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**Capt. Debi Burnett, Reston District station commander, will retire this month after more than 28 years in law enforcement.**



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## Commander Leaves Legacy

**Capt. Debi Burnett says she tried to create 'a special partnership' between police, community.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s a student at Northern Virginia Community College in the early 80s, Reston District Station Commander Capt. Debi Burnett didn't even have law enforcement on her radar. But her neighbor senior year talked her into taking a few classes in law enforcement, and after ridealongs in Prince William County and Washington, D.C. she was hooked. Now more than 28 years later, Burnett is looking forward to the next phase of her life.

Burnett has been the station commander in Reston since 2006, but cut her law-enforcement teeth on patrol in the Mount Vernon district. While Burnett says being a commander is great, she also said the most fun she had as a police officer was while an officer on patrol.

"As a patrol officer, you're locking up bad guys, and that's fun, that's what we all got into police work to do," she said. "I can remember working the evening shift in Mount Vernon, and the calls just kept coming in, back to back, and just running up and down the highway. The camaraderie was spectacular, and that's where I really learned to take pride in being able to work cases. Now I don't lock people up, but I make broader decisions with a bigger impact."

While she makes the decisions that impact the community around her, Burnett says she has always believed in the give-and-take between the police and the public they serve.

"Starting in the fall of 2006, traffic safety has been a top priority because we heard from a lot of citizens who said that was an area of need," she said. "This community is so supportive of the police, and I think we've developed a special partnership."

**LT. T.J. ROGERS**, Burnett's assistant station commander since June 2009, says he has learned a lot about police work since working with Burnett.

"I've learned a lot from the way she analyzes things, the way she looks at problems gave me a lot of in-

sight," he said. "Her perspective isn't canned, it's always innovative and original."

She says one of her proudest accomplishments is reducing what she calls constant "quality of life" crimes, such as drunken and disorderly conduct, along the Parcher Avenue corridor near the Dulles Toll Road.

"There was significant amount of frustration from the residents on how to stop them," she said. "But we took a multi-faceted approach, which included the principal of Hutchinson Elementary and the Crown Plaza manager, and officers went in there with a zero-tolerance approach. Now we know not to tolerate the kind of behavior that affects quality of life."

She also recalls the efforts of the bike team along the pathways in Hunters Woods in Reston, which was being disturbed by vagrants.

"Those pathways are integral parts of this community, and by making our bike team more visible, especially during the summer months, we were able to make a difference," she said.

Maurice Sovern, a Reston resident who has been involved with the Citizens Action Council and the Chief's Council for the Reston District for more than 30 years, says Burnett's approach to the community has helped foster a positive relationship between the police and the community.

Now that she won't have a police station to go to for the first time in more than 28 years, Burnett says she has plans to ease the transition. She plans to go to Botswana for a month in May, and drive down Africa's east coast to South Africa.

"I've been to Africa five times, and it's always a place I've felt is special," she said. "And Botswana is just one of those countries I feel drawn to."

**EVEN AS SHE PLANS** her post-police life, her analytical mind doesn't stop. Johannesburg brings to mind the carjacking statistics in the city. That train of thought leads her to talking about celebrities from South Africa, like Dave Matthews and Charlize Theron. Mentioning Theron leads her back into the world of crime when she recalls that Theron's mother killed her father.

"She's always full of trivia," Rogers said. "When she's gone, I'll have to look elsewhere for my odd news."

But Burnett says there's nothing trivial about the camaraderie she's built with the many officers she's served with during her tenure.

"It's the job itself I'll miss the most," she said. "I'll miss the officers and the camaraderie most of all."

## RA Candidates Debate: What capital facilities, if any, do they think the Reston Association should add?

— ALEX McVEIGH



**Jason Carlo**, At-Large candidate

"An indoor tennis facility has been the clear and obvious on that's on the tip of everyone's tongue. I am a believer in indoor tennis. I want it to be done right, with all residents in mind, but I think that anything that improves Reston's ability to be as active in the winter months as they are in the summer months is where the focus needs to be."



**Andrew Sigle**, At-Large candidate

"Our first priority should be to maintain and revitalize what we have. The youngest original pool we have was completed in 1994. The capital budget to refurbish and maintain our facilities sits at about \$1.7 million per year. A study the [Reston Association] board has done recently was probably adequate for the short term, but it would need to grow in the medium term. It is prudent to begin slowly increasing that budget now."



**Victor Van Rees**, Hunters Wood/Dogwood candidate

"The current RA budget had a lot of capital facility funding and increased assessments. For our district, color coating a tennis court and resurfacing a basketball court. Last year a lot of money for swimming pool enhancement, and now a proposed \$1.5 million the board is considering for a super pool. I have to think our district has other pressing needs... Let's try, for at least a year, creating a budget with no capital funding projects and no increase in assessments to burden homeowners. Let's find matching fund sources, county, state, foundations, merchants, developers, etc. to fund small, more practical initiatives for members, such as assistance for home and common area improvements."



**Donovan D'Souza**, At-Large candidate

"We need to renew Reston, not re-create it. Our existing facilities and resources need a face-lift. New additions are inevitable, but the decisions should not be made lightly. We need to maximize our available resources. Reston has great walkways, 55 miles, that are a fantastic resource."



**John E. George**, At-Large candidate

"We don't know what the members really want. What I'd like to do is take a comprehensive benchmark survey using scientific methods so we can find out from our members what recreation services they like, how we're doing and what they want. After we know that, then we can talk about the future."

From left, Eleni Georgiov (sixth grade, Forest Edge), Elizabeth Shaw (fifth grade, Dogwood), Lauren McCormick (fifth grade, Sunrise Valley), Shruti Ray (sixth grade, Sunrise Valley) and Bailey Kim (fifth grade, Lake Anne) construct a Rube Goldberg device at Dogwood Elementary Saturday. The session was one of more than 20 different ways for girls to learn about math and science.



PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

## Getting Girls Into Math and Science

Dogwood Elementary hosts annual Girls Excelling in Math and Science conference.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

More than 250 girls gathered at Dogwood Elementary School Saturday morning to learn about careers in math and science. The annual Girls Excelling in Math and Science conference gathered women business leaders, professionals and students to teach sessions designed to get the girls interested in math and science.

The classroom on the second floor was filled with educational sessions, with girls learning about veterinary medicine, the properties of water and the properties of acids and bases. One session, balloon “flinking,” which involves using weight to keep a helium-filled balloon from floating or sinking, was

too interesting to pass up.

“I thought ‘balloon flinking’ sounded really cool,” said Naomi Feist, a fifth grader at Forest Edge Elementary. “And it was really cool, trying to figure out how to make it work.”

Lila Schandler, a fifth grader at Forest Edge Elementary, said her favorite activity was the egg drop, where the students used straws and rubber bands to build a protective cocoon that would allow an egg to be dropped without cracking.

“I thought if we built a rubber band ball and then alternated straws and Popsicle stick would make a good cushion,” said Schandler.

This was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the GEMS confer

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Shreya Chappidi, a fifth grader at Floris Elementary, tries to make her balloon ‘flink,’ which means that it neither floats or sinks.



From left, Mikaela Walker, a sixth grader and Sherry Xie, a fifth grader, from Sunrise Valley Elementary, experiment with ways to use paper to keep a plastic figure afloat.

How do you think events like the GEMS (girls excelling in math and science) help promote math and science among girls?

—MONIKA BAPNA



**Robyn Cochran**, principal of Dogwood Elementary School and one of the three sponsors of the conference

“It helps to inspire girls. The presenters have jobs in the field of math and science and [the girls] get to see some jobs in the real world. I think it’s important for them to connect to their future goals and aspire for jobs in these fields, and know what it takes. It encourages them to work hard in middle school, high school and in college.”



**Jenny Vanier-Walter (with daughter, Giselle)**, works in the school’s administration at the Dogwood Elementary

“It makes them aware of what professions are out there and gets them excited and interested in math and science.”



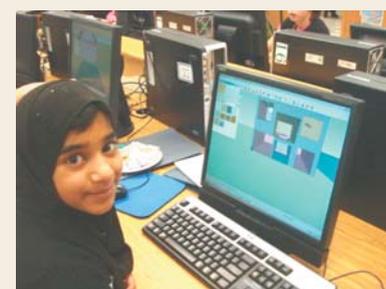
**Rashmi Shrivastava (right) - with husband Alok Shrivastava** and daughter who goes to Forest Edge Elementary

“I am not sure about promoting, but it’s a fun way to get out of studies. In these workshops the students learn a lot, like interaction and leadership. And [the workshops] are fun, so they don’t feel like they are learning, which is tedious to them.”



