

Philip Laster and Mindi Walker prepare to depart on a horse-drawn carriage after their wedding Saturday at Reston Town Center. The two won a Valentines Day contest for a fantasy wedding held by local businesses.

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**Help Design
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The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) will be developing a new skatepark at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston. The challenge is to design the facility and in order to ensure this skatepark reflects the desires of users, FCPA wants to hear from potential users.

To provide input on the design for the Lake Fairfax Skatepark attend the June 15 public meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. at Aldrin Elementary School located at 11375 Center Harbor Road in Reston. The meeting will take place in the cafeteria.

This meeting will feature the expertise and ideas of staff from Spohn Ranch Skateparks, a professional skatepark design/build firm located in California. For more information about this meeting contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

**Will Tenney's
Photos on
Display at USGS
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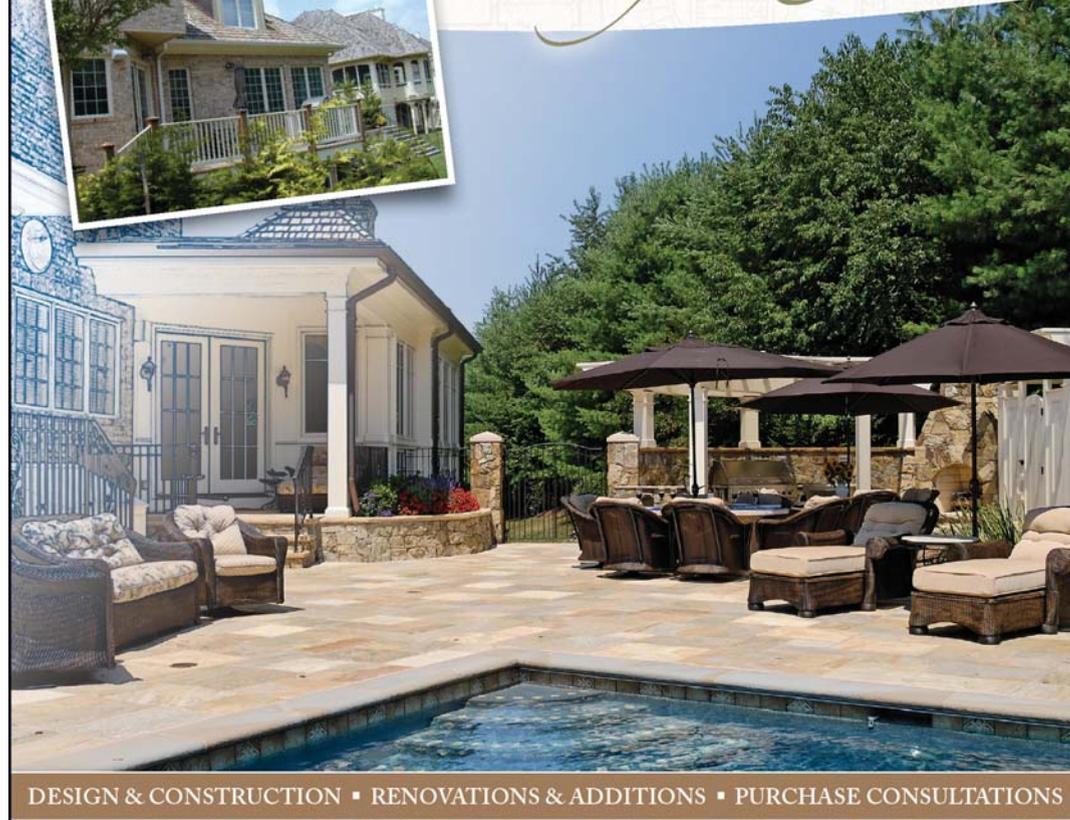
Medford, Mass. photographer Will Tenney has been invited to exhibit some of his photographs at the U. S. Geological Survey National Center in Reston June 1 through June 30. Tenney's solo show presents 29 large-format images of water, reflection, and geological details.

"I have studied photographically many natural subjects," said Tenney, "and recently I have been interested in reflection and how a view can be altered by light bouncing off water or even wet sand. I am fascinated by the swirls, bends, and distortions of the image created by ripples, swells, or wind on the surface."

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From left, Rose Pleskow of Reston and Karen Dickerson of Springfield, both Special Olympians, carry the torch to the Law Enforcement Torch Run kick off at Reston Town Center May 25.

Rose Pleskow of Reston lights the Olympic Torch at the Law Enforcement Torch Run kick off at Reston Town Center May 25. Pleskow, a 2009 graduate of South Lakes High School, will participate in the Special Olympics in Athens this summer.

Law Enforcement Lights Torch

Law Enforcement Torch Run kicks off to raise money for Virginia Special Olympics.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Reston resident Rose Pleskow is preparing for the Special Olympics World Games that will take place in Athens this summer, but she also helped bring the spirit of the Special Olympics to her hometown May 25. Pleskow served as the torch bearer at Reston Town Center for the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run, in which more than 2,000 law enforcement officers around the state will help raise money for the Virginia Special Olympics.

"It was nice to be able to carry the torch at home," said Pleskow, who graduated from South Lakes High School in 2009. "But I've still got a few more weeks of training before the games in Greece."

PLESKOW also had a hometown cheering squad, as staff from Perfect Sense Digital showed up with signs and cheers designed to give her a boost.

"It's nice to be able to get a local perspective on a worldwide event, and we're happy to support a local person," said Tae Crotty of Perfect Sense. "When something special like this is happening in our neighborhood, we feel we have to support it."

The Virginia Special Olympics Summer Games will start June 10 in Richmond. Rick Jeffrey, president of the Virginia Special Olympics said a lot of the work done by law enforcement officers often flies under the radar during their regular duties.

"Law enforcement has a two-pronged philosophy of protect and serve," he said. "Most of us see only the protection half of that, but believe me there is a service aspect to law enforcement that we're all lucky to have."

Frank Stephens, a Special Olympian who attended

Chantilly High School is a longtime Special Olympian and currently serves as a global messenger for the organization. Stephens, who has Down syndrome, said there "is no place on earth where I feel more surrounded by my friends than at a Torch Run."

Fairfax County Police Chief Col. David Rohrer said he was glad the law enforcement community could get behind a cause such as the Special Olympics.

"For all the officers involved, it's about much more than carrying a torch, it's a mission, a serious commitment by the law enforcement community to honor heroes: the Special Olympics athletes and their families," he said. "When you see these athletes in action, their passion, their commitment, their joy in competition, the pride and confidence that comes with their accomplishments are all clearly evident."

Between sponsors and more than a dozen law enforcement agencies, \$846,506 was presented to the Virginia Special Olympics at the ceremony, including \$284,820 from law enforcement agencies in the Northern Virginia Area.

Jeffrey said his goal was for the Special Olympics to serve as an example of equality and tolerance for the rest of the world.

"Special Olympics is all about sports and it's not really about sports at all. It's about communities and environments that are more respectful, more inclusive, more unified," Jeffrey said. "Special Olympics is the way the world should be. It should be rich in understanding and it should show no judgment."

THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN will take place over eight days and 1,900 miles, and will include more than 2,000 law enforcement officials, concluding June 9 at the University of Richmond. More information is available at www.torchrunva.com.

RA Sets DRB Procedures

Board letter outlines steps to be taken when Design Review Board member advises interested parties.

The members of the Reston Association Design Review Board now have specific procedures to follow when one of them is hired to advise either a property owner wanting exterior changes or those who could be affected by the changes.

On Friday, May 27, the Reston Association Board of Directors sent a letter to the DRB outlining eight steps that it requested be "implemented immediately" in such cases.

