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**Herndon Vice Mayor Lisa Merkel cuts the ribbon at the grand re-opening of the Herndon Baskin Robbins Saturday. From left, Councilmembers Grace Han Wolf and Sheila Olem, "Coney," and owners Syeda Islam and Syed Ahmed hold the ribbon.**

## Herndon Has A Sweet Tooth

**Councilmembers, cheerleaders help cut ribbon at Herndon Baskin Robbins.**

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**H**erndon got a little sweeter Saturday, as members of the Town Council and cheerleaders from Herndon High School helped re-open the Baskin Robbins on Elden Street. In addition to face painting, a visit from "Coney," the Baskin Robbins Mascot and a DJ, guests were treated to free samples.

Owners Syed Ahmed and his wife Syeda Islam, who also own stores in Falls Church and Fairfax, are new to the Herndon community, but they said they have enjoyed the experience so far.

"We love the people here," Islam said. "They've been very friendly, and they came out to support this event, and we hope we'll see them again."

Ahmed said he looked forward to making the place a community hang-out spot once again.

"When we saw the store struggling, we decided to help lift it up, and at the same time become more involved in this community," Ahmed said. "Students like to come here, and we want to encourage that."

Ahmed and Islam made good on their commitment to Herndon right away, as they presented the Herndon High School cheerleaders with a \$250 donation to the school.

Coach Jenny Goff said though the squad, who recently won district and regional competitions and placed second in the state, wasn't in season, they still wanted to do something together.

"Even though we're not in season right now, they all wanted to come out and support the event, and we're having a blast," Goff said.

Julia D'Amato of Herndon, and her daughter Fiona, 4, came for a post-playground ice cream cone without knowing about the event.

"As we drove up we heard the music and saw the



**Members of the Herndon Town Council and the Herndon High School cheerleaders receive a check for \$250 to Herndon High School from the owners of the Baskin Robbins in Herndon Saturday.**

crowd of people, and wondered what was going on," Julia D'Amato said. "What a nice surprise to see what was going on, and Fiona even got her face painted and some free ice cream."

Though there were free samples of all kinds of ice cream, cake and other items, Fiona D'Amato kept it simple by sticking to her favorite flavor: vanilla soft serve.

"I only like vanilla, it's good everywhere I go," she said. "They were giving out other flavors, but I like to stay with what I know."



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**This video wall, at the new Dominion Power regional headquarters in Herndon, allows staff to monitor news, weather and other information for the more than 900,000 customers served by the new building.**

## New Dominion for Community

**Dominion Power holds open house.**

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**I**n what they hope will be the first of many community events at their new headquarters in Herndon, Dominion Power hosted an open house Jan. 11. The new building consolidated three of their local buildings, and President and CEO Paul Koonce said he hopes the ground-floor multi-purpose room becomes a hub for community activities.

"Before we didn't have a place where our constituents could meet, and we felt that was an important thing to have," Koonce said. "We hope this auditorium becomes a community center of sorts."

The company's Herndon, Reston and Pender facilities were all consolidated into the new building, which was designed to the specifications of staff and for their comfort when weather and other incidents require long shifts. The new building oversees more than 900,000 customers.

The building features a full kitchen and a lounge where employees can rest during the middle of shifts that can last more than 24 hours in certain cases. Some workers spent weeks at Dominion buildings during last year's blizzard.

"Having these amenities allows us to work long hours in a comfortable setting," said LeHa Anderson, manager for Media and Community Relations. "It's the nature of the work to put in long hours during storms,



**Paul Koonce, President and CEO of Dominion Power, welcomes visitors to the open house held at their new regional headquarters in Herndon Jan. 11.**

and even when shifts are over, employees can rest before they drive home. We want to keep them safe."

There are no offices that back up to windows, allowing the natural light to get to public areas, reducing the need for indoor lighting. The lighting fixtures that are used, as well as the HVAC systems are energy efficient systems.

Desks and carpeting are made from recycled materials.

Eileen Curtis, President and CEO of the Dulles Chamber of Commerce, says the business community is excited for the arrival of Dominion.

"It's exciting to have an energy company of the quality of Dominion here on our neighborhood," she said.

# Decide to Ride!

Local bicycling advocacy group drives plans to make county more “bike-friendly.”

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**F**ionnuala Quinn of Fairfax regularly hops on her Trek hybrid bike for local trips, including visits to the dentist, grocery store and book club meetings. A native of Dublin, Quinn grew up bicycling and using public transportation.

Bruce Wright and his wife, Kerie Hitt of Reston, also use their bikes instead of a car for many trips. For nearly 20 years, they commuted to work on their bikes on a daily basis.

As active members of Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), all three hope to make it easier for the other 200,000 bicycle-owners in Fairfax County to get out of their cars and onto their two-wheelers in the coming year.

“We often hear ‘I wish I could ride my bike to work or to school but it’s just not safe enough around here,’” said Wright, chairman and co-founder of FABB, which has a core membership of about 30 residents and an email list of 850 area cyclists.