**Gigi Castle**, one of the organizers and Title 1 Math teacher at the Dogwood Elementary

“It started out as a one day conference and has turned into something huge. It lets the girls know about activities and fields related to math and science, and most importantly it gets them excited about it.”



**Bisma Amsa**, 5th grader at Island Creek Elementary school

“My dad wants me to be an architect and I want to be an architect too. I came to this class because my friends were coming, but we got separated. I don’t mind because [the class] is really fun.”

**The Reston Chorale Altos.**



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL & KATHLEEN DRISCOLL MCKEE

## Reston Chorale Concerts Sold Out

**T**hey had to bring in extra chairs, lots of them at last weekend's Reston Chorale concerts.

The Chorale filled the Reston Community Center to beyond capacity at 6 p.m., and then did it all over again at their 8 p.m. performance. It seemed everybody in Reston decided to come hear a large selection of Broadway popular music that spanned about 80 years. Composers from Cohan to Sondheim were sung by the entire Chorale, but also by a great numbers of soloists, duets and small groups.

Director David Lang chose an audience-pleasing program that resulted in both concerts receiving standing ovations. Assistant Director Luke Frazier helped lead sev-



**Reston's Sopranos.**

eral numbers, Bobby Tartaglia and the Reston Chorale Trio performed throughout the evening and Ralph Cosham was the narrator. The au-

dience included Bob and Cheryl Simon, long time supporters of the Chorale.

— MICHAEL MCKEE



**Director David Lang chose an audience-pleasing program that resulted in both concerts receiving standing ovations.**

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As this report shows, most home sellers

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# OPINION

## Note to Gov: Sign the Autism Bill

Bipartisan effort supports early treatment.

**A** new law to mandate very basic and limited insurance coverage for treating autism in young children awaits the signature of Gov. Bob McDonnell. The added coverage will be a lifeline to many families already coping with major challenges.

The bill passed by wide margins with wonderful bipartisan support (including all of our Northern Virginia legislators). It passed 29-8 in the Senate; 73-24 in the House of Delegates.

The governor is facing a major lobbying effort by some business and insurance company interests to veto the bill, and he has not yet said what his intentions are. The law would save money over time, because it will result in young adults with autism functioning at a higher level.

Contact him and urge him to sign this bill into law.

<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/contact.cfm>; (804) 786-2211.

### SB 1062/HB 2467 verbatim:

Health insurance; mandated coverage for autism spectrum disorder. Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and treatment for ASD in individuals from age two to six, subject to

an annual maximum benefit of \$35,000 of coverage for applied behavior analysis. This requirement does not apply to individual or small group policies, contracts, or plans. The mandate will also apply

EDITORIALS

## Safe for Saint Patrick's Day

Plan ahead to get home safe after celebrations.

**W**hile the City of Alexandria holds its Saint Patrick's Day parade early, that leaves that much more time for celebration on the day itself, March 17.

The Saint Patty's Day SoberRide program will offer 12 hours of safe passage from 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 17th until 4 a.m. the following day impaired drivers off the road during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

First, plan ahead to manage this yourself: leave your car at home, take public transportation, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn't available.

But if you find yourself needing a ride, area residents 21 and over celebrating with alcohol can call the SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a free, safe way home (up to \$30 cab fare).

to the state employees' health insurance plan and to the local choice health program. This measure will not apply to an insurer, corporation, or health maintenance organization, or to government employee programs, if the costs associated with coverage exceed one percent of premiums charged over the experience period.

Last Saint Patrick's Day, 525 possibly impaired people used the SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired. More than a third of traffic fatalities on Saint Patrick's Day and the early morning hours of the next day are alcohol related nationwide.

Sponsors of this year's Saint Patrick's Day SoberRide include the Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association, as well as some of the area's Irish restaurants, including Ireland's Four Provinces and Murphy's, Ri Ra and Sine Irish pubs.

Since 1993, this program on targeted holidays has provided 51,718 safe and free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the area. See [www.soberide.com](http://www.soberide.com).

## Coming Home Empty-Handed?

BY JACK KENNY  
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN CLUB  
OF GREATER RESTON

**T**he General Assembly has adjourned for the 2011 Short Session. What remains to be worked on is a Special Session on Redistricting and the "Veto" session where the Governor's inputs are considered. Our local Senator and Delegate expressed their objectives on Jan. 5 at the Reston Community Center. ("Pitching Ideas to Richmond", Reston Connection, January 12-18, 2011, Page 3). Other than the big issue of transportation, the issue of privatizing the ABC stores and some minor issues, little was offered.

Now that the session is adjourned, significant accomplishments were achieved. Fiscal responsibility guided the majority. After erasing a \$4 billion budget deficit (created by the tax and spending Kaine administration) over the past two years, the House first worked to make the Virginia Retirement System more stable for the future. (Del. Plum should be appreciative for that). FY 2012

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will require a modest increase in contributions from our state employees to their retirement fund.

New spending proposals got a close look; one-time savings were used to fund only non-recurring costs; minimizing the state debt became an objective, given the possibility of Department of Defense personnel reductions that will impact the unemployment rate in the Tidewater area and possible Federal insourcing actions in Northern Virginia, and the Rainy Day Fund got additional funds. Our major job-creating engine: small business received relief from a previously imposed requirement to early pay business taxes (a budget gimmick). Over \$4 million in fees imposed on the hospitality industry were rolled back and higher education got an extra \$100 million for science, technology, engineering and math (the STEM program). Thus, the House came up with a clean, balanced budget that is within our means.

Unfortunately for us, our elected representatives didn't fare so well.

No bills were patroned (introduced) addressing transportation improvements except to extend HOV privileges to clean fueled vehicles. One bill provided for a tax increase - tabled. Two bills provided tax relief to special interest groups. One bill opened up absentee balloting to all comers without an excuse. However, two other bills tinkering with elections were left on the table - effectively killed for this session. Our lawn fertilizer will not contain phosphorus: perhaps we will see a small improvement in cleaning up the Bay. Our lawns may suffer somewhat. Who knows?

The bottom line, "Red Light" Plum and "Out-of-Order" Howell came home with crumbs for us. We still will have burgeoning Toll Road taxes, a gridlocked Tysons Corner, a jammed up Rt-7, and bumper -to-bumper traffic during rush hours on the Fairfax County Parkway. We will still contribute 82 percent of our taxes to the rest of the state. Let's retire the non-performers and elect candidates who will focus on our pressing problems: transportation, jobs and economic growth on Nov. 8, 2011.

### LETTERS

## Assembly Held Hostage

To the Editor:

In the February 16-22 issue, the lead editorial opined that Governor McDonnell should sign the recently passed legislation "that would require some insurance companies to provide limited but critically important coverage for therapy for children with autism." Yes, I agree completely that the governor should sign the bill. However, the editorial fails to criticize the General Assembly, in particular the House of Delegates, for not providing more. The sad truth is that the coverage truly is "limited" and that the General Assembly again shows how it is held hostage by corporate power, in this case the insurance companies.

The article by Julia O'Donoghue in the same edition provides the broader picture. While 23 other states have passed bills on mandated autism coverage, the one passed by Virginia is the most limited. Virginia's will only apply to children aged 2-6 and will have an annual cap of \$35,000. Most other

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# OPINION

## Back from Richmond

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Anyone who has ever been several time zones away for a period of time knows the feeling of exhaustion that can come with returning home. The tired feeling that can last for a couple of days is known as "jet lag." Even though I had only been in Richmond since early January, I have the same kind of feeling. The drive to Richmond on late Sunday nights and the return home on Friday evenings takes only two hours each way. The 10 to 12 hour workdays of intense debate of issues that sometimes seem to be from worlds away can be rather trying.

This session saw a slew of bills taking on federal issues from immigration to air and water quality. Not unlike the nullification debates of the past, these debates

attempt to assert state authority over that of the federal government. At the end of the session there is relief that the debates in the House to point out the ridiculousness of the arguments helped the Senate to defeat most of them.

The debate really does matter even when you are in a minority without the votes to get anything passed on your own. I led a series of debates on the House floor pointing out the serious loss of funding to public education in the House version of the budget. Localities would have lost an additional nearly \$100 million for their schools by the House budget on top of the nearly \$1 billion that had been cut over the past several years. State funding of schools that is supposed to average 55 percent of cost has slipped to less than 44 percent. Ultimately the arguments I made that were supported by the Senate prevailed and the funding for schools was in-

creased beyond the level of the Governor's budget. For Fairfax County alone, that meant going from losing \$5 million in the House budget to gaining \$4 million over the Governor's budget in the final conference committee report. In fact, the conference committee was able to make such strong improvements in the budget that their report was adopted unanimously by both houses of the legislature. To see parts of the debate, go to YouTube and search "Delegate Ken Plum on 1/24."

