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Forrest Challenges Howell For 32nd Senate Seat

Twenty-year incumbent Democrat Janet Howell faces Republican challenger Patrick Forrest.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Meet the Candidates

State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) will face off with Republican challenger Patrick Forrest for the 32nd district senate seat in Virginia's General Assembly.

The 32nd district changed during the recent redistricting, with Herndon, Great Falls and Northern McLean going to the 31st district, and areas in Oak Hill, Chantilly, Oakton, Vienna and Arlington added. According to the Virginia Public Access Project, of the 25 new precincts added, 11 voted strongly Democratic (in which 2008 and 2009 elections were decided by more than 10 percent), seven are Democratic, two voted strongly Republican and five are Republican.

FORREST said that if elected, one of his first priorities would be to solve the disconnect between land use and transportation issues.

"Transportation issues are determined at the state level, land use issues are determined at the local level. This is a disconnect I will not allow to continue," he said. "I'll submit a piece of legislation right away that gives local jurisdictions authority over transportation issues. We are the ones who best understand what our local traffic issues are."

He also said he would immediately support legislation that would make it easier for small businesses to thrive in the area. He pointed to the Business Professional Occupancy Licensing Tax as an example of government hindering small businesses.



Patrick Forrest

Patrick Forrest, 34, is a Baltimore native who attended Virginia Military Institute. Until March 2011, he was a senior official at the Department of Homeland Security. He received a Juris Doctor from Syracuse University and a Master of Laws from George Washington. He currently lives in Reston.



Janet Howell

Janet Howell, 67, has lived in Reston for 37 years, was elected to the senate in 1992. She has also been president of the Reston Community Association (now the Reston Citizens Association), and a member of the Reston Interfaith board. She received her bachelor's degree from Oberlin College and her master's from the University of Pennsylvania. She is married to Hunt Howell, and they have three children.

"This is a regressive tax that was brought about in the War of 1812 to fund the war and was originally put on blacksmiths," he said. "We need to roll that tax back for the first five years of a new business to give them reasons to come to our area and not make it difficult on them for those first couple of years when they're trying to set up shop and they probably aren't making a profit."

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From left, Reston founder Robert Simon, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova and State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) prepare to cut the ribbon on the expanded Reston Community Center Lake Anne Sunday, Oct. 16.

RCC Lake Anne Cuts Ribbon

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Reston Community Center Lake Anne officially cut the ribbon on its 4,500 square feet of renovated space, which includes two fitness studios, a wellness studio and a 3-D media studio. The previous ribbon cutting was delayed after the Sept. 8 flooding.

Leila Gordon, executive director of the Reston Community Center, said that the expansion was a direct response to the overwhelming need for more programs at the community center.

"This board made a constant effort to address the frustrations of people who wanted to be involved in our programs but for whom we literally did not have space," Gordon said. "Our fitness programs and our arts education, our fine arts programs were a big part of the demand that led to this undertaking."

Bill Bouie, a member of the board of governors, said they have been waiting a long time for this expansion.

"This will be a great addition to Lake Anne and to Northern Reston," he said. "The fitness and wellness studios are a major part of what we're going to be able to offer now."

Part of the expansion includes a 3-D media studio, which cen-

ter arts education director Cheri Danaher said will take a lot of pressure off of the main arts studio.

For those who create their works of art at RCC Lake Anne, they won't have to go far to display them. The expansion includes a hallway display where sculpture, pottery and other works made at the community center are on display and for sale.

Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, said she was very pleased with the new space.

"I had an opportunity when we had a naturalization ceremony at Lake Anne to get a sneak peak of the expansion and it really does give us a wonderful space," she said. "It doesn't happen by accident, it happens because you have folks that get it, and you have a community that's willing to invest the time, energy and resources into making this space and programs for people to engage in."

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Dranesville) said that having a special tax district for the area was essential for the Reston Community Center to maintain its mission.

"It really works well in terms of us being able to identify our community needs and uniquely fund them and help the community," she said. "For Reston that's important."

