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Barry Dysart of Springfield-based A Bit More Sweets and Specialties looks on as Reston resident Dana O'Connor helps her 3-year-old son Rowan pick out a triple chocolate rocky road cookie at the opening day of the Reston Farmers Market on Saturday.

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## Dogwood Receives Extra State Assistance

Dogwood Elementary School in Reston will be one of six Fairfax County elementary schools to receive extra funding from Virginia because of concerns about students lack of performance. School officials said they expect the school will receive an extra \$175,000 next year from the commonwealth to help boost academic achievement.

Dogwood students have failed to meet the testing goals laid out under the federal No

Child Left Behind law for two out of the last three years. Approximately 62 percent of Dogwood students are considered poor and 46.5 percent do not speak English as their first language.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

## Libertarians Nominate Mosley for Congress

Matthew Mosley of Oak Hill has received the nomination of the Libertarian Party of Virginia to be its candidate in the election

for the U.S. House of Representatives in Virginia's Eighth Congressional District on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

"As an entrepreneur and small business owner, I believe that anyone who is willing to work hard can shape their own future," said Mosley. "Unfortunately, millions of hard-working Americans are struggling or unemployed today due to government policies that favor special interests and wealthy corporate executives over the average working family. I am running for Congress because I believe that the innovation and drive of the American people represents the engine of our economy, and in order to grow we must reduce the size of government and

lower the tax burden on individuals and small businesses."

Mosley is currently in his second term on the Board of Directors of the Libertarian Party of Northern Virginia. He has served on the board of several private companies, including Cyber Security, Inc., which he co-founded in 2000. Mosley has been employed in the information security and risk management industry since 1992, and regularly speaks at industry events as an expert on Internet security and regulatory compliance. He and his wife, Carrie-Anne, live in Oak Hill.

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	11	Drop Dead Sexy
	18	Dr. FU + Backseat Bettles
	25	Kristen & the Noise
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**Vicki Needham of Chesley Vegetable Farms in Frederick, Md. sells three Fuji apples to Reston resident Francis Garvey and his daughter Isabel. The farm is one of the market's original vendors.**

## Farmer's Market 'Like a Fair'

"It was a good day. I mean, I barely have anything left," said Steve Hoyle of the Providence Forge-based apary Bees 'n Blossoms, as opening day of the Reston Farmers Market at Lake Anne drew to a close on Saturday. "Especially considering that it rained earlier."

"It's been as good an opening day as we've ever had. It was terrific," said market master John Lovaas, noting that while it had been pouring rain at 8:30 a.m., "there were a couple hundred people in the market."

This year's market opened with 27 vendors, down one from last year, including purveyors of produce, pastries, bread, flowers, meat, cheese, wine, soup, kettle corn and other goods. All vendors make their goods within 125 miles of Fairfax County.

Some offer a wide variety of products, while others, like Bees 'n Blossoms, are highly specialized. The booth offers little other than honey, but this includes honey jellies, creamed honeys, herbal honeys, "power honeys" that contain pollen and help alleviate allergies, and propolis honeys that boost the immune system. Regular honey is also available.

Two vendors, Ole Pioneer's Kitchen from Vienna, specializing in ethnic meats and sausages, and 100 Bowls of Soup from McLean, are new to the market this year. In fact, Katharine Mardirosian of 100 Bowls of Soup said it was the company's first time at any farmers market.

She too had sold out. "It was a great day. I had no idea what to expect," she said. The company's focus is on producing fresh, seasonal soups, Mardirosian said,



**From left, Mike McCormick and his wife Carolyn McDowell of Ladybug Mountain Farm in Rappahannock County arrange their flowers, as Elizabeth Stein and Ben Crabtree, both of Herndon, look over their wares.**



**Katharine Mardirosian, 9-year-old Maggie Bujor, 10-year-old Linsey Wenk and Kim Wenk of McLean-based 100 Bowls of Soup pose for a picture. It was the company's first day at the Reston Farmers Market, and the soup was sold out before the market's end.**

noting that she had been selling asparagus tarragon and lentil curry soups, all made the day before.

Adding life to the scene was the bluegrass band Gallows Road, as well as hula hoopers and a magician. "This is really like a fair here. You have to come to the fair,"

Lovaas said.

The Reston Farmers Market is one of the largest in the county. It is open Saturdays from now until November, from 8 a.m.-12 noon. To learn more, visit <http://restonfarmersmarket.com>.

— MIKE DICICCO



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**Residents of the clusters surrounding Lake Anne could be facing a major rate hike for a home cooling system that some say is inadequate.**

## Lake Anne Residents, RELAC Feel the Heat

**Residents facing 50 percent rate hike for unusual home cooling system testify before SCC.**

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

Lisa Namerow said her family paid \$900 per season to cool her house in the Waterview Cluster and still had upstairs temperatures around 78 degrees, even with the air conditioning running constantly. "If we have dinner guests, the temperature quickly rises to 80 degrees, so we don't entertain much in the summer because everyone starts to sweat," she said.

Namerow was one of 11 people who testified at the State Corporation Commission's (SCC) second hearing on a proposed rate increase for customers of the Reston Lake Anne Air Conditioning Corporation (RELAC) Monday, May 3 at the Fairfax County Government Center. The first hearing took place late last month in Richmond.

All but one of the speakers at Monday's meeting testified that the RELAC system, which uses Lake Anne water to cool homes in the surrounding clusters, was ineffective or unreliable in their homes, and they protested against the rate increase of about 50 percent proposed by Aqua Virginia, the company that owns the system.

