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Ellie Stokes and Bob Smith of the Thoreau Place retirement homes in Reston are named the prom king and queen at the last Saturday's Senior Senior Prom at St. Joseph's Church in Herndon.

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McKinney, Napolitano Wed

Nicole Lee McKinney and David Michael Napolitano were married April 17, during a beachside ceremony at Pier House Resort in Key West, Fla.

The bride is the daughter of Philip McKinney of Centreville and Susan McKinney of Arlington.

The groom is the son of Salvatore and Cathy Napolitano of Herndon.

Maid of Honor was Natalie McKinney (sister of the Bride) and Chrissy Sutphin was Bridesmaid. Best Men were Matthew Napolitano (brother of the Groom) and Robert Crane. Groomsmen were Tony Hart and Vic Grover. Jason McKinney, brother of the Bride, traveled from California to attend.

The reception was held at the Roof Top Café in Key West.

The couple reside in their new home in Pensacola, Fla. Both David and Nicole are employed by Navy Federal Credit Union.



SCHOOL NOTES

Genevieve N. Navin of Herndon was named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss.

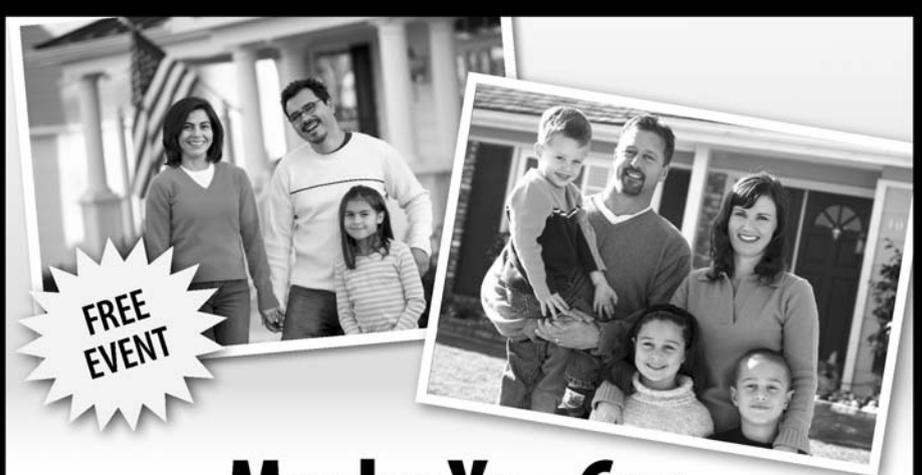
Kevin Wright of Oak Hill was named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Frostburg State University of Frostburg, Md.

Neel David Kotra of Herndon was named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Washington Uni-

versity in St. Louis, Mo.

Jesse Hangen and **David Wheeler**, both of Herndon, have been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Berklee College of Music in Boston, Mass.

Travis Benson of Herndon has been named to the fall 2009 dean's list at Villanova University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova, Pa.



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This year's Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Foundation scholarship winners, joined by former Virginia First Lady Anne Holton, center, were, from left, Tracy King and Jasmin Lawrence of Mount Vernon High School, Alexis Lewis of Herndon High School, Yuri Lopez of JEB Stuart High School, DeAnna Miller of Westfield High School, Cedric Ndaw of Lake Braddock Secondary School, Fiyori Negussie of West Springfield High School, Christian Rivero of Northern Virginia Community College and Tchakalla Romeo of Robinson Secondary School. Not pictured is Waveney Hudlin.

Foundation Promotes Education

MLK Cultural Foundation luncheon recognizes students and educators, features former Virginia first lady.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Myrtle Gallow, president of the Reston-based Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Foundation, said the group started awarding scholarships in 1999, shortly after it was formed, as a way of fulfilling its mission to engage in community outreach that embodied the dream that King famously shared with the country. She said the foundation had wanted "some way of recognizing students who needed a little extra recognition and a little extra push."

This year, 35 students applied for the \$2,000 scholarships and 10 were selected, including Reston's own Waveney Hudlin of South Lakes High School, an aspiring teacher who will attend Stanford University next year.

The students were honored at the foundation's 12th annual Scholarship Luncheon and Silent Auction last Saturday, April 24 at the Waterford in Fair Oaks.

Eligible students include Fairfax County high school seniors and Fairfax or Loudoun residents in Northern Virginia Community College's Pathway Program. This year's winners are pursuing a wide variety of dreams, such as Herndon High School senior Alexis Lewis's two possible goals of becoming either a clinical psychologist who works with children or a veterinarian. She has been accepted to eight schools and plans to stay active by playing basketball at one of them.

Northern Virginia Community College student Christian Rivero plans to pursue a double major in political science and economics at George Mason

University, and then graduate from Georgetown Law School and earn a Master's degree in economics and a PhD in political science, all in order to join the United Nations and eventually become a diplomat overseas.

A few years after the foundation was formed, Gallow said, members decided they wanted to recognize people who dedicated their lives to education, so the Outstanding Educator award was created. This year's winners were Alvarez LeCesne, Alene Smith and the team of Lorraine Obuchon and Maureen Nilsen Simmons.

