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# SPRING FUN & ENTERTAINMENT

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**The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Town will take place at Worldgate April 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.**



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**From left, Dr. Zubrinsky, played by Andy Raoufi, Leon Tolchinsky, played by Pail Morgan, and Lenya Zubrinsky, played by Ashleigh Markin, perform a scene from Herndon High School Drama's performance of 'Fools' playing on Thursday, April 7, Friday, April 8, and Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m.**

## Spring Fun in Herndon

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Spring is a time to sample the best of Herndon, which will be on display at many annual town events, and some new this year. The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of the Town event takes place Thursday, April 7 at Worldgate Center and allows guests to sample the best of what Herndon can offer.

"If there's one event I never miss in this town, it's Taste of the Town," said Steve Henlein of Herndon. "I've lived here for almost 15 years, but I always manage to find something I've never heard of or tried before."

Restaurants such as Jimmy's Old Town Tavern, Red Hot and Blue, TurCuisine, Qdoba's, ADeLi, SaladWorks, Supper Club of India, O'Sullivan's, TGI Friday's, Piero's Corner, Tara Thai, Dinner by Sandy, Dunkin Donuts, Chocolate Chick, Euro Bistro, American Caf, Bertucci's, JJ's Deli, the Tortilla Factory and more will be available.

More information can be found at [www.herndonarts.org](http://www.herndonarts.org), or by calling 703-689-9535.

**THE INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH THEATRE** will host the Towne Square Singers Spring Concert performance of "Fascinating Rhythm" April 29 through May 1. The performance will feature rhythmic performances in a variety of mediums.

"There's singing, dancing, a little bit of everything," said Suzanne Fulton, a member of the Towne Square Singers.

The group, founded more than 20 years ago, performs several times a year at the Industrial Strength Theatre. The Friday and Saturday shows will be at 7:30 p.m., the Sunday show will be at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12, and are available at the Herndon Community Center, or by calling 703-787-7300.

Leading into summer, the annual Herndon Festival brings people from around the area together to celebrate in downtown Herndon.

The festival will take place from June 2 to 5, and will include three stages of live entertainment, carnival rides, an arts and crafts show and a model railway exhibit, among other activities.

More information on the festival can be found at [www.herndonfestival.net](http://www.herndonfestival.net).

### Springtime in Herndon

- ❖ April 7: Taste of the Town, Worldgate Lobby, 5:30 p.m. The annual Taste of the Town features food from local restaurants, and auction items such as balloon rides, winery tours and golf outings. Tickets are \$15 for Council for the Arts of Herndon Members, \$20 for non-members, children age 12 and under are free.
- ❖ April 16: Aqua Egg Hunt, Herndon Community Center Pool, 1:30 p.m. Children can collect as many floating and sinking eggs as possible in the time allowed. Swim attire required and pre-registration is recommended. More information at [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov).
- ❖ April 23: Easter Egg Hunt, Herndon Municipal Center, 10:30 a.m. Collect eggs and other Spring goodies at an old-fashioned Easter celebration. Hands-on art projects, baby animal petting zoo will also be features.
- ❖ April 29- May 1: Towne Square Singers Spring Concert, Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive. "Fascinating Rhythm" will explore the many ways music permeates our lives. Toes will be tapping as a variety of music and rhythmic patterns are performed. April 29 and 30 shows at 7:30 p.m., May 1 at 2 p.m.
- ❖ April 30: Paint a Mother's Day Vase, Herndon Community Center, 11 a.m. Make your own vase, items are food-safe and finished vases can be picked up a week later. The cost is \$10, with an additional materials cost of \$5.
- ❖ May 6: Kids Night Out, Herndon Community Center, 6:30 p.m. This program offers an opportunity for parent to enjoy a night out while children participate in gym games, arts and crafts, movies and more. The cost is \$13.
- ❖ May 14: Extreme Kiddie Play Zone, Trailside Park, 1022 Crestview Drive, 10 a.m. Children ages 2-6 can play on the skate park with scooters, big wheels and anything else that can roll. Parents must stay and supervise children and helmets are mandatory. The cost is \$5.
- ❖ June 2-5: Annual Herndon Festival, downtown Herndon. The 31<sup>st</sup> annual Herndon Festival features live entertainment on three stages, international foods, carnival rides and games and children's hands-on art activities. There will also be 10K and 5K races, a fitness expo and a K-9 fun walk.



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**A view of the ride area of the Herndon Festival from the top of the Jolly Shows Gondola Wheel.**

## Herndon Drama Presents 'Fools'

The Herndon High School Drama Department will be presenting "Fools," Neil Simon's "amusing fable," on Thursday, April 7, Friday, April 8, and Saturday, April 9 at the Herndon High School Auditorium at 800 Bennett St. in Herndon. Tickets will be sold online and one hour prior to the performance at the door for \$10.

The play is a humorous story of romance and silliness. Once Leon the Schoolmaster arrives in Kulyenchikov in Ukraine, he is

determined to teach Sophia, the Doctor's daughter. Through this he realizes that everyone in the village is under a curse that makes them stupid and unable to fall in love. If Leon can improve Sophia's intelligence, the spell will be broken. However, he only has one day to make it happen.

Visit [www.herndon drama.org](http://www.herndon drama.org) to purchase tickets, learn more about the event, or for more information regarding the Herndon High School Drama Department.

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**Dr. Zubrinsky, played by Andy Raoufi, and his wife Lenya Zubrinsky, played by Ashleigh Markin, in 'Fools.'**



From left, Maureen Palmedo, Karen Stevens, Dorothy O'Hara, Suzanne Fulton, Jane Blanchard and Dorothy Banzon are honored as "Star FISH" for their volunteer efforts at the FISH Fling Saturday at the Crowne Plaza in Herndon.



Guests at the FISH Fling hit the dance floor Saturday at the annual event at the Crowne Plaza in Herndon.

PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

# Providing Immediate Help

## Herndon-Reston FISH holds annual fundraising gala.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

As a volunteer with Herndon-Reston FISH, Jim Hardcastle remembers how hard it was for the organization to get its first grant.

