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WEEK IN HERNDON

Annual Housing Fair Set for May 14

The 11th Annual Herndon Housing Fair, a free event offering consultation on home buying, financing, maintenance and much more, will be held Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The fair will take place at Herndon Middle School, located at 901 Locust St.

It is open to all who own or are

considering owning a home and are looking for information on home buying and refinancing programs, foreclosure prevention, short sales and loan modification programs, credit counseling, home improvement programs, energy conservation, property maintenance, lawn and tree care and building permits and zoning requirements.

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'Mind, Heart, Vision' at ArtSpace Herndon

The second exhibit in May at ArtSpace Herndon is "Mind, Heart, Vision" featuring selected painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, computer graphics and animation artwork by Herndon High School seniors.

The exhibit runs from Tuesday, May 17, through Tuesday, May 31. The opening reception and gallery talk will be held Saturday, May 21, 7:30-9:30 p.m. The exhibit and the opening reception are free and open to the public.

ArtSpace Herndon is located near the Fortnightly Library and W&OD Bike Trail in downtown Herndon at 750 Center St. The Post Gallery is open Tuesday - Thursday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon-5 p.m. For more information, call 703-956-6590.

Town Closures for Memorial Day

Town of Herndon government offices and services will be impacted by the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 30. Town offices will be closed. Refuse will not be collected. Refuse normally collected on Monday will be collected Tuesday, May 31.

The Herndon Community Center will be open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. and the Herndon Centennial will be open from open 6 a.m. to dark.

There will be a Memorial Day Observance at Chestnut Grove Cemetery at 10 a.m. Guest speaker to be announced. For more information, call 703-481-6198.

Antique Carousel to Open at Frying Pan Farm Park

A visit to Frying Pan Farm Park is already a wonderful adventure with barns to explore, animals to meet, a terrific playground and country store to name just a few of the attractions. Now the farm is getting even better with an antique Allan Herschell carousel built during the Depression era. The bright hand-painted horses are hand-carved and constructed out of wood and cast-aluminum. The carousel will open to the public on Sunday, May 15, 2011. The public is invited to a brief ribbon cutting ceremony at noon, followed by an ice cream social.

Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Road in Herndon.

Town Council Adopts FY 2012 Budget

At its public hearing on Tuesday, April 26, the Herndon Town Council adopted the budget for the town's 2012 fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2011 and ends June 30, 2012.

Highlights of the \$45,248,570 budget include a reduction in the real estate tax from its current \$.2675 per \$100 of assessed value to \$.265 per \$100 of assessed value. The decrease takes into account a general increase in real estate tax assessments and will result in an average \$40.29 increase in per household real estate taxes paid to the town.

The FY 2012 Budget increases the town's meals tax, from its cur

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Sue Olinger sells handmade, hard to find pies last Friday at the Herndon Farmers' Market.



Esther Corporan offers samples of salsa.

Herndon Farmer's Market Springs Into Action

Downtown farmer's market will run from May to November.

BY MEREDITH BILLMAN-MANI
THE CONNECTION

Despite the chilly spring weather, Herndon's farmer's market kicked off its season on Thursday. Not all of the vendors scheduled to attend the weekly market have started attending but there was still a large selection and variety for shoppers to choose from.

This year there are several new stands at the weekly market. Sue's Pies and Chef Eloy's Salsa are two new merchants this year. Sue Olinger, of Sue's Pies said, "I try to make the pies that you can't go to the store and get," and offer them at the farmer's market. She has been attending markets for eight years but this marks her first time at Herndon.

Al Schallenberger, who is returning to the farmer's market from last year, said that he choose to come back to Herndon because of good sales and a devoted following that he often can't keep up with. His best-selling Greek feta spread called Htopiti sells out quickly. He hand milks his goats twice a day to make the artisan cheese.

Jimmy Hutt is a familiar and friendly face at the Herndon market. His stall is one of the first people see when they turn onto the street where the market is held. Hutt is trying several new vegetables this year, including the greenhouse cucumbers he sold out this week. He also brings tons of fresh asparagus and strawberries to supply the crowds.

The 11 vendors at the market offer a wide spectrum of vegetables, from asparagus and baby bok choy to sweet potatoes and lettuce. Early fruits in-



Kimberly and Mathew Woods enjoy the farmer's market.

clude field picked strawberries. As the season progresses and produce ripens, many more fruits and vegetables will be available at the farmer's market. In July, a dizzying array of tomatoes, beans and melons will await shoppers.

There are also vendors selling flowers and potted plants. Meats, eggs and cheese can also be found at the market. Local baker Grace's Pastries also sells fresh breads and loaves.

Dedicated market shoppers don't wait until the height of summer to score fresh produce. Kimberly Woods brought her son Mathew to the market to help select vegetables for the family to enjoy being closer to the growing process.

The Herndon Farmer's Market is held every Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon on Lynn Street, in front of the cabooses.

Attack of the Robotomatoes

Herndon LEGO team uses tomato sales to fund activities.

BY MEREDITH BILLMAN-MANI
THE CONNECTION

LEGOs and tomatoes aren't normally thought of together but Herndon resident Beth Riddick has put the two together with winning results. Riddick raises and sells heirloom tomatoes as a fundraiser for the Herndon Elementary School Robotics LEGO team. Last year the money raised help the team, called the Herndon Stingers, go to the state championships.

