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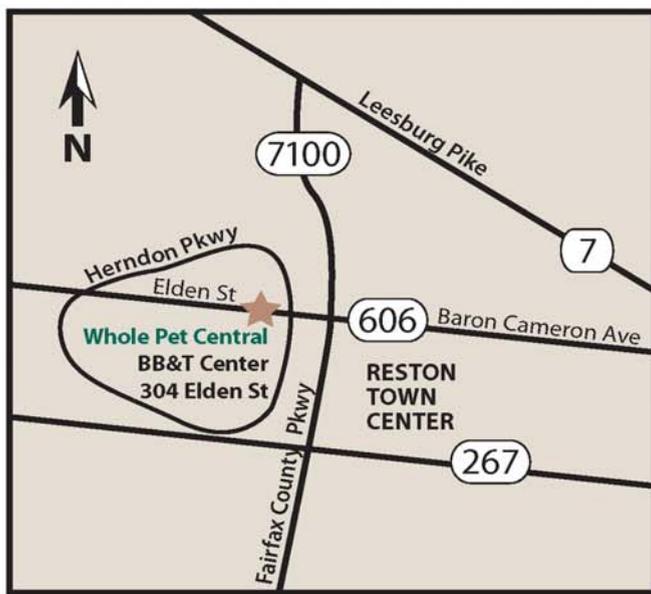
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Town Center subcommittee presents draft report.

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THE CONNECTION

The Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force's Reston Town Center subcommittee presented a draft of its report Friday at the Reston Community Center at Lake Anne. Co-chairmen Robert Goudie and Pete Otteni presented the draft, which contains recommendations for connecting Reston Town Center to the upcoming Metrorail station among other things.

"We were asked to look at Reston Town Center and give our recommendations for what its future should look like," Goudie said. "This is the first step in a process that will take place over a number of months."

The task force has subcommittees for each of the proposed stations along the Silver Line that are near Reston. This also includes the Wiehle Avenue and Herndon-Monroe stations. The stations are phase one of the master plan task force, phase two will examine the village centers around Reston.

THE RESTON TOWN CENTER subcommittee examined three parcels of land: the area north of
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— Robert Goudie

the existing urban core between Town Center Parkway and Fountain Drive; the area between the urban core and the Dulles Toll Road; and a section south of the toll road to Sunrise Valley Drive.

The committee placed the section between the existing town center and the toll road at the top of the priority list.

"We would take the urban core and pull it south to the metro station, extending the mixed-use, urban environment," Goudie said.

The committee also recommended that no caps be put on floor area ratio (FAR), which measures the density of development, so they wouldn't be shutting themselves off for innovative ideas from developers.

"We didn't want FAR driving decisions when it comes to development," Goudie said. "We want good applicants who will make Reston's downtown into something we want."

Otteni added, "there are basically two philosophies: you can set the FAR for the vision you want,

or set it for what you're afraid of," citing concerns that Reston Town Center could become too urban.

The plans for each of the three pieces call for open space within an urban setting, such as public greens or plazas. Reston founder Robert Simon said he would like to see the concept of "open space" be worded more specifically.

"OPEN SPACE is the distance between buildings, open space gives people a chance to get comfortable in their surroundings," Simon said. "I recommend highly that we revise the plans for open space to take into account what we want to see happen, [such as] parks." Reston resident Ray Riddell questioned the need for all the new construction when there are empty offices and houses right now in the Reston area.

"There's a lot of housing that hasn't been used, a lot of land set aside that hasn't broken ground yet," he said. "Has anyone assessed the need for any of this?"

Otteni responded by saying that as developers, they "build in anticipation of future demand. That's the risk we take as developers, we have research on future projections."

"The town center is Reston's downtown, and it will be even more of a downtown if our recommendations are followed," Goudie said. "We want to create a regional destination."

More information on the task force, including draft reports and a meeting schedule, can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dp3/reston.



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Erin Gingrich blessing the new addition. She will be ordained and installed on Nov. 14 as the new UUCR minister.

Church Dedicates Building Expansion

A 2,600 square foot addition to the Unitarian Universalist Church (UUCR) in Reston was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31. Built at a cost of \$1.2 million, the new addition offers additional religious education classrooms, large meeting rooms, a spacious foyer and deck. The newly installed elevator will accommodate members and guests unable to use the stairs.

Special guests at the ceremony included Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), the Rev. Dr. Richard Speck from Joseph Priestly District of the Unitarian Universalist Association, and Larry Cook, the project architect of Lawrence Cook Associates.

Following a tour of the addition, the celebration included a toast by UUCR's president, Terry Mitchell, and the blessing of the building by Erin Gingrich, who will be ordained and installed as the UUCR minister on Nov. 14. A luncheon followed.

Ribbon cutters included Henry and Katurah Collins, co-chairs of the Building Expansion

Committee, president Mitchell, architect Cook, former president Ed McClaran and his wife, Ellen, and Bob Howard and John Welch, members of the expansion committee who served as liaisons to the professional contractors. Professional contractors included Jay Morgan of John D. Clayborne Contracting, and Pritam Arora, the civil engineer from Design Engineering.

Plans are underway to repair the landscape disturbed by the building of the addition and to improve the existing landscape. Lauren Wheeler of Natural Resource Design, Inc. will restore and enhance the landscape around the building. Alex Barrows, a certified Permaculture designer and owner of White River Permaculture of Pagosa Springs, Colo., will design a self-sufficient, food producing garden based on ecological gardening/Permaculture principles.

The dedication of the addition is one of several events planned to mark the 40th anniversary of the church's founding in Reston. UUCR is located at 1625 Wiehle Avenue.

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WEEK IN RESTON

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Animal Control Officers charged a 20-year-old Herndon-area woman with Unlawful Possession of Wildlife after she was seen walking a fox wearing a skeleton costume at Reston Towne Center around 10:30 a.m. on Halloween.

Officers charged her after it was determined she did not have the proper permits issued by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The Silver Cross Fox, named "Swiper," is seven months old and according to the owner, is neutered, litter-box trained and vaccinated for rabies.

Animal Control officers released "Swiper" back to his owner around 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1. After further consultation with biologists from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, officials there determined that the fox was a domesticated breed and that the owner did not need a specific permit for the pet.

Nominations Open for Reston Citizen of the Year

The Reston Citizens Association is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Reston Citizen of the Year. Nomination forms may be obtained at the RCA website, www.restoncitizensassociation.org, or by contacting any member of the RCA Board of Directors (whose names are also available at the website). Completed Nomination Forms must be received by not later than Dec. 11, and should be sent to either: Email: john.lovaas@gmail.com or Postal (Snail) Mail: RCA Citizen of the Year Committee, c/o John

Lovaas, 11437 Washington Plaza West, Reston, VA. 20190

The criteria for selection: 1. Reston resident for at least 5 years; 2. actions consistent with goals of Reston and RCA; 3. actions contribute to better quality of life in Reston; 4. people in need benefit from actions; 5. Deeds done without thought of personal recognition; and, 6. person not currently serving as elected official or member of Board of these Reston organizations: RA, RCA, RCC or the GRCC.

