

Grace Frinks, 10, a student at Buzz Aldrin Elementary, eyes her competition in the hula hoop contest April 7 during the annual Blacktop Games. Frinks was diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis at age 2, and the Aldrin PTA has hosted the games for the past four years.

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# Changing Price Tag for Phase Two?

Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) cites costs in calling for above ground Dulles Airport station, no Project Labor Agreement.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) called on the Metropolitan Airports Authority to reverse two major decisions involving the Dulles Corridor Metrorail at a press conference Monday at his Herndon office. He said the board should reconsider their decision to build the proposed Metrorail station at the airport underground, which he said would significantly increase the cost of Phase Two of the Dulles Metrorail. He also called on the MWAA board to reverse their decision requiring a Project Labor Agreement for Phase Two.

Wolf called the situation the “first real hiccup” in bringing the rail to Dulles. He said that any increases would translate to increased tolls paid for by the drivers who use the Dull Toll Road.

“I think the [MWAA] board is out of control,” Wolf said. “This is an indication that they’re out of touch with the people in the region, because most people favor the rail to Dulles, but want to do it on budget and on time.”

**THE PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT** would call for all construction contracts to be awarded to unionized firms. Dozens of protestors showed up at Wolf’s Herndon office Monday to protest his call to forego the use of a PLA, but Wolf said such an agreement would result in cost overruns.

“While the contract for Phase One carried such an agreement, it was entered into voluntarily by Dulles Transit Partners and



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Bechtel after the contract was signed, and expressly exempted merit shop contractors from agreeing to the PLA,” wrote Wolf in an April 18 letter to Charles D. Snelling, chairman of the MWAA Board of Directors. “It is my understanding that several large construction firms have indicated that they will not even submit a bid for Phase Two if they are required to agree to a PLA. Fewer bids will decrease competition and drive up costs.”

Wolf was not alone in saying that the underground station at Dulles Airport would be a poor decision. Leo J. Schefer, president of the Washington Airports Task Force, said that the above ground option was created after the groups involved did their due diligence.

“Last July, when the two options were put out for public comment, of above ground and below ground station, we looked into the matter, we made comparisons with National Airport where there is an above ground station,” he said. “We concluded

that because you’ve got the north parking structure at Dulles, which is used by about 10 percent of the airport’s travelers today, then you would have the above ground station on the terminal side of that. We wouldn’t see any increase in ridership as a result of putting the station underground.”

Schefer said that an above ground station could become an integral part of the airport itself, a possibility that wouldn’t be possible with a below ground station.

“We could see in the future an above ground location, a baggage drop, maybe automated ticketing or boarding passes, right there by the station to serve the passengers, which would allow the passengers to go straight through into the security mezzanine,” he said. “There’s really a lot of advantages.”

Lon Anderson, director of Public and Government Relations for AAA Mid-Atlantic, said the increase in cost wasn’t a political issue as much as it was something that is going to effect every single driver who uses

the Dull Toll Road.

“AAA has nothing to do with politics, it has everything to do with the motorists being the ones who shoulder 57 percent of the cost for this rail line,” he said. “To escalate another \$330 million when that is within their control is about four years worth of tolls in the toll road.”

Anderson also mentioned the Greenway, which has already seen recent increases, and said further increases could squeeze drivers even more.

“When you add the tolls that they’re projecting on the toll road, plus tolls on the Greenway you’re going to have, for many families who use both roads to commute, a payment that is equal to or larger than many car payments. It’s no longer dropping quarters,” he said. “Motorists are paying a huge part of this, and they’re not at the table.”

**WOLF SAID** he hopes to continue to persuade the MWAA to reconsider their decision.

“The next step is to just keep urging the airport authority to reverse this position so we can put this station above ground,” Wolf said. “Everyone but the airport authority now believes that the station should not be underground.”

While Schefer and others disagreed with the MWAA’s decision, he said he believed they should still be in control of the project.

“The airports authority has a 25 year track record of bringing major projects in on cost and on time, and funding those projects themselves,” he said. “I’m hopeful that this is just a temporary aberration. Everybody occasionally makes mistakes. We’ve all got to focus on the goal, the goal is to get rail built to Dulles and into Loudoun County in the most cost-effective and efficient way possible.”

## Dulles Station Decision Called ‘Outrage’

Wolf, Fairfax Board oppose underground station.

BY NICHOLAS HORROCK  
THE CONNECTION

After nearly two weeks of unrelenting pressure from federal, state and local authorities, the Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority hasn’t caved in, but it certainly blinked Monday.

On April 6, the WMAA board voted 9 to 4 to build an underground subway station at Dulles International Airport. It was the more expensive by \$330 million than the alternative design considered at that session.

The vote came after pleas from Fairfax

and Loudoun Counties and the State of Virginia to choose a less expensive plan and in the face of unrelenting criticism by Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) that WMAA was squandering funds needlessly in the project.

**ON APRIL 12**, the Fairfax Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve a letter sent in the name of Fairfax, Loudoun County and the State of Virginia calling the decision an “outrage.”

“We cannot and will not fund the additional cost of the tunnel alternative in Dulles Airport when a less expensive alternative can be constructed with less risk and shorter period of time,” the letter said.

It complained that the decision had been made “in isolation” without consulting Fairfax, Loudoun and Virginia officials. All three jurisdictions share large amounts of the Dulles subway project and all can be committed to its costs.

The letter demanded that the total Phase

2 project costs come closer to an earlier \$2.5 billion estimate and include all garages, bus bays and ancillary station facilities in the preliminary cost estimate. “Fairfax and Loudoun Counties will not accept 100 percent of the cost or the construction risk for these garages.”

It wants a rail yard to accommodate 180 rail cars, not 250 and “use prevailing wage rates rather than Davis-Bacon rates.”

The letter asked for a feasibility study of the impact on rates along the Dulles Toll Road before the Virginia partners can approve the plans.

Many members of the Fairfax board expressed anger at the WMAA decision. Pat Herry called it “taxation without representation” and even such mild members as Linda Smith moved to express “outrage,” rather than “disappointment” or a lesser word. Herry argued that using Davis-Bacon wage rates alone inflated the cost by \$300 million.

On Friday Mame Riley, chairwoman of the Dulles rail committee told the Washington Post that “reopening the issue would not be in the best interest of the public and the authority we serve.”

“I’m not going to put it on the (committee) agenda and if it came up in the board meeting, I’d vote against it.”

**ON MONDAY** her boss, Charles D. Snelling, the chairman of the WMAA board, sent a letter with a lot more conciliatory message to the three partners. He wants a meeting, dated unspecified and “I want to emphasize at the outset that we greatly value our partnership with you and our other regional partners, and we respect your input and opinions.”

The WMAA board scheduled two special meetings this week with large amounts of executive session time, suggesting their may be an internal dispute.