Riddick came up with the idea of selling the tomato plants last year. It was such a success there is now a Robotomato website (www.robotomatoes.org) that Riddick will happily share with other clubs so they can mimic the Herndon team's success. "I wanted to get a program going that other teams can use for fundraisers," said Riddick. "This is a middle class area, frankly we could all chip in the money, but I realize not everyone is going to live in an area where everyone can chip in to fund a league. If we are going to get this in other places, we needed to think of new ways to raise money," Riddick said.

Both parents and children are enthusiastic about the educational opportunities that being a part of the league affords. "Children have to come up with the solutions themselves. They use engineering and creativity. Parents are not allowed to do it for them," said club parent Mary Brown.

"Teams are judged on four components during the competition: Robot Design, Robot Performance, Project Presentation and Teamwork. The children have basically three months to build and program a LEGO Mindstorm robot to complete a custom series of challenges while also doing research to present a unique solution related to the science or technology theme for that year," said Tom Welsh, the Herndon Stingers coach. Last year's theme was



Beth Riddick stands by her Robotomatoes.

biomedical engineering. This year the children will focus on food safety.

Gabriel Brown, a fifth grader at HES, said, "I love LEGOs and I build a lot with the Technic pieces. You get to use your imagination and build whatever you want. It's cool." As a part of the fundraiser, the children in the club assist with the sale and also sell lemonade.

Riddick raised more than 1,000 tomatoes for this year's sale and fundraiser that was held on Saturday, May 7. She still has several available and can be reached through the Robotomato website.

"We sold about twice as many plants as last year. However, last year we also sold used garden tools and a couple of outdoor games. In total we had about a 30 percent increase over last year. Not quite enough to fund both teams, but it's a great start," Riddick said of this year's sale.

Gabriel Brown agrees with the need to expand the program. According to the younger Brown, the more people you have involved in the league, the more everyone is pushed to do their best. "We need more girls on the team. The girls usually come up with the best plans. Girls usually think things over and boys, they just do it. So we need more," he said.

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rent 1.5 percent to 2.5 percent. The revenues collected through this increase will be dedicated to downtown utility relocation; major road repaving; future funding of a downtown parking garage; and targeted promotion of the town's restaurant industry.

The FY 2012 Budget supports initiatives included in Town Manager Art Anselene's proposed budget, including town resources dedicated to economic development, following recommendations provided to the town by its economic development task force. The budget provides for transitional

funding for operation of the Neighborhood Resource Center (NRC) through October 2011, at which point Fairfax County will assume operation of the NRC. The budget also restores some programs that had been removed from the FY 2011 Budget, to include town participation in the National Night Out program and live entertainment at the town's 4th of July celebration.

The Town of Herndon's adopted FY 2012 Budget will be posted on the town's Web site, www.herndon-va.gov, by July 1. Hard copies will also be available for review at the Herndon Municipal Center, 777 Lynn St., Herndon.

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Warner Mihalak of Herndon is ready for the snow as he leans on the Town of Herndon's snowplow painted Hornet red in honor of the Herndon High School Hornets. The plow was on display at the Town of Herndon's Big Truck Days at the Herndon Public Works Complex on May 5.



Sisters Ellie, Grace and Sarah O'Dell of Leesburg pause for a moment in front of the Virginia Paving Company Autism Awareness dump truck at Herndon Big Truck Days. The company has several colorful trucks in their fleet decorated as part of their community outreach program to raise awareness of charities and nonprofits.



Juliet Cobb of Chantilly adjusts her hardhat before she 'tests' out one of the construction vehicles on display at the Town of Herndon Big Truck Days.

Big Trucks Displayed in Herndon

On Thursday May 5 and Friday May 6, the Town of Herndon opened the gates of its Public Works Complex on Sterling Road and let the public see and climb some of its big trucks and heavy equipment.



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In Recognition of Small Business Week

Show support for local businesses May 15-21, small business week.

Small businesses, especially locally owned retail stores and restaurants, are part of what defines any community. Their livelihood depends on the livability and quality of the neighborhoods around them.

Frequently, it is the small retail person who is active as a volunteer in fundraising and advocating for local charities, for fire and rescue service, for local schools and in organizing community events.

Local retail stores, mom-and-pop stores and restaurants, have weathered some very tough times in the last few years. Many of the costs of doing business have increased, (price of gas, for example) while many businesses defined a successful year in 2010 if revenues did not decline — again — from the previous year.

And small businesses are critical to economic recovery. In Virginia, small businesses make up more than 97 percent of employers and nearly

50 percent of non-government employment.

And while Northern Virginia's economy has fared far better than almost any other region in the country, small, locally owned, community-oriented businesses have not universally shared in bounty.

The small business owner must be master of the budget and doing more with less. He or she must stay up to date on changing regulations while they market their business, manage benefits and employee schedules and maintain the company's edge in serving its customers.

EDITORIALS From May 15-20, show support to your locally owned small businesses.

Shop locally. Eat locally. Greet the business owner and tell her that you're there this week to support small, local business.

Then be sure to come back on a regular basis. Your hometown quality of life depends on it.

Local Winners

Washington Metropolitan Area District Office of the Small Business Administration will honor several local business people and organizations this week.

This year's Washington Metro Minority Business Champion is Danny Vargas of Herndon, president of VARCom Solutions, a marketing and public relations firm. A U.S. Air Force veteran and former Fortune 500 executive, he served as chairman of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, the first Hispanic to chair a mainstream chamber in Virginia, according to the chamber. Vargas grew the Dulles Hispanic Business Council and developed a professional support program for local small business owners. Vargas also serves on the advisory board of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce, the Commission of the National Museum of the American Latino, the Virginia Workforce Council, and the Board of the Northern Virginia Family Service.