Over the next couple of weeks I will discuss other issues and how they were dealt with this legislative session. It is great to be back home amidst the people of the 36th district for whom I have the greatest admiration. By the time you read this column I will have already bounced back to take on the issues of the redistricting session. Thank you for permitting me to represent you. I am honored to do so.

### LETTERS

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states allow a wider age range (some into adulthood) and have a higher cap (one has no cap at all). And the number of families who might benefit from the mandated therapy coverage is extremely limited since the legislation does not apply to companies with 50 or fewer employees, does not apply to large companies that self-insure themselves, and does not apply to people who do not have health insurance through an employer but instead must buy insurance on the open market. Since the article points out that "at least 55 percent of people in Fairfax work for self-insured companies," it is easy to see how limited the legislation is.

And, so, for many families, the insurance companies will not

have to provide the therapy at all and, when they do have to, will only have to pay for therapy for a small age-subset of people and a small cap. It is easy to see again that the General Assembly has bowed to the insurance companies. For the most part, insurance companies will still get away with what the mother of a child with autism says: "Some insurance companies charge higher premiums if an autistic child is on the policy. They charge more but they refuse to pay for treatment." And, as another autism advocate says: "When a parent gets a diagnosis of autism from a doctor, they also get a prescription for therapy like speech therapy and behavioral intervention and they will file a claim with their insurance company. Then, the insurance company will send a letter back say-

ing that the treatment is not medically necessary."

The editorial is correct that we should be happy that the bill passed and we should hope that Governor McDonnell signs it, but remember that the insurance companies have won again. And don't be swayed by the self-congratulatory statements of some of the members of the General Assembly. It's one thing for Del. Tim Hugo (R-40), one of the sponsors of the legislation in the House, to say that he was "moved by some of the testimony he heard from parents around the state." But, if he was really "moved," he would have fought for legislation that would have benefited far more than the limited number helped by the bill.

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# Fairfax County REAL ESTATE

## 2011 Assessments

Hunter Mill Supervisor **Cathy Hudgins (D)** saw her assessment stay flat this year, unlike most Reston households that saw a slight increase in their home values. Her 2011 assessment, the same as last year, was \$545,440



Dranesville District Supervisor **John Foust (D)** saw a 4.29% gain in his property value when compared to 2010. The county valued Foust's house at \$2,765,510 last year and \$2,884,060 this year. Most McLean homes saw a smaller bump in their home values.



Lee Supervisor **Jeff McKay (D)** saw a slight increase of .58% in his home assessment in 2011. Last year, his home was worth \$641,330 and this year it is valued at \$645,030. Most households in Alexandria ZIP codes saw a larger bump of 1.64% in their real estate assessments.



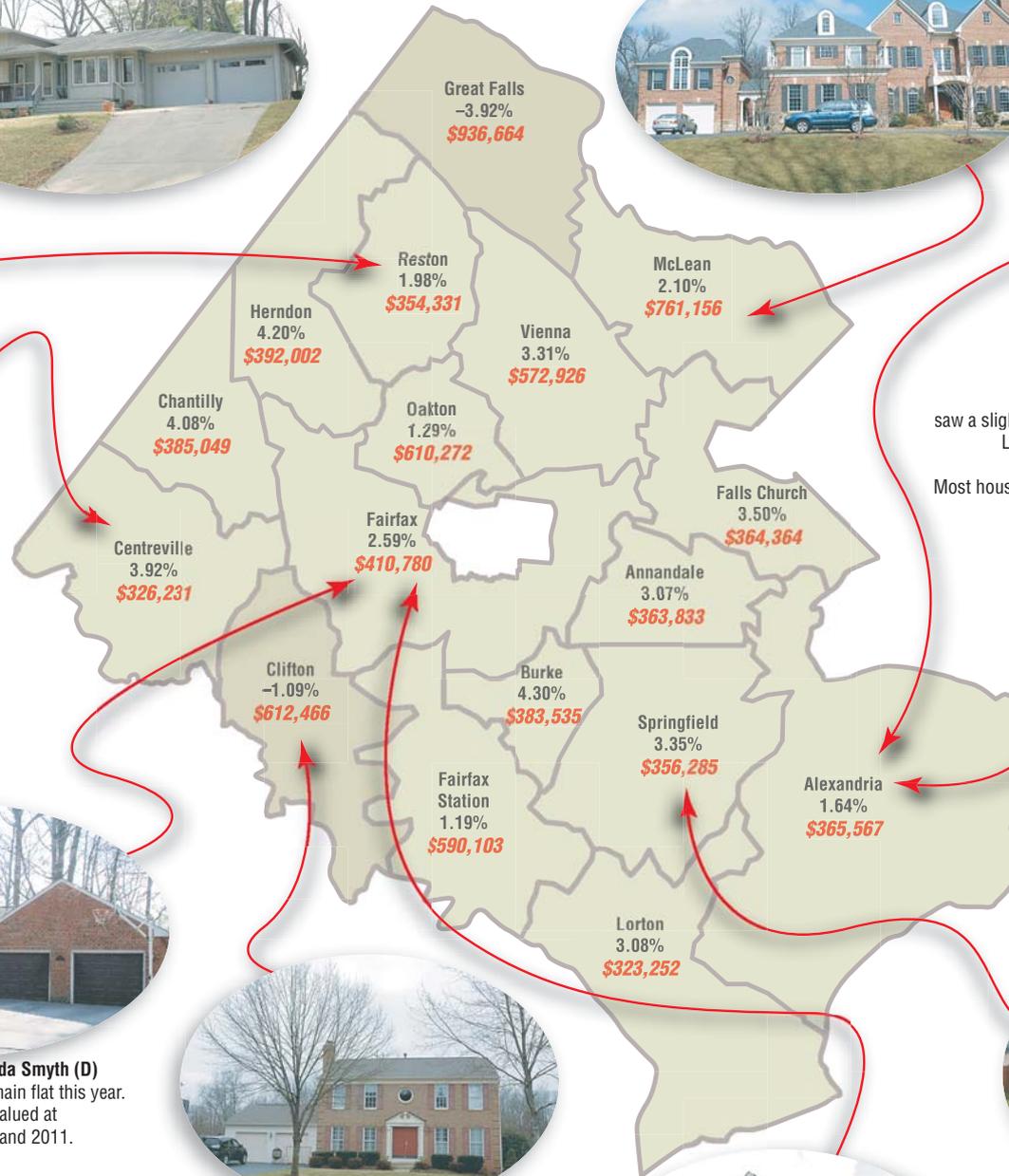
Mount Vernon Supervisor **Gerry Hyland (D)** was the only member of the Fairfax County board to see his assessment drop this year. Hyland lost .45% of his home value, taking him from \$402,810 to \$400,999.



Braddock Supervisor **John Cook (R)** saw a 6.1% increase in the value of his house when compared to last year. Cook's home was valued at \$381,570 in 2010 and \$404,860 in 2011. Cook's assessment increased more than most houses in his Springfield ZIP code.



Fairfax County Chairman **Sharon Bulova (D)** saw a much larger increase in her real estate assessment than most households in the county. Bulova's assessment went up 12.33% from \$526,990 in 2010 to \$591,990 in 2011.



Sully Supervisor **Michael Frey (R)** saw a 6.69% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Frey's home was assessed at \$195,410 in 2010 and \$208,480 in 2011. His home assessment increased more than most Centreville residences.



Providence Supervisor **Linda Smyth (D)** saw her home assessment remain flat this year. Smyth's house was valued at \$482,080 in both 2010 and 2011.



Springfield Supervisor **Patrick Herrity (R)** saw his home value remain flat this year. Herrity owns a house in Clifton assessed at \$525,750 in both 2010 and 2011.

