

Reston CONNECTION

On Aug. 18, Reston residents Sylvia Quintanilla and her children Dennis and shy Ana Maria sit atop the Lake Anne Plaza pyramid to enjoy the view of one of the many children's programs sponsored by the Lake Anne Plaza Merchant's Association.

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The pond behind the Walker Nature Education Center is one of many educational items that can be explored at the center.



A corn snake waiting to be observed at the Walker Nature Education Center.

A Town Founded on Principles

More than 40 years later, Robert Simon's founding principles are still part of Reston.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

When Robert Simon founded Reston in 1964, he founded a community that was based on principles. Open space, housing diversity and the ability to live and work in the same place at any age were important to Simon 47 years ago, and they are today in the community that bears his initials.

Today, Reston has grown in size and scope but Simon's founding principles are still at the core of the community. Simon is fond of saying "there's nothing new in Reston," since he borrowed many designs from places he visited in Europe.

Lake Anne's signature architecture, considered to be a hallmark of Reston, came from the Italian coastal town of Portofino.

"So much of what we admire came from Europe and around the U.S.," he said. "But it's the collection of things that makes Reston what it is."

A COLLECTION of different housing types is what Simon says he imagined.

"You can live on large lots near Lawyers Road, a high rise in Reston Town Center, or a townhouse which can be found all over Reston," Simon said.

The Reston Association's motto is "Live, Work, Play" which correlates with Simon's principle that Reston's residents should live and work in the same community. Mahsa Layazali, who works at the Reston Community Center, says



PHOTO BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION

Adam Harmon has been taking his son Jonathan kayaking at Lake Anne since Jonathan was 18 months old, he's now 3 and loves to go out on the water with his father. (Picture taken on Aug. 23, 2010)

that's what she enjoys the most about Reston.

"My husband and I love living here, there are so many walking and biking paths, which make getting around easy," she said. "We both live and work in Reston, which is a great way of life."

The network of trails, parks and forests adhere to Simon's founding principle of offering a wide choice for the use of leisure time.

"Reston is all about stewardship of our natural areas, such as open spaces and fields," said Andy Sigle, an At Large director for the Reston

Annual Events in Reston:

- ❖ Multicultural Festival: Lake Anne hosts this annual celebration focusing on diversity within the community. Foods, arts and crafts, as well as other international activities are part of the festivities.
- ❖ Holiday Parade: On the day after Thanksgiving, Reston Town Center welcomes Santa and Mrs. Claus, as well as floats and performances from a variety of community groups and the lighting of the Christmas Tree.
- ❖ Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration: Community members gather for a march to the Reston Community Center, followed by a speech and awards

given to community members who represent King's legacy.

❖ Reston and Robert Simon Birthday Celebration: Every April, Robert Simon and the community he founded celebrate with music and entertainment at the Lake Anne Plaza.

❖ Best of Reston: Hosted by Reston Interfaith, this event recognizes outstanding service from individuals, organizations and businesses.

❖ Reston Festival: The annual festival takes place at Reston Town Center and features games, live entertainment, carnival rides and local businesses and organizations on display.

Association Board. "It's a priority to protect them here, but there are a lot of communities where that's not the case."

Nikky Bellezza, watershed supervisor for the Reston Association, says she enjoys the natural beauty of Reston.

"Walking along Lake Audubon at sunset, fishing in any of the lakes, walking on the Twin Branches trail or checking out the Sunrise Valley Wetlands are all great things to do," she said.

Simon says he envisioned a place where people could live for their entire lives, simply moving to a different type of housing unit as their needs changed.

"I always get a kick when someone tells me they grew up in Reston, and then introduce their child who also grew up in Reston," he said. "I always had the idea that people could grow up here, move to a house to raise their family, then find a smaller place when their kids flew the nest, all in the same place."

Sigle says he enjoys the multiple kinds of diversity available in Reston.

"I love the fact that Reston is a microcosm of the culturally and economically diverse world we live in," Sigle said.

WITH THE RESTON MASTER PLAN Special Study Task Force studying the impact of the Metro Silver Line and then the village centers, Simon says the key to maintaining smart growth in Reston is proper planning now.

"It's projected that around 500,000 more people will come to Fairfax County in the next 20 years, and it's clear to me a lot of those will be coming to Reston," he said. "I'm disappointed that the village centers turned into strip malls except for Lake Anne, but I hope the task force will get them back to their original intent."

In the 47 years since Reston was founded, the principles on which the town was founded on are still present in the everyday life of its residents. Milton Matthews, CEO of the Reston Association, says that if that is to continue, the community must continue to share Simon's vision.

"This community is a fulfillment of a dream, the community Mr. Simon dreamed of," said Matthews. "And we all know change is inevitable, but the dedication of Reston's residents is making sure the change is shaped and formed in the best way possible."

INSIDERS GUIDE

Bob Simon's Top 10 Places

Reston Founder on places he would show to the out-of-town guest.

Reston Founder Bob Simon, responding to the Reston Connection's question on his Top 10 places in Reston he would show to an out-of-town guest:

"If the visitor has time, the 10 features of Reston I would most like to show are the following [included – the first four on the list - features at Lake Anne]:

1. THE PYRAMID: Public art should be accessible. The cave underneath the pyramid is for little kids; the pyramid is for older kids and is widely used by much older folk.

2. THE FRONT YARDS OF THE TOWNHOUSES ATOP THE J BUILDING: Demonstration of mixed use.



Reston founder Robert Simon gives a tour of Lake Anne.

3. THE MUSEUM: Speaks for itself as introduction to Reston for visitors.

4. THE CONCRETE BOAT: Where possible, public art should stretch the imagination; fantasy — kids love it.

5,6. HICKORY CLUSTER AND WATERVIEW CLUSTER: On opening day we wanted to appeal to people with a variety of tastes; we offered single family lots, modern gothic of Lake Anne townhouses, warm home-like feeling of Waterview Cluster.

7. THE EMBRY RUCKER HOMELESS SHELTER: Surprising — but there are homeless in Reston and the Embry Rucker Shelter attracts over 100 volunteers to care for those who are taken in.

8. CENTER STAGE IN THE HUNTERS WOODS



PHOTO BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION

The Lake Anne Merchants Association sponsors a series of children's programs twice a week at Lake Anne Plaza. On Aug. 18, Turley the Magician delights the crowd with his magic and his word play.

COMMUNITY CENTER: This is a fully equipped 290 seater serving local musical and theatrical groups as well as professionals recruited from New York and elsewhere. Ticket prices are subsidized by the Reston Community Center.

acre Nature Center and as an educational center and meeting place.

10. THE FOUNTAIN SQUARE IN TOWN CENTER: A perfect example of a plaza, the natural offspring of Lake Anne Plaza that was inspired as a gathering place by plazas all over cities, except the USA, throughout the world.

9. THE NATURE HOUSE: It serves as the gateway to the 70-

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OPINION

Virginia is Shirking School Funding Responsibility

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



In a recent column I questioned how Virginia could have hundreds of millions of dollars in budget surplus when the Commonwealth has "a responsibility to fund 55 percent of public education and is paying just 41 percent." The Truth-O-Meter column of the Richmond Times Dispatch decided to check out my statement. It checked the report from the State Superintendent of Education that found in 2010 of the \$13.3 billion spent on public education, the federal government provided \$1.5 billion, or 11 percent; local governments \$6.5 billion, or 49 percent; and the state government \$5.3 billion, or 40 percent — a percentage less than I had alleged. A report by the Senate Finance Committee found that between 1996 and 2005 the state contributed 43 percent to total education costs.

My contention that state government is shirking its responsibility in funding just 40 to 43 percent of the cost of public education is based on my reading of the State Constitution, Article VIII, that requires "public schools of high quality to be maintained." It states that "the General Assembly shall provide a system of free public elementary and secondary schools for all children of school age throughout the Commonwealth, and shall seek to ensure that an educational program of high quality is established and continually maintained." Since the Gen-

eral Assembly is given the Constitutional requirement to provide public education, it should foot more than half the bill.