**Marion Edwards of Reston volunteers at the front desk of Reston Interfaith's Embry Rucker Community Shelter: For newcomers on Monday mornings, she is the initial point of contact, responsible for that critical first impression, a combination of caring, knowledge, and patience.**



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## Donating Time to Serve Others

**Volunteers celebrated at 19<sup>th</sup> annual Volunteer Service Awards.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen she was 12 years old, Marion Edwards of Reston escaped Nazi Germany with her stepfather, while most of her family died in concentration camps. Now 83, Edwards volunteers at the front desk of the Embry Rucker Community Shelter in Reston, and is the first person to greet people at the shelter. "Marion gives much more to Reston Interfaith than just her service hours," said Nate King, Community Resource Associate with Reston Interfaith. "She understands hardship and fear of what tomorrow will bring. She also understands the importance of hops for a better, safer future. That gives her special powers of empathy for those who are facing challenges and trials of their own. You can always count on Marion."

Edwards was one of 13 individuals and groups honored Thursday at the Volunteer Fairfax service awards in Springfield. The 19<sup>th</sup> annual event also honored 152 other individuals and groups from across the county for their Benchmark Awards, who donated at least 100 hours of their time to serve the greater good. This year, the honorees contributed 237,877 hours of service, equivalent to almost \$5 million in labor.

Jeanne Sanders, executive director of Volunteer Fairfax, said that in these tough economic times, more and more volunteers are donating their time, even young children.

"The face of volunteering is changing. More and more, Volunteer Fairfax is receiving requests from parents of children who are age 7, 9, 9 and 10 who want to help," she said. "It teaches children that not only is volunteering fun, but that even the smallest hands can make a big difference."

Lisa Payne-Chesley, a Parenting Education program facilitator with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, was recognized as the top Fairfax County volunteer. This was the first year such an award was given.

"The families turn to her for support, and come away knowing she truly cares about them," said Cheryl Keiper, supervisor of the Parent Education programs. "She comes from a place of giving, and



**Vade and Janet Bolton of Reston were honored for their work with Reston Interfaith: Since 1975, the two have served more than 4,000 both individually and together.**

provides love to those who have struggled with personal problems. She models the highest form of giving for other volunteers."

This year's Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Jonathan Wood, who has been serving in Fairfax County for almost 40 years. He began with the Greater Springfield Volunteer Fire Department, serving as chief for three years, and has served as an officer on the ambulance and engine, instructor at the fire academy and in several leadership positions in the Fairfax County Volunteer Fire and Rescue Association. He also served as chief of the Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire and Rescue for the past 14 years.

"Chief Wood has dedicated an impressive 39 years of service towards the betterment of the fire department and towards providing emergency medical and fire services to the citizens of Fairfax County," said Hana Brilliant, president of Fair Oaks Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

Jim Tragakis, president of the Volunteer Fairfax Board of Directors, credited Volunteer Fairfax staff as well.

"We have a small but incredibly dedicated staff that makes everything we do possible," he said. "The not only give their time in their day jobs at Volunteer Fairfax, but they're prolific volunteers in their communities as well."

*Volunteer Fairfax has been a leader in community volunteerism for more than 36 years, and connects those who wish to serve to more than 900 different organizations in the area. The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards were established in 1993. More information is available at [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).*

## RA Wraps Up Election Season

**Andy Sigle wins At Large director spot.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Reston Association Board welcomed a new director, saw the re-election of an incumbent and is left with a position in limbo as a result of the election that wrapped up April 1. Andrew Sigle, a Reston resident since 2006 won the open At Large spot, incumbent Cheryl Beamer retained the Hunters Woods/Dogwood spot and not enough votes were received to make the 10 percent quorum for the apartment owner's representative.

The board held elections for president, vice president, treasurer and secretary at their April 13 meeting. Incumbents Kathleen Driscoll McKee, Paul Thomas, John Higgins and Joe Leighton were re-elected to those positions, respectively.

Sigle has served in the past as the host of Reston Today Local News edition. He said the experience helped him learn about the community and the issues they face. He has an engineering degree, an MBA, and 25 years of professional experience, mostly in the telecommunications industry.

"I believe the main duty of the board should be to ensure that the members receive maximum value for the money they put into the Association," Sigle said.

He also said his top priorities are: "a thoughtful and organized introduction of the Metro-based transit oriented development into the community, a continued prioritization of our natural areas and open spaces and an emphasis on holding the line at assessment levels."

Sigle was elected for a three-year term, and one of the most pressing issues for the community in that time will be a proposed indoor tennis facility. While Sigle said it would be a positive addition to the community, he says it also warrants a close look when it comes to the business side.

"How would it be financed? Would assessment levels need to rise to help pay for it? Could



**Andrew Sigle was elected to the Reston Association Board of Directors, which was announced April 15. Sigle, a Reston resident since 2006, says his top priority is planning for the future and maintaining a fair assessment for Reston residents.**

we combine a minimal assessment increase with use fee levels that could fund the project and be palatable to all constituencies, tennis players and non-tennis players?" he said. "We need to lay out options and communicate them clearly to Reston, then listen to feedback on whether the facility makes sense at this time. Otherwise, we could hold off and try to couple the project with developer funds as the metro corridor development rolls out."

Amanda Andere, who currently serves as the executive director of FACETS, a Fairfax-based nonprofit organization serving people in need, was the sole candidate for the apartment owner's representative.

She says her goals are to "work with apartment owners to market and leverage the value of renting in Reston, increase participation by renters in the Reston Association and improve communication to apartment owners and residents."

Ellen Graves, RA Elections Committee Chair, said that there were not enough votes cast to meet the 10 percent required quorum. The current representative, Tim McMahan, who has held the spot since 2005, was going to step down, but will remain the apartment owner's representative until the new election results are in.

Ballots were sent out to apartment owners on April 15, and must be returned to the counting agent's office by May 2. The results will be announced on May 7.

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## NEWS



**Grace Frinks, 10, explains her daily treatment for cystic fibrosis to students at Buzz Aldrin Elementary School. Buzz Aldrin hosted the fourth annual Blacktop Games April 7 to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.**

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 THE CONNECTION

# Playing Games for Grace

## Buzz Aldrin Elementary hosts Blacktop Games to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
 THE CONNECTION

**W**hen Grace Frinks was an infant, she kept getting lung infections. At age 2, she was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a recessive genetic disease that affects the entire body. Now 10 years old and a student at Buzz Aldrin Elementary School, Grace Frinks still has to take almost two dozen pills per day and do an hour of lung therapies.

April 7 was the fourth annual Blacktop Games at Buzz Aldrin, where the Frinks family was joined by dozens of students who jumped rope, shot foul shots, limboed and hula hooped their way to prizes. For a \$15 donation to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, students could participate in the games.

"I don't think a lot of schools

would open their hearts for a cause like this, for Gracie," said Heather Frinks, Grace's mother. "From administrators to staff and students, we're so grateful there's been such understanding from the people who help Grace meet her CF-related needs every day."

Children who participated did so by donating. The event started around 4 p.m. with Grace describing her daily treatment. She starts the day with six or seven pills and has to take digestive enzymes with every meal.