Small Business Development Center of Excellence and Innovation award this year honors the Mason Small Business Development Center at George Mason University for providing value to small businesses through innovation. The Mason Small Business Development has a team of certified small business counselors who have helped more than 765 entrepreneurs in the past two years, nurturing more than 60 startup companies and retaining more than 1,200 area jobs.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Redistricting Plan Approved

To the Editor:

As a result of an open and transparent process that included significant public outreach and community involvement, the Board of Supervisors today approved a redistricting plan that creates a fair and even distribution of Fairfax County residents among the nine magisterial districts. The changes the plan makes, outlined by Supervisor [Jeffrey] McKay (D-Lee) in his motion, will ensure that each resident is fairly represented on this Board for the next 10 years.

The Citizen Advisory Committee

should be commended for their work. The Committee was made up of 21 Fairfax County residents appointed by the Board of Supervisors representing each supervisor district, the Democratic and Republican parties, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of Citizens Associations, the League of Women Voters, the African-American, Hispanic and Asian/Pacific Islander communities, as well as the county at large.

Despite being on a tight schedule due to the upcoming elections,

the Committee held seven meetings and one workshop all of which were open to (and attended by) the public.

I want to thank former Board of Supervisors Chairman Kate Hanley who I appointed to head the Citizen Advisory Committee. Kate applied her expertise, acquired from years of public service on this Board and in Richmond as Secretary of the Commonwealth, to make our redistricting process successful.

Thank you to Deputy County Attorney Michael Long who pro-

vided legal guidance to the Citizens Advisory Committee. Both Michael and Kate have worked on multiple redistricting efforts, and their experience in these complicated matters was indispensable.

I want to thank Supervisor McKay for his leadership over the past few months. At every turn, Jeff made sure that the public was informed and involved in the process.

Sharon Bulova

Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Preserving Life Story

To the Editor:

Have you ever strolled through a dusty, cluttered antique shop or one of those cavernous antique malls and wondered who the original owners were of all the countless things sitting on the display shelves? An oil lamp, a well-read family Bible, a hand-stitched quilt, a smoke stained pipe standing upright in its hand-carved wooden pipe rack — the sorts of things that you can find in any antique shop.

As a personal historian, I too have looked at and pondered these items and their handwritten price tags, which usually tell me little or nothing about where these objects came from.

I try to visualize who once used that old glass oil lamp. Perhaps it had been used to better see the tiny printed words on the pages of the Holy Bible. Maybe a tattered quilt once lay wrapped around an aged one's tired neck and shoulders. Possibly the reader sat in a chilly one room sparsely furnished cabin in the Shenandoah Valley or in a Victorian mansion somewhere in Washington D.C.

Each of these old pieces once belonged to a specific individual or family. This artifact may have been passed down by a generation or two and somehow eventually became separated from its story.

Now to get to the point: May is

Personal History Awareness Month. We all have a story to tell, to preserve and to share with the next generation. Many of us have been fortunate enough to have been given family heirlooms, which may have belonged to our grandparents or maybe even our great grandparents. These objects hold the memories of our lives and the lives of our loved ones. They are a link to the past and a link to the future as well. If we do not write down the details (no matter how brief they may be) of a family heirloom's history, this information will be lost in time. Your family treasure could even one day end up anonymously sitting on a

shelf in an antique shop.

Please give this important task some serious consideration. Have a look in your attic, basement and chest of drawers or on that shelf in the back of your bedroom closet and see if there is something there calling out to be remembered and recorded and valued.

For more information on how to preserve your life story or about family heirloom documentation, please check out the Association of Personal Historians website: www.personalhistorian.org

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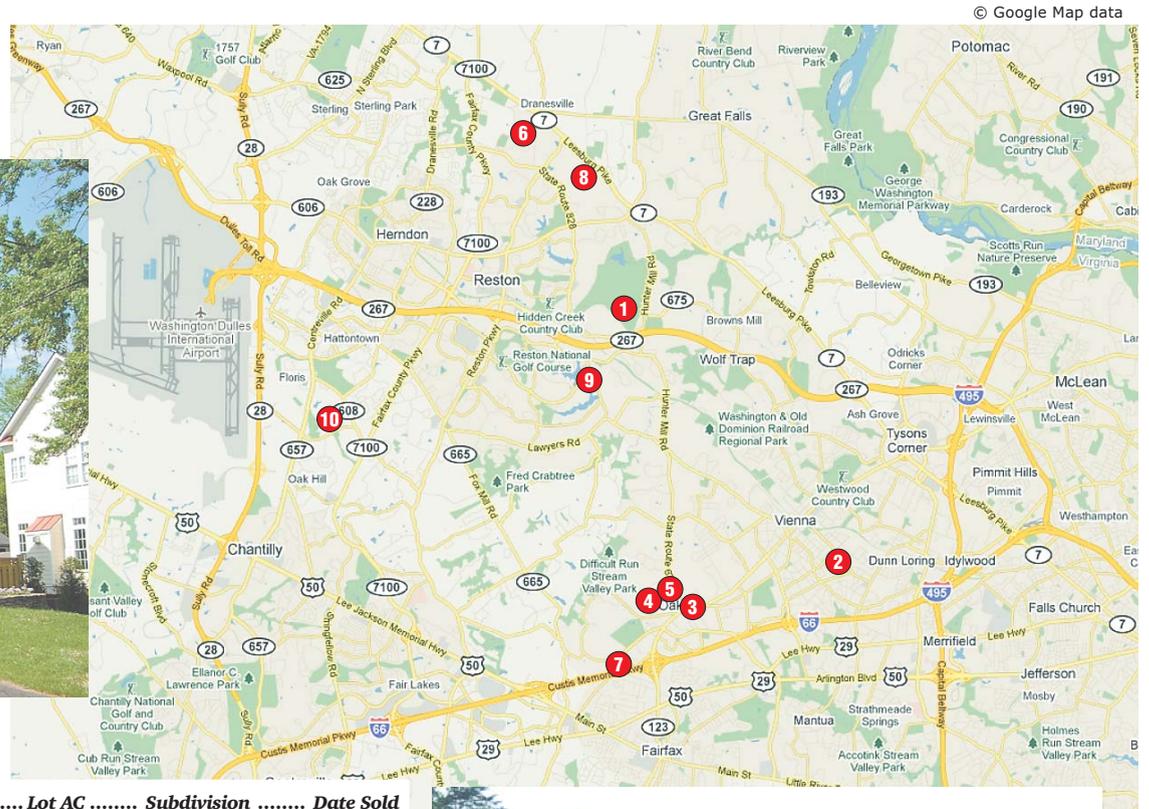
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Your Home Should Make You Happy'