**2011 County Average (Percent Change)**  
 Single Family Detached **\$535,298 (2.1%)**  
 Townhouse **\$318,614 (3.73%)**  
 Condos **\$211,281 (2.53%)**

| ZIP CODE AREA   | 2010 MEAN | 2011 MEAN | PERCENT CHANGE |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Alexandria      | 359,674   | 365,567   | 1.64           |
| Annandale       | 352,988   | 363,833   | 3.07           |
| Burke           | 367,728   | 383,535   | 4.30           |
| Centreville     | 313,922   | 326,231   | 3.92           |
| Chantilly       | 369,952   | 385,049   | 4.08           |
| Clifton         | 619,233   | 612,466   | -1.09          |
| Fairfax         | 400,391   | 410,780   | 2.59           |
| Fairfax Station | 583,177   | 590,103   | 1.19           |
| Falls Church    | 352,035   | 364,364   | 3.50           |
| Great Falls     | 974,906   | 936,664   | -3.92          |
| Herndon         | 376,196   | 392,002   | 4.20           |
| Lorton          | 313,608   | 323,252   | 3.08           |
| McLean          | 745,486   | 761,156   | 2.10           |
| Oakton          | 602,520   | 610,272   | 1.29           |
| Reston          | 347,456   | 354,331   | 1.98           |
| Springfield     | 344,733   | 356,285   | 3.35           |
| Vienna          | 554,550   | 572,926   | 3.31           |

### Changes in Real Estate Values Across the Region

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Alexandria     | 0.46% |
| Arlington      | 1.4%  |
| Fairfax        | 2.34% |
| Loudoun        | 2.45% |
| Prince William | 5%    |

# BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [reston@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:reston@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 12

**Cox E-Waste Recycling Event.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Cox Retail Center Parking Lot, 3080 Centreville Road, Herndon. Recycle old, unused and broken amplifiers, camcorders, CD players, cell phones, computers, copiers, digital cameras, DVD players, fax machines, game consoles, microwaves, remote controls, TVs, telephones, and more. Free and open to the public. [coxwaste@cox.com](mailto:coxwaste@cox.com).

## MONDAY/MARCH 14

**Haven of Northern Virginia's Bereavement Support Group.** 7:30 p.m. Haven of Northern Virginia, Inc., 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Six weekly meetings, through April 18. Free. Register at 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org).

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 16

**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 [leaderwilliams@gmx.com](mailto:leaderwilliams@gmx.com).

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group.** 6:30 p.m. Reston Police Station, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. 703-204-4664 or 703-723-4657.

**Graduate Business Programs Information Session.** 6:30 p.m. Marymount University Reston Center, 1861 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Register at 703-284-5902 or [www.MURestonSBA.com](http://www.MURestonSBA.com).

## THURSDAY/MARCH 17

**Michael "Spike" Williams for State Senate Campaign Kickoff.** 4 p.m. 12365 Clareth Drive, Oak Hill. With Prince William Board of County Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart and Fairfax County (Springfield District) Supervisor Pat Herrity. 571-641-9780.



## Beethoven's Piano Concerto

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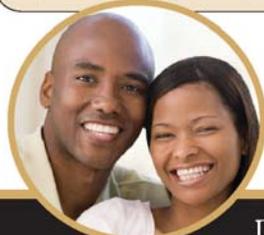
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# Diva Central Brings Free Prom Dresses

Annual event to be held on Saturday, March 12 at Southgate Community Center.

For local high school teens, this year's quest for the perfect prom dress can begin and end at Diva Central, Reston Community Center's 9th Annual Diva Central Prom Dress Give-A-Way Event. This year's Diva Central will be held at the Southgate Community Center (new location) located at 12125 Pinecrest Road in Reston on Saturday, March 12 from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Participants must be actively enrolled in a high school and eligible to attend their prom. There is a limit of one dress per person. Admission is free.

"Prom season is fast approaching and for many, prom is a huge expense that not every family is comfortable with," said Eileen Boone, RCC General Programs Director. "This is where RCC comes in and with the help of the community, we are able to give away hundreds of prom dresses to help local young women have an opportunity to attend this special experience."

Southgate Community Center will host its first Diva Central event



2010 Diva Central at RCC Lake Anne.

on Saturday, March 12 by showcasing an array of prom dresses in all different colors, sizes, and styles. Local high school teenagers will have the opportunity to "shop" for their prom dresses, shoes, jewelry, handbags, wraps, makeup and accessories and create their very own prom look. To make prom night even more memorable, Diva Central will hold raffle drawings for prizes donated by local business sponsors. Last year's prizes included a chauffeured luxury town car to the prom, corsage and boutonniere for the winner and her date, spa services at local Reston

salons, and gift certificates to popular Reston restaurants. Since 2003, Diva Central's mission has been to promote confidence and self-esteem by providing free prom dresses to any area high school girls. Each year, RCC collects donated gently-used and dry-cleaned prom dresses to provide young high school girls with prom dresses for free.

For further information or to volunteer for the event, contact: Eileen Boone, RCC General Programs Director, at eileen.boone@fairfaxcounty.gov.

## ENTERTAINMENT

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

### THURSDAY/MARCH 10

**Jennifer L. Nelson's "24, 7, 365."** 8 p.m. George Mason University Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Attitudes about race, class and social activism are put under a humorous microscope. \$25. cfa.gmu.edu.

**Tom Paxton.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk music. \$22. 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/MARCH 11

**Celtic Woman: Songs from the Heart.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Irish classics, contemporary covers and original compositions. Tickets \$34-\$79, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.Celticwoman.com.

**Jennifer L. Nelson's "24, 7, 365."** 8 p.m. George Mason University Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Attitudes about race, class and social activism are put under a humorous microscope. \$30. cfa.gmu.edu.

**"The End of Suburbia: Oil Depletion and the Collapse of the American Dream."** 7 p.m. Nature House at Walker Nature



The Voce Chamber Singers will perform in two concerts, one on Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Road in Reston, and the second Sunday, March 20 at 4 p.m. in St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St. in Herndon. Both concerts will celebrate women composers from the Middle Ages to the present, with works by Hildegard von Bingen, Alice Parker, Dolly Parton, Ysaye Maria Barnwell and more, under the artistic direction of Dr. Kenneth Nafziger. Tickets are \$8-\$23, available at www.voce.org/tickets or 703-277-7772.

Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Film and discussion. \$5 donation to Friends of Reston and Fairfax Coalition for Smarter Growth/Sustainable Reston. Register at naturecenter@reston.org.

**Endless Cup Coffeehouse: Todd Walker and Tom Wright.** 8 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. \$5, includes light refreshments. music@uureston.org.

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."** 8 p.m. CenterStage Theater in Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Six teens battle for the top prize in a musical about a spelling bee. Four audience members will be selected to play a cameo. If interested, sign up in the lobby at least 30 minutes before curtain time. Recommended for age 10 and up. Tickets \$18-\$21 at 703-476-4500 or www.rcp-tix.com.

**The Second City: Fair & Unbalanced.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Improv comedy. \$24. www.wolftrap.org.

### SATURDAY/MARCH 12

**Jimmy Lange Boxing.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$35-\$50, through www.ticketmaster.com and 703-573-SEAT.

**Northern Virginia's Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Directed by Jim Carroll, with percussionist Joe McCarthy, percussionist Roberto Quintero and jazz vocalist Sara Jones. Brazilian bossa nova, Argentine tango, Afro-Cuban beats from Harlem and more. \$20-\$40. Tickets are half price for youth through grade 12 when accompanied by an adult. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

**Jennifer L. Nelson's "24, 7, 365."** 2 p.m. George Mason University Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Attitudes about race, class and social activism are put under a humorous microscope. \$25. cfa.gmu.edu.

**Reston Contra Dance.** Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck

Road, Reston. Beginners' workshop 7:15 p.m., dance 8 p.m. Live music by the June Apple Band. Admission \$8, workshop free. Potluck snacks. Partner not necessary. 703-476-4500.

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### SUNDAY/MARCH 13

**Keyboard Conversations with Jeffrey Siegel: "Northern Stars."** 7 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Works by Edvard Grieg, Jean Sibelius, Carl Nielsen, Johannes Brahms and more. \$19-\$38. Tickets are half price for youth through grade 12 when accompanied by an adult. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

**Jennifer L. Nelson's "24, 7, 365."** 4 p.m. George Mason University Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Attitudes about race, class and social activism are put under a humorous microscope. \$25. cfa.gmu.edu.

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."** 2:30 p.m. CenterStage Theater in Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Six teens battle for the

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### MONDAY/MARCH 14

**English Conversation.** 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for adult non-native speakers. 703-242-4020.

**Brain Games.** 3:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. After-school drop-in program. Play Blokus, Battleship, Rush Hour and other strategy games. Age 6 & up with adult. 703-242-4020.

**ESL For Jobs.** 6 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. English conversation and job skills. Adults. 703-689-2700.

Tuesday/March 15  
**Mary McCaslin.** 7:15 p.m. The Folk Club of Reston-Herndon, in the Back Room at The Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden St., Herndon. Guitar fingerpicking and "clawhammer" banjo. \$10-\$11. DAHurdSr@cs.com, www.marymccaslin.com or 703-435-2402.

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

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 16

**Authors Leighton Gage and Jeffrey Siger.** 7 p.m. Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1851 Fountain Drive,

Reston. Gage will read and discuss "Every Bitter Thing," and Siger will read and discuss "Prey on Patmos." 703-437-9490.

**Toddler Tales.** 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-242-4020.

**Baby Music.** 10:30 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Learn, socialize and develop through music and play. 703-437-8855.

