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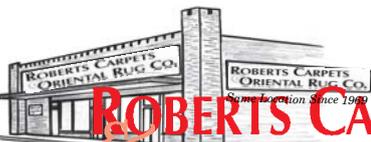
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Del. Ken Plum (D-36) and State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) listen to constituent suggestions for the 2011 General Assembly session at the Reston Community Center Jan. 5. The session starts Jan. 12.

Pitching Ideas to Richmond

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As the Virginia General Assembly prepares to begin its 2011 session, local leaders held several meetings across the community to get a feel for what the public wants done in Richmond this year.

“We like to use these opportunities at the beginning of each session to see what’s on people’s minds,” said Del. Ken Plum (D-36), who spoke in Herndon and Reston last week.

With Metrorail coming to Tysons Corner, Reston and Herndon, and HOT Lanes construction happening around the area, transportation is at the forefront.

“I’d like to put a bill in to remove the cap on the amount that the state can contribute to local projects,” said State Sen. Mark Herring (D-33). “There is currently a \$1 million cap.”

Theresa Martin of Reston, said that expecting the transportation problem to be fixed without more money doesn’t make sense.

“It’s unbelievable that they think we can solve our transportation problems without more money,” she said. “Thinking otherwise is like waiting for a miracle.”

State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) said that transportation is and will remain the top issue in this area.

“Transportation is the crisis facing this state, and we’re not getting any help from [Governor Bob McDonnell] other than borrow, borrow, borrow,” she said.

Redistricting is also a big issue, with the information collected during the 2010 census being used to reshuffle where districts are located.

Plum said he thought that Fairfax County would lose “about half a delegate seat”, and that Loudoun and Prince William counties would pick up a few seats.

Plum and Herring said they supported non-partisan redistricting, with Herring saying “it seems like a conflict of interest for legislators to draw their own districts.”

Debra Steppel of Reston said that the solution for redistricting could lie in planning down the road.

“If it’s too late to change the way we redistrict now, can we plan for the 2020 census?” she said. “No one knows who will be in power then, and if we can plan now, in 2011, it will likely get more support.”

Other issues were brought to the attention of the



From left, Del. Ken Plum (D-36) and State Sen. Mark Herring (D-33) listen to people’s concerns for the 2011 General Assembly session at Fox Mill Elementary Jan. 5.

legislators, such as McDonnell’s ongoing quest to privatize Virginia liquor stores and ways to boost Virginia’s economy.

Plum said the state income from liquor stores is now taken for granted, and any decrease in that income could be trouble.

“We’ve been in the [liquor] business for a long time, and we’ve gotten used to the \$250 million we get from profits and taxes” each year, Plum said. “If we’re going to start over, that’s fine, but opportunities that give a clear return to the taxpayer aren’t clear to me.”

Herring said that in his years of knocking on doors of his constituents, “not one person has said ‘I don’t like the system we have now, you need to fix this.’”

Reston resident Diane Blust said she wanted the General Assembly to “facilitate the purchase of Virginia-produced food products to be purchased by institutions, such as our schools.”

Plum said he agrees with that, calling it “the thing for institutions to do that creates an economy for local farmers to sustain what they do.”



Sarthak Sahu of Herndon

Winning Reflections

Herndon student wins Outstanding Interpretation Award.

Four students from Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) have earned the 2010-11 Reflections arts competition’s Outstanding Interpretation Award for their high school and the next level of competition, their geographic “cluster.” In November 2010, Sarthak Sahu, Lauren Huang, Rachel Merriman-Goldring, and Emily Zhou learned that they had advanced to the third level of the competition, the Northern Virginia district.

Reflections is a national PTA program that encourages student achievements in the arts. Each year, a new theme is selected and entries must reflect

it in some way. “Together We Can...” was the last year’s Reflections theme.

Sarthak Sahu, a sophomore from Herndon, submitted an essay in the Literature category. Here’s an excerpt: “If countries that were at the brink of war, insects, and even microscopic cells, can work together to better their own lives, then the things humans can do if they all work together is limitless. Together we can solve the world hunger crisis. Together we can save our planet.”

The final two levels of the Reflections competition are State and National.

Awards of Excellence and of Merit are also given, but only entries honored for Outstanding Interpretation advanced in the competition.

On Feb. 3, during a TJHSST Parent Teacher Student Association meeting, the students will receive their TJHSST awards for advancing in the Reflections competition. District level results are expected to be announced by early February.

SCHOOL NOTES

John W. Sample of Herndon has been accepted to The Graduate School at Virginia Tech. Sample is majoring in information technology and pursuing a master of information technology.

Ashima Gulati of Herndon has been accepted to The Graduate School at Virginia Tech. Gulati is majoring in computer science and applications and pursuing a master of science in the College of Engineering.

Zhongmin Ma of Herndon has been accepted to The Graduate School at Virginia Tech. Ma is majoring in computer science and applications and pursuing a doctor of philosophy in the College of Engineering.

Carmine A. Cafiero of Herndon has been accepted to The Graduate School at Virginia Tech. Cafiero is majoring in architecture and pursuing a master of architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Town of Herndon Holiday Schedule

Town of Herndon government offices and services will be impacted by the Martin Luther King holiday, Monday, Jan. 17 as follows:

Town Offices - Closed Monday, Jan. 17.

Refuse Collection - Refuse will not be collected. Refuse normally collected on Monday will be collected Tuesday, Jan. 18.

Herndon Community Center - Open 6 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. Classes held as scheduled.

Herndon Centennial Golf Course - Open 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (weather permitting)

For more information, visit the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

Open House to Discuss Town Budget

In preparation for the development the Town of Herndon's FY 2012 Budget, the town's management team will host an open house for all citizens to learn more about the costs associated with town services and programs.

"Your Town – Your Budget" will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 6-7:30 p.m., in the lobby adjacent to the Mary Ingram Council Chambers, 765 Lynn Street. The Herndon Town Council will be holding its regularly scheduled work session that evening, beginning at 7 p.m. in the chambers.

Directors from the departments of Public Works, Parks & Recreation, Community Development, Finance, Police, Town Attorney, Town Clerk, Public Information, Human Resources, Information Technology and Golf will be on hand to discuss one-on-one with citizens the services provided by their respective departments and associated costs.

The Town Council's first public hearing on the FY 2012 Budget will be held Feb. 8; at this hearing, the council will be seeking public input on budget priorities prior to development of the town manager's proposed budget. Town Manager Art Anselene will present his proposed budget to the council by April 1; the council must approve a balanced budget by June 30. The town's 2012 fiscal year begins July 1, 2011.