Among the procedures:

- ❖ In addition to disclosing professional and business relationships with applicants or affected parties – which has been a long standing practice – the involved DRB member must also remove himself from discussions.

- ❖ During DRB discussions on the application, remove himself and only speak from the audience if directly asked a question by the DRB.

- ❖ Minutes of DRB meetings where members have a relationship with an applicant or af-

affected party will now include the disclosure, recusal by the DRB member and record the vote of the presiding DRB members on the application.

The letter says the procedures will be in place until the RA Board adopts a formal resolution to replace them.

The request for procedural changes came after the Board heard from several association members who raised concerns regarding the handling of an application pending before the DRB and whether one DRB member had acted ethically.

The DRB decision on the project has not been made yet. According to Reston Association governing documents, the Board cannot comment on the decision.

However, the board had said it would consider the members' concerns in an executive session, which is required to discuss personnel matters involving staff or volunteers. That session took place at Thursday's board meeting and the board decided to send the letter to the DRB.

RA letter to Barbara Byron, Chair, Reston Association Design Review Board

Dear Ms. Byron:

I am writing on behalf of the Reston Association Board of Directors ("RA Board"). As you are aware, recently, specifically at the last two (2) RA Board meetings, a number of Association Members have appeared before the RA Board providing their comments and raising concerns related to the handling of a particular application currently pending before the Design Review Board ("DRB").

Without regard to the specifics of the application, which are not within the jurisdiction of the RA Board, the RA Board, by unanimous vote, at its meeting of May 26, 2011, agreed that a clarification of the procedures of the DRB was in order. Specifically, the procedures related to applications being considered where a member of the DRB may be advising or providing services to an applicant or any affected party before the DRB.

Please note that the administrative and application procedures are within the jurisdiction of the RA Board pursuant to Article III, Section III.6(d)(4)(ii) of the First Amendment to the Deed of Amendment to the Deeds of Dedication of Reston ("Deed").

It is the purpose of this letter, therefore, to request that beginning immediately, the DRB implement the following procedures in considering any application where a DRB member may be advising or providing services to an applicant or any affected party, until a formal resolution is adopted by the RA Board:

1. Any DRB member having any relationship with an applicant or any affected party to an application, including but not limited to any professional or business relationship in which he or she is advising or providing

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THE COUNTY LINE

Dulles Rail in Crisis?

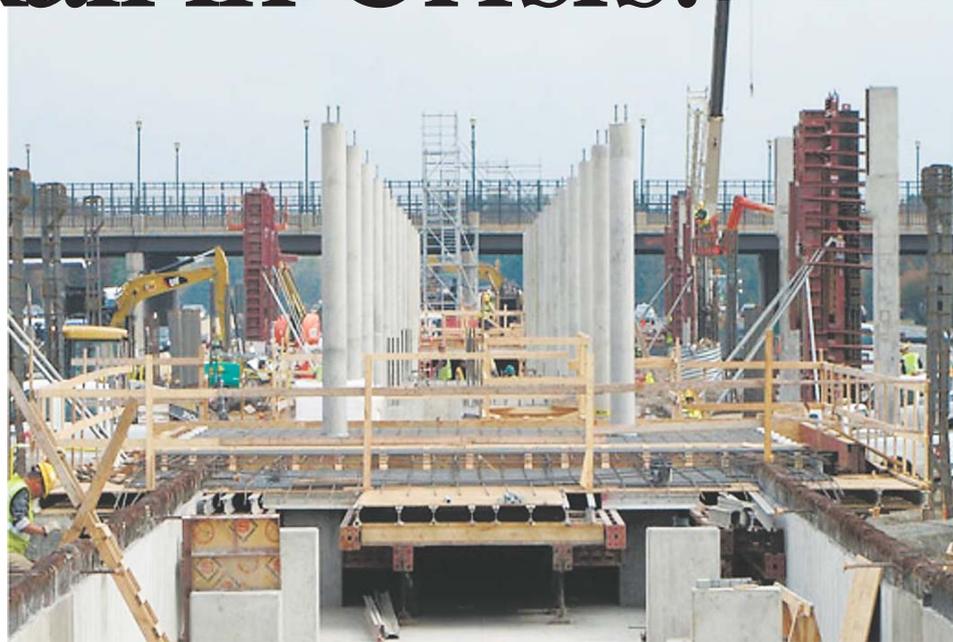
Rising costs, station choice and ideology sew discord rolling into Phase 2.

BY NICHOLAS HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

First of a two-part series.

In the space of two months, the handling of the Dulles rail project by the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority has come under a major legal attack, a challenge by a senior member of Congress, the angry criticism of the governor of Virginia and has outraged the members of the Fairfax and Loudoun Boards of Supervisors.

❖ On April 6, the MWAA voted to select an underground station design at Dulles International Airport that will cost an estimated \$325 million more than the competing above-ground plan, raising the Phase 2 cost of the \$6 billion project \$1 billion more than previous estimates.



Wiehle Avenue Station Construction: Construction activities are officially underway along the entire 11-mile alignment of Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project from the West Falls Church Metrorail Station to the Dulles Connector Road, through Tysons and west to Wiehle Avenue in Reston.

❖ The governor of Virginia and the supervisors of Fairfax and Loudoun counties angrily attacked the MWAA and said that the Virginia partners in the project will not pay the additional costs.

❖ On April 14, two users of the Dulles Toll Road sued the MWAA in Federal Court challenging its constitutional right to collect tolls, the second lawsuit on this issue in recent years. The current funding plan

Metrorail Schedule

According to Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority website:

Construction of Phase 1 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is underway with efforts concentrated in Tysons Corner where preparations for construction of a short tunnel, the beginnings of station foundations and installation of the first pier to support the guideway are taking place.

Phase 1 will run from the East Falls Church Metro Station westward with four stations in Tysons Corner to the Wiehle Avenue Station at the eastern edge of Reston. Revenue service will begin in late 2013.

Phase 2, opening in 2016, has six stations – Reston Parkway, Herndon-Monroe, Route 28, Dulles Airport, Route 606 and Route 772.

calls for motorists who use the Dulles Toll Road to pay for nearly 60 per cent of the rail project, some \$3.7 billion.

❖ On May 10, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) introduced legislation in the House of Representatives that would make it easier to replace members of the MWAA, increase the authority's size and increase the number of Virginia members from five to nine

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OPINION

Virginia's Energy Future

BY KENNETH R.
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President Barack Obama declared a "Sputnik moment" for our country to recognize the dangers involved in our unquenchable need for oil and the civil unrest that marks the countries that supply us with petroleum. He established as a goal that 80 percent of U.S. energy come from clean generation sources by 2035.

Just as engineers and scientists went to work in the 1960s to put us ahead in the space race, a massive effort is needed for our country to catch up with others in green technology and alternative energy sources and to free us from our dependence on foreign oil.

Edward L. Flippen, a Richmond attorney and energy regulation and policy expert, addressed our challenge in a recent opinion column for Virginia Business

(www.virginia-business.com): "If there is an answer, it's the tried and tested American way. We need to bring together our best and brightest to harness the limitless capabilities of our research institutions and invest whatever it takes. The

result would not be much different from the actual Sputnik experience: the creation of billion-dollar industries, new technologies with applications heretofore unimaginable and, critically important in the fragile American economy, thousands of jobs."

