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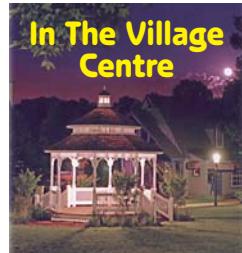
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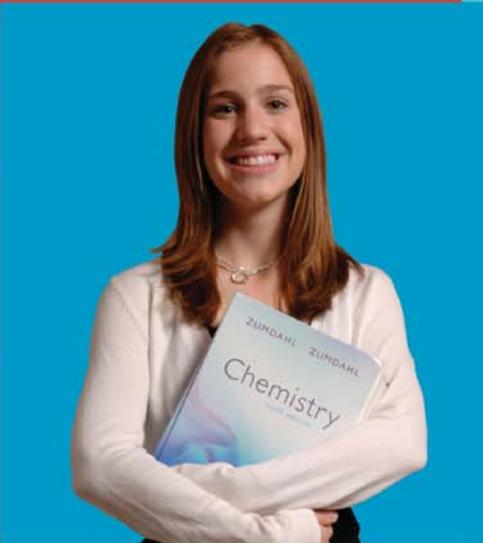
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From left, Imam Mohamed Magid of All Dulles Area Muslim Society and Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk of the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation accept Best of Reston awards from Curt Seiberlich of Northrop Grumman.

Event Brings Out Reston's Best

Nineteenth annual Best of Reston awardees honored.

By MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

After a Reston woman's vehicle was broken into, Officer Eric Gluekert of the Reston District Police Station managed to lift some fingerprints from her car. These would eventually lead him not only to the culprit but also to a bolt-action rifle that had been stolen and left in the woods. After Gluekert got a match on the prints, the resulting suspect confessed not only to breaking into the vehicle but also to stealing a rifle from another car and tossing it in the woods after he was unable to fire it, Gluekert recounted in a video shown at this year's Best of Reston awards last Thursday, April 15.

The Best of Reston Selection Committee named him this year's Officer of the Year for his work in this case and others. "I never expected it. I just tried to do my job the best I could day to day," he said of the award.

Before each award was presented, a video was shown in which the recipients and their acquaintances talked about the efforts that led to their selection.

Firefighters of the Year Ronald McNew and Craig Furneisen Jr. said they knew someone was in the house where they responded to a report of a fire last May, because the caller had refused instructions to leave the house. On his hands and knees in the smoke-filled upper level of the house, McNew found the victim unconscious and carried her out.

"Everything happened very, very fast," Furneisen



From left, firefighters of the year Ronald McNew and Craig Furneisen accept their awards, presented by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill).



Bunny Bonnes of CORE Foundation presents Wetland Studies and Solutions Inc. President Mike Rolband with one of the awards for small business leaders.

said, adding that the operation went smoothly because everyone did just what they had been trained to do. McNew said they shared credit with other members of the station.

Wetland Studies and Solutions Inc. was named one of this year's small business leader winners for its outreach to residents and the Reston Association in order to win over the community after the company's stream restoration project became controversial.

In the early winter of 2008, many residents became upset with the number of trees being removed during the restoration, Mike Rolband, the company's president, recalled. "We had to have lots of meetings with lots of people to explain what we were doing," he said. He said former opponents had become friends and that he was pleased with the results of the project to date. "It's fantastic to watch the wildlife improvements and the water clarity improve

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David Boger, left, and Ernest Hardy of Software AG move dirt on a pathway between gardens.

Volunteers Repair RA Garden

Software AG could be first of several companies to help maintain association's rental garden plots.

Instead of manning their desks on Friday, April 16, 11 volunteers from the Reston office of Software AG, along with a few other volunteers, marked Earth Day by spending the day leveling paths between gardens at the Golf Course Island Garden Plot.

Heidi Clark, a human resources worker at the company, said the paths had become uneven and pits had formed in them. "It was hard for gardeners to get through and do their work," she said.

Ha Brock, volunteer coordinator for the Reston Association, said gardeners often used wheelbarrows, which especially difficult to maneuver along uneven pathways. She said the volunteers were saving Reston Association members money by doing work that would otherwise need to be done by association employees.

The plot at Golf Course Island is one of four garden plots managed by the association, where residents can rent gardens. One hundred twenty people rent spots there. This was the first time volunteers had worked on any of the gardens' paths. "We're hoping to continue this project with other companies," Brock said.

The volunteers moved and flattened soil on the paths, cut and lay down walking boards



Justyna Castro and Noel Rodriguez of Software AG work on a path in the Golf Course Island Garden Plot.

reseeded the ground and spread straw to prevent erosion.

Clark said Software AG, a German company, had "very strong roots to community service," and the office organized the event as a way to encourage employees to use their annual eight hours of community service leave. She added, "It just seemed like a nice fit — a nice, spring day near Earth Day."

— MIKE DICICCO

Setting Priorities for Coming Term

RA election winners and new President talk about uniting community.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Joe Leighton, who handily won re-election as an at-large member of the Reston Association Board of Directors, said he had already sat down for coffee with two of his three opponents before the election results were announced, and he still planned to meet with just about everyone who ran for the three open seats on the board. While the election was marked by various supporters' emotional letters to editors, cutting remarks on blogs and controversy over election procedures and endorsements, Leighton and the other winning candidates, Ken Knueven and Mike Collins, said they were optimistic that board members would get along productively.

"So many of our votes are unanimous, so that's why it's kind of silly to have all this nastiness," Leighton said.