**ESL Business Writing Course.** 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Business writing for ESL students. Adults. 703-689-2700.

### THURSDAY/MARCH 17

**Further.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Former Grateful Dead members Phil Lesh and Bob Weir. Tickets \$49.50. Charge at 800-551-SEAT or www.livenation.com. www.further.net.

**Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Making It Up by Penelope Lively. Adults. 703-242-4020.

### FRIDAY/MARCH 18

**"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."** 8 p.m. CenterStage Theater in Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Six teens battle for the top prize in a musical about a spelling bee. Four audience members will be selected to play a cameo. If interested, sign up in the lobby at least 30 minutes before curtain time. Recommended for age 10 and up. Tickets \$18-\$21 at 703-476-4500 or www.rcp-tix.com.

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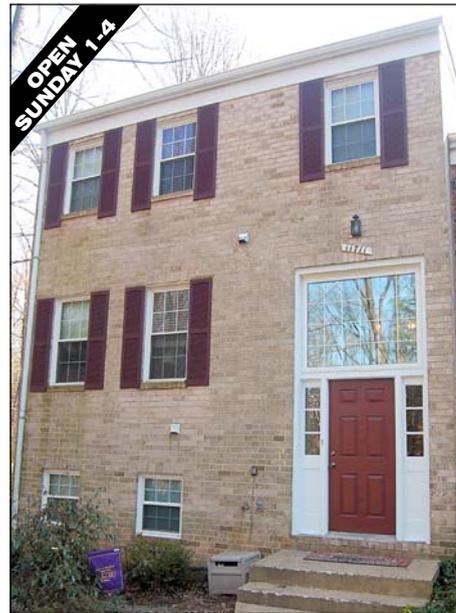
So if you receive one of the invitations for your district Member Mixer, say yes and know it will be time well invested. Invitations will be mailed to the districts two weeks before the dates below:

**DATES:**  
**Lake Anne/Tall Oaks District** Thursday, 17 March at 7 p.m.  
**Hunters Woods/Dogwood District** Thursday, 16 June at 7 p.m.  
**North Point District** Thursday, 29 Sept. at 7 p.m.  
**South Lakes District** Thursday, 8 Dec. at 7 p.m.

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## SCHOOLS

# Competing at the State Level

**Five Reston teams advance to the state Odyssey of the Mind competition.**

Over a hundred and fifty teams from around the western Northern Virginia region competed this past Saturday in the regional Odyssey of the Mind (OM) competition. Twenty of those teams were from Reston area schools. The all day event featured teams creatively solving problems such as performing eight minute skits, displaying innovative ways to power vehicles with mousetraps and demonstrating load bearing structures made of balsa wood.

At the end of the day, two teams from Forest Edge Elementary, one team from Hunters Woods Elementary, one team from Lake Anne Elementary and one team from South Lakes High School placed first in their divisions and are advancing to the state competition. Additionally, two teams from Hunters Woods placed second and Forest Edge had teams place second and third in their di-



**Forest Edge Elementary team that placed first in their division and is advancing to the state competition, from left, Team: Tiana Griessel, Vidula Seelamneni, Kelly Ho, Lauren Spar, Claire Banducci, Sarah Joyce and Niu Niu Luken (seated in front). Coach Susan Spar is at right.**

visions.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Odyssey of the Mind teaches students to learn creative problem-solving methods while having fun in the process. By tapping into creativity and encouraging imaginative paths to problem-solving, students learn skills that will provide them with the ability to solve problems — great and small — for a lifetime.

According to Kimberly Dillard, coordinator for Forest Edge's Odyssey of the Mind program, OM fills a gap in traditional public school education. In the traditional classroom, students are rewarded for following the rules, thinking linearly and logically and following instructions written by adults. In OM, the children are in charge and make all the decisions. Children are encouraged to think outside of the box and adults are

there to simply facilitate the creative problem solving process.

Kelly Ho, a student at Forest Edge Elementary said, "the best thing about Odyssey of the Mind was creating the set or props. I also enjoyed writing the script, thinking of new ideas and working with the team. OM means to me that you can have fun with writing your own play. It makes me feel like I am a writer or a play writer. It means a lot to me, from planning everything out to acting the script that we created, especially winning to states!"

OM coach Erin Shultz said, "I love to be there to witness a 'brain hurricane' as I call it, when all of a sudden, the kids thoughts are moving, the ideas are popping, and the pieces are falling into place so fast that I can't keep up with it."

The State competition will be held April 16 in Alexandria and the World competition will be held May 27 at the University of Maryland in College Park, Md.



**Lake Anne Elementary team that placed first in their division and is advancing to the state competition included team members Miguel Badia, Kathleen Boyce, Matthew Hays, Delaney Kirr, Evan Luczko, Garrett Piazza and coaches Renee Boyce and Kristin Piazza.**

## VOTE RESTON ASSOCIATION 2011 BOARD ELECTIONS

Reston Association members, including renters, can vote in the 2011 Board of Directors' election.

Five candidates are running for one At-Large seat. Two candidates are seeking the seat for the Hunters Woods/Dogwood District.

**VOTE NOW THROUGH APRIL 1 AT 5 P.M.**

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If you have questions about the election, contact Cate Fulkerson, 703-435-6512 or via e-mail at [cate@reston.org](mailto:cate@reston.org)



# HOME SALES

In January 2011, 55 Reston homes sold between \$975,000-\$100,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$430,000-\$250,000 range. For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

| Address                     | BR | FB | HB | Postal | City      | Sold Price          | Type | Lot AC                   | Subdivision |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|--------|-----------|---------------------|------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1300 PARK GARDEN LN         | 3  | 3  | 0  | RESTON | \$430,000 | Townhouse           | 0.06 | BALDWIN GROVE            |             |
| 11868 SAINT TRINIANS CT     | 4  | 3  | 1  | RESTON | \$399,900 | Townhouse           | 0.06 | DEEPWOOD                 |             |
| 11038 SAFFOLD WAY           | 4  | 3  | 1  | RESTON | \$375,000 | Townhouse           | 0.07 | RESTON                   |             |
| 1510 TWISTED OAK DR         | 3  | 2  | 2  | RESTON | \$375,000 | Townhouse           | 0.06 | RESTON                   |             |
| 12000 MARKET ST #455        | 2  | 2  | 0  | RESTON | \$365,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors   |      | SAVOY AT RESTON TWN CNTR |             |
| 1490 AUTUMN RIDGE CIR       | 3  | 2  | 1  | RESTON | \$359,900 | Townhouse           | 0.04 | RESTON                   |             |
| 12025 NEW DOMINION PKWY#111 | 1  | 1  | 1  | RESTON | \$355,000 | Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors |      | MIDTOWN NORTH            |             |
| 2123 COLTS NECK CT          | 4  | 3  | 1  | RESTON | \$335,000 | Townhouse           | 0.04 | SOUTHGATE                |             |
| 1711 QUIETREE DR            | 3  | 2  | 1  | RESTON | \$332,500 | Townhouse           | 0.02 | RESTON                   |             |
| 1730 SUNDANCE DR            | 3  | 2  | 1  | RESTON | \$332,000 | Townhouse           | 0.05 | RESTON                   |             |
| 11770 SUNRISE VALLEY DR#326 | 2  | 2  | 0  | RESTON | \$297,500 | Garden 1-4 Floors   |      | MERCER                   |             |
| 11224 BEAVER TRAIL CT #5    | 2  | 2  | 1  | RESTON | \$297,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors   |      | DOCKSIDE                 |             |
| 11760 SUNRISE VALLEY DR#313 | 2  | 2  | 0  | RESTON | \$295,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors   |      | MERCER                   |             |
| 11248 SILENTWOOD LN         | 2  | 2  | 1  | RESTON | \$287,500 | Townhouse           | 0.02 | RESTON                   |             |
| 1452 CHURCH HILL PL #1452   | 2  | 2  | 0  | RESTON | \$282,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors   |      | HAMPTON POINTE           |             |
| 11770 SUNRISE VALLEY DR#426 | 2  | 2  | 0  | RESTON | \$280,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors   |      | MERCER                   |             |
| 1522 CHURCH HILL PL #1522   | 2  | 1  | 1  | RESTON | \$265,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors   |      | HAMPTON POINTE           |             |
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| 2055 Winged Foot Ct.    | \$389,000 | Sun 1-4  | Jane Price       | Weichert        | 703-628-0470 |
| 11011 Saffold Way       | \$409,990 | Sun 1-4  | Helen Grozbean   | Century 21      | 571-233-4287 |
| 12031 Creekbend Dr      | \$965,000 | Sun. 1-4 | Leslie Thurman   | Long & Foster   | 703-904-3700 |
| 12647 Thunder Chase Dr. | \$599,999 | Sun. 1-4 | Elizabeth Hajost | Long & Foster   | 703-759-9190 |
| 2283 Dositia Ct.        | \$479,900 | Sun. 1-4 | Marie Buck       | Weichert        | 703-901-4166 |
| 2523 Freetown Drive     | \$514,900 | Sun. 1-4 | Rich Langguth    | Century 21      | 703-609-3079 |
| 11711 Stillbrook Ct.    | \$387,500 | Sun 1-4  | Peggy Hamaker    | KDH Real Estate | 703-517-1762 |
| 11200 Wedge Dr.         | \$496,600 | Sun 1-4  | Amir Razi        | Long & Foster   | 703-517-5858 |