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Howell, Forrest Run for 32nd

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Forrest also said he hoped to lure more manufacturing companies to the area.

"We need to incentivize the repatriation of highly complex manufacturing back to Virginia. I want to set up an office in the governor's office which coordinates and provides technical assistance, from soup to nuts, going out and targeting industries that are involved in highly complex manufacturing, showing them... this is how you can do business in Northern Virginia."

According to VPAP the Forrest campaign has raised \$135,997, with \$24,441 in cash contributions of more than \$100; \$47,135 of in-kind contributions of more than \$100; and \$55,075 in loans received.

More information on Forrest can be found at www.forrest2011.com.

HOWELL said if re-elected, she hopes to ensure that Virginia continues to weather the tough economic times.

"We cut more than \$6 billion from the budget, and it was difficult, but I think we were able to get together and make compromises that were the best of a bad situation," she said. "I don't buy the notion that we have a surplus. We had to borrow and rely on stimulus money, and those options aren't there anymore."

In regards to Dulles Rail Phase Two, Howell said the state needs to pursue more funding options, in-

cluding federal Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act funds.

"We need TIFIA funding, we need the flexibility of that bonding to keep our options open," she said. "The airports authority itself needs to do some things.

They need to toll the access road. That's only fair. And they need to impose some fees on the airlines to pay for this project, that will help all of Northern Virginia, especially the airports."

When it comes to attracting businesses, Howell says she has a Joint Legislative Audit and

Review Commission study currently looking at how incentive programs are working.

"We now have about 11 [incentive programs]. We don't know if they're having the desired effect or not. We don't know if repatriation is going on. We don't know that if we encourage big business to come to Virginia if they're displacing our small businesses," she said. "What my study is doing is finding out exactly how are these working. Because we've got to do the most intelligent and effective things, and make certain we're not inadvertently harming our own businesses."

The Howell campaign has raised \$440,616, according to VPAP. Of that money, \$396,864 is from cash contributions of more than \$100; \$15,003 in cash contributions of \$100 or less; and \$28,772 has come from in-kind contributions of more than \$100.

More information on Howell is available at www.janethowell.com.

Candidates Debate

A forum featuring 32nd Senate district candidates Patrick Forrest and Janet Howell will be televised on Comcast Channel 28 Wednesday, Oct. 19 at 8:30 p.m.

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Guests enjoy the open living room/kitchen/dining room in the home of Leslie Hanna and Dan Miller, which overlooks the 13th green of the Hidden Creek Golf Course.



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The office of the Lake Thoreau condo of Kimberly King features an Andy Warhol-style portrait of the owner, as well as accessories around the room that match.

Homes Tour Shows Upside of Downsizing

Reston Historic Trust hosts 10th annual Reston Homes Tour.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As difficult economic times continue, many people have been forced to move into more affordable homes, which often means smaller. For six of the homes on this year's Reston Homes Tour, smaller doesn't mean a downgrade.

This year's theme was "Finding the Upside of Down," as the homeowners along the tour had all recently moved into smaller residences.

"Though the operative word may be 'down,' down market, downsizing, downgrading, these homeowners exemplify the positive," said Bonnie Haukness, chair of the event. "They have created, in their new and altered spaces, a nest to delight their spirit and show us the upside."

This was the 10th year of the annual tour, which is the major fundraiser for the Reston Historic Trust. It featured homes, apartments and townhouses from around Reston, from the urban living of Reston Town Center to the more natural scenery of Reston's lakes.

Nancy Hunter and David Whetton's Lake Anne townhouse was one such testament to Reston's natural beauty. They purchased the home in 2010, and have spent much of this year renovating it.

LAKE ANNE provides a backdrop to the



Guests make their way through the Tuscan-inspired kitchen of the Lake Anne townhouse of Nancy Hunter and David Whetton, one of the stops on this year's Reston Homes Tour.

living room and master bedroom, and the large windows provide plenty of viewing space.

"It's awe-inspiring to have the beauty of the lake present in so many areas of the house," said tour guest Hannah Uscher of Reston. "The house is just so bright and airy, not what you'd expect when you hear of a townhouse."