I spoke at length to the Truth-O-Meter reporter about the inadequacies of the Standards of Quality (SOQ) as a measure of education costs since the Standards are so out-of-date and are greatly exceeded by even the poorest school districts. The Standards are not sufficient to operate a school system, and the Standards have been known to be reduced when state funding is scarce.

The defenders of the current system of funding public education hide behind the Standards of Quality as a defense. The result is that more costs get shifted to local property taxpayers. Unfortunately, the reporter fell for the SOQ argument, rewrote my "responsibility" statement to be "requirement," and labeled my contention "false." The state does fund about 55 percent of SOQ costs. I wrote to his editor suggesting that the Truth-O-Meter needed to be recalibrated.

Even if there is disagreement over my contention that the state has a responsibility and not a technical requirement to fund 55 percent of the actual cost of public education, is there not a moral obligation to get to funding half the costs rather than saddling local governments with the difference between half and 40-43 percent of the cost? The truth I see in all this is that the state is shirking its responsibility in funding public education.

An Evening with Professor Wei

BY JACK KENNY
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN CLUB OF
GREATER RESTON



Next Tuesday evening Aug. 30, 2010 Professor Wei Jingsheng now of Columbia University will speak on "Human Rights and the Economic Consequences of the US/China Trade Deficit." Wei was one of the first dissidents to speak out for democracy in the People's Republic of China.

For his dissident efforts he spent over 18 years in Chinese Communist prisons. He was released as a goodwill gesture by the Chinese to encourage Clinton's 1998 visit to China.

Most important to Restonians is the way of life in a socialist state. How fear is the driving force in people's daily lives. As most of us know, the Communist government gained and has maintained power through the end of a bayonet. The new, wealthy class of China is composed of the military generals exploiting cheap labor to successfully compete with the industrial world. It is important that we understand the economic consequences of the US/China trade deficit. China is also the major holder of the U.S. debt. Much of the goods we buy today to

A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

meet our daily needs is made in China.

Professor Wei will explore the political, economic, and human rights implications of our relationship. The human rights abuses are ongoing in China with no regard for the fundamental rights and freedoms of each human being. These issues are fundamental to the American way of life and the keystone of our U.S. Constitution. There is the potential for economic blackmail that may impact on our future.

Wei was first imprisoned for his 1978 essay "The Fifth Modernization" in which he predicted that Chinese leader of the time Deng Xiaoping's efforts to modernize the country would fail without a major modernization of the government toward embracing democracy. One may recall the opening of China in the late 1970s that led to the industrialization that resulted in China becoming a major economic power.

The talk will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at the Fairway Room at Hidden Creek Country Club. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers. Seating is limited to first come-first served. This event is sponsored by the Forrest for 32nd State Senate District Campaign.

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Welcome to Fairfax County

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN, FAIRFAX COUNTY
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Hello and welcome to Fairfax County! Congratulations for finding the best place in the country to live, work and play. Fairfax County is home to a fantastic public school system, top tier businesses, and some of the best parks and open spaces in the DC Metro region.

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OPINION

Sustainable Reston

To the Editor:

What I would like to see sustained in Reston is the spirit of the initial Master Plan for Reston. The purpose of the Master Plan was to create opportunities for community, meaning a large number of people of different ages, races and lifestyles living harmoniously together. Some people prefer single-family homes on sizeable lots and others prefer the energy of urban density and many enjoy something along the spec-

trum between these two.

There is no sustaining the status quo. Reston will end up housing a serious proportion of the 500,000 new residents projected to come to Fairfax County in the coming generation. If we plan for this now, the spirit of our Master Plan will be preserved. If we put our heads in the sand, a combination of strong developers and pliant officials will invade areas that have been designated for low-rise communities or for being kept forever green. With good planning, density actually preserves open space. A high-rise structure's footprint is minimal compared to the

footprint of the same number of townhouse units, let alone single family houses.

Finally, I am dismayed by people who have chosen to live in Reston and have enjoyed the benefits of the Master Plan but who attack it and all those evil developers with self-assumed righteousness. Stooping to impugn the integrity of those with whom you disagree, it seems to me, demonstrates an inability to make a cogent argument on the merits.

Bob Simon
Reston Founder

SCHOOL NOTES

Christian A. Guaglianone of Oakton has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Virginia Military Institute of Lexington. The chemistry major is the son of Lisa M. Barbieri.

John P. Borsi of Herndon has won a National Merit Case Western Reserve University Scholarship. The Thomas Jefferson High School student's probable career field will be in engineering.

Sulan Zheng of Herndon has won a National Merit Franklin W. Olin College of Engineering Scholarship. The Thomas Jefferson High School student's probable career field will be in engineering.

Herndon residents **Andrew Schifferli** and **Joseph Lorusso** have been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Villanova University, Villanova, Pa.

Valerie Pratt of Oak Hill has graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal. She is the daughter of Jennifer and Douglas Pratt.

Oakton residents **Catherine Cook** and **Christina Cook** have been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design of Savannah, Ga. Both are seeking a bachelor of fine arts in visual effects.

Sharon Nagel of Oak Hill has received a masters of communication degree from Spring Arbor University of Spring Arbor, Mich.

Army Pfc. **Thomas H. Ott** has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla. During the nine weeks of training, he studied the Army mission and received instruction in drill and ceremonies, Army history and traditions, military courtesy and justice, physical fitness, first aid, weapons use, map reading and navigation, armed and unarmed combat and more. He is the son of Carolyn and James Ott of Ivywood Road, Reston.

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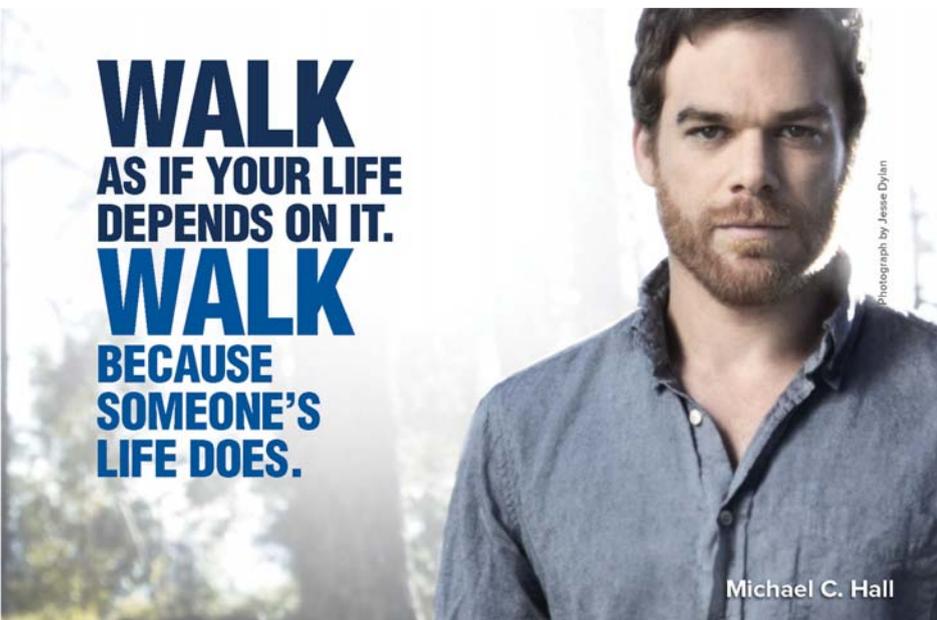
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INSIDERS GUIDE

Places To Go, Things to Do

Some tips for newcomers from Reston Association.

EVENTS

- ❖ The Farmers' Market at Lake Anne is a bonanza of good things for the entire family. It is both a farmers' and a craft market. Each Saturday from May through the end of October.
- ❖ Reston Multicultural Festival (Sept. 24, 2011 at Lake Anne)
- ❖ Newcomers' Nights (Oct. 20, 2011 and another in the spring 2012)
- ❖ Dozens of family-friendly events available throughout the year at the Walker Nature
- ❖ Reston Festival (July 14-15, 2012)
- ❖ Holiday Parade (Reston Town Center (Nov 25, 2011)
- ❖ Rent a boat at Lake Anne in the summer.

