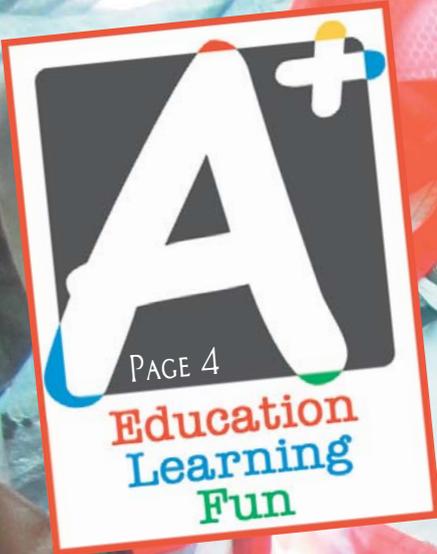


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Jimmy Cole sleeps in this tent pitched in a wooded area near Reston Town Center.

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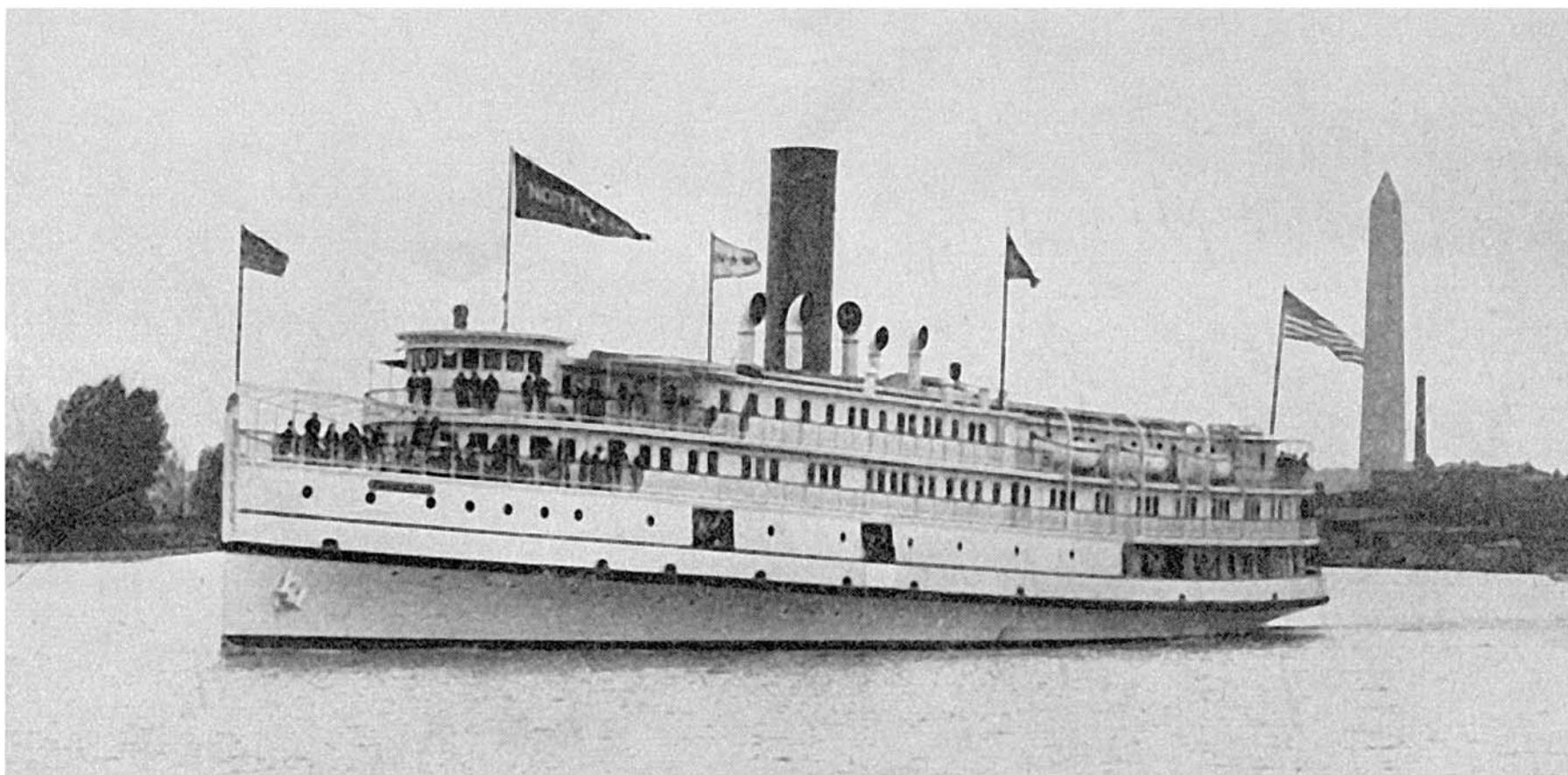
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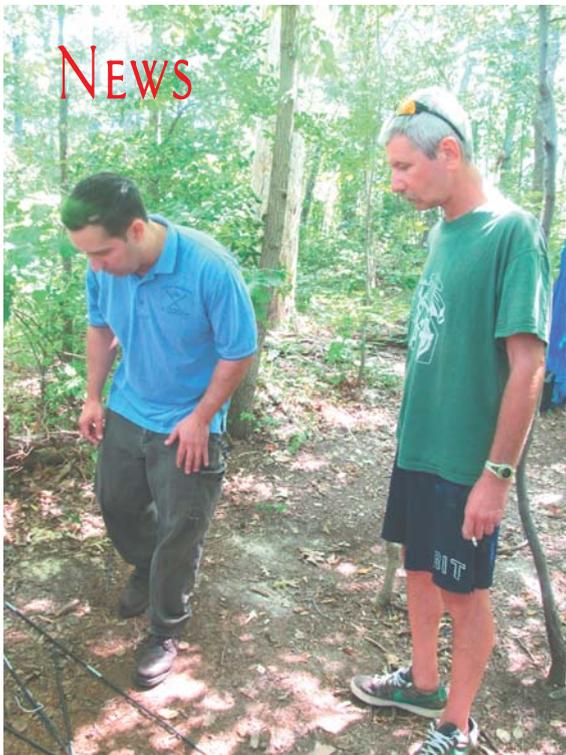


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Michael Vizzutto, left, a social worker for Reston Interfaith, the umbrella organization that operates the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, works with Jimmy Cole to re-pitch his tent.



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The Embry Rucker Community Shelter in Reston, a 70-bed shelter that offers drop-in services, such as showers, meals and caseworker support to the county's unsheltered homeless, is located near Reston Town Center and high-rise office buildings.

# Hiding in Plain Sight

**Embry Rucker Shelter offers help and hope to man living in tent.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

At 8 a.m. on a Friday in August, the temperature is already 87-degrees when Jimmy Cole wakes up. "The heat comes right through the tent. That and the traffic usually wake me up," Cole said.

