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Commemorative March
9:00 a.m.
Southgate Community Center
12125 Pinecrest Road

Especially for Youth
(1st through 6th grade)
10:00 a.m.

**Keynote Address by Michele Norris
and Community Service Awards**
10:30 a.m.

**Community Service/Volunteerism
Panel Discussion**
12:15 p.m.

**Community Service Projects and
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12:15 p.m.

**Art Reception for Reston
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For more information please contact Nakish Jordan, Director of Teen Programs, at Nakish.Jordan@fairfaxcounty.gov.



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PHOTOS BY MIKE MCKEE

Anne Delaney welcomes guests to the IPAR Annual Meeting.

Promoting Public Art

A large crowd gathered at the Sheraton Hotel Wednesday evening for The Initiative for Public Art - Reston (IPAR) annual meeting.

Local leaders of the Northern Virginia community came to praise Joe Ritchey and others for their leadership in sponsoring artistic projects in Reston. IPAR is dedi-

cated to fostering community discourse and education about public art and wants Reston residents to be inspired and engaged in this area.



Artist Pat Macintyre and her husband discuss public art with Kathleen Driscoll McKee, RA President.

Toll Road Rates Change

Effective Jan. 1, 2011, toll rates on the Dulles Toll Road will increase by 25 cents at the main toll plaza to \$1.25. Toll rates on the on/off ramps will remain 75 cents.

A three-year schedule for new toll rates was approved by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Board of Directors in November 2009 after conducting a series of public hearings. At that time, the Board also approved a toll rate increase that took effect on Jan. 1, 2010, the increase for 2011 and a third toll rate increase

that will be effective Jan. 1, 2012. The toll increases are necessary for the Airports Authority to fulfill its commitment to operate and maintain the Dulles Toll Road and to construct the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project. That commitment is contained in agreements with the Commonwealth of Virginia and local governments in Northern Virginia, and is based in substantial part on the parties' agreement that funding for the Metrorail Project is to come from Dulles Toll Road revenues, as well as contributions by the federal

government, the Commonwealth, Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, and the Airports Authority. Under its agreement with the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Airports Authority has assumed the responsibility to operate and maintain the Dulles Toll Road for a 50-year period beginning in 2009. For more information about the Dulles Toll Road and the process the Airports Authority follows before setting new toll rates, please visit our website at www.mwaa.com/tollroad.

A Lasting Legacy to Reston

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Dave Edwards moved to Reston in 1967, and immediately set to work making the community a better place. He helped found the Reston Community Association, which is now the Reston Citizens Association, and 43 years later, the organization named him their Reston Citizen of the Year.

"I haven't done anything of great proportion," Edwards said about being named Citizen of the Year. "I'm just plugging along."

COMMUNITY MEMBERS from around Reston would disagree with Edwards' assessment, whether it's the RCA, the Reston Community Center (which he helped plan) or the current group planning for the future of Reston.

"He's been a major force when it comes to communicating and the future of Reston," said Mike Corrigan, an at-large director on the RCA board. "He's very thoughtful on how we'll approach the need for infrastructure improvements in Reston."

Edwards received his master's degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of North Carolina. He served on the RCA board from 1968 to 1972, and chaired the Reston Planning and Zoning Committee during that time.

He still remembers the uncertainty surrounding Reston when Robert Simon left the Gulf Oil Company, which led to the formation of the RCA.

"When Robert Simon was forced to leave [the Gulf Oil Company], we were worried they wouldn't follow his lead, and they would just sell off the lands," Edwards said. "To their credit, they tried to stay with his vision, they didn't always do what the community wanted, but they kept it together. People take it for granted now, but it was quite a challenge then."

Edwards currently serves as vice chair of the Reston Association's Transportation Advisory Committee.

"Transportation is such a major issue, and it seems to be an area where a lot of energy can be devoted," Edwards said. "That's why I've spent so many

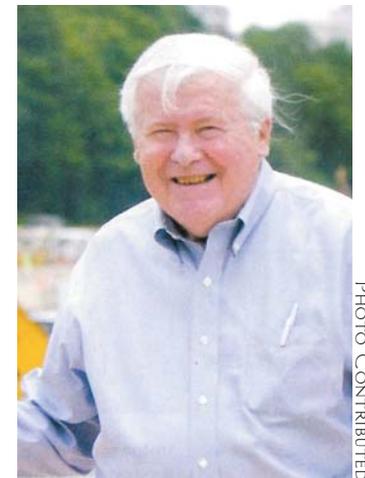


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Dave Edwards, a resident of Reston since 1967, was named the Citizen of the Year for 2010 for his efforts which included helping create the Reston Community Center and planning for the arrival of the Metro.

years involved in transportation."

AS PART OF RESTON 2020, the citizens group dedicated to planning for Reston's future, he has dedicated himself to making sure their vision can become a reality.

"We have a lot of grandiose ideas about the infrastructure, just no money right now, but Dave has come up with some innovative ideas for coming up with those funds, and they're starting to take hold," Corrigan said.

While Edwards remains humble about his decades of work on behalf of Reston, he says the founding of the Reston Community Center remains his proudest achievement.

"We were just trying to figure out how to build something like that in Reston, we knew the county wasn't going to do it for us," he said. "Trying to get all the pieces to work was tough, but all things considered it turned out well."

Now Edwards' name will be on a plaque at the same community center he helped create, as the 2010 Reston Citizen of the Year. He says that the same approach he has taken towards Reston is the one people have to take if Reston is going to remain the place people want it to be.

"A community is only as good as what people put into it," he said. "If you sit back and wait, nothing is going to happen."