**THIS IS THE FOURTH YEAR** the event has been held at Buzz Aldrin, and Ed Frinks, Grace's dad, said the idea came from Grace and her friends.

"We talked to my daughter and her friends and figured out what sort of games they would like to play," he said.

Students rotated every few minutes between the foul shooting, limbo, hula hoop and outdoor jump roping stations.

"I love jump roping, we did it earlier in the year for Jump Rope for Heart, where we raised money for people with heart problems," said Joseph Bottom, a second grader.

Ryan Blackerby, also a second grader, said jump roping was his favorite, but that "I never know when to stop."

Not knowing when to stop was a good thing during the Blacktop Games, as the student that lasted the longest was able to choose a prize from the prize table, which included hula hoops, toys, trivia games and lollipops among other things.

The older Buzz Aldrin students

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**James Hitchings, a fifth grader at Buzz Aldrin Elementary, does the limbo during the annual Blacktop Games April 7, which were hosted by the school's PTA to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.**

# Grace

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volunteered to run the events. Lydia Schaar, a sixth grader, said she heard about the event from her counselor and thought it would be a fun way to get service hours.

"I think it's fun helping out the little kids," she said. "Plus it's always great to help a cause like this."

**GRACE HERSELF** was able to take home a prize during the hula hoop contest. She successfully outlasted a dozen other children as she kept three different hoops going at the same time.

"I think this event is good, because it helps people understand more about cystic fibrosis," Grace Frinks said. "Before this, most of my friends didn't know what I had and this makes it a little easier to explain."

The event was hosted by the school's PTA, and member Jill Norcross said events like this are part of their mission.

"Grace is a student here and the goals of this school, and really this community, are to get the children to think outside of themselves," Norcross said. "We're always looking for different opportunities to engage the students."

*This event is part of the lead-up for Team Grace's entry into the Great Strides Walk, which will take place May 22 at Brown's Chapel Park. Team Grace has raised more than \$250,000 for the CFF over the past seven years. More information on upcoming Team Grace events around Reston can be found at [www.cff.org/great\\_strides/heatherfrinks](http://www.cff.org/great_strides/heatherfrinks).*

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# OPINION

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Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of moms and their children, grandmothers and their children and grandchildren. Most years, we're lucky enough to receive a photo or two that includes four generations, great-grandma and all the rest.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8, and once again the Connection will publish a selection of Mother's Day photos, celebrating the mothers who make so many things possible in families, businesses, communities, schools and other institutions in local neighborhoods.

### EDITORIAL

Send in photos in jpeg format as soon as possible, including the full names of the people in the picture, hometowns, the approximate date and location the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about the people and/or event.

Father's Day is June 19, so a few weeks from now it will be time to send photos of Dads and children, grandfathers and children and grandchildren.

**PROMS AND ...** While Connection photographers and writers will likely attend some proms as schedules permit, we also urge parents and students to document their proms (or

alternative activities) and send in photos in jpeg format, and also including who, what, where, when and why.

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### Share Your Poetry

April is National Poetry Month, and we're extending an invitation a little late in the month this year, but we invite poets to send in submissions for inclusion in our papers and/or online. Are you a poet? The Connection will print poetry submitted by readers this spring, and occasionally throughout the year.

## Spending Increase?

BY JACK KENNY  
PAST PRESIDENT,  
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GREATER RESTON



### A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

The Proposed Fairfax County FY 2012 Budget is up for a vote by the Board of Supervisors on April 26, 2011. The primary source of revenue has been the real estate taxes on our home property - it doubled between the years FY 2000 and FY2007. Recently, the growth has moderated somewhat. However, the spending by the County increased as the many fees were substantially increased or new fees were added; e.g., playing fields for organized sports. This coming year, we will be back to playing games with the real estate tax rate: the proposed rate will be \$1.07 per \$100 valuation. This means the average tax increase for the homeowner will be about \$110 more. As our Supervisor Hudgins observed, "a little or no increase in property taxes." One should wonder what world she is living in - no tax increase is little.

The FY 2012 Budget provides an increase of 2.87 percent before the school transfer funds are considered. It is interesting to see where the increases were applied: Employee Benefits increase by about 31 percent (\$63M) and Human Services (read social engineering) gets \$31M more. Which departments take the decrease? Parks and Libraries lose \$33.7M and Public Safety gives up \$10M. The difference is made up with a tax increase on the average homeowner. In spite of the need to get the economy going again, the tax and spenders are again getting their hands into our pockets. What is even more frightening is the pro-

jected tax increase for FY 2013 to \$1.09 per \$100 valuation. Tax increases need to be limited to the CPI or rate of inflation, whichever is the lower. It would mean that our tax rate should be close to \$.98 per \$100 valuation. A big difference. This writer knows of no organization that cannot take a 10 percent reduction in its budget and operate as well or even more efficiently.

The scary part of this budget game is what is not being funded. We recently learned that the county's share of providing Phase 1 - 6.2 miles sidewalks and 50 - some odd pedestrian crossings (cost yet to be determined) of the busy Tysons Corner roads for the four rail stations has yet to be included in the budget. Who knows what the cost will be for the Reston-Wiehle Avenue Metro Station access walkways, street crossings, bicycle trails, and parking facilities? How will they be funded? We have already seen funds being spent for alternative parking spaces while the present lot is being constructed to accommodate parking for the Wiehle Avenue station.

Do we remember that small sign that circulated not too long ago "Plan Ahead?" Obviously, the county's share of funding Rail-to-Dulles facilities either has not been thought out or is being kept from us to justify further tax increases. We have choices coming up November 8, 2011 when we vote on candidates for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Use your vote wisely. Vote no to tax and spending increases.

## A Frugal, Well Run Government

BY KENNETH R.  
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A slick postcard mailed by the Republican Party of Virginia arrived in the mailboxes of many voters in my district last week just as many people were completing their tax forms. In the standard Republican charge against Democrats, the card text read that I wanted "to take even more" of my constituents' tax money. The card is one of a series with an earlier card suggesting that I had served too long. Against that background I am continuing my column series that periodically compares Virginia with other states in various categories and specifically in taxes during the time I have been in office.

Once again I will draw heavily upon the work of the widely acclaimed, non-partisan Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC) publication, "Virginia Compared to the Other States," 2011 edition, available at <http://jlarc.virginia.gov>. The amount of revenue received by Virginia government comes from taxes (51 percent), charges and miscellaneous sources such as college tuition, state hospital charges, and interest earnings (29 percent), and the federal government (19 percent). According to the JLARC publication taking data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Virginia state and local revenue as a percentage of personal income is 46th lowest among the states. The 50-state average is 22.9 percent; Virginia

is at 17.0 percent. Only Connecticut at 16.9, New Hampshire at 16.8, South Dakota at 16.7, and Maryland at 16.7 percent are lower than Virginia. Virginia has ranked in the bottom five states in state and local revenue as a percentage of personal income since 2004.