The house's design pays tribute to Hunter and Whetton's travels, which they both enjoy as a hobby. Much of the house was de-



Guests tour the dining room of the home of Jerry and Bunny Bonnes, one of the stops on this year's Reston Homes Tour.

signed with a Tuscan feel, especially the kitchen, which Hunter says is the way her mother's kitchen was.

Kimberly King's condo has a similar backdrop on the shores of Lake Thoreau. Using dark furniture and countertops to contrast with bright wall and decoration colors in the kitchen and office, the sides of the condo away from the lake.

"The use of color in the one side of the house was quite striking," said George Larkin of Reston. "For example, the darker furniture in the office make the Andy Warhol-style portrait pop, and the chairs

and other decorations match that painting well."

On the side of the house closest to the lake, the condo is configured to take in much of the natural light. The living room is closest to the lakeside porch, and the adjacent dining room has a mirrored wall opposite the glass doors, making sure no incoming light goes to waste.

The backyard waterfall and hot tub at the home of Leslie Hanna and Dan Miller are the only aquatic features of their home, but their yard does back up to another of Reston's signature locations, the 13th green of the Hidden Creek Golf Course.

The house was totally remodeled from 2007 to 2008, as the previous house had flooding in the basement, leaks from the roof and a narrow basement stairway. The renovation, done by architect Michael Miller, fixed the problems, widened the staircase, and changed the overall impression of the house.

"We added a curved wall to orient the front of the house more," Michael Miller said of the wall of windows that leads from the garage to the front door. "Before, you would pull into the carport and not even be able

to see where the front of the house was." The kitchen was moved to the back of the house, and it flows into the living room and porch that overlooks the golf course without any barrier.

J.P. and Deborah Brehony know firsthand what it's like to go from one end of the spectrum to the other. They lived in a house in Vienna built by J.P.'s homebuilding company. They moved to Midtown in Reston Town Center in what was supposed to be a temporary move.

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OPINION

More on Deer Sharing anecdotes from readers; No easy answers.

Last month, we noted the beginning of the annual bow-hunting season as part of deer management in Fairfax County. We invited readers to share their experiences with deer, and we've had interesting responses.

Among the comments: people shared their experience with Lyme disease, families with experiences with deer-vehicle collisions, nature lovers who were dismayed to run into bow hunters in their local parks, bow hunters who sincerely want to be part of the solution, and one letter outlining one family's negative experiences with bow hunters. We end with a report from the Fairfax County police, which notes the death of an Arlington man when his motorcycle struck a deer in Clifton.

Here are a few excerpts:

From Springfield:

"It's been almost two years since I was diagnosed with Lyme disease. I woke up one morning ... and I quickly realized that I couldn't hear anything in my right ear. It was almost two months later before I learned it was Lyme Disease which caused the hearing loss. While it's still a rare manifestation of the disease, the hearing specialist I saw said he's seeing it more frequently in recent years. ... I never got my hearing back."

From Centreville:

"I am one of the archers in the county's bow hunting program. ... Thanks for giving a bal-

anced view and pointing out the inherent dangers of having such a massive concentration of deer and the associated problems."

From Oakton:

"My son has hit (or been hit by) two deer, causing several thousands of dollars of car damage and raising our insurance rates. We are thankful that neither he nor his friend were injured. 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. [This writer's daughter also had Lyme disease.]

"Also we have lost several thousands of landscape dollars even though we always bought supposed shrubbery and plantings deer did not eat. ... We now pay \$80 every two weeks to have a noxious deer repellent sprayed in our yard. It does seem to work."

From Fairfax Station:

"We are not happy with the destruction deer bring and we both have had automobile damage because of deer, but our experiences with hunting and its questionable efficacy make it unsupportable.

"Our first experience was ... two unsupervised boys approximately 12-14 years old walking through our yard with hunting bows while our [Golden Retrievers] ran around. It's more than a little disconcerting to come across unsupervised children carrying deadly weapons across your property.