Rugged and tan, the 48-year-old Cole said he likes being outdoors. But his tent in the woods is not pitched at one of the county's recreational campsites. It's in a wooded patch in the Reston-Herndon area, and Cole sleeps there because he is homeless.

He is one of Fairfax County's approximately 650 single homeless individuals, who for a variety of reasons — lack of credit, transportation and income — don't have permanent housing. Some sleep at one of the county's emergency or transitional shelters, others "couch surf" at the homes of friends or relatives. Some, ashamed to admit they are homeless, sleep in their cars or cheap motels, while they try to keep their jobs. Nearly 200 homeless individuals live in makeshift tents throughout the county.

Cole's tent, about 5-feet wide,

has just enough space to crawl into and curl up at night. It has several brown tarps over it. "I don't like snakes, so that's really the one thing that bothers me at night," he said. Cole has been sleeping there for the past year, where his tent is camouflaged in the summer by tall pine trees. The area is near a busy intersection, and the roar of the traffic is non-stop.

Cole said he wakes up some mornings still surprised at his situation.

"I always worked somewhere. I held good factory jobs in Ohio, where I grew up, but then I lost that in 2008 when the economy turned sour," he said.

**DIVORCED AND WITHOUT CHILDREN** or other family, Cole said he decided to head to the Washington, D.C., area, where he thought there would be plenty of opportunities for work. In addition to factory work, Cole has experience as a landscaper and groundskeeper for golf courses.

When he first came to the area, he had a truck, and enough money saved to pay for a campsite at Burke Lake Park. He looked for work in construction and landscaping, and often drove into Washington, D.C., to see the sites.

"When my money ran out, I started to panic and everything came to a screeching halt. I tried to get construction jobs, whatever I could find. I looked through the telephone book for temp agencies, and got a job through Labor Ready in Tysons," he said.

For two years, Cole worked at Adesa, an auto action company in

**"I'm a good worker. I know things will get better."**

Jimmy Cole

Sterling. He was paid minimum wage: \$7.50 an hour, which is not enough to afford the fair-market rent of \$1,200 for a one-bedroom apartment in the community. For two years, he essentially lived in his truck, going to the shelter during the winter months or when the heat was unbearable in the summer months. He said he couldn't save any money, and barely managed living in his truck, but he liked having a steady job, and thought it would lead to something better.

Last year, during the worsening economy, he lost that job when the company cut its staff.

Like falling dominoes, Cole's life started to unravel. He sold his truck to make ends meet. He got a bike but someone stole it. He lost his birth certificate in the woods one night, so it's difficult for him to get official documentation, such as a Social Security card, that is required to get a driver's license, credit cards and other paperwork needed to get a job.

"I get depressed sometimes, but these guys help me out. They're helping me get my paperwork together so I can get a job again," Cole said, referring to social workers Dan Pizzo and Michael Vizzutto, who are two of the 20 full-time staff members at the

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Reston Interfaith CEO Greg White has firsthand experience of being homeless.

# Road to Advocacy

**Reston Interfaith CEO Greg White shares his journey from homelessness.**

BY GREG WHITE  
RESTON INTERFAITH

Several years ago after graduating from college, I found myself without a place to live after my two college roommates both returned to their out-of-state homes. I did not have full-time employment and could not afford the full rent and had to move out of the apartment. I very quickly ran out of what little funds I had left from the college semester and began living in my car, an old Ford Maverick which was parked in the rear of the apartments.

After a week or so the apartment management demanded that I leave. I began working as a day laborer, earning enough money to put gas in my car to drive to a rest stop on the outskirts of town where I spent the night in my car, cleaning up in the bathrooms and driving back to the day labor site in the morning.

I made several attempts to seek support from some local social service agencies for food, food stamps, rental assistance and gas. The experience of standing in lines and the service I received while seeking assistance was de-humanizing and something I have never forgotten. The staff at the agencies was rude, judgmental and non-responsive.

If not for the hunger and des-

peration I felt I would have walked out. I did endure the treatment at one of the agencies long enough to receive a voucher for a motel stay and food that allowed me to save one week of pay. I then found a landlord who agreed to rent a small apartment to a starving student for a very reasonable weekly fee that I could afford.

Over the next few weeks, I secured a full-time job as a residential counselor in a juvenile facility and started my career in social services.

I never forgot the feeling of powerlessness that I felt as a customer in those agencies and that memory has served me well. I have walked in the shoes of the hundreds of people who seek assistance in our emergency homeless shelter, food,

rental and utility assistance and it has made me a better advocate for their needs. More importantly it has reinforced the need for me to be affiliated with organizations that practice "customer intimacy."

No one should be treated unfairly because of

their economic or social condition, and I have dedicated my social service career to ensure that I uphold personal values and organizational values that allow people who are in crisis to still maintain their dignity.

Greg White is the CEO of Reston Interfaith.

**See also U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's Guest Editorial, "Partners in Ending Homelessness," Page 6.**

## NEWS

# MANDIANT Comes to Reston

**New office space will house approximately 30 staff members.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ANDIANT, a firm specializing in solving high-risk information security challenges, has opened a new office in Reston. Headquartered in Alexandria, the firm is hoping that the new space will allow them to tap into the resources of the Dulles Technology Corridor.

"We're really excited to get into this new space, we want to be able to tap into the labor force that exists here," said Dave Merkel, chief technology officer. "We think it will be useful for a number of reasons, we're in the new transit corridor and we now have an office focused on producing our technology."

About 30 employees will be at the new Reston office, which officially opened Aug. 8. They will mostly be engineers and quality assurance personnel. "Our staff brings experience and unique perspective, and we're focused on helping our customers figure out where problems exist, so they can focus on protecting their money,

**"We're really excited to get into this new space, we want to be able to tap into the labor force that exists here."**

— Dave Merkel, chief technology officer

intellectual property or vital information," Merkel said. "As varied as physical crime is in the real world, it's just as varied or more so in the digital realm."

Veronica Carr, development manager for MANDIANT, said she is excited to be in the new location, as it should help cut down on the commute for many staff who currently drive to Alexandria.

"This area has a real Silicon Valley-type feel to it, and it's nice to be right here with it," Carr said.

"I've been involved with recruiting for a while, and we've always said it would be great to have an office here." Merkel said he expects the company to "continue to grow fast" and that they plan to maintain a presence in the Reston area for a long time to come. "I imagine we'll retain a presence here, and if we're still in this space when the Wiehle Avenue station (projected to open in 2013) opens, we'll be ready to grow even more," he said.

More information on MANDIANT can be found at [www.mandiant.com](http://www.mandiant.com).

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## COMMENTARY

# San Antonio in August

BY DEL. KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM  
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Every true Virginian knows that America began at Jamestown in 1607 with some people showing up in New England later and then there was the westward movement. A trip west reminds me that our country's history was a bit more complex than that.

While the English were struggling to get a foothold in Virginia, the Spanish were busy exploring in the southwest. San Antonio, where I am this week, was first visited by Spanish explorers and missionaries in 1691. Its most famous mission, the Alamo, was the scene a couple of centuries later of a major conflict between Mexicans and Texans over the region's fate. It took the Mexican-American War to finally bring Texas into the Union. How easy it is for Easterners to forget all that glorious history that I have just glossed over.