"We had the hardest time getting it back in 1991, we didn't even have an office address to give them, because we didn't need one," he said. "Now we get grants that help us cover some overhead, like phone lines, fax machines and maintaining a database."

His wife Diane is now the treasurer of FISH and says the organization is much smarter about how they pursue their grants.

"Some of them are 100 pages of paperwork and have to be renewed every two years, so we've got to make sure we cross our T's and dot our I's," she said. "But there's a good reason for that, they want to make sure the money goes to a group that really helps."

**THE EVENT** allowed guests to bid on several dozen silent auction items donated from local businesses. Other items, including a week at a vacation house and an iPad were raffled off. There were also activities like a putting contest and bean bag toss that

guests purchased tickets for as well.

At every place setting during dinner, there was a scroll of paper telling a story of someone that has been helped by FISH. One scroll told the story of a young single mother of two who was diagnosed with breast cancer and was out of work for three weeks, and FISH assisted her with utility bills.

Another told the story of a family whose son was hit by a car leaving his job at the Hunters Woods Safeway. The son, a senior at South Lakes used his income to help pay his family's bills, and FISH was able to help them pay the bills while the son couldn't work.

Janet Hyman, who chaired the event, said that the people like the ones mentioned on the scrolls are why an organization like FISH exists.

"These are real people in need, and we have to be able to help them," Hyman said. "We'll pay the rent directly to the landlord, or the bill directly to Dominion Power, and in order to be able to give this money out so quickly, we need to raise funds, and that's what the Fling is about."

Del. Ken Plum (D-36) put on his auctioneer hat for the evening, holding a live auction for items such



Del. Ken Plum (D-36) auctions off a Redskins autographed football and poster, held by Don Owens.



FISH president Darlene Palmer presents a bouquet to FISH Fling chair Jane Hyman at the annual fundraiser for Herndon-Reston FISH April 2 at the Crowne Plaza in Herndon.

### Stars of FISH

Herndon-Reston FISH recognized six people at the FISH Fling as "Star FISH" for their continued efforts on behalf of the organization.

- ❖ Maureen Palmedo has volunteered for FISH for eight years, and works at the Bargain Loft as a cashier every Wednesday morning. She has been a member of the board of directors for three years, and helped to run the registration desk for the FISH Fling and edit the "Cooking with FISH" cookbook.

- ❖ Karen Stevens has volunteered for eight years and been a member of

the board for the past five years. She serves as the grant administrator for the Fairfax county Consolidated Funding Pool Grant, and volunteers at the FISH Fling every year in multiple capacities.

- ❖ Dorothy O'Hara has been volunteering for the past 18 years, after retiring as a teacher at Terraset Elementary School. She serves as a family assistance telephone volunteer as well as at the Bargain Loft.

- ❖ Suzanne Fulton has been volunteering for four years, serving on the board every year. She also acts as publicity chair and managing editor for the newsletter. She has also worked to ob-

tain silent auction items at the FISH Fling for the past three years.

- ❖ Jane Blanchard has been volunteering for eight years, and serves as a pricer at the Bargain Loft every Thursday and the backup day manager as needed. She also works at the book nook section of the Bargain Loft, sorting and categorizing books.

- ❖ Dorothy Banzon has been involved for the past three years with FISH, and she provides graphic design work for the FISH Fling. She also redesigned the logo and branding of Herndon-Reston FISH across all of their printed materials.

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## Reston Resident Achieves Boy Scouts' Highest Rank

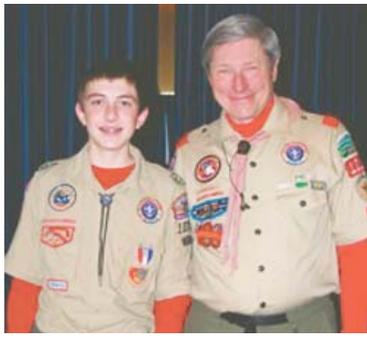
David Acton of Reston was awarded the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor, the Eagle Scout Award, at a court of honor ceremony on March 5. Boy Scout Troop 1018, chartered by Dranesville United Methodist Church, presented Acton with his rank making him the 22nd, and youngest, Eagle Scout in the troop's 22-year history.

Approximately 4 percent of all Boy Scouts attain the Eagle rank, according to Troop 1018 Scoutmaster Doug Donnell. Each candidate must earn 21 merit badges, successfully plan and lead a major community service project, and pass a board of review before he earns the rank of Eagle Scout.

Since joining Troop 1018 in March 2007, Acton earned 31 merit badges and completed his Eagle project at Congressional Cemetery in eastern Washington,

D.C. in November 2009, where teams of Scouts and adults unearthed and repositioned more than 100 head and footstones that had sunk below ground level. A photo was taken of the individual markers to record each site for the cemetery. Acton chose Congressional Cemetery because he has relatives buried there.

In addition to developing leadership skills in several troop leadership positions, Acton has experienced several high adventure outings, including the Centennial National Jamboree with some 40,000 other scouts near Fort A.P. Hill and Northern Tier, a two-week canoe trip through the Boundary Waters area of Minnesota and Canada. This coming summer, he'll spend two-weeks at Philmont, trekking through the southern Rockies in northern New Mexico. He was recently selected for Or-



**Newly minted Eagle Scout, David Acton of Reston with Scoutmaster Doug Donnell of Reston, after Acton's Eagle Scout court of honor. Acton and Donnell are part of Troop 1018 chartered by the Dranesville United Methodist Church in Herndon.**

der of the Arrow, a national scouting honor organization.

Acton, 14, is a ninth grader at Herndon High School. He plays on the JV baseball team and competes in Certamen, a Latin "Jeopardy"-like competition. He is a member at St. Thomas a Becket Catholic Church in Reston. He is the son of John and Jane Acton.

## FISH Honors Volunteers

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as a football autographed by the Washington Redskins and another iPad.

Dorothy O'Hara was one of the volunteers honored as a "Star FISH" at the event that she has been volunteering at for the past 18 years.

"I was a teacher at Terraset Elementary School, and I met members of FISH during a canned food drive, and they were the nicest people, so generous," O'Hara said. "I decided after I retired that I wanted to help out."