Leighton was part of a slate of candidates endorsed by the Save Brown's Chapel group that came within two votes of sweeping the elections. The group formed last year to oppose a proposal to build a large recreation center at Brown's Chapel Park.

Leighton received 3,152 votes. David Robinson, an opponent who was endorsed by outgoing Reston Association President Robin Smyers and Reston founder Bob Simon, came in third in the at-large race with 1,498 votes, and candidates Patrick Shipp and Rod Koozmin received 1,865 votes and 1,195 votes, respectively.

In the Lake Anne/Tall Oaks District, Save Brown's Chapel candidate Ken Knueven won with 677 votes. Guy Rando received 629 votes, and Kevin Danaher, endorsed by Smyers and Simon, took 351 votes.

Mike Collins, who Smyers and Simon also endorsed, beat Save Brown's Chapel candidate Peter Greenberg by just two votes to win the North Point District seat with 921 votes. Rengin Morro received 585 votes in that race. Greenberg has challenged the election results, and the Reston Association's Elections Committee directed its legal counsel to provide analysis of 24 re-votes that resulted from a glitch early in the voting period and to arrange for Greenberg to examine invalid ballots.

The candidates were elected to three-year terms.

VOTER TURNOUT was close to 18.5 percent, slightly higher than the last three Reston Association elections, where turnout was between 16 and 17 percent.

Voting closed on April 2, and the election results were announced last Tuesday, April 13 at the association's annual members' meeting. The next night, the new board met and elected its officers. South Lakes District Director Kathleen Driscoll McKee was



The Reston Association election winners are, from left, Ken Knueven (Lake Anne/Tall Oaks), Joe Leighton (at large) and Mike Collins (North Point).

PHOTOS BY MIKE MCKEE

elected as the association's new president. At-large Director Paul Thomas is the new vice president, Leighton is now the secretary, and member John Higgins was again elected treasurer.

Knueven said he thought the elections resulted in a "good mix" of winning candidates, with Leighton's experience and him and Collins possibly having some different points of view. "Personally, I think the outcome looks really, really solid," he said. "And with the board [officer] elections, I think it's a good mixture of people who I think generally think moderately."

He said he thought emotions during the voting period, which lasted almost a month, had more to do with residents' concerns about issues like the redevelopment of the Dulles Corridor, Fairway Apartments and Lake Anne Village Center than with the candidates themselves. "All these things were striking emotions, and rightfully so," he said.

Collins said he had earned his votes by launching a major campaign, knocking on about 2,000 doors, speaking to about 1,000 people on their doorsteps and distributing 2,500 pieces of literature. He said the fact that Greenberg had almost matched his votes with a considerably smaller campaign sent a message. "He must have tapped into something, some feeling out there," Collins said. "I don't want to say throw-the-bums-out, but there was an element of that." Since more people had voted for his opponents combined than for him, he said he still had "a lot of work to do as far as establishing relationships with people."

He said his top priority would be improving communication with the community. "I know everybody says that, but I'm bound and determined to get radical about that." Collins said he intended to continue knocking on doors and would be reaching out to the Save Brown's Chapel leadership, adding that he was hopeful that there was "more common ground than one might assume" from online comments and letters written during the campaign.

Other priorities, he said, would be advocating on behalf of the community in the planning process for redevelopment around future Metro stations and learning how other communities, like the Tysons Corner area, had dealt with the coming of

Metrorail.

ISSUES specific to his district, he said, included the possibilities of an indoor tennis facility and the lighting of fields at Brown's Chapel Park. "I don't have any particular position on those other than I want them to be fully vetted by the community nearby, as well as the community at large," he said.

Knueven said many of the biggest issues facing Reston, such as the redevelopment of Fairway Apartments, the future Wiehle Avenue Metro Station site and Lake Anne Village Center, would have direct impacts on his district, and he planned to focus on them. He said he also wanted to make sure the board collaborated well and was as transparent as possible.

"I have zero interest in politics or local office," he said. "Lake Anne is where I live. I love this area and just want to make sure we have a good future here."

Leighton said the election results showed that residents wanted to preserve open space and control the association's dues. "Some people I talked to are liberal Democrats but were not so happy with the increase in dues," he said. He had pledged in his campaign that he would vote to keep dues increases down to 2.5 percent per year.

He said other priorities would include ensuring board transparency and going to a referendum on an indoor tennis facility to "find out once and for all if the people in this community want it." Also, he said he wanted to empower the Elections Committee to look into election policies and procedures, following this election's controversies, including the glitch that resulted in re-votes in North Point and questions about whether board members should be allowed to publicly endorse candidates.

He added that he considered Smyers, at-large board member Richard Chew, and Reston Community Center board member Bill Bouie, all of whom had campaigned for Robinson in his race, to be "nice people" who had "done a lot for the community," and he said he had supported Driscoll McKee's presidency even though she was active in the Hunter Mill Democratic Committee while he was treasurer for the Greater Reston Republican Club. The board, he said, was not a place for partisan politics.



Retiring RA President Robin Smyers accepts a congratulatory plaque from the new president Kathleen Driscoll McKee.

New President: Searching for 'Common Ground'

New RA President, Kathleen Driscoll McKee, said she thought differing ideas about how to solve problems would benefit the board. "I think that strengthens everything we do," she said. At the board's first meeting with its new lineup last Wednesday, she said, everyone got along well and nothing divisive came up.