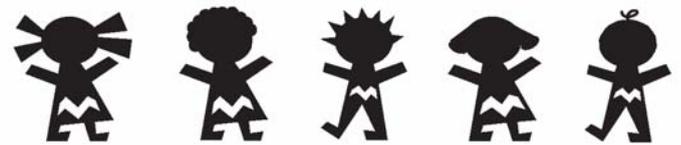
My purpose in being in San Antonio is greater than expanding my historic perspective. I am attending the annual meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). NCSL provides the only nonpartisan in-service training and professional continuing education for state legislators and their staff. Sessions cover the gambit of legislative issues. Speakers are nationally known experts and authors in their fields. Panels are often made up of legislators from many different states who share their state's approach to given issues. In some respects, hearing how other states have dealt with issues may be the most valu-

able information coming out of the conference.

There are more than 150 policy sessions organized around major themes like education, transportation, jobs, health, etc. The expert speakers, panel discussions and other presentations are intended to be educational. In addition, the conference membership votes on various policy

positions that revolve largely around issues of federalism. In general, NCSL seeks to preserve state authority, eliminate unfunded mandates, ensure state flexibility and avoid federal preemption. While these are lofty goals, they sometimes are not reachable because there are many instances in which the states have refused to take action and the federal government has had to step in. The approach of NCSL in providing a broad background of information and different points of view is in sharp contrast to the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) conferences that are funded by businesses and special interests. ALEC provides legislators with drafts of very conservative legislation that they are encouraged to introduce back home. Some of the most conservative special interest legislation showing up in state legislatures is being funneled through ALEC.

Texans are notably proud of their history as they should be. Virginians sometimes need to be less arrogant about our history. The July days of record-breaking temperature in Virginia prepared me for August in San Antonio. I am looking forward to coming back home and using some of the knowledge I gained from NCSL.



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## Partners in Ending Homelessness

**Government can lead the fight to end homelessness, but success is achieved with community partners.**

BY U.S. REP. GERRY  
CONNOLLY  
D-11

The following guest editorial is part of a special edition of the Connection Newspapers on the topic of Ending Homelessness. Read more at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/).

As the nation's economy continues to struggle, we should find hope in one recent bit of news reported by Fairfax County: The local homeless population declined 15.6 percent during the last four years despite the worst economic recession since the 1930s.

While the growth in the homeless population has slowed nationally, Fairfax County is one of the few localities to actually reduce the rate of homelessness, and this success is the product of a years-long effort by Fairfax County and its community partners.

When I was first elected chair-

man of the Board of Supervisors in 2003, there was growing concern about the increase in the local homeless population. Particularly alarming was the fact that 60 percent of homeless adults in families already were employed. It highlighted the need to address the shrinking number of affordable housing units.

Knowing government could not tackle these challenges alone, we convened separate community summits to devise action plans to preserve affordable housing and to prevent homelessness. The results were innovative partnerships with the non-profit, faith and business communities that yielded positive results, among them the preservation of more than 2,200 affordable housing units, which doubled our initial goal.

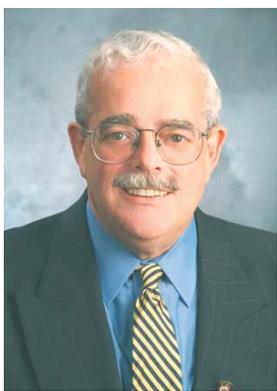
Given the success of this program and the benefits it has pro-

vided to Fairfax families and our entire community, I believe the county should reconsider its decision to scale it back.

Another part of that success story is the 10-year plan we adopted to prevent and end homelessness and the hiring of a coordinator to oversee all local efforts to

assist the homeless. One important element of that plan is the annual hypothermia program, in partnership with local churches, which provides warm meals and temporary shelter for those most at-risk. It also helps provide vital medical and mental health support services in a stable environment, supplementing the mobile medical outreach we initiated to reach the chronically homeless.

Last year alone, the county's Housing Opportunities Support Teams helped prevent nearly 900 people from becoming homeless. These efforts keep families off the street and they are cost-effective. At the federal level, I've sponsored legislation in the U.S. of Representatives to replicate the Fairfax model with the aim of preventing homelessness for all Americans.



FILE PHOTO  
**U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)**

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Chief Justice Remembered

To the Editor:

Recently, I attended the last meeting of the Commission on Mental Health Law Reform. I was filled with mixed emotions: pride in all we had accomplished, disappointment that the Commission was ending when there is still so much to do, and deep grief that the courageous man who created it has died so young.

Since 2006 the Commission has been meeting regularly and making major changes in how we treat persons with mental illness who come in contact with the law. Every branch of state government has been deeply involved. We changed the whole system for the better.

The Commission was the idea of Virginia Chief Justice Leroy Hassell. He was outraged by how poorly the legal system responded to mentally ill persons. Shackling was not uncommon and many conditions in the jails and prisons seemed barbaric to him. The sys-

tems that dealt with mental health were disjointed and severely underfunded. Far too many people were in front of judges mainly because they were not receiving needed treatment.

Justice Hassell and I were allies in this endeavor from the beginning. He came to my home in 2005 and we strategized how to address the issues. He knew that there would be those who said the courts had no business involving themselves and that he was overstepping his authority. I knew that without all branches of government working together there would be no real progress and encouraged him to proceed.

As expected, many legislators attacked the Commission idea and Justice Hassell personally. He refused to yield and put the whole weight of the court system behind it. We began deliberations with extensive work groups. Everything from civil commitment procedures to transporting persons with mental illness to treatment

delivery was under review. Recommendations for improvements were hammered out.

And, then, the terrible tragedy of Virginia Tech happened. Overnight, the work we had been doing so quietly was suddenly viewed as very important. We increased the pace of our efforts.

Over the next three years we totally overhauled the system. I am very proud to have been the chief Senate patron of almost all the legislation that the Commission wrote. Virtually all the bills passed. Had the economy not deteriorated, I believe we would have been able to make significant investments in our system. Unfor-

Even in a region as fortunate as Northern Virginia, which has weathered the recession better than most metropolitan areas, there continue to be tremendous needs. I wish I could bring some of my colleagues from Congress to Fairfax to witness the value of these investments firsthand. As you know, we are in the midst of an important national debate about how much the federal government ought to be supporting such community efforts. There are some in Congress, who have proposed eliminating funding for a program that provides assistance to homeless veterans. I have fought this proposal on the House floor and will continue to do so because our veterans deserve better.

As we learned in Fairfax, government alone cannot solve the problem, but it can play a critical role in convening the private sector, non-profits, educators and other community partners to address the serious challenges we face. And as the recent data on homelessness shows, those efforts are making real progress and benefiting our entire community.

Gerald E. Connolly represents the 11th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and served 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including five as chairman.

tunately, those investments have not happened.