Aqua, which is trying to sell the system, has said it needed to increase rates because it's

losing money on RELAC. Residents, meanwhile, are prohibited by Reston Association covenants from using any other form of air conditioning unless they can demonstrate that they need to for health reasons.

"We've been losing money there for the last three years," Greg Odell, chief operations officer for Aqua Virginia, said in a later interview, adding that there had been no rate increase since 1995. "Probably our major expense there is power. Power costs have gone up and labor costs have gone up," he said.

Aqua, which is a water company, is considering selling the system either to residents or to a company that specializes more in air conditioning. However, Odell said the system had to be made financially viable before it could be sold.

Waterview Cluster President Charles Saunders said the RELAC system had improved after Doug Cobb purchased it in the late 1980s but had steadily declined since Cobb sold it to Aqua nine years ago. Now, he said, once the outside temperature topped 85 degrees, the temperature in his bedroom rarely fell below 80. After dark, it was often more comfortable outdoors, he said.

"I'm tempted to sleep outside under the stars."

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## THE COUNTY LINE

# Changes Coming for Schools with Poor Students

Many call process for changing programs for needy students flawed.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Laurie Blackburn calls the public school where her son attends first grade extraordinary. She isn't the only one.

Hollin Meadows Elementary has drawn national attention for its outdoor gardening and science program, where students grow food and learn about native plants and insects on the school site. First Lady Michelle Obama visited the Mount Vernon school to learn more about its outdoor program last fall, and Hollin Meadows students have been invited to her vegetable garden at the White House two years in a row.

Recently, the U.S. Department of Agriculture interviewed staff at and shot footage of Hollin Meadows for an instructional film they intend to distribute to other school districts around the country.

But the gardens might not survive the Fairfax County School Board vote on the annual budget May 20.

**TWO PROGRAMS**, Project Excel and Focus, were established more than a decade ago, in part to help elementary schools with a larger percentage of needy students. Superintendent Jack Dale now says the money used for those programs can be spent more effectively in another way.

But what Dale's new initiative entails is unclear and how much money individual schools which benefited from Project Excel and Focus will receive has not been released. The Hollin Meadows community, for example, is not sure whether they will get as much funding under Dale's new plan as they have in the past or whether the school system will let them use any of the money to maintain the gardening program.

"When you are changing from an old program to a new program, you should bring people along and not leave them in the position of not having any clear idea what kind of school their children are going to be going to in three months," said Blackburn.

During county budget deliberations last month, several members of the Board of Supervisors called the school board irresponsible and insensitive to the community when it came to the elimination of Project Excel and Focus, as well as a year-round school calendar program in place in a handful of county schools.

Several supervisors said the school board should have had a long and extensive community engagement process about eliminating such long-standing programs, especially since they affect some of the county's most vulnerable children.

"I hold three public hearings when a gas station wants to change the color of its awning. This is a policy shift of much more importance," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

Many of the details about the school

system's new initiative for at-risk students were fuzzy because the schools were not sure how much funding they would receive from the county or the Virginia government, said school board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville).

"It would have been great to let people know what was happening in February, but we didn't know how much money we were going to get and it looked pretty bad," said Strauss.

Last year, school board members voted to use federal stimulus money to fund Project Excel, which provides an extended school day on Mondays at 16 elementary schools. The supervisors should have known that the stimulus money was limited and would run out at the end of next year, said several school board members.

Dale and many school board members also pointed out that the most significant funding that elementary schools with students in poverty receive comes in the form of a lower staff-to-student ratio, which will not be changed.

Still, several members of the community said they felt "ambushed" by the change and supervisors found the timeline too condensed for such a major change.

During a public hearing in January, the Fairfax Area League of Women Voters complained about the school system's budget documents being "opaque" and said the organization had a hard time parsing out how the school system was spending money.

The Fairfax Education Association and Fairfax County Council of PTAs aired concerns about responsiveness.

"There is no open dialogue. That is not how the school system works," said Arthur Lopez, incoming chair of the schools' minority student achievement oversight citizen advisory committee.

But many school board members contend that Dale's new initiative for students in poverty will reach more needy students. The superintendent plans to boost funding for students who are poor and need to learn English from \$20 million to \$30 million next year.

"Overall, we will be spending more money than we are now," said Dale.

Of the new money, about \$5.4 million will

### Schools Affected

Many needy schools currently receive extra funding and support through the Project Excel, Focus and year-round calendar programs. The school board is likely to eliminate all three programs and replace them, in part, with a "priority schools" initiative.

Those campuses that would receive extra funding as a "priority school" are not the same as those who received funding under Excel, Focus and year-round calendar.

School	Excel	Focus	Year-Round	Priority School
Annandale Terrace Elementary	Yes	No	Yes	No
Beach Tree Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Brookfield Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Bucknell Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Bull Run Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Cameron Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Centre Ridge Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Clearview Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Cunningham Park Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Crestwood Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Daniels Run Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Dogwood Elementary	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Dranesville Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Fort Belvoir Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Fort Hunt	No	Yes	No	No
Forest Edge Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Franconia Elementary	No	No	Yes	No
Glen Forest Elementary	Yes	No	Yes	No
Graham Road Elementary	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Groveton Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Halley Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Herndon Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Hollin Meadows Elementary	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Hutchinson Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Hunter Woods Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Hybla Valley Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Kent Gardens Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
King's Glen Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Lake Anne Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
London Towne Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Mount Eagle Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Mt. Vernon Woods Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Parklawn Elementary	Yes	No	Yes	No
Pine Spring Elementary	Yes	Yes	No	No
Providence Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Riverside Elementary	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Rose Hill Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Timber Lane Elementary	No	No	Yes	No
Sleepy Hollow Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Stenwood Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Washington Mill Elementary	No	No	No	Yes
Westlawn Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Woodlawn Elementary	Yes	No	No	Yes
Weyanoke Elementary	Yes	No	No	No
Woodley Hills Elementary	Yes	Yes	No	No
Woodburn Elementary	No	Yes	No	No
Hughes Middle*	No	No	No	Yes
Sanburg Middle*	No	No	No	Yes
Whitman Middle*	No	No	No	Yes
Glasgow Middle*	No	No	No	Yes
Twain Middle*	No	No	No	Yes
Herndon Middle*	No	No	No	Yes

\*Project Excel, Focus and the year-round calendar program does not exist at the middle school level but middle schools are included under the "priority school" plan.

students and other minorities.

