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Walkers at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night walk at Reston Town Center carry their balloons at the start of the walk. The red balloons are carried by those who have or are currently supporting patients with blood cancer.

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Dr. Dipti Patel of Virginia Cancer Specialists is given the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Relentless For A Cure award for her efforts fighting cancer. Patel specializes in hematology and stem cell transplants, and was given the award at the LLS Light the Night walk Saturday, Oct. 1.

Walking To Remember

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society hosts annual Light the Night Walk.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
 THE CONNECTION

Reston Town Center hosted the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's annual Light the Night walk Saturday, Oct. 1, where people turned out in the hundreds to support the cause. The LLS is the world's largest nonprofit dedication to funding research, education and patient services for those affected by blood cancers.

The walk in Reston raised \$1.68 million last year, and walks around the country

raised \$45 million. Gabrielle Urquhart, executive director of the LLS National Capital Area Chapter presented the Relentless for a Cure award to Dr. Dipti Patel of Virginia Cancer Specialists in Fairfax. The award is given to an individual who demonstrated a lifelong commitment to fighting cancer.

"She has been a long time friend of LLS and is truly relentless for a cure," Urquhart said. "We'd like to thank Dr. Patel for her lifelong commitment in serving blood cancer patients."

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Candidates Hynes, Linton Face Off

Candidates vie to be Hunter Mill School Board representative.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
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With incumbent Stu Gibson's decision not to seek re-election, Patricia Hynes and Nancy Linton are vying to represent the Hunter Mill District on the Fairfax County School Board.

Both candidates have said they aren't in favor of the idea of merit pay for teachers, that the idea of later school start times needs to be re-examined, that schools should feature honors courses and that the board should have an independent auditor examine the way money is spent.

Both also said they would like to make a curriculum that isn't focused primarily on passing the Standards of Learning test.

Democratic Party-endorsed Hynes is a native of New York and former lawyer. She is currently an instructional aide in kindergarten at Forest Edge Elementary School. She has also served on Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) budget advisory council and on FCPS Superintendent Jack Dale's Business and Community Advisory Council for the Hunter Mill District.

"After I had my kids, I was able to take some time off and figure out what I wanted to do next, so I started volunteering around their schools," she said. "That's when I decided that I wanted my life to be about public service, and I thought the best way to do that was through education."

She taught third and fourth grade at Louise Archer Elementary School for five



From left, Nancy Linton and Pat Hynes, who are running for Hunter Mill School Board representative.

years and is currently in her second year at Forest Edge. She said her teaching experience has given her a fresh look at what teachers need at the classroom level.

"I want to be the teacher's voice on the school board. If elected, I'll be the only member of the board who has taught within the last 10 years," she said. "When I sit at School Board meetings now, sometimes I just want to jump up and say 'No! That's not how it works in the classroom.' I just don't think it's good to set policy without knowing what's happening in the classroom."

Hynes said her teaching experience has given her many ideas on what to work on if elected.

"I've seen the kindergarten preparedness gap firsthand right in my own room. Some

students come and can read and write, others can't recognize letters and numbers," she said. "I feel we're missing an opportunity to reach kids and families at home, before they come to kindergarten."

Hynes said programs like Head Start are a good idea, but the waiting list is too long. She said while there are programs for those who are gifted and those with special needs, there nothing for the average children.

She also said she supports programs to keep suspended students involved while not at school. She was a member of the Support on Suspension program.

"We ran SOS on a shoestring budget and it was a great way to keep students and parents up to date with classroom work, community service opportunities and counseling if needed," she said. "Just sending a

Joint Appearances

A debate between Nancy Linton and Pat Hynes will appear on Reston Community Television Sunday, Oct. 9, at 8 p.m. on 28. The debate will also be available online at www.rctv28.com.

The two candidates will also appear together on the following dates:

- ❖ **Oct. 11:** Armstrong Elementary School, 11900 Lake Newport Road, Reston, 7:30 p.m.
- ❖ **Oct. 12:** South Lakes High School PTSA meeting, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston, 7 p.m.
- ❖ **Oct. 13:** Ladies Auxiliary American Legion Post 180 forum, 330 North Center St., Vienna, 7 p.m.
- ❖ **Oct. 27:** Herndon High School PTSA meeting, 700 Bennett St., Herndon, 7 p.m.

kid home after they've done something wrong isn't helping anybody."

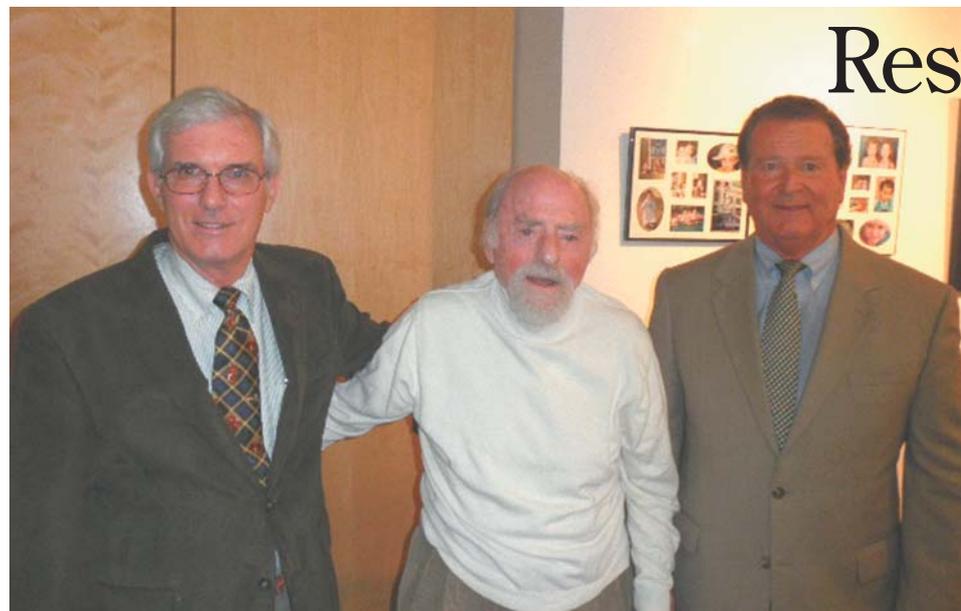
When it comes to technology, Hynes said she would like to receive more input on programs like Blackboard and eCART, which is a resource for teachers and administrators to access FCPS approved curriculum. She said she would like to see the students themselves have a chance to redesign something like Blackboard and see if they can improve it, perhaps as some kind of contest.

"I never want a computer to replace a teacher, but we're trying to teach 21st century skills like critical thinking, creativity and collaboration, how to ask good questions and get good answers and how to be a good communicator," she said. "Technology can help with all of that. The holy grail for today's teachers is to have kids learn the content while enhancing those skills."

More information on Hynes can be found at www.hynesforschoolboard.com.

Republican Party-endorsed Linton said she knew from a young age she wanted to serve on a School Board. She grew up in Jacksonville, Fla., and currently has two

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From left, Joe Dangler, master distiller and historian for Bowman Distillery, Reston founder Robert E. Simon and Jay Adams son-in-law to DeLong Bowman at the Reston Community Center Sept. 14. The Bowman distillery used to be located in Reston, and the presentation was part of the Reston Historic Trust's Before Reston program.

Reston's History Comes to Life

Museum hosts second installment of 'Before Reston' series.

More than 100 people attended the Reston Museum's Special Presentation on the Bowman Family Thursday, Sept. 22. The program was part of the ongoing "History Before Reston" series sponsored by the Reston Historic Trust and the Reston Community Center and covered the Bowman family and the era of 1927 to 1961.

Jay Adams, a member of the Bowman family (son-in-law to DeLong Bowman) who currently oversees the Bowman properties, and Joe Dangler, a 33-year employee (currently the Master Distiller) and historian of Bowman Distillery, assisted with the presentation. Both were recognized as honored guests to offer their perspective and

answer questions from the audience.