O'Hara volunteers as a cashier at the Bargain Loft, FISH's thrift store, which sells household items, clothing, furniture and more. They provide cheap items for families to furnish their house, or to catch up on their wardrobe when re-entering the workforce.

"If you're coming back to work after not having a job for a while, you don't have a lot of money, but you need to wear the right clothes," O'Hara said. "The Bargain Loft is kind of the basis for much of our funding."

O'Hara said she is inspired by Marcia Di Trapani, who served as president of FISH from 2006 to 2010.

"She is a tremendous driving force for this organization, I've never seen anyone so dedicated to something in my life," she said.

Herndon-Reston FISH was founded in 1969 as a loose group of volunteers from churches around Herndon, Reston, Sterling and Great Falls, who rotated 24 hours a day on call assistance. Now they offer instant help to local residents who are in short-term crisis.

**THEIR SERVICES** include: contributing toward overdue rent or mortgage payments to prevent evictions of foreclosures, donating household furnishings to families with little or no furniture, providing payment support for prescription medications, driving people in need to medical appointments, making payments to prevent utility cut-offs and conducting financial workshops to mentor clients who need assistance in financial planning and budgeting.

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As this report shows, most home sellers

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# OPINION

## Simply Disappointing

Sad to report that proposed General Assembly districts are not an April Fool's joke.

**B**y the time the Connection is delivered to homes and businesses this week, there is a good chance that how you vote and who you can vote for will have changed. No one will have consulted you about this.

Virginia's every-10-year, hyper-partisan process of drawing political districts is in rare form this year. It's all the more disappointing since two years ago, there appeared to be developing consensus that this process should be approached in the best interests of voters.

Instead, the Democrats in control of the Virginia Senate and the Republicans in control of the Virginia House of Delegates have created a nearly obscene mess without even lip service to providing effective representation.

Proposed changes in districts split communities, localities, counties and even precincts and homeowners associations. The City of Alexandria will likely now have three state senators. Arlington, which could be represented by a single state senator in a compact and highly effective district, could instead have as many as three Senate districts within its boundaries. Arlington's primary senate seat, District 31, will now snake along the Potomac River through McLean and Great Falls and actually encompassing part of Sterling, covering three counties in a densely populated area that begs for compact districts.

This means residents of McLean and Great

### EDITORIAL

Falls will likely be represented in the Virginia Senate by someone from Arlington, who will try to understand the complexities of three very different counties. The change shifts Janet Howell's district 32 to the west, leaving thousands of residents to get to know new candidates who will likely be focused on other areas first.

Mount Vernon, a highly diverse community, will also have its senate representation split, likely resulting over time in half being represented by someone from the City of Alexandria and half represented by someone from Prince William County, neither with the grasp of community needs that a Mount Vernon centered district would allow.

George Barker's district 39 scoops up parts of Prince William, the least densely populated parts of Fairfax County in Clifton and Fairfax Station, then takes a turn through densely populated Lorton, Newington and Franconia before poking its head into the City of Alexandria. This certainly does not comprise a "community of interest."

If Democratic voters were wealth, this would be the plan to spread the wealth around. Whether that will actually be effective for the Democrats in retaining seats is dubious. We've seen numerous examples of seats specifically drawn to benefit particular candidates or party that fail to hold up.

There are almost as many examples as there are senate seats in Northern Virginia.

There are similar problems with the Republican drawn delegate seats, but the smaller districts make for more compact districts, with the problems a bit harder to cherry pick.

Every seat in the General Assembly will be up for reelection in a few months, with August primaries and caucuses and November general election, which is one reason this process is happening with so little citizen scrutiny. Proposed boundaries will have been public for only a few days, and will be voted on and approved by the end of the week. Homeowners Association presidents who might object to having their neighborhood split won't have time to react, for example.

Is there hope to circumvent the madness for 10 years from now?

It really is time to give control of the redistricting process to an authority that will not consider voting patterns or incumbency, but instead will focus on what will create more effective representation.

Keeping communities of interest together is key. That means not splitting jurisdictions, creating compact shapes, minimizing the distance from one end to the other of populous districts.

But it's unlikely that the winners of the coming elections will be that interested in the project. After all, they will be the beneficiaries of the current flawed process.

It's time for a constitutional amendment that would save us from districts shaped like boa constrictors and clawed dragons a decade from now.

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## Our Take on Redistricting

BY SEN. RICHARD SASLAW &  
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### COMMENTARY

**M**any, if not most, Virginians if asked would say they support some kind of non-partisan redistricting process to determine our state's political boundaries. Political experts and the media have touted the benefits of this concept nationally and across the Commonwealth.

However, that is not the system that Virginia operates under now. The Democratic-controlled Virginia Senate passed legislation the last four years to establish a bipartisan commission to oversee the redistricting process in a fair and non-partisan manner. These bills have all been killed by the Republican-controlled House of Delegates.

What we have been able to do is craft a redistricting plan that

meets the criteria for redistricting as established by the 1965 Voting Rights Act, and the U.S. Constitution and Virginia Constitutions. These criteria include but are not limited to, making sure districts are near the same size, do not dilute racial or ethnic minority voting strength, are compact and contiguous, and maintain communities of interest.

Drafting a map that meets these criteria isn't a simple or easy task.

Virginia is one of the first states to undertake the once-a-decade redistricting process because of our election schedule. Senate map makers had one month since receiving the final U.S. Census data to study maps, analyze the data, and redraw political boundaries in order to submit plans to the U.S. Department of Justice for approval. The Justice Department

has 60 days from the date of submission to approve the plan.

Dramatic shifts in Virginia's population required significant changes in district lines. Northern Virginia experienced massive population growth over the last decade especially in Loudoun and western Prince William counties. This resulted in Northern Virginia gaining an additional Senate seat while population changes in other parts of the state resulted in Hampton Roads and Southwest Virginia losing one Senate district.

Although time constraints have made the redistricting process very challenging, we believe our plan fully complies with all applicable federal and state legal requirements. Our bill will be introduced and debated during a special redistricting session which begins on April 4.