According to a written proposal, extra funding could be provided for literacy coaches and instructional coaches and to enroll all eligible 4-year olds in the Head Start program. Instead of providing an extended day or year-round school year to all students attending a particular school, individual pupils could also be asked to start school early in August if their academic achievement is lacking.

**DALE** and several school board members said the three current programs are static and limited. Those schools that were initially enrolled in the Excel, Focus and year-round calendar programs a decade ago are still the only ones receiving the services.

Demographic changes over the last few years have also meant that those schools with largest number of poor students and the lowest achievement rates now are not necessarily the ones where Excel and year-round calendar are in place.

"Once a school was in the program, the school was always in the program. And no one else could get into the program," said School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill).

The Excel, Focus and year-round calendar programs were also only in place in elementary schools. Dale's new plan would give extra funding to middle schools – Hughes, Sandburg, Whitman, Glasgow, Herndon and Poe – because they have high levels of poverty.

Finally, Dale said there was no compelling evidence that Excel, Focus or a year-round

calendar was boosting achievement. When comparing schools that had those three programs with similar schools that didn't, the school system saw no difference in academic achievement, said Dale.

**BUT** some individual schools have seen tremendous results, said school board members and parents.

In addition to Hollin Meadows, Graham Road – which has the Excel, Focus and year-round calendar programs – has been nationally recognized.

And even though Hollin Meadows is listed a "priority school," it isn't clear that it will receive the same level of extra funding it does now, said Blackburn.

"My concern is that it is May and all we have seen is an outline of an outline," said Blackburn.

# NEWS

## Art Festival Returns to Reston Town Center

**Festival to feature more than 200 artists.**

### 19th Annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival

The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) has announced the diverse artist line-up of the 19th Annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival taking place on May 15 and 16, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Reston Town Center. More than 200 of the nation's most accomplished artists, from across the U.S., will showcase their hand-crafted, one of a kind works of art from 18 categories including; Mixed Media, Ceramics, Decorative Fibers, Digital Art, Drawing and Pastels, Furniture, Glass, Jewelry, Leather, Metal, Oil & Acrylic Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, Watercolor, Wearable Art and Wood.

Many of the festival artists have repeatedly applied and been juried into the Festival during its 19 year history. Ann Barbieri, Paul Germain, Betsy Giberson, James and Lynn Lemyre, Michael Mazdo, Dana Ann Scheureer and Connie Slack are just a few of the artists who have created a large following of art patrons. In addition to returning artists, 57 artists are exhibiting at the Festival for the first time. Some notable new additions are Sang-Joon Park, John Wilson and Aaron Hequembourg. The complete list of participating artists is listed at <http://www.restonarts.org/Festival/Artists.htm>. This is the largest, top-rated, juried Fine Arts Festival in the Washington Metropolitan re-

Event Details: 19th Annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival

Who: Contemporary artwork from over 200 artists in 18 categories

Where: Reston Town Center, 12001 Market St., Reston

When: Saturday and Sunday, May 15 and 16, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Rain or Shine.

Preview Night Party: Friday, May 14, 7-10 p.m. Tickets required and limited.

Cost: Admission to the event is free, however a voluntary donation of \$5 is requested. In addition, \$10-off certificates redeemable at several Reston Town Center restaurants will be offered in exchange for a \$10 donation to the GRACE. Donation proceeds benefit year round educational and outreach programs produced by GRACE.

Website: [www.restonarts.org/festival/](http://www.restonarts.org/festival/)

gion, attracting over 50,000 art enthusiasts, and provides an interactive experience to view and purchase original art directly from the creating artists. The Festival will offer plenty to see, taste, hear and do, from artwork, a host of live musical and visual performance arts, artist demonstrations, acclaimed children's activities, and superb food and refreshments.

A complete listing of Festival activities and sponsors are listed at [www.restonarts.org](http://www.restonarts.org).

GRACE will kick off the week-end festivities with a "first look" Preview Night Party on Friday, May 14, from 7-10 p.m. hosted by Akseizer Design Group and emceed by ABC7 "Good Morning Washington" Anchor Doug McKelway. The event is open to art lovers, sponsors, media and donors. Tickets are limited.

### WEEK IN RESTON

## 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. Check the attic and 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](mailto:info@voce.org).

### BULLETIN BOARD

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#### THURSDAY/MAY 13

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

**Pole Dance Fitness Workshop.** 11 a.m. at Ballroom Dance Studio, 251 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. \$20. Reserve at 703-444-3061.

#### MONDAY/MAY 17

**Breaking Down Barriers.** 9 a.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. A seminar on the updated Americans with Disabilities Act and other

employment-related laws affecting persons with disabilities [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hrc](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hrc).

**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](http://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](http://truetaiichi.com) or 703-801-0064.

**Right LANES (Ladies Advancing a New Economy) Tee Party and Golf Clinic.** 5 p.m. at Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A golf clinic by a

female golf pro, the opportunity to play a few rounds with a professional instructor, lessons on golf etiquette and golf networking best practices and the opportunity to network with professional women from various industries. Register at [teeparty.eventbrite.com](http://teeparty.eventbrite.com).

