned out to be far weaker than his commitment to eschew any new forms of revenue that might be needed to pay for such a fix.

Seriously, the Governor made no major proposal to the General Assembly on transportation.

Many, many people will face hardships that the rest of us can barely imagine because of the greatly pared down budget just passed in the General Assembly, especially people with disabilities of all kinds, working poor families, people who need mental health care, people who are struggling with addictions, families who can't afford health insurance whose incomes are just enough to keep them from getting assistance, etc.

Localities will press to raise property taxes so they can buffer some of the cuts to education, health care and the safety net passed along from the state.

Parents and students and teachers will feel the pain as school districts struggle to adjust priorities in ways that won't sit well.

And everyone who needs to get anywhere will sit in traffic, wait longer for buses, pay more for rides on public transportation of all kinds.

But don't forget that if you are lucky enough to drive through some of rural Virginia on an interstate, you'll probably get to go 70 miles-per-hour. That should compensate for some of the pain.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Early Signs of Disrespect

To the Editor:

As residents of the Town of Herndon, we are called once again this election season to choose our governing officials. This is a right and a responsibility that should be taken very seriously and with great discretion. The manner in which a candidate manages a campaign and reaches out to the public makes a definite statement about his or her true character. I have already seen evidence of character with one town council candidate that deeply troubles me.

For years, there has been a friendly and respectful agreement among all candidates in Herndon that they will post campaign signs only 30 days prior to the election day. This creates an equal playing field for all candidates, while minimizing the impact the signage has on properties and citizens. It has worked well, and I, for one, appreciate it, since signs can often create a crowded billboard like visual environment. One candidate has chosen to either ignore or not even understand this matter. He placed signs early, in direct violation of size and placement regulations.

The statement his behavior sends to the citizens of Herndon is one of blatant disrespect. It demonstrates a unilateral self-absorbed character, which is in direct conflict with the original prin-

cipals of our form of government. If this candidate has not taken the time to research, understand and embrace the regulations of running for public office, he cannot be trusted with our town. As a resident, I wonder what other unilateral action and disregard he will be willing to demonstrate if put in office. I see evidence only of someone who will not consider the greater good, but will be motivated by himself and his own personal gain.

Passion for doing the right thing is admirable, especially if that passion is controlled, channeled, and serves the greater good. That is sadly not the case with this candidate's passion, and I cannot, in good conscience, cast a vote for such a person.

**Susan M. Powell**  
Herndon

#### Ill-Advised Budget Decisions

To the Editor:

Virginia legislators are proposing very bad public policy towards all adults and children who are in danger of becoming homeless; and our elected officials are doing so during one of the most serious recessions in modern history,

This being my third year in Richmond to testify for Del. Charniele Herring's much needed Rental As-

sistance Bill (HB 451), I found the budget process on the House side to be very distressing. Budgets are moral documents, as our friend Jim Wallis of Sojourners has reminded us, and right now our legislators are definitely not taking the moral high ground.

While waiting to testify, I discovered from the top staff testimony for the administration's Commerce Department that some interesting choices were made, choices clearly indicating that the needs of the most vulnerable in our state are a low priority. For example, \$1.5 million will be placed in the Virginia Wine Promotion Fund, and, at the same time, nearly the same amount, \$1.3 million, will be removed from the homeless grant programs. Additionally, \$2 million will be placed in the Motion Picture Fund to provide incentives for film production in Virginia, and \$2 million will be removed from domestic violence services. Finally, \$1.5 million will be spent to establish Virginia satellite offices overseas, but \$1.9 million will be cut from the Comprehensive Health Investment Project of Virginia (CHIP).

With respect to children and their education, there is much that is ill advised in the House budget. Aside from the obvious absurd cuts to free and reduced lunch programs and eliminating the breakfast program, which for many children are the only meals they get a day, there are other detrimental cuts. These cuts will bring more

harm to those already on the brink of total ruin because of their destitution.

For example, homeless shelter programs are proposed to be cut by 41 percent in 2012. The Homeless Intervention Program (HIP) is successfully keeping families in their own homes and out of shelters. All this is done at about one third the cost of emergency shelter, and being eliminated is the opening up shelter space for some of the estimated 51,315 Virginians turned away last year. The private sector cannot make up for these cuts of such magnitude. This is why these cuts must not be allowed to happen, unless callousness, definitely not a family value, has now become acceptable as the modus operandi in our state!

We hope a better budget will emerge when the Senate and House go into conference. All of us will agree that this is an extremely difficult economic year. However, while spending cuts are necessary, our legislators must refuse to balance it on the backs of our most vulnerable citizens — the poor.