INSIDER TIP

❖ The biggest "insider tip" is to take advantage of the trail system. You'll get anywhere you need to be, while getting some exercise as well. Reston Association maintains 55 miles of paved trails. They are designed to connect you to any amenity in the community. You can also avoid crossing major highways by using the underpasses along the trails. For parents, you will find small play-

grounds tucked alongside the trails. For nature lovers, you can see all the forms of wildlife and enjoy a cool, shaded walk.
❖ Reston Association's magazine, Reston, is a great source for all events and amenities.

FUN FOR CHILDREN

- ❖ Tae Kwan Do lessons at South Lakes Village Center.
- ❖ Any event at the Walker Nature Education Center.

ADVICE FOR NEWCOMERS

- ❖ Join RA's advisory committees.
- ❖ Volunteer for specific events,
- ❖ Attend cluster association events and meetings.
- ❖ Contact the Reston Association for volunteer opportunities. Ha Brock, 703 435-7986, or via e-mail at habrock@reston.org.

UPCOMING EVENT

Newcomers' Night, Thursday, Oct 20, 7-9 p.m. Location: Reston Association, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive.

Come learn about Reston Association and its services, amenities and programs. Meet RA Board members and staff and find out how you can get involved in Reston. RSVP to Ashleigh@reston.org or call 703-435-6577. If you can't make it to this one, contact Ashleigh and she can put you on the list for the next Newcomers' Night in the spring of 2012.



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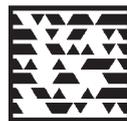
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Jacqueline St. Joan, author of 'My Sisters Made of Light,' on a panel with Nuchhi Currier, President of the Woman's National Democratic Club, speaking at a recent salon called "Today's Pakistani Woman: From Barred Doors to the Height of Power."

Thoughtful Entertainment

The Chez Nous Reston Salon was founded in May 2008 by Reston resident Najwa Saad to gather people together for an evening of good food and "thoughtful entertainment." The salon meets one Sunday per month and typically 30-40 attendees enjoy a delicious buffet dinner, the speaker's talk and open conversation from 5-8 p.m. Past speakers have included the Chief Scientist of the Hubble, museum directors and conservators, an anatomical illustrator, a

logician, coral and tree experts, a famous National Geographic photographer, a mathematician, artists, cultural diplomacy specialists and even a world renowned classical swordsman. Future topics include: The Nature of Courage, Public Art in Federal Buildings and the Mathematics of Beauty. Over the years, the salon has evolved into a Reston community institution and is often attended by Reston Founder Robert E. Simon. For more information, email ChezNousReston@gmail.com.

Tips for Newcomers

My recommendation for people who have just moved to Reston include the following:

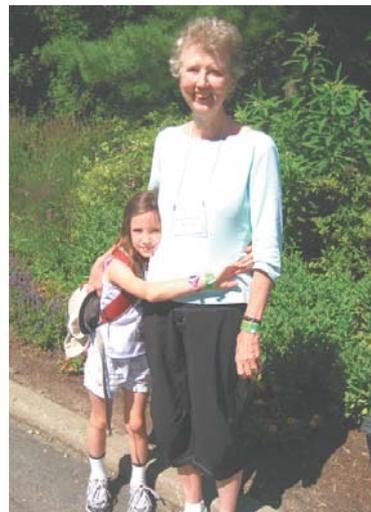
1. Make a point of meeting some of the people in your neighborhood and/or multiple living facility.
2. Do a lot of walking around the area in which you live and find some of the pathways that are near you and various facilities.
3. Explore Lake Anne Plaza and take the time to visit the Reston Museum and help yourself to some of the free brochures that are distributed there.
4. Explore the core of the Reston Town Center and stop at the Greater Reston Art Center and see the current exhibit and find out what is happening next. If you have small children give them the opportunity to create their own art with the supplies in the special buckets.
5. Visit the Walker Nature Center and the beautiful building with its exhibits and find out about their pathways and special programs.

6. If you moved into a community which is part of the Reston Association go to their headquarters and pick up their information.

7. Check out the Reston Community Centers; one in Lake Anne and one in Hunters Woods with many more programs to explore.

8. Don't forget the lakes in Reston; Lake Anne is an easy one to do the loop around it and there are rental boats to

INSIDERS PERSPECTIVE



Mary Ellen Craig with her youngest granddaughter, Amabel Zucker, 8, who lives in Morgantown, W.Va.

be used by starting at Lake Anne Plaza. 9. Multiple religious communities will be found in Reston

And this list goes on and on. You will love it here; no matter what are your interests. It really is true that you live, work and play here. Thanks for giving me a chance to respond to this question.

— MARY ELLEN CRAIG

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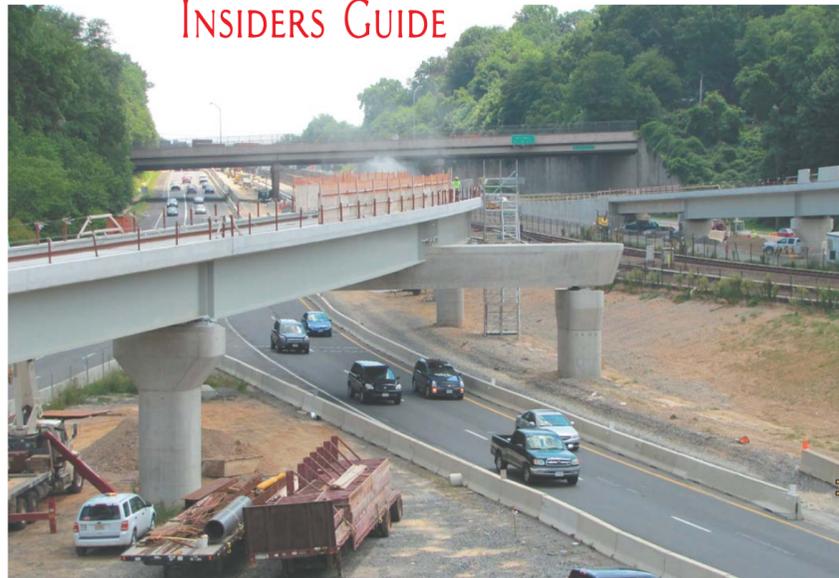
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The tie in to the Metro's existing Orange Line is currently underway. Service interruptions between East and West Falls Church Stations have been occurring over the past few months. The next outage is scheduled for Labor Day weekend.



Track work has started on the Guideway from the Dulles Connector Road and along Route 123 in Tysons Corner near the future Tysons East Station.



One of the two blue and yellow trusses has now made its way to the median of Route 7 in Tysons Corner where it is currently building the guideway between the future Tysons Central 7 and Tysons West stations.

Metro Is Coming at Full Speed

Work on phase one approaches 47 percent completion mark.

By MARCIA McALLISTER
COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER/
DULLES CORRIDOR METRO RAIL
PROJECT

Construction is moving at a fast pace all along the 11.5-mile first phase of Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project, approaching the 47 percent completion mark.

Not only are cranes and heavy equipment changing the landscape along the Route 267 corridor from East Falls Church through Tysons Corner to the eastern edge of Reston, construction is creating jobs and having a positive economic impact on this region. Construction of all five stations is well under way and utility relocations are 99 percent complete.

The new line will tie into Metro's existing Orange Line where the merger of Dulles Connector Road and I-66 and will provide a one-seat ride, no transfers needed, for those DC-bound passengers boarding the new line in Reston and Tysons Corner when it is completed in 2013.

That tie is one of the most significant challenges for rail con-

structors because work is taking place close to the operating Orange Line tracks. This work will continue to require weekend closings of rail service between the East and West Falls Church Metrorail stations for months to come. The next outage is planned for Labor Day weekend. Additional closings will continue, scheduled in coordination with Metro.

All along the Dulles Connector Road, track bed work continues westward at ground level. The rail line goes aerial near the overpass at Magarity Road to make a left turn across Route 123 on the north-west side of that busy road. Most of the construction of the aerial guideway into the first station in Tysons Corner, Tysons East at Route 123 and Scotts Crossing is complete.

BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION in this area of Route 123 and across the Capital Beltway has provided a commanding skyline as three huge, 370-ton horizontal cranes — two bright yellow and blue ones and one white — have been used to build the aerial guideway along Route 123, the West Park Bridge

and I-495. Ground-based cranes also will continue to be used as the guideways are completed and tracks are installed when the final bridge span across I-495 is in place.

Mining of the inbound and outbound tunnel that will carry trains from the Tysons Central 123 Station to the Tysons Central 7 Station is complete, finishing work continues.

Meanwhile, one of the yellow and blue cranes has been moved to the median of Route 7 between Route 123 and Gosnell Road where it and ground-based cranes are building bridges in the median of Route 7 where the road itself has been moved and shifted as much as 60 feet. The crossing of Route 7 at Gosnell/Westpark is almost complete and bridge construction continues west where the bridges over the Route 7/Dulles Toll Road intersection are being built to carry tracks to the median of the Dulles Toll/Airport Access Highways westward to Reston. From Tysons to Reston, track work continues across Difficult Run and the W&OD Trail to the Wiehle Avenue Station in the median just west of Wiehle Avenue.

Looking Ahead

Here's what to expect in the coming months:

- ◆ Tunnels from Route 123 to Route 7 will complete by end of year and track laying will then begin.
- ◆ Additional track installation all along the alignment.
- ◆ Aerial Truss construction will finish bridge spans near Capital One on Route 123 by early September, and move build spans toward I-495. When that work is done this fall, it will be moved to median of the Dulles International Airport Access Highway where it will be used to construct the flyover to/from Route 7.
- ◆ Bridge construction in the median of Route 7 at Spring Hill Road starts.
- ◆ Beltway crossing will be complete by end of year.
- ◆ The final at-grade bridge at Difficult Run will be completed in late August.
- ◆ Additional full and single-tracking outages will be required on the Orange Line
- ◆ Station work will include installations of elevator and escalator shafts and auxiliary power facilities.
- *Systems work will ramp up, requiring hiring additional electricians on the job.

Quick Facts about Dulles Metrorail

- ◆ The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project is being built by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.
 - ◆ When it is completed, it will be turned over to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to operate as part of the existing Metro system.
 - ◆ A 23-mile branch of Metro's existing Orange Line
 - ◆ Extends service from East Falls Church to eastern Loudoun County
 - ◆ Four stops in Tysons Corner
 - ◆ Being built in two phases
 - ◆ Phase 1 is 11.7 miles and is under construction from I-66/the Dulles Connector Road to Wiehle Avenue on the eastern edge of Reston.
 - ◆ Dulles Transit Partners is the design-build contractor for Phase 1.
 - ◆ Preliminary engineering nearing completion for Phase 2 from Wiehle Avenue west to Ashburn. The phase 2 contractor has not been selected.
- For information, visit www.dullesmetro.com

What is Dulles Metrorail

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWA) is constructing a 23-mile extension of the existing Metrorail system, which will be operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority from East Falls Church to Washington Dulles International Airport west to Ashburn.

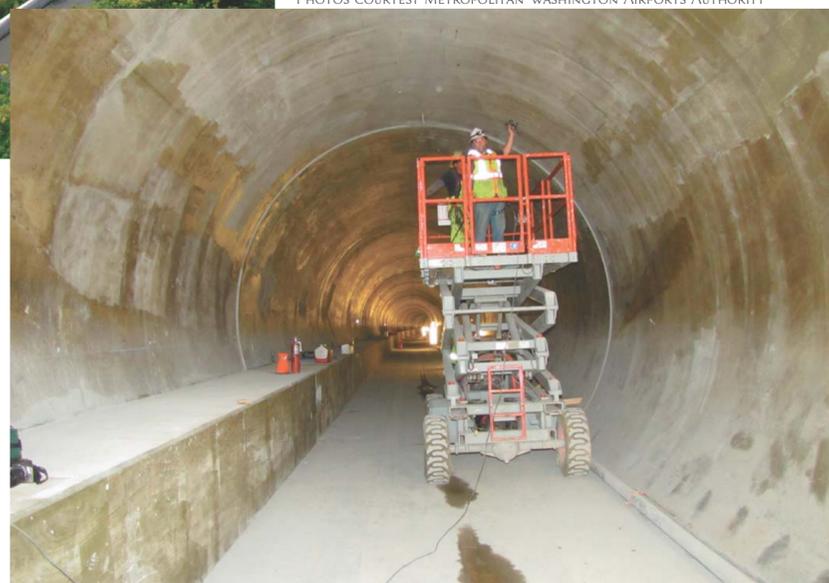
The extension will serve Tysons Corner, Virginia's largest employment center, and the Reston Herndon area, the state's second largest employment concentration. And, it will provide a one-seat ride from Dulles International Airport to downtown Washington.

Phase 1 and 2

The project will include 11 new stations. It will be built in two phases. Phase 1 will run from East Falls Church to Wiehle Avenue on the eastern edge of Reston. It will include four stations in Tysons Corner: Tysons East, Tysons Central 123, Tysons Central 7 and Tysons West. Construction began in March of 2009 and it will be completed in 2013.

Phase 2 will run from Wiehle Avenue to Ashburn in eastern Loudoun County. A construction date has not been set for the extension that will serve Reston Town Center, Herndon, Dulles Airport, Route 606 and Ashburn

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Interior work on the inbound and outbound tunnels that run underneath the intersection of Route 123 and Route 7 in Tysons Corner continue.

Places, Events To See

By JOHN
LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT
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1. Reston Farmers Market at Lake Anne Village Center, every Saturday morning from 8 a.m. 'til Noon, beginning mid-May, ending Nov. 1. Northern Virginia's number one farmers market!
2. Northern Virginia Arts Festival at Reston Town Center. Endless and breathtaking juried exhibitors from all over America fill Town Center for one splendid weekend during June each year.

3. Taste of the "Town" — also at Reston Town Center, typically one weekend in June. Restaurants from all over Reston and surrounding areas offer reasonably priced trials of their signature dishes.

4. Reston Holiday Parade. Held every year the Friday morning after Thanksgiving through the streets of Town Center. A modest version of Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, it grows each year and involves everything from giant balloons to marching bands and Santa in his horse-drawn carriage.

5. The Polar Dip. Come and see the truly brave take a dip in Lake Anne at Lake Anne Village center dressed in everything from skimpy swimsuits to full chef's regalia. Over 100 dippers participate once the police scuba team has cleared the ice in an area for the dip. All proceeds go to Camp Sunshine!

Five Ways to Get Involved

1. Volunteer in one of the many charitable activities sponsored by Northern Virginia's best-run non-profit, Reston Interfaith.
2. Participate in the Reston Citizens Association working to protect Reston's founding prin-

ciples and to implement them for a better community. RCA has several committees working to build a better community. For example: Reston 2020 which strives to help plan future development in Reston, see www.reston2020.blogspot.com or, the Reston Accessibility Committee working to improve access to public places and homes for persons with physical impairments or join RCA's various advocacy actions to promote community interests before county and state government bodies.

3. The Fairfax Coalition for Smarter Growth, headquartered in Reston. This relatively new organization includes the Sustainable Reston Committee which promotes positive, local environmental improvement actions; and its Local Food Committee which promotes producing and consuming foods grown locally — e.g., in local gardens or shopping at local farmers markets.

4. The Reston Association, the community homeowners/residents' association actively works with homeowners and through its volunteer committees, including: Environmental, Parks & Planning, Pedestrian & Bicycling, Seniors, Tennis, and Transportation Advisory Committees. Better yet, apply to be part of the Association's Design Review Board, which keeps up community appearances, or run for the Board of Directors!

5. The Reston Community Center also offers a wide range of community volunteer opportunities, as well as the chance to run for their Board of Governors. RCC also sponsors the annual Reston Multicultural Festival held at Lake Anne and offers many volunteer opportunities for that event.