Robert E. Simon, founder of Reston, also attended to share some of his stories about living at the DeLong Bowman house when he first came to the area in 1961. At the time there was no meeting space or a facility to houseguests and investors when Simon first arrived to oversee the beginning of Reston. He used the DeLong Bowman House as his home when he was down from New York.

The program included a slide presentation by Loren Bruce, special projects coordinator for the museum, on history of the land, the Bowman family, distillery, and

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PEOPLE

Pell, Ryder Marry in Ohio

Groom's parents are residents of Reston.

Lindsay Jo Pell and Robert Monier Ryder exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 6, at 3:30 p.m., at Liberty Presbyterian Church in Delaware, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of Sharon Pell of Franklin, Pa. and the late R. Scott Pell Sr. Parents of the bridegroom are Robert and Marlene Ryder of Reston.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her brother R. Scott Pell Jr. of Franklin, Pa.

The Rev. Rebecca Hart officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

The bride wore a strapless ivory regal satin ballgown with a drop waist pleated bodice and chapel length train. Her veil was also chapel length and featured pearl edging and scattered pearls.

Matron of honor was Heather Adams of Girard, Pa., sister of the bride. Other bridal attendants were Kari Mount of Gahanna, Ohio; Joy Lehman of Upper Arlington, Ohio; and Renee Baker of Mineral, Va., sister of the bridegroom.

Jamil Myers of Sandy Springs, Ga., served as the

best man for the groom. Groomsmen were Daniel Karl of Columbus, Ohio; Omar Melhem of Burke; Randal Roberts of Columbus, Ohio; and R. Scott Pell Jr. of Franklin, Pa., brother of the bride.

Flower girls were Sarah Adams of Girard, Pa., niece of the bride and Marlene Baker of Mineral, Va., niece of the groom.

Music at the ceremony was provided by pianist Steve Banks and readings were provided by Elaine Pell of Chesterton, Ind., grandmother of the bride and Gene Myers of Sarasota, Fla, uncle of the groom.

A reception took place at the Jessing Center at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a doctor of pharmacy degree. She is employed as a specialty practice pharmacist at The Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio.

The groom graduated from George Mason University in 2002 with a bachelors degree in communications and from The Ohio State University in 2011 with a masters degree in education. He is employed as an English Instructor at Columbus State Community College.

The couple honeymooned in Bermuda. They reside in Worthington, Ohio.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Lindsay Jo Pell and Robert Monier Ryder

Activities reported by the Fair Oaks police department through Sept. 30.

Golf club stolen from business.
12100 block of Fairfax Towne Center. Purse stolen from business.
2800 block of Hunter Mill Road. Chain and pendant stolen from business.

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CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Reston police department through Sept. 30.

Court. Golf clubs and jewelry stolen from residence.
10200 block of Deercrest Meadow Place. Jewelry stolen from residence.
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Hunter Mill District Debate

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children who are students in Fairfax County Public Schools. Her husband's job took her to Northern Virginia seven years ago, and she has served as PTA president and vice president at Fox Mill Elementary School.

"I had the vision to do this when I was 16," she said. "The \$2.2 billion budget is a huge responsibility, and I believe we need to restore transparency in how the budget operates and we need to tear down the wall of miscommunication that exists. We need leadership to act as the board of directors and to act re-assume the authority of a school board that's elected. The voters will be my boss."

She is a licensed professional counselor and does work for the United States Geological Survey and is also part of a private practice in Reston. She said she believes her counseling background gives her the tools necessary to sort through complex problems facing county schools.

"In counseling, there are no simplistic answers to issues. People come to me with complex problems, and I have to ask probing questions, find out the fundamental problem, confront them with it and establish a course of action," she said. "I won't be afraid to ask the challenging questions, and I'll tell it like it is."

Linton said she believes that the superintendent is meant to be the operational head of the school system, but it's up to the school board to make the important decisions.

"The strategic governing documents have been

interpreted to give the superintendent too much power, which is why they need to be changed or gotten rid of," she said. "The School Board is elected by the people to provide that leadership and direction, and to be the voice of the people, and the school superintendent is then supposed to implement the policies and direction implemented by the School Board."

Linton also said she knows from firsthand experience that the School Board and its committees need to communicate with the public more frequently.

"We need to change the way the School Board advisory committees are structured. I currently serve on the human relations advisory committee, and we meet once a month and provide a report at the end of the year," she said. "This needs to change. We're drawing in people from around the community who are offering their advice, yet the only advice that's given is once a year in a report. I think the dialoguing needs to occur on a regular basis."

Linton also said she would like to establish a teacher task force so teachers can feel like they are providing input.

"I want to establish a task force of teachers so they are helping to drive curriculum and their input is really valued," she said. "One night I was at Herndon's Friday Night Live, and I had five different conversations with teachers who said that they don't feel that they have the freedom to express their views, that they might lose their jobs, and I believe that culture needs to change."

More information on Linton can be found at www.nancylintonforschoolboard.org.

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Tyler DeMille, 5, a leukemia survivor, wishes walkers at the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night walk a safe and dry walk, along with his mother Erica. Tyler DeMille is and LLS Honored Hero.

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Remembering at Reston Town Center

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Patel is a hematology and stem cell transplant specialist, and runs the Lymphoma Tumor Board at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

"This cause is very close to me personally. I lost a brother to lymphoma at a young age," Patel said. "Every time I see a patient, it hits me personally."

Also honored at the event was Tyler DeMille, 5, of Fairfax, who is the LLS Northern Virginia Honored Hero for this year. DeMille was diagnosed with juvenile myelomonocytic leukemia in March 2007, when he was just 8-months old.

Tyler received a one marrow transfusion the day before his first birthday, which saved his life. Today, he is 100 percent cancer free. His mother Erica DeMille said that it is because of groups like LLS that research is increasing survival odds of many types of blood cancers.

"Sometimes people make donations and wonder 'Is it doing anything?' I'm here to tell you that it

absolutely does," Erica DeMille said. "Forty years ago, the survival rate for [acute lymphoblastic leukemia] was six percent, today it's 90 percent."

Walkers walked the 2.8 miles carrying lighted balloons of varying colors. The red balloons signify those who are supporting blood cancer patients, survivors and patients will carry white balloons and others carry gold balloons to remember someone they've lost.

"For those holding gold balloons, we're walking in memory and honor of your loved ones that lost their battle," Erica DeMille said. "But we're here tonight so that no one ever has to hold a gold balloon ever again."

Currently the LLS National Capital Area Chapter has raised \$1,021,600 toward its \$2 million goal for this year. Light the Night walks will also take place in at Freedom Plaza, 13th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue N.W., in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 15 and at Rockville Town Square in Maryland on Oct. 22.

For more information, visit www.lightthenight.org/nca.

WEEK IN RESTON

VDOT Updates Road Repair Status

Reconstruction is in full swing on the three bridges and three roads in northern Virginia that have been closed since Tropical Storm Lee, all of which require extensive repairs. At least another nine other roads, while open, are also being repaired, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

"Despite heavy rain for the past several days our crews and contractors are making steady progress at each of the reconstruction sites," said VDOT northern Virginia district administrator Garrett Moore. "By Oct. 7, Hunter Mill Road is expected to reopen to traffic, weather permitting. Repairs to Carper's Farm Way and Walker Road, which were damaged but not closed to traffic, will also be complete next week."

VDOT expects the other roads and bridges to reopen — weather permitting — in early to mid-November. Residents and motorists will be given advanced notice as each road is about to open.

Up to 100 roads were flooded, damaged or closed in northern Virginia during the Sept. 8 storm, and VDOT crews spent the days following removing debris, patching potholes, and making repairs to open many of the roadways. At the same

time, work began to secure emergency contracts for the most damaged bridges and roadways, all in Fairfax County. The total estimated damage to roads and bridges in northern Virginia is likely more than \$10 million.

Crews placed a temporary steel plate over the sinkhole on Sunrise Valley Drive in Reston Sept. 16. Permanent repairs and pipe replacement will be complete by the end of October.