Over a year ago it became obvious that the Chief Justice was very ill. He continued his support for our work despite his illness. I know he took pride in the accomplishments of his Commission. Tragically he died before our job was finished.

I remain committed to improving how Virginia treats persons with mental illness. But it will be more difficult without the leadership and friendship of Chief Justice Leroy Hassell.

Sen. Janet Howell  
(D-32)

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# OPINION

## Virginia Organizing— A Force Where Needed

By JOHN LOVAAS  
RESTON IMPACT  
PRODUCER/HOST



Curiosity got the better of me a few days ago. I hopped in the car with another downcast progressive bound for the “Grassroots

### INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE

Gathering” of Virginia Organizing in Richmond. A two-hour trip down US 95 morphed into three hours, for an invitation I normally would have passed up, but I wanted to see Virginia Organizing, its members and activists up close. My only previous involvement with VO was a protest picketing a shareholders’ meeting of reverse Robin Hood Coventry Insurance at the Ritz Carlton.

I knew that VO’s first action took place in 1995 in Lee County, as far as you can go southwest from Reston and still be in Virginia. Coal and tobacco still ruled this poor (average income about \$16,000 in 2010), rural county. When VO surveyed Lee residents about their concerns, many complained that county juries never included black or poor residents (the latter making up 25 percent of the population). The newly-formed local VO chapter found that a committee of four prosperous, white males picked people from Lee voter lists to make up the jury pool—not all voters you understand, just the ones they picked. The Virginia Organizing local chapter members and activists from the new state-wide parent group campaigned for change—meeting with local officials including the selection committee, testifying before county supervisors, talking to state legislators, appearing on local radio and TV, writing letters to the editor, etc. The indefensible practice

collapsed before the voice of the people. A new selection policy, random selection from local tax records, was adopted as proposed by the local VO chapter.

Since Lee, Virginia Organizing actions have spread, increasing civic engage-

ment and empowering those without power, confronting issues of economic and social injustice through direct action and advocacy. They address local issues, e.g., school supplies for kids without them; local and state policies, e.g., predatory lending—VO led the fight to change payday lending law; and federal-level issues like immigration reform, tax reform and, most recently, protecting the social safety net while pushing to ensure the wealthy return to paying a fairer share of essential public expenditures.

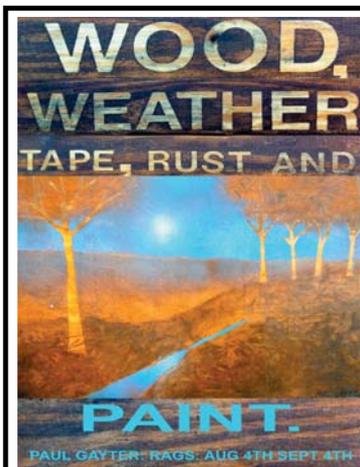
The VO demographics in Richmond were unlike any I’d ever seen in non-profits, charities or political parties. A crowd of about 300 included a majority of people of lower incomes and over a third blacks and latinos.

While mostly middle-aged and over, a significant minority was college-age young people and new, or would-be, entrants to the work force. Hand-painted signs reflected the mood. For example: “Show Us the JOBS,” “Bake a Bigger Pie,” “Make People Healthy NOT CEOs Wealthy,” “Anthem is Hiring Health Care Lobbyists—No Experience or Ethics required,” and “10 years later, the Bush Tax Cuts are still Flushing Our Money Down the Drain.”

Oh, how I wish we had such energy and commitment to take on growing inequality and injustice in Reston, Va. and across America.

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**The Foundation for Immediate and Appropriate Temporary Help (FAITH)** will have food distributions on Monday, Aug. 8, 15 and 22 from 6-7 p.m. in Library Meeting Rooms 1 & 2, Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St. in Herndon. FAITH Social Services, a non-profit organization established in 1999 by the Muslim Community, distributes free food items to families in need every week during the sacred fasting

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The national champion Herndon High School Step Team is honored by the Town Council during their Aug. 9 meeting.

## Step Team Honored by Town Council

Herndon High team won national championship in May.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
 THE CONNECTION

The Herndon High School Step Team was recognized by the Town Council Tuesday, Aug. 9, several months after winning the YouStep National Championship in Hershey, Pa. They defeated 18 other teams at the competition with a score of 483 out of a possible 500.

Gary Bushrod, coach of the Step Team, said the team worked hard all year long. "They worked really hard, and if you saw what they looked like at the beginning of the year

this national championship is a miracle," he said with a laugh.

The team showed the council a video of their winning performance, and the members said they were impressed by the almost 10-minute performance.

"I commend the dancers, as well as their coaches and parents," said Councilmember Bill Tirrell. "It's clear from watching your performance that in order to win you have to be disciplined, coordinated and work as a team."

Councilmember Jasbinder Singh said "the way they moved reminded me a little bit of Michael Jackson."

## Mary Ellen Mogee Presents 'Life Passages'

Mary Ellen Mogee will be presenting an exhibition of large and small abstract acrylic paintings called "Life Passages" at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston from Sept. 11 through Oct. 16. The public is welcome. An opening reception will be held Sunday, Sept. 11, 1-3 p.m. A brief artist's talk is scheduled for 2 p.m.

The church is located at 1625 Wiehle Ave. in Reston.

"In my art, it is my pleasure and gratification to bring joy and sustenance to others in their passages in life," Mogee said.



Mary Ellen Mogee, Spiritual Journey.

Mogee is a studio artist at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton, where her work is shown in Building 6. Additional artwork may be seen at her website: <http://www.maryellenmogee.com>.

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### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 17

**Chris Botti.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. American jazz trumpeter. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### THURSDAY/AUG. 18

**"Ain't Misbehavin'"** 8 p.m. The Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. The Elden Street Players in Thomas 'Fats' Waller's musical comedy of 1930s Harlem. \$22 adults, \$19 students and seniors. 703-481-5930 or [www.EldenStreetPlayers.org](http://www.EldenStreetPlayers.org).

**Uptown Vocal Jazz Quartet.** 7 p.m. Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza, Reston. Live jazz music. [Sesuj@aol.com](mailto:Sesuj@aol.com).

**Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Wild Swans by Jung Chang. Adults. 703-242-4020.

**Paul Anka.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Singer/songwriter. \$48 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### FRIDAY/AUG. 19

**"Ain't Misbehavin'"** 8 p.m. The Industrial Strength Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. The Elden Street Players in Thomas 'Fats' Waller's musical comedy of 1930s Harlem. \$22 adults, \$19 students and seniors. 703-481-5930 or [www.EldenStreetPlayers.org](http://www.EldenStreetPlayers.org).

**Reston Friends K-12 Book Sale.** 10-4 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Thousands of books in great condition. No scanners. 703-689-2700.

**Gipsy Kings.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Flamenco guitarists and singers from the Reyes and Baliardo families. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**Art Show and Sale.** 6 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. Karen Hale's "Oddjects." [www.restonmuseum.org](http://www.restonmuseum.org).