She said she had asked the Elections Committee to review election procedures and establish a code of conduct. "I don't think it's appropriate for sitting board members to get involved in personally handpicking a candidate," she said, adding that, although it had been done in the past, the practice was unfair to other candidates.

She said her role as president would be to find common ground on the board and among residents. "I think it is important to bring the community together and have the board work with the community," she said. To this end, she said, the association needed to work on communicating and offering opportunities for input. She said advances had already been made in that area, with the board reinstating its Communications Committee.

"People just don't know the good things this association does," she said, adding that residents took for granted that pools and tennis courts would be open, paths would be maintained and fallen trees would be removed within 24 hours. "That is the level of service they have become accustomed to."

WEEK IN RESTON

RA Announces Volunteer Awards

A Boy Scout earning his Eagle Scout badge received the 2009 Reston Association Volunteer of the Year Award. Two corporations shared the Corporate Business Sponsor recognition.

In the summer of 2009 Ian Rappaport, the winner of the Reston Association 2009 Volunteer of the Year Award donated 180 hours of free labor to the environmental resource field crew.

Then, to earn his Eagle Scout badge, Rappaport decided to help the Reston Association environmental staff again. This time, the project was to restore a natural surface trail, which is widely used by commuters, dog walkers and residents in the Glade Stream Valley. Three other Boy Scouts working on their Eagle Scout projects were nominated for the award — Daniel Albamonte, Stephen Emerick and Allen Millman.

The Corporate/Business Sponsor Award was shared by two firms that supported both RA projects and the community. Accents by Design, a Reston-based interior design firm donated its consulting services to the interior of Nature House, which opened last year. Its interiors are environmentally friendly.

The second winner was The Thai Tennis Organization in America, or TTOA, which has partnered with Reston Association for the last seven years to promote tennis growth and education within the minority community. It introduces the sport to Asian cultures within the Washington, D.C. area.

Volunteers Sought for Garlic Removal

Volunteer for the Reston Community Weed Warriors Projects: Remove fast growing invasive plants that harm the ecosystem in the Reston community.

Celebrate Earth Day and help restore Reston's natural areas by pulling Garlic Mustard. Garlic Mustard is a non-native, invasive plant that spreads by seed. Each plant can produce hundreds of seeds, spreading quickly into the natural and altering the soil chemistry. Help stop the spread by removing these plants before they go to seed. Saturday, April 24, 10 a.m.-12 Noon. Meet at the Glade Pool parking lot, located at the corner of Glade Drive and Soapstone Drive.

Wear long sleeves and long

pants if you are allergic to poison ivy. RA will provide tools, gloves, snacks and water.

Adults and youth ages 10 and up are welcome. With young volunteers adult chaperones are encouraged. This project fulfills community service requirements.

To volunteer, contact: Ha Brock, RA community outreach specialist, via e-mail habrock@reston.org or call 703-435-7986.

Correction

In last week's story, "FISH Volunteers, President Honored," April 14, the Connection contained incorrect information. The story should have said that Mary Drum is the president-elect of the Herndon Rotary Club.



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Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Mother's Day photos, celebrating the mothers who make so many things possible in families,

communities, schools and other institutions in local neighborhoods.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including information about who is in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and the location (who, what, where, when, why).

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We will also accept prints, and we will do our best to return photos that include a self-addressed-stamped envelope for that purpose, but please do not send us any photos that cannot be replaced.

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And remember, a few weeks from now it will be time to send photos of Dads and children, grandfathers and children and grandchildren. Or feel free to send your Mother's and Father's Day photos at the same time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hypocritical Criticism

To the Editor:

I am proud that Sen. Jim Webb (D), Sen. Mark Warner (D), U.S. Rep. James Moran (D-8) and U.S. Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-11) voted for the healthcare bill. They did the right thing by recognizing that this was the time to stand up against special interest of insurance companies and time for team work with their leadership. They are to be commended for helping achieve this great accomplishment.

However, I am perplexed by the nasty fighting by some congressmen in opposition to the healthcare bill. The opposition resorted to misrepresentation, omissions, and lies, wrapping these into missiles of mass distortions and disseminating these distortions during town meetings, over the mass media and during radio talk shows. In many cases those congressmen in opposition to the healthcare bill are the source of these distortions, and they stimulated the feeding frenzy on these distortions. An intensified truth-squad is needed to correct the damage. The truth-squad's work should be done by constituents in support of their congressmen for taking a stand against those missiles of mass distortions.

Furthermore, these distortions have caused ordinary people to work against their self interest. For example, I occasionally listen to some congressmen talk about a supposedly government run healthcare program. Usually, they provide no specifics about this government-run healthcare program. With a broad brush, they angrily attack (trash) anything that is run by our federal government. These congressmen are enrolled into federal-employees insurance program that is managed

by the federal government's Office of Personnel Management. Under this program, the federal employees and congressmen have the option to select from many private insurance plans. Congressmen and federal employees pay about one-third of the premium and the federal government or taxpayers pay two-thirds of the premium. These congressmen accept taxpayer subsidies for their insurance, while encouraging their constituents to fight against a similar program for themselves. This is hypocrisy, and making threats of repeal and replace is disingenuous.

The opposition says health insurance coverage for 31 million people not currently covered, cost too much and it will drive up the budget deficit. But how do you put a cost on the 40,000 premature deaths per year because of lack of access to quality healthcare. If I were physically present during such talks, I would be compelled to ask these congressmen, why not opt out their federally subsidized Insurance program and take their one-third payment to the federal insurance plan and purchase their insurance on the private market? Let deficit reduction start with those congressmen that voted against this healthcare bill. Just opt-out and save the two-thirds premium that the tax payers pay for congressmen's health insurance.