Hunter Mill Road in Reston remains closed between Crowell Road and Chamberlain Drive. Repairs will be made to bridge approach and shoulder damage, as well as washed-out pavement. Barring inclement weather, Hunter Mill Road should reopen by Oct. 7.

RCC Lake Anne Grand Re-Opening Rescheduled for Oct. 8

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With the renovation and expansion of RCC Lake Anne, the Reston Community Center can enhance the services and programs it offers and continue to enrich the community. For more information about the grand re-opening of RCC Lake Anne, visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

Each year RCC offers more than 1,800 positive, self-development experiences that enhance the quality of life for all people living and working in Reston. RCC provides a wide range of programs in arts, aquatics, enrichment and life-long learning. To find the programs or events, visit www.restoncommunitycenter.org or call 703-476-4500.

Jameson New JSFC Executive Director

Carol Jameson was recently named the new executive director of The Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic. Jameson has been the CEO of the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry since 2008, a regional non profit providing comprehensive HIV prevention education to youth and services to youth with HIV/AIDS. Prior to that she was with Northern Virginia Family Service for many years. Jameson has a masters degree in social work from Virginia Commonwealth University. She has extensive experience in developing Northern Virginia programs to provide access to health care for underserved communities and is excited to be working with the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic and its wonderful staff and volunteers.

Her leadership in the community has been well recognized. From serving on area health center boards, to assisting in the creation of Connections for Hope, to her award as the Virginia Health Care Foundation's annual "Unsung Heroes in Health Care."

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On September 1, 2011, Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "Company") filed its application ("Application") for approval of the SAVE Rider for 2012 ("2012 SAVE Rider") as required by the Commission's April 21, 2011, Order approving WGL's SAVE Plan. The Company states that it estimates expenditures totaling \$29,754,000 during 2012 that will be allocated among the four SAVE Plan projects approved by the Commission. WGL estimates that the 2012 SAVE Rider will add \$6.43 to a typical residential customer's bill.

In Case No. PUE-2010-00087, the Commission approved WGL's overall SAVE Plan pursuant to Chapter 26 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") (§§ 56-603 et seq. - Steps to Advance Virginia's Energy (SAVE) Plan ("SAVE Act")). WGL states that the SAVE Act provides for the recovery of the costs of replacing gas utility infrastructure not otherwise recovered through rates previously approved by the Commission or through revenues from new customers who connect to the utility. Under its SAVE Plan as approved by the Commission, the Company expects to recover approximately \$116.5 million in anticipated expenditures for the replacement of facilities over a five-year period (2010-2014). WGL's SAVE Plan includes the following categories of eligible infrastructure replacement projects: (1) Bare and Unprotected Steel Service Replacement Program; (2) Bare and Unprotected Steel Main Replacement Program; (3) Mechanically Coupled Pipe Replacement Program; and (4) Enhancement of Optimain Decision Support Computer Program.

The SAVE Act authorizes eligible infrastructure replacement costs to be recovered through a SAVE rider, which, according to WGL's Application, is included in a separate line item on customers' bills labeled "All Applicable Riders." The Company states that the 2012 SAVE Rider will be applied to meter readings beginning with the January 2012 billing cycle. Additionally, WGL states that, in accordance with § 56-604 F of the SAVE Act, "the Company will re-set the SAVE Rider for 2012 to reflect eligible infrastructure replacement costs that are incorporated in base rates, following the issuance of the Commission's Final Order in the Company's current pending rate proceeding, Case No. PUE-2010-00139."

A public hearing on the Application shall be convened at 10 a.m. on November 1, 2011, in the Commission's Courtroom, Second Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, to receive into the record the testimony of public witnesses and the evidence of the Company, any respondents, and the Commission Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness should appear at the hearing location fifteen (15) minutes before the starting time on the day of the hearing and contact the Commission's Bailiff. Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in the hearing should contact the Commission at least seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing date at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9200 (TDD).

The Company's Application, the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing, and all documents filed in Case No. PUE 2011-00101 may be inspected in the Commission's Document Control Center, Office of the Clerk of the Commission, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The Application, the unofficial text of the Commission's orders, and other materials also may be viewed at the Commission's website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

The Company will provide to interested persons, at no charge, a copy of the Application upon request to counsel to the Company, Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 3rd Floor West, 101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20080. The copy of the Application may be provided on electronic storage medium or in electronic form if agreeable to the person making the request.

On or before October 26, 2011, any interested person may file written comments on the Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, VA 23218-2118. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so on or before October 26, 2011, by following the instructions found on the Commission's website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUE-2011-00101.

Any person or entity may participate in this proceeding as a respondent as provided by the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, specifically 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent* and the requirements set by the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing entered in this proceeding. On or before October 14, 2011, a respondent must file with the Clerk of the Commission a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation must be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, VA 23218-2118. A copy of the notice of participation simultaneously shall be served on counsel to the Company, Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 3rd Floor West, 101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20080. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Interested persons shall refer in all of their filed papers to Case No. PUE-2011-00101.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Northern Virginia Pays Again

Commonwealth reaps economic benefits of Dulles, National airports, forces costs on Northern Virginia residents.

Drivers in Northern Virginia are justifiably concerned about tolls. The cost of driving from Leesburg to Woodbridge on existing and proposed toll roads would run between \$30 and \$40 at some times of the day.

The Greenway in Loudoun leads to the Dulles Toll Road to Beltway HOT Lanes to Interstate 95 Corridor HOT Lanes. In each case, a driver would theoretically have an alternative, Route 7 along the Greenway and Dulles Toll Road, the regular lanes of Interstates 495 and 95.

But recent vitriol about tolls on the Dulles Toll Road is misplaced. This is one more example of the Commonwealth of Virginia feeding on revenues from the economic vitality of Northern Virginia, then forcing Northern Virginia residents to pay for the infrastructure of that economic activity out of local funds and personal pockets.

The Virginia Department of Aviation report

in August attributes \$17.5 billion in annual economic activity in Virginia to Dulles International (IAD) and Ronald Reagan National airports, with Dulles providing the majority of that.

The Commonwealth collects most of the tax revenue that results from this activity, but pays only 3 percent of the \$6.2 billion cost of rail to Dulles. This will force more than 80 percent of the costs of building rail to Dulles to local drivers and property owners.

Having major airports adequately served by rail and other transportation options is more than an amenity, it is part of sustaining the economic benefit that comes from major airports. The question is not whether we should be building rail to Dulles, but about who benefits and who pays.

So yes, it makes sense to pressure MWAA to proceed to make cost-effective decisions. Yes, it is maddening that tolls could climb to the point of pushing drivers off the Toll Road and

onto Route 7.

But when you hear that the state wrapped up last fiscal year with a surplus, you can realize one more time that Northern Virginia residents are paying for the Commonwealth's prosperity coming and going. No relief is in sight. The state collects the income tax from the good jobs generated here in Northern Virginia by the airports, by the high tech firms, by the business innovators, by proximity to the Pentagon and the federal government.

The current funding structure for rail to Dulles, based on a projected total project cost of \$6.2 billion, is:

- ❖ Fairfax County, Loudoun County and Airports Authority contribution, 25 percent (Fairfax County pays most of this, 16 percent)
- ❖ Federal contribution, 14.8 percent, based on a fixed grant for Phase 1 of \$900 million.
- ❖ The Commonwealth contribution, 3 percent, which is based upon a fixed contribution of \$275 million.
- ❖ Dulles Toll Road contribution, more than 57 percent, provides the remaining amount. And drivers beware, HOT Lanes ahead.

— MARY KIMM
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TWITTER @MARYKIMM

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Candidate Platform

To the Editor:

I wish to emphasize opening the door to the woodshop, so that Reston citizens can use the woodshop instead of not use the wood shop. Currently, the woodshop is closed to citizens six days out of the week. This was not the intended purpose in creating a woodshop to have a closed door.