Virginia's per capita state revenue at \$4,648 is 37th lowest among the states for FY 2008, the most recent year for which comparative data are available. The national average is \$5,939. Per capita state revenue in Virginia decreased by almost \$1,500 in 2008 compared to 2007. During that period of time the state's rank went from 32nd to 37th lowest. Per capita state taxes at \$2,361 is 31st lowest among the states and decreased from 2007 to 2008.

Virginia's motor fuel excise tax per gallon at 17.5 cents is 37th lowest among the states. The last time the gas tax was changed was in 1986. The 50-state average for state gasoline taxes is 20.9 cents. The federal gas tax collected in all states is 18.4 cents per gallon. As anyone can detect from riding on Virginia roads, our per capita road expenditures is \$633, 42nd lowest among the states, while our state-maintained highway system of 58,000 miles is the third highest in the nation.

The details on Virginia's taxes demonstrate why the state is considered the best managed in the Nation. While this information will not fit on a slick postcard, it is essential to an understanding of our state and its government of which I am pleased to be a part.

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# NEWS

## Language Stars Opens in Reston

Reston Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Mark Ingrao and Language Stars Founder and CEO Leslie Lancry inaugurated the new language immersion center for children in Reston, located at 11301 Sunset Hills Road at the intersection of Sunset Hills and Wiehle Avenue.

Language Stars is now open and serving close to a hundred students ages 1 through 10. Native-speaking teachers are now teaching Mandarin Chinese, French, and Spanish to toddlers from a team representing more than 21 nations. Classes are available Monday to Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Enrollment is open and children can join at any time during the year, including during upcoming summer language camps.

To learn more about Language Stars and their FunImmersion® method, families should contact Katherine Thomas at 703-435-5175, email info@languagestars.com or visit the

Language Stars website at languagestars.com.



Language Stars Founder and CEO Leslie Lancry makes opening remarks with Mark Ingrao, President and CEO, Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce (left), Language Stars D.C. Regional Director Tomas Huntley, and Spanish teacher Monica Lorena.



Don Wilkinson from the Defense Language Office, Leslie Lancry, Founder and President of Language Stars, and Nancy Rhodes, Director of Foreign Language Education at the Center for Applied Linguistics.

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Reston resident Jeremy Novak explains how he built geothermal wells to heat his house, rather than replace his 30-year-old heat pump at the Walker Nature Education Center Friday, April 15.



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## Exploring Green House Effects

Reston Nature House hosts showing of "The Green House."

By ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

When it came time for Reston resident Jeremy Novak to replace the two 30-year-old heat pumps in his house, he decided to think outside the box.

"I'd been patching them up for 30 years, they were builder's grade and not very efficient," he said. "So I decided to take out the heat pumps and put in a geothermal heat pump. Between the tax credit and the amount I would have spent on new heat pumps, they didn't cost anymore."

Novak dug three 220-foot geothermal wells, which uses fluid heated by the earth's natural heat, to heat his house and provide hot water. He says the difference between his system and the old heat pumps is tangible.

"My house is more comfortable, it controls humidity better and most of the time I can't even tell when the heat comes on," he said. "I put it in about five months ago, and have already saved about \$1,100 on my heating bill."

**GEOTHERMAL WELLS** are also used at the Walker Nature Education Center in Reston, which was where Novak told his story. He told it Friday, April 15 at Sustainable Reston's Environmental Film Night, where "The Green House" was shown.

The film told the story of the first carbon-neutral house in the Washington, D.C. area, located in McLean. Designed using progressive environmental stan-



**This house in McLean is the area's first carbon-neutral house, and was certified LEED platinum after it was completed in October 2009 and is the subject of the film "The Green House," which was shown April 15 at the Walker Nature Education Center.**

dards, the house was built over about eight months in 2009.

The original house was demolished (with 98 percent of the material being recycled), and then a group of designers got together to make an environmentally friendly residence.

Everything from the house's alignment to room design was done to maximize energy efficiency. Geothermal power, as well as energy saving techniques such as a metal roof (it cools faster than traditional asphalt), radiant floor heating (which heat rooms from the floor, rather than ducts), energy saving appliances (the sub-zero refrigerator uses about the same amount of power as a 100-watt light bulb) and non-volatile

organic compound paints and furniture led to the building being certified LEED platinum.

"It was wonderful to see how beautiful sustainable design can be," said Jacqui Higgins, president of Accents by Design, the interior decorator of the Reston Nature House. "Even if you can't do everything they did in the film, every little bit helps."

Heating and cooling houses use about 43 percent of energy use nationwide. Troy Tanner, president of the Home Energy Detective, a company that conducts energy audits of homes to make them more efficient, said that number can be brought down with proper techniques.

"You have to look at a house as a whole system, not just getting better windows, or something like that," he said. "Now, to be LEED platinum is going to cost some money, but there are things you can do to seal your house up. That means you can use smaller equipment that will carry a smaller electrical load."

**THE RESTON NATURE HOUSE**, which was constructed around the same time as the house in the movie, is certified LEED gold. Katie Shaw, manager of the Nature House, says it can serve as an example for the community about what an environmentally friendly house is like.

"We've got many environmentally friendly features that you can come and see, touch and feel, to see if you like it," she said.

As for Novak, he still remembers when he turned on his new system for the first time.

"At first, I thought it wasn't working, it wasn't making any sound," he said. "But it was working. And now the only heat pumps I hear belong to my neighbors."

## ENTERTAINMENT

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### THURSDAY/APRIL 21

**Jessie and James: Mutts Gone Nuts!** 2:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Jessie and James and their pack of mutts present a comic dog show with juggling, rope walking and crowd play. All ages. 703-242-4020.

**Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Anil's Ghost by Michael Ondaatje. Adults. 703-242-4020.

**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/APRIL 22

**Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.** 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$7-\$15. [www.ringling.com](http://www.ringling.com) or 202-683-3238.

**Vocalist Azam Ali.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$30-\$65. A sophisticated exploration of Iranian, Turkish, Lebanese, and Kurdish lullabies. [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

### SATURDAY/APRIL 23

**Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.** 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$7-\$15. [www.ringling.com](http://www.ringling.com) or 202-683-3238.

**"Ride to Provide" with Washington Redskins Players.** 8:30 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Washington Redskins Lorenzo Alexander and Kedric Golston, other current and former Redskins and media personalities will ride on the W&OD Railroad Regional Park Trail for a 10, 20 and 35 mile scenic bike ride to raise money for the ACES Foundation, benefiting local underserved youth, disaster relief efforts in Japan and African orphans. Win prizes, including Redskins game-day and VIP training camp tickets, hotel packages, autographed memorabilia and more. [www.RideToProvide.org](http://www.RideToProvide.org).

**Culture Performances Showcase.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Ethnic Chinese dance and music. Sponsored by the New World Bilingual Institute. Free admission. 703-978-7905 or [nwb11@yahoo.com](mailto:nwb11@yahoo.com).

### FAITH NOTES

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

**Washington Plaza Baptist Church,** 1615 Washington Plaza in Reston, has regular weekly Sunday worship services at 11 a.m., followed by lunch together at 12 p.m. 703-471-5225 or [www.washingtonplazabaptistchurch.com](http://www.washingtonplazabaptistchurch.com).