## BULLETIN BOARD

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### THURSDAY/AUG. 18

**Committee for Dulles Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m. Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, 45020 Aviation Drive, Dulles. With Leo Titus Jr., P.E., Civilian Member of VA-TF1, on "Virginia Task Force One's Search and Rescue Mission at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001." CFD members \$50, non-members \$70. 703-430-8749 or [info@committeefordulles.org](mailto:info@committeefordulles.org).

**CroppMetcalfe Job Fair.** 4-7 p.m. At the Fairfax location, 8421 Hilltop Road, Fairfax. Looking for HVAC technicians, plumbers and call center representatives. [www.croppmetcalfe.com](http://www.croppmetcalfe.com).

### SATURDAY/AUG. 20

**Northern Virginia Community College Special Saturday Registration Hours.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All NVCC campuses. Students can talk to counselors, apply to the college and register for fall semester courses.

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Gipsy Kings perform at the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna, on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19-20, 8 p.m. Flamenco guitarists and singers from the Reyes and Baliardo families. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### SATURDAY/AUG. 20

**DC Fest with Michael W. Smith and Steven Curtis Chapman.** 3 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Also with Kutless, Big Daddy Weave, Matthew West, Sidewalk Prophets and Jonny Diaz. Tickets \$15-\$99, available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and 703-573-SEAT. [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

**Sounds of Summer.** 11 a.m.-12 Noon. Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Reservations required by Aug. 17. \$4/person RA members, \$6/person non-members. For all ages (Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.) For reservations, call 703-476-9689 or e-mail [naturecenter@reston.org](mailto:naturecenter@reston.org).

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Horticultural tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.

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of these noisy critters we can hear in their natural habitat.  
**Mo' Sol.** 7:30 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. Motown, soul and R&B. [www.reston.com](http://www.reston.com).

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### THURSDAY/AUG. 25

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

**Alzheimer's Association Memory Care Support Group.** 11 a.m. Great Falls Assisted Living, 1121 Reston Avenue, Herndon. Facilitated by a geriatric care counselor. Meets monthly through December. Free. [www.greatfallsassistedliving.com](http://www.greatfallsassistedliving.com) or 703-421-0690.

### FRIDAY/AUG. 26

**Equal Employment Opportunity Technical Assistance Seminar.** Crowne Plaza Tyson's Corner Hotel, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Presentations on EEOC policies and procedures, including legal updates

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guitarists and singers from the Reyes and Baliardo families. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 21

**Reston Friends K-12 Book Sale.** 10-4 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Thousands of books in great condition. No scanners. 703-689-2700.

### MONDAY/AUG. 22

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

### TUESDAY/AUG. 23

**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.

**Conversations with the Director.** 7:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Meet Sam Clay, Director of Fairfax County Public Library, and share your view of what the future should hold for our library system. Adults. 703-242-4020.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 24

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

**Color All Around Preschool Storytime.** 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Stories and rhymes about color. Age 2-5 with adult. 703-437-8855.

**Kids Outdoors.** 9 a.m.-12 Noon. Walker Nature Education Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Reservations required by Aug. 19. \$15/child RA members, \$20/child non-members. For ages 7-10 years. For reservations, call 703-476-9689 or e-mail [naturecenter@reston.org](mailto:naturecenter@reston.org). Parents - Drop off your child at this action-packed morning of outdoor fun.

### SATURDAY/AUG. 27

**Scythian.** 7:30 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. Celtic and world music. [www.reston.com](http://www.reston.com).

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Horticultural tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.

Market and the Master Gardeners to help with lawn and garden problems. [www.restonfarmersmarket.com](http://www.restonfarmersmarket.com) or 703-318-9628.

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 7

**Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce 2011 Health Fair.** 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Hyatt Dulles, Herndon. Local health care providers, alternative health practitioners, and nutritional experts combined with numerous complimentary health screenings. Concurrent break-out sessions with experts' perspectives on today's health topics. Free admission. 703-266-0505 or [drgebaide@centrevillechiro.com](mailto:drgebaide@centrevillechiro.com).

**Spiritual Development and Study Group.** 7:30 p.m. Hunan East, 2533 John Milton Drive, Herndon. Every Wednesday. 703-620-3018.

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Meeting.** 9:30 a.m. Fairfax County Government Center, Board Auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. 703-324-3151, TTY 703-324-3903.

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**Aidan Scanlan, 8, poses with his medal after completing the Reston Kids Triathlon Sunday morning.**



**Bikers start the second phase of the Reston Kids Triathlon Sunday.**



**Triathletes run the final leg of the inaugural Reston Kids Triathlon Sunday at South Lakes High School.**

PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

# Reston Hosts First Kids Triathlon

**Children ages 6 to 14 run, bike and swim.**

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**R**andy Wilk of Reston came to the inaugural Reston Kids Triathlon Sunday morning to watch his son swim, bike and run his way around South Lakes High School. What he didn't count on was running most of the course.

"Once he got changed after the swim and started the biking route, I ended up running alongside him down Ridge Heights Road," Wilk said. "And then when he came

back and started the run to the South Lakes track, I ended up doing most of that too. Not a bad exercise, but pretty tough while wearing cros."

Almost 200 children ages 6 to 14 participated in the event, which was to raise funds for the YMCA Fairfax County Reston and Reston Association youth scholarship programs.

The triathletes started by swimming at the Ridge Heights Pool, then did a quick change and mounted their bikes for a loop around Langston Hughes Middle School and South Lakes High.

After the biking portion, they returned to the Ridge Heights Pool and ran down Ridge Heights Road before cutting through the South Lakes Athletic fields and finishing at the South Lakes track.

**"IT WAS A GREAT FEELING** after you finished," said Gabby McClellan, 9, who swam 100 meters, biked two miles and ran one mile as part of her age group. "I do swimming as a sport, so that was probably the easiest part for me."

Some of the athletes participated in another children's triathlon earlier this year, and they said the experience helped them build to this one. "After doing the other triathlon, I think the swimming was much easier, but the biking and running was still tough," said Maeve Keck, 9.

While everyone had a favorite and a least favorite activity, most athletes agreed that the support shown from the hundreds of parents lining the route was encouraging.

"It felt like you were in a real race, seeing all the people standing by the road and

cheering you as you biked past," said Margo Somer, 9. "That made it a lot of fun."

Sarah Siller of Reston is no stranger to adult triathlons, but when her daughter Violet, 7, wanted to participate, she was very surprised. "I couldn't believe she wanted to do it, when I was her age you couldn't pry me out of bed this early on a rainy Sunday morning, I didn't start until I was in college," Siller said. "I think it's great she likes being active. I'd love to one day do a triathlon with my daughter next to me, but I don't want to force her into these things. But she seemed ready to do another one right away, so maybe we'll do one together after all."

More information on the Reston Kids Triathlon, including results, can be found at [www.restonkidstri.org](http://www.restonkidstri.org).

