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More than 50 people attend the Chez Nous Salon in Reston Oct. 19 to hear Virginia Shore's presentation 'The Role of Art in Cultural Diplomacy.' Shore is the curator and acting director of the U.S. State Department's Art in Embassies Program. The monthly salons are hosted by Reston resident Najwa Saad at the Sunset Hills Montessori School in Reston, and feature an eclectic mix of topics, everything from martial arts to biology.



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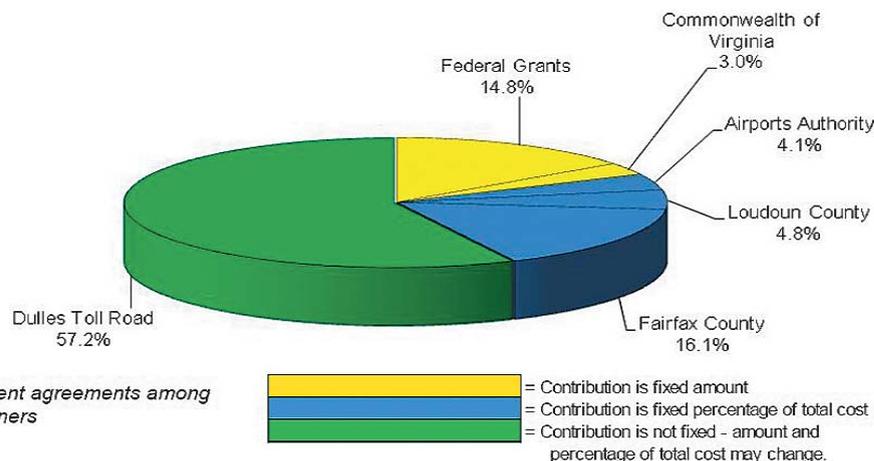
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## Percentage of Total Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project Funding \*



Based on \$3.8 billion preliminary cost estimate for Phase 2. The Airports Authority is considering alternative alignments and station locations at Dulles International Airport that could result in significant cost reductions.

The current breakdown of funding sources for the Dulles Metrorail Project.

## Toll Road Transit

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority hosted an informational meeting on the updates to the Dulles Toll Road and how they relate to the ongoing construction of the Metro Silver Line and the HOT lanes on the Beltway.

New toll rates will be effective Jan. 1, 2011, with prices on the mainline plaza for two, three, four, five and six-axle vehicles rising by a quarter. Effective Jan. 1, 2012, they will go up another quarter. The price for ramps, which starts at 75 cents for two axles and goes up by a quarter per axle, will stay the same through 2012.

According to the MWAA, the Dulles Toll Road still has one of the cheapest toll-per-mile rates, currently at 13 cents per mile, and it will go up to 15 and 17 cents per mile in 2011 and 2012, respectively. To compare, the Dulles Greenway is 32 cents per mile during off-peak hours, and the Beltway HOT lanes will be 43 cents per mile, according to estimates from project sponsors.

**REVENUES** from the toll road will currently fund 57.2 percent of the Dulles Corridor Metro Project funding, but that number can change. The MWAA has agreed to pay 4.1 percent, Loudoun County 4.8 percent and Fairfax County 16.1 percent for the projects, with each of those percentages constant even if the projected costs change.

"It's a little troubling to me that the amount of money coming from the toll road isn't constant in any

**"With the ramps, you'll be able to go straight from the Beltway to the access road without dangerously weaving across all those lanes of traffic."**

— Moe Wadda

way," said Alex Mulgrave of Herndon. "I just have a feeling that should the project go above budget, drivers who use the toll road as part of their daily commute are really going to feel the pinch."

Andrew Rountree, acting vice present for finance and Chief Financial Officer for MWAA says that there will not be any sudden rate hike, that "increase on rates will be kept on a smooth path."

The current \$6.6 billion total estimate for the Dulles Metrorail project includes a two-mile tunnel to be built at Dulles Airport, though other options are being discussed.

"We're looking at three other alignments, two above ground and one underground, but that goes closer to the terminal," Rountree said.