#### TUESDAY/MAY 18

**Hazak Active Retirees.** 1 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon. Speaker, Jim Buisis, founder of the United Hebrew Congregation in Singapore and director of the Asia and Pacific Rim Institute of the American Jewish Committee. Hazak meets on the third Tuesday, Sept.-June. Free for CBE Hazak members, \$3 non-members. 703-860-4515 ext. 127.



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# 'Let us Hear that Concern'

Citizens have a right to know the details of crimes in their neighborhoods and activities of police.

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 some information.

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 information and document they can.

The actual reports filed by police officers about any incident, available to the public and the press in almost every jurisdiction in America, are never released in Northern Virginia.

Leaders in Northern Virginia's police departments continue to assert that most people aren't don't care about the level of secrecy employed by police.

"Let us hear that concern," said a Fairfax County police spokesperson. "We are not hearing it from anybody except the media, except individual reporters."

"I don't think we have to justify it," said Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook.

It's time to let them hear the concern, and

tell them that they do have to justify decisions to withhold public information. Contact your chief of police, along with your state and local elected officials. We'd appreciate receiving a copy of any letter you send.

Police should move to make as much information open to the public as possible. Should they have the right to redact some information, for example, the name of an undercover officer? Certainly. But withholding information should be a rare exception, not a blanket policy.

But the process of repressing critical information undermines the contract of trust between police and community, like the name of the shooter and exact details when police shoot and kill an unarmed civilian, as in the case of David Masters.

"Citizens truly do have a right to know the details of crimes in their neighborhoods, not summary information the police choose to release," wrote Ryan Donmoyer in a letter to the Alexandria Gazette Packet. "And the press plays a pivotal role in the unfettered dissemination of such essential information."

We continue to be grateful for the service, presence, expertise and judgment of the police officers patrolling our neighborhoods. The misguided decision to abuse the ability to with-

EDITORIAL

COMMENTARY

## Exciting Reform Proposal

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM  
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In what I have found to be the most exciting reform proposal for public education that I have seen, President Obama has proposed a complete reform of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) program in A Blueprint for Reform, the re-authorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/blueprint/>). As President Obama described the Blueprint, "Instead of labeling failures, we will reward success. Instead of a single snapshot, we will recognize progress and growth."

One of the main criticisms of the federal NCLB program has been the single snapshot of the performance of children in a school with emphasis on failing the school if all children are not making adequate annual progress. Numerous states including Virginia had asked for

exceptions to NCLB for English as a second language and for children with disabilities. The notion that all children make the same progress at the same rate is unrealistic.

Anyone with a sibling or with two or more children or with the minimal observation of children around them realizes that all children are unique in interests, abilities, talents, character traits, experiences and motivation. Even with all these differences children have been expected in the public schools to perform at the same level and at the same rate.

This factory approach of trying to turn unique children into the same widgets has set unrealistic goals for schools and has branded many of the schools as failures. The industrial factory approach has led to the standards movement (one size fits all) and to the federal No Child Left Behind (all children must move along at the same



rate).

A goal of President Obama's plan is to ensure that all students leave school college or career ready. Current school standards often do not reflect the knowledge and skills needed for success after high school, either in further education or in a job. The Blueprint offers the challenge that "we must reward the success of schools that are making significant progress, ask for dramatic change in the lowest-performing schools, and address persistent gaps in student academic achievement and graduation rates."

With the leadership President Obama is providing in so many areas, his success in accomplishing the goals of A Blueprint for Reform could have the most lasting, long-term, positive effect on our children and on our nation of any of his reforms.

### See for Yourself

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hold every piece of information possible comes from the leadership level. The police officers you come into contact with in your daily activities are not at fault here.

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#### LETTERS

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What caused these reflections was the tiny audience last Sunday afternoon at Center Stage in our Community Center for a concert of cabaret type songs by Beverly Cosham accompanied by a quartet of instrumentalists. Beverly's performances in Reston over the years have been outstanding, great fun. With subsidized ticket prices, one would have expected all 300 seats to be sold out well before the performance date, so that the sunny weather would have not have affected the gate.

The small size of Beverly's audience is typical of attendance at many Center Stage performances, even of some world class performances such as that of the Audubon String Quartet that didn't come near to selling out.

Here's an idea that could be worth examining. How about all

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# Heated Debate on Cooling System

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If rates were going to increase, Saunders said, there should have to be some agreement that service would be adequate.

Hickory Cluster President Fred Swartzendruber said the system had never worked as well as traditional air conditioning but had deteriorated to the point now that an increasing number of people were opting out due to medical conditions. And he said some residents had complained about being unable to contact the company. He called the service "unresponsive and unreliable."

Donna Shaffer bought her house in the Washington Plaza Cluster in 2004. "I had heard the horror stories about the air conditioning system, but I thought it couldn't possibly be that bad," she said, adding that she had been wrong. She said her electric bill was much higher than it had been in her previous, larger home because she was running fans and a dehumidifier.

Having used his meter to conduct his own study of the system's flow rates in his Waterview Cluster home, Edward Climo said the

main problem was the adequacy and consistency of water flow rates. The slower the flow rate, the less effective the system seemed to be, he said. And the water consistently flowed slower when the weather was hottest. Climo read off the data he had collected to illustrate this correlation, concluding that the system only functioned well when fewer people were using it. "It's sized adequately and can perform adequately only when demand is low," he said.

