

Reston CONNECTION

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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From left, Jeanne Krohn, who designed the exhibit at the Reston Museum, Hunter Richardson, who helped develop and market Reston Town Center, Leila Gordon, executive director of the Reston Community Center, Jim Cleveland, who helped develop Reston Town Center and Chuck Veatch, a founding board member of the Reston Historic Trust, speak about their experiences with Reston Town Center.

It Was 20 Years Ago Today

Time Capsule, exhibit kick off Reston Town Center's 20th anniversary.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

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.

On Oct. 18, 2010, Reston founder Robert Simon joined management from Reston Town Center, town center developers and other local officials for the planting 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

Happy Anniversary

The Reston Community Center and the Reston Historic Trust will be holding several events to reflect on the past, present and future of Reston Town Center over the next few weeks. For more information about the events, call 703-709-7700, or e-mail restonmuseum@gmail.com.

❖ Oct. 23: "Developing the Dream" panel discussion, featuring Reston Town Center developers Hunter Richardson and Jim Cleveland, designer Cy Paumier and John Thillman, who served on the Fairfax Planning Commission. Discussion, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Reston Community Center Lake Anne, 1609A Washington Plaza.

❖ Oct. 30: Walking tour of Reston Town Center. Bonnie White, a Lake Anne resident and volunteer at the Reston Museum, Richardson and Joe Ritchey will lead a tour, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market Street.

❖ Nov. 5: "Visions for the Future" panel discussion, featuring Robert Goudie and Pete Otteni. Discussion, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Reston Community Center Lake Anne.

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 "skyscraper" 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 tenants 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 Band Wins Again

The 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 Effect, 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 conducting 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 Fore. 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 again this year. Donations of fruit for Reston Interfaith's Embry Rucker 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 Homecoming 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, Homecoming 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, business 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

stop on Metrorail's Silver Line is expected to open in 2016. The stop will be located in the median of the Dulles Toll Road, adjacent to the existing park-and-ride garage on Sunrise Valley Drive. A pedestrian bridge will connect the station to land within the Town of Herndon, on the south side of Herndon Parkway.

For more information on the project, including the Nov. 8 workshop, contact the Department of Community Development at 703-787-7830 or metro.plan@herndon-va.gov

Food Backpack Drive for Hungry Kids Program

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins and Connections for Hope have joined forces to collect food items for the Helping Hungry Kids Backpack Food 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, microwavable pasta, tuna pouches, fruit cups, and juice boxes.

Items can be dropped off at Supervisor Hudgins 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.

NEWS



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Each class had several winners. The judges, from Germany, evaluated the dogs according to German Breed Club standards.

German Shepherds Gather in Reston for Show

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Visitors to the German Shepherd Dog Club of America-Working Dog Association, Inc. [GSDCA-WDA] North American Sieger Show [NASS] the weekend of Oct. 15 probably heard the show before they saw the show.

Deep-throated barks emerged from crated German Shepherds of all sizes and ages as they waited to break-out from their crates. Once in the rings, the dogs were up to the task of showing what they're made of.

"Sieger" translates from German to English as "winner," and NASS found many winners among the entrants. All NASS dogs originally came from German stock and conform to the standards set forth by the German Breed Club.

Bred to conform to the best standards of the breed, adults, youngsters and puppies of kennel owners and pet owners spent a three-day weekend at Lake Fairfax Park participating in the 14th annual competition produced by GSDCA-WDA. Three hundred and eighteen German Shepherds from 24 states and six countries, bred to German standards, were entered into the competition.

"Breeders are trying to produce the very best German Shepherds for the U.S.," said GSDCA-WDA Board member, Alethea Caldwell. "That means giving him training, care, and education. These dogs are well-cared for."

"A German Shepherd dog is a privilege to live with," Caldwell said.

NASS opened with a ceremony on show grounds at 8 a.m., Friday, Oct. 15. Puppy-judging immediately followed. "Veterans," dogs over six years of age, were judged during the afternoon sessions. Saturday's highlight featured bite-work, in which padded handlers accept attack from the trained German Shepherds. In the obedience class, dogs were tested for vulnerability to distractions.

Breeders and owners were enthusiastic in their descriptions of the breed. German Shepherds like to work, one breeder said, a sentiment echoed by other breeders and owners.

Owner John Mankevich of Pittsburgh entered his 15-month-old puppy Arnie in the show. It was Arnie's first time in competition and he did pretty well, Mankevich said. What attracts Mankevich to the breed, though, is its loyalty and intelligence. "They're loyal, good with families," said Mankevich, who left his 14-year-old retired therapy dog at home. "They watch sheep. They could almost go out and count the sheep to see if one is missing."

The dogs in Sunday's ring, all adult working dogs, qualified for their presence on Sunday with testing the day earlier. They were tested for bite-work and



All German Shepherds in the rings on Sunday were tested on Saturday for qualification.

obedience. The dogs have to be able to work and show before they can breed, Caldwell said.

Dogs were guided in the ring by two handlers, one holding the dog's leash inside the ring, another running along outside the ring encouraging the dog to maintain his concentration.

The judges, experts in German standards, came in to the Reston from Germany for this event. Dogs were judged on physical attributes, temperament, and obedience.

Many of the dogs who have competed go on to careers in law enforcement, service to people with disabilities and on to service as therapy dogs.