For more information, visit the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

NWFCU Issues Loyalty Reward Bonus Checks

Northwest Federal Credit Union (NWFCU) announced that its Board of Directors and Management Team rewarded a loyalty bonus in excess of \$4 million to its members. Amid a very difficult year for many financial institutions, Northwest Federal posted record earnings and had one of the most profitable years in its history. "We are pleased that Northwest Federal has remained profitable, financially safe and sound during these challenging times," said Gerrianne "Winky" Burks, NWFCU President/CEO. "Our success is due to the commitment and dedication of our membership. This Loyalty Reward is our way of saying thank you to our members for their ongoing patronage and support."

Northwest Federal developed a special program to mail loyalty reward bonus checks to its membership by Friday, Dec. 15, just in time for the holidays.

Classes for Seniors

Herndon Senior Center offers Feldenkrais classes for seniors 55 and older at a very low price. The Feldenkrais Method is a form of movement re-education that uses gentle movement and directed attention to increase range of motion, improve flexibility and coordination. The Feldenkrais Method could help those experiencing chronic or acute pain of the back, neck, shoulders, hips, legs, or knees, as well as healthy individuals who wish to enhance their movement abilities. Call the Senior Center at 703-464-62 00 for more information.

NEWS

Remembering the Best of Reston

Jack Corkey, 63, was recognized for nourishing the community.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Jack Corkey, who was honored along with his wife Laurie as among the Best of Reston in 2005, died suddenly Sunday at the age of 63. The Corkeys are well-known among the community for their work to help the hungry, homeless and ill.

Corkey was also the former owner of the Great Harvest Bread Company, which has locations in Herndon and Vienna, which he retired from in March 2010.

"Nobody in Reston had more friends than Jack Corkey," said Bruce Boston, who met Corkey in 1987 when he moved to Reston. "He was deeply involved in many community affairs."

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) said she was shocked at the unexpected news.

"I first heard of Harvest Bread when I learned of the effort they made to employ people with disabilities," she said. "It is a real loss to the community. When Jack came before the [Board of Supervisors], we expected him to be around much longer."

THE BOARD of Supervisors honored the Corkeys upon their retirement in March for "their contributions to improve the quality of life in Fairfax County." They cited the couple's work with Boy and Girl Scout troops, the Fairfax County Council for the Arts, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Giving Circle of Hope and the Elden Street Players.

They were recognized in 2005 as the Best of Reston for "Nourishing Our Community." In addition to their other work, they donated bread to St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Reston and were involved in the county's Meals on Wheels Program and Reston Interfaith. "[Jack] and Laurie were honored as the Best in Reston in 2005 for their work together over the years, nurturing the community with their hands-on service in so many areas, including volunteer support for Reston Interfaith's Embury Rucker Community Shelter and addressing our house and hunger needs locally," said Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Reston Interfaith. "Through Great Harvest they con-

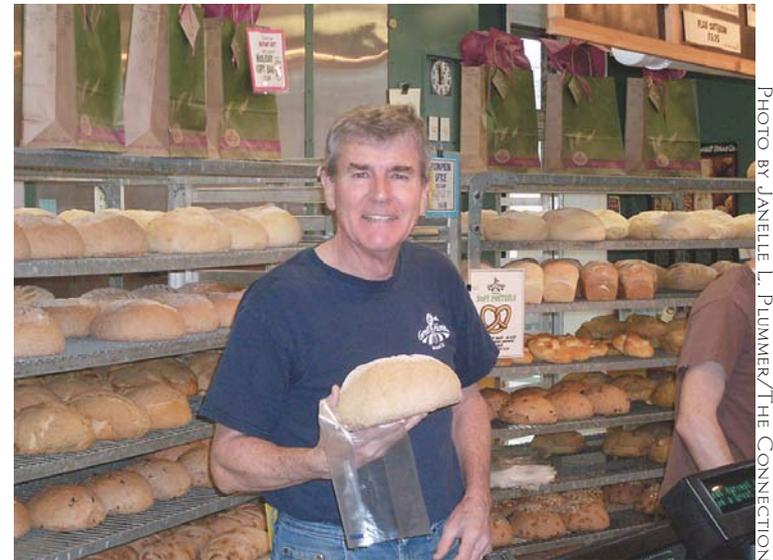


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Jack Corkey, previous owner of the Great Harvest Bread Company, died Sunday at the age of 63. Corkey, a Reston resident, was honored along with his wife Laurie in 2005 as the Best of Reston for "Nourishing Our Community."



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Jack Corkey and his wife Laurie are recognized by the Board of Supervisors March 23, 2010, upon their retirement. The Corkeys were honored for work with Boy and Girl Scouts troops, the Fairfax County Council for the Arts, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the Giving Circle of Hope and the Elden Street Players.

tributed bread and other resources to nourish so many in this community."

THEY CORKEYS opened Great Harvest in 1990, after visiting a similar bakery in Lexington, Ky. After being recognized in 2005, Corkey remained humble about their mission.

"We just do what we do," he said. "We don't do it to be honored."

Corkey had a special relationship with the joggers and bikers who used the W&OD trail, which runs right near Great Harvest's

downtown Herndon location.

"Jack was always there supporting the Bike to Work Day, and riders along the W&OD Trail were the best supporters of Harvest Bread," Hudgins said.

Boston remembered his friend as a man of many talents.

"Early in life he made his way as an actor, and his fine singing voice graced many weddings, including my own," he said. "Great Harvest was virtually a community cen-

"Nobody in Reston had more friends than Jack Corkey."

— Bruce Boston

ter, and the people who came there came because of Jack just as much as the bread."

NEWS



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Pictured (from left): Top Row -Kobe Rivas-Galdamez, Andy Rodriguez, Rund Abdelhaq, Leilani Johnson, Isaac Stephens, Dominic Parralez, Kathy Rivera, Nyseth Dubon-Mendez; Middle Row: Marcus DeRoche, James Clark, Susan Rahimyar, Kayla Gault, Maggie Hojnacki, Alvaro Vicuna-Velasco, Kierynn Proctor; Front Row: Natalia Jacobs, Colin Hogan, Loany Trigueros, Gianni Kuk-Espinoza, Aiyana Met, Riley Santoro, Trevor Ryan.

Holiday Mail for Heroes

Dranesville Elementary School participates in the program Holiday Mail for Heroes sponsored by the American Red Cross and Pitney Bowes. Wendy Larson's second grade class made holiday

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A systemized approach to the home buying process can help you to steer clear of these errors, allowing you to not only cut costs, but also to buy the home that best fits your needs. An industry report has just been released entitled, "9 Buyer Traps and How

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OPINION

Be Sure To Let Us Know in 2011

Reaffirming our mission in the new year.

As local, weekly newspapers, the Connection's mission is to bring the news you need about your community that you are not likely to get anywhere else — to advocate for community good, to provide a forum for dialogue on local concerns, and to celebrate and record milestones in community and people's lives.

At the Connection, we begin 2011 by looking for more input from our readers.

First, send us photos of you and your pet plus a few sentences for our Pet Connection, which will appear the first week in February. We'd like to have photos by Jan. 20.