“Since 2006, Fairfax County has become more bike friendly with the adoption of the county-wide bicycle initiative, but cyclists still need better-connected bike routes, secure bicycle parking and education programs to help them travel comfortably and safely,” Wright said.

**IN DECEMBER**, FABB was recognized by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for publishing a resource guide for cycling advocates in Virginia. The Guide for Reviewing Public Road Design and Bicycling Accommodations for Virginia Bicycling Advocates has become a popular guide for enthusiasts, outlining how to navigate the road design process.

“Agencies make critical planning, design and budgeting decisions that shape the new facilities that become part of the overall transportation system. This guide details ways advocates can influence the process,” said Quinn, a civil engineer who was the lead author of the guide.

“FABB is clearly focused on improving our quality of life and health by providing better opportunities for biking,” said Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill). “[The group] has already completed a key goal of inform-

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ing the community and providing directions on how to improve biking opportunities with its wonderful guide.”

Hudgins, who has backed many cycling initiatives, said she thinks cycling generally helps create more livable, healthy and sustainable communities by “connecting us as people.”

“I have a great foldable Dahon bike that is not getting enough use. I usually ride the pathways in Reston and the W&OD Trail when I have time, but not lately,” she said.

Supervisor John W. Foust (D-Dranesville), who named improving pedestrian and bicycle safety as two of his top priorities, agrees with Hudgins, and said he supports FABB’s efforts. “We need to encourage people to get out of their cars and exercise outdoors. Improving the trail and bicycle networks are excellent ways to do this,” Foust said.

Supervisor Penelope Gross (D-Mason) also said she welcomes the input of FABB and other cycling advocates who help determine “how and where we can get the best bang for our buck.”

“In my district, I have been working with my appointee to the Sidewalk and Trails Committee to identify those areas in Mason District that would be better served by improving bicycle connections. My appointee, and my new land use aide, who is an avid cyclist, recently took a cross-district bike ride to examine trails, stream valleys, and even culverts under I-395 for possible pedestrian and bicycle connections. It was a wet and dirty trek, highlighting the need for improvements,” Gross said.

**BICYCLE ADVOCATES** contend that cycling can improve quality-of-life issues such as traffic congestion, air quality and childhood obesity. But opinions vary among Fairfax County Supervisors as to

how much the County can and should do to make it more bicycle-friendly, particularly in a tight budget environment.

“I think there’s always room for promoting trails and promoting cycling,” said Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), but he differs somewhat with FABB’s approach. Instead of dedicated bike lanes on roads, he would like to see cyclists using Fairfax County’s 500 miles of trails (shared use paths), that crisscross the county and range in width from six feet to the newer 10-foot standard.

“Fairfax County has an award-winning trail system, and I think most cyclists would appreciate more trails as connections, rather than riding on the roads and competing with motorists,” Herrity said.

When the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the comprehensive bicycle initiative in 2006, a program committed to making Fairfax County bicycle-friendly, the plan established a full-time staff position devoted to bicycle facility coordination.

Wright and Quinn maintain that without the County’s hiring of Charlie Strunk, the bicycle coordinator for the county’s Department of Transportation, and Jeffrey Hermann, a transportation planner, Fairfax County would not have moved forward with recent projects that make the area more accessible to cyclists. “They have been invaluable in helping us with these initiatives,” Wright said.

Since 2006, several projects have been completed by the County, including:

- The County’s fleet of Connector buses were equipped with front-mounted bike racks;
- Creation of a county bicycle route map;
- Large annual increases in Bike-to-Work day participation;
- Bike lanes added along several streets including Lawyer’s Road,



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**FABB Chairman, Bruce Wright and long-time cyclist Kerie Hitt, of Reston, pose on their recumbent tandem bike with Fionnuala Quinn at the Fairfax County Government Center in December after receiving an award from the Board of Supervisors for FABB’s cycling advocacy guide.**

Gallows Road, Westmoreland Street and Wakefield Chapel Road;

- More bicycle parking – racks and municipal lockers at many locations, plus bike valets at several events;

- Accommodation of bikes in the HOT lane crossings being constructed over the Beltway.

“Fairfax County has a long way to go to be ‘bike-friendly,’ but I believe it’s moving in the right direction,” said Oakton cyclist Chris French, who regularly bicycles with his wife and son on the weekends, and also organizes bike rodeo safety sessions for his Cub Scout pack.

“The addition of bike lanes and other bicycle infrastructure improvements in part of the county, the Tysons Bicycle Master Plan, and energetic bike programs in Arlington and the district are all encouraging signs of progress,” but he would like to see initiatives that put cycling on a more equal footing with automobiles.

French regularly commutes from his home in Oakton to his job at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) in Tysons Corner. He said the commute – about 14 miles round-trip – started as something fun to do on a Friday in the summer, but the benefits were so great he evolved into a daily bicycle commuter about a year ago.