### Herndon

|                       |           |          |                |               |              |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 13100 Bramblewood Ln. | \$585,000 | Sun. 1-4 | Leslie Thurman | Long & Foster | 703-904-3700 |
| 2519 Logan Wood Dr.   | \$299,900 | Sun. 1-4 | Ron Layton     | RE/MAX        | 703-421-1433 |
| 2954 Mockernut Court  | \$464,900 | Sun. 1-4 | Karen Kidwell  | Long & Foster | 703-216-7437 |

### Great Falls

|                     |             |          |                       |                 |              |
|---------------------|-------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| 902 Winstead Street | \$1,229,000 | Sun. 1-4 | Holly Weatherwax      | Momentum Realty | 571-643-4902 |
| 1024 Chaledon Road  | \$750,000   | Sun 1-4  | Vivian Lyons          | Keller Williams | 703-406-9009 |
| 754 Ellsworth Ave.  | \$1,699,999 | Sun 1-4  | Dianne Van Volkenburg | Weichert Realty | 703-980-4553 |

### Vienna

|                               |             |         |                      |                   |              |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 9450 Deramus Farm Ct.         | \$1,449,000 | Sun 1-4 | Diane Van Volkenburg | Weichert          | 703-980-4553 |
| 9705 Meadowmere Dr.           | \$1,295,000 | Sun 1-4 | Casey Samson         | Samson Properties | 703-508-2535 |
| 2701 Bellforest Ct. Suite 409 | \$330,000   | Sun 1-4 | Ron Fowler           | Weichert          | 703-598-0511 |

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| 11305 Walnut Creek Ct. | \$1,325,000 | Sun 1-4 | Ashley White | TTR Sothebys | 703-431-1705 |
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| 21925 Gullane Way | \$549,900 | Sat. 1-4 | Bob Scherbarth | Century 21 | 703-477-1043 |
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### Sterling

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|----------------------|-----------|---------|----------|---------------|--------------|

### South Riding

|                       |           |          |              |                   |              |
|-----------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 26016 Rachel Hill Dr. | \$465,000 | Sun. 1-4 | Donny Samson | Samson Properties | 703-864-4894 |
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### Fairfax

|                          |           |             |                         |               |              |
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# Reston Community Players Celebrate WATCH Awards

**Richard Bird garners two awards for RCP.**

**R**ichard Bird of The Reston Community Players took home two awards as the Washington Area Theatre Community Honors announced this year's winners at the 2011 WATCH Awards ceremony March 6 at the Birchmere Music Hall in Alexandria.

Bird was recognized for his work both onstage and behind the scenes, winning for Outstanding Achievement as a Cameo in a Play for "The Trip to Bountiful" and Outstanding Achievement in Sound Design in a Musical for "Wonderful Town."

RCP was up for 13 awards, with last year's production of "Trip to Bountiful" earning

nine nominations, including Outstanding Play, while "As You Like It" and "Wonderful Town" scored two nominations each.

Sue Pinkman, president of the RCP board and a founding member of the WATCH Awards, was a presenter at the awards ceremony.

"We're very excited for Richard," Pinkman said. "We're very proud of the work we do and are looking forward to many more great productions."

Winners 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. For more information on RCP and upcoming shows, visit [www.RestonPlayers.org](http://www.RestonPlayers.org).

—JEANNE THEISMANN

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**Richard Bird, center, garnered two Washington Area Theatre Community Honors Awards for his work with the Reston Community Players. Celebrating with him at the March 6 ceremony at the Birchmere are Cathy Rieder, Mary Jo Ford, Sabrina Begley, Sue Pinkman and Rick Schneider.**

# GRACE Creates A Sense of Place

**Reston gallery presents South Lakes, Herndon High students' artwork.**

BY ERIN HODGE  
THE CONNECTION

**A**t 5:01 the gallery was already buzzing with activity. Complex evasive maneuvers were required to avoid making awkward acquaintance with walls and other onlookers. In moments, however, physical contact was no longer necessary. The displays pulled their viewers out of cramped quarters and into a new sense of place.

The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) hosts an exhibition every year featuring Fairfax County high school artists during Youth Art Month, Emerging Visions. Inspired by GRACE's fall exhibition, Journey by painter Freya Grand, this year's Emerging Visions centered on Herndon and South Lakes High School students' interpretation of a Sense of Place. Artists from Herndon and South Lakes High Schools partnered with creative writers to interpret the prompt and enter the competition.

**"Artists and writers have strong opinions about representation and ideas, but when they come together, it's beautiful."**

— Joanne Bauer, GRACE

Wayne Zink, an art teacher at Herndon High School, describes the process of choosing pieces for the exhibition: "It was an open competition. We simply published the deadline and allowed students to meet the criteria in what-

ever way they saw fit." Artists and writers were "sometimes best friends, and sometimes students who didn't know each other very well at all."

One such pair of friends was Hannah Smagh and Rachel Wolfe, seniors from Herndon High School. Smagh takes a photography class and was introduced to the competition by her teacher. "At first, I couldn't think of anything," says Smagh, "my sense of place is hard to define. I think a blank canvas is the closest I can get." Her photo depicts just that, forgotten paintbrushes lying in the grass beside a pristine canvas, the epitome of absent inspiration. Her partner thinks along the same lines. "Hannah sent me her picture a few days before the deadline and told me about the exhibition," laughs Wolfe, drawing a nudge from Smagh, "My poem reflects my understanding of it."

A trio from South Lakes High School portrayed a different understanding of a sense of place. Ponnali Photavat, a sophomore at South Lakes, worked with Lauren McGregor and Sindhu Elagandhala to produce a large painting of a girl moving through a silhouetted crowd. "Our sense of place was a person's place in society," explains Photavat. "The girl is surrounded by people, but still completely alone." Admirers created their own crowd as they swarmed around the piece, each lost in his individual thoughts.

No matter where a piece takes its viewers, the presence of each work is unmistakable. Students connect with their surroundings and each other in surprising and powerful ways, conveyed through poetry, prose and visual art. Joanne Bauer, Exhibitions Director at GRACE, explains the relationship: "Artists and writers have strong opinions about representation and ideas, but when they come together, it's beautiful."

*The event is open March 4 – April 14 at the Greater Reston Arts Center.*



**Onlookers admire the work of two South Lakes High School students.**

PHOTOS BY ERIN HODGE/THE CONNECTION



**Ponnali Photavat, a sophomore at South Lakes, standing with the painting and prose completed with classmates Lauren McGregor and Sindhu Elagandhala.**

# LETTERS

## Setting the Record Straight

To the Editor:

While I appreciate your covering the forum for Reston Association Board, I am surprised about your depiction of my background and what I consider key issues. Although you included my opponents' community service, you failed to include my activities including: serving on the covenant committee, VP of Tanner Cluster board, serving on advisory committee for Reston 2020 plan, commissioner for Northern VA baseball.

Also, you failed to include my key issues I had mentioned several times during the forum: maintaining aging Reston neighborhoods and holding the line on the costs to live here. Here is are my opening and closing statements, a copy of which I supplied your reporter:

"I've been a community volunteer in this area for several years – as commissioner and coach for Herndon Reston and Northern Virginia baseball, as well as vice president of the Tanner Cluster and on the Covenant Committee also with

a Reston 2020 advisory group.

Through my work experience, I've learned how to be a team builder and how to be fiscally responsible. I have valuable skills in communications, marketing, public/private partnerships and grant writing.

Experienced in home contracting, I look forward to presenting my plans for maintaining aging Reston neighborhoods without greatly increasing assessments.

The next few years will be critical ones in shaping Reston's future. I'm not afraid to ask tough questions when problems arise, but I'll present practical solutions for those problems. I'm hard-working and will bring a fresh perspective to the RA Board.

I volunteered for the Covenant Comm. and the board of Tanner Cluster for two main reasons 1) to maintain the look and feel of Reston and 2) to hold the line on costs to live here. This is a challenge, particularly with aging neighborhoods and an aging population.