This is not the first time that Virginians have been given this message. When Terry McAuliffe ran for the nomination for governor of Virginia in 2009, he sounded the same theme of the importance of reducing our dependence on foreign oil, developing new green technologies, and creating jobs at the same time. A recent article in

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The Ostrich Tactic

BY JACK KENNY
PAST PRESIDENT,
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A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

By a vote of 7 Democrats to 3 Republicans, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors defeated a motion by Supervisor Herrity to do an Economic Impact Study on the increase in tolls on the Dulles Toll Road. As we know, the tolls from the Dulles Toll Road will take care of whatever is the State's share (and most of the County's share) of Rail to Dulles.

Recall a couple of years ago when the toll from Reston to Tysons was \$0.75 cents? The Prospectus for bonds to finance Rail to Dulles project a one-way toll fee from Reston to Tysons to be \$5.50 — an increase of 730 percent! That means a car pool of two people will fork out \$242 in tolls (spell "tax") per month to get to Tysons and beyond.

The question remains "What is the Democrat majority on the Board of Supervisors afraid of?" Perhaps someone has already figured it out and the news is really bad. What is the Dulles Corridor Rail Association's position on this study proposal? How will we fi-

nance Rail to Dulles - Phase 2?

Why did our Hunter Mill Supervisor vote NO? Where is our State Senator on this issue? Where is our local Del-

egate (also President of the Dulles Corridor Rail Association) on this issue? Maybe they think we just fell off the proverbial turnip truck and cannot handle the facts. So much for openness and transparency.

The fact that Northern Virginia (including the Dulles Corridor) sends tax dollars to Richmond and receives somewhere between \$.18 and \$.25 back of each dollar has yet to be refuted. We are a cash cow for the Commonwealth.

Just suppose we got an increase in state aid to public transportation that would amount to Northern Virginia receiving \$.10 (cents) more of each dollar. Imagine a substantial reduction of the \$242 per month we would realize from having our pockets picked.

Can we think of any other way to more quickly kill the goose that is laying the golden egg? We can put a halt to it this Nov 8, 2011 when we get to vote.



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Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure takes place on June 4 on the National Mall.

BY NANCY G. BRINKER

For nearly three decades, millions have walked or run to honor a loved one and to both raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer — both for those battling the disease today and those who may be impacted in the future. This bold statement of unity has given hope to millions and has helped fuel critical investments in breast health programs and cutting-edge research that is saving lives every day.

We can be proud of how far we've come. And we can be proud of the work that we do in communities everywhere. What started out as 800 women walking around a shopping mall in Dallas, Texas has grown to include more than 1.5 million people walking or running in more than 140 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure events worldwide. People are walking in Richmond and Rome; Cleveland and Cairo. It has truly become a global movement.

All this walking has paid off too. In the U.S., we have entered into a new era of awareness, early detection and personalized medicines. This new era is saving lives and providing hope of one day putting an end to the suffering for good.

Yet for all of our successes, this hope is not universally shared. In capitals across the globe, women and their families do not yet fully understand this disease or appreciate the ben-

efits of early detection. In many communities, health care systems are unable to adequately screen or treat the disease.

Here too, in the communities surrounding our nation's capital, many women do not fully understand the disease and are often confused about the importance of early detection. Many women still struggle to get off work or find the time to navigate a fragmented health care system that sends them far from home or work for screenings and doctor's appointments — especially if they are under or uninsured.

Together, we can make an impact, both right here and abroad. On June 4 on the National Mall, we will host the 22nd running of the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure. Up to 75 percent of all the funds raised by the Komen Global Race will stay right here to help local women in our community. The rest will go to support our efforts to share the lessons we have learned educating low-resource women in the U.S. with women in low-resource countries of Asia and Africa and Latin America.

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And let me be honest, we have a lot of work to do.

Over the past two decades, we have invested more than \$28 million in education and outreach programs in the National Capital Area. These investments are increasing awareness and improving the care women in our region receive. We've had some great successes. In Montgomery County, Md., for example, we have helped to reduce mammography wait times from 100 days to five days, and we have cut the wait between diagnosis and treatment nearly in half. In many instances, this improved efficiency not only increased patients' chances at survival, it also likely reduced the cost of treatment by starting at an earlier, less costly stage.

Yet we are far from satisfied. Despite our success in raising awareness, women diag-

nosed with breast cancer in Washington, D.C., are still more likely to die from the disease than women in the rest of the country.

Awareness is not enough. Women need to truly understand breast cancer, including how it's detected and treated. We find that myths and misconceptions are still widespread. Many women are afraid of screening, thinking it is painful and that a cancer diagnosis equals a death sentence.

The region's overly fragmented health care system also produces substantial barrier to accessing care for major segments of the population. Many women cannot access affordable screening because there is too little funding for programs that provide free and low-cost mammograms. These women face economic and transportation barriers that keep them from seeking help. We need to make it easier for women to take good care of themselves.

Thanks in large part to the funds raised last year, we're investing \$4.5 million this year in local programs to increase breast health education and to break down barriers to accessing care. Through these grants, we're reaching more women, elevating their understanding and teaching nurses and doctors how to more effectively serve this incredibly diverse population. And we're leading an effort to get the system to work together, in a more efficient and effective manner, so that women don't fall through the cracks and treatments aren't needlessly delayed.

While we've come a long way, we are not yet at the finish line. We must keep running. Will you join us?

Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker is the founder and C.E.O. of Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The 22nd Annual Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure will be held June 4 on the National Mall. For more information or to register, visit www.globalracefortheure.org

dumbed down to accommodate all high school graduates. Money isn't everything.

The majority of jobs in our country do not, and will not, require a college degree. High school should prepare all of its students for a rich, fulfilling life. Let's provide quality education in math, science and college for those who want it and are qualified for it. For them and for all the others, let's help them to make positive contributions to their family, their friends and to their communities.

Robert Simon
Reston Founder

DRB Should Clean Up Its Act

To the Editor:

In his letter ["Focus on design," Reston Connection, May 25-31], Architect Richard Newlon, a member of Reston's Design Review

Board, admits to having a private client whose project at Cutwater Court is now before the Board for design review.

He properly recused himself from voting on the case when it was discussed at the meeting of April 19, but then he remained present to verbally support the project before the other two panel members. In his letter he said influencing the other panelists in this way "is all quite normal" for the DRB.

It is for us to wonder, how many "normals" is he referring to? Affecting how many applicants over the last several years? Is hiring a DRB Architect to support your project at a design review hearing the "normal" procedure for winning your case? Also in question is why Mr. Newlon is under the impression his behavior was not an ethics violation because other DRB panelists are also doing it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

High School for Life

To the Editor:

From President Obama on down to parents' associations and the Gates Foundation, a consensus seems to have been reached that high schoolers and their schools should be judged by expertise in math and science. Admittedly, our graduates lag behind other developed countries in mastery of these two fields of knowledge. However, I do not believe that closing this gap would be the answer to curing the malaise in which our country finds itself.

I believe that self-awareness and good citizenship are the critical qualities to be fostered in all school kids whether or not they are interested in, or able to cope with, math or science.

1. Stimulating self-awareness is achieved by exposing each student, over his/her 12 years of

school, to the complete range of activities from sports, crafts and the arts to academics. This gives the student a feel for her/his interests and capacities, thus enabling intelligent planning for the future.

2. The subjects to favor for achieving good citizenship (which is so sorely lacking in our country today) would be history, sociology and religion — in other countries as well as in the US. It has been said that in the US we live to work whereas in most other developed countries they work to live. And knowledge of the other religions of this world could possibly prevent the ghastly wars that over the centuries, and up to this day, have resulted from ignorance more than from opposing philosophies.