Nominations Sought for Community Service Awards

The 26th Annual Reston Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Celebration Planning Committee is accepting nominations for the 2010 Community Service Awards to be presented on Monday, Jan. 17, 2011.

In keeping with this year's theme, "Are We Keeping the Promise?", the celebration will present three awards to recognize members of the community for their significant efforts in the past year that have upheld the legacy of Dr. King and improved the lives of others. The three Award categories are youth, adult (older than 21), and a Reston business or organization. Nomination forms are available on Reston Community Center's website, www.restoncommunitycenter.com. Applications may also be requested by calling 703-476-4500. The nominating form must be filled out completely.

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Edwin Robert (Ted) Moline, 63, Dies

Ted Moline, 63, business consultant and community activist in Reston's environmental, service, scouting, political and church groups, died of a heart attack on Oct. 15.

He was born in Bethesda, lived in Silver Spring and traveled with his Foreign Service parents. He attended schools in England, Trinidad, and Egypt before earning his BA in Economics at Holy Cross College in Massachusetts and his MBA at Stanford University. He recently attended a reunion of Cairo American College, held in McLean.

After starting a small translation company in Washington, DC, he worked for many years as a consultant and trainer for Arthur Young (later Ernst and Young). He started his own company, Janus Consulting, in 1990.

Moline chaired the Reston Watershed Action Group that planned the major stream restoration now underway. In 2004-5, he participated in the Difficult Run Watershed Management Steering Committee, which created a restoration plan for Difficult Run, Fairfax County's largest watershed. He continued to serve on the Environmental Advisory Committee of Reston Association, leading stream clean-ups and conducting quarterly monitoring of Colvin Run Stream until his death. In his honor, a plaque and a tree will be placed there.

"Ted was one of our most committed environmental volunteers," said Katie Shaw, manager of the Walker Nature Education Center. "He was there at the beginning of stream restoration. The streams are being restored in large part because of his work, and we can say 'mission accomplished.'"

Moline served as President of the Reston Lions Club for two terms and provided diabetes awareness training throughout Northern Virginia. He organized the collection of eyeglasses for recycling and managed the annual mulch sale. The Lions Club named him its Melvin Jones Fellow in 1998. He served as club delegate at International Lions Conventions in Chicago, San Diego, Boston, Honolulu and this year, in Sydney, Australia.

A former scoutmaster of Troop 1802 and member of Order of the Arrow, he rewrote the Communications Badge Handbook used throughout scouting, and continued to advise scouts long after his son became an Eagle Scout.

In 2000, he and three others set up the first political table at Lake Anne Farm Market, which pro-

vided information on Democratic candidates. He continued to staff it every Saturday from May through October. The table became a model for both parties. He also worked as an election officer in Reston every year.

Moline was a member of St. Thomas a Becket parish, where he served as a Lector. He was a regular volunteer in Reston's two Hypothermia shelters, where his kindness and caring, particularly for those with diabetes, is remembered. An avid reader, he supported the Elden Street Players and Reston Community Players, enjoyed symphony performances, and was a weekly fixture at the Reston/Herndon Folk Club.

He is survived by his wife, Su-

san Porter Beffel; two sisters, Joan Burnett of San Jose, Calif., and Alice Rohr of Las Vegas, Nev.; son, Karl Moline of Clearwater, Fla., daughter, Alice Catherine (Cat) Moline-Evans of San Diego, Calif., daughter Amanda Beffel of Baltimore, Md.; granddaughters, Savannah Gomez and Lily Moline, and former wife, Denise Moline of Chicago.

Ted battled diabetes from the age of 18. Despite the loss of a leg and three toes, limited vision and previous heart attacks, he never stopped finding ways to contribute to his community. Donations may be sent to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 26 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, NY 10004.

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OPINION

Honoring on Veterans Day

Saluting military service, remembering those who died in Iraq, Afghanistan.

On Veterans Day, we remember all of those who have served in the military; there are 24 million veterans in the United States. More than 1 million members of the U.S. military have now served in the ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. While Memorial Day is set aside to remember those who died in military service, and Veterans Day is honoring all of those who have served in the military, we use both occasions each year to remember some of the names of those who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. George Mason University has been on the forefront of implementing the GI Bill for veterans locally. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care, including mental health care are underway.

MORE THAN 4,400 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 1,300 have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 40,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than 170 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including more than a dozen in 2009 and 2010.

Here are the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness. If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

A local loss, Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25 of Fairfax Station, died June 18, 2010 in Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries caused by an attack on his unit with an improvised explosive device. Park had joined the army less than a year earlier in August 2009. He is survived by his mother, In Sook Park, father, Do Hyun Park, and sister Irene Park, all of Fairfax Station.

In Afghanistan, Pfc. Tramaine J. Billingsley, 20, of Portsmouth died Oct. 14, 2010; Staff Sgt. Jaime C. Newman, 27, of Richmond died Sept. 17, 2010; 1st Lt. Todd W. Weaver, 26, of Hampton, died Sept. 9, 2010; Lance Cpl. Cody S. Childers, 19, of Chesapeake died Aug. 20, 2010; Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5; 1st Sgt. Eddie Turner, 41, of Fort Belvoir, died June 22, 2010. Pfc. Alvaro R. Regalado Sessarego, 37, of Virginia Beach, died May 30 at Brooke Army Medical Center in Houston, after being injured in Iraq on April 18. On May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18,

2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan. Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption. Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat in Iraq in October 2005. Dillon Jutras's younger brother, Hunter Drake Jutras, has helped us remember by submitting artwork of his brother to the Burke Children's Connection. Last December, Hunter wrote: "My drawing of my brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much."

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother. 2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington. Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds. Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org). Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities. Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle. Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received

during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. Airman 1st Class Lee Bernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb. Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006. United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School. Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria. U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006. Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas, on Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Iraq a few days earlier. Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq. 1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan. Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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Minister Regina Boyd, M.Div., will lead an Advent Discussion Group on Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 4 and Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at Panera Bread, 460 Elden St., Herndon. The topic will be "Locating Our Theological World in Preparation for the Coming Christ." Contact 703-758-0527 or capucc21@gmail.com.

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

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

Hope Fellowship Church will temporarily be meeting at Woody's Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday Worship Services for this new Southern Baptist church are at 10:45

a.m. The public is invited to join a growing Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org.

Knitters needed the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 7 p.m., at **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The church's Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets and other knitted items for people in need. No cost and yarn can be provided. E-mail shawl@saint-timothys.org or visit the Pastoral Care page at www.saint-timothys.org.

Nondenominational **Christian businessmen** meet for prayer, Biblical discussion and fellowship 7 p.m. Fridays at Anita's, 1051 Elden St., Herndon and 12 p.m. Thursdays at 555 Grove St., Suite 200, Herndon. Call 703-795-1257.

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

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

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Reston Association Members are invited to attend an Election Information Session on **Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010, 7 p.m.** at Reston Association, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive Reston, VA 20191-3404.