Design trends include more personal touches, smaller spaces, lower maintenance materials.

BY CLAIRE MCKENNA
THE CONNECTION

Many local interior designers participated in this Spring's design house to benefit Children's National Medical Center. Several reflected on recent trends and offered insight on why good design matters.

"Most of us are looking at our home now as more than an investment," said Barbara Franceski of Alexandria, who designed the family room in the design house. "We plan to stay in place for a longer period of time, and with that comes a desire to enjoy life right where we are."

For that reason, "personal expression is more center stage than ever," Franceski said. Homeowners want to use original, unique art to animate spaces, and can even turn to digitally printed wallpaper to create something unique for themselves. People are mixing materials like contemporary Lucite pieces with wood and alabaster and metals. "We're embracing originality rather than a stale, decorated look."

DESIGNER MICHAEL ROBERSON of Arlington also referred to "a new eclecticism." This style consists of an "interesting mix of things we've never mixed before."

It used to be that eclectic design combined different historic and modern styles that in one way or another related to each other, she said. But now this is not always a requirement.

"Literally everything in the room is unique from everything else," Roberson said. "People seem to be simply putting what they like in a room."

This design technique can "sometimes be wonderful," but Roberson also implies that it also has the potential for disaster.

That's one reason Nancy Colbert of McLean, who designed the library in DC Design House, recommends consulting a designer, as well as checking other resources.

"Whether you're planning on going it alone, or choose to seek help [from a designer], spend time investigating current design magazines or websites to get a sense of what feels good for you."

In gathering ideas from these different sources, Colbert says new decorators may find "a place to build their vision."

One trend Colbert observes: "We're seeing less and less brown wood." Until recently,

most furniture finishes consisted of some variation of brown wood. Now, however, decorators are noticing more painted and combination finishes on furniture pieces.

LAUREN LIESS OF HERNDON was the designer of a "hideaway" bedroom in the design house that was designed as a relaxing place to enjoy the window seat, take a nap, write at the Parson's desk or share a cup of tea.

Her wing chair in the hideaway bedroom included its back upholstered in a Michael Smith floral while the seat and front of the chair are dark velvet.

For home decorators looking for a casual design, Liess suggests "using a casual mix of patterns and textures is a more relaxed way to design a room."

Grass-cloth wallpaper, in bedrooms or living areas, is one way to add texture.

MANY DESIGNERS have welcomed more business lately as clients look to redecorating as an alternative to relocating. "People seem to be re-doing what they already have rather than moving" says Juliana Cunningham, head of Juliana's Home Interiors in Clifton.

Cunningham commented on the recent trend for clients to simplify the redecorating process themselves. She said that renovating window treatments like panes, blinds and shutters "used to be a more labor-intensive process," but people now seem to be turning to simple shades to compliment their windows.

The designer also echoed many of her fellow designers in commenting on the lack of bold colors seen in homes recently.

"We're seeing much more middle-of-the-color-wheel combinations in all rooms," Cunningham said.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/CONNECTION

Beyond two conversation chairs at the library entrance from the foyer two milled bookcases were added to the entrance to the garden room to contribute to the library's symmetry. Designed by Nancy Colbert of McLean.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/CONNECTION

'Nature inspired and quirky' describe well the hideaway designed by Lauren Liess. Grasscloth wall and ceiling coverings, diamond patterned sisal rug, an oversized window seat and a pair of distressed silver sconces are just a few of the cozy elements of Lauren Liess' hideaway at the Design House.

Allie Mann of Case Design agreed, saying "Grey is the new beige."

The designer assures anyone looking for a color change in their home that grey is a safe and smart option. "It can work in many rooms," using the successful blend of "Charleston Grey" in the master bedroom in the design house with the "Corn Forth White" she used in the master bathroom which she designed to support her argument.

Like Cunningham, Mann has noticed many of her clients seeking a less laborious approach to redecorating their homes. Rather than the big additions Mann saw in the early 90s, the designer has noticed "a resurgence of people making better use of smaller spaces."

Mann added that many clients were "asking for more low-maintenance projects." Rather than purchasing materials for their new countertops or floors that require constant upkeep, homeowners are looking for lower maintenance options.