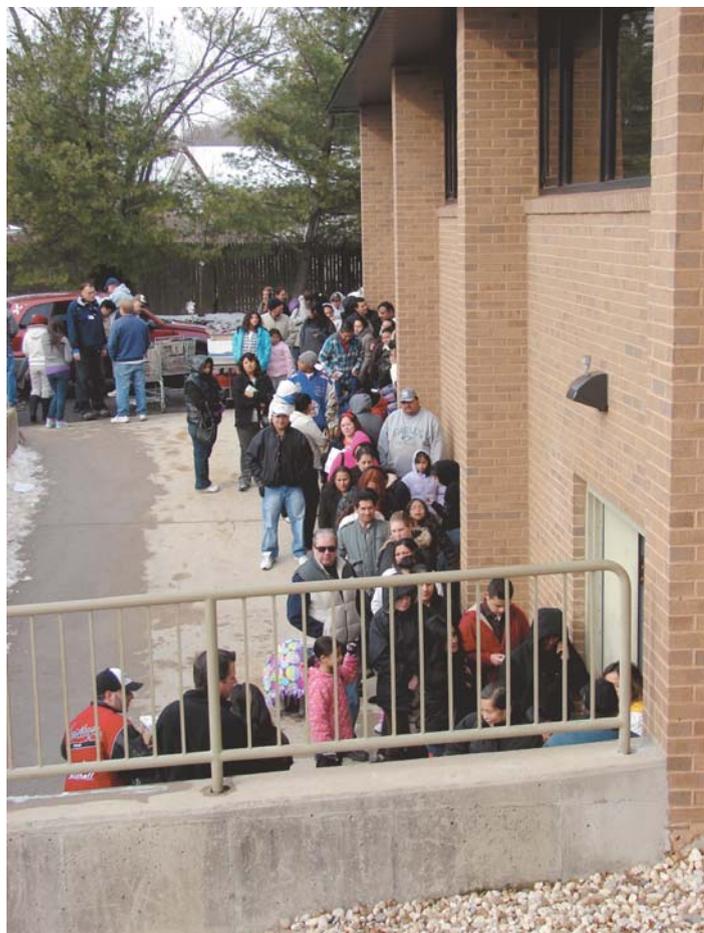


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LINK began distributing groceries at 8 a.m. Saturday and received registered guests and walk-ins until 3 p.m.

LINK Distributes Groceries, Toys for Christmas

LINK guests flock to Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Sterling to receive 5-7 days worth of non-perishable groceries and a grocery gift certificate. LINK began distributing groceries at 8 a.m. Saturday and received registered guests and walk-ins until 3 p.m. For those who registered, LINK prepared \$23,605 in grocery gift cards; 30,000 pounds of non-perishable food; 3,600 toys sorted by age and gender; 46 direct-to-home deliveries for sick and handicapped. There were 3,911 people, including 2,134 children and teens, pre-registered to receive groceries at either Christ the Redeemer or Trinity. The children going on to Herndon United Methodist received two toys each.

Puppets Take Center Stage at Frying Pan Farm Park

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Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli addresses supporters at a Dec. 15 gathering in Northern Virginia.

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THE CONNECTION

'Christmas Came Early This Year'

Fundraiser turns into celebration for Cuccinelli.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

Less than 48 hours after federal district Judge Henry E. Hudson ruled that the provision in the health care reform law requiring individuals to purchase insurance is unconstitutional, Virginia's Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, architect of the controversial litigation, was savoring his first-round victory at a private fundraiser Dec. 15 in Northern Virginia.

"Christmas came early this year," Cuccinelli told a group of friends and supporters at the home of Susan and David Hirschmann.

After addressing a crowd that included U.S. Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE), U.S. Rep. Sam Graves (R-GA), Virginia Secretary of Natural Resources Doug Domenich, Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) and RNC state committeeman Morton Blackwell, Cuccinelli spoke about the media whirlwind following the Dec. 12 decision.

"The last 48 hours have been tightly scheduled talking to a lot of different folks," Cuccinelli said. "Some of them are hostile, some are friendly and some are actually objective as I'm trying to explain to people why we are carrying the case forward."

While many were surprised at the outcome, Cuccinelli was not.

"The shock of actually winning is fun," Cuccinelli said. "I don't mean my shock, I mean other people's. We're not shocked at all. We analyzed this closely before we ever made a move on it. Everybody else just presumed the outcome."

Despite the international spotlight on the case, Cuccinelli has taken a back seat in the courtroom to Virginia's solicitor general, who will argue the case when it is expected to go before the Supreme Court in 2011-2012.

"Our solicitor general is one of those guys where people frequently say 'that's the smartest person I've ever been in a room with,'" Cuccinelli said of E. Duncan Getchell. "And because he's not the attorney general, he can spend more time with the details planning for the curveballs. I would love to argue it and am capable of arguing it, but he's the one who knows the case law and history, which is critically important."

In addition to the health care case, Cuccinelli talked about other significant issues his office has tackled.

"Like the health care case, the EPA case is about protecting the constitution," Cuccinelli said of the pending suit against the Environmental Protection Agency's move to regulate greenhouse gasses. "It's also about the rule of law and the economy. Typically, we are trying to support Virginia's good business environment."

Another success for Cuccinelli was allowing absentee ballots that arrive after Election Day to be counted.

"Protecting the voting rights for our military members deployed abroad is important," Cuccinelli said. "We have registrars who don't get absentee ballots out on time so now for the first time we allow people's votes that arrive after Election Day to be counted."

According to Cuccinelli, the races to watch in 2011 will be in Northern Virginia.

"I believe we're going to have a great candidate in Janet Howell's district — Caren Merrick," Cuccinelli said. "In the Prince William-Loudoun swath we're going to get a new senate seat and that open seat is going to be very interesting regardless of where it lands."

Cuccinelli, who has remained in the area since taking office earlier this year, was happy to be back where he considers home.

"I get mocked in other parts of the state but this is where I grew up," Cuccinelli said. "This is where I went to school, this is where my kids have grown up and where they're going to school. My wife did the same thing. We're those rarities — we actually grew up here and stayed here and we're very happy with that."



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Aliyah Pandolfi, Founder of Al-Kareem Foundation (right) with volunteer Farah Saima and Momina Khan, Co-founder.

Al-Kareem Foundation Supervisor Foust hosts Resource Fair at Hutchinson Elementary.

On Saturday, Dec. 4, Al-Kareem Foundation hosted its second Free Family Feast at Hutchinson Elementary, providing nutritious meals to hundreds of families that signed up for the event or noticed the activity and walked in to enjoy a hot meal. This year's event featured cuisine by Chef Pandolfi of Great Falls, Chef Khalid of Leesburg, and Chef Khan of Ashburn.

The event included a Resource Fair hosted by Supervisor John Foust (D- Dranesville) to provide families with information about the resources available such as food stamps, medical care and job placement opportunities. Foust participated in the event, enjoying a hot meal with the many families and encouraging the Al-Kareem volunteers.