**John Horejsi**  
SALT Coordinator  
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# GENERAL ASSEMBLY WRAP UP

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ter school application is a major impediment to establishing a robust charter school movement in Virginia. They argue that local school boards often have an incentive stifle local charter school applications, since charters often compete with traditional public schools the boards oversee for funding and students.

The issue of charters, privately run schools paid for with public dollars, cuts across political party lines. In addition to McDonnell, President Barack Obama (D) has stated his strong support for charter school development.

**IN FAVOR:** McLean and Great Falls Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34); McLean, Great Falls and Reston Sen. Janet Howell (D-32); Centreville, Burke and Springfield Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37); Centreville Del. Tim Hugo (R-40); Chantilly Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67); Reston and Herndon Sen. Mark Herring (D-33); Herndon Del. Tom Rust (R-86); Fairfax Station Sen. George Barker (D-39); Springfield Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35); Springfield and Lorton Del. Dave Albo (R-42); Fairfax Del. David Bulova (D-37)

**AGAINST:** Vienna and Oakton Del. Mark Keam (D-35), McLean Del. Jim Scott (D-53); Mount Vernon Del. David Englin (D-45); Mount Vernon Del. Scott Surovell (D-44); Mount Vernon Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-36); Mount Vernon Sen. Toddy Puller (D-30); Franconia Del. Mark Sickles (D-43); Reston Del. Ken Plum (D-36); Springfield and Burke Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41); Fairfax and Springfield Del. Vivian Watts (D-39)

**NO VOTE:** Fairfax and Vienna Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34)

## Local Schools Could Start Before Labor Day

The Fairfax County School Board will now have a good chance of being able to start the school year prior to Labor Day.

Every Northern Virginia legislator voted to pass a bill that allows the Virginia Board of Education to grant waivers for an earlier school year start if the school district's students have missed eight days of school in one year due to inclement weather at any time during the past decade.

This year all Northern Virginia school districts missed approxi-

mately 15 days of school due to snowfall, meaning they would all qualify for a waiver should the state education board grant them.

Several local school districts have been lobbying for such an exception for years, saying students are put at a disadvantage for Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate exams – which take place on same days nationwide – because Virginia

schools start weeks later than those in other states.

The Virginia tourism industry – including theme parks like Kings Dominion – has successfully fought the similar bill in the past, saying that Labor Day weekend business for the industry would drop off if school started earlier.

Clifton and Centreville Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) was one of the patrons of this bill.

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- Eliminate outreach services for the disabled, homebound and senior center residents
- Reduce services for children and teens
- Cut the library budget by nearly 1/3 over two years
- Make per resident library spending for Fairfax County the lowest in the DC Metro area

## Help Save Library Services

Sign our petition at <http://tiny.cc/fcpl>

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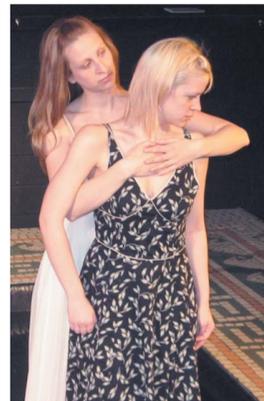
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**Katharine Schellman and Laura Fontaine in The Elden Street Players' 'Metamorphoses.'**



Jessica Sperlongano

## Elden Street Players Present 'Metamorphoses'

The Elden Street Players continue the 2009-10 season with Mary Zimmerman's Tony award-nominated play, "Metamorphoses," to be directed by Evan Hoffmann opening March 19 at the Industrial Strength Theatre in Herndon.

The challenges presented by this Tony-nominated play are many. Twelve actors perform more than 80 characters; more than a dozen stories are told in 90 minutes; lovers transform into birds, trees and mist; and an enormous sea battle takes place; and a 1,000 gallon pool of water occupies the stage.

"Metamorphoses" is a modern adaptation of Ovid's thrilling Roman mythological stories, filled with lyrical dialogue, comedy, tragedy and told through acting, singing and movement.

The cast includes Ian Burns, Laura Fontaine, Brian Garrison, Cassandra Hodziewicz, Asher Miller, Laura Moody, Sam Nystrom,

Michael Reid, Katharine Schellman, Jessica Sperlongano, Kevin Walker and Jacki Young.

"Metamorphoses" contains mature themes and brief male nudity. Patrons in the front row may be splashed with water during the course of the show (towels provided). This play will be performed without an intermission and runs 90 minutes.