For example, Mann, who specializes in kitchen and bathroom remodeling, said that while before her clients have sought out natural stone tiles for their kitchen and bathroom floors, many have now caught on that porcelain tiles look about the same without requiring nearly as much work to maintain.

Mann offered several tips for getting the most from a modest change: "I'm a big fan of stripes- they can often play up the size of a room." Adding crown-molding can quickly make a room look more formal.

When looking to change the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

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look of a room, often the easiest thing to do is switch out accessories, including pillows, shades, furniture covers and chairs.

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Book Discussion Group. 7:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson. Pick up a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk. Adults. 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/MAY 13

Art & Design Senior Show Reception. 6-10:30 p.m. George Mason University School of Art, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Over 90 artists and performances by The Attractions, Ketura, Solace Sovay, Jelly Gums, Atlast and Stanley Cooley. Complimentary refreshments and food. Free admission and parking. dmoos@gmu.edu.

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Madama Butterfly. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Madama Butterfly, an opera by Giacomo Puccini, takes place in Nagasaki, Japan, 1904-1907. Children. 703-437-8855.

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>.

Neighborhood Plant Clinic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. Adults. 703-242-4020.

American Cancer Society Relay for Life. 1 p.m. South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Cancer survivors and their caregivers are also invited to a luncheon in their honor at 11 a.m. in the South Lakes High School cafeteria. Register at 703-391-7428 or www.RestonRelay.org.

MONDAY/MAY 16

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

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

TUESDAY/MAY 17

ESL Advanced. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Practice English in a group with a volunteer facilitator. Adults. 703-689-2700.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Opening Reception and Gallery Talk. 7:30 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. "Mind, Heart, Vision," a juried exhibit of painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, computer graphics and animation by Herndon High School

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THURSDAY/MAY 19

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The Plague of Doves by Louise Erdrich. Adults. 703-242-4020.

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Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Cup Golf Classic.

Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and the tournament at 1:30 p.m. with a shotgun start and scramble format. Lunch and dinner provided by Community Canteen and Mamma Lucia of Reston. Sponsorship is tax deductible and help funds the Tracey M. White Scholarship Fund. communications@restonchamber.org.

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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.

TUESDAY/MAY 17

Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Prospective New Member Event. 7:30 a.m. Westin Washington Dulles Airport Hotel, 2520 Wasser Terrace, Herndon. Discover member benefits for businesses and employees. Current members are encouraged to attend with a prospective member guest. Door prizes and special membership incentives. Register at 703-707-9045 or andrap@restonchamber.org.

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 19

Committee for Dulles Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. Crowne Plaza, 12200 Centreville Road, Herndon. With representatives of Air France, Airbus, and MWAA members. \$50, non-members \$70. 703-430-8749 or www.committeefordulles.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 26

Lupus Support Group. 12 p.m. at Reston Hospital Center, The West Wing, 1850 Town Center Parkway, Reston. lh@ascendcomm.com or www.lupusgw.org.
Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce Legislative Series. 8 a.m. Dominion Virginia Power, 3072 Centreville Road, Herndon. "Redistricting: How it will affect your business for the next 10 years." With Senator Janet Howell (D-32nd District) and Delegate Ken Plum (D-36th District). andrap@restonchamber.org.



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Herndon Baseball Slowed Down by Westfield Bats

Hornets set to wrap up regular season this Friday night at home versus Chantilly.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Two of the top high school baseball teams in the Concorde District - Westfield, an established, year-in and year-out Northern Region force, and Herndon, one of the better up-and-coming programs in the region - met in a key, late regular season game last Friday night.

While neither squad entered the contest atop the district standings - that accolade going to Oakton High - both teams are highly regarded and will likely enter next week's district tournament with good seedings.

On Friday, it was Westfield, playing at home and celebrating its Senior Night, which stepped up with a huge, momentum-building win, overcoming an early deficit and defeating the Hornets, 12-2, in a contest that ended in the fifth inning due to the 10-run mercy rule.

Westfield, ahead by a comfortable 10-2 lead, scored two more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning. The latter run, with one out, crossed the plate on senior catcher Hayden Ferington's RBI groundout to create a 10-run differential and automatically end the game.

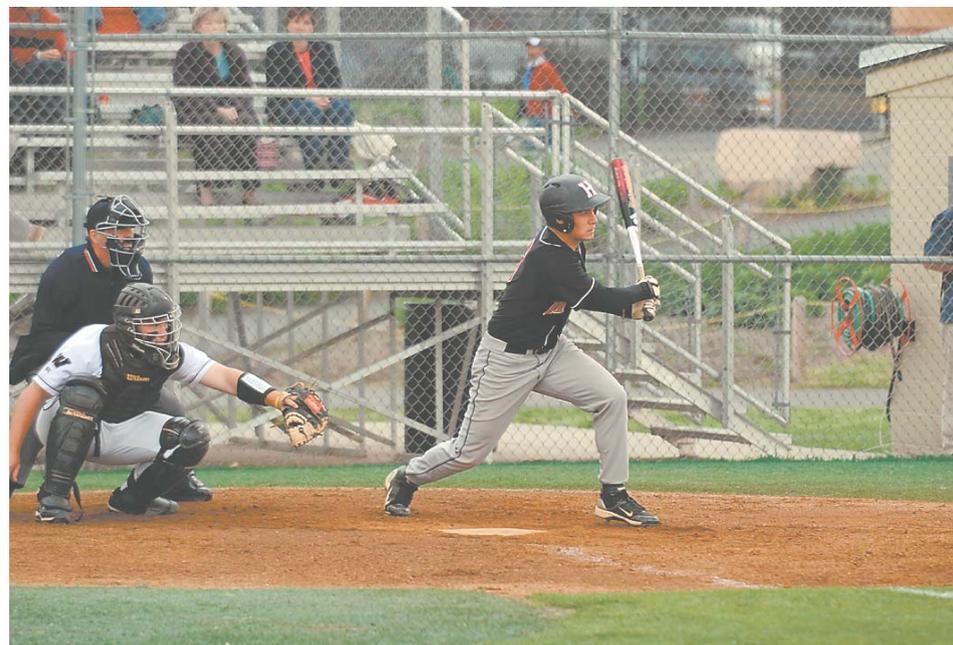
Ferington, one of the seven Westfield seniors honored during special pre-game Senior Night festivities, had a big game that included an RBI double, an RBI single, three runs scored, and the game-ending RBI groundout.