Some critics have claimed that our map is an extreme partisan

gerrymander; however under our plan, Gov. McDonnell (R) carried 28 of 40 districts — or 70 percent of the proposed Senate districts. There are 17 districts in the proposed Senate map that the Republican candidates for Governor carried in 2005 and 2009. There are only 12 districts the Democratic candidates for governor carried in both those elections. The remaining 11 districts voted for the Democratic candidate for Governor in 2005 and for the Republican candidate in 2009.

Overall, Senate Democrats are proud of what we've been able to accomplish in a short time. There is still a lot of work to be done before the General Assembly passes redistricting legislation. We hope you will take a look at our plan and tell us what you think at <http://redistricting.dls.virginia.gov/2010/>.

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# LETTERS

## A Good Neighbor

To The Editor:

Last Saturday morning I stopped at the Herndon Library to return some books. Just outside the door there was a large pile of newspapers, with nothing to hold them down — being blown all over by the wind. Before I could get into the library to let someone know, a young woman who was just coming out, stooped over, took the whole pile, in one hand, and put it inside the foyer. She acted immediately, even though she had a small child with her.

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# Spring Fun: Brunch

Celebrate spring with a weekend meal on the town.

By Julia O'Donoghue/The Connection



## J. GILBERT'S

This upscale steakhouse offers an omelette bar, lobster mac n' cheese and hand-carved tenderloin at their Sunday brunch. The meal is family friendly, though a variety of adult beverages — prosecco, mimosas and bellinis — are also offered. Adults pay \$22, with an extra charge for alcohol. Children between ages 5-12 are \$11. Brunch is offered on Sundays only, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 6930 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, Va. 22101; 703-893-1034.

## CLYDE'S

This Washington area institution offers a special Sunday brunch menu. Both kitchens produce Chesapeake Bay Rockfish and Eggs Chesapeake — a twist on Eggs Benedict where a crab cake is used instead of Canadian bacon. Clyde's brunch is Sunday only, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. 8332 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Va. 22182; 703-734-1901 and 11905 Market Street, Reston, Va. 20190; 703-787-6601.



## AMPHORA

Amphora has two 24-hour branches, Amphora Restaurant in Vienna and Amphora Diner in Herndon. Both locations have large menus with over 350 items, including 10 different types of "benedict" dishes. First opened in Vienna 35 years ago, Amphora serves breakfast at all times of day and night. It is also a affordable option with most breakfast dishes costing \$6-\$12. Amphora Restaurant is open 24 hours per day, 365 days per year and is located at 377 Maple Ave. West, Vienna, Va. 22180; 703-938-7877. Amphora Diner is also open 24 hours per day, 365 per year and is located at 1151 Elden Street, Herndon Va. 20170; 703-925-0900.



## BAZIN'S ON CHURCH

Chef Patrick Bazin makes contemporary American food in this upscale Vienna restaurant he owns with his wife Julie. The brunch menu includes porcini risotto balls stuffed with fresh mozzarella, bananas foster french toast and a maple-pecan tart with salted caramel ice cream. The brunch drink list includes Bloody Marys and a variety of champagne cocktails; six speciality teas. Bazin's charges \$12-\$20 for an entree during brunch and \$8-\$10 for cocktail. The restaurant serves brunch on Sunday only from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bazin's is located at 111 Church Street, Vienna, Va. 22180; 703-255-7212.



## BRIX AMERICAN BISTRO

Owner Ashwani Ahluwalia was the executive chef at River Bend Country Club and general manager of The Tavern in Great Falls before opening the Brix. With a small outdoor patio, the restaurant gives diners a chance to enjoy brunch outside in the nice spring weather. Ahluwalia said he will be tweaking the brunch menu in the coming weeks but, for now, it includes dishes like a belgian waffle with warm maple syrup, corned beef hash and steak and eggs. Prices range from \$7 to \$16 for an entree. Bloody Marys and Mimosas cost \$5. Sundays only from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 1025-1 Seneca Road, Great Falls, Va. 22066; 703-433-9050.



## L' AUBERGE CHEZ FRANCOIS

Though it does not technically serve brunch, L' Auberge Chez Francois offers a six-course lunch menu on Sundays from noon until 3 p.m. Located on six acres off a remote road in Great Falls, this French restaurant is considered one of the best in the entire region. The "Sunday lunch" menu includes a puff pastry tart with warm cheese and caramelized; braised chicken in a creamy Riesling white wine sauce with mushrooms and noodles; and rabbit with seasonal vegetables and candied chestnuts. The price of the meal varies from \$37 - \$49. Reservations are required. L'Auberge Chez Francois is located at 332 Springvale Road, Great Falls, Va. 22066; 703-759-3800.

## CAFE MONTMARTRE

This casual French restaurant has a sprawling patio that allows diners to look out over Lake Anne in Reston while enjoying a Mimosa on sunny, weekend afternoons. Cafe Montmartre offers a special brunch special that includes the patron's choice of a entree, dessert and juice or a Mimosa for \$18. Restaurant dishes include four different types of quiche, scrambled eggs with french sausage and chocolate mousse. There are also snails sauteed with white wine sauce, grilled New York strip steak and pan seared trout with lemon sauce on the menu. Cafe Montmartre serves brunch on Saturday 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. It is located at 1625 Washington Plaza N. Reston, Va. 20190. 703-904-8080.



## COMMUNITY CANTEEN

Located in the Reston Town Center, this cafe features simple, homemade food with a small patio and indoor dining area. It is attached to the french bistro, Mon Ami Gabi, located next door.

The restaurant features a yogurt bar, with patrons can add homemade muesli, fresh fruit, dried cherries, walnuts, brown sugar and compotes. There is also a build-your-own omelette option, oatmeal quiche, waffle and breakfast burrito on the menu. The cafe is open for breakfast and brunch from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. It also serves breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. during the week. Most meals cost between \$3.95 - \$7.95. Community Canteen is located at 11950 Democracy Drive, Reston, Va. 20190; 703-707-9442.