EDITORIAL

Voter Suppression

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

The standard civics class lesson is that voting is a primary responsibility of citizenship. We are often reminded at patriotic events that our men and women in uniform protect our rights and freedoms including participating in our government by voting. Yet, with all the importance assigned to voting, voter participation rates in this country are among the lowest of democratic governments. More people stay home than go to the polls. For whatever their reasons for not voting, these people by their inaction affect the outcome of elections.

Unfortunately, some political operatives have recognized that keeping voter turnout low is a way to influence the election outcomes. Laws are on the books in Virginia and are being debated in other states to require an official identification document in order to vote. Elimination of voter fraud is given as the justification for such laws, although there have been few

documented instances of voter fraud. The real effect is to add to the complexities of the voting process to discourage persons from voting. With an expected close presidential election coming up in 2012, it is likely that there will be more legislation introduced in the states affecting voter participation. Virginia has historically had among the lowest voter participation rates of any state. Virginia once had a host of laws to limit voting and voter registration. A literacy test requiring certain information to be written on a blank sheet of paper kept many well-educated people from being able to register to vote. Supporters of the Byrd Machine could pass the test whether or not they could read or write; African-Americans could seldom pass the test. The poll tax of \$1.50 kept many people from voting because they simply did not have the money. Beyond the amount of money the requirement that the poll tax had to be paid for three years in a row at least six



months before the election kept even more people from voting. Desirable voters were reminded to pay their poll tax in May in order to be able to vote in November. Incidentally, the poll tax was the only tax on the books that

was not enforced. If you did not pay it, nobody came to collect it. The tax was not about raising revenue but was about limiting the right of people to vote. The federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 eliminated most of the voter suppression laws that existed in Virginia and in the South and other states. There are few legal barriers to voting. We need to be vigilant to ensure that laws are not enacted that would have the effect of discouraging people to vote. If you are going to be away on Election Day, unable to go to the polls, or are away from home for more than eleven hours, apply for an absentee ballot or vote early in person. For details, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb or call 703-324-4706. Do not let anyone or anything suppress your vote.

"The last experience occurred when my wife entered our development in her car. A freshly shot deer was dragging itself across the road in front her and ended up collapsing on the side of the road in a neighbor's yard. ... While we stood there, the hunter came down from his stand, walked to the deer and shot it several times with arrows until it finally died." [This writer also relates observing two deer living with arrows protruding from them, had their "no hunting" signs torn down, and had someone butcher a deer on their property, leaving the entrails behind.]

From Great Falls:

A woman called to recount her discomfort at finding a bow hunter up in the tree when she was hiking in River Bend Park.

From Clifton:

Fairfax County police report that Timothy Ray Schleeter, 50, of Arlington, died in August the day after he collided with a deer while riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle on Compton Road near the intersection of Balmoral Forest Road.

We welcome your stories about deer, and invite you to send your photos. You can find more on our website, www.ConnectionNewspapers.com by searching with one word: deer.

— MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not Just Another Tax

To the Editor:

When it comes to finding solutions to funding our Transportation Infrastructure needs in Northern Virginia (or just Virginia), we need to be looking toward 21st Century solutions.

Although funding our many transportation needs is a complex issue, there are some fundamentals that we need to understand at the basic level. One critical notion is that when you add a tax on to something, the cost to purchase that item will go up.

One easy solution put forward by politicians who are not focused on the future is to increase the gas tax. In my opinion, relying on the gas tax as a sustainable funding source for our many needs is antiquated thinking.

In fact, it is a diminishing source of revenue each and every year for the following reasons:

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Endorsements

BY JACK KENNY
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Telephone conversation: Mr. Candidate? This is the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Candidate: Yes? CofC: I have been asked to convey to you that the Chamber NOVABizPAC has decided to endorse the incumbent for the office

A DIFFERING POINT OF VIEW

I pointed out a number of very questionable decisions, high taxes, out of control bureaucracy, wasteful spending on non-essential programs, and the lack of addressing critical problems — particularly the anti local business actions. CofC: You must understand that the Chamber always endorses the incumbent. Mr. Candidate: What would happen if I should win? This is a very close race. CofC: Well, Mr. Candidate, If you should win, the Chamber would support you. Mr. Candidate: I see. Well, thank you for the call.