Col. Denver Lovett
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Debt Becoming Too Heavy to Bear

To the Editor:

While Americans preoccupy themselves with President

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The proposed bill in this draconian approach is half-way through the Congress having passed the House. It is now in the Senate for consideration. The bill, H.R. 2454 American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 is better known as the Cap and Trade legislation.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that this bill will cost the average family of four an additional \$6,800 in taxes. Since only half of the families pay taxes, you may be sure that the lower income families will get a tax refund even though they may not have paid a single dime in taxes. That cost will be borne by the middle class who will be charged with making up the difference: that \$6,800 will more than double.

A U.S. Government bureaucrat — the administrator, Environmental Protection Agency will run the program. He or she will set the standards and enforce them. Not only that, the EPA administrator gets to raise the standards each year thereafter. Here comes the treadmill — \$200 each year just to keep your house label current.

Nothing has been said about who or how your home may be measured. Will we be invaded by

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some energy inspector with the bedside manner of the IRS tromping through your home checking your insulation, each window for air leaks or demanding to see your water bill (oops, he already will know because he will have been at the Fairfax Water Authority getting your billing data) or your electric bill? Nope, he will have your electricity usage graciously provided (as required by federal law) by Dominion Virginia Power. He will want to check the whereabouts of each of children. Woe be unto you if your children are off at college — down goes your rating and allowed use of water and energy. Think about 18,000 IRS agents to work Obamacare. Here comes another huge number of government employees to inspect your home and generate higher standards: what a way to fix the unemployment rate.

How did this come to pass? We can hold U.S. Rep. James Moran (D-8) responsible for his Pelosi-lemming vote that helped passage in the House. We found out he does not read the bills he votes on. We need to remember that on Tuesday, Nov. 2. As the bill is quietly being worked in Senate committees, we can make sure that our two Reid-lemming senators are made aware of our rejection of the Cap and Tax idea. It is an economy-destroying move guaranteed to extend the current recession and take more money from us.

Perhaps our States-rights Attorneys-General will look into the Constitution about the right to hold and enjoy property. Once again, the Federal Government is overstepping its powers and invading our homes as they are attempting to do with our bodies.

OPINION

A Gordian Knot

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

According to an ancient Greek legend, oracles told the people of Phrygia that the next person who came into town riding in an ox cart would be their king. When a poor peasant named Gordius arrived with his wife in an ox cart, the lucky man was named king. To show his gratitude, Gordius dedicated his ox cart to Zeus and tied the cart to a post in the acropolis with an intricate knot that became known as a Gordian Knot. Oracles declared that whoever could untie the knot would rule all of Asia. Many tried and failed.

I believe that tax policy is a Gordian Knot for Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) and the Republicans in the General Assembly. With revenues at their slowest growth since the Great Depression, with an increasing number of children and adults to be educated in public schools and colleges, and with a crumbling transportation infrastructure, the state's political leadership has tied themselves in knots by refusing to address the revenue side of the budget. No reasonable person expects any proposals for a general tax increase during a recession to ever be proposed or considered. More than a fourth of the members of the House of Delegates have signed pledges of no tax increases. Gov. McDonnell pledged that he would not sign any tax bills. But there are reasonable ways to enhance revenue.

The knot tightened when the Republicans declared that any fee increases would also be considered a tax. Taken literally, that means that a person receiving a unique service from government would not need to pay a fee sufficient to cover the cost of that service. The practical result is that when a bill that passed the Senate to raise fees for



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permits for solid waste disposal to cover the cost of issuing the permits, a committee of the House of Delegates killed the bill because they called it a tax. As a result, Virginia taxpayers continue to subsidize the cost of out-of-state waste haulers by at

least four million dollars a year. The Senate budget contained about a half-billion dollars in fee increases with two-thirds of those rejected by the House because they were considered taxes even though they were charged only to a person receiving a direct service of government.

The Gordian Knot of transportation for Gov. McDonnell is that any reputable commission he appoints to make recommendations will dismiss his campaign promises of ABC store sales and offshore oil as being what The Washington Post called "pixie dust." Any such commission is going to point out the billions of dollars needed for any serious transportation plan. Certainly there will be a reluctance to call the solution a tax, but there will be a need for a serious revenue enhancement by whatever name. It remains to be seen if the governor has the political courage to name a transportation commission to study the transportation problem.

In 333 B.C. Alexander the Great attempted to untie the Gordian Knot. He was unsuccessful as all others before him had been until he took out his sword and cut the knot. Alexander went on to conquer Asia. Gov. McDonnell must be bold if he is to undo the Gordian Knot of being unable to address government revenues. Failure to act may well doom his governorship.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Obama's foreign policy and the Democrats' healthcare mandate, the nation's financial affairs steadily slip into what promises to be the deep, dark abyss of runaway inflation. Although such concerns are not without merit, as Americans we must prioritize our political concerns if we, as a nation, are to survive.

The U.S. national debt is approximately \$12,799,639,983.01, increasing at an average of \$4.11 billion per day. The national debt is greater than the total economies of China, the United Kingdom and Australia combined. And according to the Congressional Budget Office, the debt is expected to grow \$ 9 trillion over the next decade, bringing us upwards of \$20 trillion. But the sheer magnitude of the debt is not the problem; it is our inability to pay it back.