## THE BAGEL CAFE

This independently owned restaurant is a New York-style bagel shop and delicatessen. The Bagel Cafe offers homemade Matzoh ball soups, oversized black & white cookies and whitefish salad. The three-egg omelets go from

"Russian" (grilled potatoes, sour cream and green onion) to "New Orleans" (spicy sausage, cajun rice and cheddar cheese.) They are served with a buttered bagel and home fries. Bagel Cafe meals run from \$3.09-\$7.29. The restaurant is open from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. seven days per week. It is located at 300 Elden Street, Herndon, Va. 20170. 703-318-7555.



## WAFFLE KING'S VIRGINIA KITCHEN

Lincoln and Julie Kruger took over this local diner — which is approximately 40 years old — from Julie's father. The restaurant has traditional diner breakfast options, including freshly squeezed orange juice, chocolate chip waffles, country fried steaks, reuben sandwiches, fresh banana pancakes, and chili. Virginia Kitchen's entrees range from \$4.40-\$6.25. The restaurant's is open from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. and is located at 450 Elden Street, Herndon, Va. 20170; 703-471-0808.

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## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 6

**Treasures of the USGS Library.** 7 p.m. US Geological Service, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Dr. Richard Huffine, Director of the USGS Libraries Program, will present early maps of America, the provenance of the Hope Diamond, documentation of the exploration of the American West by Hayden, King, Powell and Wheeler and more. Requests for accommodations (i.e. sign language interpreting) require at least two weeks notice. Federal facility, photo Id required. Free. 703-648-4748 or [www.usgs.gov/public\\_lecture\\_series/](http://www.usgs.gov/public_lecture_series/)

**Herndon Book Club.** 6 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Book discussion 703-437-8855.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 8

**"Thrill Me: the Leopold and Loeb Story."** 8 p.m. The Elden Street Players at the Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. The story of Leopold and Loeb, the Chicago "Thrill Killers" of 1924. 703-481-5930 or [www.eldenstreetplayers.org](http://www.eldenstreetplayers.org).

**"Places."** 7 p.m. GRACE Art Center, 12001 Market Street, #103, Reston. Dodgeball Theatre's Teen Ensemble original production, written and performed by the actors. Free. [www.dodgeballtheatre.com](http://www.dodgeballtheatre.com).

**Herndon Elementary PTA Silent Auction.** 6:30 p.m. Herndon Elementary, 630 Dranesville Road, Herndon. Tickets to the The Kennedy Center, gift cards for Exxon gas, baskets, gift certificates to restaurants and more.

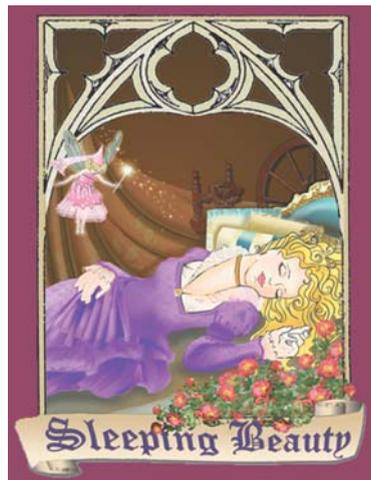
## SATURDAY/APRIL 9

**8th Annual Reston Founder's Day & Treasure Hunt.** 12-3:30 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. In honor of the 97th birthday of Reston founder Robert E. Simon, Jr., all are invited for musical entertainment and cake. 15-minute oral histories will be video-recorded from 1-3 p.m., reserve time at [restonmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:restonmuseum@gmail.com) or 703-709-7700. The Reston Founder's Day Hunt begins at 1:30 p.m.: follow clues to 12 sites around Reston, ending back at the Museum 3:30 p.m. All participants will receive a medal and enter a drawing to win one of three prizes. [www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org).

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**Something Different 2011.** 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The Elden Street Players, Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Four short improvised plays for young audiences, including The Gingerbread Man, The Cracked Pot, The Pied Piper and The Rabbit's Judgment. Written and directed by Holly Harrington. \$7. 703-481-5930 or [www.eldenstreetplayers.org](http://www.eldenstreetplayers.org).

**Russian National Ballet Theatre: "Romeo and Juliet."** 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With choreography by Petipa and music by Tchaikovsky. Based on Shakespeare's classic tale of star-crossed lovers and family hatreds. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's



**The Classical Ballet Theatre, 320 Victory Drive in Herndon, will present "Sleeping Beauty" on April 9 and 10 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., in a one-hour narrated version of the classic fairytale. \$10. All proceeds from the Saturday 4 p.m. production will be donated to the American Red Cross to benefit Japanese relief efforts. [cdonavin@cbtnva.org](mailto:cdonavin@cbtnva.org).**

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**Friends of Vale Schoolhouse Community Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. Household and children's items, small furniture, collectibles, books and more. Proceeds benefit the preservation of the 1884 Vale Schoolhouse. 703-620-2650.

**Herndon High School Yard Sale.** 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Herndon HS, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. \$25 vendor fees benefit the HHS Drug & Alcohol Free All Night Grad and After Prom events. Rain date April 30. [lespetty@verizon.net](mailto:lespetty@verizon.net).

**Kaveri Kannada Sangha.** 3 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Art and drama meeting. 703-437-8855.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 10

**Columbian Singer Juanes.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$39-\$125, available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities by calling 703-993-3035. [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

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**Walk MS.** Check in 8:30-10 a.m. Start 8:30-10 a.m. A 3.5-mile route beginning and ending at the Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. Proceeds benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. [www.MSandYou.org/walk](http://www.MSandYou.org/walk) or 202-296-5363, option 2.

## FAITH NOTES

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**Floris United Methodist Church,** 13600 Frying Pan Road in Herndon, will present "The Seven Last Words of Christ," a Lenten concert by French composer Theodore DuBois, on Friday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. Free, but donations accepted. Reserve tickets at [www.florisumc.org/558809.html](http://www.florisumc.org/558809.html). Floris UMC holds worship services at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays with a Latino service on Saturdays at 7 p.m. 703-793-0026 or [www.florisumc.org](http://www.florisumc.org).

**Hope Fellowship Church** will temporarily be meeting at Woody's Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday Worship Services for this new Southern Baptist church are at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to join a growing Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or [www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org](http://www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org).