**\*Maundy Thursday Service, April 21.** 7 p.m. Experience Christ's last night through narration and music.

**\*Reston Community Good Friday Service, April 22.** 12 p.m. Share the story of Christ's last hours through scripture & prayer.

**\*Easter Sunday, April 24.** 8:30 a.m. Sunrise service outside with music and prayer; 9 a.m. breakfast in the Plaza Room; 9:45 a.m. children's Easter Egg



**The Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series presents Mill Run on Saturday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road in Herndon. The traditional bluegrass band from Disputanta, Va. features the husband and wife team of Bobby Goff, Jr. and Billie Sue Goff. Tickets are \$12. <http://millrunbluegrass.intuitwebsites.com>.**

### SUNDAY/APRIL 24

**Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.** 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$7-\$15. [www.ringling.com](http://www.ringling.com) or 202-683-3238.

### MONDAY/APRIL 25

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

**Easy Reader Book Discussion - Level 2.** 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Read a book aloud and enjoy a related craft. Call for title. Age 6-7. 703-689-2700.

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

### TUESDAY/APRIL 26

**Guest Author Tom Jones.** 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Jones will discuss his latest books about space exploration. Book sale and signing. Adults. 703-242-4020.

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

**ESL Advanced.** 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Adults practice

Hunt behind the church; 10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration with the choir; 12 p.m. coffee downstairs (no lunch this day).

**Oakton United Methodist Church,** 2951 Chain Bridge Road in Oakton, has announced their Holy Week services. 703-938-1234 or [www.oaktonumc.org](http://www.oaktonumc.org).

**\*Maundy Thursday Service, April 21.** Worship, Communion and Pastor Don Hawks' sermon "Jesus and the Farewell Dinner."

**\*Good Friday, April 22.** "The Seven Last Words of Jesus on the Cross." Word 1, Luke 23:34 at 12 p.m. Word 2, Luke 23: 43 at 12:25 p.m. Word 3, John 19: 26 at 12:50 p.m. Word 4, Matthew 27: 46 at 1:15 p.m. Word 5, John 19:28 at 1:40 p.m. Word 6, John 19:30 at 2:05 p.m. Word 7, Luke 23:46 at 2:30 p.m.

**\*Easter Sunday Services, April 24.** 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel and 10:55 a.m. in the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary Choir, instrumentalists and Pastor Don Hawks' sermon "Jesus and the Last Laugh."

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English in a group with a volunteer facilitator. 703-689-2700.

### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 27

**Thirty Seconds To Mars.** 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. \$32.50-\$39.50, available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available at 703-993-3035. [www.thirtysecondstomars.com](http://www.thirtysecondstomars.com) or [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

**Advanced Birding Course: Bird Biology and Natural History.** 7 p.m. National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Drive, Reston. Major habitat types, migration, reproduction, plumage variations and more. \$10-\$45. 703-438-6008 or [info@audubonva.org](mailto:info@audubonva.org).

**Senior Movie Day: "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps."** 10 a.m. Reston Town Center Theater, 11900 Market St., Reston. Free for age 55 and older. The Reston Association and Reston Town Center Theater present "Meet Me at the Movies." Refreshments and door prizes. [www.reston.org](http://www.reston.org) or 703-435-6577.

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

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

**Trinity Presbyterian Church,** 651 Dranesville Road in Herndon, invites everyone to their Holy Week events. 703-437-5500, office@trinityherndon.org or [www.trinityherndon.org](http://www.trinityherndon.org).

**\*Maundy Thursday Service, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

**\*Good Friday Service, April 22 at 7:30 p.m.**

**\*Easter Sunday Services, April 24 at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.** Two worship services with Holy Communion.

**The Vajrayogini Buddhist Center** will offer a Monthly Meditation Class at 1 p.m. on May 7 and May 14 at Brown's Chapel, 11450 Baron Cameron

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**Rudy Tassara (standing),** pictured at the last year's event with Reston founder Bob Simon and his wife Cheryl Terio Simon. Simon praised the event as a 'fantastic combination of location, food and music.'

## Tango Comes to Reston

One of the most elegant and entertaining evenings of the year is once again coming to Reston: On Saturday, April 23, the Herndon Rotary Club with the support of the Haitian Embassy of Washington D.C. is sponsoring a special evening at the Reston Hyatt Regency Hotel featuring a live 30-piece orchestra, professional tango dancers and instructors, and a three-course dinner with complimentary Argentine wines.

Tango, popularized in the U.S. by the movies of Rudolph Valentino in the 1920s, has seen a recent resurgence in popularity thanks to Dancing With the Stars.

Argentine born Herndon businessman Rudy Tassara, who grew up with a passion for tango, has been planning every detail of the evening for months with a committee of business and professional leaders from

the Herndon-Reston community. The atrium of the Hyatt will welcome arriving guests with a cash bar, a wide variety of silent auction items and professional dancers giving a demonstration "taster" of the evening to come. After the meal and show, a professional tango dance instructor will give live lessons to guests on the dance floor.

Herndon Rotary is the community's oldest and largest service club, active since 1939. In the last several years, the Club has worked with Rotary Clubs in Haiti to provide access to education, health care and clean water. Proceeds from the evening will go to ongoing community projects in Pignon, Haiti and to helping youth, improving schools and providing scholarships for students in the greater Herndon area.

For tickets, call Rudy at 703-478-2800 or go to [www.herndonrotary-tango.com](http://www.herndonrotary-tango.com)

### THURSDAY/APRIL 28

**Plein-Air/Impressionist Flower Workshop.** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Tree Frog Nursery, McLean. Two-day

workshop taught by artist Christine Lashley. In case of rain, the workshop will be held indoors at ArtSpace Herndon. \$190. [www.ArtSpaceHerndon.org](http://www.ArtSpaceHerndon.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).

**The Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation** celebrates its 45th Anniversary on Sunday, May 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Lake Anne Village Center, Washington Plaza W., Reston. It will include Buddha's birthday ceremony, a green/veggie expo to promote environmental sustainability strategies and healthy lifestyles and activities to celebrate Mother's Day. Light vegetarian refreshments will be served. In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be indoors at 1516 Moorings Drive, Reston. 703-707-8606 or [www.us.tzuchi.org](http://www.us.tzuchi.org).

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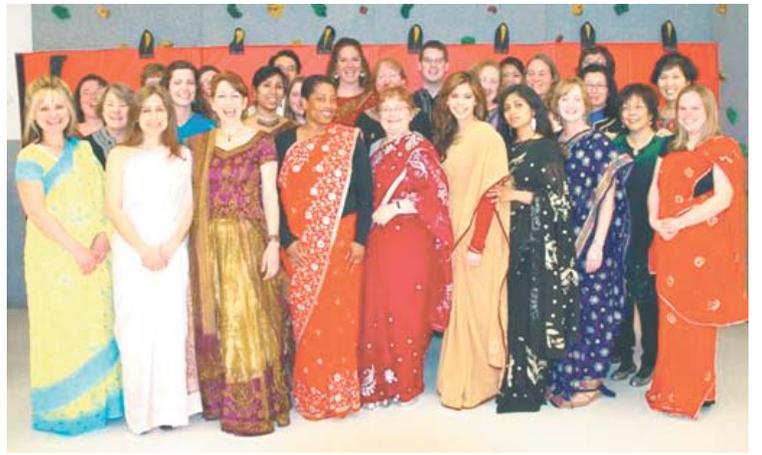
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Caitlin Ryals, 12th grade, shows off her IB Photography project consisting of light painting, a photography technique using a hand-held light source to make shapes, usually at night or in the dark.