Believe it or not, a reasonable facsimile of this conversation actually did take place — so much for endorsements.

One may wonder about the duties of the Board of Supervisors. First, I doubt there is little misunderstanding of the meaning of the word supervisor. We expect the Supervisors to exercise their authority to ensure that our local government is effective and our tax dollars are wisely spent. However, a number of instances leads one to think that is not happening. The School Board has adamantly refused an outside audit to ensure our taxpayer dollars are being effectively spent. The BOS does have control over the funds collected for education. Should they just throw the money at the School Board and wash their hands of the accountability. Balderdash!

The Chief Budgeting Officer (the Chairman) has not come forth to explain where we will be getting the \$1.7 billion to pay for infra-



structure needs for Rail-to-Dulles stations. As a matter of fact, the whole financing plan for Rail-to-Dulles is a disgrace. The majority Board voted down a proposal in May 2011 by Supervisor Pat Herrity to do an Economic Impact

Study on the increase in tolls on the Dulles Toll Road. Bipartisanship is a buzz word for do it my way. We read of denials of \$17 for a one-way trip to Tyson's — by the way, \$10 is more acceptable?

It is no accident that the current Board of Supervisors is following in the traditions of the Boards led by Jean Packard, Audrey Moore, Gerry Connolly, and Sharon Bulova. Russ Banham provides a rich history of BOS inept government. (Banham, Russ, The Fight for Fairfax: A Struggle for a Great American County, GMU Press, 2009). It's time to get control over the stealth arm of our local government: the Staff. Vote Tuesday, Nov 8, 2011.

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Supporting Darfur Refugees

Reston mother, son publish a book to help build libraries in Chad.

BY AMIEE FREEMAN
THE CONNECTION

Stories and poems by 18 well-known and award-winning authors and poets have been brought together in one book, "What You Wish For," by Reston residents, mother and son, Lorraine and Logan Kleinwaks, to benefit Darfur refugees living in camps in Chad.

"What You Wish For" features 13 original stories and five poems written for readers 12 and older. The stories are linked to the central theme of wishes. All proceeds from the book will be donated to United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to help build libraries in Darfur refugee camps in Chad.

UNHCR estimates that more than a quarter of a million refugees have been produced by the conflict in Darfur, which began in



Lorraine Kleinwaks

2003. Refugees have been living in camps in Chad for the past eight years; a disproportionate number of the refugees are children.

LORRAINE AND LOGAN'S QUEST to help Darfur refugees began in September 2007. Lorraine recalls reading an article

about a young refugee from Darfur who spoke of his mental anguish at having to re-read the same books over and over. "If you love to read, that is torture," said Kleinwaks. Logan suggested that they find a way to send the young man some books.

"It only took us one week to figure out that no one had any books to read. Sending books seemed like something we could do to make a difference," said Kleinwaks.

Working with UNICEF, Lorraine and Logan learned that the number one request among the refugees was to learn English. Logan and Lorraine created Book Wish, a non-profit foundation, and began raising funds to purchase textbooks and send them to refugee camps.

Following the donation of books, Lorraine and Logan became aware of other needs in the refugee camps. Refugees needed not only books to study English, but also reading glasses, solar lights and school supplies. Book Wish Foundation has donated 1,500 pairs of reading glasses, crates of books and even worked with solar light companies to field test solar lights. The next logical step was providing libraries that would also serve as community centers.

Alexander McCall Smith, perhaps best known for his novel "The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency," is one of the most promi-

nent authors to appear in the volume of short stories. In addition to his well-known books for adults, McCall Smith also has a series of books for younger readers.