Something for Everyone

Having lived in Reston since 1969 — the first thing I would encourage newcomers to do would be to avail themselves of the network of over 60 miles of pathways that generously intersect an unimaginable tangle of beautiful woods, meadows and water. It is deceiving from the road how

extensive it can be. You have to walk it yourself. Also, the sheer magnitude of events, theatre, music and volunteer opportunities is astounding. The cultural diversity has something for everyone... of every age bracket!

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WEDNESDAY/AUG. 24

Opera's Greatest Hits From Wolf Trap Opera's Alumni Stars. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Stephen Lord, conductor. Performers include Stephanie Blythe, Matt Boehler, Lawrence Brownlee, Tracy Dahl, Mary Dunleavy, Richard Paul Fink, Oren Gradus, Denyce Graves, Alan Held, Robert Orth, Eric Owens, Emily Pulley, Carl Tanner, and James Valenti. Tickets \$20-55. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/AUG. 25

The Temptations and The Four Tops. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. R&B hits. \$38 in-house, \$22 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 26

John Prine with Richard Thompson. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Bluegrass, country, and folk. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/AUG. 27

Scythian. 7:30 p.m. Reston Town Center Pavilion, 11900 Market St., Reston. Celtic and world music. 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.

Mary Chapin Carpenter with Loudon Wainwright III. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Contemporary folk and country. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/AUG. 28

Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers with Punch Brothers. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Spanning rock, bluegrass, country, and jazz. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

MONDAY/AUG. 29

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

242-4020.

TUESDAY/AUG. 30

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.

ESL Pronunciation Group. 12 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Pronunciation practice in group setting. Adults. 703-689-2700.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 31

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.

Busia Bear's Sensational Summer Films: Lights! Camera! 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. An hour of Family Fun Films. All ages. 703-689-2700.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

Paint Herndon 2011. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Family fun activities, farm tractor display, art exhibits and a painting competition. Produced in partnership with Frying Pan Park's 50th Anniversary. Free admission. 703-956-6590 or www.artspaceherndon.org.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 4

Woodenhead. 8 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. The New Orleans electric instrument band with Jimmy Robertson live in concert: \$15 at the door, \$10 in advance. www.artspaceherndon.org or 703-956-6590.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 7

Stranger than Fiction: The Secret Lives of Freshwater Mussels. 7 p.m. USGS, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Over 200 species of freshwater mussels live in North American rivers, streams, and lakes. To metamorphose from larvae to adult, they must pass through a parasitic phase on the gills of freshwater fish. Bill Lellis and Heather Galbraith will explore their reproductive biology and ecological role. Free. Federal facility, photo Id required. 703-648-4748 or www.usgs.gov/public_lecture_series.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 8

Before Reston: The Town of Wiehle. 7 p.m. Reston Community Center, Lake Anne, 1609A Washington Plaza, Reston. Historical researcher Audrey Haugan with an

overview of development by Dr. Max Wiehle on land that is now Reston. www.restonmuseum.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

Artist Reception and Gallery Talk. 7:30 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon Post Gallery, 750 Center St., Herndon. Lori Simmerman Goll's exhibit "Peace & Quiet." 703-956-6590 or www.artspaceherndon.org.

Community Yard Sale. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Reston Association, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Rain date Sunday, Sept. 11. www.reston.org.

Lake Fairfax Park Walk. 1:30 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza at Lake Anne, Reston. Meet at Reston Museum to carpool to the Uplands Tennis Courts on Ring Road for a 2-mile walk over the new footbridge connecting Buttermilk Trail to Lake Fairfax Park, part of the stream restoration project being undertaken with Wetland Studies and Solutions on 29 miles of Reston streams. 703-709-2700 or restonmuseum@gmail.com.

Championship Boxing. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Jimmy Lange to fight Raul Muñoz for WBU title. Tickets \$35-\$500, available at www.ticketmaster.com and 703-573-SEAT.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 13

Craig Werth. 7:15 p.m. Reston Herndon Folk Club, The Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden St., Herndon. Voice, guitars, bouzouki, ukulele, banjo and more. \$10-\$11. 703-435-2402 or www.restonherndonfolkclub.com.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

Hispanic Heritage Month Family Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Latin-Americans' contributions to aviation and space exploration, bilingual story times, tours, book signings and hands-on activities. 202-633-1000 or <http://airandspace.si.edu/HazyFamilyDays/>.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

Sally Ride Science Festival. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. For girls in grades 5-8. Discovery workshops by local scientists and engineers, talks by a featured speaker, workshops on ways to support students' interests in science and math and a Street Fair with booths, hands-on activities, food, and music. Admission \$20, registration required. hdelacruz@sallyride-science.com.

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New Location For Lake Fairfax Skate Park

Park moved after neighboring residents express concerns.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Park Authority has decided to move the location of the proposed skate park at Lake Fairfax, after nearby residents voiced concerns about their proximity to the original site.

Residents were concerned after a June 15 public input meeting at Buzz Aldrin Elementary School showed the park's proposed location across the street from the new administration building. Since most of the park is designated as a resource management area, there are only certain parts that can be built upon.

"However, after discussing the location in the core area with Supervisor [Cathy] Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), and conducting an internal review of other locations within the park, staff has chosen an alternative site within the park to locate the skate park," said Bill

Bouie, chairman of the Park Authority, in a letter to the homeowners. "The new location chosen for the skate park is the developed area of the park adjacent to the athletic fields and the camping area. This location will also allow for use of previously developed park infrastructure while locating the skate park away from existing housing."

Residents of Lake Fairfax Estates, which borders the east side of the park, were concerned because there is only a single tree line separating their properties from the park.

"Every other neighborhood that surrounds Lake Fairfax has a significant buffer of trees, but we just have a thin strip," said Jim Cutts, of the Lake Fairfax Estates homeowners association.

Bruce Byers, whose property directly abuts Lake Fairfax, says he was concerned that the noise from the skate park would easily be heard from his house.

"There's about 200 to 300 feet between our property and The Water Mine, which is fine, we can't really hear it except for the occasional loudspeaker announcement," he said. "We just felt that in 18,000 to 20,000 square feet of park, another spot could be found."

Members of Lake Fairfax Estates contacted Hudgins and spoke to Park Authority Director John Dargle, Jr. during a listening forum. Cutts said he was "thrilled with the way they responded to our concerns."

According to Park Authority staff, the change in location will not affect the timetable for the project, which will be heard by the board only after the concept plan is completed.

Public input is still being sought on the plan, which the Park Authority hopes to approve in September or October, with a design finalized by November and construction to begin in 2012. Funding for the project comes from a 2004 and 2008 Park Bond Referendum.

"The Lake Fairfax Skate Park is a great interest and supported by



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The proposed Lake Fairfax Skate Park has been moved to this location, southwest of the lake, near the campgrounds.

the community in the Reston area," Bouie said. "The need for skate parks, especially in the Reston area and this part of the county, has been promoted by the community for years."

More information can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/skateparkdevelopment.htm, and public comments can be sent to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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A Reston Story

Visit Reston Museum at Lake Anne.

BY CAROL NAHORNIK
VOLUNTEER/RESTON MUSEUM

Whether you're a newcomer or a long-time resident, Reston Museum at Lake Anne is definitely a place to go and get the whole story about Reston.

Development of communities is taken for granted these days — it's a bit of an eye-opener when one realizes that it's Reston founder Robert E. Simon Jr.'s fine example that has influenced communities across the nation, and across the world. Numerous visitors — urban planners, architects, students, and more — have visited Reston Museum over the years and made inquiries to learn how and why this successful community works, as they venture to create the same success for their own communities.

I would suggest becoming a member of Reston Historic Trust, which owns and operates Reston Museum. Membership is low in cost, but it is the source of revenue that keeps Reston Museum going.

RCA Reston 2020

RCA Reston 2020 is an all-volunteer, transparent, watchdog organization overseeing development and other issues that affect the quality of life issues in Reston.