For additional information please contact **Cate Fulkerson** cate@reston.org or 703-435-6512.



NEWS

Reaching Out

Bridget Andersen of Great Falls Troop #2659 recently completed her Girl Scout Silver Award project by organizing and managing a collection drive and donating items to the Hogarcito San Juan Bosco orphanage in La Fortuna, Costa Rica. When asked what she learned from her project, Bridget said, "Children are the same regardless of where they are. They have the same basic needs and personalities." A primary goal of girl scouting is to teach the scouts "how to make the world a better place."



CONTRIBUTED

Bridget Anderson distributing items from the collection at the orphanage in Costa Rica within her Girl Scout Silver Award project.

This project is an example of an instance where a scout recognized a need, organized a project, and worked through its completion to meet this basic goal.

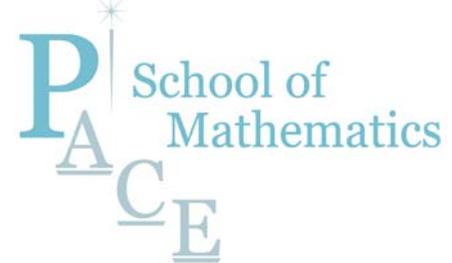
Bridget goes to Thomas Jefferson High School, and lives in Great Falls in the Langley High School pyramid.

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SCHOOL NOTES

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.

Thomas Phillips of Reston has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at High Point University in High Point, North Carolina. He is a junior majoring in finance and a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He is a 2008 graduate of Bishop O'Connell High School.

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FRIDAY/NOV. 12
Bluegrass Duo Dailey & Vincent. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$20-\$48, half price for youth through grade 12 when accompanied by an adult. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.
"Fiddler on the Roof." 7:30 p.m. at Herndon High School, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. Tickets \$10. www.herndonrama.org.
Trio Cavatina. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Winner of the 2009 Naumburg Chamber Music competition. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 13
7th Annual Reston Epilepsy Awareness Stroll and Silent Auction. 9:30 a.m. at South Lakes High School Track and Cafeteria, 11400 S. Lakes Drive. Sponsored by the Epilepsy Foundation of Va. dadouglas1@verizon.net or 703-391-1787.
Family Friendly Irish Set & Ceili Community Dance. 7 p.m. at Frying Pan Park Visitors Center, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon. Live music by the Bogwanderers Ceili Band & Friends. \$12-\$35. www.ccepotomac.org or 703-521-4340.
Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company. 8 p.m. at George



The musical "Fiddler on the Roof" will be performed by students at Herndon High School, 700 Bennett St. in Herndon, on Nov. 12-14. Tickets are \$10. www.herndonrama.org.

Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Folk dances that embody the country's diverse indigenous Chinese, Spanish and Middle Eastern cultures. Pre-performance discussions, free to ticket holders, begin 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$26-\$42. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. cfa.gmu.edu.
Dance to Music of the June Apple Band. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Rd., Reston. With caller Greg Frock. Free beginners' workshop 7:15-8 p.m., dance 8-10:45 p.m. \$8. Bring snack to share, nonalcoholic drinks provided. Partner not necessary. 703-476-4500.
"Fiddler on the Roof." 7:30 p.m. at Herndon High School, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. Tickets \$10. www.herndonrama.org.

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-689-2700.
Long-Distance Caregiving. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Strategies to help manage long-distance caregiving. 703-689-2700.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 17
Baby Music. 10:30 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Learn, socialize and develop through music and play. 703-437-8855.
"Fall"ing For Great Stories. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Winter stories and frosty tales. All ages. 703-689-2700.

THURSDAY/NOV. 18
Terrific Twos. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Storytime. Age 2 with adult. 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/NOV. 19
"A Midsummer Night's Dream". 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Shakespeare's comedy, presented by Aquila Theatre of New York City. Tickets \$17-\$34. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.
Opening Reception: Holiday Art Show & Sale. 6 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. See and buy works by local artists. A portion of proceeds from sales benefits Reston Museum. 703-709-7700 or www.restonmuseum.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 20
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Artists' Reception. 6-9 p.m. Applegate Gallery & Custom Framing, 101 Church St. N.W., Suite C, Vienna. Local artists displaying oil and watercolor paintings, mixed media collages, pastels, etchings and photography. Exhibit continues through Jan. 2. Refreshments served. info@applegatreframing.com.

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Tenth Anniversary Diamond Gala with raffle, 8 p.m.-12 a.m., \$75 per person. www.jlrv.org/theenchantedforest or 703-442-4163.

MONDAY/NOV. 15
Paint Your own Pottery. 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Paint a lunch plate in a Thanksgiving theme. Fired and glazed plates will be returned to the library one week later. 703-689-2700.

TUESDAY/NOV. 16
All-Ages Potter Party. 7 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Snacks, games, and activities to celebrate the release of the seventh Harry Potter movie. Costumes welcome. All ages. Register at 703-437-8855.
ESL Advanced. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Practice English in a group with a volunteer facilitator. Adults. 703-689-2700.

BULLETIN BOARD

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THURSDAY/NOV. 11
Lupus Support Group. 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. lh@ascendcomm.com or www.lupusgw.org.

FRIDAY/NOV. 12
Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce: Business, Bagels & More. 7:45 a.m. at Mon Ami Gabi Reston, 11950 Democracy Drive, Reston. Monthly networking breakfast. Second Friday of every month. Vendor tables available. Members \$15, non-members \$20. dullesregionalchamber.org.

MONDAY/NOV. 15
Assistance League of Northern Virginia. 9:30 a.m. at the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. A nonprofit, volunteer organization promoting literacy and well-being for women and children through community based programs, such as Operation School Bell: New Clothes for Kids and Weekend Food for Kids. Meetings are the third Monday of every month. 703-878-1928.

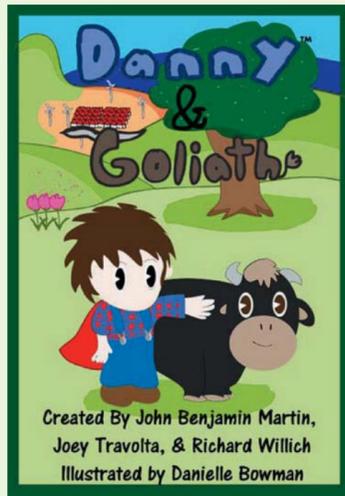
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COMMUNITY

Celebrating 'People With All Abilities'

NoVa Arc's Mardi-Gras gala honors Timothy Shriver, chairman of Special Olympics.

More than 350 people gathered at the Hyatt Regency in Reston Town Center Oct. 16 for a Mardi Gras-themed gala to honor Timothy Shriver, chairman of Special Olympics, and celebrate people of all abilities.