I would like to have a period of time known as the after school hours open to young people emphasizing boatbuilding. For some this would be a fascinating possibility. There is a special beauty of wooden boats that will draw some to the woodshop and away from drugs and alcohol and sloth. Robert E. Simon has said that there is just not enough for our youth to do to challenge them.

In addition, I would like to establish a support group system. Do you have a project and need some help? Maybe there is another Reston resident that can help. Do you have an area of expertise? Can you be of help? Could you use help in complying with Reston's Design and review board? Register for this group.

I do not like to see power cords used to power the boom boxes around the pool. Every year thousands of people are electrocuted because they do not respect the

dangers of electricity. Even though there are ground fault interrupters that may work to save someone, who would want to put it to the test? Let's emphasize this safety practice to our youth.

Let's polish up the stainless steel work around the pool. It is badly tarnished with a green rust, giving a uncared for appearance.

Let's emphasize physical fitness and accomplishments in the woodshop and arts and crafts and person-to-person links on the bulletin board in the lobby of the main center.

I ask for your vote and ask that you do not return to the board incumbent candidates who voted for the Browns Chapel Recreation Center disaster, which wasted an estimated \$100,000 of Reston money and was one of the most unpopular ideas in Reston.

Rod Koozmin
Candidate
Reston Community Center Board

Howell Apologizes

To the Editor:

I want to apologize to the Reston community for the excessive number of my political signs that were placed in Reston last week. Apparently some overly-enthusiastic high school volunteers put them up. While I greatly appreciate their

support and energy, we will direct the students to other campaign activities.

When my husband and I saw the signs on Saturday, we stopped the car and pulled them up ourselves. I suppose it is rare to see a candidate remove over 150 of her own signs.

In my opinion, political signs are universally ugly and I wish they were not viewed as an essential part of campaigning.

Sen. Janet Howell
D-32

Deer Problem

To the Editor:

You can set the clock by the deer in my Miller Heights subdivision in Oakton. About 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., we see them trot by our rear facing bay window and then about 9:30-10 p.m., they can be seen at the top of Blue Roan Road crossing over to Windsong. We have a herd of 11. Our most frequent visitors are a momma and two spotted fawns. It hardly matters the time of day, one must always be watching for multiple deer to leap from the woods onto Fox Mill, Vale, Oakton and Miller roads. Driving through our neighborhood any time of day, you will see deer grazing in someone's lawn.

My son has hit or been hit by two deer, yes, causing several thousands of dollars of car dam-

age and raising our insurance rates. We are thankful that neither he nor his then girlfriend were uninjured. We saw a van flip rounding a downhill curve on Oakton Road when Bambi leapt out of the brush. The car was totaled, luckily the driver miraculously was not seriously injured.

I used to have a 22-foot by 18-foot fenced vegetable garden. It became the neighborhood salad plate for the deer until I just plain gave up. Fluttering ribbons, scarecrows, human hair in hosiery, sprinkled dragon's blood, dangling pie plates, motion lights, radio playing were ineffective deterrents.

Also, we have lost several thousands of landscape dollars even though we always bought supposed shrubbery and plantings deer did not eat. Right. With the overpopulation and scarcity of food in late winter, even the bark on trees becomes delectable. We now pay \$80 every two weeks to have a noxious deer repellent sprayed in our yard. It does seem to work. That's more than \$2,000 a year.

How much political correctness has to be borne until the deer are removed? I figure some politician's child or wife has to be killed in a deer collision and then there might be some action.

Ronniejean Irvin
Oakton

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Laura Nichols

President, Great Falls Studios

2011 TOUR AT A GLANCE

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE EIGHTH ANNUAL GREAT FALLS STUDIOS TOUR

What it is: A self-guided driving tour to meet 48 artists in their home studios or in group venues with multiple artists.

Where: Great Falls, Virginia.

When: Saturday and Sunday, October 15 and 16, 2011. Hours: 10:00AM to 5:00PM. Rain or shine.

Cost: Free.

About the artists: You'll encounter potters and painters, sculptors and jewelry makers, photographers and digital artists, a weaver, a printmaker, a wood carver, two quilters and a layered-paper artist, among others.

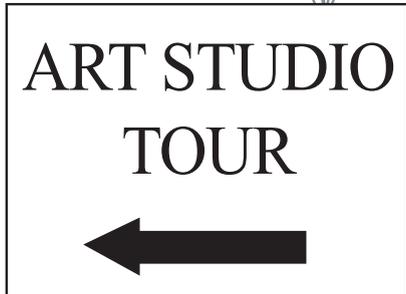
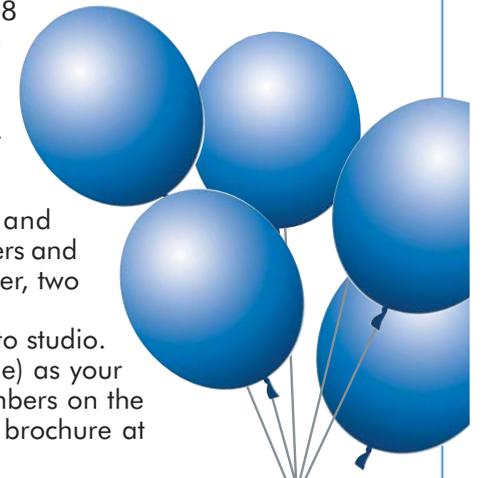
How to navigate the tour: Drive from studio to studio. Use our map and directory of artists (see next page) as your guide. Numbers assigned to each artist key to numbers on the map. You can visit studios in any order. Pick up a brochure at any venue on tour days.

Buying local art: All artists will be selling art "Made in Great Falls." Should you elect to purchase a piece, please bring a checkbook since many studios do not have credit-card capability. Art prices range from about \$10 for cards up to many thousands of dollars for large paintings and sculptures. Great gift opportunities.

Free gift certificates: You can register to win one of twenty \$50 gift certificates to be used during the Tour. Go to our website for details: www.GreatFallsStudios.com.

Lunch: Four participating local restaurants will be open for lunch and/or dinner (see key and locations on map).

House makeover: To explore the intersection of design and building, check out two home renovations by Sun Design (see map).



GREAT FALLS STUDIOS TOUR: COVERING THE METRO AREA

Last year the Great Falls Studios Tour generated 7,300 visits to home-based art studios scattered throughout our village. Since it began in 2003, the event has grown bigger and better, becoming a major "go to" art activity in the DC Metro area. It is the handiwork of a network (called Great Falls Studios) of more than 100 artists who live or work in Great Falls. We serve the community of Great Falls while helping local artists advance professionally. To learn more about us, and our artists please visit our website: www.GreatFallsStudios.com. While there, you'll see the artwork of our member artists, along with an online gallery of local art that changes monthly. The Studios Tour is our signature event. It is the ultimate nexus of showcasing our artists and sharing their talent with an audience from Great Falls and beyond. We welcome you to our artful village.

WITH THE HELP OF FRIENDS OUR ART TOUR TAKES OFF

For the first year in its history, the Great Falls Studios tour has a corporate sponsor: Sun Design, a home remodeling company. Two stops on the tour (see map, next page) enable you to visit recent Sun Design home renovation projects. To learn more about Sun Design, go to www.SunDesignInc.com. Financial support from the company makes our tour possible.



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The encouragement and endorsements of the following supporting organizations have also been instrumental in helping us build the tour. We thank them:

- Virginia Commission for the Arts
- Arts Council of Fairfax County
- Great Falls Foundation for the Arts
- Virginia Tourism Corporation
- Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce

How to Read Our Map

Finding the artists: Numerals in red squares on our map show the locations of individual art studios or other art venues. They are keyed to a list of artists, below the map.

Home restorations: Roman numerals in yellow icons show the locations of two houses where Sun Design has just completed home renovations. These will be open for viewing. Details are listed below:

I. Sun Design Home Remodel Site 608 Brockman Court
See a finished basement featuring a home theatre room, home gym, living space, wet bar, guest suite, and hall bath.