McCall Smith's short story, "The Strange Story of Bobby Box," is included in the book. In a recent interview with UNHCR's Laura Padoan, McCall Smith outlined the story:

"Bobby Box is a boy who finds what he's looking for, which is a home, and that's the general lesson in it. But children don't want to be preached at, so it's meant to be an exciting story of a boy who succeeds against the odds and, in particular, ends up working in a circus," said McCall Smith. A link to the full interview can be found on Book Wish's website: www.bookwish.org.

Karen Hesse, winner of the Newberry Medal in 1998 for "Out of the Dust," also contributed to the book with a short story entitled, "Now."

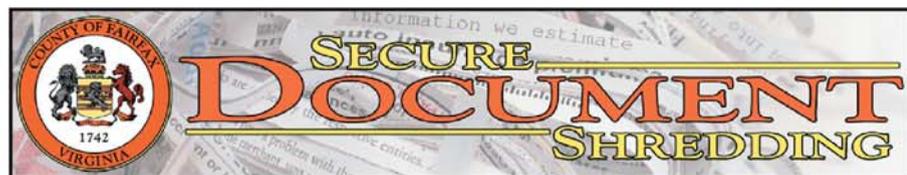
Two stories have appeared before.

The author of "Inkheart," Cornelia Funke's short story, "Inquest," appeared before in German. The story's inclusion in this book will be the first time it has been published in English.

One of the most prolific writers in the English language, Joyce Carol Oates, also has a story appearing in the book; her story has also been previously published.

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Reston's Big Happy Musical

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

“Come disappear for a while into the decadent world of the 1920s; when champagne flowed, the caviar was chilled and all the world was a party — for the wealthy anyway. And there are plenty of mix-ups, mayhem and a fun wedding to enjoy,” said director Josh Redford of the Reston Community Players season opening musical “The Drowsy Chaperone.”

“The Drowsy Chaperone” won 2006 Tony Awards for Best Score by Lisa Lambert and Greg Morrison and Best Book by Bob Martin and Don McKellar. “The Drowsy Chaperone” starts off as a man, alone in his home one evening, spins a rare, long-playing show tune album remembering a particular Jazz Age musical. His rich imagination crafts the play-within-a-play musical comedy evening that ensues.

For Redford “this is a big cast show with something for everyone to sink their teeth into.” The delightful score tells the fictional story as elaborate scenes come into the audience’s view. In preparing to direct the show, Redford said he “researched the Jazz Age for its pacing, physicality and stylized dance movements.” He also delved into the comedy duos



COURTESY OF RESTON COMMUNITY PLAYERS

From left, Jennifer Lambert and Colleen Arnold in the Reston Community Players production of ‘The Drowsy Chaperone.’

Where and When

Reston Community Players, “The Drowsy Chaperone,” at CenterStage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Hunters Woods Village Center, Reston. Performances through Nov. 5, 2011. 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. matinees on Oct. 23 and 30. Tickets: \$18-\$21. Call 703-476-4500 or visit restonplayers.org. Note: Recommended for ages 8 and up.

of the period for “their word play, skits and how comics worked seamlessly together.”

“I fell in love with the score and loved the idea that this musical comedy is about someone, in this case a

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Rotary Club of Reston Helps Students Find Right Words

Rotary hands out dictionaries to third graders.

By ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Rotary Club of Reston delivered more than 1,400 dictionaries to third grade students at Fox Mill, Hunters Woods, Forest Edge, Lake Anne, Terraset and Dogwood Elementary Schools over the past three weeks. The effort is part of their elementary outreach program.

"Of course words can be found on the computer, but not everyone has access to a computer all the time, and these don't need batteries and will work when the power is out," said CarolAnn Babcock, secretary of the Reston Rotary Club. A total of 758 English dictionaries and 673 English-Spanish dictionaries were delivered. Fox Mill was the only school not to receive the English-Spanish dictionaries, due to their Japanese Im-



Spanish. "It doesn't take them long to start flipping through and you can just feel the energy that comes with the students getting excited about learning new words," Babcock said. The Reston Rotary Club also helps fund virtual field trips to Colonial Williamsburg for local school, which began at the start of this school year. They also provide scholarships to Northern Virginia Community College.

