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Herndon High School senior Samhita Nelamangala plays with the United States Navy Concert Band in a special free concert at Herndon High School on April 29. Nelamangala and eight other Herndon High School musicians were selected to play with the navy band because of their excellence in music while at Herndon High School.

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- Fairfax County teachers have had no salary or COLA increase in the past two years.
- Teachers in Loudoun (3% COLA ) and adjoining Northern Virginia counties are being given raises **THIS** year.
- County workers are being given a raise **THIS** year.
- Many teachers in Fairfax have had to take second jobs to pay their bills and provide for their children, which takes time away from their ability to do extra-curricular work (like sponsoring clubs or mentoring) for FCPS.

Please give back to our hard-working teachers this week: E-mail your School Board members and tell them to make those who educate, love and protect our children their priority in this year's budget!



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**Fairfax County Federation of Teachers**

From left, Herndon Councilmember Jasbinder Singh, Mayor Steve DeBenedittis, Vice Mayor Lisa Merkel, Councilmembers Sheila Olem, Grace Wolf, Bill Tirrell and Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) at the sign along Herndon Parkway indicating future access to the Herndon-Monroe Metrorail station. The sign was unveiled April 27.



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ALEX MCVEIGH/  
THE CONNECTION

## Sign of Herndon's Future

### Officials unveil Metro access sign.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

The Town of Herndon took a symbolic step toward welcoming Metro Wednesday, April 27, with the unveiling of a sign at the future location of the walking path to the proposed Herndon-Monroe station. The sign, which is located on a median along Herndon Parkway, points drivers and pedestrians to the path that will eventually lead to a crossing over the Dulles Toll Road.

The station will be located in the center of the Dulles Toll Road, and the Park and Ride is located on the south side. The north side features business

parks, but the land between 575 and 593 Herndon Parkway will be a path to access the station from the north side.

"I moved here in February of 1990, and we thought Metro would be here in about 10 years," said Herndon Councilmember Sheila Olem. "But now that the sign is up, it's real, and it's coming."

Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis joined members of the Herndon Town Council to unveil the sign. Vice Mayor Lisa Merkel says she hopes that it will help answer questions from residents on the exact location of Metro access.

"We're thrilled to have the sign, so now we know where access will be," Merkel said. "There's been some confusion, and now we have an answer."

Currently there is an automobile-only ramp that allows drivers leaving the parking garage to go west on the Dulles Toll Road where the future crossing will be, behind 545 Herndon Parkway.

### BULLETIN BOARD

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#### THURSDAY/MAY 5

**Herndon Farmer's Market Season Opening.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Lynn Street in downtown Herndon. Thursdays through Oct. Seasonal fruits, vegetables, flowers, meats, eggs, jams, plants and baked goods. All items are homegrown or baked by the vendors at the market. [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov) or 703-787-7380.

#### SATURDAY/MAY 7

**Small Secondary School Symposium.** 11 a.m. Auburn School, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Suite 101, Herndon. Presentations by small schools and educational professionals, individual meetings with representatives from local small secondary schools and more. [www.smallschoolsbigminds.org](http://www.smallschoolsbigminds.org).

**Reston Farmers Market Season Opening.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Lake Anne Village Center, Reston. Open Saturdays through Oct. Vegetable farmers and fruit orchards, baked goods, homemade sausages and soups, goat and cow cheeses, honey, kettle corn, ice cream and more. Live music, the Reston Crafts Market and the Master Gardeners to help with lawn and garden problems.

[www.restonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.restonfarmersmarket.com) or 703-318-9628.

#### MONDAY/MAY 9

**Luncheon with Senator Mark Warner.** 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, Aviation Drive, Dulles. A joint luncheon of the Dulles Regional, Loudoun County and Reston Chambers of Commerce, featuring Senator Mark Warner on "The Budget & It's Effects on Local Business". Register, seats are limited. [info@dullesregionalchamber.org](mailto:info@dullesregionalchamber.org).

#### TUESDAY/MAY 10

**Diagnosing Asperger's: Understanding the Story Behind the Test Data.** 9 p.m. The Auburn School, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Herndon. With Dr. Rachna Varia, co-founder and Neuropsychologist from Mindwell Psychology. [www.theauburnschool.org/forms](http://www.theauburnschool.org/forms).

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group.** 7 p.m. Tall Oaks at Reston, 12052 North Shore Drive, Reston. 703-264-0707.

#### THURSDAY/MAY 12

**Domestic Issues Confronting Israel and Its Survival as a Democracy and a Jewish State.** 8 p.m. Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. With Ron Skolnik, Israeli

citizen and Executive Director of Meretz USA, on West Bank settlements, the shrinking Jewish majority in Israel and occupied territories, the Palestinian Authority's intention to declare a Palestinian state in Sept. 2011 and more. Free and open to the public. 703-437-7733.