Introducing the winners, Mary Jane Hovis, chair of the foundation's Outstanding Educator Committee, said LeCesne was a retired Department of Justice attorney who served or had served as president of the Reston Optimists Club, chair of the Reston Community Coalition, a member of the Executive Committee of the Fairfax County NAACP and vice president of the Reston

chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's charitable foundation board, among other affiliations. He was a past winner of the "Best of Reston" award.

LeCesne was being recognized, though, for serving since 2002 as executive director of the Emerging Scholars Program, which is a free program that prepares selected disadvantaged fourth-graders to enter independent preparatory schools and then awards them scholarships to those schools, Hovis said.

LeCesne said he had been the first member of his family to go to college and wanted to help others realize the American dream by giving children the power to earn a scholarship to an independent school

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"I'm a huge fan and supporter of public education."

— Anne Holton, former first lady of Virginia



PHOTO BY SGT. CODY HARDING/U.S. ARMY

Brig. Gen. Scott Hanson, the commander of the 321st Air Expeditionary Wing and an Air Force Advisor to the Iraqi Air Force, a Herndon native, shovels dirt into the first plot for the Iraqi Air Force Long Range Radar site on COB Adder April 27.

Radar Groundbreaking

Herndon native, Brig. Gen. Scott Hanson, sees growth of Iraqi air force.

BY SGT. CODY HARDING
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COB Adder, Iraq – The United States Forces serving in Iraq provide a number of essential assets to support the Soldiers on the ground. From an Air Force and Army Aviation Corps providing security from the air to logistics and other support services that keep operations going.

As American forces draw down in Iraq according to the Status of Forces Agreement, the Iraqi Forces are working diligently to replace American-held support systems with equipment of their own. With the groundbreaking for a new Long Range Radar site on Contingency Operating Base Adder Apr. 27, the government begins to build their ability to control the skies.

The site, which will be the

home of a new Long Range Radar and Control Center, was visited by high-ranking officers of the Iraqi Army, including Staff Lt. Gen. Anwar, the Iraqi Air Forces Commander. Brig. Gen. Rick Gibbs, the USD-S Deputy Commanding General for Maneuver, and Brig. Gen. Scott Hanson, the 321st Air Expeditionary Wing Commanding Officer, a Herndon native, were also present for the ceremony.

Gibbs said that the radar system improves the capabilities of the Iraqi Air Force not just by providing radar coverage but allowing Iraqi pilots to coordinate between pilots in the air and units on the ground.

Hanson described the abilities of the system, including long-range warning capabilities, and air control over a large amount of Southern Iraq, in an interview to show how the Iraqi Air Force is growing in capability.

"This is just one more step forward in all the things the Iraqi Air Force is growing in," Hanson said. "And it's really exciting to watch and be a part of. We see the size of the Iraqi Air Force nearly doubling in the next year and a half," said Hanson.

Rust Named to Four Committees

Del. Tom Rust (R-86) has been appointed to several committees and commissions by Speaker of the House William Howell (R). Rust has been re-appointed to the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA), the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC), the Commonwealth Competition Council (CCC) and the Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS).

The NVTA is composed of the chief elected officials of the counties and cities of Northern Virginia and two members of the Virginia House of Delegates. They choose the transportation projects to be constructed in Northern Virginia and they are also tasked with creating and amending a regional transportation plan for Northern Virginia and for long-range transportation planning for Northern Virginia. The NVTC was established to manage and control the functions, affairs, and property of the Northern Virginia Transportation District. As a member of the Commonwealth Competition Council, Rust is tasked with making recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly of alternative ways of providing traditional government services. JCOTS studies all aspects of technology and science and promotes the development of technology and science in the Commonwealth.

Rust welcomes constituent inquiries to his Herndon office at 703-437-9400 or via e-mail at delTRust@house.virginia.gov.

Farmers' Market Opens May 6

Herndon Farmers' Market, a weekly marketplace that showcases a variety of seasonal fresh fruits, vegetables, flowers, meats, eggs, jams, jellies, plants and home baked goods, opens Thursday, May 6, 8 a.m.-12 noon and runs every Thursday morning through October. All items are homegrown or baked by the vendors at the market.

The Farmers' Market is located at Lynn Street in downtown Herndon, in front of the red caboose.

Information: www.herndon-va.gov or call 703-787-7380.

Smart Markets Herndon To Open May 13

The City of Herndon welcomes a new farmers' market May 13 with the opening of Smart Markets Herndon, a guaranteed producer-only farmers' market with an array of delicious fruits, vegetables, baked goods, wines, prepared foods and more. The market will operate every Thursday through October, from 3:30-6:30 p.m., at Herndon Centre on Elden Street.

Founded in 2008, Smart Markets, Inc., operates guaranteed producer-only farmers' markets in Centreville, Fairfax Corner, Oakton, Herndon, Reston and at Maryland's National Harbor. For more information, visit www.smartmarkets.org.

Area Chambers Host Banking Symposium

The Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, along with four other area chambers, will host a "Bank Lending & Economic Recovery Symposium (Show me the Money)." The event will feature 20 area bank industry senior executives and their lending customers for a dialogue on bank lending, economic recovery and where we go from here.