"Our goal for the event was to provide a healthy meal and edu-

cate families about the great resources Fairfax County social services provides. We could not have made this event successful without the help from our generous volunteers," said Aliyah Pandolfi, Founder of Al-Kareem Foundation.

Al-Kareem is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving people's lives, providing basic necessities such as food, clean water, and clothing to families in need; and education, training, and employment so people can lead independent lives free from poverty.

Al-Kareem regularly hosts food programs for the homeless and hungry in Fairfax and Loudoun counties as well as Washington D.C. emphasizing nutrition, balanced meals, and use of locally derived produce. The Free Family Feast, open to all families in need, has become an annual event sponsored by Al-Kareem Foundation.



Women's Shelter in Fairfax donated toys for children attending the event.

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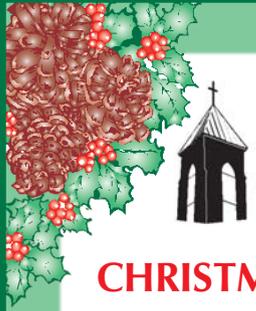
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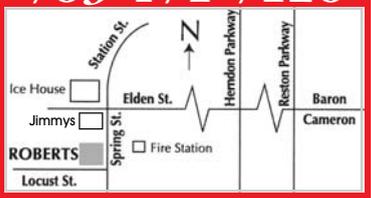
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Merry Christmas, Happy New Year

We wish our readers, our clients and everyone who lives, works, studies, plays, shops or pursues their avocations here all the best over this holiday week and beyond into the New Year. Thank you for making the Connection a part of your week, a part of your year.

This is our last news edition of 2010; next week shortly after Christmas, readers will receive the Children's Connection our traditional issue devoted to the writing and artwork of local children and teens.

EDITORIALS In the meantime, we are looking for input on New Year's resolutions.

Share one or more of the resolutions you will make for 2011, or tell us about a past resolution and how you approached it, for better or worse. Do you have some tips to share for achieving your goals? Send us 50-200 words, and please share a photo as well. We'll print selections in our first issue of the New Year, Jan. 5-12, 2011.

Send your submissions to reston@connectionnewspapers.com.

Another opportunity to be a part of the Connection: The Pet Connection will publish on

Feb. 2, 2011, send us photos of you and your pet by Jan. 20.

Alternatives to Drinking and Driving

A recent ride-along with a Northern Virginia police officer gave Connection reporter Alex McVeigh a chance to convey some of the methods and mission to get drunk drivers off the road. (See Getting Drunk Drivers Off the Streets, in Dec. 15's Reston Connection, <http://connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=346976&paper=71&cat=104>)

Among other things on the night of the ride-along, the officer encountered an apparently drunk driver who had fallen asleep behind the wheel waiting to make a right turn, his car running, his turn signal blinking and vomit evident down the outside of the driver's side door.

It's enough to make you want to stay home.

With the season for holiday parties comes the increased incidence of driving under the influence, with drunk driving arrests up more than 70 percent compared to other times of

year. In 2010, Fairfax County Police have investigated more than 660 alcohol related accidents. In 2008 in Fairfax County, there were more than 3,100 arrests for driving under the influence.

In Arlington, 677 arrests. In Alexandria, 515 arrests. In the City of Fairfax, 181 arrests.

DON'T TAKE THE RISK. Plan ahead, leave your car at home, take public transportation, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn't available.

But if you find yourself in the unfortunate position of drinking without a safe way home on your own this holiday season, the Washington Regional Alcohol Program has provided you with a safety net called SoberRide. Take their number with you when you head out, and be sure any young adults (must be 21 or over) in your family are similarly armed.

WRAP's 2010 Holiday SoberRide program is available now through 6 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011.

To receive a free cab ride home (up to a \$30 fare), call 800-200-8294. You must be 21 or older. (Callers are responsible for anything over \$30.)

Is There a Santa Claus?

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

In 1897 Francis P. Church wrote for the New York Sun what was to become one of the most famous editorials ever written. His editorial responded to a letter from 8-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon who had written to ask for the truth as to whether there was a Santa Claus. Her father had told her that if she read it in the Sun it would be so. The editorial follows:

"DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.'

Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

VIRGINIA O'HANLON,
115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET."

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except [what] they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is

a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus.

It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world



are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond.

Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

In the meantime, Jane and I wish for you and your family the love and generosity that Santa Claus represents during the holiday season and throughout the New Year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Promoting Reston License Plate

To the Editor:

Your Reston Citizens Association has initiated a unique project with Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles in making available for all Restonians a special Virginia "Reston License Plate." We would be the only community in Virginia to have such a plate.

The plate, which was designed by Doug Fuller of Reston, will be available upon obtaining 350 license plate registrations as required by VDOT. In order to meet this goal, Your Reston Citizens Association is actively seeking our fellow citizens to sign up. Presently, 100 registrations have been obtained with 250 still needed.

The cost is minimal, \$10 per plate and the process to sign up to obtain a Reston License plate is fairly easy, all one needs to do is complete the DMV License Plate Application Form, a copy of which can be obtained from the RCA website: www.restoncitizensassociation.org and make out a check for the amount of \$10 to RCA and mail it to the following address: Reston Citizens Association, PO Box 2851, Reston, VA 20195.

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Dining for Women Promoted

On Sunday, Dec. 5, Kathleen Colson, founder of The BOMA Fund, traveled to Reston to speak to a joint meeting of D.C. area Dining For Women chapters, from Herndon, Vienna, Rockville and Washington, D.C. Dining for Women (DFW) is a dinner giving circle where members "dine in" together once a month, and send

out "dining out" dollars to international women's programs, a different one each month. They support grass-roots programs for women fostering good health, education, vocational training, micro-credit loans and economic development. At this joint meeting, Colson shared stories of her travels to northern Kenya and the work The BOMA Fund is doing,

providing education, seed capital, training and mentoring so that members of the nomadic communities of Laisamis and Karare regions may start small businesses, and earn an income to care for their families. For more information, and to find a chapter near you, visit www.diningforwomen.org. For more information on The BOMA Fund, visit www.bomafund.org.



Kathleen Colson, founder of The BOMA Fund, speaks in Reston.

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Rev. Cole Floyd is shown with Rev. Tim Floyd, Senior Pastor of Providence Baptist Church, his ministry appointment with students and families, is poised to build on the successes of the past year.