“Bike commuting has a lot to

offer. It’s a lot of fun, great for your physical fitness, an excellent stress reducer, reduces your carbon footprint, and improves air quality,” he said, adding that if none of that is appealing, bike-commuting also saves money. “As a daily commuter, I save more than \$1,000 a year on gas and related car expenses.” French is on FABB’s email list, but is not a board member.

**LAST WEEK**, FABB held its annual planning meeting, and announced its top two priorities for 2011. Wright said the group wants to work with Fairfax County to develop the county-wide bicycle master plan, similar to the Tysons Master Plan, and to educate the Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County Public Schools about the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. SRTS initiatives include creating more bike/walking lanes to elementary and middle schools, and teaching bicycle safety as part of the 5<sup>th</sup>-grade curriculum. On Feb. 1, FABB is scheduled to make its first presentation on SRTS to the Board’s Transportation Subcommittee.

“Ultimately, we think everyone can benefit by Fairfax County becoming more bike-friendly; it reduces congestion, allows residents the option of using a healthy, inexpensive way to get around, and reduces our dependence on foreign oil,” Wright said.

# WEEK IN HERNDON

## Groundhog Day at Frying Pan

Groundhog Day is almost upon us. According to folklore, if it is cloudy when a groundhog emerges from its burrow on this day, it will leave the burrow, signifying that winter will soon end. If on the other hand, it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly "see its shadow" and retreat back into its burrow, and winter will continue for six more weeks.

Although the national celebration held in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania will be held Feb. 2, local celebrations will take place Sunday, Jan. 30 at Frying Pan Farm Park.

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Frying Pan Farm Park is also presenting Groundhog's Day Out, a program which explores a groundhog burrow. Participants will learn about these creatures and how they "predict" the weather. The program takes place from 2 - 3:30 p.m. Enjoy crafts, games and hot chocolate but dress for the weather. The cost is \$5 per person.

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# OPINION

## Transportation Plan without Substance

Say no to liquor plan, a giveaway to big business.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

It's a major component of consumer protection and something we try to teach our children.

So consider this quote from Gov. Bob McDonnell on his latest plan for transportation funding:

"I'm asking all of you to support a plan that pumps billions into roads, creates tens of thousands of new jobs, adds no new debt, starts work now, and doesn't raise taxes."

Lots of money, no debt, no taxes. Not likely.

In fact, the governor's plan would take existing revenue that is paying for existing costs, like public safety and education, and forcing reallocation to transportation.

The so-called privatization of the liquor business would cost the state hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue that is currently being used for core state services, services that

have already been cut to the bone. The one-time infusion of up to \$400 million (literally not enough money to pay for a single new interchange on a highway) does not make up for the loss of revenue annually. Or the harm of possibly tripling the number of liquor stores in the state.

### EDITORIALS

Who would benefit? Very large retailers who would get almost all of the licenses to sell liquor.

Fixing the transportation debacle in Virginia will require new revenue. Gov. McDonnell is more interested in saying that he cut the size of government and turned more business over to the private sector than a meaningful fix for transportation. Right now, his proposal is to take the insufficient amount of money being spent on education, public safety and the safety net and spend it on roads instead.

The result will be irreparable harm and not nearly enough money to improve roads and transit.

Our legislators in the Virginia General Assembly should just say no.

Judge the governor's proposal for yourself, read it at [www.governor.virginia.gov/News](http://www.governor.virginia.gov/News) under Jan. 14.

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## Priorities for 2011

BY SHARON BULOVA  
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### COMMENTARY

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 supported 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 chap-



ters 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 in-

dustry sectors, such as personalized medicine and tourism. Together 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.

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## 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](mailto:Najwa@NMSEnterprises.com) or call 571-235-3556. January 23rd SUNDAY 5-8pm.

## MONDAY/JAN. 24

**Kids' Science.** 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Explore scientific topics through activities. Age 6-8. 703-689-2700.

## TUESDAY/JAN. 25

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**SpyCraft: the Secret History of the CIA's Spys from Communism to al-Qaeda.** 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Robert Wallace, former Director of the CIA's Office of Technical Services, and author of the CIA Manual of Treachery and Deception, will discuss his book and talk about and show examples of spycraft. Adults. 703-689-2700.

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## 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.

**Chicago City Limits: America Idles.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Improvisational comedy. \$24. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## FRIDAY/JAN. 21

**Chicago City Limits: America Idles.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Improvisational comedy. \$24. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## 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](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**The Bigger Lights, Boys Will Be Boys and The Love Light** at 6 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave.



PHOTOS BY RICHARD DOWNER

The Elden Street Players' production of "Rent" has been nominated for 18 WATCH Awards.

## Elden Street Players Lead WATCH Award Nominations

With 32 nominations, The Elden Street Players led the way as the Washington Area Theatre Community Honors announced the nominees for the 2010 WATCH Awards Jan. 16 at the Birchmere Music Hall in Alexandria.

Last year's production of "Rent" garnered 18 nominations - including Outstanding Musical—the most of any single community theatre production in the Washington region.