#### MONDAY/MAY 16

**Assistance League of Northern Virginia.** 9:30 a.m. at the Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. A nonprofit, volunteer organization promoting literacy and well-being for women and children through community based programs, such as Operation School Bell: New Clothes for Kids and Weekend Food for Kids. Meetings are the third Monday of every month. 703-878-1928.

#### WEDNESDAY/MAY 18

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

#### THURSDAY/MAY 26

**Lupus Support Group.** 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. [lh@ascendcomm.com](mailto:lh@ascendcomm.com) or [www.lupusgw.org](http://www.lupusgw.org).



### Herndon, Reston Residents React to Osama's Death

—MEREDITH BILLMAN-MANI

#### Mark Davis, Herndon

"I'm glad he's gone."



#### Melanie Fleger, Herndon

"It's a great day for America."



#### Kevin Godfrey, Herndon

"Thank God they finally got that bleep, bleep. I'm very happy. This is the best news all year."



#### Cheryl Osipoz, Reston

"Thank God. One down - how many more to go? I don't like celebrating someone's death but I'm glad there's one less bad guy out there."



#### Mike Baskett, Reston

"I think it's a good thing we are the ones who killed him."



#### Kavitha Komdeti, Reston

"I felt so happy because when it happened there were so many Indians in it. Many families were left with nothing. We are all Americans, brothers and sisters."

# Williams Launches 'Whistle Stop' Campaign Tour

Republican challenges Bulova for chairman of Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ichael "Spike" Williams kicked off his campaign for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman with a "whistle stop" caravan on Saturday, April 30, swinging through the county's nine voting districts in 10 hours.

Williams started his tour at the Mount Vernon Government Center at 9 a.m., and crisscrossed the county with a four-car caravan, ending with a stop in Herndon at 7 p.m.

Williams, who has served as the Republican committee chair for the Hunter Mill District since 2009, was accompanied by a slate of state and local Republican officials and candidates throughout the day, including Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and Elizabeth Schultz, Springfield District candidate for the Fairfax County School Board.

Evoking President Harry S Truman's historic 1948 whistle stop campaign, Williams said he wanted to launch his campaign by traveling the county he was born and raised in, and "talk straight" with voters

about his top issues: the county's budget, transportation and education.

No "Give 'em Hell, Harry" moment emerged, but Williams' GOP allies rallied supporters with call-and-response questions that engaged the 30 to 40 people at each stop.

"I am your hometown guy," Williams said to the brunch crowd at Milano's restaurant in Springfield, the second stop of the tour. "Growing up, I lived all over Fairfax County, and we had to scrape by sometimes, but my mom did a great job raising me and my brother as a single mother," he said.

**WILLIAMS TOLD THE CROWD** that trimming the county's \$3.3 billion budget was his signature issue.

"We don't have a revenue problem, we have a spending problem," he said. "Our taxes have doubled in the past decade. It's an outrageous increase. ... For all of our investment, what do we have to show for it? Is your child getting twice the education?"

"Not in Clifton," said Schultz, drawing laughter and applause.

"Two questions for you," said Rich Nilsen, a representative for Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli (R), at Milano's. "First, are you ready to retire [Fairfax County Board Chair] Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)? Are you ready to hire Spike Williams?" Nilsen announced that Cuccinelli endorsed Williams.

Herrity introduced Williams at Milano's, telling the crowd that it was "time for a change and real leadership" in the county. "If it weren't an election year,



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**Spike Williams with daughter, Nora, 13, center, and classmate Deanna in front of Milano's restaurant in Springfield. Nora Williams was her father's official photographer for the day.**

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# Williams Challenges Bulova for County Chairman Seat

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you all would be the proud owners of an incinerator," Herrity said, a swipe at the Democrats on the Board of Supervisors who considered purchasing the Lorton trash-to-energy plant operated by Covanta Energy. "It's time to stop the tax-and-spend Democrats," he said.

Williams said he would work with Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) to "champion inno-

vative solutions to our transportation needs."

"I think Spike is a great candidate. He's fiscally responsible, and he's good at managing. He will give us the biggest bang for our buck," said supporter James Parmelee, chairman of the Northern Virginia Republican PAC.

Williams lives in Herndon with his wife, Julie, and their three children. He and his wife own Williams Realty, a small real-es-

tate brokerage firm in Herndon with eight employees.

"As a small-business owner and father, I know and understand the challenges and difficulties families face in this economic environment," he said. "Now is not the time to be raising taxes on working families."

Williams, who goes by the nickname "Spike," said he got the name after college when he went to work as a bartender at Champions Bar & Grill in Fairfax. "The man-

ager told me he had eight other Mikes, so I said 'How about Spike?' That's been my name ever since," he said.

**HE WILL FACE BULOVA** in the general election on Nov. 8 for the only at-large seat on the Board of Supervisors. In 2007, Williams ventured into politics for the first time. Running as an Independent, he lost a four-way race for the Hunter Mill District Supervisor's seat to Cathy Hudgins (D).