II. Sun Design Home Remodel Site 9250 Wood Glade Drive
Check out a new gourmet kitchen and master bathroom. This is the home and studio of artist Robert Gilbert, #28.

Where to have lunch or dinner: Letters in blue circles show the locations of four participating restaurants, representing a variety of cuisines and price points:

A. Brix American Bistro 1025-I Seneca Road 703.433.9050
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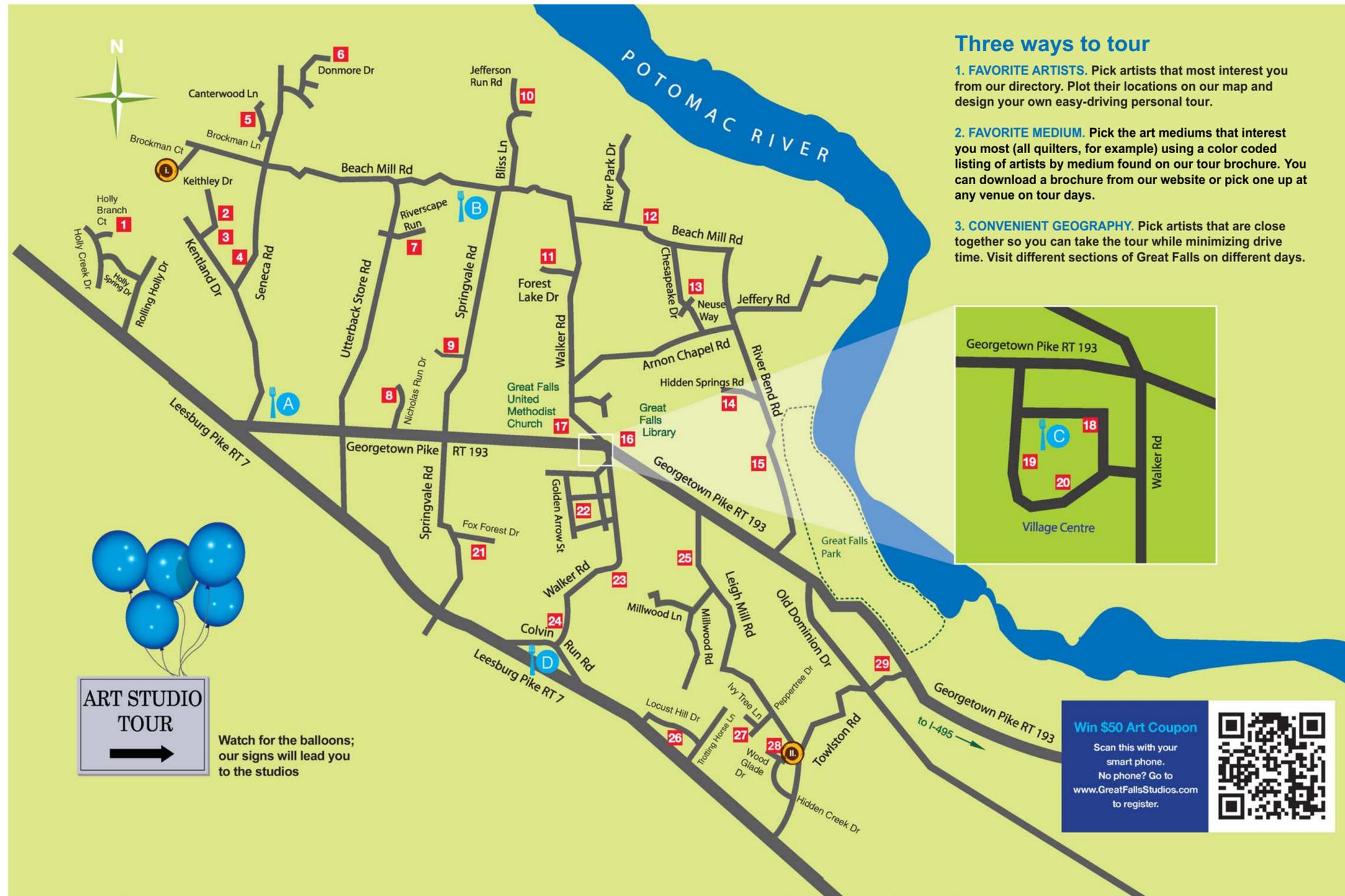
B. L'Auberge Chez François 332 Springvale Road 703.759.3800
French Alsatian cuisine, serving lunch and dinner.

C. The Old Brogue Irish Pub 760 Walker Road 703.759.3309
Art Studio Tour special luncheon \$11.95, 11:00-3:00.

D. Mediterranee Restaurant 10123 Colvin Run Road 703.757.9300
French Mediterranean food, open for lunch and dinner

Bridge Detours

During heavy rains in September, two bridges that could impact your studio visits were washed out. One is on Beach Mill Road between Springvale and Utterback Store roads. To bypass this bridge, follow V-DOT detour signs for Rt. 603. The other is on Towlston Road between Old Dominion and Georgetown Pike. The only way to get to Venue #29 is to turn south from Georgetown Pike onto Towlston Road and to continue on, ignoring "road closed" signs. Venue #29 is a half block down Towlston on the right, before the damaged bridge.



Three ways to tour

1. FAVORITE ARTISTS. Pick artists that most interest you from our directory. Plot their locations on our map and design your own easy-driving personal tour.

2. FAVORITE MEDIUM. Pick the art mediums that interest you most (all quilters, for example) using a color coded listing of artists by medium found on our tour brochure. You can download a brochure from our website or pick one up at any venue on tour days.

3. CONVENIENT GEOGRAPHY. Pick artists that are close together so you can take the tour while minimizing drive time. Visit different sections of Great Falls on different days.



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Scan this with your smart phone. No phone? Go to www.GreatFallsStudios.com to register.



VENUES BY THE NUMBER

Studios and group venues appear on the map by number, with the lowest numbers in the map's upper left. Use the numbers to connect individual artists with their physical locations. A brochure with images of artists' work will be available at any venue on tour days, and can be downloaded from www.GreatFallsStudios.com, where you can also see additional art samples for most artists.

Cogan, Mary Jane #1	Tuthill, Will #10	Neuman, Pat #16	Williams, Peggy #21	Mansuino, Michela #24
Bender, Jan #2	Mahan, Val #11	Sommers, Alicia #16	Gatterdam, Barbara #22	McCabe, John #24
Maskowitz, Vad #3	Barnako, Donna #12	Bateman, Karen #17	Waide, Pu-Chin #23	Parent, Terri #24
Grisdela, Cindy #4	Jolles, Ronni #13	Blackwell, Bob #17	Banks, Jill #24	Vardell, Mollie #24
Fisher, Jonathan #5	McDermott, Michael #14	Dickson, Coty #17	Crawford, Hwa #24	Khalsa, GuruSangat #25
McDysan, Deborah #6	Nichols, Laura #14	Leggett, Dee #17	Drake, Brenda #24	Souleles, Dean #26
Fleming, Jo #7	Lynch, Sheila #15	Rosen, Linda #17	Duncan, Jennifer #24	Kent, Robin #27
Morton, Begoña #8	Ganley, Betty #16	Kralick, Adrienne #18	Elinsky, Elaine #24	Gilbert, Robert #28
Suib, Richard #9	Heginbotham, Jan #16	Adeler, Jorge #19	Lawrence, Walt #24	Jones, Linda #29
	Long, Michael #16	Beyer, Jinny #20	Learned, Tina #24	

WHAT YOU'LL SEE ON THE TOUR

You'll discover art in many mediums and meet 48 artists, many in home-based studios located in barns, garages or extraordinary contemporary or historic houses on scenic back roads of Great Falls. Here's a sample:

Houses AND Spaces



Printmaker Will Tuthill at his rustic house (Venue #10).

ARTISTS CREATING



Painter Hwa Crawford working on a landscape (Venue #24).