Let us know how we're doing, and let us know what is going on in your part of the community.

We invite you to e-mail us letting us know about something you especially liked or didn't like about our coverage, and to write us letters to the editor.

We learn a lot from readers' ideas and questions. If you see something that you think might

be a story, or just something you wonder about, give us a call, or drop us a line.

We want to know if you have an idea for fixing traffic in your part of the world. We want to know if you've had a good or bad experience with local government or your schools.

We'd like to hear your ideas about how to make things better. If you know of a person or an organization that is interesting, doing important work, and might make a good feature story, let us know.

EDITORIAL

This year, almost every state and local elected official is up for reelection, and we will do our best to let you know why this matters and what you need to know in short bites with some longer analysis along the way. If you have questions you'd like us to ask candidates as we go forward, let us know.

We are looking for interesting people to feature in our pages each week. If someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show, these are all things that we want to know.

The Connection will publish photos and notes of a variety of community events and

milestones, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

We are also interested in events at your church, mosque, synagogue, community center, school, etc. Email or mail us a photo and a note about the event. Be sure to include the names of all the people who are in a photo, and say when and where the photo was taken.

We also publish notes about news and events in local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries and other accomplishments and events are welcome.

Our calendar of events lets people know about upcoming events. Send the information at least two weeks ahead of the event, and include a photo if possible. Events to be listed in calendars should be free or at nominal cost and open to the public.

In covering the issues, we strive to provide a voice for our readers. We look forward to hearing from you in 2011. We have a new website in the works (our current site has served us well but is best described as an antique) that will open up many more lines of communication. Stay tuned.

— MARY KIMM,

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Priorities for 2011

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

As we turn the page for the New Year, Fairfax County continues to face significant challenges. Our economy is on a slow road to recovery from the worst recession in decades. Residential and commercial property values are still too low, close to a thousand homeowners in Fairfax are still struggling with foreclosures and nearly 30,000 of our residents are unable to find work.

Despite these challenges, Fairfax County continues to be an exceptional place to live, work and play. We have taken advantage of some of the opportunities the economic downturn has presented. With the cost of construction at a record low, we have been able to realize long term savings in our capital program for parks and schools. We have also made organizational changes and found efficiencies that have lowered the cost of providing services while keeping taxes affordable.

Work has begun on the County's budget for Fiscal Year 2012. As the effects of the Great Recession linger, we estimate a projected shortfall in our \$3.3 billion General Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2012

of about \$50 million. Giving employees raises "as usual" would increase this shortfall by \$107 million — \$33 million for County workers and \$74 million for School employees.

When our Board adopts the budget in April, we will be investing in our community's priorities. The budget we adopt must be balanced and cannot include a deficit. As in past years, it is critical to have the community at the table with us as we consider funding decisions and I look forward to working with my colleagues and constituents through another community engagement process.

A number of things will happen in Fairfax County during 2011 in addition to adopting the budget — some Supervisor districts will change, 13,000 Defense employees will move to Ft. Belvoir, and state and local elections will take place.

In addition to these items, I will be working toward achieving several goals for the year ahead. These goals deal with growth and redevelopment, energy efficiency, and sustainability, economic development, and transportation.

Fairfax County's future is in redevelopment. As Fairfax County continues to grow, it is important that we get it right by encouraging growth where it can be sup-

ported by mass transit in compact, walkable mixed use developments. This will allow growth to happen in a way that protects the environment, our older stable neighborhoods and offers another life style choice that is desirable for our residents through all chapters of life.

Our vision for transforming Tysons is a model for future smart growth in Fairfax County. Look for development to advance during the next year (as a result of Comprehensive Plan changes in Tysons, Merrifield, Springfield and other redeveloping parts of the county) that will contribute to that vision.

In 2011, I will make encouraging innovation and collaboration for energy that is clean, efficient, sustainable, secure and reliable a priority. Energy efficiency is critical for industry to remain competitive in Fairfax County. It is also the right thing to do. In November I began plans for a Private Sector Energy Task Force that will work with our county staff and my office to identify strategies to realize progress toward meeting our energy goals.

In addition to clean energy, I will be working with our corporate neighbors in identifying and fostering the emergence of new industry sectors, such as personalized medicine and tourism. To-

gether with our business community we can build a new economy in Fairfax County, and emerge from the Great Recession stronger than ever.

And lastly, improving mobility in Fairfax County that incorporates multi-modal options for our workers and residents will be a top priority for 2011. We must continue to plan for and invest in pedestrian and bike routes, light rail, Metro, and the VRE, and ensure they connect to offer efficient mobility options.

Fairfax County offers a great quality of life. The most important ingredient in making that happen is the positive engagement of our community. I extend my warmest wishes for the year ahead as we work together to realize its promise.

Sharon Bulova
Chairman
Fairfax County Board of
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Mechanically Speaking

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

More than 30 members of the Herndon High School Robotics Team 116 gathered at the school Saturday morning to see what exactly they would be focused on for the next six weeks of their life.

The kickoff event for this year's For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) Robotics Competition featured a video broadcast all over the world from Manchester, N.H., which told them what this year's game would be.

"It's fun to spend time building something useful that you can do in school," said Samson Weiser, a senior who is in charge of working on the robot's mobility. "We get to use a lot of software and other equipment that other people wouldn't get a chance to do."

This year's theme involves a robot that has to pick up various shapes of inner tubes, and place them on a rack. Bonus points are awarded for placing the tubes in a certain order, as well as doing other tasks, such as having mini



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Children get a chance to play with robots at the Herndon Festival, where the Herndon High School Robotics Team sets up a booth. The team will be working on their robot for the 2011 FIRST Robotics Competition for the next six weeks.

robots climb towers placed in the middle of the arena.

"Tomorrow we'll start simulating the robots, seeing what strategy we'll take, how we'll design the robots," said senior Kunal Sarkhel, who works on the software for the robot. "The next six

weeks are going to be rough, but anyone who sticks around will come back in the future."

THE GROUP works for about four hours per day, three times a week, and does a seven-hour ses
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The Herndon High School Robotics team sets up a booth every year at the Herndon Festival, to allow the community to see what they are working on.

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1:00 pm

(Meeting to be held jointly with Senator Howell)
Location: Ingram Council Chambers, 765 Lynn Street, Herndon

3:30 pm

(Meeting to be held jointly with Senator Herring)
Location: Frying Pan Activities Center, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon

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Resident's of the 86th District, including Herndon, Sterling, and Oak Hill are encouraged to visit www.TomRust.org and fill out a legislative survey. The survey contains important public policy issues many of which will be considered by the Virginia General Assembly during its 2011 Legislative Session. Your opinions are very important; please take a few moments to complete the following survey.

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New in Town

Vapiano's brings stylish 'fresh casual' dining to Reston Town Center.