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# OPINION

## World Press Freedom Day

May 3 is World Press Freedom Day, a time to remember that in 2010, 44 journalists were murdered around the world to stop them from reporting the facts. In 2011, so far, 16 journalists have been murdered.

The day serves as a reminder to governments of the need to respect press freedom, also serves as a day of reflection on professional ethics and press freedom for those who work in media, a day of support for journalists and organizations of all kinds who are targets, and a day of remembrance for those journalists who lost their lives in the exercise of their profession.

The UN General assembly proclaimed May 3 as World Press Freedom Day in 1993, as a reminder that in dozens of countries around the world, publications are censored, fined, suspended and closed down, while journalists, editors and publishers are harassed, attacked, detained and even murdered.

At the Connection, we are reminded of the importance of press freedom internationally by the daily presence of Kemal Kurspahic. Of

the 50 World Press Freedom Heroes named 10 years ago, who were honored again in Vienna, Austria last September, one is Kemal Kurspahic, managing editor here at the Connection. Kurspahic is managing editor and community editor for the Vienna, McLean, Great Falls, Reston and Oak Hill/Herndon Connections.

In December 1988, Kemal Kurspahic was named editor-in-chief of Oslobodjenje, Sarajevo's 70,000 circulation daily newspaper, the first elected by the paper's staff. Before that, the Communist Party had controlled all editorial appointments. Then after the communists were ousted and Bosnia's first democratic elections held, Kurspahic battled to maintain editorial independence against a coalition of nationalist parties through a constitutional court case in 1991.

During the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, despite snipers' bullets, constant shelling, and newsprint shortages, the paper's multi-ethnic staff of Bosnians, Serbs and Croats, guided by Kurspahic, worked day and night in a nuclear

bomb shelter to put out a daily issue of the paper, providing one of the city's only sources of information.

In the United States, freedom of the press is protected by the Constitution.

While the challenges in Northern Virginia pale in comparison, we also remember that there are miles to go in openness and transparency in government.

More: [www.wpfd2011.org](http://www.wpfd2011.org), [www.cpj.org](http://www.cpj.org), [www.freemedia.at/awards/world-press-freedom-heroes](http://www.freemedia.at/awards/world-press-freedom-heroes)

### Happy Mother's Day

Around the world, but more so in our area, mothers run the company, the town, the schools, the county, the world, as well as the family, the PTA, the soccer (and lacrosse, softball, baseball, football, track ...) team.

Thanks, moms, for all you do, and for demonstrating to all of us that anything is possible.

- MARY KIMM,

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### EDITORIALS

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Advocating for Fairfax County – Not Hard

To the Editor:

Thousands of residents quietly serve our community through public committees and youth development groups. With 20 years experience serving on state, regional and local public committees as well as nonprofit boards, I seek to increase my community participation through political service. I read with special interest Chairman Bulova's commentary ["Walking to Dulles – Not Long, Not Hard," Connection, April 27-May 3] on the tentative meeting with representatives of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority to discuss rail to Dulles.

Defining the differences is a clear objective for political candidates. Frankly, I believe Fairfax County and our people deserve an ambitious, passionate advocate who will vigorously defend our best interests. In recent months Chairman Bulova has objectively shown an inability to effectively advocate.

Let's discuss two recent developments as examples of our need for change. First, in addressing the incinerator issue, she thought the greatest negotiating advantage the county possessed was the possibility of cutting a check for \$417.5 million and writing Covanta a no-bid, non-compete five year contract for facility management. Fi-

nancial analysts say that threatened action, of course, would have driven Covanta's stock price higher.

She decided to obligate taxpayers to guarantee Covanta's local business volume and increase the remaining lease term by 50 percent. She ignored our greater negotiating advantage. We held the possibility of forcing Covanta to compete in the open market in five years with no guarantees from Fairfax County. It was the lowest cost option and maximized our range of choices going forward. There was no need to obligate taxpayers and extend the remaining lease term 50 percent.

Secondly, we expect our county leadership to understand the connectivity of federal, state and local government. For example, Delegate James LeMunyon sponsored legislation in the 2011 General Assembly session providing the Board of Supervisors power and responsibility to review toll increases on the Dulles Toll Road.

Not wanting the responsibility, she opposed the bill with ambivalence. She would rather complain than lead. I would have welcomed the responsibility and power on behalf of our community at no local costs.

The power to approve or reject increasing tolls, the source of 75 percent of rail to Dulles funding, would have served as effective leverage in negotiations with MWAA. Instead, Bulova has placed Fairfax County in the position of begging MWAA to change

its decision or threaten to eliminate rail to Dulles, which she identified in her commentary as, "Fairfax County's highest transportation priority". She has demonstrated an inability to effectively advocate on our behalf.

With tongue firmly planted in cheek, I warn MWAA to tread carefully in meeting with Chairman Bulova. She may threaten to cut a check for half a billion dollars if they do not meet her demands.