Performance dates are: Fridays and Saturdays, March 19, 20, 26, 27, April 2, 3, 9, and 10 at 8 p.m.; Sunday, March 21 at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, March 28 at 3 p.m. at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive in Herndon. Reservations may be made by calling 703-481-5930.

Tickets are \$19 for general admission and \$16 for seniors 62 and up and students.

For additional information or directions call 703-481-5930 or visit the ESP Web site at [www.eldenstreetplayers.org](http://www.eldenstreetplayers.org).



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## CALENDAR

Send announcements to [reston@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:reston@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com).

### THURSDAY/MARCH 18

**Mother Goose Time.** 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Songs, stories and action rhymes. Birth-23 months with adult. 703-437-8855.

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**Write your Memories into Memoirs Beginner Class.** 9:30 a.m. at Tall Oaks at Reston Assisted Living, 12052 North Shore Drive, Reston. A nine-week class that will teach you to turn your memories into meaningful stories. At the end of the program, stories will be bound and given to you as a keepsake. \$15 RA members, \$25 non-members. For adults 55 years and older. Register at [Ashleigh@reston.org](mailto:Ashleigh@reston.org) or 703-435-6577.

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### FAITH NOTES

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**The United Christian Parish** will celebrate Holy Week with two choirs and a trumpet soloist on Palm Sunday, March 28, at 8:30 and 11 a.m. services at 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston.  
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### 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](http://www.committeefordulles.org).

**The Greater Reston Newcomers and Neighbors Club.** 10 a.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Rd. in Reston. How to care for and find out more about costume jewelry. Refreshments served. Free. 703-437-6866.

### SATURDAY/MARCH 20

**Easy to Love: An Evening of Song, Poetry, and Good Company.** 7:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. Silent auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Advance tickets \$18 adults, \$13 seniors and \$8 students; \$2 more at the door. 703-277-7772 or [VoceVA@hotmail.com](mailto:VoceVA@hotmail.com).

**Easter Egg Hunt.** 1-3 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Ages 3-7 years are invited to bring baskets and hunt for filled Easter eggs in Sully's fields. Find the special egg and claim a prize.

Participate in an egg roll as children may have done at the Capitol when James Madison was president. Create an Easter craft to take home and enjoy treats. Eggs provided at the site. Egg hunts at 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. Reservations required. \$5 per child. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully).

**Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series: Jimmy Gaudreau and Moondi Klein.** 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon.

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**First Day of Spring Craft Time.** 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Celebrate Youth Art Month with crafts. Children. 703-437-8855.

**Children's Book Sale.** 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Used book sale. All ages. 703-689-2700.

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**Get Ready for Spring!** 1-4 p.m. at Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Help Sully Plantation with spring cleaning and buffing, polishing, washing and sweeping. Take home a historical reminder in your spring cleaning. House tour included. \$6 adults, \$5 students, \$4 senior s and children. \$2 extra per craft. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully).

**Audubon Society Bird Walk.** 7:30 a.m. in Fred Crabtree Park, 2791 Fox Mill Road, Herndon. 703-256-6895 or [www.audubonva.org](http://www.audubonva.org).

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### TUESDAY/MARCH 23

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All are invited to Lenten Bible study at **Dranesville Church of the Brethren**, 11500 Leesburg Pike in Herndon, 7 p.m. March 10-31. Greg Kozak will lead a journey to discover ways in which Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecy and the sacrificial system. Other church events in clude:

♦Movie night. 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 20 in the Fellowship Hall.

### MONDAY/MARCH 22

**NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon Meeting.** 11:30 a.m. at the Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. An Introduction to the Travelers Aid Program at Dulles International Airport by Sally Harvey, Program Manager, Travelers Aid. 703-435-3523.

### THURSDAY/MARCH 25

**Generation Next: Reston Leadership Development.** 7 p.m. Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. An active dialog session on getting involved in leading the community. Free. [RCCContact@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:RCCContact@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Lupus Support Group.** 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. [lh@ascendcomm.com](http://lh@ascendcomm.com) or [www.lupusgw.org](http://www.lupusgw.org).

**Psychology and the Immune System.** 7 p.m. at Sunset Hills Montessori, 11180 Ridge Heights Road, Reston. With Dr. Lydia Temoshok, Prof Medicine-U-MD. Reservations required. \$30. [cheznoureston@gmail.com](mailto:cheznoureston@gmail.com).

**Folk Club of Reston-Herndon: Samuel James.** 7:15 p.m. at The Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden St., Herndon. Tickets \$11 non-members, \$10 members. [www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com](http://www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com).