In 2008, the U.S. taxpayer spent \$253 billion on interest alone — six times what we spend on the Department of Education,

or 13 times more than NASA. The Congressional Budget Office expects payment on the interest of the debt to rise to \$900 billion a year by 2019 — more than all the money we spend on national defense combined.

The national debt is forcing the American people to divert greater and greater resources to servicing the debt rather than funding public services or, better yet, financing private innovations. Thus, the national debt is truly a bipartisan issue, as failure to address the debt guarantees a complete inability to finance government projects of any kind, regardless of their breadth or purpose. The debt is no longer a problem for our "children's generation." We are feeling its burden here and now. And if we the People do not take significant action soon the burden that is debt may grow too heavy to bear.

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THURSDAY/APRIL 22

Author Jeffrey Siger: Assassins of Athens 7 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston. 703-437-9490.

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'FRIDAY/APRIL 23'

The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards, 8 p.m. at Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Volunteer Fairfax and more than 500 community members will honor 176 volunteer individuals and organizations. \$35 for

individuals or nonprofits, \$50 for corporate guests. Tickets available at www.volunteerfairfax.org. Contact Samantha Watson at swatson@volunteerfairfax.org or 703-246-3826.

The Virginia Opera presents The Gershwin's Porgy and Bess, 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

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'Endless Cup Coffee House', 8-10 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. With CJ Reigns and the West Market Trio. \$5. RosePromotions@aol.com.

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'SATURDAY/APRIL 24'

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'Earth Day Festival', 1-5 p.m. at Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Participate in arbor activities in honor of Reston's Tree City USA certification. Live entertainment, green building tours, fishing activities, children's crafts, canoe and kayak rentals, on-site home electronic recycling and a native plant sale. 703-476-9689.

'Virginia Hunters Horse Show Series', 9 a.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Classes include hunters, ponies, equitation and more. Free. 703-437-9101.

'Folk Club of Reston-Herndon: Del Ray', 7:15 p.m. at the Tortilla Factory, 648 Elton St., Herndon. Tickets \$11 non-members, \$10 members. www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com.

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'TUESDAY/APRIL 27'

NVHC Speaker Series: Dr. Ori Z. Soltes, 8 p.m. at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Dr. Soltes, Goldman Lecturer in Theology at Georgetown University, will speak on Famous Jewish Trials: from Jesus to Eichmann. Admission is free and open to the public. ruthsoldeon@comcast.net.

Folk Club of Reston-Herndon: Del Ray, 7:15 p.m. at the Tortilla Factory, 648 Elton St., Herndon. Tickets \$11 non-members, \$10 members. www.RestonHerndonFolkClub.com.

'Reading Comes Alive with Yoga', 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Anasofia Montelobano, a certified yoga Instructor with Yogi Fun Yoga, will introduce children to basic yoga concepts. Stories, music and yoga postures. 703-689-2700.

'Herndon Towne Square Singers: Made In The USA', 7:30 p.m. at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. A mixed chorus, directed by Harlon Reece and choreographed by Amy Lindsay Litteral. \$12, available at the Herndon Community Center or 703-787-7300.

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Lynn St., Herndon. 703-435-6805 or www.herndon.va.gov.

MONDAY/MAY 3

Reston Runners Women's Training Program, 6:30 p.m. at South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive Reston. A series of eight sessions for women walkers and runners to begin or get back into an exercise routine. \$30. Speakers on running form, gear, common injuries, and nutrition. Register at www.restonrunners.org.

Chen tai chi. Beginners class every Monday, 6:30 p.m. at the Jow Ga Shaolin Institute, 600-D Carlisle Drive, Herndon. First class free. All levels and ages welcome. truetaichi.com or 703-801-0064.

TUESDAY/APRIL 23

Tax Relief Workshops for Senior and Disabled Citizens.

10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Reston Community Center. Sponsored by Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), on the County's real estate tax relief and car tax relief programs for citizens who are either 65 or older, or permanently and totally disabled, and meet the income and asset eligibility requirements. Qualified taxpayers may also be eligible for rent relief.

MONDAY/MAY 13

Lupus Support Group, 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. lh@ascendcomm.com or www.lupusgw.org.

MONDAY/MAY 10

Reston Runners Women's Training Program</b

SPORTS

Beck Does a No-Hit Number on Marshall

South Lakes junior right hander shuts down Statesmen in 1-0 baseball win.

By RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

When the realization hit John Beck that he was closing in on the possibility of pitching a baseball no-hitter, the South Lakes High junior attempted to strike down the thought from his mind.

"I started thinking it around the fifth inning and I tried to keep it out of my head," said Beck, South Lakes' No. 1 pitcher this spring.

Not an easy thing to do. But Beck went on to achieve the universal baseball milestone in the Seahawks' 1-0 home win over Liberty District opponent Marshall Wednesday evening, April 14. Over seven innings of work, the right hander struck out eight and walked none. Two Statesmen batters reached base in the game, both as a result of being hit by a pitch.

While Beck had first been conscious of the possibility of a no-hitter in the fifth inning, it really struck him in the dugout prior to taking the field for the top of the seventh inning.

"It really hit me then," he said. "I really just tried to focus on the game [and not the no-hitter]."

Beck retired the side in order in the seventh to lift South Lakes to the district win and also gain a place in South Lakes' baseball lore. The game's final two outs came on a strikeout followed by a fly ball to sophomore right fielder Ryan Forrest.