For U.S. German Shepherds who do not meet the standards for breeding or who simply need a new home, adoption is an option. One breeder said it was not likely a German Shepherd would be euthanized because he was not suitable for show. The Virginia German Shepherd Rescue, based in Sterling, was welcomed by NASS with prime real estate at the event and a free ad in the event brochure.

A GSDCA-WDA member from Manassas suggested the Reston-Dulles region for this year's show. Eric Kulczycky of Visit Fairfax, the County's tourism arm, accompanied GSDCA-WDA President and NASS 2010 Chair Cindy Petersen around the Reston/Vienna/Dulles area last spring when she came for a site visit.

Hyatt Dulles became host hotel, and several other hotels in the Dulles area welcomed human and canine guests.

"They really wanted our business," said Petersen. "There's hundreds of us and we're going to spend money here."

"The hotels were happy to have our dogs. And the people who run [Lake Fairfax Park] have been super to work with. This park bent over backwards to make this event wonderful."

"The area has been extremely dog-friendly to us."

WEEK IN RESTON

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.

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FALL 2010 VOTERS' GUIDE

GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010 POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The Leagues of Women Voters of Alexandria, Arlington, the Fairfax Area, Falls Church, Loudoun County, and the Prince William Area Member-At-Large Unit, are cooperating with The Connection Newspapers to produce this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in choosing candidates for election to public office.

The above-referenced Northern Virginia Leagues sent questionnaires to candidates for the United States House of Representatives whose names were qualified to appear on the November 2, 2010 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word and space limitations. The candidates' original responses are on file with the Northern Virginia Leagues of Women Voters. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

A nonpartisan political membership organization, the League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters does not support any

political party or candidate.

For additional information on the Fall 2010 Voters' Guide, or the League of Women Voters, please visit the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area at www.lwv-fairfax.org or call 703-658-9150. To view the submissions of all Northern Virginia candidates, visit <http://virginia.va.lwvnet.org/electionday.html>. You may also find comprehensive, nonpartisan information on the November 2, 2010 elections on the League of Women Voters' interactive online website, www.VOTE411.org, sponsored by the LWV Education Fund. The LWVFA gratefully acknowledges the Frances Silver bequest.

For additional information on the November 2, 2010 General and Special Elections, voter registration, the district in which you are eligible to vote, where to vote, or absentee voting, contact your local election office:

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City of Fairfax General Registrar 703-385-7890

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You can also contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or visit www.sbe.virginia.gov.

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BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

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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?

CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 8TH DISTRICT (VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)



J. Patrick Murray
Republican – Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Colonel Patrick Murray served in numerous armor, 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.

Longer 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 our energy and national security problems are today. We need a balanced "all of the above" energy policy to eliminate our dependence on petro-dictators who would distort our foreign policy objectives. Combined with traditional sources, we need a national policy of developing solar, geothermal, wind, nuclear and other environmentally friendly energy sources. 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.

As the US military departs Iraq, Iran has clear designs on expanding influence. We must use all our instruments of national power (diplomatic, information, military and economic) to ensure Iran does not acquire nuclear weapons. If they do, it will fuel a Middle East arms race and destabilize the region as well as provide an existential threat to Israel.

I agree with President Obama that the war in Afghanistan is in our nation interest. We therefore need to ensure we provide full support for our servicemen and women deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan to accomplish their mission. It is in our national interest to ensure that Afghanistan does not become safe-haven for training and operations for Al Qaeda.

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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 Trade 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 Interior and Environment Appropriations, I have successfully fought off efforts to restrict EPA's ability to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act, as well as blocking offshore drilling off the Atlantic Coast. I also support an increased gas tax whose revenue would be put into public transit. It is imperative that we begin the transition 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 internet puppy mills, the gathering and slaughter of wild horses, dog and cock fighting, animal crush videos and recently successfully passed the "Truth in Fur Labeling 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 "faux" fur were made with imported dog fur. I strongly support preventing the inhumane treatment of cows, pigs and poultry on industrial farms.

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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 nonprofit: DFPA.org dedicated to improving fire safety. President of a small business that hires disabled veterans: VetsSS.org. 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

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BALANCE: Build energy efficient transportation systems, based primarily on rail, nationwide; Develop and implement

non-polluting alternative energy sources and energy conservation measures; Cut military spending by 90% (the US military is the biggest hydrocarbon user in the world); Nationalize BP; Reuse, recycle and/or compost everything; Retool factories to build rail, rail cars, electric cars and hybrid buses.

ISSUE: Ending U. S. Wars by: Ordering immediate, unilateral cease fire in Iraq and Afghanistan; Halting all attacks and covert operations in Pakistan and elsewhere; Ceasing all military aid; Apologizing to the people of the Mideast; Mounting massive relief efforts and implement “Marshall Plans” in Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and Pakistan; Orderly withdraw all US troops and contractors from the Mideast and ultimately the world; Returning troops to the U.S. to provide leadership, training, logistics and technical personnel for a new WPA and Civilian Conservation Corps.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS – VOTE YES OR NO

The Virginia General Assembly has approved each of the following three proposed amendments to the Constitution of Virginia at two of its regular sessions separated by a general election. The amendments, as ballot questions, are now submitted to voters for adoption. The explanations for each amendment are provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia State Board of Elections. For additional information on the proposed constitutional amendments, visit the State Board of Elections website: www.sbe.virginia.gov.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1

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

QUESTION: Shall Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to authorize legislation that will permit localities to establish their own income or financial worth limitations for purposes of granting property tax relief for homeowners not less than 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled?