While Metrorail access to Dulles Airport is still being designed, the MWAA is also trying to make improvements to the Dulles Access Road from the Beltway. The current layout requires multiple lane shifts in a very short distance if people coming from the Beltway need to get on the access road.

"Without question, trying to get from the outer loop to the access road is a move I dread every time I

have to make it," said Kim Evans of Falls Church. "It's so bad that I've started paying the toll at the plaza just to buy myself some more time to get over there."

MWAA has three ramps proposed, two of which are currently under construction with the third still in negotiations. The first will take drivers coming from the inner loop directly to the access road, without first mixing them in with the drivers headed west on the toll road. The second ramp will allow those coming from the airport to the Beltway to get to the inner loop without actually getting on the toll road.

"With the ramps, you'll be able to go straight from the Beltway to the access road without dangerously weaving across all those lanes of traffic," said Moe Wadda, a Dulles Toll Road engineer with the MWAA. "We hope to have the first two ramps open by Fall 2012, right before the metro is completed."

**THE THIRD RAMP** would allow people coming from the outer loop to get directly to the access road without having to go across three lanes before the toll plaza.

Rountree says that the coming of the Metrorail to the airport and the improvements to the toll road are part of MWAA's plans to integrate the various modes of travel in the area.

"As a transportation authority, we're working to manage a multi-modal transportation corridor," he said. "Aviation and various ground transportation can work together. This is really one of the most unique transportation projects going on in the country."

More information can be found at [www.mwaa.com/tollroad](http://www.mwaa.com/tollroad).



PHOTO BY KEN PLUM

The Building Our Beliefs Building at the United Christian Parish in Reston was demolished as part of the church's renovation, and the building materials were recycled with the help of the church members.

## Rectory Recycling

**United Christian Parish recycles building materials during renovation.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

When the United Christian Parish in Reston wanted to renovate their facilities, adding a new sanctuary and a two-story program building, it meant the loss of their Building Our Beliefs Building, or the BOB as church members call it. The building had seen countless students in its many programs, and even features a wall with paint handprints of hundreds of students.

But members of the church not only saved the handprint wall, but made sure that the rest of the church didn't go to waste. The metal from around the building was sold to a scrap metal dealer, the concrete and bricks were sent to a plant to be made into silestone and other recycled products and students from the Vacation Bible Adventure group helped take out various parts from the building to be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

"We wanted to set an example for our kids, to show them the concept of Christian stewardship that we're trying to teach," said Del. Ken Plum (D-36), moderator for the UCP's board. "We tried to make sure every part of the church wouldn't end up in a landfill somewhere, but could be used for future building."

The fourth, fifth and sixth

graders who are part of the Vacation Bible Adventure group got the final crack at the BOB after the power was shut off. The children helped to take the faceplates and light switches out, as well as other electrical equipment for donation.

"We knew if the BOB just got knocked down everything in it would go to waste," said Connor Young, 11, a student at Farmwell Station Middle School. "Some parts of the sockets were really old, and some of the wires were wound tight, but it was fun to recycle. But I don't think I'd like to do it as a job."

For Dora Ahearn-Woods, 10, a student at Lake Anne Elementary, it was just fun to dig around in the walls.

"It was fun, especially when we accidentally pulled out pieces of the wall," Ahearn-Woods said. "I really liked the BOB, there were good memories there, but I'm looking forward to having fun in the new building."

Billie Sutter, the director of Christian Education for UCP, said she wanted the children to enjoy themselves while learning how easy it is to recycle.

"It was a fun thing to do for the kids, and I think it helped them understand why they need to help out in the community," she said. "They saw that these things that could have been trash will instead go to help people who need it it."



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### THURSDAY/OCT. 28

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

**Alzheimer's Association Support Group.** 11:45 a.m. at Great Falls Assisted Living, 1121 Reston Ave., Herndon. Kate H. Caldwell, MA, will facilitate this support group for families and caregivers of those with dementia and other memory loss. This support group is approved by the Alzheimer's Association for caregivers. Free, lunch provided. Reserve at 703-421-0690.