**Dinosaur Stamp! Preschool Storytime.** 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Books, stories and activities about dinosaurs. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-437-8855.

**ESL Group Conversation.** 11:00 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. ESL conversation group for adults. 703-689-2700.

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### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 24

**Reading Comes Alive with Yoga.** 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories, music and yoga postures. 703-689-2700.

**The Advance Man: A Journey Into the World of the Circus.** 6:45 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Author Jamie MacVivrate provides an inside look at Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey. 703-689-2700.

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### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY

♦Children's activity. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday, March 27 in the Fellowship Hall.

♦Maundy Thursday Love Feast. 7 p.m. Thursday, April 1 in the Fellowship Hall.

♦Good Friday Service. 1:15 p.m. Friday, April 2 in the Sanctuary.

♦Easter Sunday. Sunday, April 4. Breakfast at 9 a.m., Sunday school at 9 a.m. and Easter Service at 9:45 a.m. Contact 703-430-7872 or [www.dranesvillebrethren.org](http://www.dranesvillebrethren.org).

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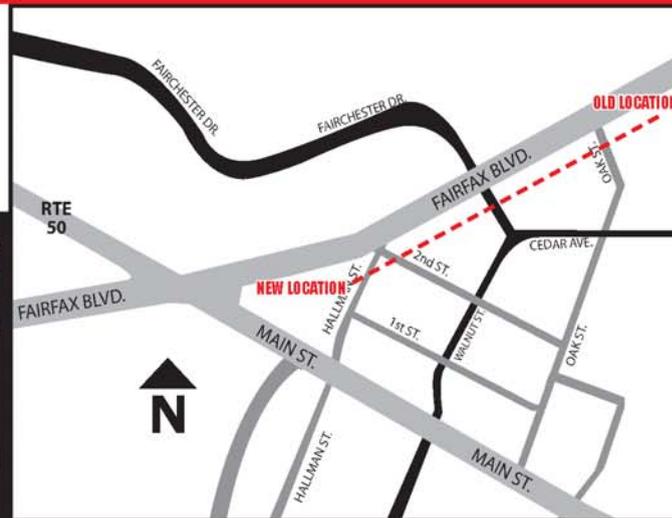
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**P. Wesley Foster, Jr.**, chairman and chief executive officer of The Long & Foster® Companies, announced that Barry S. Redler has been selected to serve as chief marketing officer, a newly created position within the organization. Redler is an experienced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

Companies, a privately held regional homebuilder. Redler also worked for The Ford Motor Company for over 20 years in various senior level marketing and sales positions. Redler resides in Northern Virginia with his wife and two children.

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# SPORTS

HERNDON CONNECTION SPORTS EDITOR RICH SANDERS  
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**Alexandra Straton**, on Feb. 4 at Oakton High School, signed a collegiate letter of intent to play women's soccer for the Duke University's Blue Devils. The signing was presided over by Oakton High Principal, Dr. John Banbury and special guest Ty Harris, Oakton's assistant coach for sprints, jumps and hurdles.

Robbie Church, head coach of the Duke women's soccer team, stated, "We're excited to have Alexandra join our program with her outstanding speed, versatility and determination to excel. She fits Duke's woman soccer profile perfectly with elite academic performance, outstanding athleticism starring in both soccer and track and leadership achievements, including co-editor of the Oakton High School Outlook newspaper."

Straton, an outstanding student with a GPA over 4.3 GPA, belongs to the National Honor and Spanish Honor Societies and has authored an article for the Vienna Connection newspaper.

She has played for three Virginia Division I soccer teams, including the CYA Storm, coached by Tim Gorgos; the Vista Fury, coached by Fernando Arias; and the Vista Shockwave, her current team, coached by Robert Childs.

Straton, a versatile player, has played at forward, midfield and defense positions. Most recently, she has concentrated on outside midfield and defense. While with the Vista Fury, Straton helped lead the team to two state championship finals (2006, 2008) and one state championship title (2007). Presently, she is part of a Vista Shockwave team that reached the state semifinals this year and, in 2009, captured a state championship before reaching the Northeast Region 1 finals.

In her high school soccer career, Straton has been an Oakton varsity starter each of the past three years. She led the Cougars in points as a freshman and was co-leader in points as a sophomore. Last spring, as a junior, Straton helped Oakton reach the state AAA semifinals. She has received the following honors: 2009 All-Met Second Team; Concorde All-District Second Team (2007, 2008 and 2009); and scholar athlete accolades the past three years.