Studios AND Workplaces



Weaver Vad Moskowit at her loom (Venue #3).

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Mixed Messages on Education

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



I was at Benjamin Banneker Academic High School in the District of Columbia last week when President Barack Obama delivered his third annual back-to-school speech to students at Banneker and by video to students throughout the country. For many students his pep talk to work hard, stay in school and be successful was appropriate, but for students at Banneker with its 100 percent graduation rate and its 100 percent college acceptance numbers the speech was probably more memorable for having the President at their school than for any advice he may have given them.

For a President who is known for delivering great speeches, his speech at Banneker was average. I made the trip to the school to hear his speech first-hand at the invitation of the White House because I love to hear the President speak. I suppose it is difficult to make a rah-rah, back-to-school speech very interesting. He did share that he was not a very good student in middle and high school, but a course in ethics he had to take in eighth grade and did not like very much still has an impact on him today.

I also went to hear his speech because I am interested in any new policy directions that might be undertaken at the federal level that might impact public education. There were of course no such announcements to his student audience. There were, however, a continuation of the mixed messages that politicians and policy makers have been giving about education since the great school reform efforts of the 1960s got underway and until today. The Presi-

dent implored the students to "take risks...test things out...expand your horizons..." But most students throughout America will leave the speech and return to classrooms that are governed by programs like No Child Left Behind, Race to the Top and Standards of Learning that put a much greater emphasis on the acquisition of bits of knowledge than on exploration, a high-risk standardized testing program that discourages risk taking, and an ever more closely defined curriculum that limits the ability to expand one's

horizons. Every segment of society wants its piece of the curriculum: STEM to prepare students for jobs that are not yet defined in the future (and the schools get the blame if they do not correctly guess what the future knowledge and skill needs will be); physical education in response to an obesity crisis that schools are now expected to end; financial education proposed by the bankers and others in the financial community who seem to suggest that consumer behavior caused the current financial disaster and not their institutions and questionable management; and there are many others.

The teacher in the classroom is left in the middle of these mixed messages. They need to inspire, encourage and promote learning, but by the way do not forget the standardized testing that all students must pass as though they are all at the same place in their learning. The President got it right when he said that teachers may be working harder than just about anyone these days. The mixed messages they get on education from every level of society do not make their job any easier.

To view the President's speech, go to www.whitehouse.gov.

Going Ape!

BY JACK KENNY
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN CLUB OF
GREATER RESTON



Yes, once again our Fairfax County staff has demonstrated there are excessive staff. They must be either bored or under-utilized for their talents to come up with the latest dumb idea. The staff purportedly has worked up a deal with a commercial group called "Go APE". This group proposes to install zip lines, tree-to-tree rope bridges and more in Riverbend Park. Visit <http://goape.com/what-is-goape> to get a feel for the range of facilities they propose to install and operate in a county park.

Reportedly, the county staff: a.k.a. the Park Authority will be conducted a meeting at the Riverbend Park Visitors Center on Tuesday, Oct 4, at 7:30 p.m. Unfortunately, this notice will be published in The Reston Connection on Wednesday, Oct. 5, too late to attend the meeting. However, there is always the opportunity to express your opinion directly to the county staff and/or to your district supervisor.

The first objection is that the County Park Authority is once again entering into direct competition with a private enterprise. The record to date of the county staff engaging in a for-profit activity is marginal, at best. One of the principle segments of the market is team building exercises. There are a number of facilities already in operation to meet the market de-

A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

mands.

Secondly, Riverbend Park is a refuge for the many residents who want a peaceful, idyllic environment to enjoy. Its trails, overlook points, and historical value of the commercial uses of the Potomac River as a major transportation link to support the expansion of the original 13 colonies. The transformation of this park to an amusement park environment should be fully evaluated.

Third, visiting the GoAPE website, one learns that the use of the various facilities requires training, guides, an operating and safety staff and probably a hold-harmless agreement for any injuries that may occur. Can you imagine the potential for injury claims against the county? It should keep the county attorney busy for years to come.

It appears that we now have another rogue "authority," the first being the housing authority with its luxury affordable housing. Obviously, the county staff is underemployed if they have the time and resources to dabble in expanding their reach to include adventure experiences to build self-esteem (look, mom I can ride a zip wire!) and provide team-building facilities.

We have an election coming up where we will be electing supervisors who will exercise their responsibility to provide us with the core-government services. Vote Nov. 8.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

Dranesville Church of the Brethren, 11500 Leesburg Pike in Herndon, will hold a Community Prayer Opportunity on Oct. 15, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. This is intended to be a quiet time when you can set aside other things, and focus on prayer for yourself and for others. Communion is available at the front of the sanctuary, if you desire to participate. If scripture reading would add to your spiritual experience, Bibles are in each pew. If you would like someone to pray for a specific need, please let the Pastor know. 703-430-7872 or www.dranesvillebrethren.org.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, seeks female actors for production of "Mother Wove the Morning", a play by Carol Lynn Pearson. All ages and types needed. Play will be performed Oct. 21-22 and proceeds benefit The Fistula Foundation. Auditions will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 13. Schedule an audition appoint-

ment at www.uucf.org or scbennett@cox.net 703-281-4230.

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 2516 Squirrel Hill Road in Herndon, will celebrate their 145th Anniversary with a revival-style series throughout September. The theme for the 145th Anniversary is "Mobilizing the Masses for Ministry." Each Wednesday in September, 7 p.m. services will begin with Praise and worship led by gospel choirs and guest preachers. www.mtpleasantbaptist.org or 703-793-1196.

Sept. 28. Dr. Howard John Wesley, Alfred Street Baptist Church, Alexandria.

Anniversary Sunday, Sept. 25. Services at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. with Dr. Marion H. Newton, Jehovah Missionary Baptist Church, Sumter, S.C., and Evangelist Dr. Willie Mae Lee, Pentecostal Church of God in Christ, Port Salerno, Fl. A celebration of food and fellowship will follow the 10:30AM service.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Fun Despite the Rain



Shea Bader and his son Charles Bader of Alexandria contemplate one of the llamas in the petting zoo at the Sunday, Oct. 2, Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Rain fails to dampen spirits at Oct. 2 Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest.



Samantha Reiser of Oakton takes a pony ride behind the Fairfax County Government center at the Sunday, Oct. 2, Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest.



The train tables were a hub of activity for the younger set escaping the rain during the Sunday, Oct. 2, Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest at the Fairfax County Government Center. Brothers Ethan Henry Baker of Fairfax were two of many children entertained by the display.



Holly Kessler of Manassas stuffs her scarecrow at the Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest on Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Fairfax County Government Center.



Volunteers Allison and Jessica Pereira of Alexandria button the jeans of a soon-to-be scarecrow at the Fall for Fairfax Kidsfest on Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Fairfax County Government Center.

CALENDAR

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

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 5

We Can't Live Without Them: The Importance of Minerals to Our Way of Life. 7 p.m. USGS, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Every year about 25,000 pounds of non-fuel mineral materials are extracted from the Earth for every person in the US. Learn what these minerals are and how we use them, where they come from, and the steps involved from discovery to use. Free and open to the public. Federal facility, photo ID required. 703-648-4748 or www.usgs.gov/public_lecture_series.

Big Apple Circus. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles. Performers from around the globe. 888-541-3750 or bigapplecircus.org.

Wonderful Ones. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Songs, stories, and rhymes. 12-23 months with adult. 703-437-8855, TTY: 711.

THURSDAY/OCT. 6

Big Apple Circus. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles. Performers from around the globe. 888-541-3750 or bigapplecircus.org.

Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Storytime and activities. Age 4-5 with adult. 703-689-2700, TTY: 711.

FRIDAY/OCT. 7

Oktoberfest Reston. 3-11 p.m. Reston Town Center, Pavilion and Market Streets, Reston. Featuring fall brews, food from area restaurants, live entertainment, children's rides and more. Presented by the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. oktoberfestreston.com.