The event was hosted by The Arc of NoVa, the area's leading non-profit organization representing and serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

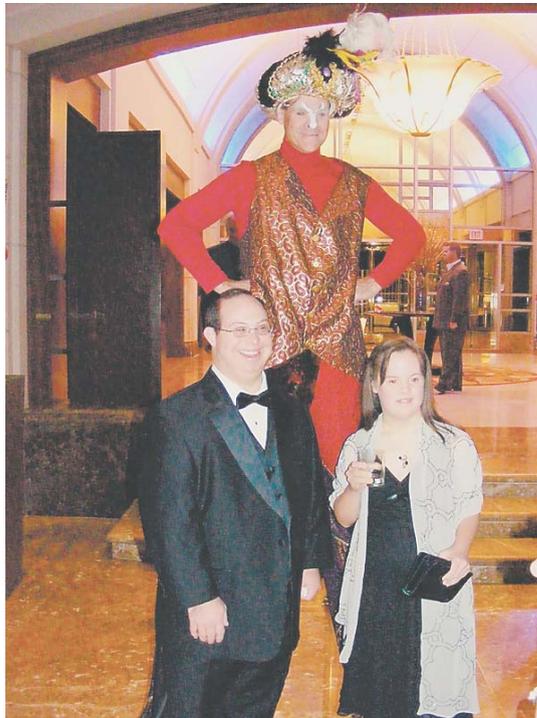
"We are honoring Tim Shriver for his national and worldwide leadership and effectiveness in advancing the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live 'a life like yours' in their communities," said Nancy Mercer, Co-Executive

Director of The Arc of NoVa. Although Shriver was unable to attend the event, Mercer presented an award to him at his office in DC.

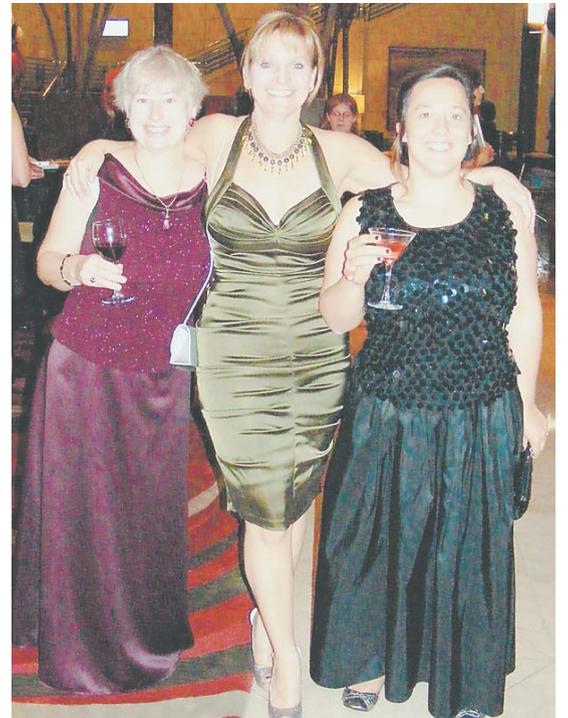
"Since taking the helm at Special Olympics organization in 1996, Mr. Shriver has helped transform the nearly 50-year-old organization into a national and

About The Arc of NoVa

The Arc of Northern Virginia is a non-profit membership organization that represents and serves individuals with developmental disabilities and their families in the Northern Virginia area. Working for "A Life Like Yours" is the cornerstone of The Arc's vision. Visit www.TheArcofNoVa.org or follow on Twitter: @thearcfnova



The 'Mardi Gras Man' on stilts entertains David Egan and Erin Thompson



Jill Egle, Nancy Mercer and 'Aunt Brenda' Palisance enjoy the gala

international movement that focuses on respect, acceptance, and inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities," she said.

According to Mercer, the annual event raised more than \$175,000. "Many sponsors donated tickets so people with disabilities, their family members and a caregiver could attend the event in style. Over 85 people attended on donated tick-

ets," Mercer said.

The gala featured authentic New Orleans cuisine, a live auction – which included trips to New Orleans, dinner with Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-La.), and a variety of sports-entertainment packages. Highlights of the event included a costume parade, and the music of Rockin' Dopsie from New Orleans, and the Zydeco Twisters.

"The Arc of NoVa's self-advocates led a successful effort to end Virginia's official use of the 'R word' – retardation - and now, with the support of Tim Shriver and millions of Special Olympics athletes, this and other initiatives are taking off nationwide," said Alan Harbitter, Gala Chairman.

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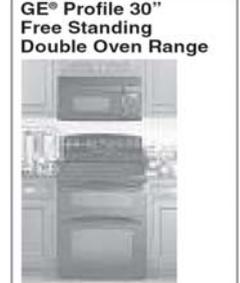
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NEWS

Karaoke Like It's 1944

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Vienna's American Legion hall turns into a World War II era "stage door canteen" on Saturday night, Nov. 13, as Heroes' Welcome raises funds to support the nation's Honor Flight Network. The motif of the public benefit, called "World War II Karaoke Idol and Dance," brings together period décor, music popular during WW II, stage sets, and snacks that would have been served in those 1940s canteens. The karaoke contest, judged à la American Idol-style, is a nod to the popularity of modern television programming.

Open to the public, the stage door canteen begins its staging in the parking lot where WW II vehicles sit. Re-enactors patrol the checkpoints, checking IDs. At the foyer, guests enter through a military tent, where men are handed draft registration cards and women ration cards. When filled out, the cards are dropped into a door-prize bucket.

The first 197 guests who enter receive custom-made Heroes' Welcome Honor Flight dog tags as mementos.

"We want everyone to have a fabulous evening because it's going to be so much fun," said Janet Renner, fundraising chair of Heroes' Welcome. "What better way to spend a fun-filled evening than to support this generation of heroes while doing so?"

The World War II Memorial was completed 60 years after the war ended when the veterans of that war were already aging. Medical conditions and lack of funds prevented many of those veterans from visiting the memorial until Heroes' Welcome stepped in with its Honor Flight program. The program is funded by private donations and coordinated by volunteers. Companions accompany vet-



Janet Renner and Lona Ichikawa of Heroes' Welcome and the Auxiliary of American Legion Post 180 plan the first-ever 'World War II Karaoke Idol and Dance,' a 1940s stage door canteen. The WW II-themed karaoke contest, on Nov. 13, is open to the public.

erans who need assistance with mobility. Veterans pay nothing for their trip. Honor Flight Network takes care of all their expenses, from airfare to local transportation.

The Honor Flight Network is trying to bring 25,000 WW II veterans to visit the Memorial next year. The country loses approximately 1,000 of them a day.

"For every \$105 we raise, it helps to get a local veteran to Washington before it's too late," Renner said.

FOR THE WORLD WAR II VETERANS making it to the Nov. 13 canteen, the setting will bring back wartime memories.

White butcher block paper lines the tables and WW II photo scenes lay across that. Parachute or camouflage netting drapes from the ceiling and WW II posters are spread over the walls. The large hall, holding 250 seated at tables, has dedicated areas named after WW II movies.

The buffet table is set up under

the banner of "Battle of the Bulge." Service flags of the military's branches hang there.