Straton is also one of the Northern Region's top female track athletes. In 2009, she helped Oakton win the Concorde District championship, finishing first in both the 500-meters dash and long jump events; second in the 300, 55 and triple jump events; and third as part of the 4x200 relay team. At

the region finals in 2009, she finished second in the 300 and was part of the third place 4x200 relay. At states, Straton and her 4x200 relay partners finished eighth to earn all-state accolades. She was selected Team MVP of the

2009 indoor season and earned Scholar Athlete recognition as well. Straton, that winter, set the Oakton High women's indoor record in the 300 dash. In last spring's outdoor track season, she competed in both track and soccer for the Cougars. As a track standout, she finished second in the district long jump event and earned All-District status in both the 100 and 200 dash events.

**Registration is open** for Reston Youth Association's Coed-Flag football Spring 2010 season. The league is for boys and girls ages 5-16. Visit [www.restonseahawks.org](http://www.restonseahawks.org) to register for the upcoming season. The fee is \$65. Registration deadline is April 1. For any additional information visit the FAQ section on the Web site under Flag Football or contact [flag@restonseahawks.org](mailto:flag@restonseahawks.org).

**The Dulles Airport Rotary Club** will present the 14th annual Opportunities Open Golf Tournament next fall on Sept. 27. Since its inception the tournament has been an event dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of local people with disabilities. This year's event will once again be hosted by Hidden Creek Country Club in Reston. Proceeds will benefit Arc of Northern Virginia, Every Citizen Has Opportunities, Service Source and Arc of Loudoun. For further information on participation, or to become a club sponsor, contact the Dulles Rotary Club Opportunities Open Committee at 703-406-8200, ext. 245.

**Reston Youth Association (RYA)** is currently taking registration for its Spring 2010 Coed-Flag Football League, for ages 5 to 16. For more information, visit [restonseahawks.org](http://restonseahawks.org) or e-mail to [Flag@restonseahawks.org](mailto:Flag@restonseahawks.org).

**The U-12 Reston Raiders' ice hockey team** won the Capital Beltway Hockey League (CBHL) title this season. The Raiders won seven of their final nine regular season games to earn a postseason spot. There, they defeated the No. 1 seed Ashburn Extreme team by a 4-3 score in a semifinals game. Reston goalie Andrew Herrmann stopped 39



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**Oakton High's Alexandra Straton, seated, middle, recently signed a scholarship to play women's soccer at Duke university in Durham, N.C. Here, she is seated between her parents, Lee and Mark Straton. In the back row, from left, are Ty Harris, and Dr. John Banbury.**

shots in the win. Then, in the finals, Reston defeated the Richmond Royals, 7-4, behind the solid play of Reston goalie Jack Lalor.

Reston is now preparing for upcoming nationals, set to take place in Northern Virginia from April 7-12. Games will take place at both SkateQuest Reston and the Ashburn Ice House.

Members of the Raiders' team are: Justin Cho, Luke Collins, Patrick Fergus, Connor Geshan, Nate Grisius, Sandy Harvie, Jack Heaps, Andrew Herrmann, Jack Lalor, Ted Leggett, Conor Maddry, Garrett Newton, Bryce Rogers, Amir Sadikov, Michael Soraci, Regan Upshaw, and Mackie Wheeler. The Raiders are coached by Jeff Harrington, Mark Kuczynski, Matt Burke, Tom Fergus, Tyler Maddry, Regan Upshaw and Mike Leggett.

**Northern Virginia Senior Softball** ([nvss.org](http://nvss.org)) is seeking players for both men's (50-over) and women's (40-over) leagues. Participants will enjoy the fun, fitness and fellowship that's a part of slow pitch softball. Double-header games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on Fairfax County fields. The

spring/summer season will run from April 13 through Aug. 12. NVSS fields 26 teams, organized into three skill-level conferences. Players are assigned to teams based on their skill assessment (not a try-out). NVSS runs an Indoor Conditioning Program through April 8.

The Esprit de Corps Tournament is offered for members who served in the military. For more information on NVSS, contact Dave at 703-524-5576 or Paul at 703-323-7878.

**The NOVA Youth Flag Football League** is currently conducting online registration for its Seventh Annual NFL Youth Flag Football Summer camps. Camp sessions, open to children ages 6-12, will be June 28-July 2, and Aug. 9-13, from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Campers can choose to attend one or both sessions. For more detailed information or to register, visit [novaflag.com](http://novaflag.com).