"The emotions were definitely running high," said Ferington, of the Senior Night celebratories that took place.

Westfield, with the win, improved its record to 14-3 overall and 6-2 in the district. The Bulldogs, less than two weeks earlier, had lost at Herndon, 9-4, on April 25 and were looking to square things up in Friday's meeting.

"We wanted to show that the last time we had lost to them - that we're better than that," said Ferington.

Westfield, last year's district tournament champions, will enter the district playoffs



Herndon High's Dylan Garten follows through on his swing during the Hornets' game at Westfield last Friday night. The Herndon second baseman reached base two times - by a hit and by an error - in the game. This Friday night, Herndon will host Chantilly at 6:30. It will be a special night of Herndon High baseball as the team will be honoring its' All Century Team. This is the 100th year anniversary of Herndon High and about 20 former players will be on hand for the festivities. One of the night's highlights will be a tribute to Bill Butler, the first Herndon High graduate to make it to the big leagues. The pre-game celebratories will start at about 6:10.

next Wednesday, May 18 as either the No. 1 or 2 seed. The Bulldogs, vying with current first place team Oakton (14-4 overall, 7-1 district) for regular season championship honors, are scheduled to wrap up the regular season this week with district road games at Chantilly on Tuesday, May 10, and at Oakton this Friday night, May 13 at 6:30. The regular season-finale game with Oakton, which defeated Westfield, 5-4, in a home game on April 26, will likely finalize top seedings for districts.

"We're trying to give ourselves some momentum for the district tournament," said Westfield junior pitcher Kyle Corwin, who went four innings to earn the win over Herndon on Friday.

Corwin said winning Friday's game for the 12th grade members of the team was especially important for him and his fellow underclassmen teammates.

"On Senior Night, we wanted to get a win for our seniors and send them off on a good note," said Corwin.

Herndon (9-4 overall, 4-4 district), while out of the running for the No. 1 or 2 seeds for districts, has plenty to play for over the

remainder of this season. The Hornets, who did not qualify for the 16-team Northern Region playoffs last year, are determined to do so this season. To make regionals, Herndon must win a first round district tournament game next week. Coach Greg Miller's squad will likely go into the districts as a No. 4 seed. Herndon was set to wrap up its regular season schedule this week with district games against host Robinson on Tuesday and against visiting Chantilly this Friday night at 6:30.

"What we have to do is put [the loss to Westfield] behind us," said Miller. "The loss is disappointing. We didn't really match their intensity tonight. It's not that we didn't play hard. We've still got a good team. Maybe this is what we need - sometimes a loss can give you a spark."

HERNDON SCORED two runs in the top of the second inning to jump ahead of Westfield, 2-0. Parker Hill, a junior left fielder, smacked a one out, line drive single into center field to start the rally. Junior third baseman Chris Dugan, from the No. 7 spot in the batting order, then sent a siz-

zling, opposite field line drive down the first base line for an RBI triple. The next batter, sophomore first baseman Austin Schnarrs, plated Dugan with an RBI ground out to make it 2-0 Hornets.

But those would be the only two runs Herndon would get. For the game, Corwin, Westfield's right-handed starting pitcher, limited Herndon to the two runs and four hits over his four innings of work. He struck out five and walked none. Westfield's Johnny Gullette pitched one inning of scoreless relief.

Following the second inning, Herndon's only base hits came from leadoff hitting second baseman Dylan Garten (third inning single) and sophomore Ky Parrott (fourth inning infield single). There were other instances in which Herndon players hit the ball well only to see Westfield outfielders make good plays - such as a deep fly ball to center fielder Danny Bulas off the bat of Tyler Reif in the first inning, and another ball hit by Reif in the third inning which resulted in a nifty, sliding catch by Westfield right fielder Matt Pisarcik.

Westfield did not score off Herndon starting pitcher Addison Wright (3 innings) in the first inning. But the Bulldogs scored four in the bottom of the second to take a 4-2 lead before getting another run in the third and five more in the fourth.

Westfield knocked around three doubles in the second - two baggers by Wade Arduini, Ferington (RBI), and No. 9 hitter Pisarcik (2 RBI). In the third, Arduini, a junior first baseman, hit another double before scoring on an RBI single into center field by Ferington to make the score 5-2.

Key Westfield base hits in the five-run fourth inning came from senior left fielder Aaron Hoover (RBI triple) and Corwin (RBI single). Multi-hit games for the Bulldogs came from Hoover (3 hits), Corwin (2 hits), Arduini (2 hits), Ferington (2 hits), and Pisarcik (2 hits).