Pastor Cole Floyd, permanently appointed Minister of Students and Families, is poised to build on the successes of the past year.

Helping Youth at Local Church

Rev. Cole Floyd installed as Providence's new Minister of Students and Families.

BY SHIRLEY J. GREGORY
THE CONNECTION

Providence Baptist Church in McLean has appointed Rev. Cole Floyd as the new Minister of Students and Families on Dec. 1, a vacant position he had occupied on temporary basis. He will continue ministering to young people from elementary school age through young adult and their families. His goals are to continue helping youth forge strong Christian lives, and to provide them access to the resources they may need. His Bible-centered ministry is based on testimony, witnessing, and outreach.

Rev. Floyd ministers to 25 young people, seventh graders through young adults. For the past year he has worked to bring the church's youth together in order for them to get to know each other, and to become friends not only in church, but outside of church as well. "I am pleased to see close bonds that they have formed," said Rev. Floyd. Rev. Floyd leads teens in visits to nursing homes, in reaching out to the homeless and needy, and in helping each other, and meeting each other's needs, even help with homework. Rev. Floyd believes that when teens learn to minister to others at their age, it strengthens their faith and gives them a confidence that will serve them well in college and adult life.

"We sponsor 'fun' activities so that young people can get to know each other," he said, "such as the 'Lock-In' planned for January. Once the teens become comfortable with the relationships they forge through these activities, the Biblical studies, and the ministry available to them, they feel comfortable about inviting their un-churched friends to visit the church and get involved."

Minister of Students and Families is a position Rev. Floyd's life experiences has more than prepared him to assume. In addition to growing up in Providence Baptist Church and being a part of its close-knit congregation, he was a Christian counselor at the popular sports camp Summer's Best Two Weeks in Boswell, Pa., through high school and college. He led the Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship at Longwood University for two years, and was the Children's Ministry Intern at Providence

before graduating. He has preached at and led Bible studies in senior living facilities and Christian assemblies as far away as Albany, Ind.

After graduating from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in 2009, Rev. Floyd became a Preaching Associate in Norberth Wales, sharing teaching responsibilities with Pastor Chris Rees. He also travelled to various congregations in Southwest Wales and other parts of the UK to preach in mid-week and Sunday services. It was there he noticed an interesting phenomenon. "In most instances I was the youngest person in the church," said Rev. Floyd. "And, there were no young people attending church." In order to minister to young people in Wales, he had to get in touch with local youth organizations.

Rev. Floyd's installment as Providence's youth minister was incidental. The position became vacant just as Rev. Floyd returned from Wales, and he agreed to step in until a permanent replacement was found. His successes in ministering to the church's youth, bringing them to fellowship with each other and the entire church body, proved that he is the best choice for the job.

Rev. Tim Floyd is pastor of Providence Baptist Church, and Rev. Cole Floyd's father. He said, "Cole was a fill-in. It was a coincidence that the ministry position became vacant just as his ministry in Wales ended.

"I feel God has prepared Cole for this. He has a vision for the kids," he continued, "and he has done well. We're very pleased that he signed up for the permanent position."

Rev. Cole Floyd's plan for the future is to build on what he has already accomplished. He has seen the Reach Out energy grow exponentially this year among the teens, and he plans to build upon that, ministering to the church family and the community even more. There are plans for mission trips abroad, as well. He and the teens will travel to Zimbabwe next summer, and he plans to take them to a mission trip abroad each year.

Providence Baptist Church is located at 8980 Brook Road in McLean. Sunday worship is at 10 a.m.; Bible Study Plus is on Sunday at 11:20 a.m. Rev. Cole Floyd meets with the Single Young Adults every other Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 1222 Providence Terrace in McLean (oneway@providencetoday.org).

Wednesday nights are family nights at Providence, with something for every family member: Dinner at 5:45 p.m.; Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m.; Student Ministry at 7 p.m.; and, Kids Ministry and AWANA at 6:30 p.m. Contact the church at 703-893-5330; the website is providencetoday.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

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WEDNESDAY/DEC. 22

One-on-One Computer/Internet Tutoring. 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020.

ESL for Jobs. 6:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. English conversation and job skills. 703-689-2700.

Photos with Santa. 4-6 p.m. at the Herndon Depot Train Station in downtown Herndon. Donations benefit the Herndon/Dulles Visitors Center. 703-HERNDON.

TUESDAY/DEC. 28

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

Hungry Thing Preschool Storytime. 7 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Stories and rhymes about eating. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-437-8855

Bob Brown's Puppets in "Magic Toyshop". 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Carl and his Crayola Calliope, the Block Brothers, Bobby and Boris and more surprises. \$4 per person. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes or 703-222-4664.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

Community of Faith United Methodist Church, 13224 Franklin Farm Road in Herndon, has announced their upcoming events. All are welcome. 703-620-1977 or www.cof-umc.org.

♦**Christmas Eve Worship Service for Children.** Friday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. Designed for children first grade and younger.

♦**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.** Friday, Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. A traditional candlelit service.

♦**Christmas Eve Service.** Friday, Dec. 24 at 11 p.m. A service of Lessons, Carols and Holy Communion.

Washington Plaza Baptist Church, 1615 Washington Plaza in Reston, will hold a Christmas Eve Service on Friday, Dec. 24 at 6 p.m., a candlelight, communion and meditation service with Rev. Elizabeth Hagan. Free and open to the public. www.washingtonplazachurch.com

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1133 Reston Ave. in Herndon has announced their Christmas week services. 703-439-2750.

♦**Children's Christmas Eve program.** Friday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

♦**Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion.** Friday, Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. With traditional carols.

♦**Candlelight Service of Holy Communion.** Friday, Dec. 24 at 10 p.m.

♦**Scripture Lessons and Christmas Carols.** Sunday, Dec. 26 at 9:30 a.m. One service only.

The United Christian Parish will



The Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series presents The Fitzmaurice Band, Saturday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. The quintet is fronted by twin sisters Maria and Sarah Fitzmaurice, performing a crossover between progressive and alternate country with bluegrass. Tickets are \$12. Reserve at 703-435-8377 or www.fitzmauriceband.com.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 29

One-on-One Computer/Internet Tutoring. 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020.

FRIDAY/DEC. 31

New Year's Eve at ArtSpace. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. 703-956-6590.