**The Reston Raiders hockey club** will serve as the host club for the 2010 USA Hockey National Championships for the Pee Wee (U12) Tier II (AA) division. Championship teams from 48 states are

expected to compete for four national tournament titles from Wednesday through Sunday, April 7-11. SkateQuest Reston will serve as the host facility with overflow action taking place at the Ashburn IceHouse. Each team is guaranteed to play three games, and at least one game at each rink.

"Our entire organization is thrilled about welcoming USA Hockey to our region," said Raiders president Chris Kelly. "While the players from around the country fine-tune their skills this season, we will be preparing to show why the Capital region is really and truly a hockey town."

Featured attractions will include social events, opening ceremonies featuring a parade of teams and special guest speakers, and the Easton skills competition. Reston's Pee Wee AA Raiders team will receive an automatic entry into the tournament as the host club.

The Washington Capitals, through their Amateur Hockey and Fan Development division, will also provide event support. Such benefits could include special appearances from players and/or coaches, game tickets, the opportunity to watch the team practice and tours of their facility.

## Dr. Sigal Leads Surgical Team to Haiti

The devastation in Haiti continues to draw much needed support from across the globe. Several members of The Austin-Weston Center for Cosmetic Surgery in Northern Virginia will be volunteering with the University of Miami's Medishare Haiti Project. Dr. Robert Sigal will lead a surgical team from the Austin-Weston Center. They will be spending a week in Port-au-Prince contributing much needed medical relief to earthquake victims. Their Austin-Weston Center surgical team leaves on March 22.

Project Medishare Haiti is part of The Global Institute under the University of Miami Schools of Medicine and Nursing. The Global Institute works for the advancement of global health and development throughout the Western Hemisphere and beyond. Since the catastrophic earthquake, the University of Miami physicians and healthcare professionals have been in Haiti treating the injured. The Austin-Weston Cosmetic Surgery Team will join them in



**Dr. Robert Sigal of The Austin-Weston Center for Cosmetic Surgery in Reston**

their hospital, which consists of four large tents in the Port-au-Prince airfield. The medical staff there and over 140 volunteers and military personnel work in the busy field hospital, providing medical care and performing surgeries in very demanding conditions.

The Austin-Weston Center for Cosmetic Surgery was founded in 1978 and was the first practice in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan area that was limited exclusively to cosmetic surgery. It is now the largest free standing facility in the area with three nationally respected surgeons on board, Dr. George Weston, Dr. Byron Poindexter and Sigal. The Austin-Weston Team have been celebrated for their special expertise across the globe as well as their ongoing charitable and community work, including sending medical supplies and staff to aid after Hurricane Katrina. For more information call 703-893-6168 or visit their Web site at [www.austin-weston.com](http://www.austin-weston.com). For more information on Medishare and the Haiti Earthquake Relief Project, visit [www.ProjectMedishare.org](http://www.ProjectMedishare.org).

## Supervisors Set Ceiling For Property Tax Rate, Consider Car Tax

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has set upper threshold of \$1.12 per \$100 of assessed property value for the 2010 property tax rate, which would lead to a tax increase of approximately \$100 to the average county homeowner if adopted.

During the same biweekly meeting March 9, the supervisors also voted to consider a new vehicle registration license fee of \$33.

Eight of the county board members, all of the Democrats and Republican Michael Frey (Sully), supported the two actions. Supervisors Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) and John Cook (R-Braddock) voted against advertising the higher property tax rate or the new vehicle registration fee.

"In 2000, our average [property] tax bill was \$2,407 and we had a great county then. By 2007, our tax bills had more than doubled," said Herrity.

"We were a great county in 2000 and we need to give our citizens some relief," he said.

**FAIRFAX SUPERVISORS** are not bound to vote for a property tax rate of \$1.12 or a \$33 vehicle fee simply by supporting their public advertisement.

The action only set "the ceiling" for the local property tax rate and vehicle fee. In other words, the supervisors are unable to raise the property tax rate higher than \$1.12 when they adopt the 2011 budget April 27.

Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin has actually suggested that the supervisors only raise the property tax rate from \$1.04 to \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value. If the supervisors take Griffin's suggestion, the average county property tax bill will actually decline by \$48.55.

Even though he recommended a tax break, Griffin also suggested the supervisors advertise the tax rate at \$1.12, leaving the county board flexibility to fund most of the Fairfax County Public Schools budget proposal if it desired.

The Fairfax County School Board has asked the county for \$81.9 million in additional funding for next year, which is equates to an approximately four or five-percent increase in the property tax rate, according to county figures.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors also had very little idea of how Virginia intended to deal with the commonwealth's \$4.2 billion shortfall and what types of cuts to local services the General Assembly and Governor might impose. Griffin said it was probably best to leave breathing room with the advertised tax rate, given the uncertainty of state funding.

