Management and owners from Reston Town Center joined Reston founder Robert Simon and other local officials to plant a time capsule at Reston Town Center’s Presidents Park Oct. 18. The date marked 20 years since the opening of the Mercury Fountain in Reston Town Center in 1990. The time capsule contained current newspapers, books, magazines and other items, including clothing, and it will be unearthed Oct. 18, 2030.
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This month marks the 20th anniversary of Reston Town Center, which has evolved into an urban-style destination in metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. The Reston Historic Trust, which includes the Reston Museum, as well as the Reston Community Center and the Reston Chamber of Commerce have put together a series of events to tell the story of how Reston’s downtown came to be.

On Oct. 18, 1990, Reston Town Center officially opened with the dedication of the Mercury Fountain, Saint Clair Cemin, a Brazilian-born sculptor created the 20-foot bronze and marble statue. The figure of Mercury was chosen because he is the patron of commerce and communication. The Mercury Fountain was chosen because he is the patron of commerce and communication.

On Oct. 18, 2010, Reston founder Robert Simon joined management from Reston Town Center, town center developers and other local officials for the plant- ing of a time capsule, not to be opened for another 20 years. Among the items placed in the capsule, which will not be seen by human eyes until Oct. 18, 2030, were current newspapers, books and magazines, as well as a few fashion items donated by town center retailers.

“We thought about putting a thumb drive in there with some photos and other information, but in 20 years, thumb drives could be as useful as 8-tracks,” said Kathy Cope, general manager of Reston Town Center Phase I. “Hopefully some of us will be here in 20 years when they dig it up.”

District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) was one of the officials who threw the first spadeful of dirt on the capsule.

“Reston Town Center has seen 20 years of great planning and development, and I hope they’ll be able to say the same in 20 years,” she said.

LATER THAT EVENING, the Reston Museum officially opened its exhibit on Reston Town Center. The exhibit formed a makeshift urban center in the middle of the museum, where a giant roadmap on the ground was flanked by “sky-scraper” displays, which pointed out many of the features of the town center.

Many of the planners spent the better part of the ’80s designing and planning Reston Town Center were on hand. Cy Paumier is an urban design consultant who pushed the idea of an urban center as opposed to a standard retail mall.

“I thought the best solution was a Main Street-style place, but a lot of people wanted an indoor, closed mall,” he said. “I’m very pleased and proud of how it turned out.”

Reston existed for 26 years before the town center opened, and one of the reasons it was opened was to attract more people from around the D.C. area.

“In 1990, people from the Washington metro area didn’t come to Reston, we had to convince them to come. The ice rink was supposed to be temporary, to hide the fact that we didn’t have many ten- ants in place,” said Hunter Richardson, a former vice president at Reston Land Corporation and a senior development manager on the Reston Town Center.

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The community is invited to attend the next competition held on Oct. 30, at West Springfield High School. South Lakes High School Band took first place with a Superior Rating in Class 5 A at the 2010 United States Scholastic Band Association (USSBA) Northern Virginia Showcase on Saturday, Oct. 16. The band also was awarded Best Music and Best Percussion. Also, on Oct. 2, at the USSBA Marching Band Competition in Winchester, Va., the South Lakes High School Band received awards for Best Visual Effect, Best General Ef- fect, Best Percussion, Best Visual Ensemble, Best Music and received the highest score of all bands for the day.

In addition to competing at these competitions, the band took time during the week to visit Sunrise Valley Elementary School. Several first and second graders sat behind the drum major and tried to copy the con- ducting patterns.

The powerful 110 marching unit of the Seahawk Marching Band began practice in August, three weeks before school started, under the direction of Grayson Pore. The community is invited to come to the home football games at South Lakes High School to see the band’s half-time performance and to attend the next competition held on Oct. 30, at West Springfield High School. South Lakes Band is selling citrus fruit again this year. Donations of fruit for Reston Interfaith’s Emory Rocker Shelter are also being taken by band members. If you are interested in purchasing fruit, see a student in the band or visit their website at www.southlakesband.org. Online donations are welcome. Corporate sponsors are sought to underwrite major expenses.

South Lakes to Hold Annual Homecoming Parade

South Lakes High School will be holding its annual Home- coming Parade Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. at the Hunters Woods Shopping Center Parking lot. As part of the Homecoming tradition, various organizations in and around the Reston area, Home- coming Court, special guests and local elementary and middle schools will partake in the parade.

It is one of South Lakes’ biggest and longest running school events- and traditions.

Metro Area Study Workshop Set For Nov. 8

Town of Herndon residents, busi- ness owners and all who have a stake in the pending arrival of Metrorail’s Silver Line are encouraged to attend a community workshop, Monday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m., at the Herndon Senior Center, 873 Grace Street, Herndon. The Herndon-Monroe Metrorail
Food Backpack Drive for Hungry Kids Program

Supervisor Cathy Hudiggins and Connections for Hope have joined forces to collect food items for the Helping Hungry Kids Backpack Program. This program provides nutritious, kid-friendly food items to children who don’t get enough to eat on the weekends. Many of the children rely on school breakfasts and lunches for the majority of their nutrition. One area school distributes 80 backpacks to students each week so they don’t go hungry over the weekend.

Needed are kid-friendly, nutritious, individually packaged meals and snacks such as individual cereal boxes, instant oatmeal packages, granola bars, cheese or peanut butter crackers, cups of soup, easy mac ‘n’ cheese, microwaveable pasta, tuna pouches, fruit cups, and juice boxes.

Items can be dropped off at Supervisor Hudiggins office, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, or at Connections for Hope, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Herndon. The collection drive continues through Saturday, Oct. 23.

For additional information, contact Sarah Newman at 703-956-6722, or the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283.

REACT to Hold Action Annual Meeting

Reston Environmental Action (REACT) will hold their annual meeting Monday, Oct. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne.

Featured speaker, Maria Zimmerman, Deputy Director for Sustainable Communities at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will discuss federal initiatives that are assisting communities across the country take the environment into account as they develop transportation options and affordable housing and improve energy efficiency.

Zimmerman will present information on the Sustainable Communities Partnership, which includes HUD, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Transportation. As REACT members address environmental actions in Reston such as reducing individual energy use and storm runoff, they will learn how the Partnership is involved in national efforts to increase energy efficiency and watershed protection.