Over at the movie corner called "The Great Escape," the Bogart/Bergman classic "Casablanca" plays. The bar is identified as "Twelve O'clock High," and the WW II memorabilia display is laid out at "Sentimental Journey." Flags of all the Allied forces are positioned there, and at either end of the hall is a war theatre, the Atlantic or Pacific.

"The people who come will certainly have a good time and they will be showing support and recognition of all the sacrifices made by World War II vets," said Dulles airport Honor Flight president Lona Ichikawa of Oakton.

Renner said she always wanted to do a karaoke fundraiser benefiting veterans. Incorporating American Idol judging, with prominent judges and votes from the audience, updates the event and makes it "even more fun," said Renner.

ADVANCE TICKET PURCHASE or confirmed reservation is \$10 per person, \$15 per couple. At the door, the ticket prices are \$15 per person, \$25 per couple. World War II veterans wearing any part of their uniform are admitted free of charge.

All proceeds support World War II veterans visiting their memorial in Washington, D.C. through Heroes' Welcome Honor Flight.

The stage door canteen and karaoke contest is open to the public. To reserve a ticket, contact Janet Renner by phone at 703-625-5736 or by e-mail at rennerjl7396@verizon.net. Tickets are available at the door, and, as Renner said, "just come."

American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St. N. Doors open at 6p.m. and the karaoke contest begins at 7p.m. At 11:30 p.m., the stage door canteen darkens for another year.

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OPINION

Turnout Equals Outcome

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

A friend who narrowly lost in a primary election earlier this year was chagrined to learn that more than enough of her supporters and contributors that she needed to win the election had not bothered to vote. Deciding not to vote can affect the outcome of an election just as much as choosing among candidates and casting a vote. A mature couple recently expressed to me their strong agreement with me on issues and their support for my work as a legislator. I was in the process of adding them to my supporter list when I discovered that their names do not appear on the voter rolls. Not taking the time or the little effort required to register to vote impacts the outcome of elections as well.

My point can best be made by looking at the outcomes of the Congressional elections in Virginia earlier this month. In 2006 Virginians elected 8 Republicans and 3 Democrats to represent them in the U.S. House of Representatives. In the 2008 election that number changed to 6 Democrats and 5 Republicans. In the most recent election the number of Representatives switched back to 8 Republicans and 3 Democrats. Turnout, those people taking the time to vote, caused these changes. In the Fifth Congressional District, Tom Perriello won his seat in 2008 over incumbent Virgil Good by 158,810 to 158,085. In 2010



he lost to State Senator Robert Hurt 119,250 to 110,590. There were over 87,000 fewer votes cast in 2010 than in 2008 in the Fifth District. If only a small percentage of the people who swept Perriello into office had bothered to vote this year, he would continue to serve in Congress.

The same situation occurred with Congressman Glenn Nye in the Second Congressional District. He won in 2008 over an incumbent 141,857 to 128,486. He lost as the incumbent in 2010 by 88,045 to 70,323. Over 100,000 fewer people voted this

year. Congressman Boucher in the Ninth District was unopposed in 2008 and got 207,306 votes. He lost this year 95,722 to 86,713. Of course, 2008 was a presidential election year, and about three-fourths of registered voters actually cast a ballot. This year without the presidential election the turnout was just slightly over half the registered voters. In state election years the turnout is even smaller.

Many factors determine the outcome of elections, but turnout is a very big factor. Sometimes voters may think their candidate is sure to win and do not vote. Clearly many people are turned off by campaigns.

The months of television campaign ads and mailboxes stuffed with slick brochures are offensive to many people. Remember, however, that those pesky reminder phone calls days before the election come for a reason: whether or not you go to the polls affects the outcome of the election.

Local House Cleaning

BY JACK KENNY
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN
CLUB OF GREATER RESTON

The one local congressional election yet to be decided is the Keith Fimian - Gerry Connolly contest for the 11th District seat. The initial returns indicated Connolly was about 400 votes ahead. However, as the canvass proceeded, problems cropped up.

In Fairfax County, the voting machines failed to register votes from over 800 ballots. Several precincts reported more votes than recorded voters (where have we heard that before?). There are over 1,150 absentee ballots still outstanding that must be received by Nov. 11, 2010. Two voting machines were reported malfunctions. These two machines were sealed and locked up pending the following days re-opening of the problem machines to determine their vote counts.

Of most concern is the problem of voting machines malfunctioning.

Numerous voting machines had to be replaced or were simply locked up at the polls. In one instance, one precinct experienced two malfunctioning voting machines. Two replacement machines were provided - one of the two replacement machines malfunctioned as well.

These electronic voting machines are nothing more than simple laptop computers with special display programs. Think of your laptop. How often has it



A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

been in the shop for a problem? Doubtless, these machines were purchased as the result of competitive bidding. One would hope that the machines underwent a rigorous demonstration during the competitive bidding process.

The question thus remains: Why are we experiencing any voting machine problems on Election Day?

How widespread is the problem? Each voting machine has to be setup for the election. That is, it must be programmed to display

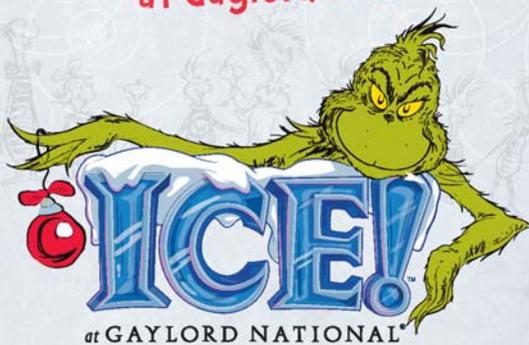
the correct offices and candidates for each precinct. One would assume that each machine is thoroughly tested to ensure that it records the votes correctly. Part of the set-up process should be a procedure to zero out the counters.

One may assume that the county's voting machine maintenance crew properly sets each machine up and that the machine is certified to be used in an election.

However, with the rate of malfunctioning machines something is amiss. It should be a matter of priority that the Progressive-dominated Board of Supervisors form a special, non-partisan commission to investigate the problems.

One way to fix the problem is to institute a pay-for-performance program for our voting machine maintenance crew. I would not be surprised if we achieved 100 percent reliability with our voting machines in the next election.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prescription for Confusion

To the Editor:

I am impelled to speak out again in answer to [John] Lovaas's e-mails and published articles.

My position simply put is that a percentage of open space mandated by the County for Town Center and other areas of future density in Reston would produce nothing but confusion. Such a percentage would in no way be a substitute for a land use plan. If the vision is for one or more parks, say so and specify size and location. If the vision is for tree lined boulevards and wide sidewalks, say so

and specify sizes and locations. etc., etc.

No way that mandating a percentage of areas to be reserved for open space could result in a desired plan for parks and boulevards except by miraculous coincidence resulting from negotiations among disparate owners, community activists and County staff and officials.

As for community participation, I agree with the speaker with 30 years of experience in the widely praised planning for Vancouver in Canada who gave us a lecture in

DC some months ago. He said that although valuable planning cannot be created from the ground up, community involvement is essential and should be engaged in decision making—choosing among options for plans carefully prepared by professionals.