♦**New Year's Eve Bonfire.** 9-10 p.m. Family-friendly. Free, open to the public.

♦**New Year's Eve Musical Cafe with Al Robertson and Friends.**

10 p.m.-1 a.m. Live music, coffee and dessert bar with a champagne toast at midnight. \$45-\$50. Call for tickets.

FRIDAY/JAN. 7

U.S. Navy Concert Band. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Professional Bull Riders Tour. 7:30 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$20-\$65. Age 2-12 years old and excluding top price seats \$10. Available through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-

needed. 703-430-7872 or www.dranesvillebrethren.org.

The Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston, 1625 Wiehle Avenue in Reston, will host a series of Pastoral Care forums, to provide information on topics of interest around pastoral care. The first forum will be on Hospice Care on Jan. 19, 2011 at 3 p.m., and facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Janae Moore, a Senior Counseling Educator and Chaplain from Capital Hospice. Moore will provide an overview of hospice care: what it is, what it isn't, costs and more. Free. Reserve at Caring_Circle@uureston.org.

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

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

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.

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SATURDAY/JAN. 8

U.S. Navy Band Commodores. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Professional Bull Riders Tour. 7:30 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$20-\$65. Age 2-12 years old and excluding top price seats \$10. Available through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT.

SUNDAY/JAN. 9

U.S. Marine Band. 2 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/JAN. 15

Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series: The Fitzmaurice Band. 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Progressive and alternative country music. \$12. 703-435-8377 or www.fitzmauriceband.com.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$25-\$55, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

SATURDAY/JAN. 22

Art Jam: The Ultimate Mini-Conference for the Arts. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Presented by Artists Underground. 703-956-6590.

Peri Negro With Eva Ayllón: "Festejo". 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A group of more than 30

dancers and musicians performs the rhythms, sounds and movements propagated along Peru's coast by African slaves, joined by singer Eva Ayllón. Tickets \$23-\$46, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 26

Faculty Artist Series: Philippe Chao, Marcio Botelho and Patricia Parker. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

THURSDAY/JAN. 27

The Big Guise. Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring St., Herndon. A Herndon-based rock band. www.thebigguiseband.com. 703-435-JIMS or www.jimmystavern.com.

FRIDAY/JAN. 28

"Frozen". 8 p.m. The Elden Street Players in the Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Bryony Lavery's play entwines the lives of a murderer, the mother of one of his victims and his psychologist. Mature audiences.

\$19 adults, \$16 students and seniors. 703-481-5930 or www.eldenstreetplayers.org.

Mason Jazz Concert. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Sugarloaf Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. More than 250 craftsmen, gourmet and specialty foods, plus demonstrations of iron forging, woodcarving, wheel-thrown pottery and copper spinning. Adults \$7 online, \$9 at the door. Under age 12 free. www.sugarloafcrafts.com or 800-210-9900.

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THURSDAY/DEC. 23

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/DEC. 24

Washington DC Jewish Community Center's Day of Service. Help at one of over 50 non-profits throughout the area. Projects vary from 2-4 hours and encompass a variety of activities such as throwing holiday parties for children, visiting seniors and serving meals to the homeless. Family and group projects are also available. \$20. Register at www.washingtondcjcc.org/volunteer.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 5

Parents and Caregiver Support Group for Special Needs Children. 7:30 p.m. at Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Meets first Wednesday of each month. Register at 703-537-3040.

Fairfax County Human Rights Commission. 7:30 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center - Conference Room 4 & 5, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2953 or TTY 703-324-2900.

Intellectual Disability Committee Meeting, Fairfax-Falls Church Community

Services Board. 7:30 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center - Conference Room 2 & 3, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-4400 or TTY 703-802-3015.

THURSDAY/JAN. 6

Dulles Toll Road Highway Noise Policy Briefing. 2:30 p.m. Dulles International Airport - Conference Room B, Main Terminal, Airport Manager's Office, Dulles. 703-417-8787, TTY 711.

SATURDAY/JAN. 8

Public Hearing held by Fairfax County's Delegation to the General Assembly. 9 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-2649, TTY 711.

Winter Bird Count. 7 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Lunch provided. 703-476-9869 or enviroed@reston.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 10

External Committee Meeting, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. 5:30 p.m. ADS Offices, Suite 100, 3900 Jermantown Road, Fairfax. 703-324-7010 or TTY 703-802-3015.

Fairfax Area Disability Services Board. 7:30 p.m. Fairfax County Government Center - Conference Room 2 & 3, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-7746 or TTY 703-449-1186. For special accommodations contact 703-324-5219 or TTY 703-449-1186



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OPINION

Buying a Home

BY KATHLEEN DRISCOLL MCKEE
PRESIDENT, RESTON ASSOCIATION

I don't usually offer maternal advice in so public a way as the following but, in this case, I believe it is worth sharing. Recently, my son told me that he was thinking about buying a home in Reston and wondered with all the talk about the master planning process whether this would be a solid investment.

I was elated that my 25-year-old Patrick was considering settling permanently in Reston, yet taken aback by the inherent implication that somehow the recommendations of the task force could adversely affect the stability of our homes in Reston.

Delving further into Patrick's concerns, he framed the issue this way. "If I buy a home in Reston and the Special Study Task Force recommends zoning or density changes, my home and neighborhood could be sold right out from under me to a developer anxious to build multifamily dwellings in the place of my home."

Sometime in 2011, the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force will turn its attention to the Reston village centers and some of the neighborhoods around them. But what does this mean for the property owners who live nearby? Would the Task Force really make recommendations that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors would accept en masse, without further vetting?

To answer those questions and get to Patrick's concerns, we have to take a look at the guiding principles for updating the Reston Master Plan. In the earliest community meetings, and continuing today, county zoning representatives have consistently listed the number one principle as "preserving stable residential neighborhoods." Thanks to our protective covenants, neighborhoods in Reston are stable and the quality of the community has been maintained for 46 years, with few exceptions. And this is one area where any future development or changes to neighborhoods would have to be scrutinized by the Design Review Board. Even if a developer secures approval from

Fairfax County for a planned redevelopment, those plans still must pass muster with the DRB. And maintaining Reston's quality is the DRB's primary goal.

Further, in the development of all the guiding principles for the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force, there has been a great effort to build upon founder Robert Simon's Seven Goals. These all address the quality of life and community that have kept Reston vibrant.