The goal of school kids should not be to go to college so that they can get the pay of a "decent job." College should be a place for academically oriented students, not considered as a trade school and

LETTER

FROM PAGE 3

ing services to the applicant or affected party with respect to an application before the DRB, shall fully disclose the nature and scope of the relationship to the full DRB or DRB panel, either verbally or in writing prior to any discussion on the application or; if later, at any time during the application process when the DRB member first becomes involved or associated with the applicant affected party and/or the application.

Once disclosed, such DRB member shall recuse himself or herself as a DRB member from further discussion, deliberation, consideration, or voting on the application as a member of the DRB. This shall not prevent the DRB member so recused, from advocating on behalf of the applicant or affected party in his or her private, personal position during the hearing before the DRB; and,

2. Any DRB member having a relationship with an applicant or affected party to an application as described in #1, above, will remove himself or herself from the panel and will sit with the applicant/affected party in the audience removed from the DRB table or dais during the DRB's consideration of the application; and,

3. Any DRB member having a relationship with an applicant or affected part to an application pending before the DRB, when presenting any information relative to the application to the DRB shall do so from behind the DRB table or dais; and,

4. After presenting his or her position on the pending application, any DRB member having a relationship with an applicant or affected party to an application pending before the DRB, shall respond only to questions directly asked by DRB members presiding over the hearing; and,

5. After presenting the application, any DRB member having a relationship with an applicant or

affected party to an application pending before the DRB, shall not participate in the discussion of the DRB unless asked a direct question by any presiding DRB member; and,

6. After presenting his or her position on the pending application, any DRB member having a relationship with an applicant or affected party to an application pending before the DRB shall remain in the audience, refraining from any further commentary pending the discussion, deliberation, consideration, and voting on the application by the DRB; and,

7. At no time shall any DRB member, having a relationship with an applicant or affected party to an application pending before the DRB, vote as a member of the DRB on such application; and,

8. The minutes of any DRB hearing, in which a DRB member has a relationship with an applicant or affected party, shall include and reflect the disclosure and recusal by the DRB member and shall record the vote of the presiding DRB members on the pending application.

It is the RA Board's desire that by following such procedures as set forth above, the DRB will not find itself, in the future, embroiled in a similar controversy to that which has arisen in the current situation and will more appropriately avoid even the appearance of impropriety, while at the same time upholding and promoting the proud history and relevance of the DRB in the process.

Thank you for your cooperation with these important administrative actions. Please contact me at 703-476-9181 or via email at kathleendriscollmckee@gmail.com, if you have questions, comments or would like to further discuss this request.

On Behalf of the Reston Association Board of Directors,

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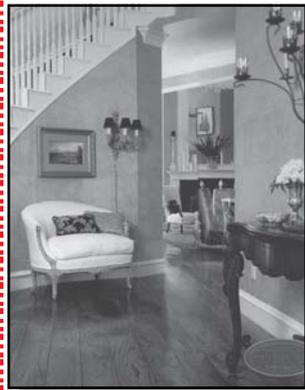
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Dream Comes True At Town Center

Reston Town Center hosts fantasy wedding.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Reston Town Center was the site of a fantasy wedding for Philip Laster and Mindi Walker May 28, as local businesses contributed to helping the couple start off on the right foot. As the winners of a contest held around Valentines Day, Laster and Walker got a chance to enjoy the best of what Reston Town Center could offer.

The couple began the day with a horse-drawn carriage to the pavilion at Reston Town Center, a gown from Bridal Silhouette, a cake from Edibles Incredible and more. Victoria Wagner, of A Splash of Elegance, came up with the idea of providing one couple with a dream wedding.

"We came up with the idea to pull together a lot of vendors to provide a lucky couple with a wedding, and we drew the winner Feb. 13," Wagner said. "It was a phenomenal experience to have everyone pull together as a team with the common goal of giving these two an amazing wedding."

Patricia Collet of Flowers By Patricia, said she enjoyed getting to know the couple while designing their floral arrangement.

"I had a lot of fun working with them. Mindi is the sweetest thing in the world," Collet said. "She wanted to carry red roses, and we used white flowers for the wedding itself. We really wanted to give it a garden feel."

The wedding had a few extra guests, as many onlookers who were out conducting their usual Saturday business took a few minutes to enjoy the ceremony.

"I just happened to be walking by on my way to the Apple Store, and figured I'd stop and check out the wedding. I had no idea how this all came to be, but when I learned about their story and the contest they won, I was very moved," said Cristee Menges of Reston. "I'm sort of honored I was able to share in this moment for them, and they make a beautiful couple."

The ceremony was brief, with the couple exchanging vows before enjoying a carriage ride



Philip Laster and Mindi Walker get married as part of a fantasy wedding held at Reston Town Center May 28. The couple won a Valentines Day contest, and had their wedding put together by local businesses.

PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION



Philip Laster and Mindi Walker walk down the aisle at the pavilion at Reston Town Center Saturday. The couple won a fantasy wedding contest held by local businesses.

around the town center before stopping at Il Fornaio for their reception.

Walker, 30, is a Senate staffer and Laster, 23, is a Marine, currently stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. They met at

Walker's birthday party last year. Though the couple enjoyed a fantasy wedding, their honeymoon will be cut a little short, as Laster is due to deploy to Afghanistan within a few weeks.

ENTERTAINMENT

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

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 1

The Air We Breathe: It's a Gas! 7 p.m. U.S. Geological Survey, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Lecture by Janet Hannon and Stan Mroczkowski. What are the gases in the air, how much of each gas is there, do these gasses have different weights, and how cold are liquid nitrogen and dry ice? Federal facility, ID required. www.usgs.gov/public_lecture_series.

THURSDAY/JUNE 2

Herndon Festival Golf Tournament. 11 a.m. Herndon Centennial Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Captain's Choice format, lunch, dinner and beverage carts. Single player \$150, foursome \$600. Raffle prizes include \$100 gift card to Morton's, overnight stays at premier hotels, golf outings, gift baskets and more. info@dullesregionalchamber.org.
Bill Cosby. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$40 in house, \$20 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 3

New Majority Comedy Tour Starring **Gabriel Iglesias & Russell Peters.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. With Lisa Lamparelli. Tickets \$49.50-\$75 through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT, 202-397-SEAT and 410-547-SEAT.

"Life x 3." 8 p.m. Elden Street Players, The Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park, Herndon. Examining how random events can derail the elaborately laid plans. Tickets \$16-\$19. 703-481-5930 or www.EldenStreetPlayers.org.

Jazz Dessert Concert. 7:30 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Featuring the South Lakes High School Jazz Hawks and the Langston Hughes Middle School Jazz Ensemble. Adults \$15, students \$8, under age 12 free with an adult. Tickets available at www.southlakesbandboosters.org or at the door.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 2

Herndon Farmer's Market. 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 or 703-787-7380.

FRIDAY/JUNE 3

Auditions for Master Singers of Virginia. Ashburn. Singers should be prepared to perform a familiar tune without accompaniment. The audition will include exercises on tonal memory and ability to blend vocally. Contact manager@mva.org or 703-



The U. S. Geological Survey National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive in Reston, will display 29 large-format images of water, reflection, and geological details by Will Tenney through June 30 Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. www.usgs.gov or www.willtenneyphotos.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Barney Live in Concert: Birthday Bash! 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Celebrate Barney's birthday with more than 25 upbeat sing-along tunes. Tickets \$20-\$30, \$45 Gold Circle Seats and \$75 Dino Seats also available. 703-573-SEAT or www.barneylivetour.com.

SuperDuper Concert. 8 p.m. Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Proceeds benefit Charity Music, an instrument donation program for needy children. Admission \$7. mfriesemail@yahoo.com.