## SCHOOL NOTES

**Nathaniel Arminio** of Reston has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Salem State University in Salem, Ma. The sports business management major is a member of the school's lacrosse team.

**Savannah Rhodes** of Reston was named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy. She is the daughter of Richard and Sheryl Rhodes.

**Tyler Nguyen** of Reston has been named to the spring 2011 honors list at Mary Baldwin College of Staunton.

**Deborah Barlow** of Reston received a master of business administration degree from the Virginia Tech Pamplin College of Business.

**Leigh Cronin** of Reston has received a master of landscape architecture degree from

the Virginia Tech College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

**Joy Scout** of Reston has received a master of business administration degree from the Virginia Tech Pamplin College of Business.

**Michelle Burchett** of Reston has received a master of public administration degree from the Virginia Tech College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

**Jennifer Marion** of Reston has received a master of arts in education degree in curriculum and instruction from the Virginia Tech College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

**Patricia Silverthorn** of Reston has received a master of arts in education degree in curriculum and instruction from the Virginia Tech College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

**Shankar Sripadham** of Reston has received a master of business administration degree from the Virginia Tech Pamplin College of Business.

**Alyssa Holt** of Reston received an associate of applied science degree in criminal justice from Kaplan University online.

**Jennifer Davis** of Herndon has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Frostburg State University of Frostburg, Md.

**Kevin Wright** of Oak Hill received a bachelor of arts in business administration and was named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Frostburg State University of Frostburg, Md.

**Ruth Geiger** of Herndon has received an associate in arts degree from Oxford College of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. She is the daughter of Charles Geiger and Kathleen Geiger.

A number of Oakton residents have graduated from Marymount University of Arlington:

❖ **Silvia Campana**, bachelor of science in nursing.

❖ **Adrienne Johnson**, masters of business administration.

❖ **Heather Jones**, master of arts in human resource management plus certificates in human resource management and organization development.

❖ **Colleen Kampman**, bachelor of science in nursing.

❖ **Jacquelyn Miller**, bachelor of science in nursing.

❖ **Erin Mooney**, master of arts in community counseling.

❖ **James Poulsen**, bachelor of arts in business administration.

❖ **Marissa Rossoukh**, graduate certificate as family nurse practitioner.

**Stephanie Jackson takes a moment to catch up with neighbors during National Night Out.**



PHOTOS BY AMIEE FREEMAN/THE CONNECTION

## Getting Together with the Neighbors

BY AMIEE FREEMAN  
THE CONNECTION

Residents of the Hunters Square neighborhood joined millions of Americans in the fight against crime and drugs during this year's National Night Out (NNO) on Tuesday, Aug. 2.

Residents were invited to gather in the neighborhood's central courtyard to enjoy grilled hamburgers provided by the community and pizza donated by Ledo's. There was also a moon bounce, face painting, hair wrapping and live music. With 150 townhouses in the community, Jasmine Tounni, community resident and representative, called the neighborhood "close knit."

While crime is not a huge problem in the neighborhood, said Tounni, there is a lot of foot traf-

fic as people walk through the neighborhood to get to nearby Hunter Woods Shopping Center. NNO serves a way to keep neighbors connected and informed, continued Tounni.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) was also on hand. "These type of events help keep neighborhoods safe," said Hudgins. "National Night Out helps us know our community and helps us get out in our communities. It is a great community-building event. I also have to commend the community executive board. They have done a great job with this event and it helps tremendously in keeping the community safe."

Resident David Browning was at the event with his young daughter, Raleigh. He described the neighborhood as "a little mix of everything." Browning has lived in

the neighborhood for three years and said this event is a "good opportunity to learn the names of our neighbors."

Resident Stephanie Jackson has lived in the neighborhood since 1999 and enjoys living here for its proximity to Washington, D.C., and also because all kinds of people live in the neighborhood.

Resident Carly Mendelssohn and her family moved to Hunters Square from Seattle, Wash., to be close to her husband's job in Arlington. She said this event was a great way to "get to see people." They especially like living in this neighborhood for its proximity to trails.

This was the second year Hunters Square participated in NNO. Last year more than 100 residents were in attendance. Nationwide, this year marked the 28th year for NNO.



**David Browning with daughter Raleigh chats with neighbors during Hunters Square National Night Out.**



**Anita Bucsay Damron wraps 5-year-old Sissi Rafael Morales hair. Damron moved away from Hunters Square last year and came back for this event.**

## Reston Businesswoman Honored in Richmond

Mina Fies, founder of Reston-based Synergy Design & Construction, received a merit of achievement from Gov. Robert McDonnell recently. She received the award during a ceremony at Virginia's Executive Mansion in Richmond. Fies received the certificate for her achievements, leadership in the community, and character and dedication as a Woman in Business in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Fies is CEO of Synergy Design & Construction, an award-winning woman-owned, Class A General Contractor in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Fies oversees the entire design process and manages the sales and marketing of the firm. She is a Certified Green Professional (CGP) from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and speaks regularly at industry conferences and seminars.

Synergy Design & Construction's mission is to provide great design and construction using their proprietary Renovation Road Map™. The Roadmap, developed by Fies and her husband Mark Fies, COO, helps clients not only un-



**Mina Fies**

derstand the design, but plan for the exact costs, timelines, and schedules, which eliminates unexpected bills and frustration. Synergy D&C launched on Sept. 19, 2008 as a home design and remodeling business and has represented construction costs valued at over \$4 million.

This fall, one of Synergy D & C's DC kitchen projects will be featured on HGTV's "Bang for Your Buck" show. Visit Fies on [www.synergycd.com](http://www.synergycd.com).

### WEEK IN RESTON

## RCC Seeks Board Candidates, Holds Preference Poll

Reston Community Center (RCC) is seeking interested candidates to run for seats on its 2011-2012 Board of Governors. The Board of Governors is a nine-member body responsible for overseeing the operations of the RCC. All residents of Small District 5, age 18 or older, are eligible to run for appointment to the RCC Board of Governors. Candidates must complete a Candidacy Statement in order to have their names placed on the Preference Poll ballot. Candidacy Statements will be available at the Center or online at [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com) beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 29. The deadline for candidacy registration is 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 12.

The RCC Preference Poll is a community event held annually to select members to serve on the RCC Board of Governors. The Board of Governors establishes the overall policies for the Center and oversees its programs and budget. Board members also represent RCC at social, recreational, cultural and educational activities in Reston. Each year, typically, candidates for three seats on the Board are subject to a community preference poll with voting by residents and businesses.

This year's preference poll will fill three, three-year positions and one, one-year term balance on the RCC's Board of Governors. Board members serve a three-year term, or the remainder of a vacated seat term. Online and mail-in balloting and walk-in voting will be available from Sept. 22-Oct. 13 until 5 p.m.

For more information on the 2011 RCC Preference Poll or Board of Governors, visit [www.restoncommunitycenter.com](http://www.restoncommunitycenter.com) or call 703-476-4500.

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## NEWS

# A Shelter of Hope

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Embry Rucker Community Shelter (ERCS) in Reston helping Coles.