Knitters needed the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 7 p.m., at **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church,** 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The church's Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets and other knitted items

for people in need. No cost and yarn can be provided. E-mail [shawl@saint-timothys.org](mailto:shawl@saint-timothys.org) or visit the Pastoral Care page at [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org).

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

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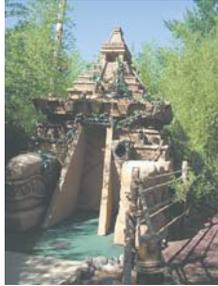
## Spring Fun: Hitting the Links

As the weather warms, the area's many golf courses, practice facilities and driving ranges offer great opportunities. From rookies to scratch golfers, from youth to adult, there are options for everyone. From a nationally recognized course at Laurel Hill, to a beginner's delight at the Par 3 at Burke Lake Park, to putt-putt that ranges from cartoonish to difficult, there are plenty of greens to approach.

By **Alex McVeigh**/The Connection

### A WOODY'S GOLF

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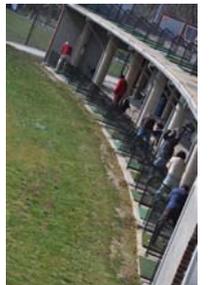


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**Herndon High's Sam Eaddy has been part of a Herndon defensive backfield unit that has almost completely shut opponents down over the first part of the season.**



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CRAIG STERBUTZEL/  
THE CONNECTION

# Herndon Boys' Soccer On Early Season Roll

**Lanigan's squad set to play at Concorde District opponent Centreville on Thursday.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Herndon High boys' soccer team continued building up its win total over the first half of the spring season with a decisive 7-1 victory over non-district opponent and home team Wakefield High this past Friday night, April 1 in Arlington.

Patrick McLaughlin scored three goals for a hat trick in the victory, while also getting an assist. He now has nine goals and, along with Centreville High's Connor Coward, leads the Northern Region in that category. Other Hornet goals in the win over Wakefield came from Bryant Fernandez, Danny Alvarado, Peter Sullivan, and Carlos Mendoza. Assists came from Alvarado (2), Alex Bednarek, Josh Glazier, Tedy Vasquez, and Raleigh McKenzie.

For the season, Herndon (6-0) has allowed just two goals, while scoring 19. The team's wins prior to the Wakefield game were at host South Lakes, 3-0, on March 18; at Chantilly, 3-1, on March 22; home against South County, 3-0, on March 24; home versus Westfield, 2-0, on March 28; and home versus West Potomac, 1-0, on March 30.

"We are playing very well this year," said head coach Sean Lanigan, who is back at the helm after missing the 2010 season. "Coming into the season the biggest worry was putting together defenders. Our team is full of good midfielders, but who could play in the back?"

Lanigan has found successful answers on defense where senior Sam Eaddy (right back); center backs McKenzie, a senior, and Bednarek, a junior; and sophomore left back Carlos Vasquez have been key factors in Herndon's shutdown defense.

"They've been phenomenal," said Lanigan, of the defensive foursome. "They didn't normally play those positions [in the past]. Only Sam had played defense."

Junior goalie Jack Clarke has not had too many save chances, but has made big plays when called upon.

"He's only been tested two or three times per game," said Lanigan, of the keeper. "He stopped a

penalty kick against South County. He's been very good so far."

McLaughlin, who played in the midfield last year, has stepped up to play at striker this season and has broken through in a big time way with his nine goals.

"I wanted to play him in the midfield, but we weren't scoring in our scrimmages," said Lanigan, of one reason why he moved his star player to the front. "He just adds that size we need up front. He's tenacious and can shoot with his right or left foot."

Another factor in McLaughlin being moved up top was due to a knee injury that has sidelined junior striker EK Korvah all season. Two years ago, Korvah tallied 12 goals for the Hornets.

Herndon has received strong play from both Bryant Fernandez, an attacking style center midfielder, and senior forward Salah Warid, who has four goals and three assists thus far and has taken some of the scoring pressure off of McLaughlin.

One of the team's grittiest players is senior midfielder Peter Sullivan (1 goal, 3 assists), who has a bright future of playing collegiate ball at Longwood University.

"He's an experienced, seasoned player," said Lanigan. "He's not flashy. He does the [unheralded] work to get to balls. He's one tough guy in the middle. He's an unsung hero and the engine that runs the midfield."

**HERNDON** has a line-up of experienced players who have played with one another for several years as members of the Hornets or in club soccer.

"This is a seasoned high school team," said Lanigan, who had many of the same players on his Herndon team that went 14-2 and won the Concorde District title in 2009. "Our expectations are to win the district and get to states. But there are some very good teams out there."

Herndon was scheduled to host Battlefield High, one of the area's top teams, in a non-region contest earlier this week on Tuesday, April 5. The Hornets will play at district opponent Centreville on Thursday night, April 7 at 7 p.m. The team's next home game is scheduled for next Wednesday, April 13 versus district rival Robinson.



PHOTO COURTESY/LIGHTNING

**The under-12 girls' Reston Lightning soccer team won the Gold Division of the Fairfax Police Youth Club Liberty Cup Soccer Tournament this past weekend. The girls on the Lightning are primarily from the Great Falls, Reston and Herndon communities.**

## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**Annual Reston Little League Parade** will be held on Saturday, April 9, at Reston Town Center. The parade will start at 9 a.m. and end at the pavilion.

**The 2011 Reston Youth Club Summer League Basketball** season is kicking off. Five-hundred youngsters participated in the organization last year, many of whom currently play high school basketball throughout Fairfax County. The season will run from June 20th to July 30th and there will be playoffs and an all-star game. The league will be made up of the following divisions: Instructional boys and girls; 9-under boys and girls; 11-under boys and girls; 13-under girls; 13-under boys; 15-under boys; and 18-under boys. All games will take place in Reston at the Southgate outside courts (off of Glade and Pinecrest), or at South Lakes High School in the event of rain. For more information, go to: <http://www.restonyouthclub.org> or call 703-689-4433.