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Hard Day's Night. 7:30 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. Beatles tribute. www.reston.com.
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SUNDAY/JUNE 5

A Dance for Japan Relief. 1 p.m. George Mason University Harris Theater, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Kikuyuki Dancers of America, Inc. present Onoe style Japanese classical dance, a raffle and silent auction of Japanese textiles, arts, and crafts. All proceeds donated to the Japanese Red Cross Society. \$40 general admission, \$25 students, available at 888-945-2468 or

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SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Reston Farmers Market. 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 or 703-318-9628.

Peace Award Benefit. Every year the Herndon Friends (Quakers) hold a rummage sale to help fund the Northern Virginia Student Peace Award, which is given to area high school students in recognition of their efforts to peacefully resolve conflicts in our communities. This year the award was given to 15 students from various high schools. Help support

their remembrances of the past century. Limited seating. All welcome. 703-709-7700 or restonmuseum@gmail.com.

"Places." 3 p.m. Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls. Dodgeball Theatre's Teen Ensemble original production, written and performed by the actors. Free. www.dodgeballtheatre.com.

Infant Toddler Family Day Care Picnic. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Frying Pan Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. An opportunity to meet the Child Care Specialists and ITFDC staff. Puppet show, face painting and more. 703-352-3449 ext. 102 or www.itfdc.com.

"Life x 3." 3 p.m. Elden Street Players, The Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park, Herndon. Examining how random events can derail the elaborately laid plans. Tickets \$16-\$19. 703-481-5930 or www.EldenStreetPlayers.org.

"Many Moons." 12 p.m. Elden Street Players, The Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park, Herndon. Examining how random events can derail the elaborately laid plans. Tickets \$7. 703-481-5930 or www.EldenStreetPlayers.org.
Russian Federation National Day Charity Concert. 6 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Director Elza Ritter, students and a Children's Chorus will perform works Tchaikovsky, Chopin, Mozart, the Beatles and more. All proceeds benefit Amina Karlin, a 7-year-old with cerebral palsy. \$10. 703-901-3614 or elzaritter@gmail.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 10

"Life x 3." 8 p.m. Elden Street Players, The Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park, Herndon. Examining how random events can derail the elaborately laid plans. Tickets \$16-\$19. 703-481-5930 or www.EldenStreetPlayers.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 11

"Life x 3." 8 p.m. Elden Street Players, The Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park, Herndon. Examining how random events can derail the elaborately laid plans. Tickets \$16-\$19. 703-481-5930 or www.EldenStreetPlayers.org.

"Many Moons." 2 p.m. Elden Street Players, The Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park, Herndon. Examining how random events can derail the elaborately laid plans. Tickets \$7. 703-481-5930 or www.EldenStreetPlayers.org.

Henry Butler and Nomy Funk. 7:30 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. Jazz, funk and more. www.reston.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 12

Living History with Bob Simon and Oscar Haynes. 4 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. Robert E. Simon and Oscar Haynes talk about their combined 190+ years of living history. Hear

these young peacemakers by attending the rummage sale, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Friends Meeting House, 660 Spring Street in Herndon (behind the fire station). Clothes, household goods, sporting goods, jewelry and more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 5

Spring Forest Qigong Level 1 Workshop. Sports Edge Acupuncture Clinic, 600-D Carlisle Drive, Herndon. SportsEdgeAcupuncture.com or 703-867-0480.

MONDAY/JUNE 6

Auditions for Master Singers of Virginia. Ashburn. Singers should be prepared to perform a familiar tune without accompaniment. The audition will include exercises on tonal memory and ability to blend vocally. Contact manager@mva.org or 703-829-6782 to schedule an audition.

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Board of Directors of the Dulles Corridor Rail Association Spring Meeting and Reception. 5:30-8 p.m. George Washington University Science and Technology Campus, Exploration Hall, 20101 Academic Way, Ashburn. Tickets \$50-\$100. 571-296-1552 or dcra@dullescorridorrail.com.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 8

Keeping America Competitive: Enhancing Science, Technology, Engineering & Math-Related Studies. 11:30 a.m. Hyatt Dulles 2300 Dulles Corner Blvd., Herndon. Dr. Robert Templin, President of Northern Virginia Community College and Dr. Jack Dale, Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools, will discuss how America can maintain a high standard of living by continuing to innovate. 571-323-5304 or lsswift@dullesregionalchamber.org.

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SCHOOLS

Principal Frank Bensinger in his Forest Edge Elementary office.



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Promoting Inclusiveness

Forest Edge Principal Frank Bensinger retiring after 21 years.

BY CYNTHIA CROSS
THE CONNECTION

Frunk Bensinger has witnessed and been part of a lot of changes in public school education in his 21-year tenure as principal of Forest Edge Elementary School in Reston: more frequent assessment testing and associated paperwork; greater diversity among students and families; more attention to and demands from students with special needs, to name a few. But one constant, and the thing that has “kept me going all these years,” says Bensinger, is simple: “The kids,” he says, “are still the kids.”

Bensinger will be leaving Forest Edge in June after a three decades-long career in education, beginning as an elementary school teacher in Wilmington, Del., continuing with stints as a computer resource specialist and an assistant principal in several local schools, and concluding with the principal position he has occupied at Forest Edge since 1990.

It has been a fitting and fulfilling career for Bensinger. “I can’t imagine another job that would have given me this kind of chance to make a difference,” he says. “Making a difference with kids and their families; what better legacy can a person have? I’ll always look back on that and be really proud.”

But Bensinger’s leadership of Forest Edge Elementary has demanded more than just a love for children. Bensinger earned a “technology focus” designation for the school several years ago as he recognized the need for integrating technology into the classroom. As a result, the school is equipped with “SmartBoard” interactive whiteboards in every classroom, a state of the art technology resource center, Internet access and computers in every teaching area.

And Forest Edge’s population is a diverse one: the school has more than 100 Arabic families and, excluding the roughly 250 “Advanced Academic” program students who attend Forest Edge from other communities, roughly 53 percent of its population is on free and reduced lunches. That cultural and academic diversity presents unique challenges. “Reston was designed to include everyone,” Bensinger explains. “So schools like Forest Edge have big time socioeconomic and academic diversity. We have kindergartners who have been in preschool since they were two years old, and kids who are entering school for the first time as first graders. That’s a huge range.”

BENSINGER has brought energy and creativity to challenges like those. About five years ago, for example, he implemented evening classes for non-English speaking parents to better integrate them into the Forest Edge community. “We teach them ‘schoolse,’” he says, “how to maneuver around Fairfax County, how to understand what terms like ‘back to school night’ mean. We want them to feel part of this school as much as any other family, and I think we’ve succeeded in that.”

Bensinger also implemented block scheduling of classes to allow both remediation and enrichment programs for students on both ends of the academic spectrum. He has relished the task. “I value every child,” he says. “Every student deserves the chance to learn and be the best he or she can be. That has been my goal here.”

Martha Furniss, who has worked at Forest Edge for 20 years and is currently the school’s Registrar, says that of all Bensinger’s qualities, the one she admires most is his “inclusiveness.”

“He wants to make sure that all parts of the school community are represented,” she said. “He wants Forest Edge available and approachable to every single family.”

Vanessa Bush, who is in her 32nd year at Forest Edge as building supervisor, said “Frank is an incredibly caring person, both to the school’s staff and to the children. I see his devotion to them every day, whether to scold, to hug or to listen; he’s there for them.”

And Steven Greenberg, President of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers and a third grade teacher at Forest Edge who has taught under Bensinger for 13 years, summed up the feelings of students, teachers, parents and the entire Reston community for Bensinger: “Frank Bensinger espouses the finest qualities a principal can possess. His unconditional love of children, appreciation for the community around Forest Edge and respect for the parents and staff is reflected in the warm and accepting atmosphere of the school ... His contributions to the Reston community, Forest Edge, Fairfax County Public Schools and the lives of those he has come into contact with are immeasurable.”