Membership dues are $5 per year a person; however, membership is not required to attend the meeting. The public is invited to attend.

For more information, email info@restonenvironmentalaction.org.

Trivia Scavenger Hunt Contestants Compete for a Cause

Reston Challenge, Inc., a new 501(c)(3) (pending) nonprofit organization, is challenging contestants to compete in a charity scavenger hunt at the Reston Town Center Saturday, Oct. 30 to win prizes, raise money for the Alzheimer’s Association of the National Capital Area. Team and individual signups are available now at restonchallenge.org and all profits from the event will be donated directly to the Alzheimer’s Association. All donations are tax-deductible.

The Reston Challenge is a trivia-based scavenger hunt that will send teams and individuals around the Reston Town Center to track down clues, complete challenges, and try to make it back to the finish line for a chance to win prizes donated by Reston Town Center businesses. Reston Challenge chooses a different charity each year to receive all the profits from the event and for 2010, all proceeds will go directly to the Alzheimer’s Association of the National Capital Area.

The Reston Challenge will begin at 10 a.m. Contestants can form teams and sign up online at http://www.restonchallenge.org. Registration is open now and begins at a $50 donation level. Early registration is available until Oct. 15 and offers a 20 percent discount. Special discounts for students are also available and all donations are tax-deductible. More information may be found online.
Reston Company Celebrates 25 Years of Business

Organizational Communications Inc. (OCI), a full-service government proposal consulting firm in Reston, celebrated its 25th anniversary this month at the historic “Barns” of Wolf Trap. The company is recognized as the oldest and largest proposal services provider on the east coast.

OCI was founded in 1985 by Reston resident, Dr. Russell Smith. The company was launched from a desk in Smith’s bedroom.

Today, OCI is located in Reston Business Park, and currently works with some of the biggest names in the government contractor community.

Lake Fairfax Stocked With Rainbow Trout

The waters of Lake Fairfax are teeming with a fresh stock of rainbow trout. The 1,000 pound stocking marked the start of a two-week trout season at the park which ends on Oct. 22.

The smallest fish will be one-foot in length. Fishing at the park is open from dawn until dusk. An accessible fishing pier provides a safe place to cast a line for enthusiasts of all ages and abilities.

A Virginia fishing license is required for all fishermen age 16 and older. Because the fish were purchased by Fairfax County, the state trout stamp doesn’t apply. The 2010 seasonal fishing pass for the park is also required, or a daily pass can be purchased. Daily passes are available for $12 per adult (16 to 63 years), $10 per senior (64 years and older) and $10 per child (7 to 15 years).

Only one pole is allowed in the water at a time, and the daily catch limit is six fish per person. Fishermen are expected to keep what they catch. The local game warden will be present.

Lake Fairfax Park is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston. For more information, please contact Lake Fairfax Park at 703-471-5415.

Directions to the park can be found online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax.

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THE OFFICE
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BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS
BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS
What are the most important actions you would take to improve our economy?
How do you propose to balance the need to provide affordable energy with the need to protect the environment and natural resources?
What other issue is important to you?

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

J. Patrick Murray
Republican - Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Colonel Patrick Murray served in numerous service, intelligence and diplomatic assignments throughout the world. A Russian speaker and Iraq war veteran, he also served as Military Representative to the UN Security Council. After 24 years in the Army, Murray seeks to serve as the Congressional Representative from Virginia’s 8th District.

ECONOMY: Out of control spending by Congress has made our economy worse and jeopardized our children’s economic future. We need to reduce deficit spending and the $13 trillion national debt, provide certainty for businesses to create jobs by maintaining our existing tax structure for 6 years, provide investment incentives for small business and eliminate unreasonable regulatory impediments to economic growth.

Long term, we need bipartisan agreement on entitlement reform to maintain the strength of social security, Medicare and Medicaid, as well as private sector strength.

BALANCE: Green energy technologies are the future, but we are undergoing a major security policy change over the next few years. We need to balance “all of the above” energy policy to eliminate our dependence on petro-dictators who will disrupt our foreign policy objectives. Combined with traditional sources, we need a national policy of developing solar, geothermal, wind, nuclear and other environmentally friendly energy resources. This will allow an orderly and economically sustainable transition away from less environmentally friendly sources.

ISSUE: We live in a very dangerous world made even more so with the immediate prospect of Iran acquiring nuclear weapons.

James P. “Jim” Moran, Jr.
Democrat - Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Congressman Moran has dedicated his life to public service in Northern Virginia. He sits on the Appropriations Committee, serving as Interior and Environment Subcommittee Chairman. He chairs the Animal Protection Caucus, Congressional Health Prevention Caucus, the New Democrats Task Force, and serves on the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.

ECONOMY: Arlington’s unemployment rate is 4 percent, 4.4 percent in Alexandria and 4.7 percent in Fairfax County – all less than half the national average. This is due to our region’s emphasis on quality schools, a healthy living and recreational environment, an inclusive society, exceptional local governance, as well as the positive effect of the federal government. Companies are looking to move to Northern Virginia because of its strong economy, highly skilled workforce and diverse, enlightened communities. In just the past two years, major corporations like Northrop Grumman and SAIC have decided to relocate here. To keep our economy growing and our unemployment low, we need to continue investing in education, public transportation and workforce housing.

BALANCE: As Chair of the House Environment Appropriations Committee, I have successfully fought off efforts to restrict EIA’s ability to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act, as well as to block offshore drilling off the Atlantic Coast. I also supported an increased gas tax whose revenue would be put into public transit. I am committed to clean, renewable sources of energy such as wind, solar and geothermal energy. Off Virginia’s coast, there’s enough wind to power the entire state.

ISSUE: As Chair of the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus, I have worked very closely with the U.S. Humane Society, the ASPCA and other like-minded groups to ban indoor puppy mills, the gathering and slaughter of wild horses, dog and cock fighting, animal cruelty videos and recently successfully passed the “Truth in Fur Labelling Act” which requires garment manufacturers to disclose the use of fur, due to the fact that a recent Humane Society investigation revealed that most garments labeled as “silk” fur were made with imported dog fur. I strongly support preventing the inhumane treatment of cows, pigs and poultry on industrial farms.

CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 8TH DISTRICT CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE
CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 8TH DISTRICT (CONTINUED)

(VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)

J. Ron Fisher
Independent Green – Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Family man, civic-minded progressive activist, Captain USNavy (Retired), Director of a non-profit, DFPA.org dedicated to improving fire safety. President of a small business that hires disabled veterans; VetsR8.com. Honors graduate of the Naval Academy: Masters in Business Management from Central Michigan. Pro-choice and supporter of government funded embryonic research.

ECONOMY: Provide employment opportunities for all at living wages that, in particular, provide: Vital public and social services; Affordable housing; healthy food and clean water; Education and training; Comprehensive Medicare for all. Other employment opportunities are listed below and in WeThePeopleNow.org.

Provide funding for above by: Nationalizing the Federal Reserve and operating it as an agency of the government providing low or no interest loans directly to small and medium-size businesses and not the large banks. Recouping over $237 trillion provided or committed to financial institutions; Seizing large insolvent financial institutions and operating them as GOCOs; Freezing all foreclosures and evictions; Outlawing trading of derivatives, adjustable rate mortgage, naked short sales and unregulated hedge funds; Limiting interest rates to 4% on all secured mortgages and loans and 6% on unsecured loans and retroactive to the origination of the mortgage, credit card or loan; Re-implementing the equivalent of the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933.

Accomplish additional actions outlined on WeThePeopleNow.org.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS – VOTE YES OR NO

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1

Article X, Taxation and Finance. Section 6, Exempt Property.

EXPLANATION

Present Law
Under the Constitution, the General Assembly may give localities the power to grant full or partial exemptions from real estate taxes to persons 65 years of age or older or for persons permanently and totally disabled. The exemption applies to owner-occupied property used as the sole dwelling of such persons. The exemption is currently available only to such persons who bear “an extraordinary tax burden” in relation to their income and financial worth.

Proposed Amendment
The proposed amendment (i) removes the requirement that tax exemptions are only available to such persons who bear “an extraordinary tax burden,” and (ii) gives the General Assembly authority to permit localities to determine their own income or financial worth limitations for tax exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or for persons permanently and totally disabled.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2

Article X, Taxation and Finance. Section 6-A, Property tax exemption for certain veterans.

EXPLANATION

Present Law
Currently, the Constitution does not grant real estate tax exemptions specifically to veterans. However, the Constitution does allow the General Assembly to give localities the power to grant full or partial exemptions from real estate taxes to persons 65 years of age or older or for persons permanently and totally disabled who “bear an extraordinary tax burden” in relation to their income and financial worth. This exemption applies to owner-occupied property used as the sole dwelling of such persons.

Proposed Amendment
The proposed amendment would require the General Assembly to pass a law exempting from local taxation the principal residence owned and occupied by any veteran with a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. The veteran’s surviving spouse could continue to claim the exemption so long as he or she does not remarry and continues to occupy the home as his or her principal residence.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #3

Article X, Taxation and Finance. Section 8, Limit of tax or revenue; Revenue Stabilization Fund.

EXPLANATION

Present Law
The Revenue Stabilization Fund (also known as the “rainy day fund”) is used to offset shortfalls in anticipated revenues in any given year, and thus is designed to provide a cushion in the event of an economic downturn. The Constitution currently limits the Fund to 10 percent of the Commonwealth’s average annual tax revenues from income and sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years.

Proposed Amendment
The proposed constitutional amendment increases the maximum size of the Fund from 10 percent to 15 percent of the Commonwealth’s average annual tax revenues from income and sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years.

FAIRFAX COUNTY TRANSPORTATION BONDS REFERENDUM

VOTE YES OR NO

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Supervisors contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of parking, pedestrian improvements, and ancillary improvements and facilities, and including capital costs of land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area, for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and maintaining transportation improvements, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, off-street parking facilities, and ancillary related improvements and facilities, and including capital costs of land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area, to be used to alleviate traffic congestion in the Washington metropolitan area, whereby said funds are hereby directed to and used in support of the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact?

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Endorsements in Congressional Race

Jet Morales in the 8th

Jim Moran knows a good thing when he sees it. Being in a position to deliver billions of dollars for innovative work into the local economy via defense and homeland security contracts is a good thing. He’s correct that it’s a major reason Northern Virginia’s unemployment rate is half what it is nationally. His efforts have played a significant role in bringing more than $40 billion in government contracts specifically into the 8th district.

While Moran has been in Congress for nearly two decades, he started in local government in the City of Alexandria. Smart people who have cut their teeth at the local level and who have their hearts in the right place have a big leg up when it comes to representing their constituents well, especially here in the Washington region. Moran is a great example of this phenomenon at work over time. He is an effective advocate for rail to Dulles and other transportation improvements. He has been an advocate for the environment and the Chesapeake Bay, humane treatment of animals and equal pay for women. He is positioned to help the region make the best of BRAC and the unfortunate mass exodus of 20,000 defense workers away from workplaces with access to Metro. Moran and his challenger Patrick Murray aren’t playing to the center. Moran, aside from his role in delivering defense dollars to local contractors, swings to the left. He has challenged the Obama administration on Iraq and opposed the surge in Afghanistan. He predicts that without a change in approach, we’ll have 100,000 troops in Afghanistan for more than a decade, an outcome no one embraces. Murray trumpeted the arrival of the “Bush/Cheney Alumni” into his Alexandria and Arlington based district. He is prone to begin sentences, “The founders of this country didn’t intend...”

Jim Moran’s real opponent is voter apathy. He represents his district well, both functionally and in political views. He does need Democrats to come out and vote.

Frank Wolf in the 10th

Frank Wolf is a workhorse of a legislator, a man who has gotten up every day of the last three decades with a mission: to figure out how he can use his knowledge and position to make the world a better place.

He has been a champion of local rail initiatives. Without Frank Wolf, Dulles really might not be progressing daily. Without Frank Wolf, efforts to combat gang activity really might just be a hodgepodge of isolated efforts of limited effectiveness.