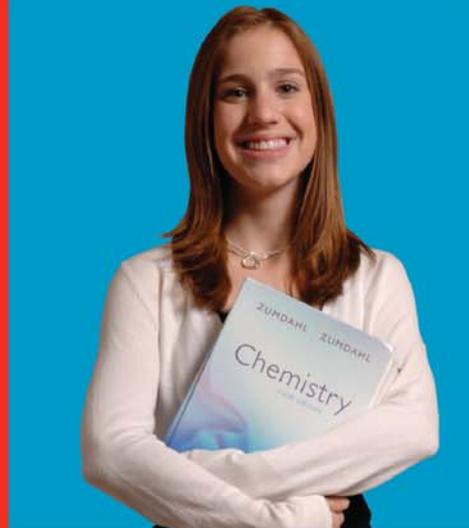
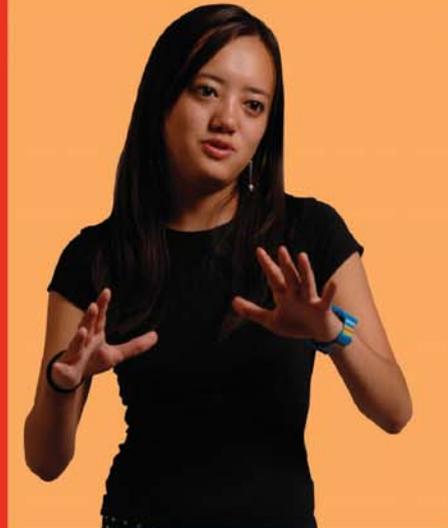
### SATURDAY/OCT. 30

**Reston Farmers Market 2010 Farewell.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Lake Anne Village Center parking lot, Reston. Enjoy market cider and more at the end of the season. The Market re-opens May 7, 2011.

### SUNDAY/OCT. 31

**Dedication of the new addition to the Unitarian Universalist Church,** 1625 Wiehle Ave. in Reston, 12:30 p.m. 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.

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# Culture Club

Reston Salon offers eclectic mix of conversation, culture.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Reston residents don't have to go far to find interesting conversations. The Chez Nous Salon, hosted by Najwa Saad, offers residents from all over Northern Virginia the chance to explore art, culture, science and other topics as explained by experts from all over the world.

"Going to Washington so often for lectures and events, I thought Reston's DNA is progressive and curious, why not bring thoughtful entertainment to the suburbs?" said Saad, who has lived in Reston for more than 20 years. "In May 2008 I launches Chez Nous Salon ... to be a space where curious people could gather together over a good meal and delight in exploring topics presented by speakers who are leaders in their fields."

Topics of past salons have in-

cluded: American policy in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the history of dance in China, coral reefs, the relationship between sound and architecture and psychoneuroimmunology, the study of the interaction between psychological processes and the nervous and immune systems.

Regular attendees know that Saad has a knack for finding very qualified speakers, whether it's from cold-calling them or meeting them at a bus stop.

"With the internet today, we tend to isolate ourselves, but these salons are a chance for interaction between different generations and disciplines, and Najwa saw that need in Reston," said Janet Rems of Reston. "I don't know if it would have been embraced in any other community, but it seems to be in the DNA of the Reston lifestyle."

This month's salon featured a presentation from Virginia Shore, the curator and acting director of



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**Virginia Shore, the curator and acting director of the Art in Embassies Program of the Department of State, speaks about the State Department's Arts in Embassies program.**

the Art in Embassies Program of the Department of State. Her presentation was titled "The Role of Art in Cultural Diplomacy" and she described her department's role in collecting and displaying American art all over the world.

"Art plays an important role in all of our diplomatic facilities, it is a powerful tool of American diplomacy," Saad said. "Art for art's sake is powerful, it stimulates gathering and exchange and bridge building wherever it happens."

Short spoke of helping ambassadors find art to decorate their embassy, and the various levels of involvement.