Academy of Christian Education Staff stepped out in a bold way to try the traditional Indian clothing.

## Creativity on Display at South Lakes HS

The South Lakes High School IB Art Show is displayed each year in April following the IB art exams. It is made up of seniors' artwork and is an opportunity for the public to view students' creations. SLHS Principal Bruce Butler said, "This is one of the many incredible events that feature our students' creativity and intellectual ability. I am always amazed and humbled by the depth and insights of our kids."



Sean Shada, 12th grade, used fast-food restaurant wrappers and containers for his project.

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## Local School Celebrates Indian Cultural Day

Academy of Christian Education invites families to participate.

The Academy of Christian Education hosted more than 200 students, family and friends at its fourth annual Indian Cultural Day. The day-long event featured interactive games, a demonstration of traditional Indian style dance and Indian food. In addition, the school's staff dressed in

traditional Indian clothing as did many of the guests and students.

Judy Lee, Academy Director, said, "The parents really worked hard to make the day a success and to help the students understand more about the Indian culture. It was a great collaborative effort. Our par

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**EXTRAORDINARY THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE!**

## RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE OPENS HUGH STEPHENS FIELD AT ESTES PARK

On April 9, 2011, Randolph-Macon College dedicated a new baseball stadium which features permanent grandstand seating, a new scoreboard and a 16-foot wall in left field—accompanied by architectural elements which were designed to complement the college's historic campus. The development of this stadium is another example of R-MC's commitment to its students and belief that their dedication to excellence deserves the same in return.



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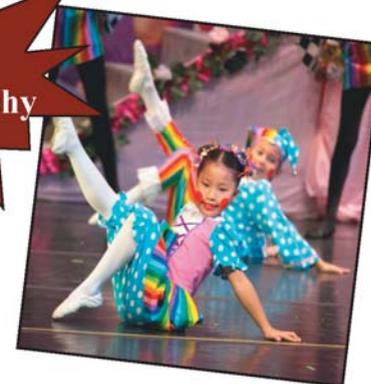
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1204 TOTTENHAM CT	4	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$902,100	Detached	0.62		BRANDERMILL
2064 BEACON HEIGHTS DR	3	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$899,900	Townhouse	0.05		RESTON
1620 WOODSTOCK LN	4	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$849,900	Detached	0.11		RESTON
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11620 SOURWOOD LN	4	3	2	RESTON	RESTON	\$805,000	Detached	0.43		RESTON
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11776 STRATFORD HSE PL#1006	2	2	0	RESTON	RESTON	\$700,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			STRATFORD
11990 MARKET ST #905	2	2	0	RESTON	RESTON	\$642,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			MIDTOWN AT RESTON TOWN
11481 BINGHAM TER	5	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$635,000	Detached	0.37		RESTON
12122 BASSET LN	5	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$625,000	Detached	0.40		RESTON
11313 HANDLEBAR RD	4	2	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$617,000	Detached	0.55		RESTON
2530 BRENTON POINT DR	3	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$610,301	Townhouse	0.10		RESTON
11990 MARKET ST #701	2	2	0	RESTON	RESTON	\$610,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			MIDTOWN AT RESTON TOWN
1830 FOUNTAIN DR #302	2	2	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$585,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			PARAMOUNT
11600 SOURWOOD LN	4	2	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$565,000	Detached	0.60		RESTON
12702 ROARK CT	4	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$538,650	Detached	0.29		POLO FIELDS
12706 ROARK CT	4	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$530,000	Detached	0.32		POLO FIELDS
12366 LIMA LN	4	2	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$521,000	Detached	0.48		RESTON
12383 COPENHAGEN CT	4	3	0	RESTON	RESTON	\$520,000	Detached	0.34		RESTON
12300 COLERAINE CT	4	2	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$515,000	Detached	0.62		STRATTON WOODS
2510 FREETOWN DR	5	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$510,000	Detached	0.31		RESTON
1701 RED OAK CIR	3	2	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$497,000	Detached	0.28		RESTON
2023 SARAZEN PL	4	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$480,000	Townhouse	0.07		RESTON
1234 WEATHERSTONE CT	3	2	2	RESTON	RESTON	\$470,000	Townhouse	0.05		RESTON
12025 NEW DOMINION PKWY#322	2	2	0	RESTON	RESTON	\$461,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			MIDTOWN NORTH
11782 GREAT OWL CIR	3	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$458,000	Townhouse	0.04		RESTON
11776 STRATFORD HSE PL#805	2	2	0	RESTON	RESTON	\$455,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			STRATFORD
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2509 FOXCROFT WAY	3	2	0	RESTON	RESTON	\$440,000	Detached	0.50		RESTON
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11095 SAFFOLD WAY	4	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$403,000	Townhouse	0.06		RESTON
11721 NEWBRIDGE CT	4	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.06		RESTON
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2168 GOLF COURSE DR	3	2	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$379,500	Townhouse	0.03		RESTON
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2342 OLD TRAIL DR	3	2	0	RESTON	RESTON	\$369,000	Detached	0.13		RESTON
11800 SUNSET HILLS RD #820	2	2	0	RESTON	RESTON	\$364,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			CARLTON HOUSE
2407 GLADE BANK WAY	3	2	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$362,000	Townhouse	0.06		RESTON
11506 HEARTHSTONE CT	3	2	2	RESTON	RESTON	\$361,000	Townhouse	0.04		RESTON
12001 MARKET ST #341	2	2	0	RESTON	RESTON	\$360,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			MARKET ST TOWN CENTR
11330 LINKS DR	3	2	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$349,900	Townhouse	0.06		RESTON
11738 DECADE CT	4	2	2	RESTON	RESTON	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.07		GENERATION
1701 QUIETREE DR	3	2	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.03		RESTON
2205 WHEELWRIGHT CT	3	2	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$316,900	Townhouse	0.04		RESTON
1538 SCANDIA CIR	5	3	1	RESTON	RESTON	\$310,000	Townhouse	0.06		RESTON
1679 FIELDTHORN DR	2	2	0	RESTON	RESTON	\$310,000	Townhouse	0.02		RESTON
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### OBITUARY

## Harry H. Osborne, 83, of Reston, Dies

Harry H. Osborne, of Reston, died on March 27, 2011 at the age of 83. He was born Feb. 10, 1928 in Kellogg, Idaho, the youngest of three born to Sue and Nathan Osborne. Harry served in the U.S. Army. He graduated from the University of Idaho, which led to a long career in mining and engineering.