It was a rare tough showing for Wright, the Herndon pitcher who has been a key part of the Hornets' success this spring.

"Addison has had a great year," said Miller, the Herndon coach.

Corwin, the Westfield starter, just wanted to keep his team in the game early on.

"My job as a pitcher is not to strike everybody out, but to hold them to a limited amount of runs and keep us in the game," said Corwin. "I didn't want the game to slip away [in Herndon's, 2-run second inning]."

Ferington, the Bulldogs' catcher, was pleased with Corwin's showing.

RESTON, HERNDON SPORTS NOTES

In Liberty District baseball action last week, South Lakes lost to visiting Marshall, 8-5, in a game which started on Friday, May 6 before rain forced the game to be postponed until the following day when it was completed.

Marshall was leading 1-0 in the bottom of the second inning when a thunderstorm came through and caused the

game to be halted until the following day. When play resumed, the Seahawks evened the score at 1-1 in the bottom of the second when David Odlen scored on an error. Marshall came back in the top of the third with five runs to take a 6-1 lead. Marshall added single runs in both the fourth and sixth innings to go up 8-1.

South Lakes had base runners in every

inning but struggled to come up with key hits. In the fourth, South Lakes added a run after Odlen reached on an error, moved to second on a wild pitch and then advanced to third on Nathan Vellayan's single to right field. Wilfredo Corps-Ortiz, with the bases loaded and two outs, then hit a hard grounder up the middle which the Marshall shortstop knocked down but could not make a play

on. The RBI infield single got the Seahawks within 8-2.

In the sixth, Corps-Ortiz singled home another run to make it 8-3. South Lakes added two more runs in the seventh. Odlen doubled to deep right and moved to third on a single by Ryan Forrest. Both bas runners eventually scored to make the score 8-5.

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Not Writing for Pity's Sake



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Other than the fact that mental exercise (public venting of a very private problem) is presumably good for the soul – and the heart and the brain and every other internal organ/system that makes us human, writing a column one day after my first CT Scan in four months has taken place, and three or four days before I'll actually learn the results seems a precarious time to put any thoughts on paper; heck, maybe even express them verbally to anybody inclined to listen. Nevertheless, if I am nothing else (and I'm lots of things), I am a creature of habit, routine and repetition. I may not be anal-retentive or obsessive-compulsive but I'm something, so here I sit – and write (print, actually), pen in hand, as if I have something illuminating to say.

In truth, I'm simply passing some extremely stressful time in the most relaxing manner I know: writing honestly about my underlying problem (stage IV lung cancer), trying to stumble onto some self-effacing/self-deprecating humor to carry through the next half a week or so until my results are known. At least this time however, I won't be wondering if anyone from my HMO will be calling me with those results. I've already made a preemptive call to their Oncology Research Coordinator, a woman with whom I have an 18-month association due to my participation last year in a Phase II Study she managed, to see if she could intercede on my behalf and once again, contact me as soon as my scan results are posted. Unfortunately, my oncologist is away for the next week and my appointment with him is not scheduled until the middle of the following week, and waiting, as you might imagine, is hardly a preferred option. "Of course," she said, she "would be happy to help." I am after all, her "star patient;" having successfully and without incident or hassle/inconvenience to her, adhered to the rather rigorous requirements of the year-long study.

Now that I know I'll definitely be receiving a call and from whom, I'll be able to just worry about the results (I don't have to, but I will of course; it's human nature and impossible – for me, to act otherwise). The way I figure it though, I've reduced my anxiety by 50 percent; I only have to worry about half the problem, and half is a significant reduction. Moreover, I've taken control of what I could (guaranteeing that a call will be made – and when) and accepted what I can't: the results, and control, for a terminal patient, is very important to have. As is balance. Now the wait seems more manageable, sort of.

I also know that something very necessary is going to occur – in a timely manner, and something very unnecessary – stressing about it, won't. A simple solution to a complicated situation, and anything that can be done; arranged, planned, organized or clarified to assist a patient, terminal or otherwise, the better. And I suppose, writing this column, betwixt and between my scan and the results of that scan as it is, is another example of trying to find calm in that storm.

I may not have had much to say, but it made me feel good saying it, nonetheless. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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Jared N. Hassard

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The Hyatt Dulles named Jared N. Hassard as 2010 Manager of the Year during the hotel's annual awards banquet held on April 8. Hassard currently serves as revenue manager for the 316-room conference hotel located in suburban Herndon. He is directly responsible for maximizing the hotel's occupancy through the marketing and sales of the rooms and food and beverages divisions.

According to Michael Session, Hyatt Dulles general manager, "This year we recognize Jared's outstanding job performance, dedication and commitment. He consistently displays a positive attitude with our guests, vendors, associates and managers. He is always available to use his strengths as a hotel manager when he's called upon to assist with special projects involving our rooms and sales divisions."

The award includes round-trip air for two to any Hyatt property in the United States, Hyatt hotel accommodations for five nights, one additional week of paid vacation, a \$350 food/beverage credit and \$500 cash award.

Hassard began his seven-year career with Hyatt Corporation in 2004 when he secured a college internship with the Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, D.C. Hassard is a 2004 graduate of the University of South Carolina where he majored in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. He earned his master of business administration degree from the University of Maryland in 2010.

SCHOOL NOTES

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.

Redskins Coach Mike Shanahan, Development Director of Best Buddies International Hilary Stevens, Theo Gayle and Audi of America President Johan de Nysschen at the Power Breakfast in Herndon last week.