Currently, Reston 2020 is involved in the following activities:

- ◆ Reston Master Plan, Phase 1: research and advocacy focusing on density balance of residential/commercial; transportation gridlock; lack of implementation entity; protection



Thanks to the support of Reston Museum, the iconic statue of Reston founder Robert E. Simon, Jr. welcomes visitors to Lake Anne Plaza. Named "Untold Stories", the bronze figure was commissioned for presentation on Simon's 90th birthday and Reston's 40th anniversary in 2004.



Reston Museum's permanent exhibit, 'From New Town to Our Town,' explains the beginnings and development of this award-winning community.

Free programs, walks, and other events are presented every month.

The biggest annual event is the Reston Home Tour — this year on Saturday, Oct. 15. The tour is a really fine way to experience Reston's unique neighborhoods, and get inspired by décor and architecture. With a tour ticket, available in September, attendees can visit six private homes from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., plus the historic DeLong Bowman House, where Bob Simon lived when Reston's development began.

Reston Museum's permanent exhibit, "From New Town to Our Town," explains the beginnings and development of this award-winning community, founded by Robert E. Simon, Jr. Enjoy a live history tour of the exhibit, presented by docents every Saturday at noon. Museum guide books are available.

Reston Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday, 12 noon – 5 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. 703-709-7700. www.RestonMuseum.org

of natural resources in the Toll Road Corridor and Town Center areas.

- ◆ Fairway redevelopment: opposition to current plan re: traffic, affordable housing and environmental concerns

- ◆ Metro Silver Line Phase 2: wholly inadequate business plan that relies on toll road fees to finance 75 percent of total project; only line of Metro to be majority funded by small local entity vs. county/region wide contribution

Future activities will include:

- ◆ Reston Master Plan, Phase 2: which will focus on development plans for all

Reston areas not reviewed in Phase 1; includes village centers and residential areas. This phase will probably begin in early 2012.

RCA Reston 2020 is an organization where all views are welcomed and respected. This grass roots organization encourages all residents interested in protecting Reston's seven founding principles to join and learn about your community.

For information, contact: Tammi Petrine, Co-Chair, Reston 2020 at para1010@verizon.net.



PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Lake Anne Plaza, modeled after the Italian village of Portofino, contains some of Reston's signature architecture.

Reston's Hidden Treasures

Eleven features to keep an eye out for.

Portofino. Make it a day with fishing and lakeside picnicking at the boat ramp, and don't forget to visit with Reston founder Robert E. Simon's life-like bronze sculpture, permanently situated on a park bench overlooking the lake.

- *Play on the clay tennis courts, then meet friends in the pavilion at North Hills. Reston has the only public (for RA members) clay courts on the east coast.

- ◆ In early 2008, a massive repair and restoration of all of Reston's 26 miles of streams commenced. This landmark project is uniquely funded, with more than \$65 million worth of work being conducted at no expense to residents. See the progress being made by walking down the pathway across from Hunters Woods Village Center.

- ◆ Reflect and relax at "Freedom Grove," the inspirational memorial site, with an original bronze relief sculpture, at Brown's Chapel Park with hundreds of trees, plants, shrubs and flowers. The site was created shortly after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 to honor those who perished.

- ◆ Follow the pathway off Twin Branches Road to the old beaver site, where you'll find an observation deck and sign explaining the beaver habitat.

- ◆ Let your eyes feast on a bevy of spring wildflowers along Buttermilk Creek Trail. See Blood Root, Rue Anemone, Bluets, Mayapple and a variety of violets.
- ◆ Look for butterflies and wildflowers in the Purple Beech and Polo Club Meadows.
- ◆ Park and stroll to see wood ducks at Glade Stream Valley Park.
- ◆ View the wetlands at North Hills Park and Sunrise Valley Park. This park is privately owned, but open to the public.
- ◆ Check out the Exertrail at Brown's Chapel Park, a mile loop that meanders by Lake Newport. The trail is frequented by Fairfax County firefighters and police officers.
- ◆ Reston's first volleyball court off North Shore Drive, near the Lake Anne Canal, has an active volleyball game each Sunday morning.
- ◆ Experience the charm of historic Lake Anne Plaza, designed after the Italian coastal village,



The Sunrise Valley Wetlands are home to a variety of animals.



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION



The South Lakes High football team is preparing for the upcoming new fall season under new head coach Marvin Wooten. The Seahawks, who went 8-4 last year, open up the schedule with a home game versus Westfield on Friday night, Sept. 2 at 7:30.

The Herndon High football team is preparing for the upcoming new fall season under head coach Joe Sheaffer. The Hornets meet visiting Langley in both teams' season opener on Thursday night, Sept. 1 at 7:30.

The McLean MPS 94 Hotspur Green U17 boys' soccer team is looking for quality players. The team is coached by Ed Beach (B licensed), who has come to McLean to also coach the U17/18 U.S. Soccer Development Academy Program team in McLean. Beach's former Great Falls '91 Elite team won the last three consecutive Virginia State Cup titles. Interested players should contact Tom Hixon at 703-759-3805 or at tom.hixon@cox.net.

Great Falls boxer Jimmy Lange is scheduled to face "El Toro" Muñoz of Topeka, Kan. for the World Boxing Union's (WBU) vacant 154-pound championship on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Patriot Center in Fairfax. The scheduled 10-round fight is set to begin at 7 p.m. Prior to the main event bout, there will be seven undercard fights featuring several local boxers.

Lange (36-4-2 record, 24 knockouts) has won his last five fights, including a unanimous win over Mike McFail this past June in Virginia Beach. The former star from season one of The Contender television show has headlined all 12 Patriot Center pro boxing shows dating back to September of 2005.

Lange's upcoming opponent, Muñoz (22-14-1, 16 knockouts), a native of Mexico, lost his last fight to undefeated top prospect Mike Jones in Philadelphia on June 25. Munoz turned pro at age 18 and has faced world-class competitors such as Julio Cesar Chavez Jr., Hector Camacho, Austin Trout,

Joel Casamayor, Yory Boy Campas and Alfonso Gomez.

The Mad 5K Run and One Mile Walk are scheduled to take place on Saturday, Sept. 24 at James Madison High School in Vienna. The event, scheduled to begin at 8 a.m., will benefit the Madison High cross country program. Awards will be presented to the top three male and female finishers, as well as age group award winners. T-shirts and refreshments will be available for all. Entry fee is \$15 for students, \$20 for adults. Register at: <http://www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS/> or contact Madison cross country coach Craig Chasse at craig.chasse@fcps.edu.

David Curtin, a golfer from Springfield, earned a silver medal at the recent Special Olympic World Games held July in Athens, Greece.

Curtin, at the World Games, represented Special Olympics Virginia for Team USA. He took silver in the men's 18-hole tournament with a cumulative 409 for his four rounds.

Curtin has participated in Fairfax County Special Olympics since he was a child, competing in golf, swimming, track and field, basketball, and softball. Last July, he won a gold medal competing in Level 5 Individual Play at the Special Olympics National Games in Lincoln, Neb. He recently played in the Azalea LPGA Pro-Am Invitational, teaming with LPGA golfer Stephanie Loudon.

Brandon Kuter, a Robinson Secondary graduate and current baseball relief pitcher for George Mason University (GMU), was named Relief Pitcher of the

Year of the Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League (ACBL) this summer.

The ACBL is one of eight summer leagues sanctioned by the NCAA and is partially supported by Major League Baseball. Kuter's team, the Westhampton Aviators (N.Y.), is a part of the ACBL's Hampton Division.

Kuter, a hard-throwing 6-foot-7-inch right-hander and rising junior at GMU, was selected as the Hampton Division's Outstanding Reliever after posting 10 saves in 21 appearances. He allowed one run and struck out 36 batters in 22.1 innings for a 0.40 ERA. He recorded a save in the ACBL All-Star Game and was a key member of an Aviators' team, which captured the Hampton Division title. In the postseason division championship game, the Aviators defeated the North Fork Ospreys. Kuter was one of three Aviator pitchers who combined for the title game shutout.

The Third Annual Charity Hockey Classic, hosted by Inova Blood Donor Services, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 10 at Kettler Capitals Iceplex. The two contesting teams will be the Virginia Coaching Cardinals and the Booz Allen Minutemen.