"Metamorphoses" and "W;t" were nominated for Outstanding Play. Nominees were selected from 121 productions that were adjudicated at 31 community theatre companies. In each of 38 categories, five nominees were selected based on the average scores of eight judges.

Winners will be announced at the WATCH Awards ceremony March 6 at The Birchmere Music Hall.

—JEANNE THEISMANN

## Elden Street Players WATCH nominations

### METAMORPHOSES

- Outstanding Direction of a Play, Evan Hoffmann
- Outstanding Makeup Design in a Play, Laura Fontaine & Jaclyn Young
- Outstanding Play
- Outstanding Set Construction in a Play, Marty Sullivan & Theresa Bender
- Outstanding Set Design in a Play, Evan Hoffmann

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# Strong Defense Continues To Define Herndon Hoops

## Hamilton nets 26 in Hornets' 61-40 win over Westfield.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**H**erndon High boys' basketball coach Chris Whelan, in his third season at the helm of the Hornets, has always stressed the importance of good overall team defense to his players. And Whelan's squads, much like his predecessor before him, former Hornets' head coach Gary Hall, seem to always excel at the defensive end of the floor.

That has continued to be the case this season for Herndon. The Hornets' defense appears to be getting better with each game. Last Friday night, in a 61-40 Concorde District home win over Westfield, Herndon's 'D' was particularly effective.

The 40 points allowed matched the fewest given up in a game by Herndon this season. Earlier this winter, the Hornets defeated Lake Braddock, 68-40, in a road contest on Dec. 7.

"We are really starting to defend which is going to make us extremely tough to beat in February," said Whelan, a former player at Herndon himself who learned all about the nuances of stellar defense from coach Hall. "Holding Westfield to 40 points was quite an accomplishment."

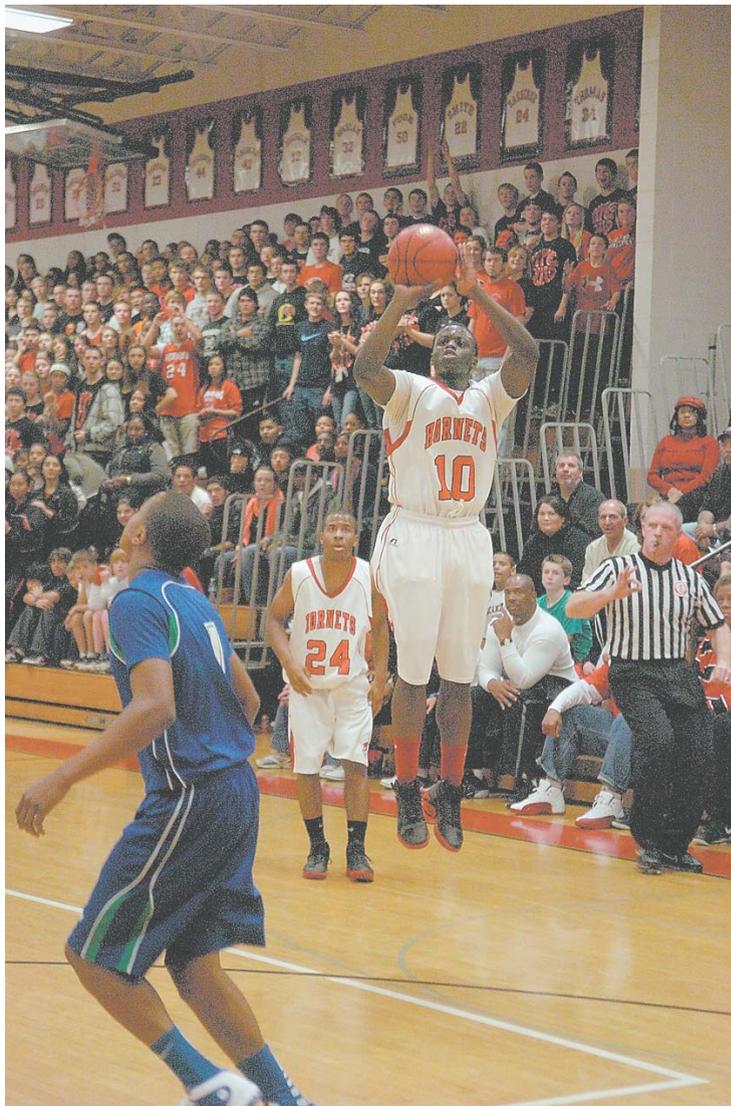
Herndon senior guard Austin Hamilton scored a game-high 26 points to lead Herndon, which improved to 11-3 on the season. John Beltran (11 points), a senior guard, and senior Nick Delgato (10) were also in double figures, while freshman Dorian Johnson and junior Pat McLaughlin both chipped in seven points to boost the Hornets' well balanced attack.

Only one Westfield player scored in double figures - Zach Elcano with 10 points. The Bulldogs, a much improved team this season, fell to 9-5 on the season.