We do need to manage costs as we deliver what Fairfax County and our people deserve – the best. Equally important for so many local priorities, we need an ambitious, passionate advocate.

**Will Radle**

*Will Radle (I) is a candidate for chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. He can be reached at [FairfaxAdvocates@gmail.com](mailto:FairfaxAdvocates@gmail.com).*

**Burton Griffith**  
Reston

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# SCHOOLS

**Andrew Rys** of Herndon has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at The Johns Hopkins University. The Oakton High School graduate is the son of Steven and Leigh Rys.

**Alison Murphy** of Herndon participated in the 2011 Alternative Spring Break program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Murphy worked with Habitat for Humanity in Brewton, Al., helping residents affected by recent hurricanes. The 2009 graduate of Westfield High School is the daughter of Gene and Lindsley Murphy.

**Andrew Criminski** was named to the dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy for the third quarter of the 2010-11 school year. He is the son of Scott Criminski and Charmain Wardley of Oak Hill, and Therese Criminski of San Diego, Calif.

**Kevin Heald** of Oak Hill has gained membership to the Virginia Tech regimental band, the Eighty-Tighties. Heald is an academic freshman majoring in general engineering in the College of Engineering.

Three Oakton residents have been awarded \$2500 National Merit Scholarships:

❖ **Stephen L. Eltinge** of Thomas Hefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Probable career field is education (college professor).

❖ **Catherine F. Mahoney** of Oakton High School. Probable career field is international economics.

❖ **Kathleen M. Atkatsch** of Thomas Hefferson High School for Science and Technology. Probable career field is biomedical engineering.



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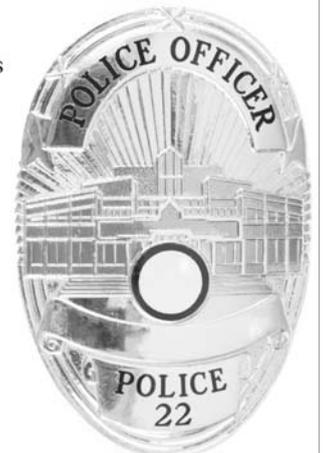
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Herndon High School seniors Sean Quaresima (third from right) and Joseph Vollaro (fifth from right) play in a special concert with the United States Navy Concert Band at Herndon High School on April 29. Quaresima, Vollaro and seven other senior musicians from Herndon High School were selected to play a piece with the United States Navy Concert Band because of their excellence in music while at Herndon High School.



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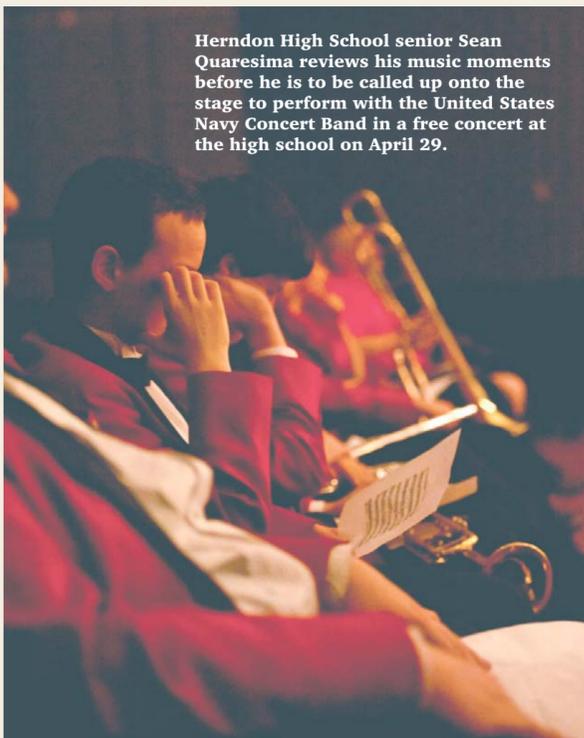
Herndon High seniors perform with the United States Navy Band.

On Friday April 29, Herndon High School hosted the United States Navy Concert Band in a free public concert. Over a year in the making, the concert included nine student musicians from Herndon High School, who in the words of Director of Bands Kathleen Schoelwer, "excelled musically" during their tenure at the school. The concert is part of the United States Navy Concert Band's "Beltway Series," where the band provides free concerts in venues throughout the metro-D.C. area.

Seniors Wes Amonett (tuba, Herndon), Sean Quaresima (trumpet, Reston), Joseph Vollaro (trumpet, Herndon), Kevin Hopkins (oboe, Ashburn), Samhita Nelamangala (clarinet, Herndon), Samantha Logan (piccolo, Herndon), Rebecca Richardson (flute, Herndon), Matthew Larson (trombone, Herndon), and Molly McAnany (clarinet, Herndon) were the Herndon High School musicians who played in the concert.

— DEB COBB

Herndon High School seniors Samantha Logan (middle) and Rebecca Richardson chuckle as Chief Musician Courtney Williams, concert moderator for the United States Navy Concert Band, meets the Herndon High School musicians who will play in the concert with the Navy band, and, more importantly, learns how to pronounce their names before the April 29 concert.