Lastly, Lovaas's suggestion that developers motivated by short term profit considerations have influenced the Task Force's deliberations comes totally out of the whole cloth.

Bob Simon
Reston Founder

In Communion With Nature

To the Editor:

The plaza next to the fountain in Town Center catches enough light and heat to make an effective heat trap. In the early spring I love to go and sit with my face to the sun and remember what winter isn't like. Except to go to the library or visit the doctor, I rarely go to Town Center. I like to go to Herndon and Vienna. Probably at the bottom of that choice is the lingering bitterness about the stretch of woodland that was lost when Town Center was built.

It has been suggested that Town Center is an example of world-class architecture. It is not. Even Paul Goldberger, the architecture critic for the New Yorker, said it wasn't. He came to give a talk to the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force. He said Town Center most resembled an uncovered mall. I do have hopes that the development coming to the Reston Parkway Station area will

add something to the area that could be thought of as world-class—sumptuous open space with gracious plazas, a rich street life where a human being can feel at home.

Paul Goldberger in an email to me wrote, "Open space is critical to the future of Reston."

We do have something in Reston that does meet the threshold of world-class. Actually there are two things that are world-class in Reston: First, our open spaces and all the trees, the ones we own collectively (our private property) through Reston Association and those owned by our neighbors. Second, our neighborhoods. Our graceful, lovely, alpine-like clusters sheltered by the trees that have grown up around them are the heart of beauty in Reston. We in Reston live in communion with nature, sheltered by the trees that ground our experience in nature.

Should those clusters be

stripped out and replaced with high-rises and Texas donuts, Reston will lose its world-class beauty. You don't know what a Texas donut is? They are five or six-story, wood frame constructions with a five to six-story cement parking garage in the center (the hole in the donut). The residential units wrap around the garage. If you haven't seen one, Camden Monument is a good example. It's on Camden Boulevard on the way to the Fair Oaks Mall. It is easily recognizable because of the 6-ft tall white limestone horse in front. There are others along Monroe Street in Herndon. They rise straight up out of the sidewalk like uncapped mushrooms. Modern tenements in the making.

Our clusters in Reston form the bedrock of our community. They are world-class and are worth preserving.

Kathy Kaplan
Reston

Who Could Ask for More?

To the Editor:

I would like to share some thoughts on the Rally to Restore Sanity/and or Fear on the National Mall Oct. 30.

My husband and I took our three boys – ranging in age from 7 to 13. For our children, it was a good demonstration of free speech and orderly assembly, a hands-on lesson of democracy in action.

Everyone was in good spirits, even though the vast majority could not hear Jon Stewart or Stephen Colbert. We walked around and talked to others – from California, Alaska, Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Tennessee, Florida, etc. There were even a few Canadians in the mix. I had many people tell me how much they liked my sign. Most, but not everyone, understood that it was tongue-in-cheek, and a play on the "it tastes like chicken" joke. After all, if it tastes like chicken, don't

you really want to know more about what's in the food you're serving your family? I appreciate the FDA and the work the agency has done with food labeling. Like many consumers, I want to know how the food is processed, and whether it's genetically engineered. When one woman told me that she didn't understand my sign, my seven year old replied, "Well, I don't really get it either." A senior official at the FDA told me that she liked it in the spirit of the irony of the rally.

People were cheerful and jovial, even while waiting on the Metro. We all talked with each other and shared our opinions in a civil atmosphere.

The original permit was only for 60,000, but it's estimated 250,000 showed up. It certainly felt like that many. As a result, there were not enough Jumbotrons or speakers. People were trying to stream

it in their cell phones, but the cell phone networks were overloaded. C-SPAN radio was covering it live. So if someone would have been toting a large Boom box from the 80s, the crowd could have listened to it.

Ironically, my mother in Tennessee called me after the rally to share with us how much she had enjoyed watching it on TV. That's when we asked her what had happened. Regardless of actually seeing the show, it was a beautiful day.

The Rally definitely restored some sanity. There were many funny, pithy, and ironic signs. Beautiful weather, beautiful people, good inspiration, nice memories. Who could ask for more?

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More County Residents Seek Emergency Help

Local requests for emergency food and food stamps have more than doubled since 2006.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

On any given day, the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic receives 50 to 60 phone calls about its services. The organization's clients sometimes have to wait a year or more between the time they call for help and their initial appointment, said executive director Tom Wilson.

The dental clinic is the only facility in the region that offers oral examinations, mouth cancer screenings, root canals and other dental procedures at a discounted price to low-income adults. Many basic procedures, like teeth cleaning, cost just \$40 for people living near the poverty line, according to clinic's website.

"There are so little resources and such a great need," said Wilson of affordable dental care.

Wilson's clinic is not the only local organization that is currently overwhelmed by a demand for services. Lines at the Fairfax County Health Care Center in Bailey's Crossroads stretch out the front door and down the sidewalk, said Sheree Via, a medical social worker at the facility.

"People have to come an hour to an hour and a half early if they want to be seen," said Via.

Churches, social workers and other non-profits have to manage people's expectations about how quickly they will be able to receive services, especially in light of the current economic downturn, said the two experts.

OVER THE past five years, Fairfax County has seen a 78 percent increase in requests for assistance with basic needs like food, shelter, health care, utility bills and job placement.

The rise in requests for food has been

particularly dramatic during this time period. Inquires about food stamps and questions about emergency food have risen 153 percent since 2006.

Wilson, Via and several other experts from non-profits that help the local poor spoke at a Poverty Summit organized by the Messiah United Methodist Church on Rolling Road in Springfield Oct. 30. The church's community hoped the event would draw attention to the growing need among local residents for assistance, said organizers.

SEVERAL of Fairfax County's largest providers of emergency services depend heavily on volunteers and private donations, said speakers at the summit.

Food For Others, which is the largest distributor of free food in Northern Virginia, served 11,900 households and 42,000 individuals last year.

Schools, businesses and other community organizations donate most of the items the charity ends up handing out to needy residents. Two weeks ago, Washington Irving Middle School collected 3,000 pounds of food for the organization, said Peter Spain, an organizer at Food for Others.

"But most of that food is gone now. ... We had 132 families come in on Friday," he said.

Food for Others has seen an increase in the number of families it serves recently. Those who are regular customers are also asking for assistance more often.

Spain said the non-profit used to give out

REQUESTS FOR HELP INCREASE IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

Fairfax County's social service agencies and local non-profits saw a 78 percent increase in requests for assistance with food, shelter, health care, utility bills and job searches over the past five years. Requests for food stamps went up 165 percent and requests for emergency food went up 153 percent from 2006 to 2010. The number of people asking for financial assistance for utility bills has increase 123 percent in the same time period.

Fairfax often refers people who ask for assistance to local non-profit organizations, charities and churches who provide such services in the area. The following information was provided by the Fairfax County Government.