"I was pretty ecstatic and all the players were pretty excited to," said Beck, who had never before thrown a no-hitter at any level of baseball. "I think I really hit my spots real well and we played some great defense behind me. My fastball seemed to be working."

Galvin Morris, South Lakes' baseball coach, said Beck showed outstanding control for the most part and consistently worked ahead in the count. For the game, he threw 85 pitches, a fairly low and efficient number for a seven inning high school game.

"If you get ahead in the count you'll be successful," said Morris. "It's easier to pitch. He was on from the start. All his pitches were working — his fastball and cutter. He was hitting his spots well. To throw a no-hitter all of your pitches are going to have to be working. I'm real happy for him."

MORRIS was so focused on the ball game's strategy and score throughout that he was taken back when he learned following the conclusion of the pitcher's duel that Beck had held Marshall hitless. He only learned of the feat when pitching coach Ernie Herring informed him.



John Beck was in top pitching form during his no-hitter against Marshall last week. The junior right hander fanned eight and walked none to lead the Seahawks to a 1-0 Liberty District win.

"I didn't know until after the game," said Morris, smiling at the recollection. "As the coach I was making sure [in the latter innings] things were set up defensively. I wasn't even thinking of a no-hitter."

Morris recalled one well hit ball during the middle of the game in which Forrest, the South Lakes right fielder, had to run back and make a nice catch.

"It was smoked and our right fielder went back on the ball and made a great play on it," said Morris. "He got spun around and everything but he made a great catch."

The game was scoreless until South Lakes plated a run in the bottom of the sixth inning when Wilfredo Corps-Ortiz, with two outs, singled to center field. The base hit scored sophomore Nick Beaulac, who had earlier led the inning off with a double, from second base to put the Seahawks ahead, 1-0.

Beck, relieved that his team was on the scoreboard and within three outs of a win, retired the Marshall side in order in the seventh to close the game.

"Every out meant so much more," said Beck, of the Statesmen seventh.

Beck's battery mate in the game was sophomore catcher Austin Schweppen.

South Lakes, at the plate, got the two base hits from Corps-Ortiz and Beaulac in the sixth inning. Other Seahawks' hits over the course of the game came from Kevin Ball, Will Sweet and Forrest.

Beck, who played youth baseball within the Vienna Little League, was a starting pitcher for the South Lakes JV team last year. Occasionally, he saw some varsity action out of the bullpen. This spring he has emerged as the varsity team's ace. He is 4-1 for the season. He recorded two wins during the Seahawks' recent spring break trip to Bluffton, South Carolina at the BATRUP tournament. His other wins have come over district opponents Jefferson and, of course, Marshall. Beck was scheduled to start at district rival Madison this week on Wednesday, April 21.

"He's been throwing well and with a lot of confidence," said Morris.



PHOTOS COURTESY/RESTON RAIDERS

The 12-under Reston Raiders enjoy a few moments together prior to the start of the festive parade that took place in celebration of Reston being the host town of the youth showcase national ice hockey tournament.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The under-12, AA-division Reston Raiders' ice hockey team participated at the National Championship Tournament two weeks ago. The showcase event was hosted by Reston this year.

The 12-under Raiders made it all the way to the quarterfinals before falling to top-seed Spokane, Wash., by a 2-0 score. It was the 60th and final game of an outstanding season of hockey for the locals.

Reston made it to the national quarterfinals by finishing fourth out of its respective bracket. During bracket play, Reston had squared off against teams from Texas, Missouri and Alaska.

The Raiders played one of their best games against Spokane in the quarterfinals matchup. Reston played the Washington state team almost dead even for the entire game, getting 24 shots off to Spokane's 28. With one minute left in the game, Spokane was desperately trying to hold onto a 1-0 lead. The Raiders pulled goalie Jack Lalor (26 saves) in order to have an extra attacker. But 30 seconds later, Spokane scored an empty net goal and the Raiders' historic run for the national title was over.

Once again, the Raiders received great performances from all three lines, which got equal

playing time under Coach Jeff Harrington's philosophy of playing as a team.

The strong performance by the Reston team wasn't the only thing the Raiders were proud of during Nationals Week, which included a parade through Reston and a lot of great memories. Two Raiders competed in the Easton Skills Competition against some of the best AA players in the United States. Andrew Herrmann won best goalie for the shooter challenge, stopping all six shots in the first round and going on to win the goalie title. Ted Leggett won the breakaway challenge, scoring four out of five in the preliminary round and then three out of five in the shoot-off round to take the skater title.

The Raiders Team roster this season was: 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. Kathy Herrmann manages the team.



The Reston Raiders, shown earlier this year displaying their medals after winning the region title, reached the national quarterfinals two weeks ago.

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Best of Reston Awards Presented

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ments," Rolband said.

OUTSIDE OF HER WORK at Reston Hospital Center, where she is director of environmental services, Holly Norris is involved with the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, Relay for Life, the Brain Aneurysm Race for Awareness and various other charitable efforts, said hospital CEO William Adams. In the hospital, he said, "She truly is the social conscience of Reston Hospital Center."

Norris, one of this year's individual award recipients, said she felt that she was only providing opportunities for others to give back to the community when she started a food drive at the hospital or helped colleagues develop fund-raising plans when they participated in the community events she had gotten the hospital involved with, such as Reston Interfaith's Help the Homeless Walkathon and others. "One thing I've learned about Reston since I've been here is that the community doesn't want anyone to suffer," she said. She said she also enjoyed supporting the Salvation Army, Purple Heart and the Leesburg American Legion's efforts to supply modified clothes to injured soldiers who had a hard time with the idea of wearing hospital gowns during physical therapy.