There have been no problems too local for Wolf and his staff to seek to improve. Specific intersections, interchanges, accelerations lanes are all in his repertoire. He listens well to his constituents. In a small example, based on the concerns of local residents, he pulled together some experts on Lyme Disease several years ago and called a town meeting. Hundreds of people came out, many with stories of misdiagnosis, long-term disability and confusion. He pressed federal, state and local health officials into action, not just on education, but also on designing research to develop a reliable lab test for Lyme Disease. Right now, a definitive diagnosis is complicated and many doctors are unfamiliar with the symptoms.

Northern Virginia has been ground zero in cataloging numbers of cases, and Frank Wolf was ahead of the curve and right on track.

The Iraq Study Group was Wolf’s brain child, and he has for years been calling for a similar commission on the deficit, a respected group that would consider all options. He authored legislation to require prions to monitor prison rape and sexual assault. He reacted early to the abuse of prescription painkillers that rocked much of rural Virginia. He has advocated for flextime and telecommuting especially for federal employees. His focus on truck safety has helped take hundreds of trucks with serious safety violations off the roads.

Wolf’s challenger, Jeff Barnett, is smart and capable, a man with good ideas and good basics. A retired military officer, his two daughters followed in his footsteps, with one serving in Afghanistan and the other serving as an army doctor at Walter Reed. We urge him to stay involved.

Mary Kimm, mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

Editor’s note: Connection endorsements are based on which candidates will best serve their local districts in Congress. While we disagree with each of these candidates on significant issues, these are the candidates who are best equipped to effectively deliver what is needed in each one’s local congressional district.
Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

Dranesville Church of the Brethren, 11500 Lee’s Corner Pike in Herndon, is seeking volunteers to assist the homeless. Contact the church at 703-430-7872, www.dranesvillebrethren.org, or DCOborough@gmail.com.

Loudoun County Salvation Army, 1 p.m. Oct. 30. Make sandwiches with fruit cups, chips and water in individual brown bags, for the homeless and senior citizens in need in Loudoun County.

LINK Needs. The LINK pantry is in need of soups, jelly, Chef Boyardee-type items, canned meat and fruit, spaghetti sauce, cake and cookie mixes, single-serve oatmeal packages and more. Contact the church for a complete list of current needs.

There will be a Dedication of the new addition to the Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave. in Reston, 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31. The dedication culminates a project that will provide more religious education classrooms and an elevator for those unable to use the stairs. Contact Irma Brosseau at 703-437-6308.

Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans Open House, 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at Saint Joseph Meeting Room 207, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon. The Third Order Secular Franciscans is an order within the Catholic Church. The SFO are members of local fraternal organizations. See Faith, Page 17

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How Many New Liquor Stores?

Under governor’s proposal, Fairfax County would likely have 132 retail stores selling hard liquor, up from just 34 now.

By Stephen Groves
Virginia Statehouse News

The liquor privatization plan being pushed by Gov. Bob McDonnell has enough numbers in it to make a 10th-grade math story problem look easy, but one figure that will hit close to home for Virginians is the number of liquor retailers that will end up in their neighborhoods if the plan is passed.

Based on examples in the privatization proposal, the Senate Finance staff estimated the number of liquor retailers in each locality in the Commonwealth. The governor’s plan would sell licenses to retailers, increasing the number from 332 to around 1,000.

The estimates were done at the request of lawmakers. Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple, D-Arlington. McDonnell’s policy adviser, Eric Finkbeiner, McDonnell’s aids estimate the number would increase to 1.8 outlets per 10,000 adults. This would only be slightly higher than the average in control states, which sits at 1.6 outlets per 10,000 adults.

The effects of this increase are disputed. McDonnell points to a study by the Virginia Institute for Public Policy, a think tank advocating for smaller government. The study, done by researchers from George Mason University, said public health and safety wouldn’t be affected.

But the Marin Institute—which describes itself as an “alcohol industry watchdog”—estimated that Virginia could see 220 more alcohol-related deaths per year, based on a 2006 study published in the journal Accident Analysis and Prevention reported in the Washington Post.

Another concern is how these new liquor outlets will fit into the community. McDonnell’s aids said that liquor outlets will have similar regulations as beer and wine retailers.

To get a beer or wine license, retailers must apply through the ABC board. They also must face a hearing in which anyone can voice objections to the license.

Under privatization, Fairfax County would likely have 132 retail stores selling hard liquor, up from just 34 now.

The board can also decide to deny the license if the outlet would “adversely affect” the operations of a school, church, or park.

Local governments can regulate where and at what hours beer and wine are sold, and McDonnell’s aids indicated liquor would also be subject to local regulation, but no details are available. McDonnell’s aide Melissa Lachau said stores would be regulated with “Virginia traditions and values,” meaning absent of neon signs and excessive advertising.

But the exact regulations would be hammered out if privatization can be passed in the General Assembly. Right now, McDonnell is trying to sell legislators on the plan, but gaining traction with Democrat opponents appears tough.

The governor wants to call a special session in November to pass privatization and other reform measures, but said he would only do so if he has the necessary support from lawmakers.

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Fall Revival at Heritage Fellowship Church

Rev. Dr. Norman A. Tate and the Deacons of Heritage Fellowship Church are inviting the community to come and experience a spiritual renewal during a three-day revival, Nov. 8, 9, and 10. Special guest revivalist and recent inductee into the Martin Luther King Board of Preachers, Rev. Dr. Maurice Watson, Senior Pastor of Beaulahland Bible Church in Macon, Ga., will deliver the message each evening beginning at 7:30 p.m. A light dinner will be served for all beginning at 6:30 each evening.

The Heritage Fellowship Church Fall Revival is themed “Building on a Sure Foundation,” and recognizes the building of a new 844-seat edifice that is under construction at 2501 Fox Mill Road in Reston.

Additionally, there will be a time of appreciation for Rev. Dr. Tate for his 15 years of service to Heritage Fellowship and for his 38 total years in ministry.

The revival will be held at Heritage Fellowship Church’s current location, 13515-C Dulles Technology Drive in Herndon. For more information, contact the church at 703-620-9515, or email jferbee@heritagefellowshipchurch.org.