Vapiano's brings stylish 'fresh casual' dining to Reston Town Center.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The Vapiano brand has been called cosmopolitan eye-candy, sophisticated and edgy, and recognized by international magazines for being a "hot concept" and "trend-sparking."

But Vapiano is not one of Vogue's hot new Italian designers. It's an internationally-claimed restaurant chain that combines German efficiency with Italian flair. A new 200-seat restaurant is opening in Reston Town Center this March.

"I tried Vapiano's in Dulles Town Center after my girlfriends said 'let's go have lunch there,' and it's pretty good. It's definitely a very stylish place," said Christina Gonzales of Herndon.

SERVING traditional Italian food such as pastas, pizzas, soups and salads, Vapiano veers off the conventional food map with its ultra-modern decor and unusual ordering routine.

Instead of customers being waited on at their tables, diners are given a "chip card" that they swipe at each computerized food station. (Sounds complicated, but it's fun once you



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Vapiano – the trendy pizza and pasta bar – is opening its second Virginia location at Reston Town Center in March.

get the hang of it.) The menu features entrees of pasta or pizza, ranging from \$7 to \$10, based on the diner's choice of cheeses, meats, seafood and vegetables. Food is prepared exhibition-style by Vapiano chefs, who help guests pick and choose from a number of fresh ingredients listed on 5-foot chalkboards above each food station. Desserts, or Dolci, are classic Italian, such as Tiramisu or Crema di Fragola — fresh strawberries with mascarpone. Restaurants are typically 4,000-6,000 square feet, seat 150 or so guests and have a blended check average of about \$13.50 per guest.

In addition to traditional Italian favorites such as pasta with carbonara or pomodoro sauce, guests can also get something more innovative (as in, no one's Italian grandmother ever made this) with one of Vapiano's "signature" dishes, such as Tacchino Piccante (chicken

breast with orange-chili sauce, bok choy and bell peppers), or a prosciutto, fig and honey pizza. Vapiano's produces many ingredients in-house, churning out fresh pasta in a glass-enclosed showcase daily and picking herbs from a garden that grows within each restaurant.

The restaurant's modern image and vibe are the craft of Matteo Thun, one of Milan's star architects and designers. High ceilings, tall glass windows, contemporary light oak furnishings and natural stone compliment sophisticated Villeroy & Boch dinnerware and hip-pop-lounge music. The only fast-food touch is the cafeteria-style trays that diners must juggle back to their tables.

THE UNMISTAKABLE décor and imaginative food has created a huge customer fan base on sites such as Yelp and Trip Advisor, and blogs like Chocolate & Zucchini, and helped fuel the company's worldwide expansion.

"Vapiano is an emotional fuel-stop for people that love a modern, authentic and fresh casual dining experience," said Kent Hahne, President of Vapiano International. Hahne, who started his restaurant career at a McDonald's in Germany, founded the Vapiano chain in 2002 with several partners.

In 2007, the German company crossed the Atlantic to debut its first North American location in Arlington, quickly followed by three restaurants in the metropolitan D.C. area. The Reston Town Center store is its third Virginia location.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VAPIANO

Vapiano's interior design is stylish, sleek and chic. This restaurant on M Street makes a playful artistic statement with a wall of red hats.

ENTERTAINMENT

Send announcements to herndon@connectionnews.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnews.com.

THURSDAY/JAN. 13

International Guitar Night. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. With Clive Carroll, Alexandre Gismonti, Pino Forastiere and International Guitar Night (IGN) founder Brian Gore. \$25. www.wolftrap.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.

FRIDAY/JAN. 14

The Peabody Trio. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Chamber music. \$35. Wolftrap.org.

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.

Buskin & Batteau. 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk duo. \$22. Wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/JAN. 16

Annandale High School Choral

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in The Connection, send to herndon@connectionnews.com. Deadline is Friday.

THURSDAY/JAN. 13

2010 Reston Citizen of the Year Award. 7 p.m. Reston Community Center Hunters Woods. The Award will be presented to Dave Edwards by the Reston Citizens Association for extraordinary service to the community. Refreshments will be served.

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.

Blood Drive. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Northwest Federal Credit Union Herndon Branch, 200 Spring St., Herndon. With Inova Blood donor Services. Open to the public, advance registration requested at www.nwfcu.org/donate, sponsor code 5089.

FRIDAY/JAN. 14

Business, Bagels and More. 7:45 a.m. Holiday Inn Chantilly Expo Center, 4335 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Business networking with the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce. \$15-\$25. dullesregionalchamber.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 17

Give Together: A Family Volunteer Day. Dewberry Hall in the Johnson Center, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax.



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.

Department presents Broadway Desserts.

1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. George Mason University Cultural Arts Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia. Broadway show tunes and desserts. \$8-\$20. 703-916-0232 or pam.odom@verizon.net.

MONDAY/JAN. 17

Annandale High School Choral Department presents Broadway Desserts. 7 p.m. George Mason University Cultural Arts Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia. Broadway show tunes and desserts. \$8-\$20. 703-916-0232 or pam.odom@verizon.net.

TUESDAY/JAN. 18

Pat Wictor. 7:15 p.m. in the Back Room

Volunteer Fairfax is calling all families to volunteer, in conjunction with the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Projects are most appropriate to elementary school aged children, but can be completed by younger children with adult supervision. Service projects will benefit FACETS, Fairfax 4-H, Herndon Senior Center, the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, Operation Military Kids and the Orphan Foundation of America. Register at 703-246-3826 or www.volunteerfairfax.org.

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.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 19

The Advisory Board of the Northwest Center for Mental Health Services. 7-9 p.m. at Northwest Center for Community Mental Health, 1850 Cameron Glen, Reston. Volunteers are needed to serve and act as advocates for women's shelters, homeless shelters, etc. The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Contact Cleveland at 703-435-0868 or leadervilliams@gmx.com.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. 6:30 p.m. Reston Police Station, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive,

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Towne Drive, Reston. Practice English in a group with a volunteer facilitator. Adults. 703-689-2700.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 19

Baby Music. 10:30 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Children's music, rhymes and rhythms and more. 703-437-8855.

THURSDAY/JAN. 20

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

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.

Perú 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.

The Bigger Lights, Boys Will Be Boys and The Love Light at 6 p.m. and Fight The Bear, Overdrive Superthruster at 10 p.m. Jammmin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jammminjava.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 23

Chez Nous Reston Salon presents "U.S. Cultural Diplomacy and the Islamic World," 5-8 p.m. at Sunset Hills Montessori School, 11180 Ridge Heights Road, Reston. Ambassador Cynthia Schneider, Director, Arts and Culture Program, Saban Center for Middle East Policy, The Brookings Institution. Tickets \$35 (includes buffet) via paypal to: Najwa@NMSEnterprises.com or call 571-235-3556.

Reston. 703-204-4664 or 703-723-4657.