Westfield led after one quarter 16-14. But thereafter, Herndon's defense totally shut down the guests. Herndon outscored the Bulldogs 23-10 in the second quarter to take a 37-26 lead into the halftime. In the second half, Westfield tallied just six points in the third quarter and eight in the fourth - a total of just 14 points following the intermission. Herndon totaled 24 second half points to earn the decisive victory.

Herndon's top scorer at this point in the season is Hamilton, averaging nearly 24 points per game. Beltran is next at close to 13 points per outing, followed by McLaughlin (9.2 points). Other scoring contributors this season have been senior forward Raleigh McKenzie and freshman DeAndre Thomas, both averaging around six per contest.

In another game last week, Herndon won a district game at Centerville, 76-50, on Wednesday. The Wildcats, following a winning season last year, are



**Herndon sharp-shooter Austin Hamilton (10) is averaging close to 24 points per game this season. The Hornets (11-3) will be at Chantilly this Friday night.**

just 4-10 this season. Hamilton (22 points), Beltran (17) and Delgato (13) were all in double digit scoring for the Hornets, who outscored Centerville 23-11 in the first quarter to take early control. McLaughlin contributed eight points for the Hornets, who led 43-25 at halftime.

Herndon was scheduled to play district games this week against visiting Robinson on Tuesday, Jan. 18 and this Friday night, Jan. 21 at Chantilly High.

**OVER THE HOLIDAYS**, Herndon traveled to South Carolina to take part in the Bobcat Classic showcase. The Hornets delivered big time by winning all three of their tournament games, including a 73-62 finals win over Spring Hill High of Columbia, S.C.

In the championship game win, Beltran, Matt Stevens and Hamilton each nailed huge, long range three-pointers to help secure the late lead. Hamilton was named tourney MVP.

In Herndon's first round tournament win, the Hornets rallied in the final minute to defeat Atlanta's Forest Park High. Whelan's team then defeated Ooltewah High (Tenn.), 58-51, in the semifinals. Beltran joined Hamilton on the all-tournament team.

## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**Laurel Hill Golf Club in Lorton**, which is owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority, has been selected by the United States Golf Association (USGA) to host the 2013 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship. The dates of the championship will be July 15-20.

"It is a tremendous honor for the USGA to have selected Laurel Hill Golf Club to host this national championship," said Peter Furey, director of golf for the Fairfax County Park Authority. "This selection speaks well for the vision of the Park Authority and Fairfax County in transforming a once desolate and underutilized property into a beautiful and challenging test of golf. A championship like this draws competitors from public-access courses and speaks well of the Park Authority's mission in public golf."

Designed by Bill Love and opened in 2005, Laurel Hill Golf Club is situated on rolling terrain that previously housed the District of Columbia Corrections facility at Lorton.

For more information about Laurel Hill Golf Club, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/laurelhill/>.

**Herndon/Reston Youth Softball (HRYs)** registration has started for the Spring 2011 season for all new and returning players! Register before Feb. 1 to avoid registration fee increase. Go to [www.hrysfastpitch.com/](http://www.hrysfastpitch.com/) registration.

HRYs is a girls' fastpitch softball league serving players ages 6 to 18 in the greater Herndon-Reston area. Many of the players go on to play on their high school varsity and JV teams. Separate spring and fall competitive house seasons are run with the objective of serving all the girls of the community regardless of skill level.

**The Vienna Girls Softball League** is holding on-line registration at [www.VGSL.org](http://www.VGSL.org). Girls ages 5-to-18 in Northern Virginia are invited to sign up for all levels of play, from T-ball to competitive fast-pitch softball. Clinics for softball basics are now being held. Teams will be formed and practices will be held in March, with league play running from April through early June.

**The Marshall High School girls' lacrosse program** is offering a healthy alternative to staying home this coming teacher workday. Girls,

ages 8-to-18, can sign up for the Lady Statesmen Winter Lacrosse Clinic. Unlike other area clinics, the Statesmen Clinic will run all day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is only \$65. Equipment and supplies for the camp will be provided for free, including stick and goggles. Each child, however, will need to bring their own mouth guard. The Clinic will offer sessions for beginner to advanced players. A staff of high school and Div. 1 college players will be on hand to at the camp. For additional information please contact coach Depaz at [ncdepaz@gmail.com](mailto:ncdepaz@gmail.com), or visit <http://www.fcps.edu/MarshallHS> to download the clinic registration form.

**Madison and Fairfax High** competed in a Liberty District swim/dive meet last week. The Warhawks, of Vienna, won the boys' competition, 204-111. Meanwhile, the Madison girls' team also was victorious in a recent match versus district opponent South Lakes, 187-128.

First place finishers for the Madison boys in the meet with Fairfax were: Tom Fenninger (200 free), Evan Owens (200 individual medley), Austin Chute (100 backstroke), and Howe Wang (100 breaststroke). The Warhawk boys' 400-free relay team of Fenninger, Joe Capra, Wang, and Owens was also victorious. Madison's Ryan Fox finished first in dive competition.