**THE ERCS** is a 70-bed residential shelter that provides healthy, safe, emergency housing for families and single men and women, helping them to overcome barriers and transition to stable housing. The shelter provides drop-in services for the unsheltered homeless, those who, for lack of shelter space, live outdoors, in cars, or in other unsafe places. Drop in services includes hot meals, laundry and shower facilities, and a place where the homeless can meet with a case manager and access medical and mental health services. The shelter operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

"Jimmy's a great guy," Pizzo said. "When we do outreach, we build relationships with individuals, slowly gaining their trust and confidence because they don't have to come to us."

Pizzo said Coles is like a lot of single homeless adults in the county who don't have family or other support to help them through life's rough patches.

"I think that's the thread that runs through almost all of our homeless clients, the lack of a support system. In many cases, they don't want to be a burden, or they are immigrants and don't have friends and family nearby, or they have broken relationship because of a mental health or substance abuse issue," Pizzo said. "There's a plethora of reasons why they don't have family or friends they can turn to quickly. Some are too ashamed to tell their families they are in this situation."

The caseworkers try to be that support system, helping clients like Coles navigate the bureaucracy of the Department of Motor Vehicles and other government agencies that hold the keys to the documentation necessary for employment and housing.

"Documentation is a huge barrier," Pizzo said. "It can take months to gather all the required documents that you need to obtain a photo ID, which is often essential for finding work."

"I'm trying to help myself. I want to get out and better myself," Cole said. He said he has a high school diploma, but "I know I have to go back to school and learn a trade."

Cole said he wants to remain in the area. In addition to the connections he's made with the staff of Reston Interfaith, he said he has



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**Dean Klein, Fairfax County's director of the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness (OPEH), talks with Jimmy Cole about his plans for getting permanent housing.**



**On Friday, Aug. 12, Cole walks along the pond near his tent at the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, where he can get a hot meal for lunch and stay out of the 90-plus degree heat for the afternoon.**

made good friends in the area. "Sometime we meet up at Panera in Reston Town Center to swap tips about jobs, and just talk," he said.

**HIS TENT** is near the Embry Rucker Shelter, so on "drop-in days," he can walk there to take a shower, do laundry, eat a hot meal or talk with caseworkers and get medical services from a nurse

practitioner. In the summer, if the temperature hits the "red zone" of 93 degrees Fahrenheit or above, Coles can spend the day or night at the shelter, where clients might have to sleep on the floor.

During the day, Cole often spends time at Barnes & Noble or Starbucks, to read and get out of the heat.

"I like to read astronomy and sports magazines. I'm not a problem, so no one really notices me," he said.

"You would not know he is homeless, because he's out of context here. Fairfax County is not like D.C. or other large cities, where you see panhandlers or people sleeping on benches," said Pizzo.

On Friday afternoon, Aug. 12, Pizzo and Vizzuto are helping Cole with his tent, which has partially collapsed. Cole's tent is the only one currently in this patch of woods. Pizzo tells Cole that they have a donated mountain bike for him and that it just needs a new chain.

"It will be put to good use," Cole said. "I like to bike, and it's a better way to get around."

When asked where he thinks he will be a year from now, Cole doesn't hesitate. "I'd like to have a job, an apartment, and a girlfriend," he said. "This isn't a lifestyle for me. I'm a good worker. I know things will get better," he said.

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## SPORTS

# RSTA Goes Hollywood

## Reston Swim Team Association All-Stars Meet wrap-up.

With a theme of 'Hollywood Stars' as a backdrop, the Reston Swim Team Association (RSTA) put on a show to behold two weeks ago. In front of hundreds of spectators and other swimmers the 'Lights of Tinseltown' shined brightly on a number of swimmers — some making their final appearance for RSTA after 10 or more years of swimming.

And while there were tears for some at the Saturday season wrap-up, mostly there were tears of joy to celebrate the end of another successful season and their movement on to another phase of their lives.

"It was pretty amazing out there" said Dave Landeryou, father of two All Stars, Sophia and Emily Landeryou of Glade.

"Some of these kids have been here for over a decade," echoed Miles Flint, father of All Stars Nicole and Natalie Flint of North Hills and himself a member of RSTA back in 1973.

"And the theme and festivities that took place at the beginning of the event made it all the more fun," added Jamie Mazziotta, mother of All Star Christina Mazziotta of North Hills.

As has been the case for many years at RSTA, the top 12 swimmers in each stroke of their individual age groups are chosen as All Stars. There is a maximum of two individual races that a swimmer can participate in along with a maximum of two relay events. Thus, the best of the best swimmers are participating. And with that level of competition, there is the potential for records being broken. Indeed, that is what happened on Saturday with eight individual and four relay records being set.

For Lake Anne, Joanne Fu broke a record that stood for 13 years. Her time of 36.07 in the girls (11-12) 50-meter backstroke broke the mark that had been set in 1998 by Margit Severin (36.91).

For Autumnwood, Robin Brazier broke a record that stood since 1997. Her time of 31.73 in the girls (15-18) 50-butterfly broke Emily Trakas' mark of 32.12.

For Glade, Sophia Landeryou continued to raise the bar for swimmers who will follow. Her time in the girls (8-under) 25-breaststroke of 22.31 bested her old mark of 22.54 that she set back in June of this year.

For Hunters Woods, Eric Tang continued his assault on the record books. His time of 31.69 in the boys (13-14) 50-backstroke bested his old mark of 31.82 that he set a few weeks ago.

For Lake Audubon, two individual records were set. In the girls (13-14) 50-breaststroke, Sabrina Groves broke a record that stood for 23 years. Her time of 36.54 in the girls (13-14) 50-breaststroke bested the mark of 37.45 that had been set by Jessica Paul back in 1987. And Austin Chute broke



**Friendly competitors! From left, Marlee Czarny of North Hills, Kathleen Boyce of Lake Newport, Anna Redican of Lake Newport, Sophia Landeryou of Glade, Emi Redican of Lake Newport, Emily Landeryou of Glade and Christina Mazziotta of North Hills get together one last time at the RSTA All Star meet.**



**Lindsay Najjoum of North Hills gets ready to hit the water during her take off while competing in the girls 15-18, 50-meter freestyle event at All Stars.**

the record for the boys (15-18) 50-breaststroke with a time of 32.61, eclipsing the old record of 33.54 that was set by Zachary Batts back in 2007.

Finally, Rachel Swarts continued to set the bar higher for girls at North Hills. Rachel set new marks in both backstroke and breaststroke. Her time of 32.64 in the girls (15-18) 50-backstroke lowered the mark that she had set at last year's All Stars meet, and her time of 38.00 in the girls (15-18) 50-breaststroke broke her old record that was also set at last year's all star meet.

In the relays, Rachel was also a key participant. The North Hills team of Rachel, Keara Jones, Kayla Kent and Lindsay Najjoum set a new North Hills record in the girls (15-18) 200-meter medley relay with a time of 2:17.56, easily besting the old

mark of 2:21.82 that was set last year.