Big Apple Circus. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles. Performers from around the globe. 888-541-3750 or bigapplecircus.org.

The Wood Brothers with Clay Cook. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

Transforming the Written Word into a Spoken Performance. 1:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Laura Giannarelli, a professional actress and audio book narrator for the Library of Congress, gives the inside scoop on transforming the written word into a spoken performance by taking you behind the scene in the recording studio. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/rr/direct.htm.

Art Show and Reception. 5 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. Carol Berman's pastel images of Lake Anne. 703-709-7700 or restonmuseum@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

Fairfax Festival of the Arts. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fairfax Corner, 11900 Palace Way, Fairfax. Over 10,000 pieces of art will be for sale, including

paintings, sculptures, photographs, jewelry, glass, fiber and ceramic art and more. paragonartevents.com/fairfax2/

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Big Apple Circus. 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles. Performers from around the globe. 888-541-3750 or bigapplecircus.org.

Chris Smither. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Blues and contemporary roots music. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

Discover eBooks. 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 1925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. A check presentation will be followed by hands-on demonstrations on downloading eBooks and will allow participants to compare different eReaders. 703-689-2700.

Blessing of Pets. 1 p.m. Brown's Chapel, 11450 Baron Cameron Ave., Reston. Free. frsantore@onebox.com or 703-405-0365.

Discover eBooks. 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. A live demonstration on how to download eBooks from the FCPL website for free. Staff will be on hand to help customers access eBooks on handheld devices such as the nook, iPad and iPhone. 703-689-2700, TTY: 711.

SUNDAY/OCT. 9

Fairfax Festival of the Arts. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax Corner, 11900 Palace Way, Fairfax. Over 10,000 pieces of art will be for sale, including paintings, sculptures, photographs,

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Big Apple Circus. 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles. Performers from around the globe. 888-541-3750 or bigapplecircus.org.

Anthem Great Pumpkin 5K and Kid's Pumpkin Dash. 8:30 a.m. Reston Town Center, 11921 Freedom Drive, Reston. Kids Pumpkin Dash and pumpkin decorating contest. Timed 5k \$35, non-timed 5k \$25. 703-707-9045.

MONDAY/OCT. 10

Big Apple Circus. 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles. Performers from around the globe. 888-541-3750 or bigapplecircus.org.

Take Steps for Crohn's & Colitis. 3 p.m. Temporary Road Pavilion, Reston. Raise money for research and raise awareness of these painful digestive diseases that afflict millions of people. www.ctakesteps.org, 703-865-6130 or hpalmer@ccfa.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 11

Folk Club of Reston-Herndon with Sam & Joe Herrmann. 7:15 p.m. The Back Room of The Tortilla Factory, 648 Elden St., Herndon. \$11, \$10 members. DAHurdSr@cs.com.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and

Excel. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

Money Matters. 7:15 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Explore the importance of money and the economy. Monthly group discussion focuses on personal finance and investing. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

Ballet-Tumble Class. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Learn basic motor skills, coordination, balance and rhythm. No younger or older siblings allowed. Age 3-4 with adult. 703-689-2700, TTY: 711.

Great Decisions Roundtable Discussion. 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Discussion of U.S. and international issues. The subject for October is The Caucasus. Reading material available at the desk. Adults. 703-689-2700, TTY: 711.

Read to the Dog. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Bring your own book or choose a book from the library. Call or sign up for a 15-minute session. Age 6-12. 703-689-2700, TTY: 711.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 12

Toddler Tales. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Stories and activities for you and your toddler. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

Toddler Storytime. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Stories, songs and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-437-8855, TTY: 711.

Reston Book Club. 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Call for title. Adults. 703-689-2700, TTY: 711.

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Sam Bush. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A fusion of bluegrass with jazz, rock, reggae and more. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 13

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

Baby Steps Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime for you and your child. Age 12-23 months with adult. 703-689-2700, TTY: 711.

Book Discussion Group. 7:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. The Story of Edgar Sawtelle. Ask for a copy at the circulation desk. Adults. 703-689-2700, TTY: 711.

Enter the Haggis. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A Canadian indie/Celtic-rock world-fusion band. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/OCT. 14

The Ahn Trio: BraziliAhn. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Chamber music. \$40. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Frying Pan Farm Park Harvest Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Watch the cider press in action, milk a goat, shell corn, peel apples, and meet the farm animals. Paint a small

pumpkin, play farm games and see traditional farm demonstrations. \$5. 703-437-9101.

Comedian Wanda Sykes. 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. \$35-\$45, available online at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. www.wandasykes.com or www.patriotcenter.com.

Weekend Bluegrass Concert Series: Hearttown. 7:30 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. \$15. 703-435-8377 or www.hearttownband.com.

Getting to Know the Shepherd Center. 10 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Information about services, light refreshments. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

Chaise Lounge. 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. A local jazz collective. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

Noel Paul Stookey. 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Activist, artist, and founding member of Peter, Paul & Mary. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

MONDAY/OCT. 17

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020, TTY: 711.

Frying Pan Farm at Reston Regional Library. 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Meet a goat, peel apples and create a mask to celebrate the fall harvest. Age 6-11. 703-689-2700, TTY: 711.

NEWCOMERS' NIGHT

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Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011, 9 a.m.

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Rotarians Jim Gates; Nancy O'Reilly, president of the Rotary Club of Reston; and Rotarian CarolAnn Babcock telling third-grade students at Forest Edge Elementary School about the English and English/Spanish dictionaries they each will receive as a community service gift from the Rotary Club of Reston.

Helping Them Spell Correctly

Rotary Delivers dictionaries to six elementary schools.

As they have done for the past several years, this week Rotarians with The Reston Rotary Club will begin their annual distribution of more than 750 English language dictionaries and 650 English-Spanish dictionaries to area third-graders. The Rotary has been asked to again distribute dictionaries in six of the elementary schools in the Fairfax County Public School South Lakes High School pyramid: Fox Mill, Hunters Woods, Forest Edge, Lake Anne, Terraset and Dogwood elementary schools. Dictionaries were delivered to Terraset Tuesday, Oct. 4 and will be distributed at Dogwood on Friday, Oct. 7.

The dictionaries are gifts for the students to own, to use at school and at home. The Rotary requests they write their name inside as soon as they return to their classrooms.

The goal of the program is to help all the students finish the school year as strong readers, writers and thinkers. The Rotary Club buys the dictionaries for students through the national Dictionary Project with proceeds from membership dues, donations, and fund-raisers. It's primarily donations from the group's 31 civic-minded members.

This dictionary distribution is one of several local education community service projects funded by The Rotary Club of Reston to include The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation Electronic Field Trip series in five elementary schools and scholarships for South Lake High School seniors.

Bowman Family History Unveiled

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Sunset Hills farm. Numerous photographs were shown to illustrate how the land looked from 1927-80.

The presentation covered the Bowman family and the era of 1927 to 1961. These were the days of Sunset Hills Farm on the nearly 7,000 acres that now make-up Reston. The Bowman Distillery started in 1935 after the repeal of prohibition and continued production of Virginia Gentleman bourbon in Reston through the 1980s. The distillery moved to Fredericksburg in 1988.

There are still reminders of this era with the Bow-

man mansion, the Wiehle church/historic town hall used by the Bowmans as a storage space for the Bourbon as it aged, the Sunset Hills Post Office on the W & OD Trail, and the DeLong Bowman house.

The DeLong Bowman house is located at Reston Parkway and Bowman Green Drive. This house will be featured on this year's House Tour. For more information and to purchase a ticket for the tour, contact the Reston Museum at 703-709-7700 or click on this web site http://www.restonmuseum.org/store/rights_HThomes.htm. Tickets are on sale now.

MILITARY NOTES

U.S. Army Capt. Kenneth A. Ward has returned from his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. While there, Ward earned a Bronze Star for meritorious command in wartime, as well as an Air Medal for meritorious flying in combat. He is assigned to the 82nd Aviation Brigade, based at Ft. Bragg, N.C. Ward is married to Valerie Mahr Ward, for-

merly of Chantilly, and is the son of Jonathan and Jane Ward of Reston and Cindy and Alvin Glatkowski of Duck, N.C.