Meanwhile, first place finishers for the Madison girls versus South Lakes were Laura Kellan (200 free, 500 free) and Sami Fletcher (100 breaststroke). The Warhawks' 400-free relay team of Ellie Westfall, Bev Dobrenz, Fletcher, and Kellan also finished in first place.

**The Greater Vienna Babe Ruth Baseball League (GVBRL)** will continue holding walk-in registration sessions for the Spring 2011 season on Friday, Jan. 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center (120 Cherry St., Vienna). All first-time players must register in person. Returning players may use online form. Information is available at [GVBRL.org](http://GVBRL.org).

The organization looks forward to a banner year, drawing on recent All-Star successes; improvements to Waters Field, the league's home playing site; and the hosting of last summer's state tournament.



PHOTOS BY MELANIE MILLER-CVILIKAS

The cast of Herndon High School's Choral Department's 'On Broadway,' which will open this Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m., with additional performances at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, Friday, Jan 28, and Saturday, Jan. 29.

## Herndon High Chorus Presents 'On Broadway'

The Herndon High School Choral Department will be taking its audience to New York City's musical destination with their "On Broadway" performance. Under the direction of Jim and Dana Van Slyke, the performance is an hour and a half filled with many well-known musical numbers that range from the past to present day including selections from Smokey Joe's Café, Hair, She Loves Me, Sunday in the Park with George, Bye Bye Birdie, and Legally Blonde.

According to Choral Directors Jim and Dana Van Slyke, the show allows them to feature many talented young singers in roles that they might never get a chance to play.

The Choral Department's "On Broadway" performance will open this Thursday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. and will continue with performances at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 22, Friday, Jan. 28, and Saturday, Jan. 29, at Herndon High School's Auditorium. Tickets are \$10; 65 and older, 11 and younger \$5.

Visit [Herndonchoir.com](http://Herndonchoir.com) for more information regarding this program and the Choral Department of Herndon High School.

—AMIR NOORBAKSH



From left, Ian Gildea, Micala Fox, Nick Lytle, Jennifer Logan, Andrew Perry, Chelsea Robinson, Matthew Fredrickson, and Ashleigh Markin rehearsing musical numbers that will be featured in HHS Choral Department's 'On Broadway' performance.



Herndon Choral Director Jim VanSlyke working with the cast of 'On Broadway' during a rehearsal.

Herndon Choral students, from left, Jessica Homet, Kathleen Jo Garcia, Sydney Gaver, Tessa Kelly, Megan Overton, and Emma Miller-Cvilikas rehearsing musical numbers that will be featured in the HHS Choral Department's 'On Broadway.'



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The Herndon High students will perform with other outstanding musicians from District XII in concert on Feb. 5 at Chantilly High School.

## Herndon High Students Make All District Band

Fourteen Herndon High School Band Students were chosen to represent HHS in the Virginia Band and Orchestra Directors Association All District Band, and three will serve as alternates. The students will perform with other outstanding musicians from District XII in concert on Feb. 5 at Chantilly High School.

The following students have been selected:

Wind Ensemble (and All-State eligible): Wes Amonett (tuba), Kevin Hopkins (oboe, English horn), Matt Larson (trombone), Ryan Little (horn), Kat Lopes (piccolo), An-

drew O'Connell (trombone); Symphonic Band: Adrian Ahn, Molly McAnany, Samhita Nelamangala (clarinet), Jacob Bennett (bari sax), Kat Lopes (flute), Leann Poirier (bassoon), Sean Quaresima, Caitlin Williams (trumpet). Alternates: Olivia Brady (tenor sax), Kevin Lovering (trombone), Adam Trapp (bass trombone). The Herndon High School Band is directed by Kathleen Schoelwer.

For more information, contact Kathleen McAnany, HHS Band Parents Association. [kamcanany@yahoo.com](mailto:kamcanany@yahoo.com)

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### 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](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

**Snow, Snow, Snow! Preschool Storytime.** 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Songs, rhymes and stories about winter weather. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-437-8855.

**Winter Wonderland.** 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Fabulous fox tales for families. All ages. 703-689-2700.

### THURSDAY/JAN. 27

**The Big Guise.** Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, 697 Spring St., Herndon. A Herndon-based rock band. [www.thebigguiseband.com](http://www.thebigguiseband.com). 703-435-JIMS or [www.jimmystavern.com](http://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](http://www.eldenstreetplayers.org).