**THE COUNTY** executive also pushed for the new vehicle registration fee, one few options for new taxes or revenue the Fairfax has open to them. Virginia controls many taxes itself – income, retail sales, cigarettes and alcohol – leaving Fairfax to rely heavily on local property taxes to balance the local budget.

But a new vehicle registration fee for just one car would almost eat up any tax relief gained through Griffin's proposal for the property rate. Herrity said the vehicle registration fee also cannot be deducted from federal tax bills.

"That is still coming from people's pocket books," said Herrity, who is also running for U.S. Congress in Virginia's 11th congressional district.

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## "According to Computer Models ..."



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

And no, this isn't a take on the James Cameron-directed, special effects phenomenon, "Avatar." This isn't 3D. This is "reality." This is Doug Hill, Channel 7 meteorologist speaking (advisedly). This is weather at presumably its finest and most likely scenario. Weather predictions via man-made machinery; computers specifically, which we've (most of us, anyway) all come to respect and appreciate as tools of the respective trades. But weather itself is not so reliable, nor is it man made. Weather has a mind (track) of its own; predictable, generally, but subject to change/interpretation? Oh my, yes! As sure as the wind blows. We may think we understand nature, nurture it sort of, maybe even relate to it in some anthropomorphic way. But, it doesn't understand us. It doesn't relate to us, and it certainly doesn't seem to care about us. It reacts to its natural (and unnatural) surroundings and acts not according to any weather model, real or imagined. It just reacts, like a pinball on steroids; any which way, including loose.

As a result, the rest of us are left to pick up the pieces, sometimes literally. Otherwise, we pick up the shovels and "Ice Melt," hammer, nails and plywood and clear the walk and/or batten down the hatches, 'cause weather is coming or in some patterns/predictions, may be here already. And if it is, you better have your supplies, at least in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area because if you're late to the dance, there will be no party afterward. And no milk, bread, eggs, toilet paper or water either; that's presuming you can even find and/or fit into a parking space.

But it's nothing us Washingtonians (or transplants) have not grown accustomed to: panic in the streets (and the shopping centers, too). Are we proud are of our overreactions? Hardly. Has our snow-related behavior over the years been typically much ado about a little something? Until this, year, almost always. Has the Blizzard of 2010 finally earned us a little respect, grudgingly though it may be, from Buffaloneans specifically, and Northerners in general, many of whom have regularly laughed and scoffed at our school-cancellation policy and our many "snow emergencies?" You would think. Moreover, I would say we've earned our snow-shoveling stripes, our plowing medals of honor and our bravery above and beyond the call of reasonable and customary winter duty.

Eventually, life goes on, though. Until the next weather model predicts the formerly ever-scary "wintry mix." Which until this most recent record-setting/smashing blizzard, was as frightful a pair of words ever spoken here (in relation to the weather, that is; after all, this is Washington, D.C., home to the three branches of our Federal Government: the Executive, the Legislative and the Judicial, where snow accumulation, generally speaking, pales in comparison to the more pressing matters of the day; and night and weekends and holidays, too). Now we all know a little bit better.

And I don't believe we would have known better were it not for the local media who went into crisis mode: non-stop coverage preempting regularly scheduled programming. Much of it helpful and in real-time, but some of it redundant; amusing occasionally, informative certainly, but ultimately it was all too much, just like the snow. In general though, the local media made the most of a bad-weather situation. But the television and radio stations can't help themselves any more than the weather/nature can. Their reactions are mostly out of our control. Except we can turn them off. Unfortunately, we can't turn off the weather. All we can do is hope that the next "computer models" are kinder and gentler than the previous ones.

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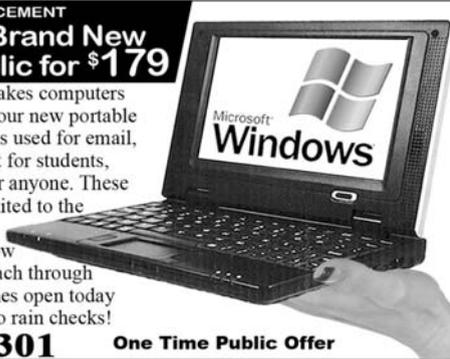
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**Obituary notice for Roberta A. "Bobbie" Paugh**

Roberta A. "Bobbie" Paugh, age 66, longtime resident of Reston, VA died on March 2, 2010 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital. She was born on February 22, 1944 in Connecticut. She was a graduate of Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA earning her Bachelor of Arts degree and then going on to become an English Teacher in the Philadelphia area. Bobbie was known to her family and friends as a passionate artist, who painted beautiful portraits.