"Some ambassadors are very involved, wanting to pick just the right pieces to reflect certain aspects of culture, and some are just concerned with matching color swatches," she said.

She also noted the various styles of various presidential administrations, and how it affected their collecting of arts. She said that George W. Bush's administration was marked by a fondness for Western-style art, while Bill Clinton's was big on abstract impressionism.

"It was a pretty stimulating discussion on a topic that wouldn't otherwise come up in my daily

## Upcoming Salons

The monthly salons take place at the Sunset Hills Montessori School, 11180 Ridge Heights Road in Reston.

- ❖ **Nov. 17:** "Beyond the Lens: a Photographer's Story" featuring Bruce Dale of National Geographic.
  - ❖ **Jan. 19:** "Cultural Diplomacy and the Islamic World" featuring Cythnia Schneider of the Brookings Institution.
  - ❖ **Feb. 20:** "The Future of Reporting in America" featuring Donna Leinwand, president of the National Press Club.
  - ❖ **March 23:** "Living Consciously" featuring Cynthia Way, a professional executive coach.
  - ❖ **April 21:** "Drive for Creativity" featuring author Dan Pink (invited, not confirmed).
  - ❖ **May 18:** "Who Can Own DNA? The Monsanto Threat" featuring Dr. Andrew Kimball of the Center for Food Safety (invited, not confirmed).
  - ❖ **June 22:** "American Art in Federal Buildings" featuring Dr. Jennifer Gibson of the Fine Arts Program.
- Tickets are available for \$35 by PayPal to najwa@nmsenterprises.com, or \$45 at the door.

life," said Kirkland Kraines, a Reston resident. "It's interesting to spend a night being exposed to something that's outside my normal scope."

More information about the Chez Nous Salon can be found on Twitter at twitter.com/CNRSalon, or at cheznousreston.blogspot.com.

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# OPINION

## Vote Nov. 2 (or Before)

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This year, every voter in Virginia will vote for a candidate for U.S. House of Representatives plus vote on three statewide constitutional questions.

Voters in Fairfax will also vote on a transportation bond referendum.

Voters in Arlington will also choose one member of Arlington County Board, one member of the Arlington School Board and vote on four bond questions, one for Metro funding, one for "county infrastructure," one for schools and one for parks.

You can still vote early. Voters are allowed to vote absentee if they might be unavailable to vote on Election Day, including people who might be at work or commuting to work for 11 hours on that day. That's eight hours at work, a possible one-hour commute each way plus a lunch hour.

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❖ To be given a demonstration of how the voting equipment works.

❖ To enter the full name of a write-in candidate.

❖ To have a ballot brought to your vehicle instead of entering the polling place if you are 65 years of age or older, or if you are disabled.

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❖ To vote by provisional ballot if your status as a qualified voter is in question, and to be present when the Electoral Board meets to determine if your ballot will be counted.

❖ To bring your child age 15 or younger into the voting booth with you to observe you vote.

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### Polls Open Nov. 2, 6 a.m.-7 p.m.

To find your polling place, see a sample ballot, check your registration, go to [www.sbe.virginia.gov](http://www.sbe.virginia.gov) and click on "Voter Information." Registered voters can vote in person absentee for many reasons before Election Day, see details below. For more, contact your local election board.

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you are still at your polling place. Contact the State Board of Elections at 1-800-552-9745, or via email at [info@sbe.virginia.gov](mailto:info@sbe.virginia.gov).

If you still believe your voting rights may have been violated, you have 10 days to file a formal complaint with the State Board of Elections.

## Proposed State Constitutional Amendments

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

**M**ark Tuesday, Nov. 2, as Election Day on your calendar. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Vote at your usual polling place; if you do not know the location, go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb). In addition to the Congressional election there will be three amendments proposed for the Constitution of Virginia.

The process of amending the Constitution of Virginia requires that a proposed amendment be introduced and passed in the General Assembly twice with an intervening election for members of the Assembly, and then be passed by the people in a general election. Many voters are surprised when they see constitutional amendments on the ballot, but they actually have been under consideration for several years. I voted for the three amendments twice in the General Assembly and recommend that they be approved in the general election.