The event takes place Wednesday, May 12, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Waterford of Fair Oaks, Fair Oaks Mall, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway in Fairfax. Led by a keynote presentation by Virginia Bankers Association (VBA) President & CEO Bruce T. Whitehurst, the event will address many of the bank lending issues and questions, including the current state of the banking industry and lending; navigating the new economic and regulatory environment; bank and non-bank lending; political myth versus reality and what it means for one's business; and lessons learned and success case studies.

Registration & Networking is from 11:30 a.m.-12 noon.

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Members of the group God of Swing, which volunteers at the Senior Senior Prom each year, give a performance.

Party Like It's 1949

Senior citizens dust off swing dancing moves at Herndon-Reston Senior Senior Prom.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE CONNECTION

Jim Klenk, event coordinator for St. Joseph Parish in Herndon, said he was such a fan of the annual Senior Senior Prom that he had left his son's Eagle Scout project to drop in on the event at his church on Saturday afternoon, May 1. "This is one of the neatest things we do here every year," he said of the senior citizens' dance jointly sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Reston and Herndon.

With almost 200 people in attendance, the event had more than doubled in size since it started in 2003, said Pat Williams of the Herndon Rotary's Senior Senior Prom Committee.

"It just keeps growing and growing every year," said Herndon Rotary member and local chiropractor Chris Oliver, who coordinated the dance. "We may have to open up another room next year."

Providing swing music was the Loudoun Jazz Ensemble, a 17-piece brass band. "They just come every year and donate their time. It's amazing," Oliver said. And dancing to the band, along with the senior citizens in attendance, was the swing dancers' group God of Swing, who also volunteer for the event every year.

About 20 members of the Herndon High School Interact Club, Rotary's service club for teens, as well as the school's Students against Global Abuse (SAGA) group were on hand to help with the setup, greet guests

and take pictures.

"It's really just a truly community event," Oliver said.

Junior Helen Berrios and sophomore Ayla Bo had both volunteered at the event last year. "Interact gets us really involved in the community," Berrios said. She said she enjoyed watching a style of dance that she wouldn't see in many other places.

"I think old people are adorable and I love watching them," Bo said.

Ellie Stokes of Reston, who was named prom queen, called the event "the most incredibly well run operation I've seen."

"And not only that, but it made me feel young again," she said. "That music is the music I grew up on."



Henrietta Witt, 86, of Reston teaches God of Swing member Charles Williams of Fairfax a few moves.



Paul Newcombe of Fairfax and Jean Steyn of Annandale accept the award for most adorable couple.

WEEK IN HERNDON

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Voce Singers Commemorate 'American Giants'

Voce Chamber Singers and Dr. Kenneth Nafziger, artistic director, will present Two American Giants: Barber and Schuman. The year 2010 is the 100th anniversary year of the births of Samuel Barber and William Schuman. Founded in 1989, Voce Chamber

Singers is dedicating these May concerts to helping provide musical instruments needed by GMU music education students for their degree requirements. Voce will gladly accept any new or used musical instruments, regardless of condition, for tax-deductible donation to this program. Bring any instruments for donation to the concert.

❖ Saturday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston

❖ Sunday, May 16, at 3 p.m. St. Timothy's Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon
Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors

and \$10 for students (with \$2 off if purchased more than 24 hours in advance).

For tickets and information, call 703-277-7772 or e-mail info@voce.org.

2010 Yard of Month Award Season Begins

The Town of Herndon's Yard of the Month award season is officially under way. Yard of the Month is an opportunity to recognize the efforts of town residents whose yards contribute to the beautification of the town and

its neighborhoods. Citizens may nominate their own or their neighbors' yards for the award. Winners receive gift certificates from Meadows Farms and are recognized by the Mayor and Town Council at public meetings.

Nomination forms are available on the Cultivating Community page of the town's website, www.herndon-va.gov; see the link off of the homepage at "featured this month." Forms are also available at the Neighborhood Resource Center and at the Herndon Municipal Center. For more information, call 703/435-6800 X2084 or e-mail information@herndon-va.gov.

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June	4	No Friday Night Live! (Herndon Festival)
	11	Drop Dead Sexy
	18	Dr. FU + Backseat Betties
	25	Kristen & the Noise
July	2	Hyjinx + The Shields Brothers
	9	JunkFood + The Cheaters
	16	Love Seed Mama Jump
	23	The Reagan Years
	30	Burnt Sienna
August	6	Gonzo's Nose
	13	B2B (Jimmy Buffett Beach Band)
	20	The Benjamins
	27	Lost in Paris

Police Power Demands Transparency

Local police departments should open their books, release original documents, welcome public scrutiny and involvement.

First, we should say that we appreciate and support the police officers who serve and protect our communities. These are remarkable men and women who have dedicated themselves to community service even in the face of danger. They are entitled to a special level of respect.

Police in all communities also wield power unlike any other entity — the power to detain and question, the power to arrest, the power to respond with force when necessary, sometimes deadly force.

With that power, comes responsibility — the responsibility to operate openly and with transparency, the responsibility to make available the greatest possible amount of information, especially the responsibility to provide the public with a full picture of what happened when something goes wrong.

Somewhere along the way, police leaders in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax have gone astray in their control of information.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in the 1968, states that all public records “shall be presumed open.” But the legislation includes an exception that allows police to withhold “complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements and evidence.”

Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria have adopted what they call a “blanket” approach to using their exemption. That means they have decided to withhold any document they can. The actual reports filed by po-

lice officers about any incident, available to the public and the press in almost every jurisdiction in America, are never released in Northern Virginia.

“I don’t think we have to justify it,” said Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook.

A Fairfax County spokesperson asserted that it was only a few “individual reporters” who were interested in more information from the police.

“Conscientious and dedicated judges, prosecutors, public defenders, and law enforcement officers work in a system which is as transparent as it needs to be,” wrote Alexandria Commonwealth’s Attorney Randolph Sengel.

EDITORIAL

Sengel is mistaken.

“Incident reports like the ones the Virginia law enforcement authorities are saying can’t possibly be released across the country are being released across the country every waking minute of every day,” Charles Davis, director of the National Freedom of Information Coalition, told reporter Michael Pope.

“In Florida, with the transparency level that we have, it helps law enforcement,” said Gerald Bailey, commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. “It’s made us better agencies simply because we proceed knowing that our work product is going to be reviewed by the press, by the public and by the people who are actually involved in the cases we are working.”

This isn’t an academic exercise.

In the extreme example, Fairfax County police shot and killed an unarmed motorist in

Join the Debate

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 - ❖ Read Alexandria Commonwealth’s Attorney Randolph Sengel’s response, “Confidentiality Trumps Disclosure” at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=339154&paper=59&cat=110>
 - ❖ Read an excellent rebuttal to Sengel’s letter, “Citizens Have Right to Know Details of Crimes,” by Ryan J. Donnemeyer <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=339781&paper=59&cat=110>
- Email your thoughts to mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com, and watch this space next week to find out how to request information about crime and police activities in your neighborhood.

November, and have said that the shooting was justified. But they have refused to release the name of the officer who did the shooting, refused to release video from the patrol car near the shooting, refused to release any document at all that might shed light on what happened or why.

In everyday examples, a scan of police incidents within a mile of a Tysons Corner address reveals multiple drug offenses and sex offenses. But that’s all the information that is available — the label of the offense, the time, date and block where it occurred. If you as a resident want information on crimes like this near you, you should be able to see for yourself if these are minor or isolated incidents or part of a more serious pattern.

Police should not use a “blanket exemption” from public information laws to refuse to provide specific information about any crime or police activity from the public.

Next week in this space, you’ll learn how to find incidents occurred in your neighborhood, and how to ask the police for more information.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Facing Mental Health Challenge

To the Editor:

Those of us in Northern Virginia who care about children have two excellent opportunities to speak out on their behalf at the upcoming community forums on children’s mental health, Wednesday, May 12 at Loudoun Mental Health’s Aspen Room from 7-9 p.m., and Thursday, May 13 at

Inova Fairfax Hospital Physicians Conference Center Auditorium from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The forums are hosted by the Campaign for Children’s Mental Health, a major statewide advocacy initiative sponsored by Voices for Virginia’s Children, aimed at transforming the mental health system so that children get the services they deserve, regardless of where in Virginia they live.

As a psychiatrist, I am well aware of the many children in our region who suffer from mental health problems, as I see them in my [classroom, office, clinic, etc] every day. Too often, families are afraid to ask for help because of the stigma, or they do ask for help but get put on waiting lists. There are simply not enough mental health services available in our community to meet the demand.

The Campaign’s forums on May 12 and 13 are opportunities to share your views on how we can

do better by our children who suffer from mental health challenges. For more information and to sign up for the forum, go to www.lin5kids.org.

The addresses where the forum will be held are:

- ❖ Loudoun Mental Health, 906 Trailview Blvd., Leesburg
- ❖ Inova Fairfax Hospital Physicians Conference Center Auditorium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church

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Role Model At Madeira

To the Editor:

On April 24 students, faculty, alumni, friends and neighbors gathered for an afternoon tea to

bid a fond and appreciative farewell to Madeira’s Headmistress Betsy Griffith. For 22 years, Betsy has been not only a superb educator and administrator, but an inspiration and role model to over 1,500 young student ladies. The hundreds gathered on campus that day was not only a tribute to Betsy’s outstanding leadership, but a statement of how deeply her presence will be missed. We neighbors on the Pike thank her for what she has contributed to the community and wish her the very best in her future exciting plans.

John Adams

President of the Georgetown Pike & Potomac River Association

P.S. I will personally cherish Betsy’s humor as I wear an earlier gifted “Madeira Football” sweatshirt declaring “Over 100 and Still Undeclared.”

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MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY



Kaitlyn Hudenburg, 14, Sabine Hudenburg, Mom, and Emily Hudenburg, 11, celebrating the Thanksgiving Day at home in Herndon.



Sabata Morris with her three daughter's on Easter Sunday 2010 after the church service. Pictured bottom, from left, Meagan Morris, 22; Chazzy Morris, 27; top Tori Morris, 15; Sabata Morris (mother). Photograph was taken by dad, Charles Morris.



AnnaMarie Lawson with her Mother, Maria Evangelista, 78, after a family gathering in Chambersburg, Pa. last fall.