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 available only 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.

QUESTION: Shall the Constitution be amended to require the General Assembly to provide a real property tax exemption for the principal residence of a veteran, or his or her surviving spouse, if the veteran has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability?

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.

QUESTION: Shall Section 8 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to increase the permissible size of the Revenue Stabilization Fund (also known as the “rainy day fund”) from 10 percent to 15 percent of the Commonwealth’s

average annual tax revenues derived from income and retail sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years?

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 cur-

rently 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 Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to the bonds previously authorized for transportation improvements and facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$120,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation improvements, including improvements

to primary and secondary State highways, off-street parking, pedestrian improvements, and ancillary related improvements and facilities, and including capital costs of land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area allocable to Fairfax County, Virginia pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact?

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Endorsements in Congressional Race

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.

Jim Moran 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 is it 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 moving 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 and values to make the world a better place.

He has been a champion of local needs. Without Frank Wolf, Dulles rail 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 intense 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 directing 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 escalating 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 prisons 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.

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EDITORIALS

Committee to Honor Plum at Gala

Del Kenneth R. Plum (D-36) will be honored with the "Tower of Dulles" at the Committee's 44th Anniversary Gala Friday, Nov. 12.

The Tower of Dulles is awarded for meritorious service providing for the betterment of Washington Dulles International Airport and the Dulles Economic Corridor. The award, presented at its Annual Gala, is the highest recognition offered by the Committee for Dulles.

"We are honored to have Delegate Plum as this year's recipient of the Tower of Dulles," announced Committee for Dulles President, Tanya Matthews of TMG Construction Corporation.

"Del. Plum has represented the 36th District in the General Assembly for more than three decades and currently serves as House Democratic Caucus Chair. He is Founder and Chair of the Dulles Corridor Rail As-

sociation (DCRA), a nonprofit advocacy group that since 1998 has been invaluable in garnering support for the construction of Metrorail to Washington Dulles International Airport and beyond into Loudoun County. Today, we are witness to the success of Delegate Plum and DCRA's efforts as we watch in awe this vital project march toward completion."

The Committee's 44th Anniversary Gala is a black tie event that will be held at Lansdowne Resort. The program consists of a cocktail reception, a formal dinner, and an awards program. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, please visit the Committee's website, www.committeefordulles.org, or contact Susan Davis at the Committee for Dulles office, 703-430-8749, info@committeefordulles.org.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/OCT. 21

Greater Reston Newcomers and Neighbors Club. 10 a.m. at St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Road, Reston. Learn more about line dancing. Refreshments served. 703-437-6866.

MOMS Club of Herndon Open House. 10 a.m. at ArtSpace of Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Information from local indoor and outdoor recreational resources as well as speakers on topics including nutrition and fitness. Nursery available until 11 a.m. www.momsclubofherndon.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 23

Reston Town Center: Developing the Dream. 4 p.m. at Reston Community Center, Lake Anne, Reston. Sponsored by Reston Historic Trust. With panelists Jim Cleveland, Hunter Richardson, Cy Paumier and John Thillman. Free admission. www.reston.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 25

Reston Environmental Action (REACT) Annual Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Maria Zimmerman, HUD Deputy Director for Sustainable Communities, will discuss federal initiatives assisting communities consider the environment as they develop transportation options and affordable housing and improve

energy efficiency. info@restonenvironmentalaction.org.

2010 Dulles Toll Road Public Update. 5 p.m. in the South Lakes High School Cafeteria, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Hosted by Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. With informational exhibits. Representatives from the Airports Authority will discuss Dulles Toll Road, and provide information on future approved toll increases, improvements to the Toll Road and financing a portion of the Dulles Metrorail Project. See exhibits at www.mwaa.com/tollroad after Oct. 20.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 27

Saturday Night in the Suburbs. 7 p.m. at Herndon High School, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. A program for parents. HerndonPTSA@aol.com.
Quilting Lessons. Six Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. beginning Oct. 27, at the ArtSpace, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Basic quilting blocks and techniques. Offered by the Reston Chapter of Quilters Unlimited. Classes are geared toward people who have some sewing experience. Free. 703-404-1829.

THURSDAY/OCT. 28

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FAITH

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 Leesburg Pike in Herndon, is seeking volunteers to assist the homeless. Contact the church at 703-430-7872, www.dranesvillebrethren.org or DCOBoffice@aol.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, ChefBoyardee-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 703-437-6308.

Tau Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans Open House. 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7 at Saint Joseph Meeting Room 205, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon. The Third Order Secular Franciscans is an order within the Catholic Church. The SFO are members of local fraterni

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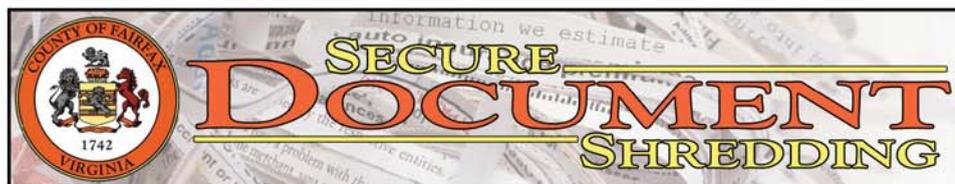


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How Many New Liquor Stores?