## Players Garner 32 Nominations

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Outstanding Set Painting in a Play, Karl Meier & Kate Meier  
Outstanding Special Effects, Theresa Bender et al  
Outstanding Stage Combat Choreography, Katherine Frattini

### MURDER IN GREEN MEADOWS

Outstanding Sound Design in a Play, Alan Reichert  
Outstanding Special Effects, Brian Farrell et al

### RENT

Outstanding Costume Design in a Musical, Judy Whelihan & Susan Devine  
Outstanding Direction of a Musical, Todd Huse  
Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical, Mickey Daniel DaGuiso as "Angel Dumott Schunard"  
Outstanding Featured Actor in a Musical, Christopher Prince as "Tom Collins"  
Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical, Richelle "Rikki" Howie as "Joanne Jefferson"  
Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical, Chelsea Reba as "Mimi Marquez"  
Outstanding Hair Design in a Musical, Laura Fontaine

Outstanding Light Design in a Musical, AnnMarie Castrigno  
Outstanding Makeup Design in a Musical, Laura Fontaine  
Outstanding Music Direction, John-Michael d'Haviland  
Outstanding Musical  
Outstanding Properties in a Musical, Theresa Bender & Eliza Wolfe  
Outstanding Set Construction in a Musical, Marty Sullivan & Bill Behan  
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Outstanding Set Painting in a Musical, Mary Rose Vasko & John Vasko  
Outstanding Sound Design in a Musical, Stan Harris  
Outstanding Special Effects, John Bordeaux & Todd Huse

### W:T

Outstanding Direction of a Play, Gloria DuGan  
Outstanding Lead Actress in a Play, Lorraine Magee as "Vivian Bearing, Ph.D."  
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## Not Just Any Wednesday



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Today is the first Wednesday – in three week intervals, going back nearly 22 months, on which I haven't been scheduled for my regular/recurring chemotherapy, per doctor's orders, of course. Given the fact that I've semi-outlived my original prognosis (13 months to two years) and that there are few lung cancer patients who've been infused with Avastin for as long as I have (and lived), according to my oncologist, he decided, pending the still unknown/undiscussed results of my end-of-December scans, that I skip this week's chemotherapy. He wants to wait and see. The risk-reward of continuing to introduce this poison into my system with its potential harmful internal side effects is a constant concern, trying to balance the positive with the negative. The negatives being breathing problems, hypertension, muscle weakness, among others. The most-positive being remission.

Twice before, during my most intense chemotherapy (March '09- July '09, a "cocktail" of three drugs infused for six hours every three weeks) when my white blood cell count was too low, the treatment was delayed one week to allow the cells to regenerate. Fortunately they did – on both occasions, and my treatment continued. That stoppage was, of course, precautionary – and prudent. The stoppage now (perhaps it too will simply be for one week) seems more serious.

Not because of any health reason per se, other than the obvious, but more so because of treatment protocols and how I think I will be monitored going forward: differently for sure, less frequently, presumably. What this likely change in frequency means to me is, that my treatment will now become more reactive as opposed to the feeling/sense that it has been proactive. And what little I know about medicine and health care is, advocating and being proactive likely saves more lives than depending/waiting and reacting does. I can't get the oil light illuminating on the dashboard advisory out of my head: if the light comes on, it's already too late; the damage is done. Being too late is what I'm afraid will now characterize my treatment. Generally speaking, stopping treatment/medication, etc., is better than starting but who knows? The doctors don't, and that's the problem now that I've lived beyond the original prognosis.

And it's the doctors not knowing that's unsettling. Being the exception that proves the rule (I'm still alive) has its benefits but, in so proving, you end up where few have ever been before. Uncharted territory doesn't begin to accurately describe where I feel I find myself now as I near/pass the end of my original prognosis. Where do I go from here? Treatment-wise, routine-wise, frequency-wise. On one hand, living this long – and believing what I believe, feels like a leap of faith. On the other, I feel like I've earned the extra time. And if I've earned any extra time, I've earned it doing what I've done; treatment, routine, frequency – diagnosis-to-date. The last thing I want to do is change what I've been doing. It got me this far, farther than my oncologist anticipated/advised on Feb. 27, 2009, so why would I want to change? I don't think I do but, apparently change is exactly what's coming; it's happened already. No chemotherapy this week. Hopefully, it's a change for the better.

But I'd rather not hope, I'd rather know. (So would the doctors.) I'd rather be monitored as closely as I have, not as closely as future symptoms dictate. Being asymptomatic – so far, has been a blessing. As I consider/anticipate the future, my fear is, now it will become a curse.

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This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,351,447-\$237,000 range.