Daughter Kayley Byrne (22), Mother Carol Kristen Byrne (45) of Oak Hill and Grandmother Marjorie Kristen (79) of Boynton Beach, Fla. take a minute to pose for a picture while admiring the 25+ inches of snow at Oak Hill in February.



Stacy with Alden (6), Eli (6) and Tabi (2) Erazo taking a stroll at the National Mall.

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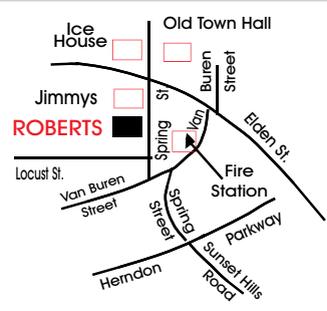
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Reston V.I.P. 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Support group for adults with vision loss. 703-689-2700.

SATURDAY/MAY 8

'As You Like It.' 8 p.m. CenterStage at Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Shakespeare's romantic comedy. For tickets contact www.rcp-tix.com or 703-476-4500. www.restonplayers.org.
Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.
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ESL Beginners. 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. ESL conversation group. Adults. 703-689-2700.

THURSDAY/MAY 13

Swing Dance with DeJa Blue Blues Band. 7:30 at The Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.
Friends' Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. "In the Woods" by Tana French. Adults. 703-689-2700.

TUESDAY/MAY 11

Tail Waggin' Tutors. 6:30 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Sign up to read to a well-trained therapy dog. Age 6-10 with adult. 703-437-8855.
Money Matters. 7:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Monthly group discussion focuses on personal finance and investing. 703-242-4020.
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Northen Virginia Fine Arts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Juried outdoor street festival. Restonarts.org.
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WEDNESDAY/MAY 12

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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MONDAY/MAY 10

Reston Runners Women's Training Program. 6:30 p.m. at South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive Reston. 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. truetaiichi.com or 703-801-0064.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 12

Moms Club of Reston. 10 a.m. at the Hunter's Woods Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. An international non-profit organization providing support for mothers. Playgroups, babysitting co-op, regular monthly activities and events, moms' night out and more. momsclubofreston@yahoo.com.

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Foundation Promotes Education

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and put themselves on track to be future leaders.

As a sixth-grade substitute teacher at Dogwood Elementary School, Hovis said, Smith founded the Rising Stars Transition program, which is designed to inspire children to academic and social success through workshops and meetings with community leaders. The program, she said, "is helping our students develop the pathways to realize their dreams."

After retiring from her position as an admissions director at George Mason University, Smith said, she needed something to do, so she started substitute teaching. As she watched the teachers and students, she recalled, "I said, 'What can I do to help? This is a massive job.'" She wanted to motivate the students to do excellent work, integrate well socially and transition into middle school, and she wanted to introduce them to the idea of college.

Smith said she started the Rising Stars program last year with 86 Dogwood sixth-graders and had since received calls from the principals of Reston's other five



Tom Wilkins, one of the founders of the Martin Luther King Jr. Cultural Foundation, displays the lifetime achievement award that was bestowed on him at the organization's annual Scholarship Luncheon.

elementary schools. This year, she said, the program was about to start with 617 sixth-graders.

Obuchon and Nilsen Simmons were awarded for their work with the school system's Adult and Community Education (ACE) program, where they promoted life-

long learning and helped low-income single parents improve their circumstances, Hovis said. "Beyond their work with students, they strive to give a public presence to the ACE program," she said. "Not only do they run the Education for Independence program, they raise the funds that support it."

"In light of having the greatest job in the world with the greatest clients, it's not hard to look good," Nilsen Simmons said. "All our students need is opportunity."

"I believe in this day and age society has become complicated," Obuchon said, adding that, with change as a constant, the ability to adapt was necessary as well as education. For example, she said, she had just found out the day before that she had been laid off. She said she was looking at the development as an opportunity to find new ways to serve the community, and she noted that she had several copies of her résumé with her.

A few years ago, the foundation created its Lifetime Achievement award for its own members, Gallow said. "These are people who go beyond the call of duty in both fund-raising and bringing the community together in our organization." This year's award went to Tom Wilkins, one of the organization's founders, a longtime community activist and a former recipient of the Outstanding Educator award.

The guest speaker at the luncheon was Anne Holton, wife of former Virginia Governor Tim Kaine. "I'm a huge fan and supporter of public education," Holton said as she greeted the audience. Recalling some of her school experiences, she said she had been to a number of "fancy schools" but still considered her time in public schools to be the foundation of her education.

Her latest effort on the education front has been leading For Keeps, a nonprofit organization that helps older foster children get and maintain placements. Many foster children changed schools a number of times before they even went into foster care, she said. "Not surprisingly, those kids don't always do all that well in education." She noted that only about 50 percent graduate from high school and only 5 percent earn a degree.

She encouraged the "success stories" that were the day's scholarship recipients to "Take your education, take your scholarships, the support you have, and run with it and have a great life. Do great things."