Observer Newspaper business manager Katie Moore said the Sheraton Reston and Reston Westin Heights hotels had tirelessly donated gift certificates, time and money to an array of charitable and community events.

These included the Walker Nature Center Fund Run, Relay for Life, the Help the Homeless Walkathon and South Lakes High School Ethics Day and the hotels also donated turkeys to Herndon-Reston FISH (Friendly, Instant, Sympathetic Help), serve meals at the Embry Rucker Shelter, participate in the Share Our Strength Chefs on Bikes initiative, and collect donations for the American Diabetes Association and Toys for Tots. For this work, the hotels were selected as the corporate business leader award recipient.

Sami Zeitoun, general manager for the hotel complex, said the hotels also provided financial support for their employees' higher education so that they could be successful. And he pointed out that most employees lived in Reston and wanted to help the community. By helping them to do that, he said, the hotels were indirectly supporting their staff and their



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From left, Doctors Michael Hasz, Christopher Good and Thomas Schuler of the Virginia Spine Institute accept an award from William Adams CEO of Reston Hospital Center.

own success. "For us, it's not an option not to participate and help the community. It's something we have to do in order to survive," Zeitoun said, although he added that it also was a source of pleasure.

Imam Mohamed Magid of the All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) and Rabbi Robert Nosanchuk of the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation were

named individual award winners for the efforts they had made to foster understanding between their congregations. ADAMS now has its Friday prayer services in Nosanchuk's synagogue.

Nosanchuk credited his predecessor for starting a dialogue with the Catholic community 25 years ago and then, 10 years ago, reach-

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Five Fairfax County students were among those honored in the Scholastic Art Awards competition sponsored by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. Receiving the Silver Award: **Casey Everett** of South Lakes High School in the photography category for "Underneath," **Dan Nguyen** of Oakton High School in the drawing category for "The Poetry of Sticks," **Jennifer Phan** of Falls Church High School in the drawing category for "Without Animals..." and for her art portfolio, **Mimi Shang** of Thoreau Middle School in the drawing category for "Silent Night" and

Aline Beaumont of South Lakes High School for her art portfolio.

Artwork by Hughes Middle students will be on display in the lobby of the U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive in Reston, beginning April 15, at 7 p.m., when a reception, art show, and sale will take place. Entertainment by the Hughes Jazz Band and students reading poetry selections. Light refreshments. The paintings, ceramics, and prints will be displayed through April 30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays.

Jacob Merlin of Oak Hill was named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Emory College of Emory University in

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**Between a Rock
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Now I don't want to make much ado about something but, it's impossible for an individual with cancer not to grasp at anything remotely looking, feeling, pretending even, to be a straw. Therefore, when your oncologist speaks (like E.F. Hutton used to say it did) – you listen – and look; for a glimmer of hope, a flicker of light; anything to illuminate (literally and figuratively) the tunnel in which you travel every emotional day. Sometimes the status is quo, other times, the news/results are less clear. There is no more certainty. Though much is known about the human body and how and why it functions – and responds the way it does, much remains a mystery, especially concerning cancer. The effect is, "What if?" is always my next question and my doctor's answer is always something like, "We'll see," something non-definitive. Still, I continue to ask my "scenario-type questions" as I characterize them, and my oncologist continues to answer them, as honestly and clearly as he knows I prefer to hear them.

It's rare so far, that he anticipates and then initiates a preemptive "scenario-type" answer. But this is exactly what he did during my last infusion day (chemotherapy is every three weeks for me; each patient is different), a day when I am not scheduled to see him, nor a day quite frankly when I even expected to see him (given the demands of his schedule; splitting time between multiple treatment centers). As I sat in my Barcalounger, being infused (needle in arm), into the center walks my doctor to discuss something with a member of the center's medical staff. He sees me; I'm 10 feet away, approximately; he's certainly seen me here many times before, but I doubt (based on previous interactions we've had) that he would actually know when I, or any other patient, quite frankly, would be present and accounted for. Nevertheless, there we both were.

He finishes his conversation and walks over to where I'm sitting, smiling at me, and then while gesturing at his chest (the chest is where my tumors are located, primarily, so I knew what his gesture meant) says; "You're going great! Your scans were fine." (This scan information was not new. I knew the results from a week-ago courtesy phone call I received from my oncology nurse/research study coordinator, but then he offered up the following straw-type statement): "Before you ask your question" (my usual scenario-what's-it-all-mean-type question which I always ask), he adds, "this is highly unusual. I don't know if the medication is working or you're just lucky, but you're doing great!" "WOW!" I said. "And we can continue doing this for awhile?" I asked. "Absolutely!" He replied. Then he walked away, smiling some more, to attend to other medical responsibilities. I exhaled and started crying.

As I attempted to get my bearings, I wondered to myself, did he just say (and do/initiate) what I thought he said/did? Composing myself yet again, I next called Team Lourie; my wife, Dina; and my brother, Richard: "Great news, Kenny! I'm so happy for you." "I know," I said. "Amazing," I summarized. And so it remains. But I'm hardly out of the woods. Maybe I'm out of a tree, still very deep in the forest though. But it was news I can live with (duh) for now, tempered by the underlying medical reality of course, and that's the problem. On the one hand, it's a milestone; on the other, it's a millstone.