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 Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple, D- Arlington.

Areas with the highest population would have the greatest percentage of retailers. Fairfax County, which currently has 34 Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) stores, would have 132 hard liquor retailers. The City of Alexandria would see an increase from seven stores to 18 retailers. Arlington,

which has eight ABC stores would likely have 26 hard liquor retailers under the governor's privatization plan.

"The vast majority [of localities] are going to have ... quite large increases in the number of outlets that are going to be in their communities," said Whipple.

There would be one outlet for every 8,000 people. Under the proposal, there would be 600 licenses for grocery stores, 150 licenses for larger specialty stores, 150 licenses for smaller chain stores, and 100 licenses for small businesses.

SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE?

McDonnell's aides insist that the increase in liquor retailers is safe and responsible. Most retailers would sell more than just alcohol.

"You're not talking about a proliferation of new stores," said Eric Finkbeiner, McDonnell's policy adviser. "You're talking about new shelves in existing stores."

He also said that even with the increase, Virginia remains on the low end of liquor outlets per capita. Currently, the Common-

wealth has the fewest number of stores per capita in the country, at 1.4 per 10,000 adults. If privatization is passed, McDonnell's aides 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 aides 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. The

LOCAL TALLY ON LIKELY NEW LIQUOR STORES UNDER PRIVATIZATION

Locality	Current Number	Projected Number of Liquor Stores
Alexandria	7	18
Arlington	8	26
City of Fairfax	2	3
Fairfax County	34	132
Falls Church	3	1
Loudoun	11	45
Prince William	11	54
Virginia	334	1,000

SOURCE: Estimates from Senate Finance Staff
For more, see <http://virginia.statehouseonline.com>

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 aides indicated liquor would also be subject to local regulation, but no details are available. McDonnell's aide Melissa Luchau 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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FAITH

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 Beulahland 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 jferebee@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.

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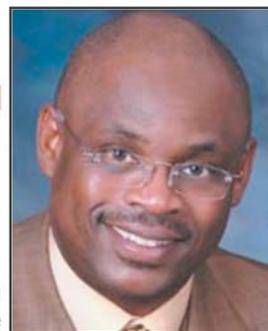


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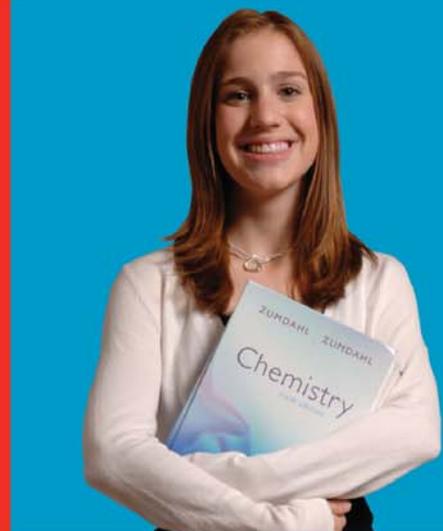
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Music Explosion Returns to Area

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By Shirley J. Gregory
The Connection

United Christian Parish Music Explosion 2010 is poised to surpass last year's musical success. Northern Virginia's second annual ecumenical concert will take place Saturday, Oct. 23 in two performances, 2 and 7 p.m. The UCP Music Explosion 2010 features church choirs, vocal groups, soloists, bands, and instrumentalists performing diverse Christian music, from classical and traditional to gospel and modern.

ARTISTS scheduled this year include the Living Epistle Praise Team of Chantilly; the Treble Clefs, a part of the Herndon Town Square Singers, a community group for over 20 years; Menda & Cheryl, providing spiritual selections; Cliché Quartet, a part of the Alexandria Heritage Harmony Singers, along with 4/3rds Summation, a contemporary a cappella trio, and, Susan Bilodeau, winner of the NOVA American Idol-style 2009 contest, who will all perform at the 2 p.m. performance.

The 7 p.m. performance will feature: Humorist Lloyd Kinzer as the Master of Ceremonies; Menda & Cheryl, providing spiritual selections; Three Theological Troubadours, performing contemporary spirituals, accompanied by the UCP string trio; the St. Francis Choir, an Anglican choir with featured soloist; Eli Roman, soloist and member of Oakbrook Church in Reston; the String Quartet, a Reston independent classical chamber quartet; and, Jasmine Marshall, soprano, performing classical spiritual sections.

"United Christian Parish hosts its annual concert as a service to the community," said Jack Moore, festival committee chair and long-time Reston resident. "The inspirational music celebrates the human family and brings the Reston/Herndon faith communities together for a great cause. One hundred percent of funds raised is donated



United Christian Parish will host Music Explosion 2010.



The Music Explosion 2010 features two performances: 2 and 7 p.m.

Ticket Information

Ticket prices for the UCP Explosion Matinee are \$15 and evening prices \$25 at the door. The church is located at 11508 North Shore Drive in Reston (parking at Lake Anne Elementary School).

to local charities."