I'm a practical guy, and I urge the board to consider practical solutions and initiatives in solving existing problems – My company had to make some tough choices and we did without many amenities during this tough economic time. But we survived while maintaining customer service, and actually thrived by working harder and smarter. I've built and remodeled homes and saved money with a lot of sweat equity. I want to provide the board with my sweat equity and some innovative ideas.

I am all about fiscal responsibility. I look forward to bringing some practical solutions and innovative thinking to the board for enhancing Reston neighborhoods without dipping into fixed income pocketbooks and without major assessments increases."

I would appreciate your setting the record straight with a more accurate reporting about my background and my goals.

**Victor Van Rees**  
Reston

## Making Good Choices

To the Editor:

One billion people suffer around the world from chronic hunger and food insecurity. This means that one in six people don't get enough to eat as they work, go to school or try to care for their families. Hunger hits Africa harder than anywhere else. But it doesn't have to be this way.

The United States has the ability to inexpensively stop hunger

before it strikes. Since 1990, some 400 million people have been lifted out of extreme poverty as a result of the commitments that the United States has made to help people help themselves. We are an incredibly blessed nation, and it is our moral responsibility to help.

In the coming weeks, Congress is making decisions on difficult cuts to our budget. As a ONE mem-

ber, I'm asking Reston residents to call Senator Webb and Senator Warner and ask them to remember that reducing the deficit means making good choices – not choices that hurt the ones who need our help the most.

**Rebecca Montague**  
ONE Member  
Reston

### SCHOOL NOTES

Sixty-eight Fairfax County Public Schools students have been named to the 2011 Virginia All-State Chorus and will perform April 30 at the Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Salem High School in Virginia Beach. Forty-two students were named alternates. Virginia All-State Chorus is sponsored by the Virginia Choral Directors Association. The students selected include:

Herndon High School students **Matthew Frederickson, Hannah Glass, Hannah Kwon, and Randy Raoufi, Chris Czerwinski, Sarah Freeman, and Olivia Jewell.**

Oakton High School students **Corinne Holland, Holly Kelly, Madeline Paul, Summer Perez and Cecily Jacobson.**

South Lakes High School students **Ken Barros and Sobechukwu Chinaka.**

**Martha F. Fischer** of Reston has been accepted to The Graduate School at Virginia Tech. Fischer is majoring in human development and pursuing a master of science.

**Emily M. Peck** of Reston has been accepted to The Graduate School at Virginia Tech. Peck is ma-

joring in human development and pursuing a master of science.

**Frederick M. Kyle** of Reston has been accepted to The Graduate School at Virginia Tech. Kyle is majoring in educational leadership and policy studies and pursuing a master of arts in education.

**Lauren E. Whitley** of Reston, a 2009 graduate of South Lakes High School, has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Christopher Newport University in Newport News. The sophomore is a directing and dramatic literature major in the Theatre Department.

**Melissa Tran** of Reston has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Providence College of Providence, R.I.

**Elisa Becker** of Reston has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Lycoming College of Williamsport, Pa.

**Khalid Abdelaziz** of Reston has been selected as a national outstanding campus leader and is included in the 2010 edition of Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Abdelaziz is majoring in Information Technology at Marymount

University.

**Tyler Binh Nguyen** of Reston was named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Mary Baldwin College of Staunton.

**Elena Yen-Vi Nguyen** of Reston was named to the fall 2010 honors list at Mary Baldwin College of Staunton.

**Michael Rabinowitz** of Reston has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, Pa. Rabinowitz is a pharmaceutical and healthcare studies student.

**Alex Allotey** of Reston has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus in Teaneck, N.J.

**Kathleen Busch** of Reston was named to the fall 2010 president's list at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg.

**Savannah Rhodes** of Reston was named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy of Front Royal. She is the daughter of Richard and Sheryl Rhodes.

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**21 Announcements**  
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**21 Announcements**  
**ABC LICENSE**  
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**OBITUARY**  
Arthur Hyde Buell, Jr. (88), died December 10, 2010 in Phoenix, Arizona. He was born in Herndon, Virginia on March 29, 1922. A World War II Air Force Veteran, he attended Woodbury Forest School and the University of Virginia where he was a member of Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He was Director of Prudential's Mortgage Loan Department for Arizona and Vice President of the H.S. Pickrell Company in Phoenix, Arizona. He was also a past president of the Arizona Mortgage Bankers Association. Survivors include his daughter, Joye B. Baker, Dallas, Texas, 2 sons, Thomas R. Buell, II (Ruth) Pacific Grove, California and Chuck Buell (Betty) Phoenix, AZ and sister Alice Buell Knoop, Naples, Florida, 9 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Graveside services and interment in the family plot will be held on Saturday, March 12th at 1:30 p.m. in Chestnut Grove Cemetery. A reception will be held following the graveside service at ArtSpace, 750 Center St, Herndon, VA. Donations may be made to Woodbury Forest School, VA or the University of Virginia.

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## February 27, 2011



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Two years ago, on February 27, 2009, after two months of medical testing and emotional upheaval which began innocently enough (isn't it always?) with with a migrating pain in my side/rib cage and some difficulty breathing/inhaling, I was informed I had stage IV lung cancer; "Not curable, but treatable," according to my oncologist (my new best friend). My prognosis was grim: "13 months to two years," as many of you regular readers know. My reaction to this news was shock, to say the obvious; and fear, to say the truth. What has transpired since has been written about in this space nearly every week beginning June, 2009, when I first went public with my diagnosis/prognosis: "Dying To Tell You" was the column which wrote out the facts, as I understood them.

I have thought about - and certainly wrote about - today's date, 2/27/2011, my two-year anniversary (some anniversary), for as long as I've been indulging myself - and perhaps some of you readers as well, with the trials and tribulations of my journey to hell - and back: chemotherapy in particular, life as a terminal cancer patient in general. I have learned a lot - and seen a lot. In these past two years I have known of five people in our social circle who have been diagnosed with cancer (three with lung cancer) who have already died. As a result, I have attended funerals, wakes and Shiva's and made charitable contributions honoring their memory. I have been as involved with death and dying as I have been with life and living. I've had my moments to be sure, but overall, I've managed to find a methodology to this madness, though it hasn't been easy.

I have been fortunate, however. I have tolerated all the treatment protocols that my oncologist has recommended. After my main chemotherapy was completed I was accepted into a Phase II FDA study - and actually received the medication, not the placebo. Moreover, as part of my acceptance and participation in that study, I was more closely monitored/examined and scanned than had I not been so involved and felt, as a direct result, that my health care was proactive rather than reactive, a much preferred alternative according to most educated opinions expressed about such matters.

And it has mattered - in my head, anyway. And by that I mean, psychologically/emotionally. I don't feel (and haven't felt) that I'm on my own in this pursuit (family and friends notwithstanding). I've had regular and recurring interaction with my doctor and all the oncology nurses treating me. Throughout this process, I have been encouraged to stay connected to all of them as often - and whenever - I felt the need. As a result, I have felt part of something that was bigger and better than me, and perhaps that inclusion has given me the confidence and wherewithal to fight this battle and ultimately outlive my original prognosis. As of this Feb. 27, 2011 date, I am officially an exception, an aberration, a statistical anomaly; a patient who has not succumbed to his disease, at least as originally projected by his oncologist. (In fairness, with respect to these sorts of time line projections, my doctor did say he was wrong all the time, and hoped he would be this time as well.)

Now that I've made it this far, is death more inevitable than it ever was? Perhaps not. But as significant a date on my calendar as this Feb. 27, 2011 is - and has been, now that it's here (and I am, too), and I've written about its arrival, my feeling going forward is, the less said about it, the better. I don't want anybody in a position of authority/control to be alerted to my existence. I want to keep a low profile and fly under the radar so that any entity who's omnipotent, won't realize the mistake he's made: I'm alive and doing pretty well. (I realize there are no guarantees here, but I don't want to mess with what success I've had, diagnosis-to-date. In fact, I wish this column would self-destruct.) Next week: "February 28, 2011."

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# Youth Girls' Lacrosse Continues to Grow

## Registration now open for Herndon-Reston Youth Lacrosse (HRYL).

**Y**ou probably know that both boys and girls play lacrosse. But did you also know they play different versions of the game?

The fundamentals of lacrosse are the same for both boys and girls but rules and equipment differ significantly. In both games, players use a lacrosse stick to throw, catch and carry (cradle) a ball down the playing field to ultimately shoot the ball into the opposing team's goal. Each goal scores one point and the team with the most points wins the game. The boys' game allows significant stick and body contact. Helmet, pads, gloves, and mouth guards are worn by male players. Girls' rules limit stick and body contact. Girls are required to wear eye protection and mouth guards. Even the lacrosse sticks used by girls and boys are different.