FRIDAY/JAN. 21

Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce Casino Royale. 7 p.m. Westfields Marriott, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly. Door prizes throughout the evening. A portion of the proceeds benefit the Chamber's scholarship fund. \$50-\$65. dullesregionalchamber.org.

SATURDAY/JAN. 22

Open House. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Boyds School, 13251 Woodland Park Road, Herndon. Serving infants through middle school. Year round and academic year program options available. 571-203-8686.

Open House. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The Boyds School, 11579 Cedar Chase Road, Herndon. Serving infants through middle school. Year round and academic year program options available. 703-404-9733.

TUESDAY/JAN. 25

Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Network Night. 5:30 p.m. M&T Bank, 1861 Wiehle Ave. #100, Reston. Networking, food and drink, door prizes and more. communications@restonchamber.org.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 26

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SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The Thomas Jefferson High boys' and girls' swim teams took on McLean in recent Northern Region action. The Jefferson boys (4-1) came away victorious, while the Lady Colonials (3-2) lost to the Highlander girls by five points.

The winning Jefferson boys' 200-medley relay team included Stephen Seliskar, a resident of McLean, and Miles Oakley, who resides in Fairfax. Jon Spitz (Fairfax) won the boys' 50-freestyle race, and Emily Saitta (Springfield) won girls' diving. Other first place finishes for Jefferson came from Brianna Kim (Fairfax) in the girls' 100-fly, and Seliskar in the boys' 100-free. The boys' 200-free winning relay included Alex Li (Oak Hill), Jack Borsi (Herndon), and Spitz.

Region-qualifying swims for Jefferson at the meet came from the boys' 200-medley relay, as well as individual swimmer Seliskar (200 IM and 100 free).

Both the Jefferson boys' and girls' teams, through four meets this winter, carried 3-1 records. Following a win over Fairfax, both of the Jefferson teams lost to Madison, but rebounded in a victorious double-header weekend against both South Lakes and Marshall.

Against a strong Madison team, the Colonial girls placed first and second in the 400 freestyle relay, with the teams of Sarah Liu (Annandale), Madison Phillips (Vienna), Mary Kate Dilworth (Clifton) and Katie Bennett (Arlington); and Katy Burgio (Alexandria), Aileen Huang (Herndon), Sarah Quettawala (Herndon), and Emily Bartlett (Broadlands).

In a strong rebound meet, both the Jefferson boys and girls were victorious against both South



The South Lakes High boys' basketball team was 6-5 overall following a Liberty District win over Stone Bridge last week. This Friday night, the Seahawks, under head coach Andrew Duggan, will be at home against district opponent Fairfax High.

Lakes on Friday, Dec. 17 and Marshall on Saturday, Dec. 18. Individual first place finishes against South Lakes came from both Stephen Seliskar (50-free and 100-fly) and diver Emily Saitta (Springfield), as well as Brianna Kim (100-fly) of Fairfax, Leah Gonzalez (100-free) of McLean, and Aedan Collins (100-breaststroke) of McLean. Saitta's diving qualified her for the regional meet.

Jefferson swimmers posting double digit time drops in the meet included Jack Borsi (200-free) of Herndon; Gonzalez (200 IM); and divers Sam Prestwood (McLean), Kristen Skowronski (Oak Hill), and Melody Wong (Fairfax).

Against Marshall, individual first place finishers for Jefferson included Mary Kate Dilworth (200 IM and 100-fly), Stephen Seliskar (100-free and 100-back), Jake Doran (500-free), Kelsey Rainey (500-free), Sarah Graham (100-back), and Aedan Collins (100-breast).

Paul Rupp, who has served as head athletic trainer at Oakton High School since 2000, has been named Secondary School Athletic Trainer of the Year by the Virginia Athletic Trainers Association (VATA). He will be recognized on Saturday, Jan. 15 at the VATA annual meeting in Richmond.

Rupp, a Certified Athletic

Trainer (ATC), is credited with transforming the Oakton High athletic training program into one of the flagship programs within the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) system.

"His demeanor with student athletes exemplifies a caring individual regardless of the severity of the illness or injury," said John Reynolds, the ATC at Marshall High School, who nominated Rupp. "The commitment to excellence and thoroughness of each care plan is a testament to his overall professional commitment to the profession of athletic training. Paul is a can-do person who is also the go-to person for fellow colleagues."

Working with a local family practice group, Rupp has established a sports medicine fellowship program, and is regarded as a teacher to the physicians in the program.

His commitment extends beyond the Oakton High community; he has been involved in the statewide Virginia High School League's (VHSL) Wrestling Weight Control program and has served as a statewide instructor for the certified measurer's workshop. In addition, Rupp is a past member of the VATA Secondary School Athletic Trainer's Committee, and former liaison to the VHSL Sports Medicine Advisory Committee.

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Herndon Swim Teams Making Good Progress

Hornets girls, boy's teams both preparing for postseason.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Recreation Center.

The wins have not come easily this winter season for the Herndon High boys' and girls' swim and dive teams. Nevertheless, the Hornets, competing in the always tough Concorde District, are showing improvement as the regular season heads into its final few weeks.

The Herndon boys were a well-seasoned, veteran squad a year ago.

This year, as a result of the graduation losses of 20 team members, including state-caliber swimmers Brian Via, Danny Camozzo, and Christian Polito, the Hornets entered the current winter season much younger across the board.

Herndon sophomore Conor Cudahy has been a nice bright spot for the Herndon boys. He has earned a Northern Region qualifier time in the 500-freestyle and is likely to earn a region qualifying time in the 200-freestyle as well.

"I think he should also qualify for states in both his events," said Herndon head coach Kathy McLaughlin, of Cudahy.

Other strong seasons on the boys' side have come from sophomore Jonathan Nguyen, who is close to region times in the 100-freestyle and 200-freestyle events, and senior/captain Ryan Williams, who is close to his region times in the 100, 200, and 500 freestyle events.

The boys' 400-freestyle relay team consisting of Nguyen, Williams, Cudahy, and sophomore Brett Petty, have qualified for regions.

"I am hoping that they make it to states," said coach McLaughlin.

The Herndon boys (1-3) defeated Centerville on Dec. 3. Losses have come to Robinson, Chantilly, and Oakton. The loss to the Cougars, 215-99, came last Friday night at Spring Hill

THE HERNDON GIRLS have several talented underclassmen swimmers in such team members as Ryan Murphy, Elizabeth McNulty, and Melanie Anderson, all of whom are ninth graders.

Ryan's prowess in the butterfly event has given the girls' 200-medley relay team a big boost.

Other members of the region-qualifying relay are senior/captain Molly Cudahy, junior Jenna VanCamp, and senior/captain Robin Brazier. The same foursome has qualified for regionals in the 400-free relay as well.

VanCamp has earned the girls' team's lone state-qualifying bid thus far - that occurring in the 100-breaststroke event.