Third graders at Dogwood Elementary School examine their new English and English-Spanish dictionaries Friday, Oct. 7. The dictionaries were presented to third graders at six local elementary schools by the Reston Rotary Club.

CarolAnn Babcock of the Reston Rotary Club hands out dictionaries to third graders at Dogwood Elementary School Friday, Oct. 7.

mersion Program. "The Reston Rotary Club really believes in education, they know that a good education leads to good opportunities to become a responsible and respectful student," said William

Vardeman, assistant principal at Dogwood. "We want these dictionaries to be in everybody's hands so as soon as they find a word they don't know, they can look it up." Students used the dictionaries to

look up all sorts of things within seconds of receiving them. Some looked up the weights and measures tables, others found the correct spelling and definition of their favorite word, or how to say it in



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Scott Rowland, Vice President of the Reston Fidelity Investments Town Center/Investor Center (right) presents the Scholar Athlete Award to Andrew Weidinger.

Andrew Weidinger Receives Scholar Athlete Award

Former Lake Braddock standout, Andrew Weidinger, was presented the National Football Foundation's Eastern Region Scholar Athlete Award on Sept. 30. Weidinger is now a member of the William and Mary Football Squad, and was selected as the Eastern Region Scholar Athlete winner, and will represent the Eastern Region at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City on Dec. 6.

Weidinger represents the National Capital Region local chapter #115. He is the third athlete that has won such an award from the local chap-

ter in our area. The National Capital Region chapter has had three national winners in their first five years (2007, 2008, and now 2011), and serves Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Southern Maryland.

The Northern Virginia Fidelity offices have joined to assist and sponsor the local Scholar Athlete Program with the National Capital Chapter. They are sponsors of the chapter's Eastern Region Award.

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Gretchen Jean Croghan, 70, of Reston, Dies

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She was born June 9, 1941 in Mount Airy, N.C., to the late George and Margaret Harwick.

Gretchen grew up traveling the world in an Air Force family, attending grade school in Tokyo, Japan and high school in Paris, France.

She spent the majority of her adulthood raising her children and had a successful career later in life as an executive assistant. Gretchen was happiest when spending time with family and friends. She also enjoyed caring for animals, gardening, reading, travel, foreign cultures, and history. Gretchen had many talents, including playing the piano, drawing, painting, and writing.

She was married twice, first to Gerald Barrack and then to William Croghan.

Gretchen is survived by a brother, Alex Harwick; six children, Carla Barrett, Karen Theron, Jennifer Lindsay, Brian Croghan, Kevin Croghan, and George Croghan; ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two cats.

She loved life and people. Her kind heart and positive spirit touched the lives of all who knew her.



Gretchen Jean Croghan

"Rest in eternal peace Mom, you will be deeply missed. Your amazing spirit will live on in our hearts and memories forever," her family statement read.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. at the Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to pancan.org with tribute to Gretchen.



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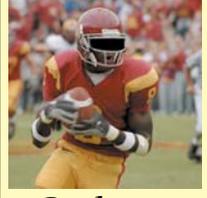
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Supporting Hynes

To the Editor:

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She was carrying Emma (her daughter) in her arms when I met her in 1992 as she registered Jack for school. What she loved most about Louise Archer Elementary School wasn't our gifted center but more so the rich history and grand diversity that our school community offered to our children and our families. She frankly just wanted to be present in the educational arena to make a difference.

As a PTA president she was amazing and I have had many PTA relationships over my school ca-

reer with FCPS. I immediately recognized “reason” and saw first hand the kindness and justice for years — as with the years in education.

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And she did — with swift resolve, taking the courses, undertaking the internships — Pat was indeed a natural: intelligent, intuitive, caring and resourceful, so Fairfax County Public Schools was lucky to hire her.

I believe that “true passion” is the first requirement for any job. Pat has passion for her children and their families, politics would always take a back seat.

Pat has initiatives that are first rate and bold and brave, and Pat has the resolve to take all of this to the finish line, as this is what Pat Hynes has always done.