THE PROCESS for identifying Forest Edge’s next principal is under way. But as Stu Gibson, School Board representative for the Hunter Mill District, said, “Frank Bensinger is one of those people in our community so valuable that they can’t be replaced. We’ll find a successor to him, not a replacement.”

OPINION

Plum

FROM PAGE 5

Huffington Post (www.huffingtonpost.com) found that McAuliffe has followed through on his ideas even though he did not win the election. "By starting an electric and hybrid car company called GreenTech Auto, investing in wind turbines, scouting out new technology throughout Asia to bring back home, and fighting to resuscitate a shuttered

factory in Franklin, Virginia, McAuliffe is personally taking the strategic financial risks he believes the state needs to launch into the future."

The principal thrust of the current administration in Richmond is to push for offshore drilling. The broader issues of environmental challenges and the creation of jobs in a green economy have been left unaddressed. From my position on the House Agriculture, Chesapeake & Natural Resources Committee and my role on the Com-

mission on Electric Utility Restructuring, I plan to continue to provide leadership for Virginia to seize the Sputnik moment to create a green economy, improve the quality of our environment, and create jobs.

I am pleased that Terry McAuliffe has agreed to join me in a discussion of those issues at my State of the Commonwealth Business Breakfast on June 7, 8 a.m., at the Hidden Creek Country Club in Reston. I hope you can join us. Write to me at kenplum@aol.com for details.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 6

It was not enough for him to recuse himself from voting. He should not have attended the meeting at all. Instead, he remained to improperly influence the proceedings and their outcome, by applying the weight of his personal and privileged relationship with the other panelists along the lines of his own personal interest.

At that point he decreased the likelihood a fair and unbiased decision could emerge based upon design principle and general merit.

The Design Review Board performs the critical function of acting to preserve the design and maintenance standards of Reston, hence also our property values, from which we all benefit. However, that work could be compromised if public support were to turn against the Board. An impression of rampant ethics violations has been created, including conflict of interest, improper influence and collusion.

In my opinion, to save its reputation the DRB should clean up its act by first invalidating any decisions made on the project at Cutwater Court this past April 19; then, through consultation with competent ethics advisors, creat-

ing a proper code of conduct for itself and following it.

Richard Liebler
Reston

Former Design Supervisor, Baltimore City Department of Planning.

Legislation Misunderstood

To the Editor:

I would like to respectfully correct a misunderstanding about fertilizer legislation recently passed by the Virginia General Assembly (House bill 1831 and Senate Bill 1055) referenced by Jack Kenny ["Messing with Food", Reston Connection, May 18-24, 2011.] The legislation only restricts phosphorus content of lawn fertilizer sold specifically for maintenance of existing lawns. It does not "eliminate the use of phosphate in the fertilizer mix used on farms," as Mr. Kenny suggests. The legislation also does not restrict the use of phosphorus in fertilizer for home gardens, flower beds, trees, or for establishing new or repairing existing lawns.

The legislation focused on eliminating phosphorus from lawn maintenance fertilizer labeled for routine use because most established lawns do not benefit from additional phosphorus fertilizer.

The phosphorus in such fertilizer not only isn't used by the grass; it typically winds up running off and causing pollution problems for streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay.

Several manufacturers of lawn maintenance fertilizer have or are already in the process of eliminating phosphorus from their lawn fertilizer because it is not typically needed for lawn maintenance. The legislation simply sets a deadline by which all fertilizer sold for lawn maintenance in Virginia must meet this performance goal.

At no cost or inconvenience to consumers, this legislation reduces pollution in our local waterways and the Chesapeake Bay and avoids wasting phosphorus fertilizer. Since phosphorus fertilizer resources are limited and critical for global food production, it makes sense to avoid using it where it is not needed, especially if that unnecessary use pollutes our waterways.

CBF applauds the Virginia General Assembly for taking this common sense approach to improving our local streams and the Chesapeake Bay.

Kristen Hughes Evans
Virginia Staff Scientist
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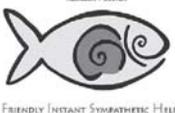
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BY RICH SANDERS
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Herndon High graduate and professional baseball player Brandon Guyer did not stay up for long after recently being promoted to the Major Leagues by the Tampa Bay Rays. But, during his initial, brief stint as a big leaguer, Guyer left quite an impression.

Guyer, originally a fifth-round draft selection by the Chicago Cubs back in 2007, was called up to Tampa from triple A-affiliate Durham on Friday, May 6. He played left field that night for the Rays in their game at Baltimore — a 6-2 Tampa win in which Guyer, in his first Major League at-bat, smacked a second inning, two-run home run off of Orioles left-handed pitcher Zach Britton.

It marked the first time in Rays' history that a player homered in their first Major League at-bat. For the night, Guyer, hitting in the No. 6 spot of the line-up, went 1-for-3 with the homer, two RBI and two strikeouts.

Guyer did not play the following day, Saturday, May 7, in Tampa's 8-2 win in Baltimore. Then, prior to the Rays' Sunday afternoon, Mother's Day game against the Orioles, he learned he had been sent back down to the Durham Bulls. Tampa Manager Joe Maddon said the move was made in order to add more depth to the Rays' pitching staff at the present. But the skipper also told MLB.com that Guyer will be back up in due time.

"He's definitely going to be back here," said Maddon. "He fits our way of playing baseball very well."

But for the time being at least, Guyer will have sweet memories of his first Major League at-bat and the homer he hit in front of 20,694 spectators at Camden Yards. The home run ball came on a 3-1 pitch with teammate Evan Longoria on second base. The ball went into the left field stands and gave the Rays a 3-0 lead.

"For being pretty nervous, I felt locked in," Guyer, 25, told MLB.com. "I think the ball I hit the home run on was a ball. Ball four. But I felt pretty locked in and I'm glad I could help the team get a win. I was so ecstatic, I wanted to make sure I didn't trip. I was just trying to put the ball in play. And for me to hit a home run, it's pretty cool."

Guyer, who is having a terrific year at Durham, was informed of his call-up to the big leagues on Thursday, May 5. It was, naturally, a dream come true for the Rockville, Md. resident who grew up in



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Brandon Guyer played three varsity seasons for the Herndon High baseball team. The Hornets were 45-17 during that time, including a Concorde District title in 2002. He is the program's all-time home run leader.

Northern Virginia.

"I'll just remember the feeling I got when I got the call," said Guyer. "And also knowing how good of a time I've had. It was a short time, but it was great. Nothing compares to being a big leaguer. It's what I worked my whole life for. Hopefully, I'll just continue to work hard, which I'm going to do. I'm determined to get back up here."

"I had a little taste of [the Major Leagues] in Spring Training," said Guyer, who bats and throws right handed. "It was my first big league Spring Training. So after that, I realized I want to be up here to stay. And having this opportunity makes it that much more that I want to be up here to stay. That's what I'm set on doing and that's what I plan on doing in the future."

The Cubs traded Guyer to Tampa Bay last January. At Durham this season, Guyer, over 44 games and 159 at-bats, was hitting a sparkling .314 with nine home runs and 27 RBIs through May 30.

Last year as a member of the double-A Tennessee Smokies, a Chicago Cubs affiliate, he hit .344 with 13 homers and 58 RBIs.

WHILE AT HERNDON HIGH, Guyer, a 2004 graduate of the school, was a standout baseball and football player. He was a 3-year varsity football player and also spent three years on the varsity baseball team.