Heritage Fellowship is a congregation of more than 1,250 demographically diverse families. The church was initially founded 32 years ago to meet the religious needs of African-Americans in the Reston community. However, today the congregation has expanded its scope and outreach and has members of various ethnicities and nationalities, and is a reflection of the Reston charter to create a community where people of all ages, races and socioeconomic backgrounds live, work and play in harmony.
Music Explosion 2010

Saturday, Oct. 23 through Sunday, Oct. 31

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ENTERTAINMENT

Music Explosion Returns to Area
Annual ecumenical concert takes place Saturday, Oct. 23 at 2 and 7 p.m.
The U.S. Music Explosion 2010 features church choirs, vocal groups, soloists, bands, and instrumentalists performing diverse Christian music, from classical to modern and contemporary.

ARTISTS scheduled this year include the Living Epiphany Trio of Chantilly, the Northsiders, a part of the Alexandria High School Choir, and the Nashville Singers. Madrigal Barbershop, a part of the Alexandria High School Choir, and the Nashville Singers. Madrigal Barbershop, a part of the Alexandria High School Choir, and the Nashville Singers.

The Music Explosion 2010 features two performances, 2 and 7 p.m. The U.S. Music Explosion 2010 brings the Reston/Herndon Chamber of Commerce, the Reston Rotary Club, and 7 p.m.

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TRIUMPH-OCT. 21
Dinner on the Go: Toy Story 2
7 p.m. at the Hyatt Reston Town Center, 21000 Park Hyatt Lane, Reston.
TICKET INFORMATION: $45 per person. 703-573-3888 or www.ticketmaster.com.

TRIUMPH-OCT. 23
Dinner on the Go: Toy Story 3
8 p.m. at the Hyatt Reston Town Center, 21000 Park Hyatt Lane, Reston.
TICKET INFORMATION: $45 per person. 703-573-3888 or www.ticketmaster.com.

TRIUMPH-OCT. 24
Dinner on the Go: Toy Story 4
8 p.m. at the Hyatt Reston Town Center, 21000 Park Hyatt Lane, Reston.
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TRIUMPH-OCT. 31
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TRIUMPH-NOV. 6
Dinner on the Go: Toy Story 6
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Cindy Martin has been cutting hair in the Herndon Reston area for years. She worked at Lake Anne, and various places across Herndon, and co-workers always thought of her as one of those people who light up entire rooms.

“She makes an impact every day, when she walks in, the energy goes up in the room,” said Beth Flood, who has known Martin for more than 20 years, and works with her now at New Decade Hair Design in Herndon. “Even when things get busy and people get rattled, she always has a tendency to calm everyone down.”

On Oct. 2, Martin came into work and the left side of her face felt numb. A visit to a doctor and subsequent tests brought back a chilling diagnosis: a brain tumor.

She underwent surgery at Fairfax Inova Hospital Oct. 13, and while doctors were able to remove 90 percent of the tumor, it was determined to be malignant, meaning Martin will require radiation and possible chemotherapy.

As a single mother with a mortgage and a daughter in college, Martin now can’t work, and her friends and co-workers are stepping up to help.

“We don’t know how her ability to use her hands, or talk to people will be affected by treatment,” said Lola Albright, a colleague who has known Martin for almost 32 years, and is hosting the fundraiser.

Despite doctor’s predictions that she would get worse before she got better, Martin was able to talk just an hour after the Oct. 13 surgery.

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“The diamond heart necklace has 44 diamonds, the diamonds weigh .44 carat total,” said Kris Rose, of Aspen Jewelry.

Albright, like her co-workers, are just hoping that their friend will be returning to work soon.

“She’s a very dear friend, and it’s just not the same being here without her,” she said. “We’re looking forward to seeing her smiling face back as soon as possible.”

Help in Time of Need

Friends and co-workers rally around Herndon native after she is diagnosed with a brain tumor.
FISH Offers Financial Advice

Don Owens helps FISH clients with money management.

In Fiscal Year 2010, Herndon-Reston FISH Assistance Program disbursed over $269,000 to individuals and families to help pay for utility bills, rent, medical bills, food, gasoline and other necessities. That's about 22 percent higher than the amount disbursed in FY 2009.

In an attempt to stem the tide, FISH launched Financial Education Workshops in April 2008. Don Owens, Jr., who co-owns local insurance and financial advisory services company Griffin-Owens & Associates, has been volunteering his time to run these monthly workshops, intended to guide the clients of FISH towards better money management. Owens is assisted during the workshops and also baby sits for all the workshops.

In his curriculum, Owens uses a variety of means to encourage attendees to "reprogram themselves to get their head in the game" of money management. He emphasizes the importance of keeping records of income and expenditures and shows participants how to start their own financial education. A first step is to set up a file on the subject and also to gain a financial vocabulary.

Participants range from new immigrants who barely speak English to people who have recently lost their job that yielded a six-figure income. Many had not developed the habit of balancing their checkbook or paying attention to their mounting debt. Some enter the session without a grasp of the implications of high interest rates on a loan or credit card balances. Owens dispenses tips and guides them to wards a new mindset of economic efficiency.

Attendance at a seminar is required in order to be eligible to receive monetary assistance from FISH in the future. "Most of the participants say they learned some valuable tactics and many ask Don how they can learn more," said Elle McClendon.

So far, 552 clients have been helped in this way. FISH surveys the participants three to six months later to ascertain what lessons they have applied.

Owens was recognized this past spring for his program. He and a few other volunteers were introduced at the annual Herndon-Reston FISH Ping Gala and Fundraiser and presented with the Starfish award. More information about FISH Programs can be had by visiting www.Herndon-RestonFISH.org or call the FISH Line 703-391-0105.

—Susan Fulton
Reston, Sterling Lions Clubs Discuss Zone 2 Activities

Several members of the Sterling Lions Club visited the Reston Lions Club at their meeting on Oct. 6. Ben Almond, president of the Sterling Club and Michael Moseley, president of the Reston Club discussed projects and activities of their respective clubs. Zone Chairman Todd Horting covered the objectives and activities of Zone 2 of which both clubs are members. Mike Ryan and Betsy Ryan are in the front row above. In the back row, from left, are Almond, Moseley, Dale Pontiff and Horting. With the exception of Moseley, all of the above are members of the Sterling Club.