Van Foster said the SCC should determine whether or not RELAC was meeting its service requirements based on the water's temperature and pressure differential as it entered residents' houses, as determined by an independent party. If the results were inadequate, Aqua should have to confirm that RELAC could not meet its terms, giving residents a way out of the agreement, Foster said.

Rick Thompson of the Washington Plaza Cluster said one reason the company was spending so much on electricity was that its equipment was outdated and inefficient.

"You can put in new systems, but someone is going to pay for it," Odell said, adding that he had met with cluster presidents to discuss options for the future of RELAC.

He acknowledged that the system had its difficulties, noting that many of the homes it served were designed in the 1960s and 1970s and were not built for air conditioning. "I feel very badly in a way to say that my system works fine," said Michael Poss of the Hickory Cluster. He said he had spent less than \$200 last year to cool his house and got effective results. "So I know the system, at least in one instance, is capable of providing adequate service." For those who were receiving inadequate service, he said, something needed to change.

Odell said the system had 350 connections, including buildings like the 16-story Heron House, where one connection served many households.

Aqua had originally asked for a rate increase of about 57 percent, he said, and the company and the SCC had agreed on an interim 50 percent increase, which goes into effect this season.



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**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](http://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.

## FRIDAY/MAY 14

**'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](http://www.rcp-tix.com) or 703-476-4500. [www.restonplayers.org](http://www.restonplayers.org).

## SATURDAY/MAY 15

**A Night of Comedy with Adam Ace.** 8 p.m. at South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. The national touring comedian and 1993 South Lakes High School graduate will perform to raise money for the Theater Arts Department. Stand up comedy, physical comedy, wacky audience participation, goofy props, crazy singing and more. Suitable for the entire family. 703-715-4500 or [adam@adamace.com](mailto:adam@adamace.com).  
**Voce Chamber Singers.** 7:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. Dr. Kenneth Nafziger, Artistic Director, presents "Two American Giants: Barber and Schuman." \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and \$10 students. 703-277-7772 or [info@voce.org](mailto:info@voce.org) for tickets and info.  
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## Authors Nancy Seifer and Martin Vieweg.

2 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. "When the Soul Awakens: The Path to Spiritual Evolution and a New World Era." 703-709-7700 or [www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org).

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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.

## SUNDAY/MAY 16

**Reston Chorale Spring Concert.** 8 p.m. at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. \$20 adults, \$15 seniors and youth. Buy tickets online or at the Reston Community Center box office. 703-476-1111, 703-834-0079 or [info@restonchorale.org](mailto:info@restonchorale.org).  
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## MONDAY/MAY 17

**PJs and Teddy Bears Storytime.** 6:30 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Bedtime stories and activities. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-437-8855.

**Paws to Read.** 4 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Read to our trained therapy dog. Call or sign up online for a 15-minute session. Age 6-8 with adult. 703-242-4020.

**ESL Beginners.** 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. ESL conversation group. Adults. 703-689-2700.

## TUESDAY/MAY 18

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

**Testing Tips and Tutoring.** 7 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Tips on taking college entrance and SOL exams. Age 12 and up. 703-437-8855.

**Silly Stories.** 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Silly stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-242-4020.

**Baby Steps Storytime.** 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime. Age 13-23 months with adult. 703-689-2700.

**ESL Advanced.** 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Practice English in a group with a volunteer facilitator. 703-689-2700.

## Dodgeball Theatre to Perform in Herndon on May 15

Thirteen area teenagers will perform in an innovative ensemble combining acting, writing and dance in a public performance Saturday, May 15 at the ArtSpace gallery in Herndon. The group will also perform in June for Forest Edge Elementary School in Reston, and hopes to schedule additional venues. Produced by Dodgeball Theatre, the performance culminates months of an innovative teen acting class based on issues and events relevant to the members of the class. As an ensemble, the group of 12- to 16-year-olds has worked since November 2009 to bring their personal writings, monologues, dialogues and creative movements to life dramatically.

"This emotional journey is very powerful," said Haley Murphy, ensemble director. "The actors share their stories in their own words, through a combination of original writing, acting and movement."

Working with choreographer Heide Zufall, Murphy and the performers used an innovative



Local teens featured in the performance, from left: Allyson Demerlis, Kevin Salassi, Alina Zufall, Andrew Rifken, Rachel Thompson, Zach Klein, Talley Murphy, Hailey Corkery, Marcelo Guzman, Savanna Salassi, Ashley Birman, Katie Rees and Michelle Wolf.

creative process of combining the disciplines of theater and dance, using the techniques of improvisation, theater games and movement exploration. Material developed by the teen actors was created and used as the basis for the production. Murphy and Zufall provided the framework and direction to produce a performance voicing current teens' thoughts.

"Themes such as stereotypes, self-image, conflicts, fears, esteem and self-worth, bullying, stress and world events were some of the issues addressed," said Zufall. "Working as an ensemble, the teens felt comfortable in expressing their very personal thoughts through

this unique creative process." The newly formed Dodgeball Theatre is in residence at Reston Artistree. Dodgeball is dedicated to creating educational and performance opportunities for actors of all ages and abilities.

"Teen ensemble is at the heart of what we do," said Murphy. "Working together in such an intensive way gives these teens a creative outlet they wouldn't otherwise have. It helps them on their journey of self-discovery."

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## WEDNESDAY/MAY 19

**English Conversation Group.** 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for adult non-native speakers every Wednesday. Adults. 703-242-4020.

**OK Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Worst Hard Time: the untold story of those who survived the great American dust bowl by Timothy Egan. Adults. 703-242-4020.

**Author James Bradley.** 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. The author of Flags of Our Fathers, Flyboys and The Imperial Cruise discusses his books. 703-689-2700.