This year all ticket sales will be donated to the following charities:

- ♦ Courtney's House - Founded in August 2008, Courtney's House is dedicated to providing direct services in a therapeutic and healing environment for children age 12 to 18 who have been victims of sex trafficking. The organization has provided services to over 500 victims and is raising funds to create a long-term group home facility.

- ♦ Friends of the Fairfax Juvenile Court - Since 1993, Friends of the Fairfax Juvenile Court has been providing scholarship opportunities and assistance to youth and their families who are under the jurisdiction of the Fairfax Juvenile Court and have hardship needs not normally made available through

County services or other private establishments. The organization sponsors an annual charity golf tournament and other fund-raising activities to pay for these services.

LAST YEAR charities that benefited from the funds raised were Graceful Spaces, which provides furniture for families in Reston Interfaith's transitional housing program, and the North County Hypothermia Prevention program, which provides winter shelter for the homeless and is run by Reston Interfaith.

UCP is an ecumenical church united in ministry by four denominations: the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), The Presbyterian Church (USA), the United Church of Christ, and the United Methodist Church. The congregation has been serving the spiritual needs of Northern Virginia since 1973. See

www.unitedchristianparish.org.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 21

Disney on Ice: Toy Story 3. 7 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available through www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

Terrific Twos. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Storytime. Age 2 with adult. 703-689-2700.

OK Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Fugitive Pieces by Anne Michaels. Adults. 703-242-4020.

FRIDAY/OCT. 22

"Wonderful Town". 8 p.m. at CenterStage Theater in Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A musical, based on the play "My Sister Eileen". 703-476-4500 or www.restonplayers.org.

International Paper Model Convention. Hampton Inn & Suites, 22700 Holiday Park Drive, Sterling. Sandwich buffet and table set-up. \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door. www.ipmc-info.org/index.html.

Merchants of Bollywood. 8 p.m. at George Mason Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A musical loosely based on the story of the Merchant family, renowned choreographers from the golden age of Indian cinema. \$24-\$48, youth through grade 12 half-price when accompanied by adult. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit cfa.gmu.edu.

Disney on Ice: Toy Story 3. 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available through www.ticketmaster.com or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT. 703-993-3000 or www.patriotcenter.com.

South Lakes High School Homecoming Parade. 5 p.m. in the Hunter's Wood Shopping Center Parking lot. The SLHS Homecoming Court, special guests, local elementary and middle schools' banners, floats and more, plus each graduating class' home-made Homecoming floats and banners. sparadecommittee@gmail.com or 703-715-4500.

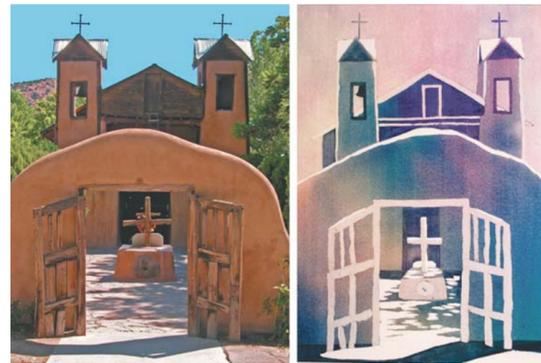
SATURDAY/OCT. 23

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Air & Scare. 2-8 p.m. at Stephen F. Udvar Hazy Air & Space Museum, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Over 30 activity stations with trick or treating, games, Stars Wars characters, face painting, cartoons, creepy crafts, telescopes, door prizes and more. Costumes encouraged. 35-minute puppet shows by Beale Street Puppets at 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. www.nasm.si.edu/airandscare.

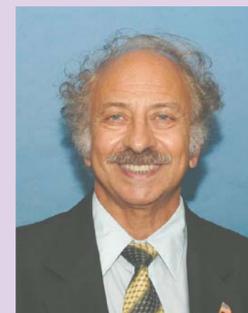
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International Paper Model



"Travels with Camera and Brush" is an exhibition by photographer Frank Mertès and watercolor artist Corinne Mertes, on display Nov. 2-29 at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. The show features interpretations of the same scene in the two different mediums, as well as individual works by each artist. 703-476-4500 or watercolorsbycorinne.photoshop.com.

Reston Author Paul Friedman will have a book launch for 'Two Circles of Life,' 12 noon-2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 23 at Reston Used Book Shop on Lake Anne Plaza, 1623 Washington Plaza North, Reston. Friedman was born in Moscow to American parents who moved there in the mid-1930's, lured by ideas of building a progressive and prosperous new society. 'Two Circles of Life' tells about growing up under communist dogmas, his life in the Soviet Union and the U.S., the dramatic events the author went through, and describes various facets of the Soviet society and an insider's analysis of Communism and the Soviet Union. 703-435-9772.



Center, followed by a question-and-answer session. Panelists are Jim Cleveland, Hunter Richardson, Cy Paumier, and John Thillman. 703-709-7700 or RestonMuseum@gmail.com.

Convention. Hampton Inn & Suites, 22700 Holiday Park Drive, Sterling. 9 a.m.: Lectures on Paper Models for pre-registered attendees only. 10 a.m.-5pm: Convention open to general public; free admission. 6 p.m.: Buffet and auction of paper model kits; buffet \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. www.ipmc-info.org/index.html.

Bobbe Shore Jazz Combo. 8:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Reston Town Center, 1800 Presidents St., Reston. 703-925-8250.