Herndon High School senior Sean Quaresima reviews his music moments before he is to be called up onto the stage to perform with the United States Navy Concert Band in a free concert at the high school on April 29.



## ENTERTAINMENT



The Town of Herndon presents Big Truck Days in Herndon, Thursday, May 5 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Friday, May 6 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Public Works Complex, 1479 Sterling Road, Herndon. This is an annual opportunity to see the town's big trucks and heavy equipment on display. Light refreshments will be served and souvenirs provided to children. The town is collecting non-perishable food donations for the needy; Big Truck Days attendees are encouraged to bring donations. 703-435-6860 or [Public.works@herndon-va.gov](mailto:Public.works@herndon-va.gov).

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### SATURDAY/MAY 7

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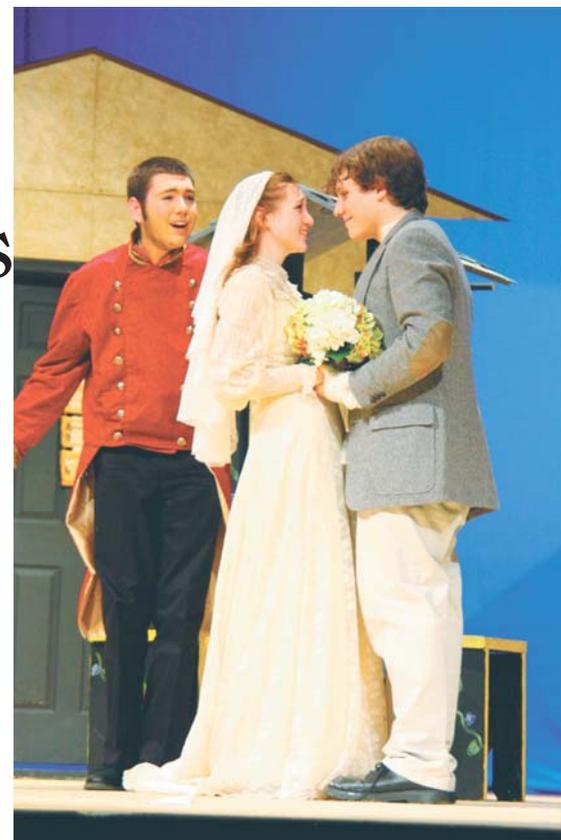
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## SCHOOLS

# Herndon High Drama Presents FOOLS

The Herndon High School Drama Department had another successful month in April with FOOLS, a comedic production. According to Herndon Theatre Director, Zoe Dillard, the title of the show was perfect in representing the truth as Herndon's cast and crew delivered an outstanding show and performed a challenging script.

The play, created by Neil Simon, is a humorous story of romance and silliness. Once Leon the Schoolmaster, played by Sophomore Paul Morgan, arrives in Kulyenchikov in Ukraine, he is determined to teach Sophia, played by Senior Chelsea Robinson, 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. However, Leon vows to marry Sophia. Before his love for Sophia can conquer the curse, he first meets the town's various Fools including Sophia's parents, Lenya, played by Senior Ashleigh Markin, Dr. Zubritsky, played by Senior Andy Raoufi, as well as the devious but somewhat likeable villain Count Yousekevitch, played by Senior David Conway. He meets all of them within 24 hours to avoid falling victim to the curse himself. Additional acting was provided by Brady Tierney, Liz Peterson, Cate Graney, Chris Hronzecik, and Caroline Malec.



**From left, Gregor Yousekevitch, played by David Conway, watches as the girl of his dreams, Sophia Zubrinsky, played by Chelsea Robinson, marries Leon Tolchinsky, played by Paul Morgan, in a scene from Herndon High School Drama's performance of FOOLS.**

To learn more about future programs, shows, and more information regarding the Herndon High School Drama Department visit [www.herndonhighschool.org](http://www.herndonhighschool.org)

— AMIR NOORBAKSH



**The Kulyenchikov Village People meet the teacher, Leon Tolchinsky, played by Paul Morgan. (From left) Olivia Jewel, Quinn Emery, Chris Hronzecik, Caroline Malec, Cate Graney, Brady Tierney, Paul Morgan in FOOLS, one of Herndon High Theatre's successful performances in April.**

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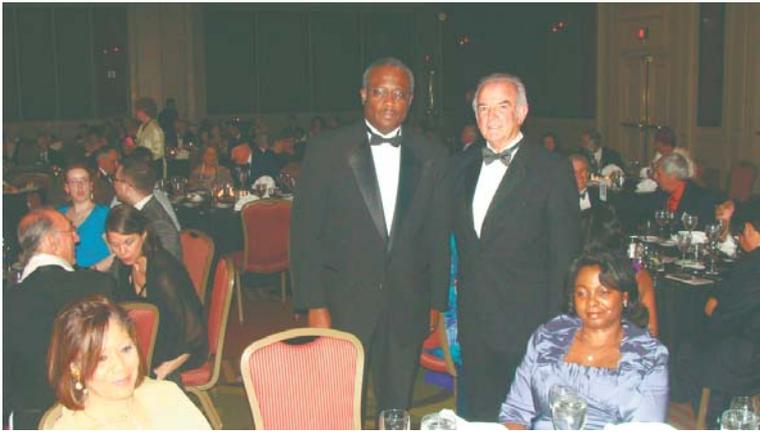
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Ambassador from Haiti, Louis Howard Joseph (left) with Rodolfo Tassara, Chairman of the Herndon Rotary Tango Gala.