For Lake Anne, the team of Greg Mayo, Jason Fu, Joseph Hosi and Dillon Jiang took over four seconds off their old record time. Their time of 2:12.43 in the boys (13-14) 200-medley relay easily bested their old mark of 2:16.88 that was set back on June 11.

For Hunters Woods, the team of Eric Tang, Connor Herron, Alex Li and Joseph Wang set a new mark of 2:14.94 in the boys (13-14) 200-medley relay.

And finally, in the girls (6-18) 200-freestyle relay the Lake Newport team of Isabelle Kahng, Anna Redican, Sienna Storch, Amy Edgmond and Katie Storch stormed into the record books with a time of 2:08.84, easily besting the old mark of 2:11.25 that was set last year.

## NVSL All-Stars Winners

The Northern Virginia Swimming League (NVSL) held its annual end of the summer season All-Stars competition two weeks ago Saturday at Waywood pool in Alexandria. The following is a list of all of the event's first place finishers:

Laura Schwartz (Camelot Community Club, Annandale) — girls 15-18, 100-meters Individual Medley (IM).  
 Brandon Fiala (Sully Station, Centreville) — boys 15-18, 100-IM  
 Hannah Baker (Commonwealth, Fairfax) — girls 13-14, 100-IM  
 Luke Thorsell (Fox Mill Woods, Reston) — boys 13-14, 100-IM  
 Cassidy Bayer (Mount Vernon Park, Alexandria) — girls 11-12, 100-IM  
 Timothy Wu (McLean) — boys 11-12, 100-IM  
 Sinead Eksteen (Shouse Village, Vienna) — girls 9-10, 100-IM  
 Daniel Gyenis (Fox Mill Woods, Reston) — boys 9-10, 100-IM  
 Reanna Dona (Waynewood, Alexandria) — girls 15-18, 50-fly  
 Blake Sundel (Little Hunting Park, Alexandria) — boys 15-18, 50-fly  
 Laura Branton (Oakton) — girls 13-14, 50-fly  
 Ben Lambert (Hayfield Farm, Alexandria) — boys 13-14, 50-fly  
 Cassidy Bayer (Mount Vernon Park, Alexandria) — girls 11-12, 50-fly  
 Roman Lowery (Fairfax Station) — boys 11-12, 50-fly  
 Morgan Fuesh (Mansion House, Alexandria) — girls 9-10, 25-fly  
 Thomas Outlaw (Chesterbrook, McLean) — boys 9-10, 25-fly  
 Annie Hood (Mansion House, Alexandria) — girls 8-under, 25-fly  
 Anthony Grimm (Fair Oaks, Fairfax) — boys 8-under, 25-fly  
 Elizabeth Collins (Waynewood, Alexandria) — girls 15-18, 50- breaststroke  
 Charles Katis (Highlands, McLean) — boys 15-18, 50-breaststroke  
 Suzanne Dolan (Overlee, Arlington) — girls 13-14, 50-breaststroke  
 Garrett Walsh (Hamlet, McLean) — boys 13-14, 50-breaststroke  
 Jacqueline Clabeaux (Greenbriar, Fairfax) — girls 11-12, 50- breaststroke  
 Carter Flint (Tuckahoe, McLean) — boys 11-12, 50-breaststroke  
 Alina Jones (Mantua, Fairfax) — girls 9-10, 50-breaststroke  
 Lachlan Flatin (High Point, Falls Church) — boys 9-10, 50-breaststroke  
 Isabella Manzione (Fairfax) — girls 8-under, 25-breaststroke  
 Andrew Bernstein (Chesterbrook, McLean) — boys 8-under, 25-breaststroke  
 Reanna Dona (Waynewood, Alexandria) — girls 15-18, 50-back  
 Brandon Fiala (Sully Station, Centreville) — boys 15-18, 50-back  
 Maxine Clifford (Waynewood, Alexandria) — girls 13-14, 50-back  
 Luke Thorsell (Fox Mill Woods, Reston) — boys 13-14, 50-back  
 Amanda Peren (Highland Park, Alexandria) — girls 11-12, 50-back  
 Zander Abrams (Highland Park, Alexandria) — boys 11-12, 50-back  
 Sinead Eksteen (Shouse Village) — girls 9-10, 50-back  
 Zachary Risseeuw (Vienna Woods) — boys 9-10, 50-back  
 Leaya Ma (Mosby Woods, Fairfax) — girls 8-under, 25-back  
 Anthony Grimm (Fair Oaks, Fairfax) — boys 8-under, 25-back  
 Laura Schwartz (Camelot Comm Club) — girls 15-18, 50-free  
 Christopher Fiala (Sully Station, Centreville) — boys 15-18, 50-free  
 Laura Branton (Oakton) — girls 13-14, 50-free.

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**OBITUARY**  
Thomas (Tom) Patrick Hartnet  
Reston Activist

Tom Hartnett, 83, died July 26, 2011, at Reston Hospital, of respiratory failure caused by Guillian-Barre Syndrome. Mr Hartnett was born in Seattle, Washington, in 1927, served in the US Navy after high school, and graduated from the University of Washington with a BA degree in English. From his youth, Mr. Hartnett was a community activist, having collected signatures as a teenager during WWII to protest the internment of Japanese-American citizens.

He served as the Chairman of the IRS Commissioner's Art Advisory Panel, from 1968 until his retirement in 1983. Previously, he had worked in Ohio as a real estate appraiser during the building of the Federal highway system. Mr. Hartnett served in many volunteer leadership roles, including Master Member and President of the American Society of Appraisers; in the Hemlock and Memorial Societies; and in Mensa. He moved to Reston, Virginia, in 1968 and his great appreciation of this planned community was his incentive to serve in numerous community organizations, including as Board Member of the Reston Community Center; as Director and then President of the Reston Association; and as active member of Useful Services Exchange. Tom Hartnett was cited for his "dedicated service to the people of Reston".

Mr. Hartnett's life-long love of learning and teaching fully flowered in his retirement. He enthusiastically pursued these avocations through his early support of and participation in its classes, Learning in Retirement and its successor institution, Osher Life-Long Learning Institute, for whom he founded the ever-popular Readers' Theater.

He was an early member of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston and later a member of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax.

Tom Hartnett is survived by two nephews in Seattle, Washington, Dr. Donald Thomas Stewart and Mr. Scott Halladay Stewart; two great nieces; and seven great, great nieces and nephews; long-time companion Ms. Barbara Leigh Denton Berlage of Reston and her sons, Bradley Page Berlage of Chicago, Illinois, and Bruce Ladd Berlage of Columbia, Maryland; and former wife Ms. Janet S. Hartnett of Washington, DC; and many devoted friends and colleagues.

A Memorial Service for Tom Hartnett will be held at 10:00AM on Saturday, August 20, 2011, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, Virginia (703-281-4230). In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Hartnett's memory may be sent to Osher Life-Long Learning Institute: Scholarship Fund for Reston Seniors; or WETA.

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