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Audi Power Breakfast Supports Best Buddies

Last week, Audi kicked off the 2011 Best Buddies Challenge: Washington D.C. with the Audi Power Breakfast at the Audi of American Headquarters in Herndon, attended by Audi of America President Johan de Nysschen and Washington Redskins Coach Mike Shanahan. At the breakfast, Shanahan gave a speech on sports as a universal language connecting humans. The 2011 Best Buddies Challenge: Washington D.C. will take place in October and

consists of a number of bike races and walks/runs to raise funds for Best Buddies International.

Audi has been a longtime charity partner with Best Buddies International, a nonprofit volunteer organization that creates opportunities for friendships, employment and leadership for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Shanahan also presented Hilary Stevens, Development Director of Best Buddies International, with a

\$5,000 check from the Washington Redskins Charitable Foundation. In addition, the coach announced he would contribute another \$2,500 himself.

More than 40 Audi employees registered for the 2011 Best Buddies Challenge and committed to help reach this year's fundraising goal of \$100,000.

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Painting Herndon's History

Aerosol artists bring urban influences to downtown Herndon.

BY MEREDITH BILLMAN-MANI
THE CONNECTION

Billy Moore has brought crates of spray paint into downtown Herndon and is using his urban inspired art to decorate a large blank wall on Station Street. His style and craft have grown out of the fusion of the skate culture and graffiti. Contemporary art critics give so much credibility to this young art form, once dismissed as vandalism, that it's now termed aerosol art.

Aerosol art has emerged from the underground, where it literally began in New York City subways in the 1970s, to become a recognized art form that impacts contemporary art in America. Even the National Portrait Gallery recently exhibited aerosol art.

In the past few weeks, Moore and two fellow aerosol artists, have taken on the task of turning the barren wall across from Great Harvest Bread Company into a contemporary vision of the town's past. If the weather holds out, the project will be complete by mid-May.

IN HERNDON, Moore has been a driving force behind legitimizing and promoting aerosol art. He's only been working on his craft for a year and still holds a day job with a government contractor. "I liked to draw all the time but never considered myself an artist," said Moore. A year ago a friend of his opened a skate shop and asked him to paint the interior. Everything since then has been a whirlwind of activity and creativity.

Last fall, Moore took it upon himself to contact the Council for Arts of Herndon and in November led a mural jam that brought together several aerosol artists to highlight the medium and show the community how the skating culture and the art culture can be combined. "My style is definitely a hybrid of the skate culture. That's what inspired me," said Moore. "I do aerosol art, it's all



"This is a truly emerging art form. It combines surrealism and aerosol art to represent Herndon's past."

— Vicky Dorman

Artist Bobby Moore dons a mask to spray paint Herndon's historic mural.

legal. This shows people what we can do." The medium is often misconceived as vandalism and can challenge mainstream audiences' perception of art.

Moore is working with artists Eric Ricks and Dan Roncesvalles to bring the mural to life. Ricks says the new mural should last 30 years. The trio met during a graffiti competition in Washington, D.C. and has teamed up on this project. "This is more than just tagging, which can be a nuisance," said Moore. "It's a whole new experience because we have to execute it in a certain way and be professional about it," said Roncesvalles.

Moore frequents the Trailside skate park in Herndon and hopes his art can inspire his peers to create art with spray paint instead of tagging. "Within the skate community I can tell they think it's cool and interesting. This is a whole other outlet that does something for the community," said Moore. "Seeing the positive impact this has and doing what we love, hopefully it will inspire someone," added Roncesvalles.

After the mural is completed this spring, Moore would like to work with the town to have a legal wall installed at the skate park that would give the skaters a "voice" by providing a designated space for their stylized writings and art.

The wall is a part of the Nachman Building, owned by Arthur Nachman. "I do believe that when you start defining downtown you define it with use and you define it with activities. Finally, you define it with culture. This is a cultural benefit all people can enjoy," said Nachman.

The same wall had been donated by Nachman for a mural 15 years ago. That mural slowly weathered and faded. To preserve the building, Nachman painted over it this winter. When he was recently contacted by the Council for the Arts of Herndon, he was happy to have the space recreated as a mural and public art.

RESIDENTS AND WORKERS are pleased with the change. "It had really faded. It was a period piece. This is bright and vibrant. And it's been really fun to watch it. The reaction has been good, particularly people who are regular customers, they really like it and we are hearing good things. Only good things actually," said Rachel Williams of Great Harvest Bread Company.

"People really do like it," said Council for the Arts Herndon executive director Vicky Dorman. "This is a truly emerging art form. It combines surrealism and aerosol art to represent Herndon's past," Dorman said. Coming up with the images on the mural, with features including a train, Herndon High School cheerleaders, and old automobile, was left to Moore.

"They gave us some books to give us ideas and do our homework. This is what we came up with," said Moore. His concept was approved by Nachman, the Council for the Arts and the Herndon Historic Preservation Board. "They are true professionals. I'm glad I had these young men work on my wall and I'm happy they could use my wall to express themselves," said Nachman. "It's a cultural benefit that all people can enjoy," he



Herndon High School cheerleaders are featured in the town mural.



Artists have captured 'snapshots' of the town's past.

said. The piece is commissioned by the Council for the Arts, with the support and financing of Dominion Power and the Nachmans, according to Dorman. "The Council for the Arts leads in presenting art

to the community in all its forms and this is our gift to the downtown area.

We believe it is the largest mural of its kind in Fairfax County," Dorman said. The wall is 54 feet by 16 feet.

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