The first question asks: "Shall Section 6 of Article X of the Con-

stitution 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?" The proposed amendment 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.

Another question asks: "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?" 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

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## Issues

### A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

BY JACK KENNY  
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN CLUB OF GREATER RESTON

**A** discerning voter will research the background and suitability to represent her or him in the U.S. Congress. First and foremost, the question of how will the representative vote on major issues facing the country. Representing his constituency comes in second. For the incumbent, he is forced to justify his voting record in terms of the overall good for the country.

The past 20 or so months, the United States Congress including the incumbent, Congressman Jim Moran has passed legislation that has placed our country in serious peril. We are now in a situation where bankruptcy is a serious possibility. Losing our bond rating would place the world's largest economy in the second tier of countries. Jim Moran has promised to continue business as usual - to wit: "I will continue to earmark the [expletive] ... out of the budget."

For the first time, payments

out of the Social Security system will be greater than revenues into the trust fund. Medicare trust funds are in deficit. Voters should expect candidates to propose actions and plans on how to rescue these two promised safety nets.

The recent spending spree including the TARP or Stimulus Funds referred to as "Government Viagra" has been a total failure. The unemployment rate has stayed at or near the recession rate. We can expect that Jim Moran will vote to let the Bush tax cuts lapse. The net result will be a continuing recession or worse. Taxing the very class of people who have historically pulled the country out of a recession is being proposed. Some would call it class warfare. Unfortunately, there just is not enough money for everyone to live at a level above the poverty level.

On a personal level, the Virginia 8th Congressional District congressman has a history of shooting from the lip. Demeaning comments have been made

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To celebrate the recovery and rehabilitation of stroke survivor, Christie (Kalikie) Arnold, a golf tournament will be held at Hidden Creek Country Club, in Reston on Monday, Nov. 1, 9 a.m.

Like many of the 6.5 million stroke survivors in the U.S., Arnold needed long-term speech therapy to help her regain her language skills. Typically, insurance only covers a few sessions of speech rehabilitation leaving the stroke survivor and their family to fend for themselves. Luckily, Arnold found the Vienna-based Stroke Comeback Center. The Center helps stroke survivors regain language skills through more than 25 small group sessions held at its facility weekly. Serving more than 300 stroke survivors since its start, the Center treats everyone— regardless of their ability to pay.

The event will include a 4-person scramble, catered lunch and awards reception. Prizes will be awarded for best foursome score, longest drive (men's/women's) and closest to pin on designated holes. Cheater pack options will be available for purchase before the start of the round (ball toss, yip string, and Mulligan) for \$4 each or \$10 for all three. A raffle also benefits the Center.

Hidden Creek Country Club is located at 1711 Clubhouse Road in Reston. Cost: \$125/person; \$500/foursome.

To learn more about stroke or the Stroke Comeback Center, or to make a donation, go to [www.strokecomebackcenter.org/](http://www.strokecomebackcenter.org/)

### Reston Challenge at Town Center

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 on Saturday, Oct. 30 to win prizes and raise money for the Alzheimer's Association of the National Capital Area. Team and individual signups are available now at [restonchallenge.org](http://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 will begin at 10 a.m. on Oct. 30 at the Reston Town Center. Contestants can form teams and sign up online at <http://www.restonchallenge.org>.



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### THURSDAY/OCT. 28

**Pianist Jim Brickman.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. [Wolftrap.org](http://Wolftrap.org).

### FRIDAY/OCT. 29

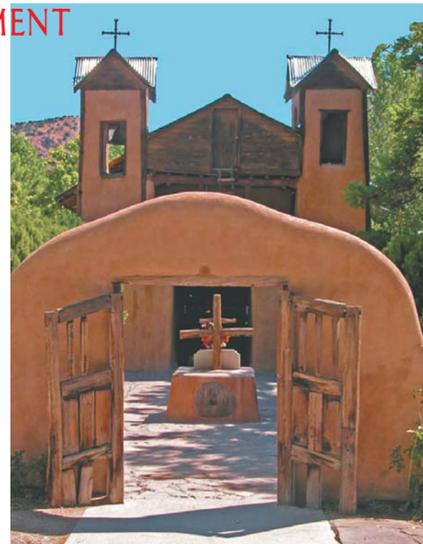
**"Wonderful Town".** 8 p.m. at CenterStage Theater in Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. A musical, based on the play "My Sister Eileen". 703-476-4500 or [www.restonplayers.org](http://www.restonplayers.org).