**Reggie Barnes, the Herndon High girls' basketball coach**, along with many of his current varsity basketball players, will be running the upcoming Herndon Girls Summer Basketball Camp, set to take place the week of June 27 through July 1 at the United Methodist Church gymnasium. Daily camp times will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The camp is for girls from the fourth grade to rising ninth graders. The camp will provide instruction on developing basketball skills,

learning the basic fundamentals of the game, rules of the game and the principles of team play, all with an emphasis on having fun. United Methodist Church is located at 701 Bennett Street in Herndon. Anyone interested in attending the camp can register by going to the Herndon High School website, under Athletics, Girls Varsity Basketball, Camps and Clinics link, or by contacting Coach Barnes at [reginald.barnes@fcps.edu](mailto:reginald.barnes@fcps.edu).

**Sarah Kurtz** struck out five hitters and Mary Dugan drove in the game's only run as the Herndon High girls' softball team defeated Loudoun Valley High, 1-0, in a non-region high school game played last Friday, April 1.

**Fairfax-based non-profit Our Daily Bread, Inc.** invites golf enthusiasts of all skill levels to enjoy a great afternoon of golf to help struggling families in the Fairfax County area of Virginia. Our Daily Bread's Charity Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, May 16 at the South Riding Golf Club (43237 Golf View Drive, South Riding). Registration and lunch begin at noon, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Individual players and teams are invited to register. A \$130 registration fee includes lunch, full round of golf, driving range, golf cart, beverages, raffles, silent auction, dinner and prizes. Sponsorships are welcome. For information on registration, sponsorship and donating goods, visit [www.our-daily-bread.org](http://www.our-daily-bread.org), or call 703-273-8829.

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# Herndon Honors a Patron of Arts

## High Tea at Russia House honors Anne Rust.

By LINDY HILDRETH  
THE CONNECTION

**O**n Sunday, March 27, proclaimed “Ann Rust Day” by Herndon Mayor Stephen DeBenedittis, Ann Rust was honored at a high tea held at the Russia House in Herndon, one of the premiere restaurants in the historic downtown area. Speakers honoring Rust included Grace Wolf, President of the Council for the Arts of Herndon, Lisa Merkel, Vice Mayor of the Town of Herndon, and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), among others. Rust was presented with two award plaques for her dedication and promotion of the arts. There was also much gratitude personally expressed to her by the many attendees. Rust thanked her supporters, friends, and especially her family, who were in attendance. She shared some personal experiences and expressed her appreciation to everyone for making Herndon “a wonderful place to live and to enjoy the arts.” The celebration was sponsored by several organizations of which Rust has been a supporter over the years—The Herndon Council for the Arts, The Herndon Fortnightly Club, and the Herndon Woman’s Club.

One of Rust’s many loves has been the Council for the Arts of Herndon (CAH), established in 1985 and designated as the town of Herndon’s official arts agency. Rust served as one of the very early board members of this organization before her appointment as Executive Director in 1994.

**ANN RUST** is also a supporter of the Herndon Fortnightly Club, originally formed in 1889 to establish the Town of Herndon’s first library. It was dedicated to “the mutual improvement of its members in literature, art, science, and the vital interests of the day.” The original members, 11 women, met every two weeks (thus, the name “fortnightly”), and by 1912, the Club had broadened its scope by becoming affiliated with the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, although its primary focus was still to provide library services to Herndon. By 1989—100 years after its formation—Fairfax County voters approved a \$39.1 million capital improvement bond referendum that included funding for new libraries in Herndon as well as several other towns in Fairfax County. The new Herndon Fortnightly Library on Center Street opened in May of 1995.

Rust has also been an active participant and promoter of The Herndon Woman’s Club. The Club was established in 1939 to unite the women of the community for the purpose of mutual benefit and to promote a common interest in education, public welfare, philanthropy, moral values, civic duty, and fine arts.

As a member of the Board of Directors



**Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) with Ann Rust, at the ceremony honoring her many contributions to the Herndon community.**

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**Nancy Wood, Jackie Gobuluk, Susi Koppenhaver, and Mary O’Connell enjoying the high tea.**

for the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Rust served as the Chair of the International Children’s Festival, Fundraising Chair, and Chairman of the Board of Directors for this event, held every fall at Wolf Trap Park for the Performing Arts. In January of 2008, Rust was appointed by Governor Tim Kaine to the Virginia Commission for the Arts for an 18-month unexpired term, and was then reappointed by Governor Kaine for a five-year term on the Board of the Commission. She also served on the committee for “Voices of Change,” an art initiative for foster children of Virginia.

Rust was also appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman, Gerry Connolly, to the Commission on the Future of the Arts in Fairfax County. She was a founding member of the Initiative for Public Art/Reston (IPAR), and in addition, serves on the Executive Committee for the Herndon Festival, held the first weekend in June every year. She was the Director of Constituent Services in the Office of U.S. Rep. Thomas M. Davies III (R-11) until January of 2009. Prior to that, she served as the Marketing Specialist for the Town of Herndon, in addition to the many other “hats” she has worn over the years. Currently, she works for Senator Mark Warner

as a State Services Director, coordinating constituent services throughout the state.

“I think of Ann as a great friend and neighbor,” said Elma Mankin. Judy Downer described Rust as “a very gracious hostess, hard worker, and dedicated volunteer.”

“She just does about anything and everything that needs to be done,” said Lee Powell, a long-time friend of both Ann and her husband, Tom. “Ann is a true ‘woman of the arts,’” said Vice Mayor Sheila Owens. Vicky Dorman, CAH Executive Director, talked about Rust’s many accomplishments, and said she was glad to have the opportunity to coordinate such a festive event in her honor as part of the “Minds Wide Open Program” celebrating women in the arts. Grace Wolf described Rust as a “personal role model for me and my daughter, and one who has made everyone’s lives better.”

**ANN AND HER HUSBAND,** Del. Tom Rust (R-86) - a former Mayor of Herndon - are long-time residents of the Town of Herndon. They have two sons, Douglas and James, daughter Robin, and grandchildren, Ross and Abbey. Rust said several times during the course of the tea that she feels “lucky to live in such a strong community that is open to fostering the arts.”