Last summer, the Reston Association Board of Directors developed a similar list of guiding principles which were submitted via our representative to the task force, Vice-President Paul Thomas. We called these six tenets, Essential Reston and we said these are the things that must be retained to keep Reston, Reston.

Currently, the Task Force is finishing its work on the development around the three future metro stations. While there have been many citizen and community group suggested recommendations, the Task Force itself is months away from a final set of recommendations to present to the county Board of Supervisors. When the Task Force does tackle updating the plan around the village centers, even the makeup of the Task Force itself could change.

At a meeting with community groups in November, Reston Association Director Paul Thomas suggested adding more residential members to the Task Force and Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins strongly agreed. Supervisor Hudgins has addressed this matter with other community organizations as well. She has said that reconfiguring the task force to include additional residents and local business representatives on various subcommittees was appropriate for participation on the Phase II Reston Master Plan Special Study.

Meantime, the Supervisor has consistently said that the Task Force will provide guidance to Fairfax County Planning Staff on drafting revised language for the Comprehensive Plan. In the process, the Task Force will review the Planned Residential Community area and look at the existing stable residential communities and vil-

lage centers and provide recommendations for the respective areas. At this time, there has not been a determination as to any changes in density.

For Reston Association, the goal is to preserve our quality of life and protect our investments in our homes and the community. I have written that at 46, Reston is ripe for re-development and we should expect that. It is how we manage the change that will determine the quality of life for future residents - like my son Patrick.

When metro arrives in three years and once the covenants are lifted along the Reston Center for Industry and Government next January, you can look for new additions to the skyline for Reston in the not-too-distant future.

We are likely to see mixed use properties, more hotels and certainly more people. So, what role will Reston Association play in managing the inevitable redevelopment in this highly desirable area? Already, RA and the DRB have worked successfully with the firm that is building the parking deck and future development at the Wiehle Avenue metro station. Comstock Partners has worked cooperatively to make this first project fit into the community.

We can retain our quality of life while allowing for much needed re-development. To address Patrick's concerns over redevelopment threatening his potential home, I offer the following for consideration:

Any recommendations from the Task Force would have to survive the Fairfax County process to become part of the final plans.

While it is conceivable that a developer could come in and buy a neighborhood in its entirety, the reality is that s/he would have to pay each and every property owner fair market value or more for the properties and all owners would have to agree to the sale.

Finally, any redevelopment would have to go through the Design Review process in Reston and that trumps all other approvals!

So, not just because I want him to commit to the place where he grew up, but I can honestly tell Patrick that buying a home in Reston is a good investment today and in the future.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 6

As the Chairman of the RCA License Plate Committee, I urge all fellow Restonians to sign up. It is beautiful plate and one that will not only reflect well

on Reston, but also will reflect your sense of pride for our community, Reston; a great place to live, work, and play.

Dan McGuire
Reston

SCHOOLS



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Phil Hudson, Fairfax County School Administrator and August Frattali, principal of Rachel Carson receive a check for \$25,000 from Milestone Communications.

Milestone Communications Presents \$25,000 to Rachel Carson Middle

Milestone Communications presented Rachel Carson Middle School in Herndon with a check for \$25,000 Nov. 23. The school principal, August Frattali, accepted the check during the stacking of the tower.

This is the first of many checks the school will receive from having a wireless tower on the school property.

Frattali said that he is using the \$25,000 to purchase new technology for the school, including laptops for teachers and students. Milestone is constructing a wireless communication tower that is designed to blend in with the existing athletic field lights on the

baseball field. This will also improve wireless communication in the community.

This will be the 24th wireless facility to be built in partnership with Fairfax County Schools and will generate up to \$50,000 in annual recurring revenue. The wireless infrastructure program has generated over \$5 Million in revenue for the school system and today, generates over \$1 Million annually to supplement budget shortfalls.

Milestone Communications is based in Reston and has been planning, zoning, building, leasing, and managing wireless infrastructure for over ten years. Learn more at Milestonecommunications.com.

SCHOOL NOTES

Savannah Rhodes of Reston was named to the dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy of Front Royal for the first quarter of the 2010-11 school year. Rhodes is the daughter of Richard and Sheryl Rhodes of Reston.

Christopher B. Gallagher of Reston has been accepted to The Graduate School at Virginia Tech. Gallagher is pursuing a master of business administration.

Benjamin H. Jackson of Reston has been accepted to The Graduate School at Virginia Tech. Jackson is majoring in mechanical engineering and pursuing a doctor of philosophy.

Armando Tellez of Reston has been accepted to The Graduate School at Virginia Tech. Tellez is pursuing a master of business administration.

Daniel P. Shanahan of Reston has been accepted to The Graduate School at Virginia Tech. Shanahan is majoring in computer science and applications and pursuing a master of science.

Sarath Chandra Peddu of Reston has been accepted to The Graduate School at Virginia Tech. Peddu is majoring in biochemistry and pursuing a doctor of philosophy.

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Hamilton Leads Hornets' Boys Past South Lakes

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Austin Hamilton led a balanced Herndon High boys' scoring effort as the Hornets defeated local rival and home team South Lakes, 82-56, last Friday night, Dec. 17 in Reston.

Hamilton, a guard, led all scorers with 24 points. Raleigh McKenzie contributed 14 points for the Hornets while teammates Jonathan Beltran (13 points) and Patrick McLaughlin (10) were also in double figures. DeAndre Thomas and Marques Berry both chipped in seven points for the winning team. Herndon (4-2) had also beaten the cross-town rival Seahawks a week earlier at Herndon.

South Lakes (2-3), in Friday night's home loss, had big games from J.D. Wallace (18 points) and Mitchell Dempster (13). Brian Brinson added six points.

Herndon took control of the game early by outscoring the Seahawks, 20-5, in the first quarter. The Hornets had increased the lead to 47-20 at the half and never looked back on way to the non-district win.

The Herndon and South Lakes girls also played on Friday night as part of the girls'-boys' double-header night of action. The home team Seahawks, who a week earlier had beaten the Hornets by two points in Herndon, won this meet-



South Lakes girls' basketball coach Christy Winters Scott talks strategy with her team during the Seahawks' first meeting against Herndon two weeks ago.

ing as well, 51-41, behind the 16 points and 11 rebounds of Gabby Schultz. Mary Severin scored 10 points with five rebounds for the Seahawks and teammate Ashlei Sutton scored nine points. South Lakes improved its record to 2-4.