School Notes

Reston residents Curtis and Richard MacGregor have successfully completed the Freedom Alliance Military Leadership Academy, a unique summer camp based on the curriculum of the U.S. Army. The two-week Academy couples an intense leadership training environment with challenging and educational experiences like a tour of the Aviation Logistics School and simulators at Fort Eustis, a Leadership Reaction Course, and land navigation and fire team tactics.

Reston residents Kristina Biron and Richard MacGregor have finished the new cadet training week with the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets. The corps first year starts in August with new cadet week held the week prior to the start of classes. During new cadet week, incoming students undergo a series of challenges that build character and leadership skills.

Valerie Pratt of Oak Hill has been appointed to the rank of first lieutenant and will perform as Plans Officer within the Air Force JROTC at Randolph-Macon Academy. The senior is the daughter of Jennifer and Douglas Pratt of Oak Hill.

Kaitlin A. Schaal of Herndon High School has been named as a Semifinalist in the 2011 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Nicholas Jacobs, a senior at the University of Mary Washington, was selected as a first place winner in the “Best Undergraduate Class Paper” category of the 2010 Pi Sigma Alpha honor society essay competition for his work “Professional Reputation: Why the First Year of the American Presidency is Overstated.” The essay was also a winner in the natural and social sciences category of UMW’s 19th Annual Student Writing Contest. He is the son of Jake and Nancy Jacobs of Herndon, and a 2007 graduate of Herndon High School.

Sarah Freeman, Ian Gilda, and Hannah Glass of Herndon High School; Kristin Gavin and Summer Perez of Oakton High School and Christine Comer of South Lakes High School (alternate) have been selected to perform in the 2010 Virginia Honors Choir, at the Virginia Music Educators Association (VMEA) convention Nov. 20 in Norfolk.

Elisa Becker of Reston has been inducted into Gamma Sigma Alpha honor society at Lynchburg College of Williamsport, Pa. Becker is a sophomore Spanish and international studies major.

Herndon High School students Patrick Miller (viola), Zach Ward (string bass), Ryan Little (French horn) and Caitlin Williams (trumpet) have been named to the Senior Regional Orchestra for instrumentalists. Herndon High School students Sean Quaresima (trumpet), Matt Larson (trombone) and Kevin Hopkins (oboe) have been named as alternates. Miller, Ward, Little and Williams will be auditioning for All-Virginia Band and Orchestras at JMU this February.
Faith

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ties who recognize that they are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of Saint Francis. Brothers and Sisters of these fraternities, led by the spirit, strive for perfect charity in their own secular state. For a brochure contact Bill Bouffard, Tau Minister at bilbouf@cesmail.net or 703-437-6465.

St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St. in Herndon, presents “Journey to Adulthood”, a comprehensive Christian Education for youth in grades 6-12. It uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, outreach ministries and both serious and playful activities to underscore its core message that adulthood must be earned.

Bright Pond Bible Study presents their 12th year of Bible study, a non-denominational group of women searching the Bible for God’s truth. Meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1133 Reston Ave. in Herndon, starting 9:30 a.m. Sept. 22. bpbiblestudy@aol.com.

Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road in Herndon, holds worship services at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays with a Latino service on Saturdays at 7 p.m. 703-793-0026 or www.florismc.org.

Hope Fellowship Church will temporarily be meeting at Woody’s Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday Worship Services for this new Southern Baptist church are at 10-45 a.m. The public is invited to join a growing Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org.

Adult Sunday school will be held 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.

How to Get Your Organization’s Special Events in The Connection Calendar Listings

The Connection Newspapers contain a Calendar of Upcoming Events every week. While we cannot guarantee that every event we receive information about will be listed, here is the information we need for your upcoming event to be considered for the Calendar. We welcome photographs of similar events held previously, which sometimes appear with Calendar items.

Name of Event:
Day of the Week, Date and Time:
Name of the Place Event will Be Held:
Address of the Place Event Will Be Held:
Name and Phone Number for More Information:
Three Sentences Describing the Event:
Please submit your calendar information at least two weeks before your event. Clear photographs from similar previous events are always welcome. All events should be open to the public. We give first priority to free events. E-mail listings to: reston@connectionnewspapers.com or mail to: Calendar, Connection Newspapers 1606 King Street Alexandria, VA 22314.

For more information, call 703-778-9410.

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Reston Town Center Celebrates 20th Anniversary

“We planned a series of events, around 300 in the first three years. We figured people would figure that there was something going on in Reston Town Center more often than not.”

The lack of tenants was no accident, as the planners of Town Center preferred to keep the locations empty until they could attract the type of businesses they wanted.

“The key to all of it was figuring [Reston Town Center] in the context of what Reston was,” said Jim Cleveland, who was serving as a developer with the Reston Land Corporation. “We also had great teamwork and cooperation with Fairfax County and its citizenry .”

The Reston Community Center helped host a series of discussions on the development of the town center. RCC Executive Director Leila Gordon said they wanted to capture the memories the involved parties had while they still could.

“We viewed our role as a catalyst, to bring people together to share memories,” Gordon said. “It’s easy to lose track of how groundbreaking Reston Town Center was.”

AS RESTON PREPARES for its 50th anniversary in 2014, and Reston Town Center celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2015, Gordon says the ultimate goal is for this exhibit and subsequent exhibitions to take the form of a documentary film or a book.

Richardson said the discussions led to interesting discoveries about how certain aspects of the town center came into being, and he hopes the development community can learn from Reston Town Center’s success.

“Hopefully other developers will get a sense of what it takes,” he said. “Phase One of Reston Town Center cost about $300 million, which is probably $600-700 million in today’s money. National Harbor [in Prince George’s County, Md.] cost $3.2 billion. These projects aren’t for the faint of heart.”

From left, Cy Paumier and Jim Cleveland, who helped conceive and design Reston Town Center in the 80s, examine one of the exhibits at the Reston Museum Oct. 18. The exhibit was a result of a partnership between the Reston Historic Trust and the Reston Community Center to commemorate Reston Town Center’s 20th anniversary.