He rushed for over 1,000 yards as a tailback for the Hornets in both his junior and season seasons. As a senior, he set the single-game touchdown record for Herndon when he scored seven touchdowns during a 285-yard rushing performance on homecoming night (Oct. 4, 2003, Herndon 44,

West Potomac 26). Guyer helped Herndon break a six-year Northern Region playoff drought, leading the Hornets to a 7-4 season. He was a third team all-state pick as a junior and a second team all-state pick as a senior.

"The strangest part of Brandon's history at Herndon, he was a great defensive linebacker," said former Herndon football coach Tommy Meier, in a 2006 Connection Newspaper article.

Guyer did play defense for Herndon, but only in certain situations when Meier wanted to take advantage of Guyer's breakaway speed and powerful approach.

But Guyer's true passion was baseball. At Herndon, where he played third base, he became the Hornets' all-time career home run hitter (13). He also holds Herndon's single-season home run record with eight in his senior year. Guyer led Herndon to a 15-5 season as a senior and was also a part of the Hornets 19-4 Concorde District championship squad in 2002 — the last time Herndon won a district title. In all three of Guyer's years on the Herndon baseball team, the team posted a 45-17 record. As a senior, Guyer chipped in 23 RBI, a .483 batting average and was walked 19 times.

"If [pitchers] threw it in there, he always had the potential to take it a long way," said former Hornets' baseball coach Al McCulloch, of Guyer's home run hitting power. "Near the end of [his senior year], they didn't pitch to him too much."

He finished his baseball career at Herndon ranked at No. 172 by Baseball America as a prospect for that year's Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft.

He was a second team all-state pick as a senior and was named the team's Most Valuable Player as well as Herndon High School's best athlete.

"He got better and better as he went along," said McCulloch, who watched Guyer nail two home runs as a sophomore, three as a junior, and eight as a senior. "I am not too sure that he didn't start taking baseball a little more serious between his sophomore and junior year. All of the sudden, after his junior year, he really saw the light. I don't know if we've had a harder worker."

Guyer went on to play baseball at the University of Virginia from 2005-07. As a junior he batted .370 with a team-high eight home runs, 51 runs scored and 84 hits as well as 43 RBI. He earned First-Team All-ACC honors in 2007.

Two years earlier as a Cavalier freshman, he started 55 games for UVA. Guyer, always known as a power hitter, started 16 games as a designated hitter for the Cavaliers. He finished fifth on the team in batting average (.282), and recorded 30 RBI, 57 runs, 15 doubles, two triples and four home runs. Guyer also recorded a 15-game hitting streak from April 23 to May 21. As a sophomore Guyer improved his average to .339 and started 59 games and crushed a team-best seven home runs, leading Virginia to a 47-15 overall record.

Guyer was named to the Connection Newspapers' 'Greatest of All Time' top 100 athletes from the Northern Region in the summer of 2006. He was No. 98 on the list.

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LARRY HOLMES, PETITIONER
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In a Manner of Speaking



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Being a cancer patient is a full-time, mental job. Whatever I feel physically pales in comparison to what I think mentally. Any occasion that gets me off the cancer track is welcome relief, whether I realize it or can admit it at the time. These mental diversions are particularly helpful when they arrive when I least expect them, as when I'm doing something cancer-specific: pre-chemo lab work, chemotherapy, scheduling and/or experiencing my diagnostic scans, waiting for the results of those scans and of course, having my regular appointment/examination with my oncologist.

And so it happened the other day when I was sitting in the waiting room at my HMO to have my pre-chemo lab work completed. Not that much seems to be indicated with my lab work anymore (it's much more serious during the heavy chemotherapy, especially white- and red- blood cell counts which are closely monitored), but occasionally - over the past 18 months, I have received call backs concerning my levels of creatinin, magnesium and bilirubin, among others. Nevertheless, I never took any of it too seriously, well, not nearly as seriously as when I was being infused with a chemotherapy cocktail (three different drugs) administered once every three weeks for approximately six hours and being examined every three weeks and scanned every 12 weeks. I'm sort of past all that now, until I'm not, if you know what I mean, so it's no longer a major focus at present.

Still, I am under treatment, still terminal and still a statistical anomaly: still alive. And as much as I try to forget the underlying facts of my case: stage IV lung cancer, it's rather difficult. But I am open to the possibility of a mental meander (sort of a "walkabout" for your brain, to quote Crocodile Dundee). While sitting outside of the lab waiting for my name to be called, I picked up a tattered copy of "Parents Magazine" from the table adjacent to where I was fidgeting, to help pass the time. Not having my "cheaters" (reading glasses) with me, I couldn't quite make out - from arm's length, anyway, the articles/headlines printed on the front cover. As I drew it closer however, I could read the headline that most interested me and one which had absolutely nothing to do with me having cancer: "25 Manners Kids Should Know By Age 9." Perfect, I thought. I could get a refresher course - and a bit of an escape, and see how I've turned out, common sense/courtesy-wise.

I'm proud to say, I'm doing pretty well. There were really only one or two behaviors of the 25 listed where I could use a little polish. And none of the behaviors had anything to do with cancer. Most had to do with familiar, golden rule-type etiquette, common sense and consideration of others. Exactly - for me, a cancer patient, the kinds of behaviors which are easily forgotten since post-diagnosis, being told it's "all about you now" is a fairly common advisory. Yet cancer shouldn't be an excuse to forget about others and ignore fundamental/foundational-type behaviors, you know the ones that separate us from the animal kingdom, à la the opposable thumb. Cancer may be a killer and an unwelcome guest in any body's home but it's my problem, not yours.

Reading this article about what "a kid needs to know by age 9" made this adult take stock. Sometimes from the mouths of babes (small children) comes wisdom for all ages. Before I even gave thought to how long I had been waiting, my name was called. Not that I stress over these medical appointments anymore, considering that I've had them going on 30 months; still, anything that helps me forget what I'm doing that day and why, is worth mentioning. Thanks for your time.

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

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U.S. Army Capt. Kenneth A. Ward has returned from his second tour of duty in Afghanistan.

While there, Ward earned a Bronze Star for meritorious command in wartime, as well as an Air Medal for meritorious flying in combat.

He is assigned to the 82nd Aviation Brigade, based at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Ward is married to Valerie Mahr Ward, formerly of Chantilly, and is the son of Jonathan and Jane Ward of Reston and Cindy and Alvin Glatkowski of Duck, N.C.

Air Force Airman Javier Beltran graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Beltran completed training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

He is the son of Roxy Beltran of Winterthur Lane in Reston.

Air Force Airman Desiree E. Bohorques graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Timothy Bohorques of Rickwood Drive, Pensacola, Fla., and niece of Bonnie Cullen of Crescent Park Drive, Reston. Bohorques is a 2009 graduate of West Florida High School, Pensacola.

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. Thomas F. Newcomb, son of Judith K. and John F. Newcomb of Reston, recently reported for Naval Aviator training at Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas. Newcomb is attending a 13-month undergraduate jet pilot training course that combines basic studies in engineering and navigation. Newcomb is a 2004 graduate of South Lakes High School and a 2008 graduate of U.S. Naval Academy.

USMC Corporal **Sienna Desantis** has arrived home on leave. She was deployed with the Female Engagement team in Sangin, Afghanistan.

As an FET member she patrolled alongside the infantry and received a Combat Action Ribbon for receiving and returning Taliban fire.

Desantis is a graduate of Herndon High School and was a commander of the Herndon ROTC.