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## FRIDAY/MAY 21

**'Much Ado About Nothing.'** 7:30 p.m. by Herndon High School Theatre Department at the HHS Auditorium, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. Shakespeare's comedy around obstacles to the union of two lovers, with a sub-plot about the "merry war" of the sexes. \$10. [keh561@msn.com](mailto:keh561@msn.com) or 703-401-0428.  
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**Sisters in Crime Chesapeake Chapter Workshop.** 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Author, editor and writing coach Chris Roerden presents a free writing workshop. 703-689-2700.

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# OBITUARY

## Paul F. Conroy of Reston, 66, Dies

Paul F. Conroy of Reston, died peacefully on Friday, May 7, surrounded by friends and family, after a brief but difficult battle with gastric cancer. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Judy (nee James); two daughters and their husbands, Jill and Jimmy Norcross, and Amy and Mike Georgeadis. Paul Conroy was also a loving Papa to two grandsons, Jack and Max Norcross and a grandbaby Georgeadis due in October. He is also survived by his sister Deane O'Donohue, and his brothers Jack Conroy and Mark Conroy. He loved his extended family of many cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws. His beloved friends are too numerous to count.



**Paul F. Conroy**

Born Nov. 17, 1943 in Brooklyn, N.Y., Paul Conroy was raised in Bellerose, N.Y. and graduated from Floral Park Memorial High School. After graduating from Hudson Valley Community College in 1964, he worked in the federal government for more than 29 years, spending the majority of his career as an investigator at the Internal Revenue Service and Department of Health and Human Services,

where he achieved the rank of Senior Executive. After retiring in 1996, he was a contract investigator with several organizations, most recently with the Department of State. Paul Conroy was a lover of life, an expert joke teller, caring friend and neighbor. Born a Roman Catholic, he became an Episcopalian in 1974, serving on several Vestries, including being a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden and member of the Diocesan Council. He was a generous man and gave his time, talent and treasures to many charitable organizations. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Federal Criminal Investigators Association and American Legion. He was a Red Cross Champion for Life Blood Donor, having given 15 gallons.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Reston Interfaith (one of his favorite charities) in memory of Paul Conroy. Online donations can be made at [www.restoninterfaith.org](http://www.restoninterfaith.org) or send a donation to Reston Interfaith, 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, VA 20190.

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**David Houghtaling and Jalil Achir of Reston** were among the Coldwell Banker agents receiving The Award of Excellence from the nationally renowned real estate marketing and technology speaker and REALTOR.com® Vice President, Max Pigman. The Award of Excellence program was created to recognize top real estate agents across the country who consistently provide great marketing services on behalf of their buyers and sellers.

**Long & Foster® Real Estate, Inc.**, has announced the launch of The Long & Foster Market Minute™, an innovative report aimed to deliver local knowledge based on county-level data. A leader in providing real estate market data, Long & Foster will produce the reports every month, currently covering 100 counties it serves in the Mid-Atlantic region. The Long & Foster Market Minute™ is an overview of market statistics presented at the county level. The easy-to-read and easy-to-share reports include information about each county's units sold, active inventory, median sale prices, months of supply, new listings, new contracts, list to sold price ratio, and days on market. In addition to the 100 counties in seven states it currently covers, The Long & Foster Market Minute will include more counties in future releases.

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**Nikki Ryan** of Keller Williams Realty in Reston has earned the "Certified Distressed Property Expert" designation, having completed extensive training in foreclosure avoidance and short sales. Realtors with the designation have can offer the homeowner better alternatives to foreclosure, which virtually destroys the credit rating.

**Bruce Green**, regional vice president of Weichert, Realtors announced J.D. Callander of the McLean/Dolley Madison office was recognized for outstanding results in March. A neighborhood specialist, Callander led the company for dollar volume and resale dollar volume. Additionally, she led the region for resale dollar volume. The region comprises offices located throughout Virginia.

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**Keller Williams Realty International** announced at its annual "Family Reunion" Conference in New Orleans that the McLean office won top honors nationally among more than 30 new Keller Williams offices for 2009, with \$6.5M in gross commission income. McLean was named the #1 Launch in the nation for 2009. The McLean office launched 18 months ago with 30 agents and today has nearly 100.

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# Dark Horse Charges onto Scene

Theater company being birthed in Reston-Herndon area prepares for first provocative production.

By MIKE DiCICCO  
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**Natasha Parnian, Doug Mattingly and Arianné Warner take a short break from rehearsing 'Oleanna.'**

Natasha Parnian said it was her life's dream to start a theater company. Now, the 24-year-old Reston native is in a Herndon studio space, working through rehearsals for the first production of her newly formed Dark Horse Theatre Company. "This is such an artistically vibrant community," she said. "I put an SOS out there and people responded."

Although she went to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte for her theater degree, Parnian has worked in Washington, D.C.-area theater for about six years, primarily acting, and she said she had met many artistic people during that time. Last October, she began pulling some of them together. "I think there is a lack of collaboration with mixed medias and with different kinds of artists," she said. Part of her mission is to synthesize those different types of art. A friend wrote an original music score. A graphic designer created the company's logo, and a videographer will shoot a YouTube video for the next production.

She has also found a producer, people willing to do the less glamorous work like sweeping and hanging lights, and backing from the Reston artisTree arts collaborative, which has made the company an artist in residence and provided its space in Herndon for rehearsals.

"It's been a blessing having so many talented people coming onboard to help out. It's truly a group effort," she said.