Herndon, in the loss, was led by Deborah Headen's eight points. Shaquilla Ferguson added seven points and Mayumi Shill had five for the 2-4 Hornets.

THE SOUTH LAKES BOYS earned a hard-fought 65-61 Liberty District home win over Madison last Tuesday, Dec. 14. D.J. Christian scored a game-high 16 points to pace the Seahawks, who are under new head coach Andrew Duggan this season. Joe Daye and Brendan Galbraith both scored nine points for South Lakes, and

Darius Smith and Clayton O'Neill both had eight points in the balanced South Lakes attack. Dempster scored seven points and Wallace had five.

Oakton Girls Remain Unbeaten

Two-time defending Liberty District girls' basketball champion Madison High is off to a good start to the new season. The Warhawks, going into this week, had lost their most recent game, falling to defending Northern Region champion and Vienna-area rival Oakton, by a 57-46 score this past Friday night, Dec. 17, at home. The setback put Madison at 3-2 thus far.

Madison, in the loss to Oakton,



Herndon girls' basketball coach Reggie Barnes (lower, left) and his Hornets were scheduled to play at Fairfax High earlier this week on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

was led in scoring by sophomore guard Megan Leduc with 15 points. Annie Gauf, a senior forward, and freshman guard Katie Kerrigan both contributed nine points, and senior forward Carmen Mann had six.

For undefeated Oakton (6-0), senior shooting guard Zora Stephenson led the way with 14 points, while junior guard Caroline Coyer scored 12. Also for the Cougars, sophomore center Elizabeth Manner scored nine points, junior guard Katherine Coyer scored seven and senior forward Halley Cummins also had seven. Corrinne Holland, a senior guard, added five in Oakton's balanced attack and senior guard Danielle Davis had three.

The contest between the non-district rivals was close the entire

way with Oakton holding a 14-11 lead after one quarter and a 27-23 advantage at the half. The Cougars were up 39-34 going into the final quarter.

Oakton, a member of the Concorde District, has wins this season over visiting Langley, 90-20, on Dec. 3; visiting South County, 74-49, on Dec. 7; visiting Washington-Lee, 82-25, on Dec. 10; host Loudoun County, 61-39, on Dec. 11; host Jefferson, 71-23, on Dec. 14; and, on Friday, Madison. The 11-point win over the Warhawks was the Cougars' toughest test of yet. They were scheduled to host Lee High on Monday (Dec. 21) of this week. Oakton, under head coach Fred Priester, will be traveling to Florida for a tournament over the Christmas break.

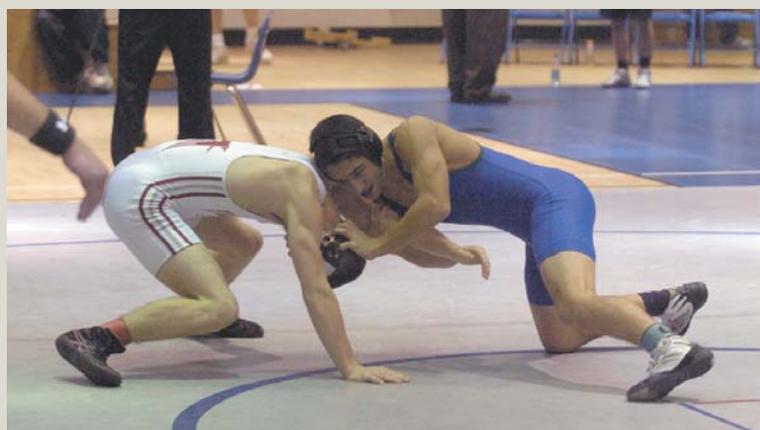
Wrestlers Shine at Classic

The Northern Virginia Wrestling Classic, the local high school early season showcase event, was held this past Friday and Saturday at Fairfax High School.

Thirty-one teams, most from within the Northern Virginia area, participated in the early season tournament.

South Lakes, one of the most improved teams in the Northern Region over the past couple of seasons under head coach Bruce Hall, had an individual champion in Ryan Forrest at 145 weight class. Forrest went a perfect 5-0 to gain the title, defeating Batchka Zulkhuu of Potomac Falls in the finals, 10-2 (major decision).

Meanwhile, the Seahawks also got a second place finish - that coming from Jake Slover



Ryan Forrest (right) of South Lakes was a major decision winner over Potomac Falls' Batchka Zulkhuu (left) in Saturday's 145 finals.

at 171 division. Slover, who was 4-1, lost his finals match to Jake Fahlfeder of Fauquier, 11-3 (major decision).

South Lakes' third and final top eight place finisher was Mike

Shoebottom, who finished seventh place at 160.

Oakton High, 22nd place in the team standings, had several strong showings. The Cougars' top place finisher was Austin Murga, who



The Seahawks' Jake Slover (left) reached the 171 championship finals at last week's Classic.

finished second overall at 189 weight class. Murga, who went 4-1 overall, lost his finals match to South County's Scott Blackstone, 4-2 in overtime.

Other top eight place finishes for

the Cougars came from Eddie Gerow (4th place at 112) and Geoff McLaughlin (5th at 189).

Herndon High's Carlos Esquivel finished eighth place at 145 weight class.

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Hypothermia Prevention Program Open in Reston

Reston Interfaith is working with the Fairfax County Government to help prevent weather-induced illness and loss of life among unsheltered homeless men and women in the community. Reston Interfaith is operating the north county hypothermia prevention program in the North County Human Services Building, 1850 Cameron Glen Drive in Reston. This resource is available to unsheltered men and women from now through March 31, 2011. This center is part of Fairfax County's winter hypothermia shelter program, joining similar centers throughout the county.

About 1,500 men, women, and children are homeless in Fairfax County. The North County Hypothermia Center will offer an additional resource to those seeking shelter, food, and other resources during the winter months.

The north county hypothermia prevention program is open nightly from now through March 31, and will provide emergency shelter for approximately 25 people each night. This center will help to bolster the Embry

Rucker Community Shelter, also operated by Reston Interfaith, by reducing demand there. If you see someone at night who is unsheltered and you think could be at risk of hypothermia, call the county's non-emergency phone line at 703-691-2131, TTY 711.