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St. Joseph School of Herndon Wins First Place at Diocesan Science Fair

St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School in Herndon claimed first place at the Arlington Catholic Diocesan seventh and eighth grade Science Fair on April 24, at Paul VI High School. Thirty-four Catholic elementary schools represented by 346 students took part in the Science Fair. The students in competition placed the highest in their local school's science fair. The fields of science represented were: behavioral & social science, biochemistry, botany, chemistry, computer science, earth & space science, engineering, environmental sciences, mathematics, medicine & health, microbiology, physics and zoology. Honorable Mention ribbons were awarded to individuals in each category as well as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd medals. Students who received medals also won a savings bond. The winners included the following St. Joseph students; Chris Hoyle

(first place in biochemistry); Brenna DeBellis (first place in chemistry); Jonathan Stine (first place in microbiology); Matt Lee (first place in zoology); Carolyn Oare (third place in medicine and health); Kim Rieder (honorable mention in behavioral and social science); cumulative scores were taken to determine overall school placement and contributors to SJS School winning first place were Gabriella Bambino (botany), Jeffrey Joppich (microbiology) and Joseph Mozeyko (microbiology). Second place was awarded to St. Patrick and third place was awarded to St. Veronica.

"We are so very proud of our students' scientific knowledge and their ability to excel," said St. Joseph School Principal Joan Cargill. "Congratulations to St. Joseph School and science teacher, Mrs. Kathy Hurley."



Pictured, from left, are St. Joseph School Diocesan Science Fair Winners: Kathy Hurley, science teacher; Joan Cargill, principal; Kim Rieder; Gabriella Bambino; Brenna DeBellis; Jeff Joppich; Joseph Mozeyko; Chris Hoyle; Matthew Lee; Jonathan Stine; and Carolyn Oare.

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SPORTS

Hornets in the Hunt For Regular Season Title

Despite injury loss of pitcher Hvozdovic, Herndon is finding ways to win.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

It's hoped that recently injured Herndon High baseball player Paul Hvozdovic will return to the Hornets' line-up in time for the upcoming Concorde District playoffs in a couple of weeks. But there is no guarantee of that happening.

For Herndon coach Greg Miller and his team members, the return of the senior pitcher would be a pleasant surprise. But that decision regarding Hvozdovic's possible return has not been made yet.

"We're going to err on the side of being cautious," said Miller. "If the doctors, Paul's parents and Paul himself want to give it a shot, I'll go with that. Paul thinks he might be able to come back in time for the [district] tournament. But our main concern is his health."

"If the doctors, Paul's parents and Paul himself want to give it a shot, I'll go with that."

— Herndon coach
Greg Miller

Hvozdovic was injured on April 14 during his team's 4-3 extra innings home loss to Concorde District opponent Oakton when, after laying down a bunt and trying to beat it out for a single, he collided with an Oakton player at first base.

Hvozdovic, who according to Miller took a knee to his side on the collision, suffered a collapsed lung and was sent to Reston Hospital, where he underwent surgery. He spent 10 days in the hospital before coming home more than a week ago. He is now on the mend.

Miller, who resides right near the hospital, had opportunities to visit and encourage his player.

The coach, earlier this week, said Hvozdovic wants to regain his health and get back onto the field with his

teammates.

"It's killing him not to be out there playing," said Miller. "He kind of has that to motivate him a little bit. We're just thankful he's OK."

At the time of the injury, Hvozdovic was the Hornets' No. 1 starting pitcher. Over 22 innings of work prior to the injury, the southpaw had struck out 30 batters, walked one and won a couple games. He was a big reason the Hornets, going into the Oakton game, had built a 6-1 record in coach Miller's first year at the helm of the program.

"Paul's our most competitive kid, a bulldog out there," said Miller. "[Not having that] is what has hurt us the most."

Since Hvozdovic's injury, Herndon's pitchers have rallied in outstanding fashion, with seniors Nick Impellizzeri, Daniel Shill and Alex Clark all making solid mound contributions. The Hornets, in what has been an amazing breakthrough season, were 10-3 overall going into this week's play and a solid 4-2 in the Concorde District standings, good enough for a three-way tie for first place along with Westfield and Centreville.

The Hornets were scheduled to play games against both fellow front runners this week at Centreville on Tuesday, May 4, and home with Westfield on Friday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m.

IN GAMES LAST WEEK, Herndon won a close 3-2 home encounter over Chantilly on April 27 before winning a 10-8 slugfest at Oakton last Friday night.

Clark, in his first pitching start of the season, gave the Hornets six solid innings of work against Chantilly, allowing two runs (none earned). He had only pitched once before this season — in a relief outing versus South Lakes on April 12. Clark could be a key compliment to Impellizzeri and Shill in the starting rotation the remainder of the way.

The win over Chantilly was the first for the Hornets over the Chargers since 2006.

In the win over Oakton, Herndon trailed 6-2 after three innings before rallying to win.

Two weeks ago, Herndon and host Robinson played in a wild, extra innings affair won by the Hornets, 11-10, on April 23. The score was tied at 5-5 after seven innings. Herndon scored a run in the eighth, but the Rams tied it with a run in their half of the inning. The Hornets appeared to be in the driver's seat after scoring four more in the ninth, but Robinson tallied four of its own to move the game into the 10th inning. There, Shill singled home Matt Smith to put Herndon ahead for good, 11-10. Shill, on the mound in the bottom half of the inning, held the Rams in check and Herndon had won.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

The Herndon High boys' soccer team lost a tough 3-1 decision at Langley Friday night, April 30. Even so, the Hornets still carry an impressive 6-3-2 overall record going into this Friday's home contest versus Annandale at 7 p.m. Here, Herndon senior player Wynton Rose makes his move with the ball.