**IN JUNE**, the company will launch a run of David Mamet's "Oleanna," a provocative story that depicts the gray area between misunderstanding and sexual harassment, at the D.C. Arts Center. With a cast of just two and little reliance on scenery, the show can be staged on a low budget, and Parnian is currently paying most

expenses out of her own pocket.

However, what is easier on the wallet may be harder on the actors. "This show is very much about the actors and about the characters and their development," Parnian said. The play runs for about an hour and 20 minutes with no intermission, and the script is riddled with ellipses and lines where the characters repeatedly interrupt each other.

"It's 40 pages of two people onstage talking," said Baltimore resident Doug Mattingly, who plays university professor John. However, he said, "It's just an incredibly masterfully written piece." Mattingly actually works as a college professor, teaching music, and he said he could relate to some of the play's material about student-teacher relationships and problems with the higher education system. "As usual with his plays, [Mamet] is saying a lot," he said.

Arianné Warner of Arlington, who plays undergraduate student Carol, said the social tensions and anxieties explored in the play were as relevant as ever, with Americans on edge about their jobs and the economy. "There this tension you can feel in everything we do right now," she said.

"When I pick shows, that's one of the things I look for is, will this move the audience?" Parnian said.

In the play, Carol is failing John's course and comes to him desperate for help. As they talk, they transgress traditional student-teacher boundaries, and in the second act, the audience finds that Carol has filed a sexual harassment suit against her professor, which he tries to talk her out of. His tenure is on the line. Tension builds throughout the play, and as a result of developments in Act II,

by the final act, a rape charge has been filed. The two make a climactic attempt to settle their disagreement in a final, ill-advised meeting.

Parnian said she immediately thought of Warner, who she had worked with in a Reston Community Players production, for the role of Carol. Mattingly auditioned for his role and was selected in part because of acting chemistry with his costar.

**PARNIAN** is directing the play. Though much of her theater work in the D.C. area has been acting, she said she developed a love of directing during an apprenticeship in college and had continued to direct afterward. "It took a little bit of trial and error to figure out what I was more passionate about." She said she was drawn to the challenge and responsibility of the role. "It's not easy but it's so rewarding, seeing the show evolve, seeing the actors evolve."

Another part of her mission for her new group, she said, was to bring more young people out to the theater.

"We were talking about theater in this area and how it's become very cookie-cutter lately," Warner said. "I mean, it's great, everyone likes a production of 'Guys and Dolls' now and then."

As part of the effort to draw younger audiences, Dark Horse Theatre plans to offer provocative shows at affordable prices. Tickets to "Oleanna" cost just \$15.

In October, the company will put on Noah Haidle's black comedy, "Mr. Marmalade."

"Right now is an exciting time because I'm building the core team I want to take into the next production and the next one," Parnian said.

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# SPORTS



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South Lakes junior attack Alex Clough (3) eludes two McLean High players during the Seahawks' 12-3 home win over the Highlanders on April 13.

## Seahawks' Headed to Boys' Lacrosse Regionals

**Clough tallies game-winner in district playoff win over Fairfax**

The South Lakes High boys' lacrosse team experienced perhaps its biggest win in the program's history on Thursday evening, May 6 when it defeated Fairfax High in overtime, 9-8, in a first round Liberty District tournament boys' lacrosse game.

The Seahawks, in front of a supportive home crowd, won the game on a goal by Alex Clough with eight seconds remaining in the first overtime session. The win advanced South Lakes to the district semifinals, which were played earlier this week on Monday, May 10 at Marshall High School, and qualified the Seahawks for the upcoming Northern Region playoffs.

South Lakes concluded the regular season on April 30 with a 16-8 district road loss at Madison. But that setback did not prevent the Seahawks from completing the regular season with a winning 6-5 overall record. With the playoff win over Fairfax, the Seahawks were 7-5 going into the district semis.

South Lakes, under first year head coach Craig Lunde, has won four overtime affairs this spring, including last week's playoff vic-



**Evan Cox (white jersey), a senior defenseman for South Lakes, has helped the Seahawks experience a successful 2010 spring campaign.**

tory. The regular season overtime triumphs all come on the road — victories over George Mason (9-8 on March 24), Potomac Falls (13-12 on March 25) and Jefferson (9-8 on April 19). The win over the district rival Colonials, a triple overtime thriller, marked the first time the Seahawks have ever beaten the Alexandria-area team.

Last week's playoff win over Fairfax was the second time in two meetings that South Lakes has defeated the Rebels this season. In a recent regular season contest on April 26, South Lakes defeated the

Fairfax squad, 12-7, in its second to final game of the regular season. The Seahawks actually trailed in that game, 4-2, at the half before scoring eight consecutive goals in the third quarter to build a 10-4 lead. The win assured South Lakes of ultimately playing its first round playoff game at home.

South Lakes' wins this season have come over George Mason, Potomac Falls, Marshall, McLean, Jefferson and Fairfax (twice).

— RICH SANDERS



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**Front Row: Sophia Landeryou and Emi Redican; Second Row: Kate Degutis, Christina Mazziotta, Ellen Wilson, Emily Landeryou and Cole Grudi; Back Row: Thuy Tran, Sebastian Waldschmidt, Charles Geddes, Matt Degutis, Jonathan Cathapermal, Constantin Waldschmidt and Andrew Donnelly.**

## Water Wolves Make a Splash At District Championships

The YMCA Reston Water Wolves swim team closed out the 2009-10 season at the East Field South District Championships at the Fairland Aquatics Center in Laurel, Md. The meet included the best swimmers in the Chesapeake and Potomac Swim League, which comprises 17 YMCA teams from Maryland, Delaware and Virginia.