The Minutemen will look to dethrone the Cardinals, last year's Charity Hockey Classic champions. Washington Capitals defenseman Jeff Schultz will be the special guest captain for the Minutemen.

The Cardinals, made up of youth hockey coaches from across Northern Virginia, handily defeated the NCR Eagles military team, 7-3, in last year's contest. The Cardinals roster includes coaches from local youth hockey programs, including

the Ashburn Xtreme, Reston Raiders, Virginia Wild, NoVA Ice Dogs, Prince William Panthers, and Washington Little Caps. The Cardinals will be captained by Washington Capitals center and special guest Matt Hendricks.

Kettler Capitals Iceplex, home of the Washington Capitals, will host the event from 4 to 7. Other attractions and game entertainment will include a silent auction, appearances by local celebrities, and a 'Mites on Ice' youth hockey exhibition. Tickets are \$10. For more information, contact Adam Bartholomew at Adam.Bartholomew@inova.org or visit www.charityhockeyclassic.com.

The Southwestern Youth Association (SYA) will be holding its annual Executive Board of Directors Election Meeting on Thursday, Sept. 8. The meeting will be held at the SYA Office, located at 5950 Centreville Crest Lane, Centreville, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The SYA Executive Board of Directors positions are for a one-year term and include the following positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominations are currently being accepted and may be submitted to the SYA Office at syaboard@verizon.net. Applicants must be in good standing with SYA and at least 21 years of age. The meeting is open to the community. For more information, contact the SYA Office at 703-815-3362 or go to syaboard@verizon.net.

The Virginia Diamonds AAU Girls Basketball Team for rising seventh graders will hold tryouts on Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28 from 3 to 4:30 at the Northern

Virginia Sportsplex, located at 14810 Murdock St., in Chantilly. The tryouts will be held on court No. 2. Cost is \$10. For more information, call 703-463-6452 or go to vadiamonds@gmail.com.

Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) has joined the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) effective for the upcoming 2011-12 academic year. With membership in the NJCAA, NOVA joins more than 500 two-year colleges with the opportunity to compete for national championships. In addition, the NJCAA awards prestigious academic and athletic All-American distinction to deserving student-athletes.

"We are thrilled to be joining the NJCAA," said NOVA President Robert G. Templin Jr. "Club sports teams have been a long tradition at NOVA and the College has fielded numerous athletic teams since it was established in 1965. By joining NJCAA, our athletes will have greater opportunities for winning championships and academic awards."

NOVA will also be adding additional support for intramural sports programming. The college's current roster of teams that will transition to the NJCAA include women's volleyball, men's soccer, women's basketball, men's basketball and men's lacrosse. An additional women's sport is slated to be added in the 2012-13 academic year. NOVA's ice hockey program will retain membership in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA).

For more information about NOVA's athletics programs, contact Brian Anweiler at 703-845-6206 or go to banweiler@nvcc.edu.

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What is your favorite thing about living in Reston?

— ALEX McVEIGH

**Andy Sigle,
Reston Association
At large director**

"The accessibility and walkability, where you can take pathways and trails across roads without having to drive. I love being able to take my kids on the path to go to Dairy Queen and not having to walk on a road or traverse a major thoroughfare. I think that's so important for families."



**Sharon Gurtz,
Reston Association**

"I love the Walker Nature Education Center. There are displays that change with the seasons, live animals, a kids discovery area, a nature pond and so much more. There's even a board up where staff take notice of animals and other things they've noticed going on around the center."



**Sridhar Ganesan,
Reston Citizens Association**

"I like Reston because it continues to have a unique and a wholesome charm to it. It is a self-sustaining community in many ways even with the growth and changes that have come over the five decades of its existence. When I came here first 14 years ago, what struck me was the abundance of nature and the planning that had gone into weaving in homes, offices and leisure facilities into Reston such that it was possible for a resident to lead a quality life."



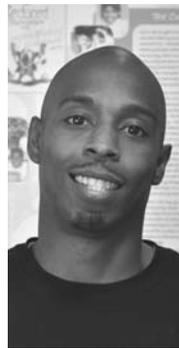
**Terry Maynard,
Reston Community Center**

"I like the rural recreation setting of Reston. I live near Lake Anne, so I can walk through the woods to the lake, or to Reston Town Center. It feels like an outdoorsy place where you can enjoy nature, but also take advantage of amenities and other recreation opportunities."



**Kenny Burrowes,
Reston Community Center**

"I love how Reston is a tight knit community. I grew up here, and it was always the kind of place where your friend's mom would look out for you, or when you go into a store you're not another customer, they know your name."



**Julie Lehman,
Reston Used Book Store**

"There are so many walking and biking trails. I don't like to drive, so it's great Reston is so pedestrian friendly. Lake Fairfax is my favorite, you can walk on a certain side of the lake, and you feel like there's nothing but woods for miles, there's not another person around."



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Oh My, How They Played the Hoops Game

**Grant Hill,
Scottie Reynolds
could do it all on the
basketball floor.**

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Newcomers to the Reston, Herndon communities who have an appreciation for sports, and particularly basketball, will feel right at home. Two of the greatest high school boys' basketball players to ever come out of Northern Virginia — Grant Hill (Reston) and Scottie Reynolds (Herndon) — helped make this area one of the top prep school basketball hotbeds of the country.

Hill, a guard-forward who went on to national prominence at Duke University before going on to become a star in the NBA, is considered the greatest player to ever grace the hardwood floors in the Northern Region. He scored 2,028 career points and grabbed 942 rebounds for the Seahawks during his four-year high school varsity career during the late 1980s.

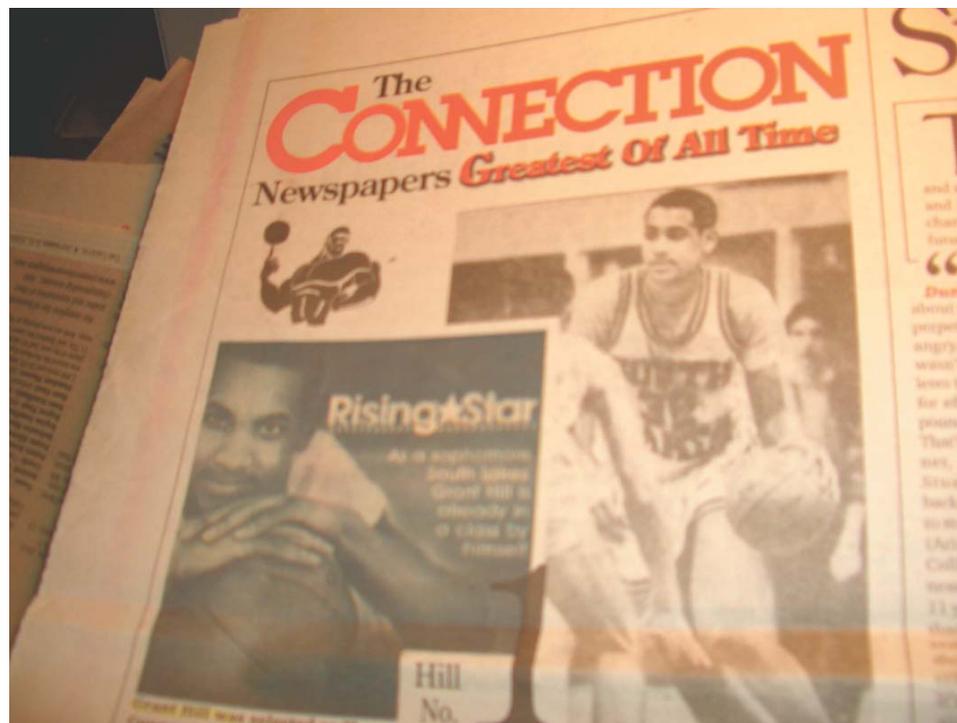
Hill, tall, athletic, and graceful, could grab a defensive rebound and, seemingly in just a few dribbles, be across midcourt and gliding towards the basket on the other end of the court, preparing his flight at the top of the key and finishing off with a jarring, one-handed dunk which he almost made look effortless. Fans had never seen a high school player go from one end of the floor to the other with such suddenness and authority, yet with such smoothness and a controlled style. He was simply dominant, a man among boys on the high school floor.