The Reston Museum, located at the Lake Anne Village Center, will be showing the exhibit through Dec. 30. They also have copies of the Reston Town Center 20th Anniversary magazine, authored by Richardson, which was the result of the panel discussions hosted by the RCC.
## Home Sales

### Real Estate Notes

Send announcements to herndon@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday for the next week's paper.

Christopher Pezzana, manager of Weichert, Realtors' Reston/Herndon office announced the start of its 12th annual coat drive to benefit the Salvation Army. The community is invited to drop off new or gently worn coats from now until Dec. 8 at Weichert’s Reston/Herndon office, located at 1760 Reston Parkway. Sunday, Dec. 13 is a normal coat drop off day.

To schedule a pick up can call the office at 703-396-2544. The national coat drive, which started in 1987, has collected over 900 million coats this year.

**“We love running the coat drive because it gives everyone an opportunity to work together to make a difference for the community,” said Pezzana.**

The donations will be distributed to Bergmann’s free clothing pantry and will be cleaned by Bergmann’s free of charge and then distributed to the Salvation Army.

For more information on MRIS, visit www.mris.com.

To search for a home online, visit www.HomesDatabase.com.

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## Open Houses

### Saturday & Sunday, Oct. 23rd & 24th

**Reston**

- **1207 Bishopsgate Way**... $1,275,000... Sun 1-4... Debra Franke... FRAPLEX... 703-756-1089
- **1530 Northern Valley Ct**... $765,000... Sat 1-3... Nik Birken... The Birken Agency... 703-591-0561
- **12011 Insha Ct**... $380,000... Sun 1-4... Mark McDadden... McGuire & Nally... 703-204-2326
- **1207 Meadowville Ct**... $765,000... Sun 1-4... Irene Schiffman... Weichert... 703-593-7848

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**Oak Hill/Hermont**

- **12107 Meadowville Ct**, Oak Hill/Hermont • $765,000 • Sun 1-4
- **2016 Thornridge Dr**, Oak Hill • $575,000 • Sat 1-4

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**McLean**

- **1533 Dominion Hill Dr**, McLean • $2,950,000 • Sat 1-3
- **2004 Sunset Hills Rd**, McLean • $1,385,000 • Sat 1-3, Sun 1-4

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**Vienna**

- **8211 Goldstone Ct**, Vienna • $1,400,000 • Sat 1-4, Sun 1-4
- **6114 North Lake Dr**, Vienna • $1,075,000 • Sat 1-4

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**Sterling**

- **7850 Garland Rd**, Sterling • $250,000 • Sat 1-4
- **11010 Bermuda Rd**, Sterling • $1,075,000 • Sat 1-4

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To add your Realtor represented Open House to these weekly listings, please call Karen Pechacek-Washburn at 703-778-9422 or E-Mail the info to kwashburn@connectionnewspapers.com. All listings due by Monday at 3 pm.
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one of the biggest challenges a coach has to deal with is how to motivate a team in the midst of a tough season. That is a challenge facing Herndon High football head coach Joe Sheaffer and his staff this week as the Hornets, who have lost six straight games since opening the season with a win over Jefferson, prepare to play their homecoming game this Saturday afternoon at 1 versus non-Northern Region opponent Loudoun Valley High.

When the losses mount, it’s only natural that a team’s morale can be weakened. Sheaffer is hoping his players will overcome the disappointment of what has been a difficult season and rise to the occasion for homecoming Saturday.

“It’s hard to say,” said Sheaffer, when asked how he believes his team will respond for Saturday’s game. “That’s really your biggest concern as a high school coach when you have a situation like this that the kids will keep working hard. We haven’t had a lot of good things happen and when something [negative] happens, we get demoralized.”

For much of its Concorde District game at Oakton last Friday night – a high-scoring 56-30 Herndon loss – the Hornets played some of their best football of the season. They were moving the ball well on offense and built a 10-7 lead in the first half and still held a 17-14 advantage in the third quarter. But the Cougars (6-1), one of the better teams in the region, then scored three straight touchdowns to break the contest open on way to the win.

“You could really feel the air coming out,” said Sheaffer, of his deflated team as Oakton took control of the game. “Oakton just really exploited some weaknesses on our defense. Our kids just said, ‘Here we go again.’ But for two-and-a-half quarters we played really strong.”

SHEAFFER SAID Herndon has been hit pretty hard with injuries this season. Those, along with some discipline issues, have resulted in line-up variations throughout the course of the schedule.

Over much of the first seven weeks, there was little line-up stability or continuity. Things have settled down late as far as playing rotations.

“On offense we’re starting to get used to a certain group of kids now and we’re starting to find ourselves,” said the coach. “It’s exciting to score 30 points but when you’re giving up 56 it’s hard to win. We’re trying to look for the positives, but first we’ve got to make strides defensively.”

Sheaffer played a good game on offense against Oakton. The Hornets accumulated over 400 yards of offense versus the Cougars and also held possession of the ball longer than their opponent.

Herndon running back Josh Schow had a huge game, rushing for 144 yards and one touchdown on 21 carries.

The junior also caught a pair of touchdown passes from quarterback Ky Parrott – scoring tosses of 22 and 66 yards.

Parrott played outstanding, completing 14-19 of passes for 192 yards and the two touchdown tosses while also running for 84 yards on just seven carries. Captain Reynolds added 45 yards on the ground for Herndon, which accumulated 285 net yards rushing.

Herndon’s top receivers were Schow (five catches, 113 yards) and Leeth Aaron (six for 60). For Oakton, quarterback Jimmy Boone completed 11-20 passes for 196 yards. He threw touchdown passes of 17 and 31 yards to running back Luke Willis, who also rushed for 151 yards and two long scoring runs.

Boone’s top receiving targets on the night were Willis (4 catches, 89 yards) and Tuck Masker (3 for 71). The quarterback also rushed for 74 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries. On top of that, he returned a punt 60 yards for a touchdown.

Herndon, on the defensive side of the football, has struggled to hold opponents off the scoreboard. The secondary, in particular, has seen difficult times. Big plays by opposing offenses and, at times, poor tackling across the board defensively have resulted in far too many points by Herndon’s foes.

The Hornets have also struggled on their special teams with several turnovers and other breakdowns during the season.

“We still don’t have a sense of urgency on special teams,” said Sheaffer.