Bobbie was the beloved wife of the late Jon Paugh, loving and devoted mother of Jon Paugh of Plano, TX, Katie Paugh of Milwaukee, WI and Rachel Paugh of Manassas, VA, daughter of John Post of Cape Cod, MA and the late Anne Zebrakus Post. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 6th at 1pm at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren Street, Herndon, VA. Interment followed at Chestnut Grove Cemetery. Arrangements by Adams-Green Funeral Home, Herndon, VA.

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## Reston Synagogue Selects Michael G. Holzman as Next Rabbi

Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation (NVHC) in Reston has announced the appointment of Michael Garret Holzman as the synagogue's next rabbi. An inspirational and compassionate spiritual leader, Rabbi Holzman has a strong commitment to life-long Jewish education, youth programming and social action and is known for his innovative, energetic and successful approaches to making Judaism accessible and exciting to all.

Holzman is currently associate rabbi of Congregation Rodeph Shalom in Philadelphia, Pa. Before joining Congregation Rodeph Shalom in 2004, Holzman served for one year as the rabbi of B'nei Israel Congregation in San Jose, Costa Rica. He was ordained in 2003 by Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and Jerusalem and is a 1995 graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Prior to rabbinic school, he worked for three years as a paralegal specialist with the Environmental Crimes Section of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC. He is also the editor of a collection of essays entitled, "The Still Small Voice: Reflections on Being a Jewish Man" (URJ Press, 2008). Holzman and his wife, Nicole Saffell Holzman, have a 7-year-old son, Avi, and a 5-year-old daughter, Talia.

The selection of Holzman follows a seven-month national search to fill the senior clergy position being vacated by Rabbi Robert A. Nosanchuk, who will leave NVHC at the end of June to become Senior Rabbi of Fairmount Temple in Cleveland, Ohio. Holzman will assume NVHC's pulpit in July and will serve the congregation along with Cantor Irena Altshul. NVHC is a 470-household Reform synagogue located at 1441 Wiehle Ave. in Reston ([www.nvhcreston.org](http://www.nvhcreston.org) or 703-437-7733).



**Rabbi Michael Garret Holzman**

## Nonprofits Connect for Hope

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Hope serves a number of families' various needs.

U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf noted that the Bible dictated, "To whom much is given, much is required." While the region was blessed with plenty, he said, many in its midst were struggling. Food banks were having trouble keeping up with demand, he said, noting that all those families in need of food likely also needed help with health care, employment and other necessities.

Wolf added that a food bank would be a welcome addition to the center.

Fairfax County Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-at large) said arrangements like the Connections for Hope center, which managed to "pull the pieces together" to make better use of resources and cut costs were the silver lining to difficult economic times. She remembered the downturn of the 1990s, when local government and faith communities had figured out how to work together by creating the Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool. "Fairfax County is an absolutely outstanding community. We care about each other," Bulova said.

"It has been great to have community members engaged with their idea and working toward the partnership you see today," said Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill). "I really am proud to have this loca-

tion in our district," she said. "It gives us the opportunity to shine a light on a great idea for others to work from."

Tracey White of Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) said Reston Hospital Center, the local branch of her company, would donate nearly \$1 million per year through the center to serve the needs of the community. "Those needs are growing every day and the resources are constricting every day," she said.

"The values of this community are about helping those who have the least," said Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Reston Interfaith, noting that the new center represented an opportunity to find new ways of cooperating to realize those values.

Connections for Hope houses the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic; Just Neighbors, which provides immigration legal services; the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia; the Housing Opportunity Support Team (HOST) and Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing programs of Reston Interfaith; Vecinos Unidos (Neighbors United), which offers homework assistance and other enrichment activities for children in grades one through eight; and the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, which provides support for people with intellectual disabilities, mental illness and alcohol and drug addictions. Helping Children Worldwide also has its main office in the building.

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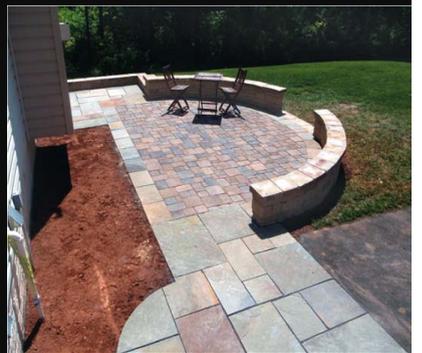
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