## More Things I Know, Sort Of



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

While I’m discussing problems (see last week’s column titled, “What It Is I Do Know”), let me tell you something else I know – and sort of understand: not admitting – to myself, that I may have worsening symptoms which indicate that the semi, symptom-free honeymoon I’ve been on since my treatment began two years ago is taking a turn for the worse – which it’s not (so I say, ergo the problem). My thinking is, if I don’t admit to it, it’s not really happening (sort of like George Costanza’s advice to Jerry Seinfeld on how to beat a lie detector test: “It’s not a lie if you believe it”).

As asymptomatic as I’ve been, generally speaking/comparatively speaking, I’m always looking for a sign that might portend trouble, health-wise. My oncologist has answered my “How will I know?” questions with a simple explanation: “Any change or worsening of symptoms, a persistent cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, please call.” Logically then, if I’m not experiencing these kinds of symptoms/changes then I’m not slipping away; “slipping” refers to the “slippery slope” reference a few columns ago.

And let’s be honest here: my diagnosis, stage IV lung cancer, is hardly the 24-hour flu. It’s not going away. It’s not getting better. It is, as my oncologist said way back when: “Incurable.” He “can treat me, but he can’t cure me.” Consequently, every day where I don’t feel a worsening/change of symptoms is one day closer to the day when I will. I don’t know that this is an absolute fact, but stage IV lung cancer survivors are fairly rare. In fact, when we specifically asked my oncologist, after he gave us my 13-month to two-year prognosis, what percentage of lung cancer patients survive beyond two years, his answer was that the percentage was in the low single digits, and as for five years, his answer was “Zero percent.” Not emphatically, mind you, but rather convincingly. Then he added: “Could you be the first? Absolutely!”

Hearing that then and continuing to live with it now (25 months post-diagnosis/prognosis), is the basis for the underlying mental challenges I endure every day. As a long-time salesman, I can characterize my thought process with two well-worn sales adages: “Waiting for the other shoe to drop;” meaning, something bad/discouraging is ultimately going to happen and, “Every no is one step closer to a yes;” meaning, results are just a matter of time, sort of. As the son of a salesman, having grown up in the world of sales and spent my entire adult career as a salesman, I am sensitive to and clearly effected by, these extremely familiar expressions/explanations.

I am not a fatalist, though. Nor am I a pessimist. And I’m not morbid about my rather less than favorable health circumstances. I am a realist, though. And my real approach, given my personality and career choices is: to not accept the reality of my circumstances, think positively and hope that somehow, that combination will win the day (and the night, and the month, year, decade, etc.). Nevertheless, it’s impossible to ignore the underlying facts. And occasionally, they are overwhelming and probably the cause for my incessant need to arrange, interpret and clutter those facts/feelings in the confusing and haphazard manner that I do in order to not be driven completely insane by them.

Still, if I were to be really honest here, I’d have to say that my initial diagnosis, given that I’m a lifelong non-smoker, was plain bad luck; and that my most recent, much-better-than-predicted, life expectancy/quality of life, has been just the opposite: good luck. Whether – and how – control or mental fortitude (or diet and exercise) played a role in any of it, I’ll never know. And how much longer can I go on not knowing? That’s something I definitely don’t know. That much I do know.

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From right, Gov. Bob McDonnell speaks at the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Raytheon Trusted Computer Solutions in Herndon March 29, while Ed Hammersla, COO of RTCS and Anthony DiFurio, vice president of Information Security Solutions for Raytheon listen.

**Bringing Business to Herndon**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell spoke at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Raytheon Trusted Computer Solutions headquarters in Herndon March 29. McDonnell said he was pleased that a company as large as Raytheon, which has 4,200 workers in Virginia, 120 at RTCS in Herndon, chose to bring business to the area.

"There are very few places better suited for business in this country than Fairfax County," McDonnell said. "As this area has grown and expanded, a leader has been the technology industry. We've got the second highest number of tech workers in the country, next to California."

Anthony DiFurio, vice president of Information Security Solutions for Raytheon said when the company decided to move from its Falls Church facilities, many neighboring states competed for them.

"Due to our employees and the drive of our customers, we decided to stay here, within the commonwealth and are proud to call it our home," he said. "Since then, we've made additional acquisitions to the company, Trusted Computer Solutions being one of them, so we continue to expand our presence here."

Trusted Computer Solutions was acquired by Raytheon in November.

McDonnell credited local officials in helping to attract businesses to the area, saying his goal is to get people working.

"Local legislators have been terrific allies for me, trying to grow jobs, create economic opportunity, especially for the technology sector," he said. "My first bumper sticker said 'Bob's For Jobs,' and we're still all about that. There's no more important thing we can do right now. [We have] 9 percent national unemployment rate, we're down to about 6.4 percent in Virginia, but we still have 260,000 people not working and that's

a tragedy."

Dr. Gerald L. Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, said that bringing businesses like RTCS into the county helps on many levels.

"In Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors unanimously and aggressively attracts business, because businesses as they grow contribute to the tax base, increasing the public services to constituents, while lowering the tax rate," Gordon said. "But to have a company of this magnitude come into the county, we recognize that it's not just a source of new jobs, not just a source of wealth and tax generation, it's also a great source of pride."

Bobbie Kilberg, president of the Northern Virginia Technology Council, also praised state and local officials for creating the type of business-friendly environment that attracted RTCS.

"They're creating jobs in a state that's ready for business, with elected and appointed officials who understand that the private sector is the best job creator we have," Kilberg said. "Gov. McDonnell is a pro-business, pro-job growth governor. The commonwealth is consistently ranked number one or number two in the best states in the nation to do business."

Forbes, U.S. News and World Report, CNBC and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce all rank Virginia at the top of pro-business states, often jockeying back and forth with Texas for the top spot.

"Why do we consistently rank this high? It's simple. We have a highly educated work force, we have world-class institutions of higher education, we are a right-to-work state, we have reliable, available and affordable energy, we have excellent ports and an international airport," Kilberg said. "We're a well-known state with a AAA bond rating, and we're open to new and innovative public-private partnerships, and we do this on a bipartisan basis."

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