Art Book Sale. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. A large selection of gently used art books. 703-242-4020.

Author Paul Friedman. 12-2 p.m. at Reston Used Book Shop on Lake Anne Plaza, 1623 Washington Plaza North, Reston. "Two Circles of Life," about the Reston resident's life in the Soviet Union and the U.S., and an insider's analysis of Communism and the Soviet Union. 703-435-9772.

A Forest of Color. 10:30 a.m. Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Why and how trees change color. \$4 RA members, \$6 non-members. 703-476-9689 or naturecenter@reston.org.

Reston Town Center, 1980-1990: Developing the Dream. 2-4 p.m. at the JoAnn Rose Gallery at Reston Community Center, Lake Anne, 1609A Washington Plaza, Reston. Sponsored by Reston Community Center and Reston Historic Trust. A panel discussion about the planning and development of the Reston Town

holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit cfa.gmu.edu.

MONDAY/OCT. 25

Easy Reader Book Discussion, Level 2. 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Read aloud and enjoy a related craft. Call for title. Age 6-7. 703-689-2700.

Mr. Knick Knack Children's Performance. 10:30 a.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. Music for kids. Free. www.restontowncenter.com.

A Capella Chorus. 7:30 p.m. at Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A portion of the proceeds benefit South Lakes High School Choral Program. Tickets \$10-\$15. www.CartoonJohnny.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 26

Trick or Treat Storytime. 7 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Stories and rhymes with a Halloween theme. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-437-8855.

Bee Healthy. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Fairfax County Health Department presents a puppet show on best health practices for young children. Age 1-5 with adult. 703-689-2700.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word, and Excel. 703-242-4020.

Bedtime Story Time. 7:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Stories and songs. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-242-4020.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 27

Mostly Ghostly. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Family Halloween stories. All ages. 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/OCT. 29

"Wonderful Town". 8 p.m. at CenterStage Theater in Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A musical, based on the play "My Sister Eileen". 703-476-4500 or www.restonplayers.org.

Halloween Trick of Treat Trail. 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Carnival games, face painting, concessions and more. Volunteers also needed, contact habrock@reston.org or 703-435-7986. Halloweenhousefr11.eventbrite.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 30

"Wonderful Town". 8 p.m. at CenterStage Theater in Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A musical, based on the play "My Sister Eileen". 703-476-4500 or www.restonplayers.org.

Reston Challenge, Inc. Trivia Scavenger Hunt. 10 a.m. at the Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. A trivia-based scavenger hunt around the Reston Town Center to track down clues and complete challenges for a chance to win prizes donated by Reston Town Center businesses. All proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Association of the National Capital Area. Registration begins at \$50. Team and individual signups available at restonchallenge.org.

Spanish Singer Buika. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A blend of jazz, blues and soul with gypsy rumba, Afro-Cuban music and flamenco. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$21-\$42. Charge tickets at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Halloween Trick of Treat Trail. 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Carnival games, face painting, concessions and more. Volunteers also needed, contact habrock@reston.org or 703-435-7986. Halloweenhousesat2.eventbrite.com.

Reston Town Center 20th Anniversary Walking Tour. 1:30 p.m. from Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Reston. With Hunter Richardson and Joe Ritchey, leaders in the development of the Center. 703-709-7700 or RestonMuseum@gmail.com

SUNDAY/OCT. 31

"Wonderful Town". 2:30 p.m. at CenterStage Theater in Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A musical, based on the play "My Sister Eileen". 703-476-4500 or www.restonplayers.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 2

"Travels with Camera and Brush" Exhibition Opening. At the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. Works by photographer Frank Mertès and watercolor artist Corinne Mertes, on display Nov. 2-29. Interpretations of the same scene in the two different mediums, as well as individual works. 703-476-4500 or watercolorsbycorinne.photoshop.com.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 3

Volcanoes in America's Past, Present, & Future. 7 p.m. at the U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Volcanic eruptions around the world have always been a part of human history, and the American experience is no exception. This year, the USGS is launching the National Volcano Early Warning System program, which will establish monitoring networks on all hazardous U.S. volcanoes, to reduce the effects of volcanic hazards to communities, commerce, and aviation. Requests for accommodations (i.e. sign language interpreting) require two weeks notice. Contact Joan Corley at jcorley@usgs.gov or 703-648-7770.

FRIDAY/NOV. 4

"Wonderful Town". 8 p.m. at CenterStage Theater in Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A musical, based on the play "My Sister Eileen". 703-476-4500 or www.restonplayers.org.

The Erosion of Religious Liberty and Free Speech. 8 p.m. at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. With Jeffrey Rosen, Professor of Law at George Washington University and a noted constitutional law scholar. Part of NVHC's 8th annual Speaker Series. Free and open to the public. 703-435-1226.

FRIDAY/NOV. 5

Lar Lubovitch Dance Company. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Modern dance ensemble. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$22-\$44. Charge tickets at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 6

Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series: Mark Templeton and Pocket Change. 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Tickets \$12. 703-435-8377 or www.mtempleton.com.

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From left, Phuong Le, Lola Albright and Beth Flood, are trying to raise money for their friend and co-worker, Cindy Martin, who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor.

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St. Thomas Episcopal Church,
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Help in Time of Need

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

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

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 lights 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.