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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
12607 WINTER WREN CT	4	4	1		OAK HILL	\$1,351,447	Detached		0.21	RESERVE AT STONE HILL
12810 ROSE GROVE DR	6	5	1		HERNDON	\$1,245,000	Detached		0.83	OAK HILL RESERVE
12600 WINTER WREN CT	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$1,141,648	Detached		0.25	RESERVE AT STONE
12610 WINTER WREN CT	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$1,066,000	Detached		0.20	RESERVE AT STONE HILL
3101 PINE OAKS WAY	5	4	1		HERNDON	\$977,000	Detached		1.03	BENNETT FARMS
2857 FOX MILL RD	4	2	1		OAK HILL	\$742,000	Detached		2.70	WINTERBERRY
2500 CAMBERWELL CT	4	3	1		OAK HILL	\$725,000	Detached		0.39	MONROE MANOR
2988 FRANKLIN OAKS DR	5	4	0		HERNDON	\$680,000	Detached		0.30	FRANKLIN OAKS
2616 PADDOCK GATE CT	4	3	1		OAK HILL	\$635,000	Detached		0.30	SYCAMORE RIDGE
100 ANTHEM AVE	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$609,990	Townhouse		0.08	DARLINGTON OAKS
1534 THURBER ST	4	4	1		HERNDON	\$594,975	Detached		0.24	RIDGEGATE WOODS
3220 NESTLEWOOD DR	4	3	1		OAK HILL	\$590,000	Detached		0.25	FRANKLIN FARM
13203 TUCKAWAY DR	4	3	1		OAK HILL	\$582,000	Detached		0.32	FRANKLIN FARM
3102 STILL POND CT	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$567,000	Detached		0.27	FRANKLIN FARM
13172 FOX HUNT LN	3	3	1		OAK HILL	\$500,000	Townhouse		0.06	GREAT OAK
13157 ROUNDING RUN CIR	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$500,000	Detached		0.22	FRANKLIN FARM
13170 FOX HUNT LN	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$485,000	Townhouse		0.04	GREAT OAK
543 VAN BUREN ST	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$472,235	Townhouse		0.05	DARLINGTON OAKS
12323 CLIVEDEN ST	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$460,000	Detached		0.20	DRANESVILLE ESTATES
135 FORTNIGHTLY BLVD	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$420,000	Townhouse		0.03	FORTNIGHTLY SQUARE
2415 TERRA COTTA CIR	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$416,000	Townhouse		0.04	COPPERMINE CROSSING LAND
13577 BIG BOULDER RD	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$415,000	Townhouse		0.05	SQUIRREL HILL
2830 FOX MILL RD	3	3	0		HERNDON	\$403,850	Detached		2.00	NONE
1114 DEVON ST	4	3	1		HERNDON	\$401,000	Detached		0.21	HUNTERS CREEK
12832 FRAMINGHAM CT	4	3	0		HERNDON	\$399,500	Detached		0.24	FOX MILL ESTATES
3032 BURCHLAWN ST	4	2	1		HERNDON	\$396,000	Detached		0.20	WEST OX CLUSTER
2452 MOUNTAIN MILL PL	3	2	2		HERNDON	\$395,000	Townhouse		0.06	COPPERMILL
13168 DIAMOND MILL DR	3	2	2		HERNDON	\$385,000	Townhouse		0.04	COPPERMILL
2069 CAPSTONE CIR	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$381,250	Townhouse		0.04	ROCK HILL
12305 STREAMVALE CIR	3	2	1		HERNDON	\$375,000	Detached		0.19	KINGSTREAM
12806 ELDRIDGE LN	5	3	1		HERNDON	\$375,000	Detached		0.26	KINGSTON CHASE
13175 ASHNUIT LN	3	2	2		HERNDON	\$375,000	Townhouse		0.05	MCNAIR FARMS LANDBAY 12
3415 DOE RUN CT	2	3	1		HERNDON	\$375,000	Detached		0.19	FRANKLIN FARM
3133 WEST OX RD	2	2	0		HERNDON	\$365,000	Detached		0.86	N/A
2558 JAMES MAURY DR	3	2	2		HERNDON	\$360,000	Townhouse		0.04	MCNAIR FARMS WEST
13154 KIDWELL FIELD RD	2	2	1		HERNDON	\$349,000	Townhouse		0.03	MCNAIR FARMS LANDBAY 11
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12639 FANTASIA DR	4	3	0		HERNDON	\$338,975	Detached		0.20	KINGSTON CHASE
2434 CORN CRIB CT	2	2	1		HERNDON	\$330,000	Townhouse		0.04	MCNAIR FARMS LANDBAY 2
13191 DASHCO WAY	3	2	2		HERNDON	\$330,000	Townhouse		0.04	COPPERMILL
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2541 LOGAN WOOD DR	2	2	1		HERNDON	\$285,000	Townhouse		0.02	MCNAIR FARMS
1018 JEFF RYAN DR	4	2	0		HERNDON	\$279,000	Detached		0.29	TREESIDE
12702 FANTASIA DR	3	3	0		HERNDON	\$275,000	Detached		0.20	KINGSTON CHASE
1140 CYPRESS TREE PL	2	4	0		HERNDON	\$272,000	Townhouse		0.04	PARKWAY PLAZA
704 BIRCH CT	3	3	1		HERNDON	\$255,000	Townhouse		0.09	COURTS OF CHANDON
1256 WILSHIRE DR	3	2	0		HERNDON	\$250,000	Detached		0.25	DULLES PARK
13188 MARCEY CREEK RD	3	2	0		HERNDON	\$240,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			FOX MILL STATION
713 FALL PL	3	2	0		HERNDON	\$237,000	Detached		0.21	FOUR SEASONS

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