# Tango Gala Celebrates Success

**O**n April 23, the Rotary Club of Herndon sponsored its second Tango Gala at the Reston Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The roots of the tango go back to the late 1800s, but its popularity in the United States can be traced to the early 1920s movies starring Rudolph Valentino. Thereafter, the tango was forever linked to sophisticated and elegant couples.

The Rotary Club of Herndon has an Argentine-born member who grew up with a passion for the tango. Because of his love for the dance, Rodolfo Tassara, better known as Rudy, proposed the concept of the Tango Gala in late 2009. With the support of his committee, he planned the details of this event, bringing a little bit of Argentina to Reston. To add authenticity, Tassara located an Argentinian winery that donated the wine for the event.

Over 300 guests enjoyed the mixer, silent auction and dinner before being serenaded by the 30-piece professional tango orchestra and six professional tango dancers who came from New York to

give an hour and a half performance. Preceding dinner, guests bid on jewelry, home improvements, hotel accommodation and automobile service during the silent auction. After the performance, guests had the opportunity to participate in tango dancing lessons for the rest of the evening.

This event enjoyed the support of the Herndon Rotary Club sponsors and partners, including the Argentina's Embassy in Washington, D.C. The Rotary Club also received sponsorship from the business community as well as attendance of some special invited guests, including the Ambassador of Haiti, Louis Howard Joseph, and his wife, Yanique, and Reston founder Robert Simon and his wife, Cheryl Terio.

The Rotary Club of Herndon is one of the community's oldest and largest service clubs. Since 1939, the Club supports scholarships and community service in the greater Herndon area. Proceeds from this evening will go to improving schools and helping the people of Haiti, areas of need in Argentina, and funding scholarship programs for Herndon students.

## ENTERTAINMENT

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# Oakton Bats Roar in Softball Win Over Herndon

**Cougars improve to 4-1 in the Concorde District.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Already, the 2011 spring season for the Herndon High girls' softball team has been a success. Yes, there are still a couple of weeks remaining in the regular season and lots to still accomplish for the Hornets, but the seven victories the team had accumulated going into this week was quite impressive for a program which had won one and three games, respectively, in each of the previous two seasons.

Herndon, clearly an up-and-coming team under third year head coach Roy Amps, looked to be on the verge of perhaps its signature win of the season last Friday night, April 29 when it appeared to have a solid Oakton High team on the ropes four innings into the Concorde District contest played on the Hornets' home diamond. The underdog Herndon team led the talented Cougars by three runs and looked to be relatively in control and on way to gaining a key district upset victory.

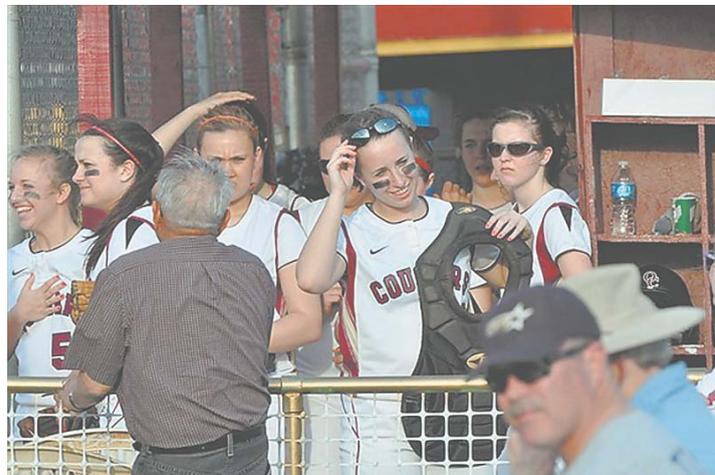
But Oakton, which had been struggling both at the plate and in the field over the first four innings, revived in a big time way thereafter, breaking through for 10 runs in the top half of the fifth inning on way to an impressive 17-4 win over the host Hornets. The contest was halted following six innings as a result of the 10-run mercy rule. Oakton, with the comeback win, improved its overall record to 7-2-1 and 4-1 in district play. Herndon, meanwhile, saw its record fall to 7-5 overall and 1-2 in the district.