They put out a collection box at New Decade, have made appeals to community groups and are now holding a fundraiser to try and help Martin with her bills.

"In the salon industry, there's no sick pay, if you're not working, you have nothing coming in," said Phuong Le, who works with Mar-

tin, and has known her since 1997. "Her income has just stopped, she hasn't worked since Oct. 2."

Martin is currently undergoing treatment, and even if she is able to recover, there's no guarantee that she will come back 100 percent.

"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.

The jewelry sale, which will take place at Albright's house, will feature Silpada jewelry, and Aspen Jewelry Designs in Herndon will also raffle off a necklace.

"[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."

THE JEWELRY SALE will take place at Albright's house, 494 Woodshire Lane, in Herndon. It will be Oct. 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. Raffle tickets for the diamond necklace can be purchased at Aspen Jewelry Designs, at the Village Centre at Dulles, 245 I-7 Centreville Road. For more information, call 703-437-6627, or visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/cythniamartin/journal, or www.giveforward.com/supportcindy.

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 developing better money management skills. He is assisted during the hour and a half by volunteers Elle McClendon and Peggy LaReche who help with class registration and post-session surveys. In addition, workshops for Spanish-speaking clients are held quarterly and led by volunteers from

TD Bank and assisted by FISH volunteer, Viveka Fuenzalida. Reston Interfaith provides registration services for the Spanish workshops and also baby sitters 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 im-



Don Owens

pact of high interest rates on a loan or credit card balances. Owens dispenses tips and guides them towards 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 Fling 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.

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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 Gildea, 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 Lycoming 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 in February

FAITH

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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.

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NEWS



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Officials from Reston and the surrounding areas, including Reston founder Robert Simon and District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) bury a time capsule near the intersection of Presidents Street and Market Street in Reston Town Center Oct. 18. The capsule contains newspapers, magazines, books and other timely items, and will be unearthed Oct. 18, 2030.

Reston Town Center Celebrates 20th Anniversary

FROM PAGE 3

"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.

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11012 BURYWOOD LN	5	4	1	RESTON	\$861,000	Detached	0.66	ASCOT	
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12000 MARKET ST #379	1	1	0	RESTON	\$232,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		SAVOY AT RESTON TWN CNTR	
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1305 GARDEN WALL CT #908	2	2	0	RESTON	\$228,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		BALDWIN GROVE	
1717 ASCOT WAY #1717D	2	2	0	RESTON	\$219,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		PARCRESTON	
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REAL ESTATE NOTES

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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, Suite 111 during normal business hours. Those who would like to schedule a pick up can call the office at 703-264-0000.

"We love running the coat drive because it gives the office an opportunity to work together to make a difference for the community," said Pezzana.

The donated coats are tax deductible and will be cleaned by Bergmann's free of charge and then distributed to the needy by the Salvation Army. To find out more about this organization please go to www.salvationarmyusa.com.

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.

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.

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Herndon Football Badly in Need of a Win

Hornets hoping to shine on Homecoming afternoon versus Loudoun Valley.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

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 some-



Herndon's running game accounted for 285 yards last week against Oakton. Here, Herndon junior Chris Glazier runs with the football in the Hornets' Oct. 8 home game against Centreville.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERITZEL/THE CONNECTION

thing [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 of 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."

Herndon 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-of-19 passes for 192 yards and the two touchdown tosses while also running for 84 yards on just six carries. Cameron 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-of-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 a winning homecoming day. 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.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The following Holiday Camp Programs are coming up at Algonkian Regional Park in Sterling on Nov. 1-2 for children ages 6 to 13. Primitive Teachings - Learn how to live off the land, make your own tools, start a fire, track animals. Art Camp - Explore the creative side.

Also, try out the Rock Climbing Camp at the Sport Rock Climbing Center in Sterling, Dec. 28-29, and Jan 17. DMB Sports Camp will make its fourth annual Ski/Snowboard trip to Whitetail Resort on Jan 24.

Trip package is all-inclusive (rentals, tickets, transporta-

tion, etc.) and available for kids ages 10 to 18.

For more information on all of the above, go to either dmbsports.com, smills@dmbsports.com, or call 703-444-8805, ext. 112.

Local high schools' cross country teams ran at the Glory Days Invitational Meet on Saturday, Oct. 9 in Manassas. Thomas Jefferson High won the Varsity A girls and JV boys' races, and placed third in the varsity B girls race.

Medals went to the top 15 individual finishers in all of the races. Top Jefferson High finishers in the seeded varsity girls' race included McLean residents Stephanie

Marzen (5th place) and Kelly Rogers (16th). Also for the Colonials, Reston's Sarah Stites finished 17th overall; McLean's Rekha Schnepf was 23rd; Reston's Sarah Nielsen was 42nd; and Oak Hill's Taylor Reffett was 56th. The Colonials won the varsity A girls' race by a single point over second place Bishop O'Connell.

In the seeded varsity boys' race, Jefferson's Jonathan Phillips, a Herndon resident, finished in 10th place.

In the JV girls' race, Jefferson's Katherine Sheridan, a Vienna resident, finished first place overall. And in the Freshman Girls' race, local runners who put together strong outings included Marshall

High's Caitlyn Cobb (3rd place); Jefferson's Christine Mayuga (6th place) of Oak Hill; and Marshall's Catheri Jarriel (7th place). In the Freshman Boys' race, Marshall High's Mackenzi Haight was a 10th place finisher.