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	Four-Year Increase
Assistance Sought						
Free/Subsidized Dental Care	1,050	1,186	1,385	1,291	1,287	22.5%
Subsidized Housing	1,053	1,235	1,513	1,933	1,504	42.8%
Medicaid	1,392	1,447	1,618	1,640	1,704	22.4%
Emergency Shelter	1,639	1,701	1,852	2,074	2,383	45.5%
Food Stamps	1,185	1,570	1,937	2,848	3,140	165.0%
Job Search	1,405	1,834	2,156	2,520	2,711	93.0%
Housing Search	1,980	2,254	2,186	2,020	2,032	2.6%
Subsidized/Free Medical Services	1,956	2,070	2,421	3,116	3,521	80.0%
Emergency Utility Payment	1,994	2,031	2,399	3,500	4,450	123.0%
Emergency Food	2,193	2,883	3,465	4,789	5,547	153.0%
Emergency Rent Payment	3,274	3,879	4,540	5,516	5,755	75.7%

three packages of free food annually to each family. Now, Food for Others allows each household to come in for free groceries six times per year.

"Most of these people are working. They come in with their work clothes on," said Spain.

MANY of those people who need assistance with providing food for their families are also struggling with housing, said several speakers at the summit.

Low-income residents have a particularly hard time finding affordable housing in Fairfax County, where the average home costs more than \$400,000. Currently, 12,000 people are on the county's waiting list for affordable units, said Amanda Andere, ex-

ecutive director of FACETS, a Fairfax non-profit that works on housing issues.

When an affordable unit becomes available, some people may also have to pass on the offer because of the employer's location.

"If you are offered a certain apartment but you would have to take five or six bus routes to get to your job, that won't work. ... We can't just send everybody down to Route 1," said Andere.

IN ADDITION to the working poor, several people are seeking emergency assistance with food and shelter because they have lost their jobs and are unable to find a new position. According to county statistics, the number of residents asking for help with their job search has almost doubled over the last five years.

Several unskilled and low-income workers also don't have access to computers and copiers, which

they need to apply for entry-level positions at several companies.

"Approximately 90 percent of companies with entry level jobs require online applications," said Trang Montgomery, who works at one of the county's job centers.

According to Montgomery, Fairfax's job centers provide computer assistance to residents and help people looking for work improve their job interview skills. They also push clients to learn English and earn a high school diploma or some equivalent to improve their employment opportunities, said Trang.

"In this economy, people who have a high school degree are having to compete with people who have a college degree for the same positions," she said.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Reston police department through Nov. 5.

ASSAULT ON A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ARREST A 17-year-old boy was charged

with allegedly assaulting a police officer on Sunday, Oct. 31 around 9:18 p.m. in the 2400 block of Centreville Road. The suspect was released to his parents and he was charged with assault on a law enforcement officer. The officer did not require medical attention.

ATTEMPTED BURGLARY OF OCCUPIED DWELLING Police responded to the 10700 block of Riverscape Run in Great Falls, on Tuesday, Nov. 2 around 2:30 a.m. The homeowner awoke to noises coming from the garage. It does not appear entry was made inside the home.

UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF WILDLIFE

Animal Control Officers charged a 20-year-old Herndon woman with Unlawful Possession of Wildlife after she was seen walking a fox wearing a skeleton costume at Reston Towne Center around 10:30 a.m. on Halloween. Officers charged the woman, of the 23000 block of Fontwell Square, after it was determined she did not have the proper permits issued by the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries.

The Silver Cross Fox, named "Swiper," is seven months old and according to the owner, is neutered, litterbox trained and vaccinated for rabies. Swiper was seized by officers and will be held at the Animal Shelter until it is determined whether or not DGIF will issue the required special permit. Animal Control officers

released "Swiper" back to his owner around 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1. After further consultation with biologists from the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries, officials there determined that the fox was a domesticated breed and that the owner did not need a specific permit for the pet.

LARCENIES

12000 block of Bowman Towne Drive. iPhone stolen from residence.
2400 block of Centreville Road. Purse stolen from business.
11700 block of Indian Ridge Road. Diamond necklace stolen from residence.
2500 block of James Monroe Circle. Money stolen from vehicle.
8500 block of Leesburg Pike. DVD player stolen from vehicle.

Activities reported by the Fair Oaks police department through Nov. 5.

ASSAULT ON A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER/ POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA Police responded to the 13000 block of Limestone Court around 3 a.m. for a report of a party and people drinking underage on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Officers arrived and during their investigation, two men assaulted one of them and several people fled the home. The suspects were subdued and taken into custody; another suspect was located nearby and arrested. A 21-year-old male of the 13000 block of Limestone Court in Clifton was charged with assault on a law enforcement officer, possession of marijuana and obstruction of justice. A 21-year-old male of the 9800 block of Pebble Weigh Court in

Burke was charged with assault on a law enforcement officer, obstruction of justice with force and resisting arrest. A 21-year-old male of the 8300 block of Uxbridge Court in Springfield was charged with drunk in public. The officer did not require medical treatment nor did the suspects from Clifton and Springfield; the suspect from Burke was taken to the hospital and treated for a non life-threatening injury received during the struggle prior to being transported to jail.

BURGLARY OF OCCUPIED DWELLING

A home in the 3700 block of Sudley Court in Fairfax was broken into some time between Friday, Oct. 29 at 12 a.m. and 5 a.m. Electronics and cash were stolen and no one was injured. There does not appear to be any sign of forced entry.



The Oakton defense (white jerseys) will be looking to hold down a high-powered Rams' offense.



South Lakes' Darius Smith (21) is a big play threat on both offense and special teams.

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It's Playoff Time for Local Football Teams

Oakton, South Lakes hope to showcase high-powered offenses in postseason.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Two area high school football teams to keep a close eye on in first round Northern Region playoff games this Friday night are South Lakes and Oakton.

The two teams are from different districts and different division categories, but both have explosive offenses which could overcome any other shortcomings.

South Lakes, a member of the Liberty District, will host Mount Vernon of the National District in a quarterfinals round game of the Div. 5 (smaller enrollment schools) playoffs. The Seahawks, under head coach Andy Hill, are the No. 4 seed of the eight-team playoffs, while Mount Vernon is the No. 5 seed. Opening kickoff is 7:30 on Friday night.

The Seahawks closed the regular season with a 49-13 district home loss to unbeaten and Div. 5 top seed Stone Bridge, the defending region champion. A week prior to that, South Lakes won a high-scoring 42-36 game at district foe Langley.

South Lakes sophomore quarterback Rashaan Jones, who was 19-of-24 for 279 yards with two touchdowns in the win over the Saxons, has gotten better and better throughout the season. He is both a throwing and running threat and part of the Seahawks' big play personnel on offense, which also includes senior all-purpose player Darius Smith, a standout receiver as well as defensive back. Smith is also one of the region's top special teams return men.

Receiver Sean Price, another big play threat, caught six passes for 124 yards and a pair of TDs while also running for a score in the win against Langley.

South Lakes averaged over 27 points per game during the regular season. The team's losses came to district opponents McLean, 14-7; Fairfax, 24-12; and Stone Bridge. The lone win over a winning opponent was the victory over Langley.