**Halloween Trick or Treat Trail.** 7:30 p.m. at Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Carnival games, face painting, concessions and more. Reserve at [Halloweenhousefri1.eventbrite.com](http://Halloweenhousefri1.eventbrite.com).  
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**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



**"Travels with Camera and Brush" is an exhibition by photographer Frank Mertes and watercolor artist Corinne Mertes, on display Nov. 2-29 at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, 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 [watercolorbycorinne.photoshop.com](http://watercolorbycorinne.photoshop.com).**

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](http://restonchallenge.org).  
**Spanish Singer Buika.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive,

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**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](mailto:RestonMuseum@gmail.com).  
**Pianist Jim Brickman.** 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$35. [Wolftrap.org](http://Wolftrap.org).

### 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](http://www.restonplayers.org).

### TUESDAY/NOV. 2

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### 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 [joerley@usgs.gov](mailto:joerley@usgs.gov) or 703-648-7770.



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**Rebekah Wingert-Jabi, filmmaker, Reston**

"I lived abroad for several years before coming back to Reston, and I like to bring those experiences here to my community. The dialogues here are very unique, I think it's very Restonian. It really broadens your perspective."

**Laura Simo, museum curator, Alexandria**

"The people here are from all ages, and have such diverse interests. I'm fairly new to the area, so I always look forward to meeting a few more people each time with their own diverse interests."



**Francis Mahoney, software, Reston**

"It's a unique combination of a great location, great food, great

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**Jennifer Noyon, government employee, Washington, D.C.**

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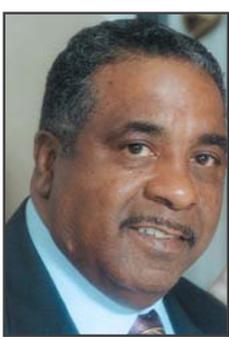
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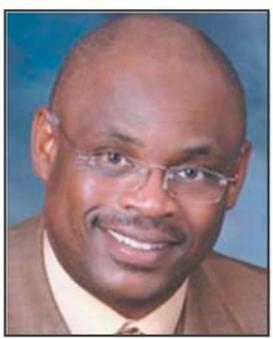
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# OPINION

## Kenny

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about other religions. He has a notorious temper.

His latest gaff is insulting to those in the military service. He has stated, in an attempt to demean the 24 years of his opponent's military service that it does not compare to public service. Needless to say, that statement has been reported nationwide. In a district populated with over 50 percent military personnel both active and retired, he has managed to insult the very people who have given their lives or years of service to our country's defense. For the record, Jim Moran sought an educational deferment to complete an advanced degree and has not served one day in the defense of our country.

Every man, woman, and child who have endured the rigors of military service by their loved ones should take offense at his remark. Does a person who proposes to continue to represent his constituents deserve re-election when he has so little regard for those who have given so much to protect him and his freedoms? Vote Nov. 2, 2010!

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## COMMENTARY

### Plum

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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.

The final question asks: "Shall Section 8 of Article X of the Con-

stitution 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?" 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. This amendment was proposed after the rainy day fund that had reached \$2 billion before the current recession had helped soften the effects of the recession, but the need for a greater cushion became obvious.