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NEWS

Community Grows Stronger

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ing out to the ADAMS Center. He said the Jews hearkened back to Isaac, while the Muslims looked back to Ishmael, two half-brothers who grew up distrusting each other, and he and Magid were trying to build trust between those symbolic figures.

"This sense of one community and the solidarity of people is one of the most important objectives of this work," Magid said. He said his community had become more appreciative of its "Jewish friends" when they opened the door to their congregation's home.

Jim Cleveland, a patient at the Virginia Spine Institute, said he personally knew the business's founder, Dr. Thomas Schuler, and found his staff to be warm and welcoming. "They're the best at what they do, there's no question about that," he said, but he added that the company's dedication to the community might be less known.

THE VIRGINIA SPINE INSTITUTE donated more than \$100,000 and 2,000 hours of volunteer time in 2009 alone and has partnerships with Reston Interfaith, the Spinal Research Foundation, Reston YMCA, the Reston Triathlon, Adopt-a-Highway, the Red Cross and other groups.

Schuler said most employees were now looking for businesses with social consciences and his staff was "totally dedicated" to supporting the community. He said employees had set up their own committee in order to participate in a community event each month, beyond what he came up with for service projects. One of the business's proudest achievements, he said, was We've Got Your Back, a run-walk for the Spinal Research Foundation that became a national event.

Eight-year-old Jarely said Emily Ward gave "the most awesome backrubs."

Jalen, 10, said, "I remember Miss Emily taking me on good field trips."

"I just believe in giving everything I can to these children," said Ward, who was selected as an individual award winner for her volunteer work at Reston Interfaith's Laurel Learning Center for the last 13 years. Many of the children are economically disadvantaged, and Ward said, "If you give them some self esteem, some self assurance, that will help them out so much down the road."

She said she loved dancing with the children, catching insects with them, taking them to museums and splashing with them in the pool. "Every day, I come here and I find it so rewarding," she said. "When they run at me and scream, 'Miss Emily, Miss Emily,' I just want to cry."

Reston resident Lee Rau said of the Reston Historic Trust, "It is what Reston is and the preservation and perpetuation of what Reston is."

The historic trust was this year's civic organization award winner. An all-volunteer operation, it runs the Reston Museum and Shop at Lake Anne Plaza, which got a grant from the county and underwent major renovations in the last year.

Lynn Lilenthal, chairman of the group's board of trustees, said the museum was to educate visitors and residents alike on what makes Reston special. She said the historic trust also hosted walks around the community, showed local artists' work, sponsored the Reston Homes tour and partnered with Langston Hughes Middle School on a project in which students interviewed community members on different topics.

Many people weren't aware of the problems that were involved in starting Reston or founder Bob Simon's seven original goals for the community, said Simon's wife, Cheryl Terio-Simon, noting that they could learn this and more at the museum.

"People can come here and get a sense of what Reston was, where it is now and what it's going to be," said local architect Michael Miller.

Those who commented on the recipient of the second annual Lifetime Achievement Award, which goes to a past Best of Reston winner who is still hard at work in the community, did not disclose the winner's identity as nature photographer, commercial real estate consultant, activist and former football coach Chuck Veatch, leaving the announcement to Simon.

"His service represents tremendous honor and integrity and selfless acts in the community," said Joe Ritchey, last year's Lifetime Achievement Award winner. He said Veatch worked quietly behind the scenes, providing mentoring for young people, participating in the Character Counts program, working for nature preservation and volunteering through various organizations.

Simon said he respected him for his ability to analyze a situation and the way he handled himself and listened to others. And, he said, Veatch brought the "colossal benefit" of the stream restoration project to Reston.

"He's really the only coach I've continued to stay in contact with," said resident George Light.

Shawn Bethea said Veatch had conspired with his father to hire him and then gave him one "rotten job" after another to successfully ensure that he would go to college.

Brian Jackson, senior property manager at Peterson Management L.C., and Harry Rauner, CEO of United Financial Banking Company, said Veatch had taught them how to conduct themselves in the business world.

In 1974, Simon had been living in New York but was in town for an event, Veatch told the crowd upon accepting the award. "We were shaking hands and talking and someone took a picture of it," he said. Later, he received in the mail a signed copy of the picture from Simon, saying, "Thanks for what you do and what you hopefully will do." The idea took root, he said. "He felt the fabric of community had to be there from the very beginning," Veatch said of Simon, adding that Reston's fabric had only grown stronger with time.

"It's great to be recognized by your community, especially when that community is Reston," he said.

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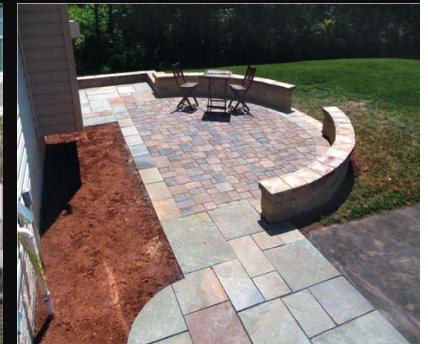
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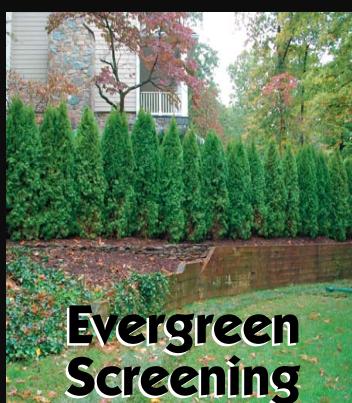
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