A VICTORY on Saturday would go a long way towards improving spirits. Another good outing by the Herndon offense against the Vikings of Loudoun Valley will be key to the Hornets’ chances of enjoying an open at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Sheaffer said Herndon defensively and on special teams, needs to play one of its better games. He believes his players can rally and put together a homecoming game to remember for themselves and the team’s fan base.

That would give Herndon a confidence boost going into its final two weeks when it faces talented district teams in Chantilly and Westfield.

“The kids’ confidence is real low,” said Sheaffer. “But they are really working hard.”

Oakton will play at unbeaten district rival Centreville this Friday night.

A win by the Cougars would put them in a first place tie. The Wildcats won their annual Sully Bowl rival game versus visiting Chantilly last week, winning in overtime and handing the Chargers their first loss.
Gurmessa Megerssa and Lindsey Gallo cap tured the title as the respective men’s and women’s winners of the second annual Anthem Great Pumpkin 5k. Sponsored by Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the road race attracted nearly 3,000 competitive runners, walkers and families to Reston Town Center for the second annual race to benefit the Inova Heart and Vascular Institute while an additional 500 youth took part in the sold-out Kids Pumpkin Dash.

Megerssa from Washington, D.C. and originally from Ethiopia and Gallo from Arlington took the men’s and women’s titles in 14:51 and 17:11 respectively.

The morning’s race started under ideal conditions with temperatures near 53.1°F and clear skies. The Anthem Great Pumpkin 5k race offered a total of $1,700 in prize money with Megerssa and Gallo both earning $500 each.

Rounding out the men’s category, Demese Tefera from Washington, D.C. came in second place and Frank DeVur from Alexandria came in third place, while in the women’s category, Nikeya Green from Centreville took second place and Peggy Yetman from Leesburg took third place. A complete list of results is available online at www.active.com. 
As much as I agree with, and commend the Maryland State Legislature for passing, a law penalizing drivers who talk on their cell phones while driving — those not using a hands-free device (hereafter known as “distracted drivers”), there is a part of me which, after some adhering to the law for not even one day, coincidentally its first day, October 1st, sees a hopefully-not-legal law. Although I am guilty, as yet to be charged, though, primarily or “secondarily” as the new law states, meaning drivers have to be cited for some other driving infraction (primary) before they can be given a warning first, then a ticket for the “secondary” infraction (talking on their hand-held cell phone), I am completely clear on the concept. Nevertheless, I am curious if perhaps this recently reinforced law might in fact be an inaudent and convoluted cause for concern rather than a cause for legislative self-congratulation.

As logical and well-meaning as the attempt to curb such common and regularly occurring phone practices is (pervasive is not too harsh a characterisation; everyone is doing on their cell phones while driving: young, old, citizens, immigrants; legal or otherwise, and everyone in between), I fear the ingenuity of mankind in using that which is accustom to their communication cake and wanting still to be eating it — metaphorically speaking, while driving, will attempt to circumvent the new law.

Our 24/7 availability, combined with the technological improvements/enhancements with which many of us are familiar, has created a feedback loop which seems to require instant access and communication — wherever and whenever. The genie is out of the bottle, and although Barbara Eden, I don’t see it as threatening — with mobile phones, in folded arms and a rod. Putting toothpaste back in the tube seems like child’s play compared to the effort required to change those now (comparatively) secondary infraction habits of today’s “cell phoning” drivers.

For those of us drivers/cell phone users too stubborn or stupid or disinterested to figure out how to integrate and/or connect a hands-free device into our talking while driving routine, unfortunately, not talking on the phone is not really an option anymore. Continuing to talk on the non hands-free phone is, though admittedly unsafe — and distracting, and now against the law as well. However, this new requirement law is still a procss with which many of us are unfamiliar. And though it may be dangerous, it is a danger that is known. What danger isn’t known is what will happen when police officers start unexpectedly blaring their sirens and pulling cars over for erratic driving (as a semi-pretense), and then ticket the drivers “secondarily” for cell phone usage without a hands-free device.

And so, to avoid this inevitability, what did I find myself doing on that first day of the new law, something that I had never done before — and have no experience doing! Not only looking at the road on which I was driving; front, back, side view, but looking as well at the adjacent cross and parallel roads for police can readily to pinch my “cell phoning” but even though I was not committing any other driving infraction. Now that’s distracting, all that looking at and within, I don’t see myself taking a day off from work either in order to go to court to dispute the officer’s recollection of my alleged “eratic” driving which led to my “secondary” infraction.)

When I’m talking on the cell phone now, I’m not looking around. I’m locking myself out of traffic as nor do I have my focus on two places: on what I’m seeing and what I’m hearing. If my cell phone rings now while I’m driving, although I’m not using my hand to answer, I will need to be looking around for what I can’t see and can’t hear (a police cruiser/street) in addition to what I can see and can hear, in effect, doubling my distractions. Now that’s scary. And though I’m sure the intention of the law was not to make drivers and driving matters worse, I wonder if may be it. It’s not the law that worries me, it’s my reaction to it.
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Upcoming Youth/Teen Events

Children's Fall Flea Market Fling
For ages 6-13 years old

Saturday, November 6
9 a.m.-12 p.m.
RCC Hunters Woods
ADMISSION: Donation of one non-perishable food item for the RCC Thanksgiving Food Drive.
Shop for gently-used Toys Books Clothing Games

Halloween Family Fun Day
(ages 1-8 years old)
Saturday, October 30
12:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
RCC Hunters Woods
Free, Drop-in
Come in costume!

12:15 p.m.
Pumpkin Tales by award-winning storyteller Gary Lloyd
1:15 p.m.
Bob Brown’s Puppets in Monster Madness
2:15 p.m.
Halloween-themed movie (the CenterStage)

RCC Overnight Virginia College Tour

Monday, November 1  Tuesday, November 2
6:30 a.m. Board bus at Hunters woods  7:30 p.m. Estimated return to Reston

$100(R)/$200(NR) • Reg # 801007-1A
The trip is chaperoned by RCC Teen Department staff members (age 21 and older).
For more information, contact RCC Teen Program Director, Kish Jordan, at 703-476-4500 x6158.

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All other meals must be purchased on your own. Check-in at RCC Hunters Woods.

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