Harry is predeceased by his beloved wife of 54 years, Lou Ann (Fullmer). They were married in Spokane, Wash. They lived in N.J., Mich., Mass. and Ohio before settling in Reston for 35 years.

Both shared their love of golf, bridge, dogs, friends and family. Harry enjoyed fishing and golfing in the Outer Banks, N.C., where

the couple vacationed for 30 years.

Harry is survived by three daughters, Jody Schottler (Tom) of Manassas, Kim Maghan (James) of Chantilly, Leesa Thompson (Derek Treiving) of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., six grandchildren, Marnie, Samantha, Jacqueline, Ryan, Katelyn and Justin, and one great-grandson, Caleb.

Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

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# SPORTS

## Seahawks' Baseball Stifles Fairfax, 5-2

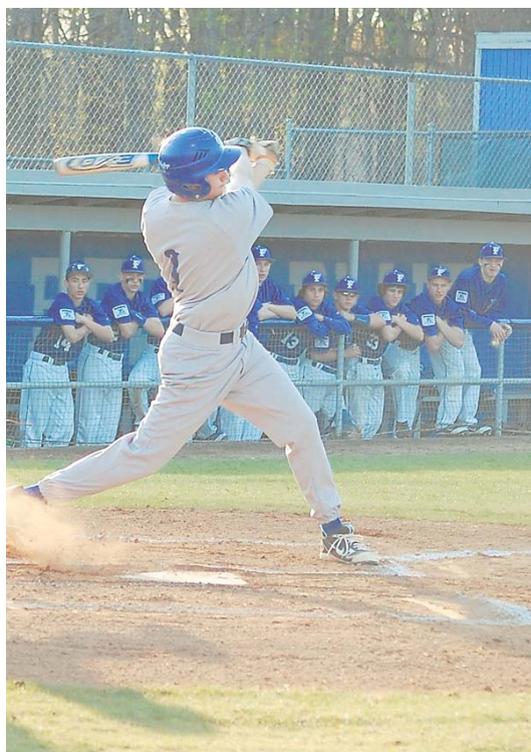
### Pitcher Beck goes the distance for South Lakes.

**A** warm evening in Fairfax saw the visiting South Lakes High baseball team take down Fairfax High, 5-2, behind a complete game outing from winning pitcher John Beck and the nine-hit Seahawk hitting attack. The Liberty District game took place last Thursday, April 14.

The Seahawks scored twice in the first inning on RBI singles from right fielder Ryan Forrest and third baseman Will Sweet. The score remained 2-0 until the top of the fifth inning when center fielder Wilfredo Corps-Ortiz drove in teammate David Odlen on a sacrifice fly to deep right center field to make the score 3-0.

Fairfax came back and scored a single run in the bottom of the fifth inning. But the Seahawks answered with two insurance runs in the sixth, the highlight of the inning coming on a bases-loaded, two-run single to center field off the bat of Corps-Ortiz. The base knock scored pinch-runners Michael Francis (running for Austin Gibbons, who had singled) and Nathan Vellayan (running for Ausitn Schweppe, who had walked).

Fairfax managed a single run in the bottom of the sixth inning to get within 5-2. Following a scoreless Seahawk seventh,



PHOTOS BY CAREY MITCHELL

**Wilfredo Corps-Ortiz comes up with a key base hit during the Seahawks Liberty District road win at Fairfax High last week.**

Beck yielded a pair of leadoff singles in the bottom of the seventh before settling down. He coaxed an infield pop-up for the first out, than benefited from a slick 6-3 double play from shortstop JoJo Lear to end the game.

The Seahawks' offense was led by Corps-Ortiz (1 hit, 3 RBI) and first baseman Billy McLaughlin (2 hits, including a double, and



**David Odlen of South Lakes puts down a bunt during the Seahawks' recent game versus Fairfax High.**

a sacrifice fly).

Forrest and Sweet each contributed singles and had RBIs, and Odlen and Gibbons also added singles to complete the South Lakes attack.

Beck went the distance, scattering seven hits while striking out four and walking just one while throwing 79 pitches. He consis-

tently stayed ahead in the count, throwing a first-pitch strike to 21 of the 29 Fairfax batters he faced.

**THE FOLLOWING DAY** saw South Lakes lose a district road game at Langley, 9-5. On the cold, windy night in Great Falls, the Seahawks staked out a 4-0 lead, but Langley clawed back to win. After a scoreless first inning, the Seahawks came alive in the second inning behind two-run homers from both Nick Beaulac and Wilfredo Corps-Ortiz. Austin Schweppe, the South Lakes catcher, doubled and scored ahead of Beaulac and leftfielder David Odlen singled and scored ahead of Corps-Ortiz.

Langley, trailing 4-0, came back with two runs in the bottom of the second inning, then added four more runs in the fourth to take a 6-4 lead. Later, in the sixth, the Saxons scored three more times to go ahead 9-4 before South Lakes added a run in its last at-bats - the run crossing the plate on a Langley balk.

Corps-Ortiz (2 hits) led the Seahawks with his two-run homer to right center. Beaulac knocked his two-run shot over the left field fence.

Other offensive contributions in the six-hit Langley night came from first baseman Austin Gibbons (single), Schweppe (double), and Odlen.

South Lakes starting pitcher Will Sweet went the distance for the Seahawks, allowing nine hits over six innings with five strikeouts and no walks.

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

#### The Herndon High girls' softball team

split a pair of Concorde District games last week, falling at Oakton, 6-2, on Monday, April 11, and then defeating visiting Robinson, 9-8, last Friday, April 15. The game versus Oakton was Herndon's first district outing of the spring season. Herndon, which had not played a game in nearly 10 days due to the rainy weather, jumped out to a 2-0 lead over the Cougars in the top of the first inning, the highlight at-bat coming on an RBI single from freshmen catcher Morgan Fries that scored teammate Sarah Kurtz, who had singled earlier in the inning.

Oakton broke out for three runs on five hits in the bottom of the third inning to go ahead 3-2. Meanwhile, following its two-run first inning, the Herndon bats were held at bay as a result of the fine pitching of Oakton's Allison Davis, a freshmen pitcher who earned the win. Davis went the dis-

tance (7 innings), allowing four hits and striking out 12. Madison's offense received two hits apiece from both Fries and Kurtz.

Oakton added an unearned run in the fourth inning to go ahead 4-2. In the sixth, Oakton got a two-run home run from sophomore Emily Krisanda to make the score 6-2. On the mound for Madison, Kurtz pitched well but took the loss.

#### Registration for the Spring 2 Session

of Lil Sluggers Baseball and SoccerTots for the Greater D.C. area opened on Tuesday, April 5. Registration is on a first come, first served basis. The Spring 2 Session will begin the week of May 9-15 at Blue Box Sports' indoor locations in Chantilly, Falls Church, Greenbelt, Haymarket, Lansdowne, Manassas, and Tysons Corner. Online registration is available by visiting [www.BlueBoxSports.com](http://www.BlueBoxSports.com) or by calling 703-953-1667. At this time, Lil Sluggers registrations can only be taken over the phone.