Meanwhile, Brazier has qualified for regions in the 200-freestyle, 200-IM and 100-backstroke events.

"She has been my most versatile swimmer," said McLaughlin, of Brazier.

Cudahy is close to her region qualifying times in the 100-freestyle and 100-backstroke events. Also, Murphy is close to her qualifying times in the 100-butterfly and 100 backstroke races.

"I am hoping for some more swimmers to qualify for states," said McLaughlin, of her girls' squad. "The girls have only beat Centerville but we were close to beating Chantilly."

The Herndon High teams will celebrate Senior Night this Friday evening, Jan. 14 when they go up against Centerville again. The following Friday night, Jan. 21, will see the Hornets meet Oakton in the regular season finale.

The postseason will officially get underway on Thursday, Jan. 27 with the Concorde District Dive Championships at Audrey Moore Recreation Center. The district swim championships will take place Jan. 28-29 at Cub Run.

Home Life Style

Elegant and Efficient

Less is more as homeowners seek higher quality in smaller spaces.

BY JOSHUA BAKER,
PRESIDENT, BOWA
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

Today's homeowners are much more informed and educated about what they want in a home. Travel, home shows, the internet and a greater focus on the importance of transforming a house into a home, have led homeowners to be very particular about what renovations they do and how they go about them.

No longer are people limited to cookie-cutter plans from a builder selecting little more than the color of the tile or carpets. Instead today's homeowners have embraced the idea of actively participating in determining customized solutions that will best suit their family's needs, wants and lifestyle.

Here are remodeling trends that BOWA Builders predicts for 2011.

2011 Trends

PROJECTS – SMALLER AND BETTER

The trend to smaller, higher quality spaces continues as many local residents discover that what they need is not more space, but better space. Often when talking with clients about possible projects we find that making a home larger is not the answer to their concerns. The problem is the bulk of the existing homes in our area were not designed for the way we live today. Small, compartmented rooms, a kitchen that is meant to be occupied by two or three people at most and formal rooms that separate the family from each other are no longer the types of spaces families' desire. As a result today's home remodeling projects often focus on reconfiguring, opening up and otherwise improving existing spaces to better suit the way today's families live, play and entertain. Because many BOWA clients lead hectic schedules outside of the home, they continue to trend toward remodeling projects that create highly usable, comfortable living spaces in their home. Families want practical and appropriate spaces in their home retreats because they treasure their time there.

KITCHENS – TRANSFORMATION BY DESIGN Kitchens are the social center of our homes and need to accommodate a myriad of uses. While sometimes the solution is adding square footage, particularly in homes built 30 or more years ago, frequently the solution lies in re-thinking the layout and improving the connection to



One trend for 2011 is more efficiency, which can include spectacular windows in a major renovation like this one by BOWA, or small steps as a result of an energy audit.

surrounding spaces, both interior and exterior. In one BOWA project, the wall separating the formal dining room from the kitchen was removed completely, creating a spacious casual kitchen. The new expanded eating area was a much improved use of the families existing space, and is now consistent with their lifestyle and priorities.

THEATERS – AS LIVING SPACES

Media rooms have become more and more prevalent as families look for ways to incorporate the latest technology into their homes and lives. While these rooms began as home theaters they are evolving to fit many more aspects of family life. No longer is their sole purpose to showcase a movie while the audience sits quietly in the dark in rows of comfortable seating. Incorporating theater seating with lounge seating and counter space provides an opportunity to socialize with friends during the game or gather the family on a weekday evening. After a recent BOWA renovation, the theater is now used each evening as the family relaxes together with their own focus or project.

REPEAT REMODELERS Requirements for homes change as the fam-



A sophisticated media room renovation in McLean allows for much more than viewing movies.

ily grows and matures. Often what worked wonderfully when a couple is starting out with small children is no longer the best option as everyone gets older and schedules, hobbies and family dynamics evolve. Many families find that they decide to complete multiple projects during the life of the home. In other cases it just makes sense to phase projects to minimize interruption or spread the costs over time. Year after year, a number of BOWA clients return to us ready to take on the next phase of their home remodeling projects. For one local family, BOWA recently completed its fifth project including a family room expansion, a master suite addition and garage, a guest suite renovation, kids' bath renovations, and an exterior make-over.

HIGH PERFORMANCE HOMES

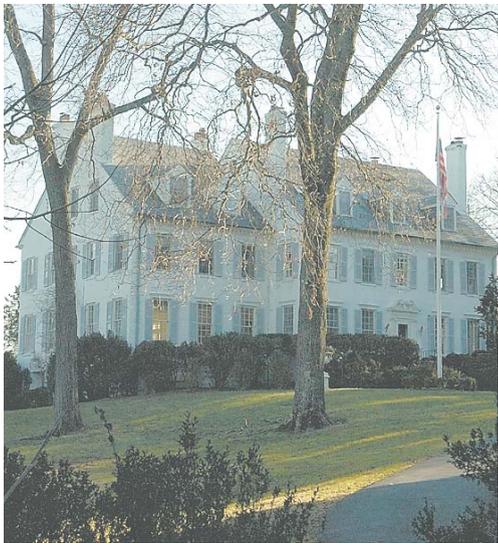
For some homeowners the desire to be "green" and minimize their impact on the environment will drive them to investigate new available options, such as high-efficiency windows. For others it is the desire to reduce the costs of maintaining a home. For still others it is to reduce the contami

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A look at some of the top sales of 2010