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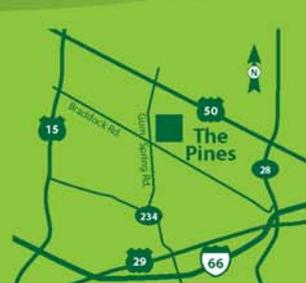
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# Herndon Homecoming - Always a Winner

**Local fandom, despite team's football loss, enjoys festive afternoon.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

The scoreboard result was not what Herndon High faithful were hoping for at last Saturday afternoon's homecoming football game. But even on a day in which the Hornets lost to Loudoun Valley (Purcellville), 35-14, to fall to 1-7 on the season, there was still the grandeur and excitement that comes with the annual celebratory homecoming affair.

The weather cooperated with brilliant sunshine and comfortable temperatures on a day in which Herndon High was not only celebrating its homecoming, but also its 100th year anniversary as a school.

Those on hand to support the Hornets - current and former students, members of the local community and friends and family members of the players - were not about to allow the final outcome of the game, played on Herndon's beautiful turf field, to tilt their emotions from festive to frustrated. Well, perhaps there was a bit of the latter. But any sense of fandom discouragement was kept in check by the positive vibrations and remarkable school spirit that was on display.

"It was great - that's the Herndon High spirit," said Herndon junior running back Josh Schow, who, moments after the game, was clearly disappointed but grateful to the team's supporters for their steadfast backing. "We all played hard."

The home team bleachers, adorned up top with shiny, red, black and white balloons, were filled to capacity with Herndon faithful throughout the game. When the Hornets made a good play or had a call go their way, their fans cheered loudly and heartily regardless of the score. When officiating calls went against the locals, the Herndon fandom let the referees know their displeasure with boos. The Herndon student body section, which was located on the far right side of the bleachers, was particularly vocal in its pleasure or displeasure at the game's proceedings - but always in a classy, supportive way.

Former Herndon High classes on hand for homecoming included the Class of 1975, celebrating its 35th year anniversary during the weekend, as well as the 2000 class, enjoying its 10th year gathering.

"Welcome back, Hornets," exclaimed the game's public address announcer, to all of the past students on hand.

At halftime of the game, the homecoming festivities took place and the Herndon High marching band - the Pride of Herndon - was outstanding in its playing of the cinematic score to "Bands of Brothers."



**Herndon running back Cameron Reynolds ran through and past Loudoun Valley defenders during the Hornets' homecoming game last Saturday.**

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION



**1999 Herndon High graduate Danny McGrath (center), the current Loudoun Valley football coach, was presented with a Herndon Hornets' football jersey during pre-game ceremonies on Saturday. Shaking McGrath's hand is Herndon director of student activities Mike Mahoney.**

**"It's really cool because my [last] homecoming at Herndon was about 10 years ago. It's always fun coming home. All of my family still lives in Herndon. This facility here is beautiful and the Herndon team is getting better every week."**

**— Loudoun Valley head football coach Danny McGrath, a former Hornets' football player and a 1999 Herndon High graduate**

One of the afternoon's memorable moments came before the game when Loudoun Valley head football coach Danny McGrath, a former Hornets' football player and a 1999 Herndon High graduate, was presented with a Herndon football jersey - No. 69 - at

midfield. McGrath played high school football under former Herndon High coach Tommy Meier. One of Meier's top assistants at the time was current Hornets' head coach Joe Sheaffer. McGrath played collegiate football as an offensive lineman at Virginia Tech.

"It's really cool because my [last] homecoming at Herndon was about 10 years ago," said McGrath, after his team's win. "It's always fun coming home. All of my family still lives in Herndon. This facility here is beautiful and the Herndon team is getting better every week."

McGrath is in his third year as head coach of the Vikings, members of the Cedar Run District who are in the midst of an outstanding 6-2 season.

**HERNDON, EVEN** in the loss, had several game highlights on the afternoon. The offense was effective moving the football.

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**— Hornets' head coach Joe Sheaffer**

Leading the team's ground game was sophomore running back Cameron Reynolds, a hard-running, 5-foot-11 inch, 210-pound bruiser who seemed to dish out more hits than he took. For the game, Reynolds gained 117 yards on 20 carries. He scored a second quarter touchdown on a 12-yard run off the right side in which he ran over a couple of Valley players in the secondary before romping into the end zone. The Herndon offensive line opened up a huge hole for Reynolds on the scoring play.