Blue Box will again offer the Grand Slam Discount for the Spring 2 Session. Children registered for both SoccerTots and Lil Sluggers this session are eligible to save up to \$33 for the 6-week program. Lil Sluggers classes fill quickly. The discount is only applicable over the phone. Blue Box Sports operates DC SoccerTots & Lil Sluggers Baseball early childhood development programs for ages 18 months-to- 6 years old in Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, D.C.

#### The Run for the Children,

a 10K Race and 3K Run/Walk hosted by Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and made possible through a generous partnership grant from Verizon and other local corporations, will take place on April 30 in historic Fairfax City. This is Fairfax CASA's first community awareness event. Participants will start from the Fairfax County court house complex in a symbolic nod to the CASA volunteers who advocate for abused and

neglected children under the court's protection. For more information on the race and CASA, visit [www.fairfaxrunforthechildren.com](http://www.fairfaxrunforthechildren.com).

#### The following is the Baseball Top 10

Northern Region Coach's Poll for the week of April 11. The top 10 is as follows: 1. South County; 2. Westfield; 3. Lake Braddock; 4. WT Woodson; 5. Stone Bridge; 6. Madison; 7. Oakton; 8. West Springfield; 9. McLean; 10. Marshall and Hayfield (tied). Other teams receiving votes: Chantilly and Yorktown.

#### Physical Education supervisors

representing 27 Fairfax County schools gathered at Lanier Middle School in Fairfax on April 12 and received cricket sets donated by the United States Youth Cricket Association (<http://usyca.org>). The donation comes as a result of the USYCA Schools Program, which will donate cricket sets to over 1,000 schools in the United States this year.

#### Our Daily Bread, Inc.,

a Fairfax-based non-profit organization, 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. Our Daily Bread continues to seek sponsors for the event as well as donations of silent auction and raffle items. For information on registration, sponsorship and donating goods, visit [www.our-daily-bread.org](http://www.our-daily-bread.org), call 703-273-8829 or e-mail Diane Hill at [develop@ODBfairfax.org](mailto:develop@ODBfairfax.org).

# Stage IV Lung Cancer Notwithstanding



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Generally speaking, given my less than ideal health circumstances; my tolerance, my patience and my willingness to accommodate and/or understand alternative (not mine originally) points of view, opinions and/or actions is pretty much at an all-time low. Not that it's a conscious decision, although I am mostly conscious when I'm making it, it's more that, to quote Curly Howard from The Three Stooges: "I'm a victim of soy circumstance," and I really can't help myself, sort of.

I imagine the feeling is similar to what soldiers, emergency responders, medical professionals, etc., experience when under stress: they focus and act on their training. However, I don't have any training – as a terminal cancer patient, that is. As such, I'm not exactly sure how to live my life, what's left of it, now that so much of what I thought remained has been remaindered. I guess what I've done then, is fall back on instinct, some of which I can control and some of which is a kind of emotional/personality reflex-type action. Reactions just sort of happen; I care, I don't care; I never really know in advance until the situation/conversation presents itself.

One recurring situation that is agitating me of late is excessive courtesy. And by excessive courtesy, I don't mean the simple "Please," "Thank you" or "Excuse me," one hopefully encounters throughout their day. No, my problem, my overreaction comes from customer servers expressing over-the-top gratitude and appreciation and empathy and offers of assistance – from my bank, my cable provider, my phone service, credit card issuer, even the M.V.A. Enough already! Too much of a good thing is still too much. I don't need all this emotional reinforcement. I'm OK, really. Just answer my question and stop with all the hand-holding (figuratively and euphemistically speaking).

Don't get me wrong. I want to – and deserve to – be treated like an adult, respectfully and courteously, but this recent depth of concern – for lack of a better word, is too intrusive, almost. I'm not that needy. I'm not that sensitive. I'm not that mad or distressed about any of it until – you're so busy caring and concerning yourself with my overall satisfaction/feeling about the exchange, that you're wasting my time (which, returning to my original point, I may not have a lot left of), rather than simply and efficiently answering my question and addressing or acknowledging my concern. Don't say you understand, understand! Don't tell me how glad you are to help, help! Do your job, politely of course, but stop trying to anticipate my angst about the process, just move the process forward to a logical and reasonable conclusion. I don't want to die waiting for an answer – or worse, a supervisor.

If I had to guess where this overreaching level of courtesy/willingness to serve a customer comes from, I would blame the "politically-corrected" world in which many of us inhabit. Not only can you not look at anybody cross-eyed (figuratively speaking), you can barely straight-talk anybody about a myriad of subjects – both personal and professional, without fear of reprisal or worse, a lawsuit. You're better off being safe (avoiding the subject/discussion altogether) rather than being sorry. "Sorry" will likely cost you your job or your reputation, and maybe even your cash reserves.

I don't want anybody bending over backwards for me. I would rather they just look me in the eye and speak to me directly. I realize my perspective may be a little skewed, but I hope I've made my point. And I'm not sorry if I haven't, and I don't need further assistance and I'm not interested in whether I've addressed all your needs, and I definitely don't want to wait to complete an automated questionnaire about the experience.

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## Police Charge Burglary Suspect in Reston

Officers arrested a 39-year-old Sterling man and are investigating whether or not he may be linked to a series of more than 30 burglaries that occurred primarily in the Reston area over the past year. The man was charged with two counts of burglary and two counts of grand larceny after police observed him on North Shore Drive in Reston around 10 p.m. on Wednesday, April 13. He was suspected of breaking into a home in the 11300 block of Fairway Court earlier that evening.

In addition to the Reston area, burglaries that may be associated with the suspect also took place in Loudoun County and the following police district locations across Fairfax County: Sully, Fair Oaks, Mason and McLean. The suspect in these incidents typically struck during the early evening hours when homes were unoccupied and dark. Jewels and cash were the primary items targeted.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at [www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org](http://www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org) or text "TIP187" plus your message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

## Empty Bowls Set for April 29

The Empty Bowls fundraiser hosted by the Giving Circle of HOPE will take place Friday, April 29, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 11900 Lawyers Road.

The minimum donation of \$20 includes meal and a handcrafted bowl. All the proceeds raised are donated to Food for Others, the largest distributor of free food to the hungry in Northern Virginia.

Local potters have agreed to give of their talents and make ceramic soup bowls. Many of local businesses will offer soups, breads and pastries. There will be local musicians who will give of their time and talent to create a festive atmosphere.

Order tickets by contacting [emptybowls@givingcircleofhope.org](mailto:emptybowls@givingcircleofhope.org) or calling 703-608-2231

## Volunteers to Clear Area for Earth Day

A group of volunteers from Verisign, Inc. will be celebrating Earth Day 2011 by helping to clear a natural area along the restored stream in Reston Monday, April 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the stream and open space near Beacon Tree Lake Drive

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