"Once one or two got on base, it was kind of contagious," said Ray Gordon, the Oakton head coach, of the turnaround fifth inning in which the Cougars, who trailed 4-1 going into the inning, brought 14 players to the plate.

Gordon said the Oakton batters waited on the pitches better after the fourth inning, making sure the pitches they swung at were strikes and often going to the opposite field with their batted balls. Oakton, which had four hits and one run over the first four innings, tallied nine hits in the decisive fifth and 14 over the game's final two innings.

"We have the tendency to come out in games not so hot," said Oakton junior catcher and team tri-captain Mandy Krage, of the Cougars' tendency at times to get off to slow starts. Myself and the other captains [over the first several innings] were just trying to keep the girls motivated."

Whatever the rallying cry was Oakton's captains and coaching staff worked as the Cougars looked to be a highly motivated team in the latter innings. Once the hits and runners accumulated over the fifth and sixth innings, more and more energy filled the Oakton dugout and the Cougars were alive



**Oakton team tri-captain and catcher Mandy Krage (center, holding catcher's protector) has successfully worked with a young pitching staff this spring.**

with vigor at having taken over the game.

"They just had lots of hits," said Amps, the Herndon coach. "But the big thing with us is we kept hustling. On [Oakton] hits we were getting the ball quickly back into the infield."

The Herndon defense did commit a couple of fielding errors in the Oakton breakout fifth inning. But more than anything, the Oakton bats simply came to life. Key hits in that inning came from Becky Serva and Emily Krisanda, who both smacked doubles off of the center field fence with Krisanda's two-bagger accounting for two runs. Later in the inning, Serva, a freshman, also sent a ball the opposite way down the right field line for a two-run triple. (In the sixth inning she added a two-run double to her big night).

Other key hits for Oakton in the fifth came on RBI singles from both Hayley French and Abby Mills, and a two-run single by Emily Corridon. The Cougars added six more runs in the sixth inning. Big base hits in that inning came from Krisanda (RBI double), French (RBI single), Kelsea Sinnott (double), and Angie Noviello (2-run single).

**OAKTON'S ALANA PETERS**, a freshman making her second varsity pitching appearance since recently being called up from the JV, started and pitched three innings for the Cougars. She allowed an unearned run in the first before retiring the Hornets in order in the second. In the third, Herndon touched the hard-throwing ninth grader up for four singles and three runs.

Cerva, another freshman, took over in relief in the fourth inning for Oakton and went three perfect innings to earn the win.

Oakton pitcher Allison Davis, another ninth grader, has been on the mound much of the season for the Cougars and been instrumental to the team's success both on the hill (80 strikeouts) and at the plate (14 RBIs). But she was injured early last week during Oakton's 9-3 district loss to Westfield.

Another Oakton pitcher, sophomore Kayla Sweeney, began the season as Davis' backup but fell ill early in the spring and has not been able to play since.



**Base-runner Emily Corridon, an Oakton tri-captain and the team's center fielder, hit two singles and scored two runs in the Cougars' win over Oakton. The Herndon player to the left is freshmen shortstop Carly Shue.**

With Davis unavailable, Gordon elected to start Peters, who undoubtedly will help Oakton the remainder of the season.

Cerva, although not as hard-throwing, was outstanding in relief against Herndon, hitting her spots and showing great poise on the mound.

"She's a battler and gave a great effort tonight both at the plate and on the mound," said Gordon.

Krage, the team's starting catcher and a team leader, is confident about Oakton's pitching staff despite its youth.

"I definitely trust them out there," she said. "Even though they might not have as much experience, they can still come through. They all have pitches that work for them."

Krage, who had a single and reached base three times from the Oakton clean-up position, took a hard foul tip off her facemask/helmet from her catching position early in the game. As a result, Krage's catching helmet, which she had used for six years, was cracked and had to be replaced. The foul tip, naturally, shook the catcher up a bit and she spent a few minutes gathering herself afterwards. But she hung in there and continued to play, using another helmet.

"I probably get a foul ball to the head once a game now," said Krage. "I just shake it off

and take a couple of breaths."

**HERNDON** freshman pitcher Sarah Kurtz, who has had an outstanding first season for the Hornets as the team's starting pitcher, held Oakton to one unearned run over the first four innings before the Cougars' bats got rolling thereafter. Kurtz was relieved in the fifth by teammate Michelle Le, who pitched the final 1-2/3 innings.

Highlights for Herndon at the plate included a first inning RBI single from Heather Ferguson, third inning RBI singles from Kurtz (2 runs scored) and Morgan Fries, and a third inning sacrifice fly from Ferguson. Other base hits for Herndon in the loss came from Carly Shue and Destinee Beckham.

Herndon was scheduled to play district home games this week versus Centerville on Tuesday, May 3 and Westfield on Wednesday, May 4, followed by another game versus Westfield this Friday night at 6:30 on the road.

Oakton, meanwhile, was scheduled to play at district opponent Chantilly on Tuesday, May 3 before taking on guest team and non-Northern Region opponent Battlefield High on Wednesday. This Friday night at 6:30, the Cougars will host district rival Robinson.