David T. Lewis, son of Samuel R. Lewis of Oak Hill, graduated from the Army ROTC Leader Development and Assessment Course, also known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

Air Force Airman John C. Marsden graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Elizabeth Heath of Armada St., Herndon, and grandson of Michael Marsden Sr. of Rachel Lane, Vienna. Marsden is a 2009 graduate of Oakton High School.

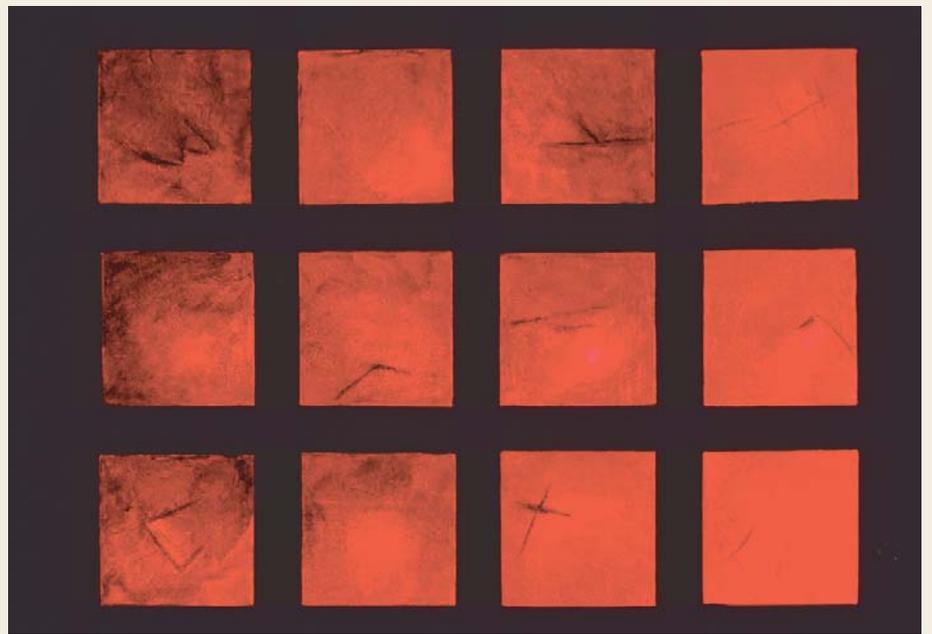
Marine Corps Pvt. Boris I. Calderon-Velasquez, son of Ethel Velasquez and Alex A. Calderon, both of Reston, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Phillip S. Russell graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Russell is a 2003 graduate of Herndon High School.

Pfc. Sean Jeffries of Reston has completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Jeffries successfully completed 12 weeks of training. After graduation from Parris Island, he will be at Camp Pendleton, Calif. for nine weeks of combat training. The 2007 Herndon High School graduate is the son of Alan and Leslie Jeffries.

Nancy Novick Exhibits at Touchstone Gallery,

Reston artist Nancy Novick, who participated in the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival, is having an art show, "A Fine Line," June 1-26, at Touchstone Gallery, 901 New York Ave., N.W. in Washington, D.C. The Opening reception will be held on Friday, June 3, 6-8:30 p.m. Novick has taught art in Georgia and in Japan for Overseas Dependent Schools. Her award winning work has been exhibited nationwide and is included in many private and corporate collections.



Nancy Novick, Red Squares

Discord Over Phase 2

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persons. Wolf claims the current MWAA board has "lost sight of its primary mission of serving airport passengers and residents of the surrounding communities."

MWAA has stumbled on other issues this year. In March, seven members of the MWAA board voted informally to hire Nathaniel Ford, currently chief executive of the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, at \$375,000 a year to be the new chief executive of an authority that operates two airports as well as the rail-to-Dulles project. He had no airport experience and it was only learned after the vote that that he owed \$75,000 in back taxes. The search for a chief executive continues.

Only last week, the MWAA Dulles rail management team got into a major fight with West Falls Church citizens groups and several members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors trying to get zoning approval to build a "control station" on Fisher Avenue. The MWAA won the vote only on a technicality of zoning law, but testimony at the meeting disclosed that MWAA chose one site in 2007 and held it for four years before deciding it was not suitable. Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) called the MWAA's behavior during the weeks of debate over the location "arrogant."

One key issue that has dogged the rail project is its reliance for financing on tolls from the Dulles Toll Road. In 1984, when the road opened for traffic, tolls were used to pay for operations and support \$57 million in debt to finance the 16-mile road. Using the tolls to fund the rail project could be an example of "mission creep."

Then, in 2005, the first of two crucial developments occurred.

The tolls were raised in May to finance a bond issue for the Dulles Rail project — a move the lawsuit asserts was unconstitutional because, if the tolls are not used solely for the road, it becomes a tax and only officials elected by the people can level taxes under both the Virginia and U.S. Constitu-

tions.

At almost the same time, the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority took over the road as a device to secure bonds for building the new Dulles corridor rail.

According to a report by the Tollroadsnews.com, a national electronic newspaper covering toll-charging entities throughout the United States, the estimates of toll levels' impact on traffic use changed sharply between 2005 and 2009.

In 2005, the Wilbur Smith Associates reported to VDOT, which then ran the Dulles Toll Road, that "a \$2 toll would maximize revenues." Wilbur Smith added, however, that "toll rates cannot be increased without bound. At a high enough price, potential customers will find other ways of completing their journeys and will not pay the higher toll."

By 2009, Wilbur Smith Associates took a new view of its income potential in a report to MWAA, characterizing Dulles Toll Road as being in a corridor of high income people who would place a high value on saving time and said "the long term economic and demographic outlook is very favorable."

"Revenue soars under the 2009 forecast along with steeply higher tolls," the Tollroadsnews reported.

The actual use of the road dipped slightly in 2008 primarily due to the slowing of the economy.

Now with billions in rail construction on the line, MWAA is faced with a dilemma. It needs to raise tolls to pay for Dulles rail, but in doing so, MWAA may put its primary source of funding at risk.

MWAA took over operation of the road from the Virginia Department of Transportation in 2005. Until that time MWAA's expertise had been in airport management.

Though called the Dulles rail project, the real impetus for getting it underway some 40 years after the airport was opened was the extraordinary growth created by the Dulles airport in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. Reston, Herndon and Tyson's Corner were villages and farmland when Dulles opened.

Now to drive to Dulles from the Capital Beltway is to pass endless rows of giant corporate buildings and vast expanding communities.

The principle role of the Metro line will be to carry residents from those areas to the Pentagon, Washington and beyond.

At a hearing on the new rail line, former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) said airline passengers would only make up some 7 percent of the riders of riders when it is built. He is quoting an estimate by Dulles Corridor Users Group, which is often critical of the MWAA.

The estimate may not be far off. Maryland's Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) has had its own rail station for years and is served by MARC and Amtrak and Baltimore light rail. The airport reports that 99 percent of its passengers use bus, cab or private car to reach BWI.

A slightly higher percentage of the BWI workforce uses rail, and it is estimated at Dulles that a significant portion of the 13,000 airport workers will use the Dulles Rail.

To attend a MWAA meeting in its crowded little conference room at the north end of Reagan National Airport is to begin to comprehend the enormity of MWAA's task and its struggle to bring organized management to bear on its projects.

The room is packed with the board's employees: police and security experts, landing rights experts, airport management experts, personnel experts and construction company experts.

On the day the MWAA selected the higher priced Metro headquarters, the meeting room was so crowded the authority put dozens of interested parties in a separate meeting room a floor away.

The atmosphere suggests that managing two of the most active airports in the United States 23 million passengers passed through Dulles in 2009 and 17 million through Reagan and running a \$6.7 billion rail construction project has overtaxed a body virtually unchanged since it was created 25 years ago.

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