Volunteers and donations are needed to support the hypothermia prevention program to safeguard the well-being of one of the most vulnerable populations in our community. Individuals and groups are needed to prepare and serve meals. Interested meal catering volunteers can contact Nate King at 571-323-5969 or email nate.king@restoninterfaith.org.

Paper products to serve meals, blankets, wool socks, long underwear (not cotton), hats, gloves, and scarves are needed. Interested donors can contact Susan Alger at 571-323-1383 or email susan.alger@restoninterfaith.org. Additional information, including food preparation guidelines and a wish list of items of which the center is in need, is available on our website: www.restoninterfaith.org.

Gift Ideas at Reston Museum

Holiday Art Show & Sale, with an opportunity to see and buy works by local artists, plus Reston wares, runs through Dec. 31. Featured artists are Jane Anthony, Tracy Griffith Tso, Jan Rau, Pam Tobey, Lois Salazar, Guy Zoller, Enid Stewart, and Dana Scheurer, who have created ornaments and art pieces for decoration and gift-giving, such as hand-woven accessories and wearables, painted pottery, jewelry, paintings, and more. A portion of proceeds from sales benefits Reston Museum.

Membership with Reston Historic Trust includes the new book "Reston, Virginia - A New Town," an informative guide to Reston history.

Additional copies (\$15 each) and memberships (\$15 & up) can be purchased at

the Reston Museum Shop, in person, or online at www.restonmuseum.org.

Special Exhibit, "A Downtown for the New Town," is on display until January. In honor of the Reston Town Center 20th Anniversary, this installation describes the vision and risk-taking involved in the development of the Reston Town Center, which had its grand opening on October 18, 1990.

Admission to Reston Museum is free. Except where noted, all events are free. Membership and donations to Reston Historic Trust are tax deductible.

Reston Museum & Shop, operated by Reston Historic Trust, is located at 1639 Washington Plaza, Lake Anne Village Center; Open: 6 days a week, Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5 p.m.; and 24 hours daily at www.RestonMuseum.org.

man with his face covered by a mask, entered the CVS store located at 9871 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls. The man displayed a knife and ordered employees to turn over medicines. A responding police officer was able to enter the store and approach the suspect from behind. The officer tackled the suspect and took him into custody. No one was injured. A 21-year-old male of the 9800 block of Sunnybrook Drive in Great Falls was charged with robbery and wearing a mask in commission of a robbery.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY

Two men attempted to rob a 51-year-old man in the 11900 block of Winterthur Lane around 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 15. The victim declined medical attention.

LARCENIES

10200 block of Colvin Run Road. Air conditioning parts stolen from residence.
2500 block of Cornelia Road. Wallet stolen from vehicle.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Reston police department through Dec. 17.

BURGLARY WITH THE INTENT TO DEFILE/ARREST

Police arrested a man for burglarizing a home in the 6900 block of Cabin John Road around 3:50 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9. An investigation determined a 15-year-old girl awoke to find the suspect standing over her. A 35-year-old male of no fixed address was apprehended nearby, taken to jail and charged with burglary with the intent to defile.

INDECENT EXPOSURE/ARREST

A 31-year-old woman reported that a man touched himself inappropriately on Monday, Dec. 13 around 5:48 p.m. in the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Police have identified a possible suspect and charges are pending.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY/ARREST

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A Quarter for My Thoughts



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Wondering whether what I'm feeling physically is symptomatic of my having my stage IV lung cancer – or not, has become the bane of my existence. The presumed inevitability of it wears on me night and day. Though my overall stress level is significantly lower than when I was working full time, commuting two rush-hours a day by car and being "clock-radioed" at 5:30 a.m. Monday through Friday, I'd be lying if I said living with my diagnosis/prognosis is "no problem."

Having said – and admitted that out loud, I am however, reasonably able to get on with the activities of my daily living and pretty much be counted on to finish most of what I start. And what I find myself needing to finish most are my quarterly scans: Bone, CT and Brain MRI, which I have every three months per my participation in a Schering Plough "Randomized Phase 2 Study".

After 15 months in, my results have been, to quote myself (and referring to a previously published column): "Scantastic!" Nevertheless, future results/my health could change in a week – or so I've been reminded, professionally. As such, I've learned to take the so-far good news with the as-yet-not-received bad news. Still, if there's good news to be heard, given the terminal nature of my original prognosis, I want to hear it. More importantly – for me, I need to know how to process it, and where to place it in my compartmentalized/"defense-mechanism" brain – for self-preservation of course, so that I don't upset this delicate Libra balance that I strive to maintain. And it's about this time (eight to 10 weeks out) in my recurring quarterly scan cycle when my subconscious takes over.

I believe this happens because of something my oncologist said about eight months ago. That was when I first received unexpected and amazing news from him – following the previous week's scans. The tumors were not moving or growing. In fact, there seemed to be more scar tissue than tumors, the doctor said. Perplexed at what it all meant, since I came in experiencing what I thought were cancer-related symptoms, my oncologist attempted to put me at ease – and clarify as well when he said: "You've been scanned stem to stern in the last week, anything you feel over the next eight weeks, don't even worry about it. It's not the cancer," (the cancer that we know about, ergo the continuing mental problem). And as reassuring and wonderful as that answer/explanation was, it has however, had an unintended effect: anxiety.

Per my doctor's advice, for the first eight weeks after my scans and every-three-week appointment with my oncologist have been completed, I really don't worry too much (as much, to be honest) about whatever I might be feeling physically/the cancer. It's all good. However, once I'm into the ninth week or so, the worm turns and all presumptions, rationalizations and nothing-to-worry-about concerning my cancer/any miscellaneous symptoms I may be experiencing, are off. At that point on my mental calendar, the cancer window is officially open for business, or so my subconscious thinks. It's the next four weeks until I'm scanned again that my brain is in total control. It reacts, overreacts, wonders, worries, stresses about every little thing I feel, or think I feel. I can't stop it. I can only endure it.

Consequently, those/these next four weeks can't pass quickly enough. And as peculiar as it may sound, I'm not nearly as nervous for those scan results as much as I am eager for them. At least then, I'll know exactly where my cancer is or – more importantly, where it's not. Then I'll be back in control, for another eight weeks, anyway. It may not be an ideal way to live, but it is living and it is feeling, and it sure beats the alternative.

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