Mount Vernon was 5-5 during the season and 5-2 in district play. The Majors suffered early season lopsided losses to local Alexandria area foes West Potomac, 55-20, and T.C. Williams, 45-14. They also lost badly to talented Centreville, 35-7. The team's best win of the season was likely against district rival and Div. 5 playoff team Washington-Lee (5-5), by a 37-20 score. The Majors have put up 19 points per game and given up 25 per contest.

OAKTON (7-3), in a Div. 6 first round playoff game, will travel to Robinson (8-2) this Friday night. Both teams reside in the powerful Concorde District, which was won by Robinson (4-1 district mark).

The two district rivals met just two weeks ago in a week nine game at Oakton - a contest won by the Rams, 21-14. Oakton did a good job that night holding down Robinson star running back Jared Velasquez to 58 yards on 19 carries. However, Velasquez returned a kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown that night.

"Playing Robinson for the second time in a three week span will be difficult," said Oakton head coach Joe Thompson. "They

are the district champs and should be considered front runners for the regional championship. Velasquez is an outstanding football player at any position on the field. You must know where he is at all times. Slowing him down requires a true team approach, as he is a weapon on offense, defense, and special teams."

Robinson, which lost in a week 2 upset to Fairfax, 20-12, and also fell in a week 6 game to district opponent Chantilly, 24-14, carries a four-game win streak into the playoffs, including a 27-0 shutout victory over district rival Centreville last Friday night, in the regular season finale.

"To beat a team like Robinson, we need to play mistake-free in all phases of the game."

— Oakton head coach Joe Thompson

Oakton also enters the playoffs with some good momentum following a week 10 district home win over Chantilly, 17-14. Oakton junior kicker Eric Goins booted a 42-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to break a 14-14 tie which proved to be the game-winner over the Chargers (8-2). Oakton senior running back Luke Willis rushed for 135 yards in the win, including a 51-yard touchdown run. Cougars' QB Jimmy Boone, one of the better running quarterbacks in the region, also ran for a score in the win. Boone has passed for 1,073 yards (with 11 TDs) and rushed for 598 this season.

"The win versus Chantilly was a great boost for the team," said Thompson. "We've

played a lot of close games in the past month, and felt like we really needed to win a close one to get over the hump. Chantilly is a very good team, with great coaching and playmakers at all positions. Getting a win over them is always nice."

Another Key win over a high-powered opponent this season for Oakton came over district rival and Div. 6 playoff team Westfield, 21-14.

The Cougars won their first five games of the season before losing three of the next four. One of the losses came at then-unbeaten Centreville, 30-16, in a week eight district meeting.

Oakton is going to have to play a solid overall game to beat the Rams on Friday.

"To beat a team like Robinson, we need to play mistake-free in all phases of the game," said Thompson. "Their defense is well coached and deep with experience, so scoring opportunities are limited and can't be wasted. Their offense is explosive in the run game and complemented with an accurate passing game, so we will have to be prepared to defend the whole field and not over commit to any one formation or player."

Robinson, under head coach Mark Bendorf, is a fundamentally sound team on offense, defense and special teams as well.

"They really don't make mistakes in the kicking game, so field position will be a battle and we will have to match their execution," said Thompson. "They have an outstanding coaching staff, and tradition. We will be playing on their field and should have our work cut out for us. We are playing with more confidence than earlier in the season, and we have some players that have developed into real threats on both sides of the ball. I think we'll be ready to play."

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Edwin Robert (Ted) Moline

On Oct. 15, 2010, Ted Moline, age 63, business consultant and community activist, leader in environmental, service, scouting, political and church activities, died of a heart attack in Reston, VA.

He leaves his wife, Susan Porter Boffel of Reston, son, Karl Moline of Clearwater, FL, daughters, Alice Catherine Moline-Evans of San Diego, CA, and Amanda Boffel of Baltimore, MD, granddaughters, Savanna Gomez and Lily Moline, sisters, Joan Burnett of San Jose, CA, and Alice Rohr of Las Vegas, NV, and a former wife, Denise Moline of Chicago, IL.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00am on Sat. Nov. 13, 2010, at St. Thomas a' Becket Catholic Church, 1421 Wiehle Ave. Reston, VA 20190. Interment will be private. Arrangements by Adams Green Funeral Home, Herndon, VA. (adamsgreen.com)

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I Could Care More



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

In addition to what "I Could Care Less" about (see last week's column) there are things that I care too much about. Things that, in the scheme of things/big picture (Cancer), shouldn't really matter, but unfortunately do, and disproportionately so at that. It's almost as if my brain is expending so much energy managing my emotions concerning the cancer; allowing me to live and behave in a semi normal-type routine, that the less significant issues in my life are left to fend for themselves. And it's these less significant issues fending for themselves that seem to occupy and affect my consciousness more than any other.

I don't worry about the cancer; I mean, I'm not consumed by it, anxious because of it, incapacitated having it. Hardly. I am affected by it, of course. I am different. I am living with a terminal disease - at age 56. Still, it doesn't keep me awake - any more. Nor does it keep me from getting out of bed, getting dressed, performing all the "activities of daily living." There are deficits to be sure but, overall, physically - and mentally, I'm functioning. All systems are not exactly go, but nor am I stuck in neutral either.

However, I do worry about things now that I never used to worry about. The kinds of things which long ago I stopped worrying about and/or had allocated/compartimentalized in a part of my brain/head which made living - for me, relatively manageable. Without being too specific - or boring, the things to which I'm referring are small things, unimportant things, things which doing or not doing or doing them now - or doing them later, or not even doing them at all or doing them in due course, seem to weigh on me more heavily than ever: shopping, laundry, banking, bill-paying, errands, preparing meals, travel/travel planning, etc.; mundane, everyday-type stuff. Stuff which had become second nature; heck, stuff which for me had become "third nature." But not anymore.

I don't mean to imply that I'm a bundle of nerves if I have to leave the house at a certain time to drive to an unknown destination, as one of many examples of everyday activities that now stress me out. But I am definitely no longer the "smooth operator" (inside joke) that I used to be. Moreover, it's not as if I can't get out of my own way or I'm a total klutz and/or incompetent (I didn't say incompetent; so far, that's not my problem), it's more about feeling unprepared, disorganized, forgetful, neglectful about things in life that require a certain attentiveness. And it's that lack of attentiveness to basic details, sort of, that worries me. None of it used to matter, now all of it seems to. It was never important, now it dominates what I think most about.

Doctor's appointments, lab work, chemotherapy, quarterly scans, refilling prescriptions; none of it bothers me. Deciding what to wear bothers/worries me more. Big stuff doesn't bother me. Little stuff does. In fact, the bigger the better I am; the smaller the stuff, the worse I am. I wish I could control it but, per last week's column, there are things that I simply can't control any more. And not being able to control things is scary because "control" is important to a cancer/terminal patient's survival - or so we've been told by the health care professionals treating/taking care of me. I'm not a lost cause or anything, yet, but I am wondering about cause and effect.

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