Lacrosse, often referred to as "the fastest game on two feet," is one of the fastest growing team sports in the United States. Lacrosse has had the greatest growth of any sport at the NCAA level over the past five years. At the high school level, lacrosse's growth has outpaced any other sport over the last 10 years. Youth membership (ages 15 and under) in U.S. Lacrosse has more than tripled since 1999 from 40,000 to over 125,000 players.

Following the national trend, the Herndon Reston Youth Lacrosse (HRYL) club - sponsored by the Herndon Optimists - is experiencing tremendous growth locally. This club is a member of the Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse League (www.NVYLL.org) and has teams for both boys and girls. The HRYL club is for boys and girls in the South Lakes and Herndon High School pyramid. Boys are divided by age with teams at the under-9, under-11, under-13 and under-15 divisions. The girls divisions are now divided by school grade: K-2; 3/4; 5/6; and 7/8. This change from age based was made by NVYLL to allow girls to play with their classmates, regardless of age. There are A, B, and C divisions for experienced, less experienced, and new players. The teams will play against similar teams from neighboring towns. For example, the 5/6 HRYL B team will play against the 5/6 B team from Great Falls, Vienna, Chantilly etc. - the goal being to have competitive games. The season will run from March to early June.

**WHILE GROWING** in popularity, some girls hesitate to try this up-and-coming sport. Few people have seen a girls' lacrosse



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game, let alone have had any playing experience.

"Girls can pick up lacrosse at any age," explained Jacqui Mathews, a youth coach for the HRYL club. "We can teach them the stick skills and get them up to speed quickly, especially if they've played another sport. We've found that once they experience how fast-paced and exciting the game of lacrosse can be they are motivated to learn and they usually get hooked."

While unfamiliar with lacrosse, many of the new players come with plenty of other sports' skills. Coaches build on this experience and focus on teaching the lacrosse-specific skills. This combination allows new

players to contribute quickly.

"If your daughter has experience in other sports such as basketball, soccer, and/or field hockey, she already has acquired many of the skills needed to make her a strong lacrosse player," stated Mathews. "The only difference is we are now putting a stick in her hand and asking her to throw and catch the ball in order to advance it up and down the field."

Members of the Herndon High School and South Lakes High girls' lacrosse teams volunteer at HRYL-sponsored clinics several times a year and are assistant coaches on many of the teams. The youth players benefit from the high school players' experience. Better yet, the high school players enjoy giving back to the program that taught them the game. Most of them are graduates of the HRYL program. It definitely is a win-win for everyone.

Lacrosse is growing and much of the growth can be attributed to the increasing popularity in the girls' programs. This popularity is evidenced at the NCAA Div. I level where there are more women's lacrosse programs than men's. Currently this finesse sport allows for many scholarship opportunities for girls at the collegiate level, much greater than soccer and basketball.

Registration and more information can be found at [www.HRYL.org](http://www.HRYL.org).

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## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**The Reston Youth Basketball League's** boys' 13-under Div. 2 North Travel/select team won the Fairfax County Youth Basketball League regular season championship in late February. Reston successfully clinched the title with a win over a well-prepared Vienna Elite team, giving the locals a perfect 14-0 undefeated season.

The select team from Reston is made up of top eighth grade players from surrounding Fairfax County middle schools, including Langston Hughes, Rachael Carson, Flint Hill and Herndon. Returning players Zach Pearl, Hamid Zamani, Spencer Kalman, and Austin Jobson welcomed new roster additions Parker Aylor, Brandon Fogno, John Frauenhem, Josh Wertzberger, Matt Skinner and Jason Stanley-Holley to form the 2011 team. Most of the players are products of the Reston Youth Basketball League's winter program. The 13-U team is coached by Reston Travel Basketball Commissioner, Mitch Kalman, and son, Aaron. Kalman, who has been in and around the Reston Basketball community for more than 13



PHOTO COURTESY/RESTON TRAVEL 13-U

**Celebrating a winning season: The Reston Travel 13-U boys' basketball team went unbeaten and captured their regular season league title. Back row, left to right: Coach Aaron Kalman, John Frauenhem, Brandon Fogno, Hamid Zamani, Matt Skinner, Parker Aylor, Josh Wertzberger, and Coach Mitch Kalman. Front row: Jason Stanley-Holley, Spencer Kalman, Austin Jobson and Zach Pearl.**

years, serving as coach and referee for the local basketball program, recently announced his retirement from coaching. He is leaving the coaching of the Reston team to his son, Aaron, a former Westfield High basketball player.

"I am so proud of our players," commented Mitch Kalman.

"These boys have practiced and played hard as a team, and it's been a great journey to watch them compete and win the regular season championship. This team is unselfish and embraced their roles. I am thrilled to have played a part in their skills and development - this season has

absolutely been the culmination of a great basketball coaching career for me. The students have passed the teacher. Players today want a coach who they can relate to, and I am so happy to leave the coaching reigns in excellent hands. Aaron has tremendous basketball knowledge and patience. He often scrimmages with the boys and they simply adore him."

For additional information and registration dates on winter and summer programs, visit the Reston Youth Basketball League's web site at [www.restonbasketball.com](http://www.restonbasketball.com).

**Herndon High School** is pleased to announce Rebecca Waters as its new head volleyball coach. Coach Waters replaces former coach Pat Smith, who stepped down at the conclusion of this past season. Coach Waters is a graduate of Park View High School in Sterling as well as the University of Virginia. She has had previous head coaching duties at both West Potomac and Lee High Schools, both members of the Northern Region. At Lee in Springfield, she led the Lancers to back

to back Patriot District championships.

**AC Cugini**, an Italian style soccer school in Reston, is accepting girls and boys' ages 10-to-15 for a training camp in Italy and friendly matches against Italian teams. Cugini's 11th Annual Play Soccer in Italy program, which will take place June 22 through July 4, will include nine days at the Italian Adriatic Beach in Central Italy, plus three days in Rome. Chaperones available and entire families and friends are welcome. Talent scouts from professional Italian clubs will observe players during training and friendly matches. For every 13 people registered, the 14th is free. For further information, contact Lisa Cherubini at 703-477-6590 or at [executivedirector@cuginisoccer.com](mailto:executivedirector@cuginisoccer.com). For more details, go to: [www.cuginisoccer.com](http://www.cuginisoccer.com).

**Herndon Reston Youth Softball (HRYL) Spring Registration** is now open. The girls' fast-pitch softball league serves players ages 6 to 18 in the greater Herndon-Reston area. Go to [www.hrylfastpitch.com/Register](http://www.hrylfastpitch.com/Register).

# Inspiring Invention

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ence, which is held annually by the American Association of University Women's Reston-Herndon branch.

Laura Jones, founder of the GEMS club, was one of primary organizers of the event. Jones started the club to help encourage her daughters, and it has grown to more than 20 different clubs around the country. Jones, who held a seminar for parents while the girls did their experiments, said she was impressed at the hundreds of families that attended.

"It's so wonderful to see parents who are willing to give up their weekend time to do something positive for their daughters," Jones said. "Our goal is simple, we would like to see more girls be open to opportunities in the technology field."

Jones said getting girls into technology doesn't have to be hard. She suggested something as simple as buying them a digital camera can foster their creative nature.

"With a camera and some free software to manage pictures and movies, all of a sudden they start putting things together," Jones said. "Then they start looking at the software, seeing the sound waves on the screen and that opens them up to something new."

Kim Trautman of Reston, mother of sixth and eighth grade girls, said she was inspired by Jones' emphasis on ways to teach girls spatial reasoning. The students took sessions on software such as Google Earth and computer-aided design.

"It was interesting to see just



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**Students gasp as they wait to see if they were able to build a cover that would prevent an egg from breaking at Dogwood Elementary Saturday, one of the many sessions at the annual Girls Excelling in Math and Science conference.**

how important it is to learn 2-D and 3-D spatial reasoning. I love to find all the free software out there and have my daughters try it out," she said. "I also thought it was great for the girls to see the women teaching the events, especially the high-schoolers. They're all very motivated women and great examples."

If the event's goal was to inspire women to seek jobs in math and science, it succeeded with at least one girl.

"It made me want to get a job where I can invent things," said fifth grader Naomi Feist of Forest Edge Elementary.

More information on GEMS can be found at [www.gemsclub.org](http://www.gemsclub.org).

**From left, Donna Devitt of LMN Solutions and Tina Gordon from Lockheed Martin instruct Catalina Smith, a fifth grader at Lake Anne Elementary and Raisa Hoq, a fifth grader at Floris Elementary how to use Google Earth.**



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