Great Falls boxer Jimmy Lange (33-4-2, 23 knockouts) will battle Joe Wyatt (23-1, 15 KO) for the North American Boxing Association's (NABA) vacant 154-pound U.S. title in the main event fight at George Mason University's Patriot Center on Saturday, Nov. 6. The all-star undercard will include top regional competitors such as Fairfax welterweight Todd 'White Light-

ning' Wilson (8-0, 2 KO); the 'Bolivian Queen,' Jennifer Salinas (11-2, 4 KO), of Manassas; Chantilly middleweight Zain 'Tiger' Shah (3-0, 2 KO); and a middleweight matchup between Brandon Quarles (2-0) of Alexandria and Lawrence Jones (3-2-2, 1 KO) of Chantilly. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with the first fight set for 7.

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The race attracted nearly 3,000 competitive runners, walkers and families to Reston Town Center.



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Curmesssa Megerssa and Lindsey Gallo captured 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 53.1oF 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, Demesse Tefera from Washington, D.C. came in second place and Frank DeVar 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 <<http://www.active.com/>>.



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Driven to Distraction—Still



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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 (heretofore known as “distracted drivers”), there is a part of me which, after semi-adhering to the law for not even one day, coincidentally its first day, October 1st, sees a hopefully-not-fatal flaw.

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 enforceable law might in fact be an inadvertent 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 characterization; everyone is talking on their cell phones while driving: young, old, citizens, immigrants; legal or otherwise, and everyone in between), I fear the ingenuity of many drivers who, accustomed 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 — whenever and wherever. The genie is out of the bottle, and unlike Barbara Eden, I don't see it returning — with or without folded arms and a nod. Putting toothpaste back in the tube seems like child's play compared to the effort required to change these new (comparatively speaking) habits of today's “cell phoning” drivers.

For those of us drivers/cell phone users too stubborn or stupid or disinclined 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 process 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 cars ready to pinch my “cell phoning” butt even though I was not committing any other driving infraction. Now that's distracting, all that looking around. (If ticketed, 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 “erratic” driving which led to my “secondary” infraction.)

When I'm talking on the cell phone now, I'm not looking around. I'm looking and driving as I normally do but with 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, to avoid being ticketed, I'll need to be looking around for what I can't see and can't hear (a police cruiser/siren) 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 maybe it has. It's not the law that worries me, it's my reaction to it.

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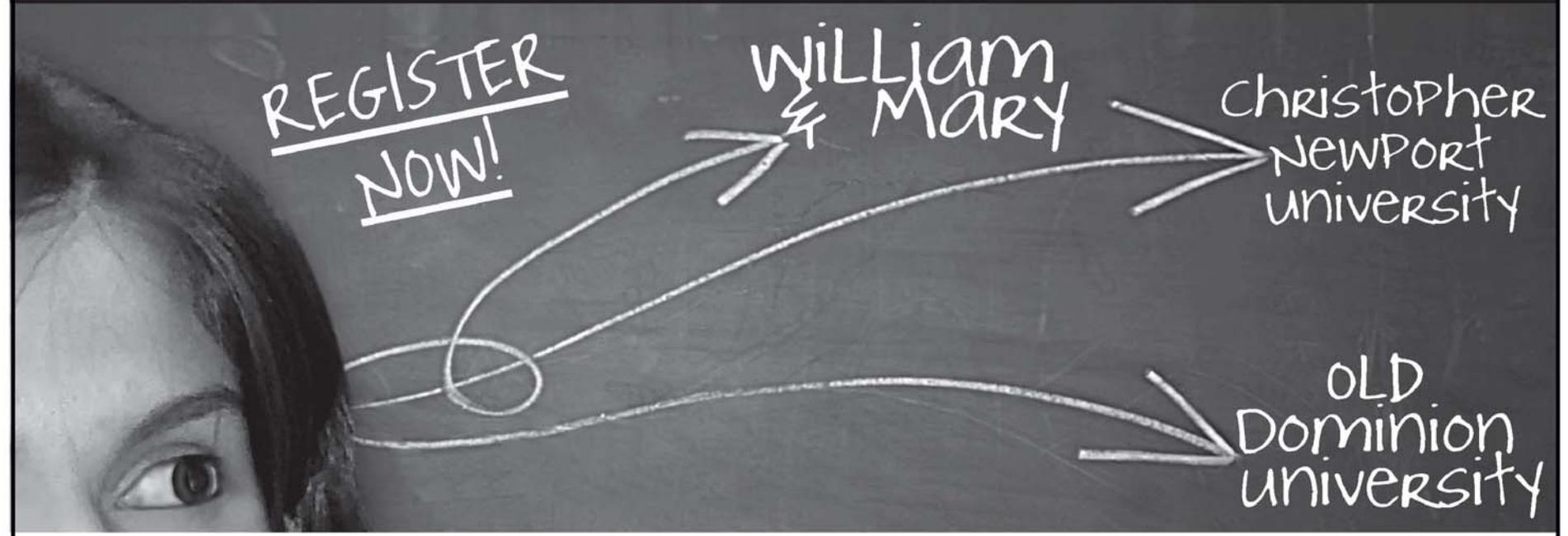
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