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## Trying to Remember...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

To forget that I have cancer. That is, at present, my greatest challenge; now that the demands and deficits of every-three-week chemotherapy have long since passed – although I am still infused with a “maintenance” chemotherapy drug, Avastin, every four weeks. Life has amazingly continued to go on. It is more a mental hurdle now than it is physical. And since I am pretty much able to fend for myself and/or perform and complete most of the activities of my daily living, still; the less said about it, generally, and the more life I’m able to resume normally (pre-cancer diagnosis/treatment side effects), the better. It’s an anchor, to be sure. Accepting it is one thing. Not dragging it around emotionally is quite another.

As anyone who knows me, knows: I rarely play the cancer card and it’s hardly the first thing out of my mouth. In fact, as previous published columns described, when certain conversations have occurred, I’ve tried to avoid – for a variety of reasons, mentioning my “underlying problem.” As much as being a terminal cancer patient defines me, I don’t want to be defined by it. Certainly I understand how my diagnosis/former prognosis categorizes me, but I don’t want to wear a scarlet “C” on my forehead. In truth, I don’t want my forehead marked at all – literally or figuratively. I want to remain Kenny-from-Boston for as long as I can, not Kenny-with-cancer.

But since my brain is still working relatively well, (no comments, please!), it’s nearly impossible, as hard as I try, to not be reminded – and ever mindful, of the rather disappointing medical fact of my diagnosis. And though I may have embraced my post-diagnosed-and-treated-for-cancer life, it is the life I’ve been forced to live, and since I’m not an inanimate object, I have feelings; I just don’t pinball around from chemotherapy to diagnostic scans to lab work to doctor’s appointments, without being quite clear as to the seriousness of my condition/ situation. As much as I’d like to, I can’t. Ergo, this column.

The reason for writing this column is that there’s a part of me, maybe even a part of health care in general, that thinks, perhaps even encourages patients with a terminal diagnosis, to forget their negative results and to consider whatever positive aspects of life they can, as an unofficial/anecdotal adjunct/alternative to their ongoing treatment/life expectancy challenges. As important as it is to follow doctor’s orders, maintain your routine and live life as healthfully as a terminal patient can, sometimes forgetting (I didn’t say neglecting) can bring a little – and likely much needed as well – peace of mind; a break in the action, a pause that may refresh; mind over matter.

And I don’t really know if it matters in my lungs (where my tumors located), but it matters in my head – where our most important organ is located, our brain. Anything I can do to minimize the mental pressure that persists, even if it seems like a bit of a fool’s errand, I need to remember to do. It’s not so much difficult as it is counter-intuitive. How do you not think about (all the time) the thing that’s killing you? So yeah, it’s a struggle. But whatever, however I can figure out a way to turn out the light even though somebody is most definitely home, I have to. Resistance may be futile but, I’m not ready to give up. I want to live long and prosper.

That’s a trek I’d love to make.

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**Sunder Cheng, one of the founders of the Montessori Peace School in Herndon, serves children from the school during the group’s trip to Angeethi Indian restaurant. The students were wrapping up their unit on India and were able to experience the culture firsthand.**

## Lunchtime in India

### Montessori Peace School students visit Angeethi.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Students from the Montessori Peace School in Herndon got a chance to expand their culinary horizons Wednesday, April 27, as they dined at the Angeethi Indian restaurant in Herndon. The meal was a way for the students, ages three to six, to finish their studies on India and its culture.

The students tried a variety of dishes, mostly the milder ones..

“This was my first time trying Indian food, and it was great,” said Logan Lee, 6. “We should have it instead of pizza Friday.”

Sunder Cheng, one of the founders of the school, said this was an effort to get the students out to experience other cultures firsthand and an effort to connect with com-



**Pritam Jot Khalsa, 5, enjoys a piece of naan bread during the Montessori Peace School’s trip to Angeethi in Herndon April 27.**

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**Vikas Gupta, manager at Angeethi Indian restaurant in Herndon, explains the different foods served to students of the Montessori Peace School during their trip there April 27.**

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“We chose some of the milder dishes, but also wanted the children to try out a variety of traditional Indian foods,” Cheng said. “The kids all ate with gusto, even some that are usually very picky eaters.”

Angeethi manager Vikas Gupta helped select a variety of dishes, from mattar paneer (cheese and peas in a sweet, spicy sauce), pakoras (a fried appetizer), samosas (fried pastry triangles stuffed with potatoes

and peas) and more.

“We chose mostly vegetarian dishes, lentils, peas, cheese-based ones, and some sauces to dip their bread in,” Gupta said.

Pritam Jot Khalsa, 5, said her favorite was the mattar paneer. For some students, while the food was enjoyable, the paintings and other Indian items in the back room of Angeethi were the highlight of the trip.

“This is the most beautiful room I’ve ever been in,” she said.

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