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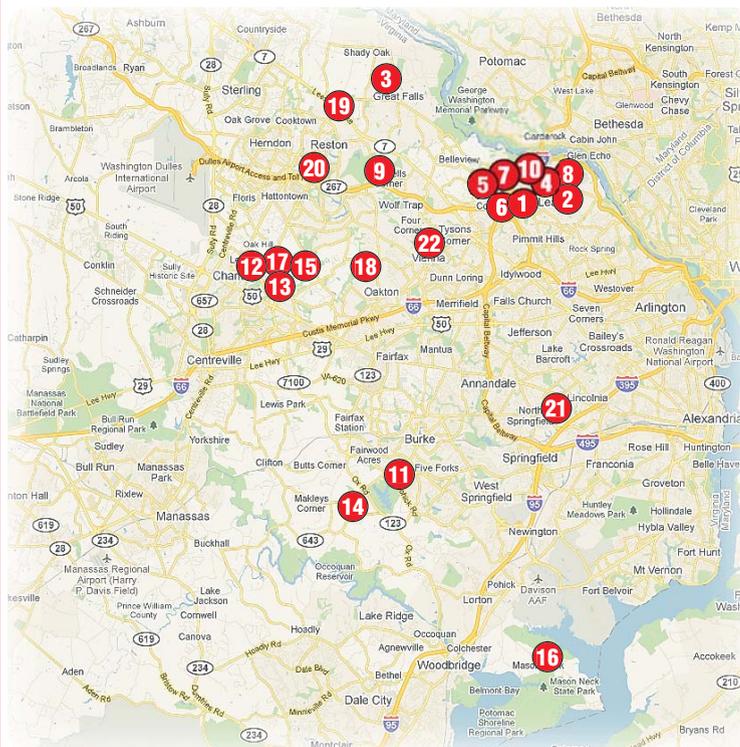
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1 1322 BALLS HILL RD NE	7	..	8	..	3	MCLEAN	\$10,200,000	..	Detached	..	2.05	ELMWOOD ESTS	10/28/10
2 1147 CHAIN BRIDGE RD	12	..	10	..	1	.....	MC LEAN	.....	\$8,250,000	..	Detached	..	5.63	.....	LANGLEY FARMS	.....	01/07/10
3 10350 ELIZABETH ST	7	..	10	..	3	.....	GREAT FALLS	.....	\$6,500,000	..	Detached	..	2.71	.....	GOULDMAN ACRES	.....	07/01/10
4 6622 MALTA LN	5	..	7	..	1	.....	MCLEAN	.....	\$6,160,000	..	Detached	..	1.00	.....	LANGLEY FARMS	.....	03/17/10
5 8113 SPRING HILL FARM DR	5	..	5	..	1	.....	MCLEAN	.....	\$4,402,132	..	Detached	..	1.17	.....	SPRING HILL FARM	.....	04/15/10
6 7301 DULANY DR	5	..	6	..	2	.....	MCLEAN	.....	\$4,335,000	..	Detached	..	2.19	.....	ELMWOOD ESTS	.....	08/12/10
7 7681 BALLESTRATE CT	6	..	6	..	3	.....	MCLEAN	.....	\$4,000,000	..	Detached	..	1.03	.....	THE RESERVE	.....	08/03/10
8 1127 LANGLEY LN	7	..	5	..	1	.....	MCLEAN	.....	\$3,850,000	..	Detached	..	0.60	.....	LANGLEY FARMS	.....	05/18/10
9 1532 CROWELL RD	5	..	5	..	3	.....	VIENNA	.....	\$3,750,000	..	Detached	..	2.83	.....	BROWNS MILL ESTATES	.....	11/11/10
10 7029 BENJAMIN ST	5	..	5	..	1	MCLEAN	\$3,603,350	..	Detached	..	1.10	LANGLEY FOREST	06/11/10

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12 3408 MEYER WOODS LN	5	..	4	..	2	FAIRFAX	\$1,310,000	..	Detached	..	0.83	THOMPSON ROAD PROPERTY	05/18/10
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16 11191 GUNSTON RD	5	..	6	..	1	LORTON	\$3,600,000	..	Detached	..	5.26	..	STONE MANOR ON THE POTOMAC	..	09/29/10
17 12827 PARAPET WAY	4	..	5	..	1	OAK HILL	\$1,350,000	..	Detached	..	1.20	OAKTON CHASE	07/23/10
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Painting Mugs at Herndon Elementary

Town Councilmember and President of the Council of Arts of Herndon, Grace Wolf, recently spent time with 3rd grade Herndon Elementary School students. With mugs donated by the Council of Arts, Wolf instructed the children in painting the mugs and then took the mugs to be glazed. The mugs were returned to the students before the winter break.



PHOTO BY KELLY HORNE

Business Voice in Richmond

Three area chambers continue partnership in addressing General Assembly.

Building on last year's successful collaboration of the Dulles Regional, Loudoun County and Greater Reston chambers of commerce, Northern Virginia businesses will, once again, have unprecedented representation during the 2011 legislative session through the Northern Virginia Chamber Partnership.

"Following an extremely successful 2010 General Assembly Session, the Northern Virginia Chamber Partnership will continue its focus in 2011 on promoting a strong, pro-business environment that enhances Virginia's and the Northern Virginia region's economic competitiveness, cultivates growth in all segments of our economy, and ensures adequate access to critical business infrastructure and resources," said

Mark Ingrao, President and CEO of the Greater Reston Chamber.

While the chambers of commerce within the Partnership each possess a broad and comprehensive public policy agenda, the Partnership has chosen to focus its advocacy efforts in the 2011 General Assembly session on several priority issue areas that are particularly important to their members, including: tax and regulatory policy; energy and environment; economic development; tourism and business travel; higher education; and workforce housing.

The region's leading business organizations in the Dulles Region (including the Dulles Corridor, western Fairfax, Reston and Loudoun County), the Commonwealth's most vibrant economic market, formed the Northern Virginia Chamber Partnership in 2010 to ensure the needs of area businesses are represented before Virginia's key public policy decision makers in state government.

Eileen Curtis, President and CEO of the Dulles Regional Chamber, highlighted that, "given that the Dulles Region is the single largest business district in the Commonwealth and is among the two most dynamic, growing business corri-

dors in the nation, we continue to believe that it is our role and responsibility to secure professional General Assembly representation, demonstrating our commitment to advocate for the interests of our members and the Northern Virginia community."

The Northern Virginia Chamber Partnership collectively represents more than 2,800 businesses and 100,000 jobs.

President of the Loudoun County Chamber, Tony Howard, said that, "the Partnership's leadership in advocating for the interests of Northern Virginia's businesses is particularly critical in this era of great economic difficulty and extraordinary pressure on state and local government budgets." The Dulles Regional, Greater Reston and Loudoun County chambers will continue to advocate for other policy priorities, such as healthcare, transportation and K-12 education funding.

Mindy Williams and Michael Carlin of Access Point Public Affairs, LLC, who are both long time supporters and leaders in the Northern Virginia business community, have once again been retained to represent the organizations during the 2011 legislative session.

Reston Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday

NPR's Michele Norris a keynote speaker.



Michele Norris

The 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration Planning Committee announces Michele Norris, NPR's host of All Things Considered, as the keynote speaker at the Reston 26th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration on Monday, Jan. 17.

The award-winning journalist with more than two decades of experience will reflect on the celebration's theme, "Are We Keeping the Promise?" Norris began hosting All Things Considered on Dec. 9, 2002, and was named one of Essence Magazine's 25 Most Influential Black Americans in 2009. Norris will also participate in a panel discussion on community service and volunteerism with Supervisor Catherine M. Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and Eileen Miller, Senior Consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton.

The Weekend Celebration begins with a performance by the Reston Community Orchestra at RCC Hunters Woods at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15. The celebration continues with the "Voices of Inspiration" concert

at the Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 16. The commemorative celebration on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day will be held on Monday, Jan. 17 at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods from 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Youth activities occur for registered participants from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Reston 26th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration weekend is presented by the Reston Community Center in cooperation with Martin Luther King Jr. Christian Church, the Office of Supervisor Hudgins, Reston Community Orchestra, and Reston Interfaith, with the support of many other religious and civic organizations, business groups, and schools.