South Lakes High baseball celebrated Reston Little League night on Friday, April 23 when the Seahawks hosted Langley in a Liberty District game. While South Lakes lost to the Saxons, 13-5, it was still a good night of baseball in Reston with the Little League teams and players on hand.

South Lakes held a 5-4 lead after five innings of play before Langley scored two runs in the top of the sixth and seven more in the seventh to break the game open.

Langley, earlier, had jumped out to a 2-0 first inning lead before South Lakes, in its half of the inning, scored four times to go ahead 4-2. Ryan Forrest led off with a double, Will Sweet singled, and Wilfredo Corps-Ortiz cleared the bases with a three-run home run to left center field. Then, Billy McLaughlin singled,

Wes Casson doubled and Austin Schweppe picked up an RBI with a ground out to shortstop for the fourth Seahawks' run of the inning.

Langley chipped away with runs in the second and third innings while the Seahawks scored a single run in the second on a David Odlen single/error.

Seahawk starting pitcher Will Sweet went five innings before giving way to relievers Kevin Ball, Jordan Hataway and Forrest. Sweet, in the quality start, scattered six hits over five innings of work, with four strikeouts and two walks.

The balanced Seahawks' offense came to life with eight hits, five in the first inning. Forrest had two hits while Sweet (single), Corps-Ortiz (home run), Ball (single), McLaughlin (single), Casson (double) and Odlen (single) all got hits as well.



COURTESY PHOTO

Players within the Reston Little League were on hand to enjoy South Lakes' home baseball game versus Langley on April 23.

OBITUARY

Ross DeWitt Netherton

Ross DeWitt Netherton, 91, died peacefully in his Arlington home early Friday morning, April 30, 2010. He was born in Chicago, Ill. Nov. 6, 1918, to parents Ross Dewitt Netherton and Orra Faxon Netherton. Growing up, he attended the University of Chicago's Lab School. He attended the University of Chicago, earning degrees in history, political science and a JD; University of Michigan and SJD from University of Wisconsin both for law degrees. He taught law at Chicago-Kent College of Law and American University's Washington School of Law (Professorial Lecturer 1950-1959).

A WWII Army veteran, Netherton served for years of active duty, part of his time spent in the China, Burma, and India theater, (931st Signal Battalion) followed by 27 years in the Army Reserve, retiring as a colonel in 1973. He was an active member in the Burma Star Association, organizing the First American Branch in 2000. More recently, Netherton organized and conducted a semi-monthly Military History Forum in Falls Church.

Netherton was retired from a career of conducting and administering research and writing programs in academic, governmental, private sector, and consultative organizations. His main fields of expertise had been in transportation and land-use planning law, environmental law, historic preservation, and local history. He has published, lectured, and consulted in a professional career of more than 40 years. He has designed and managed scholarly and applied research and writing programs for national organizations, the U.S. Departments of the Interior and Transportation, the National Research Council, The American Bar Association, and Congressional study commissions; and he has served as an advisor for the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

In Northern Virginia, he and his wife, Nan Netherton, had co-edited the first Fairfax County Directory: A Civic-Government Handbook in 1957. Later, they co-authored histories of Arlington County and Fairfax County. Individually, he had written monographs published by the Fairfax County Planning Department on the Fairfax Courthouse, the Colvin Run Mill, and Green Spring Farm. Most recently he has co-authored a regional history of Virginia between the Rappahannock and Potomac Rivers titled In The Path of History. He was an honorary life member of the Falls Church Historical Commission, a member of the Northern Virginia Association of Historians, and he had received awards and professional recognition for his research and writings and lifetime contributions to the preservation of history.

He is survived by his sons, David Netherton (Concord, Mass.), and Richard Netherton (Falls Church), and daughter, Nancy Netherton Stelling (Richmond), five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be planned for early June 2010.

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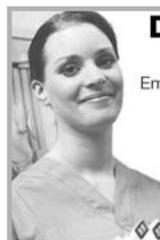
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Salad Daze



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The dictionary defines "salad days" as the "time of youth, innocence and inexperience." For a cancer patient (yours truly), who has changed his eating habits, almost entirely (I give myself a B-) to incorporate fruits and vegetables, greens in general, and salad in particular, instead of merely consuming his daily bread, there is no more ironic characterization of time than this column's title. And I'm eating salad because my "time of youth, innocence and inexperience" is long gone. It left March 5, 2009, when my oncologist explained to me (and Team Lourie) exactly what my stage IV lung cancer diagnosis meant, statistically speaking: I was now life-expectancy-challenged, to put it mildly; that is, with a "p.c." spin on it.

And "correct," with respect to my consumption, is what I've tried to be. I'm attempting to follow a PH-balance-changing regimen to consume a great deal more alkaline foods than acidic foods, thereby altering (hopefully) my blood chemistry; the theory being that cancer cells, which we all have as part of our DNA, figuratively speaking (maybe even literally for all I know/understand), cannot exist in an alkaline environment. In effect/theory, making one's internal combustion engine a less hospitable environment/host to these life-threatening cells, and to extend my prognosis/life in the process, beyond its current 13-months-to-two-years time frame.