"He brought the total package to the basketball court — talent, class and work ethic," said former Reston Connection Sports Editor Frank Carulli, who covered Reston and Herndon sports during the 1980s and '90s. "Hill played with the grace and dominance of his idol, Magic Johnson."

CARULLI RECALLED HILL, during the 1988 Great Falls District tournament championship game, converting an alley-oop dunk into a 71-69 Seahawks' win over Washington-Lee. A year later, Carulli witnessed Hill's spectacular triple-double effort in South Lakes' first-ever Northern Region tournament title game victory — a triumph over Chantilly.

Hill's luster and legend status grew in college when, as a freshmen, he led the Duke Blue Devils to their first-ever NCAA crown. He ultimately became a seven-time NBA All-Star after being selected in the first round by the Detroit Pistons. He currently is a member of the Phoenix Suns.

"Hill's performance before packed gymnasiums night after night belied his low key demeanor," said Carulli, of Hill's high school



Grant Hill on the cover of a Connection Newspapers publication.

playing days. "He often could be found after a big game at Langston Hughes Elementary or South Lakes Park, politely declining to play in a pick-up game and working instead on shadow moves."

Those "shadow moves," over the years ahead, revealed themselves in a big time way under the glowing spotlight of national TV cameras and in front of rapt college and professional crowds all throughout the country.

AT HERNDON HIGH, Scottie Reynolds, a brilliant play-making guard from 2003-06, was turning the high school basketball game upside down with his brilliant ball-handling, quickness and scoring ability. Reynolds, a 2006 Herndon graduate, led coach Gary Hall's Hornets to a region crown as a senior in '06 and went on to star collegiately at Villanova University.

His thrilling, buzzer-beater score on a drive to the basket lifted the Wildcats to a dramatic 78-76 win over Pittsburgh in an NCAA Tournament Elite Eight round game in 2009, advancing Villanova to that year's Final Four. Reynolds was the driving force for a Villanova squad making its first Final Four appearance since 1985.

Reynolds, during his playing days at Herndon, became the first McDonald's All-American the Herndon-Reston areas had seen since 1993. As a senior he averaged 25 points per game and led Hall's team to the Northern Region title and all the way to the state finals. The region crown was the first for Hall, who was in his 17th season at the helm of the Herndon program that season. The Hornets trip to the state finals was their first since 1951.

Three times, he was named the Northern Region Player of the Year, earning the honor every season since his sophomore year — his first year as a starter at Herndon. In his four seasons Reynolds recorded 2,033 points to pass Randy Dodson as Herndon's

South Lakes High School

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Herndon Lakes High School

Address: 700 Bennett St., Herndon
Phone (athletics): 703-810-2211
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Colors: red/white/black
District: Concorde

all-time leading scorer (Nov. 26, 2005). He is also Herndon's record-holder for points scored in a single-game (53 points against I.C. Norcom, Jan 22, 2005).

"I always feel a bit more comfortable when No. 3 has the ball in his hands," Hall would often say after games in which, Reynolds, clad in his Herndon red and black No. 3 jersey, would dominate opponents.

In his last home game at Herndon, Reynolds dropped 33 points in a 76-55 victory over rival South Lakes, including five three-pointers, in front of a sold out crowd before helping Herndon get past T.C. Williams and Marshall for the regional title and into the state playoffs.

The regional title was special for Reynolds and Hall, who had aimed for the title since their days spent together in youth league hoops. In fact, Reynolds had guaranteed Hall that they would win that title before he graduated.

"It doesn't make you any better of a coach, but I guess what it does, it validates you and I guess something you can tell your kids about," Hall told the Connection after the



Scottie Reynolds was perhaps the greatest backcourt player the Northern Region has ever seen.

65-47 victory over Marshall at George Mason University's Patriot Center.

Thrilling wins over Highland Springs and T.C. Williams pushed Reynolds and the Hornets into the state championship, which they lost to Booker T. Washington 55-51, continuing the 25-year state title drought for Northern Region teams. In four years, Reynolds led Herndon to an 88-18 record and three Concorde District championships as well as one Northern Region championship.

Former Connection Sports Editor Joey Kamide, who grew up in Herndon, once wrote that Reynolds was "simply lights out whether it was skying for a dunk or drilling a 25-foot three-pointer, Reynolds made public school hoops fun to watch. What made Reynolds so appealing to cover was his ability to hit that switch, to convert from an endearing young man you'd want your daughter to date off the court to this unrelenting gamer who could take over a game at any point."

Former Connection sports editor BJ Koubaroulis contributed to this story.

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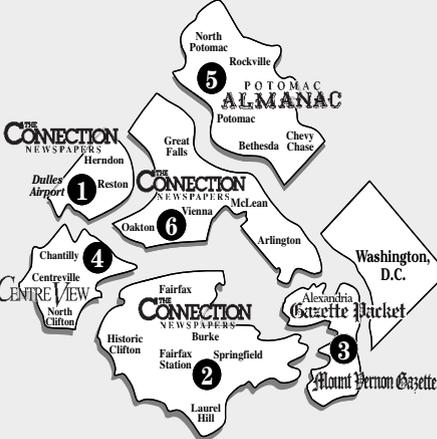
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No "APptitude" For That



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Even though there are seemingly "apps" for everything these days, there is no "app" for the app-challenged, is there? A tutorial of sorts for those most deficient in what is becoming increasingly *de rigueur*: the app from the App Store. The new dictionary. The new means of accessing information and learning about – and dare I say, manipulating your circumstances/your life. The only problem I see with respect to the assimilation of "apps," other than this operator's minimal instincts for such resources compounded by poor judgment, is that it feels ever more crucial that one own a hand-held device, the four-letter word updated to a three-word must-have; a ubiquitous symbol of our times, apparently.

Not that I'm intimidated by such devices, but I am poorly prepared, poorly educated and poorly positioned for their use and hopefully non-abuse. And given the direction that technology is taking the world and the omnipotence of such small, modern-day conveniences where information is barely a click away, the need to get on board, rather than to be bored by their usefulness, is becoming more of a necessity by the nano-second. As Red, (Morgan Freeman) said near the end of the Oscar-nominated movie, "Shawshank Redemption:" "Get busy living or get busy dying;" (not a Kenny-with-cancer reference). The fad stage is over. The Industrial Revolution has re-struck.

I can accept that. But embracing it is my problem. How exactly do you teach an old dog new tricks? How do you change a lifetime of almost rote-like instincts – and movements ("ready-fors")? I've spent 50-plus years developing these patterns and habits; how do I change the course of history (which right now might seem more like a curse) which has led me to middle age?

I suppose if the answer to these questions were easy, most middle-agers and seniors would likely be holding their devices, not holding onto their past. But since Rome wasn't built in a day ("Neither was Milwaukee;" a Three Stooges reference), I presume patience is in order. Unfortunately, patience is what I have the least of these days. Being diagnosed with a terminal disease will do that to you – at least it has done it to me. Oh, I have my moments to be sure, but generally speaking, my focus has narrowed and my tolerance has almost disappeared. (I'm not exactly Larry David in "Curb Your Enthusiasm," but I'm not shrinking too many violets, either.)

Maybe what I need is a change? Maybe I need to go where this man has never gone before (and not to a Star Trek Convention; although I do have a communicator which makes a very familiar sound)? Maybe learning something new (use of a "hand-held device") might just jump-start the mental momentum which sometimes seems like it could use a jolt – and I am not referring to the highly-caffeinated drink of the same name? Maybe navigating a pathway to the information superhighway might actually help rather than hinder my daily puttering?

Since I'm not inclined – or able – to live large, maybe I can evolve into a more enlightened, educated and technically savvy individual, and integrate myself into the present and forsake a little bit, anyway, of the past? After all, middle age shouldn't be the end, it should be the beginning. Life's too short (don't I know it!) to be stuck in neutral. I need to drive to survive, in and out of the car.

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