Freezin' for a Reason at Lake Anne Plaza

Annual Polar Dip event set for Feb. 5.

Lake Anne Plaza will be filled with people of all ages dressed in crazy costumes and creative fare as they jump into bone-chilling Lake Anne for the 4th Annual Freezin' for a Reason Virginia Polar Dip on Saturday, Feb. 5. The event will kick off at 1 p.m. with plaza family activities and warm-up - with the dip scheduled to take place starting at 2 p.m. Registered participants will take a chilly full plunge or a "Chicken Dip" - to raise funds for Camp Sunshine, a national year-round retreat for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families.

The creation of the Virginia Po-

lar Dip was started in 2008 by Northern Virginia based Toth family after a long history with Camp Sunshine.

They first attended Camp Sunshine as a participating family in 1996 when their daughter Jennifer was a cancer patient at age 3, and they have returned as volunteers every summer since. After Jennifer participated in a Camp Sunshine Polar Dip in New Jersey, her family decided to bring the event to Virginia in order to help more local families. Since 2008, 180 people have participated in the Virginia Polar Dip raising over \$73,000 for the camp. The camp organizes nine polar dips on the East Coast each year.

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Of Maximum Importance



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

By the time this column prints on Jan. 12, 2011, I will have met with my oncologist and discussed the results of my end-of-December scans. Given the Jan. 5, 2011 due date of this column however (as was the case with last week's column), it is being written and submitted for copy-editing consideration before the Jan. 7, 2011 appointment with my oncologist will actually have occurred. Ergo the continuing uncertainty.

This kind of waiting and wondering and mind-racing-out-of-control is nothing new for me, nor is it for any patient, terminal or otherwise, who is scanned/X-Rayed and/or examined regularly (women waiting for the results of a mammogram certainly come to mind). And though I don't think I feel any differently (meaning symptomatic/worse), I do feel something. And that something is inevitability. Consider the fact that my oncologist initially told Team Lourie back on Feb. 27, 2009 that I had 13 months to two years to live and Feb. 27, 2011 (the end of that two years) is merely six weeks away, and I'm sure you can imagine the calendar-watching I'm obsessing on.

And as much as I want to, try to, ignore that original prognosis (I hesitate to characterize it as fact since medicine is, after all, a science; it's not arithmetic), it is nearly impossible to do so. Moreover, I have made many changes in my life since first receiving my cancer diagnosis, and they, presumably, along with my attitude, have served me well and likely enabled me to maintain an atypical quality of life (for a terminal patient, I mean) and to outlive that original prognosis. However, as a long-time salesman, I can't shake one of the adages that many of us have learned to live by: "Waiting for the other shoe to drop." Meaning, something negative is lurking – which you can't control. And the corollary to that adage/attitude is inevitability: the longer the news is positive, the closer it gets to being negative. (Or for non-terminal salespersons – in general: "Every 'No' is one step closer to a 'Yes.'")

Not that I'm depressed or on any kind of mental slide, it's more that I'm living a very time-sensitive existence, according to my oncologist. And having been diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer which, generally speaking, doesn't go away, and in my case is inoperable to boot, doesn't exactly enhance what quality of what life you do have. So minimizing anything that is happening to me: symptom-wise, diagnosis-to-date-wise or plain old words-to-the-wise-wise, is challenging to say the least; and the bane of that existence to say the most.

But what else is new? Nothing! This recurring quarterly cycle is of course familiar to me – at this juncture, and comfortable, sort of. I go to the same places, see the same people, follow the same routine. And for me, "same" is good as is "familiar." It lessens the impact and eliminates any of the awkwardness. All of which contributes to managing stress – and stress, as I've been repeatedly told, especially as it effects terminal/cancer patients, is a killer (literally and figuratively). And since being the exception that proves the rule has been my mantra, I am happy to find a path of less resistance.

Still, knowing what I know and doing what I do, doesn't make life any easier, it just doesn't make it more difficult than it already is. And simplifying the cancer tasks (as well as most others, if you want to know the truth) is my goal, because I've reached a point where I can no longer be bothered. I'm already bothered enough.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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NEWS



Vikram Sarkhel, now a senior at Herndon High School, demonstrates how to control a robot during a demonstration given at Herndon Elementary. The team is currently building their robot for the 2011 FIRST Robotics Competition, but also takes time during the year to mentor teams from other local schools.



The Herndon High School Robotics team performs some quick maintenance on their robot during the 2008 FIRST Robotics Competition. The 2011 competition kicked off Saturday, and the team has six weeks to build their robot.

Herndon Robotics Team Takes On New Challenges

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sion on Saturdays.

"It consumes a lot of time, but it's well worth it," said Thomas Gibson, a senior, who runs the team's inventor program.

Last year, due to the blizzard in February, the team had to put even longer hours at home and wherever else was open, because they couldn't get to the school. "The last two weekend days we did some 12-hour sessions," Weiser said. "They seal the robot in a bag with a time seal after the six weeks, so we couldn't get any extra time."

Dave Lavery, Herndon resident, program executive at NASA and a member of the Game Design committee for the competition, still remembers how he got involved in 1996.

"Some students in my neighborhood saw a piece on '20/20' about robotics, and came over ready to get involved in the competition," Lavery said. "We didn't have a clue about what we signed up for."

He remembers building "something that vaguely resembled a robot, if the light was low and you squinted." Then, thinking they had to take robot apart to fit it in FedEx boxes to get free shipping, they dismantled it.

He recalls getting there and seeing the opposing team using a crate, meaning they didn't have to take apart their robot, while they were sitting there with a pile of boxes.

"But they spent four hours helping us put together our own robot, and that's when I knew that this was something special," Lavery said.

Last year's competition involved soccer, and the robot had to be built to kick the ball in four goals, while maneuvering around a series of ramps, tunnels and towers.

There is a kit with certain parts that will be used, and the students use their ingenuity to find other parts that would work. Some parts, such as solenoids, are restricted to keep the playing field level.

"There are a lot teams from the inner city, and



The Herndon High School Robotics Team's robot participated in the 2008 FIRST Robotics Competition. This year will be the 16th year the team has participated in the contest.

other less fortunate schools around the world, and they don't want them to be at a disadvantage," Sarkhel said. "We all have to use the same battery and the same computer chip, they do a lot to level the playing field. That's the same reason the game changes every year, so veterans and rookies can compete at the same level."

TEAM 116 also mentors other robotics teams around the community, including the one at Herndon Elementary. Leaders at FIRST believe that such cooperation is what makes the competitions so special.

"Yes, it looks good on their college application, but it's something bigger than that," said Walt Havenstein, chairman of FIRST. "It's a wide open opportunity, knowing that everyone who participates can eventually turn pro in this sport."

More information about the competition can be found at www.usfirst.org, and more information about the Herndon High School team can be found at www.team116.org.