And so, salad, sometimes days, more so nightly and on the weekends, is now a primary part of my food for thought. These days, I spend more time in the produce section of the supermarket than I do in any other aisle. Not that I've become the least bit knowledgeable (actually I have become the least bit knowledgeable), but I have become more inclined and quite frankly, likely, to wander through this section first (and foremost) to take in the sights - and smells - and to see if there are any items that meet my still extremely narrow window of eating opportunity. (Organic is even better, I've been advised.)

No more can I cookie-cake-candy-ice cream-soft drink my way through the supermarket. In fact, I haven't had an Oreo Cookie (Double Stuf) in so long, that I'm no longer sure how to spell "Stuf." Still, I wander through those aisles, too (I'd be lying if I said, occasionally), taking inventory, so to speak (sort of as a peculiar way to motivate/discipline myself) and to semi dip my toe back in the sugar-consuming water. But I have enough intestinal fortitude now, to not indulge in my former eating fantasies. (To be honest, I'm not a saint, but neither am I the sinner I once was.) It's extremely difficult, though. Almost all the foods (or the category of foods) that I misspent my youth - and life - eating, and love still: sugar, dairy, pasta, potatoes, rice, bread, beef/veal/pork/turkey are acidic and thus, out, at least to the extent/percentage theorized (30 percent of your calories) in this alkaline/acidic, cancer-affecting discussion/debate.

As my new consuming passion then, no longer am I eating/drinking all the friendly-to-cancer "ingestibles" that I have been for the past 50 years (certainly nowhere near the frequency or ferocity, that's for sure). Is it helping? I don't think it's hurting. Is it proactive? Yes, in a reactive-to-my-diagnosis kind of way. Am I doing better than my oncologist expected? Yes! (See column titled "Between a Rock and a Hard Place," 4/21/2010 for comparison.) Is my prognosis different now in year two? No. Can I live with the consequences of these most recent actions? Happily so, and hopefully for years beyond the original diagnosis. Are there any guarantees? Just one: "No one gets out of this life alive." So said, Ceil Lourie, my mother, many times. (For her sake, thank God she died before my diagnosis.)

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MOTHER'S DAY PHOTO GALLERY

A memorable mother-daughter tubing trip meandering down the rifles of the Shennandoah River: from left, Samantha Chamberlin (then 15), daughter of Caroline Hemenway, Lara Duffy (then 15), daughter of Margie Duffy, Caroline Hemenway, who has two older boys, Austin and Matthew Chamberlin, and Margie Duffy, who has an older son, Andy, and younger daughter, Leah.



Alexandra, Madison, Mackenzie and Carter 'with the best mom in the World,' Erin Laughlin, in New York City.



Erin and Loren sent this photo of 'Mom visiting from Rockford, Ill.,' celebrating her birthday in their Herndon home.



Ashley Trissell (16) and her mom Tessa Trissell at the Kennedy Center, Christmas 2009.



Ashley Trissell, Abuelita Rossy Zavala (Houston, Texas), and Tessa Trissell. In June 2008, grandparents came to visit for brother Brian Trissell's Herndon High graduation.

COUNTY BRIEFS

Fairfax Housing Market Update

❖ There were 715 foreclosures in Fairfax County in February, down from 725 the month before. The county reports that 115 properties came out of foreclosure in February but 105 additional properties went into foreclosure during that month.

A foreclosure in Fairfax stays on the market for approximately four and half months before selling.

❖ The number of active home sales listing in Fairfax dropped approximately 25 percent from February 2009 to February 2010, when there were 4,456 homes on the market.

❖ During the first two months of 2010, a newly built townhouse sold, on average, for more than a newly built single-family home. The median price of a new townhouse during this time was \$738,073 and the median price of a single family home was \$723,567.

❖ New townhouses have seen a 30 percent increase in price during the first two months of 2010 when compared to 2009 figures. New single-family homes have continued to sell for less, dropping 8.6 percent at the beginning of 2010 when compared to 2009.

❖ The number of previously owned single-family homes and townhomes that have sold has increased more than 10 percent since 2009 while the number of newly constructed homes and townhomes has decreased.

Fairfax homes that sold in February spent, on average, half as many days on the market as those that sold during the same month a year earlier.

Fairfax Draws Record-High Unemployment

Fairfax County's unemployment figures held at a record-high level of 5.5 percent in February. The locality's current unemployment has jumped 1.2 percent, when compared to the same month a year ago.

Fairfax County's unemployment rate is lower than both Virginia and the United States. Unemployment in the commonwealth is at 7.7 percent and unemployment in the country held at 9.7 percent in February.

Fairfax Holds Meeting on Lyme Disease

Fairfax County chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) will host a town hall meeting on Lyme Disease at the Fairfax Government Center May 15. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon.

Two officials from the federal Center for Disease Control and staff from the Fairfax County Health Department will make presentations. Local officials who study wildlife and insects will also be in attendance.

The Fairfax County Government Center is located at 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax.

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