Air Force Airman Javier Beltran graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Roxy Beltran of

Winterthur Lane in Reston.

Air Force Airman Desiree E. Bohorques graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Timothy Bohorques of Rickwood Drive, Pensacola, Fla., and niece of Bonnie Cullen of Reston.

Seahawks, Hornets Show Steady Progress

Both local teams compete at annual Glory Days event in Manassas.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The South Lakes High girls' and boys' cross country teams have shown steady improvement over the course of the fall season. The Seahawks, at Saturday, Oct. 1's, annual Glory Days Invitational meet at Bull Run Regional Park in Manassas, continued their good season with several solid individual efforts.

"I was pleased with our performance on Saturday," said South Lakes coach Kevin Donovan. "Both the boys and girls teams showed improved times and really outstanding effort. We are running faster times each week and hope to be right in the mix by the time the [Liberty] District Championships are held at the end of the month."

Highlighting the day for South Lakes was a third place showing by the freshmen girls' team in the 13-team frosh girls' race. South Lakes finished behind first place Jefferson and second place Centreville and ahead of fourth place West Potomac and fifth place Georgetown Visitation.

Molly McGrath was the top Seahawk finisher in that race with a 15th place overall finish in the field of 158 runners. The next top finisher for South Lakes was Caroline Sartorius (26th overall). Other good outings for the Seahawks in the freshmen race came from Princess Aghayere (29th) and Alexis Cherry (37th).

The South Lakes freshmen boys finished ninth in the 22-team frosh boys' race. Top Seahawk finishers were Andrew McCool (18th) and Michael McDermott (22nd).

In the JV girls' race, South Lakes' top finisher was Haley Vaughn (17th overall). Amy Shomberg was the second Seahawk finisher and 40th overall.

In the seeded boys' varsity race, Chantilly's Sean McGorty, perhaps the top runner in the state, won the individual title. He was followed by teammate Logan Miller, who finished second overall for the first place Chargers.

South Lakes, in the seeded varsity boys' race, finished 11th place out of 18 teams. The Seahawks' top finishers were Nicholas Deatley (29th overall) and Ashkan Mohammadi (35th). Luis Rivas (46th) was also among the top 50 runners.

In the seeded varsity girls' race, South Lakes' top finisher was Molly Clough, who was 32nd overall in a field of 97 runners. Teammate Virginia McGinboney was 48th.

In the boys' varsity B race, South Lakes' Sebastian Waldschmidt was 30th overall.

THE HERNDON HIGH boys' team, competing at the Glory Day meet, finished fourth in the varsity B race. The Hornets finished behind champion Sidwell Friends, second place John Handley and third place Osbourn Park. Finishing behind Herndon was fifth place Centreville.

Leading the way for Herndon was junior

"Both the boys and girls teams showed improved times and really outstanding effort."

— South Lakes coach
Kevin Donovan



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South Lakes' Ashkan Mohammadi, right, along with a runner from Potomac Falls High, competes in last Saturday's seeded varsity boys' race at the Glory Days Invitational.

Bobby Heuer, who finished second overall behind winner Chan Young Lee of Centreville.

"He ran and executed a great race plan, ran smart and tried to win it," said Herndon coach Pete Sherry, of Heuer's race. "He's learning how to win."

Several Herndon runners were not available to run due to SAT testing. Those runners included top tier Hornets Troy Hunsaker, Harrison Murn and Kevin Baldwin.

"We were missing our one, three and four runners on the boys' side," said Sherry, who went on to say most schools were without some of their runners.

The coach said the Herndon boys, at the Concorde District Championships later this month, will have to be at or near the top of their game in order to break into the top four finishing teams and qualify for the Northern Region Championships.

"The district is much better and deeper than I estimated," said Sherry. "I'm hoping we can get fourth and get into regionals. Their coming along nicely."

For the Herndon girls, competing in Saturday's varsity B girls' race, Callie Pfeffer-Hahn (35th) was the Hornets' top finisher. Other top 50 runners for Herndon were Noelle Muha (38th), Ashley Grupenhoff (43rd), and Jessica Ya (49th).

Herndon's top girls' runner this season, senior Belle Burgess, missed the race due to SATs.

"She's a tough kid and hopefully she can peak at regionals and get to states," said Sherry, of Burgess.

Gabby Bustamante, Herndon's No. 2 varsity runner, finished sixth overall in the freshmen girls' race.

"She's been coming along slowly but progressing and getting better every week," said Sherry, of ninth grader Bustamante.



Seahawk teammates Molly Clough, left, and Kelly Jean Watkins run side by side in the varsity girls' race.

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The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2012, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,600 to \$3,700†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$8,500 to \$9,000.
3. An increase in the Account Charge from \$32 to \$33.
4. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.04 to \$2.16 per 1,000 gallons of water.
5. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$2.95 to \$3.20 per 1,000 gallons of water.
6. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

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Much Ado About Something, Maybe



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Or maybe not. Such is life as a cancer patient. The other day I received a call from my oncology nurse advising me of an elevated level of something from my previous day's monthly, pre-chemotherapy lab work (blood and urine). This is in fact the exact reason for this pre-chemotherapy lab work: to monitor. And during my now 30 months of it, receiving such advisories has not been uncommon; it has happened half a dozen times, approximately, for a variety of reasons: low white blood cell count, as well as increased levels of bilirubin, creatinin, potassium, protein. Consequences have ranged from delaying that particular week's chemotherapy to emergency-type doctor's appointments - that same day, to adjustments in medication (adding or subtracting or changing altogether) and/or re-tests to confirm the abnormal readings, and of course lifestyle and diet suggestions. In summary, I have fared pretty well, having survived all of it, many months beyond the original timeline as initially projected by my oncologist back in Feb., 2009.

Fortunately, so far, the previous irregularities in my lab work have always returned to normal, either after a re-test or the passage of time. However, any abnormalities have always been cause for concern, for doctor and patient alike. Similarly, any change or worsening of symptoms/behavior, especially breathing and/or coughing (which diagnosis to date, have remained non-issues, thank God!) have likewise been carefully noted. Through it all, my body has tolerated the treatment exceptionally well and been fairly resilient, which presumably has contributed to my rather ordinary life, post diagnosis. Nevertheless, 30 months into it, I'm beginning to have a bit more difficulty mentally, shrugging off this most recent result. At some point, either the poisonous nature of the chemotherapy or the multiple malignant tumors in my lungs (currently characterized as in "partial stable remission") have to have a harmful effect, don't they? I mean, stage IV lung cancer is, well; there is no stage V, so sooner rather than later, one would presume that you know what is going to hit the fan, figuratively speaking, and when it does, it may be, as they say in Massachusetts: "Katie bar the door."

As much as I want to believe I'm immune to cancer's effects, there's a logical Libra inside of me scaling this mental mountain every day, wondering: when? And statistical anomalies aside, what I have is incurable, according to my oncologist, as told to me on that fateful day back in February, 2009. Presumably, what's not making me stronger is in fact killing me - to turn a phrase completely around. And try as I might to ignore certain facts and pretend that what ails me, doesn't, calls from my oncology nurse with precautionary indications of something or other upset my apple cart. An apple cart I didn't even know I had but one that I cling to every day, apparently without realizing it.

Let's be realistic here, I have to cling to something. I can't be expected to skate through this diagnosis/prognosis like I'm Alexander Ovechkin on holiday. This is no holiday. This is a hell of a day, especially when my lab work generates a "Kenny, how are you feeling"-type call. As experienced as I now am at receiving these calls, the arrival of them is still unsettling. Thankfully, diagnosis to date, the blips in the miscellaneous levels of whatever that have appeared in my blood and urine have always returned to acceptable levels within very short order. One day, sooner than I care to admit, that has to change, doesn't it?

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