A total of 16 Water Wolves swimmers competed in the meet, combining for 59 swims and 33 personal best times. Leading the way, with one Gold (50y back), three Silvers (50y breast, 100y IM, 100y free), and one Bronze (50y

fly) and Jonathon Catherpermal, 12 (50y breast). Sophia Landeryou, 7, was the youngest swimmer at entire meet. Numerous other fine performances were turned in from Natalie Bardach (9), Christina Mazziotta (11), Emi Redican (9), Ellen Wilson (12), Soloman Blackmon (9), Matt Degutis (10), Charles Geddes (12), Cole Grudi (10), Noah Machi (10), Lloyd Ramey (17), Constantin Waldschmidt (11), and Sebastian Waldschmidt (14).

The team was led by Head Coach Andrew Donnelly and First Assistant Coach Thuy Tran.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SOUTH LAKES

**Jordan Hostetler, a South Lakes High senior, signed a national letter of intent last week to play volleyball at Glenville State College, a Division 2 school in West Virginia. The signing ceremonies took place at South Lakes. Jordan, seated, earned team co-MVP honors and served as captain of the Seahawks this past fall. She is the first volleyball player from South Lakes to sign a national letter of intent in the sport. Here, Jordan shares her big moment with family members and school administrators. Standing, from left, are Aaron Hostetler; Coach Cheri Hostetler; Bruce Butler, the South Lakes principal; Patricia Hostetler; David Hostetler; and Linda Jones, the South Lakes director of student activities.**



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## OPINION

# Accidental Master Planning — Part 1

BY JOHN LOVAAS  
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**T**he Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force (RMPSTF) is in its fifth month. It is supposed to complete Phase I of its work before the leaves change color. They are to review and recommend revisions to the existing Plan for the Dulles corridor with three planned rail stations — Wiehle Avenue, Reston Park-

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PROGRESSIVE** way and Herndon-Monroe — and Reston Town Center. This will clear the way for our Fairfax overlords to approve a Plan revision just for the corridor and to act on 20-some landowner proposals for uses of corridor lands, including up to 23,000 new residences. (All of Reston currently has about 23,000 residences and a population of 65,000 people.)

When the Task Force completes the second phase, recommended changes for our four village centers and the remainder of Reston, we could have a plan for upwards of 150,000 people and commercial development greater than the tragicomedy known as Tysons Corner. This scenario is assured unless the Task Force changes direction and moves toward a balanced community vision.

After five months, the Task Force still has no vision for Reston 20-30 years from now or even a vision for the rail corridor and Town Center. Instead, they are spending time examining each area land unit by land unit. Without a vision or planning principles, their discussions tend to drift. In such a near vacuum, those with the strongest



sense of purpose tend to fill it. In this case, that's the well-represented developer group and fellow travelers. More and more, the meetings focus on how to achieve something called "de-

velopment potential" and "maximum value" of each land unit. Discussions framed this way focus on what to build, not the resulting whole. Occasional references are made to adding a public plaza, a pocket park or roads that actually move the new loads implicit in all the new buildings. Advocates for making pedestrian and bike mobility central to planning are greeted with polite nods, not affirmation. Supporting infrastructure such as schools, other public facilities are rarely mentioned. Commercial to residential ratios seem awfully important; while open space and natural area to buildings constructed ratios are to be avoided. In fact, when natural areas like the wetlands park near the coming Herndon-Monroe rail station or the 5-acre wooded park on Fountain Drive in Town Center are mentioned, discussion turns to what could be built there instead. Intense density near the rail stations, including Town Center, will give Reston a genuine urban core, hopefully a vibrant core with activity attracting people day and night. That's a good thing. At the same time, shouldn't we strive for a mature Reston built for its residents and their enjoyment, a Reston exemplifying the best in livable, beautiful places? More next time.

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of the restaurants within Reston's boundaries including on, or with, their menus announcements of performances to be held in our community centers?

**Bob Simon**  
Reston's Founder

### A Priceless Gift: Your Life Story

To the Editor:

May is Personal History Awareness Month.

As a personal historian, I get excited when I hear that someone has done family research or has been motivated to write down his or her own story for the benefit of their family or those who will come after them.

You just might be wondering about the actual value of this effort or questioning who would want to know about your life in one hundred years' time. Consider the reaction that your children, grandchildren or even great grandchildren may have as they read about your life, perhaps hearing about

parts of your life that they had never known before. In addition, give some thought to how fast things are changing around each and every one of us. Reminisce about the earlier days in your life and then reflect on what you have learned through those experiences. Sharing our memories can provide wisdom to the younger members in our family and possibly even help them to gain from our own "hard-learned lessons." This would be a priceless gift to those reading your words.

I hope you will give this idea a little thought. It isn't a difficult thing to take on. All you will need is a little quiet time, a tablet of paper (or a word processor) or a pen with lots of ink. Let your memories of earlier days begin to surface and begin to tell your very own story. Start today.

For more information on the subject of personal history writing, check out the Association of Personal Historians' website: [www.personalhistorians.org](http://www.personalhistorians.org)

**Lin M. Joyce**  
Personal Historian  
Herndon

# Reston Community Center



## RESTON MASTER PLAN

### Community Engagement

#### Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force



**Transit Oriented Development:** A tale of two counties and how a connected street network can support a more attractive and walkable Reston.

Saturday, May 15 at 9:00 a.m.  
South Lakes High School  
11400 South Lakes Drive  
Reston, VA 20191

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/>

The Reston Master Plan Special Study is a multi-phase planning study that is underway to identify appropriate changes to the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan to help guide future development in the planned community of Reston and adjoining areas located along the Dulles Airport Access and Toll Road (the Dulles Corridor).

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