Herndon's second touchdown came during the latter stages of the third quarter on a six-yard scoring run by Schow, who broke free off the right side and went into the end zone standing. Earlier in the game, Schow had to be helped off the field following a hit to his left knee in the second quarter. But he returned in the second half and ultimately finished the game with 61 yards on 10 carries.

Other Herndon highlights included: a successful fake punt in the first quarter in which up-back Chris Glazier, on a fourth-and-five play, received the shotgun snap from center and ran for six yards; two fumble recoveries by senior lineman J.P. Theodorakes; and a leaping interception in the right corner of the end zone by Ky Parrott late in the first half.

Four Herndon turnovers, two within the red zone (20 yards and in), kept the game from being closer.

"It's frustrating," said Sheaffer, the Herndon coach. "Loudoun Valley is good but I think we beat ourselves."

The coach was appreciative of the support and encouragement his team received from the Herndon fans on homecoming Saturday.

"Our homecomings are always good," he said. "Our fans have been very good. I think our kids are really trying."

Herndon will play at Chantilly High this Friday night at 7:30.

# A Scary Thought



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

Not knowing (never knowing) if what I'm feeling physically is a direct result of the stage IV lung cancer (the "underlying problem," as I find myself describing it) with which I've been diagnosed, or rather the fact that I'm 56, overweight, physically unfit and sleeping on an old bed is unsettling to say the least, downright incapacitating to say the most. Are the aches and pains symptomatic of the tumors in my lungs growing and/or moving – or of the cancer appearing somewhere else in my body independent of the "underlying problem," or are they completely normal given my age and overall physical condition/lifestyle/diet, etc?

How do I separate fact from self-created fiction? Moreover, how do I prevent my brain from maximizing everything while minimizing nothing? I don't want to make a lot of a little any more than I want to make a little out of a lot. Sometimes I feel if I ignore a certain pain, maybe it will disappear and therefore not be symptomatic of anything cancer-related. Other times, if I accept the pain as legitimate and worthy of a call to my oncologist (which I am encouraged to do as often as I feel the need to), perhaps the pain will in fact represent bad news – for me, and the beginning of an unexpected and premature end. There's a naive part of me which thinks, if I don't mention it or, if I make light of it, it won't be cancer-related and thus not confirmation of my oncologist's original 13-months to two-year prognosis, given to me/us back on Feb. 27, 2009.

Whenever I do feel something: in my lungs, especially when I cough or have any breathing or respiratory problems; in my sternum; in my sides – where the pain first manifested itself back on Dec. 28, 2008; in my brain/head – where lung cancer spreads to in 30 percent of patients; in my arms and legs where regularly I have muscle weakness; in my lower back where my kidneys are located (my creatinine is high and constantly monitored), I worry if this pain is it. "It" not being as good thing.

Since this mental battle has been fought for nearly two years now (dating back to that original Emergency Room visit, which led, ultimately to where I am today) I feel like I've won a few skirmishes. However, it doesn't make me feel any more empowered having endured these challenges. Certainly I can say, "I've been there, done that," unfortunately the experience doesn't solve or address the "underlying problem." As such, the problem remains: how does one live with such uncertainty?

Every day I feel something somewhere in my body, I wonder, is that the cancer? Every day I don't feel something somewhere in my body, I wonder, is the cancer still active; maybe it's simply doing what cancer often does: kill without any real symptoms until it's too late to treat successfully. (I always ask myself: whatever happened to stages I, II and III?) Both thoughts wear on me, constantly. Is it something or is it nothing? Is it real or is it imagined? Should I call my oncologist or not? Sometimes I think the mental demands are worse than the physical ones. Everything is magnified, nothing is simplified – in my head, anyway.

Death comes to us all. Trying to convince myself that what I feel does or does not matter – relative to the "underlying problem," has kept me awake more nights than any pain or discomfort I've felt. It hasn't been easy. However, it sure beats not feeling anything; if you know what I mean.

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