Pat is not a political candidate with a hidden agenda. She is a committed, solidly caring woman with reason, education, experience and skill who will take us through important initiatives for the next century.

Judy Azzara
Former Principal, FCPS
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"Solace at Salt Pond" by Karen Danenberger. There will be an Artist's Reception on Sunday, Nov. 6 from 2-4 p.m. at the JoAnn Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center at Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza in Reston, for Karen Danenberger's solo show "Escapes," with 34 oil paintings depicting water scenes from Italy and Cape Cod. The exhibit will be open from Nov. 1-29. 703-476-4500, www.restoncommunitycenter.com or <http://karendanenberger.wordpress.com>.

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"Mother Wove the Morning." 8 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. One woman's search for the feminine face of God. Proceeds benefit the Fistula Foundation. \$20, \$10 students, seniors, and low income. Advance tickets available at www.uucf.org.

Time To Fly Foundation 10th Annual Gala Fundraiser. 5:30-9 p.m. Grace Conference Church & Conference Center, 4600 Brookfield Corporate Drive, Chantilly. In honor of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, help restore families and break the generational cycle of dating/domestic abuse. Free. Register at www.timetofly.org or 877-570-9488.

SATURDAY /OCT. 22

Signed Trail Update Walk. 1:30 p.m. Reston Museum, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston. Meet at Reston Museum for a 3-mile walk and an update on Reston's signed trails between Lake Anne and Reston Town Center. 703-709-7700 or restonmuseum@gmail.com.

Disney On Ice: Dare to Dream. 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets \$15-\$70, available at 1-800-551-SEAT, www.ticketmaster.com; and www.patriotcenter.com; and www.disneyonice.com.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With the Alturas Duo. Sibelius' Tapiola, Farias'

Commissioned Concerto, and Beethoven's Symphony No. 3, "Eroica." Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

16th Annual Craftsmen's Fall Classic Arts & Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Dulles Expo Center South Hall, 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Original designs and work from hundreds of artists and craftsmen. Admission \$7, \$1 age 6-12, under age 6 free. 1-336-282-5550.

Centreville Day. 6:30 p.m. Historic Centreville Park, 4630 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Walk the banks of the Cub Run stream and hear the stories of the people who once called it home.

Find out why Rock Hill could be considered cursed and hear the stories of the Hutchinson brothers and their parts in the revolutionary and civil wars. \$4 for Fairfax County residents, \$6 for out-of-county residents. 703-817-9407.

Breast Cancer Fundraiser. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 711 Pine St., Herndon. Silent Auction with sports memorabilia, artwork and jewelry plus raffles. All proceeds benefit the Tiger Lily Foundation, a non-profit charity based in Reston. 703-435-8002.

"Mother Wove the Morning." 8 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. One woman's search for the feminine face of God. Proceeds benefit the Fistula Foundation. \$20, \$10 students, seniors, and low income. Advance tickets available at www.uucf.org.

"The Hands of Orlac." 8 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. A 1924 classic silent film presented with an original score performed live by Vicodin Harlot Orchestra. Presented by the Society

of Art Rock. \$5. Reserve at 703-956-6590. www.artspaceherndon.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 23

Festival on the Square. 12-5 p.m. Westin Reston Heights, 11790 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Petting zoo, face painting, children's activities and more. Z Car Club's Judging and People's Choice Awards (Sports Cars) and outdoor restaurant grills. 703-476-9377.

8th Annual Help the Homeless Walk to Benefit Reston Interfaith. Reston Heights, 11750 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Registration begins 12 p.m. and the Walk at 1:30 p.m. A 3-mile walk to increase awareness about homelessness in the Greater Reston area and to raise funds for those in need of housing, childcare, food, or financial assistance. www.restoninterfaith.org or 571-323-9555.

Scarecrow Making Workshops. 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Bring an outfit and a pair of pantyhose for each scarecrow. We supply special touches for faces. Held outdoors, dress for the weather. Cancelled in the event of rain. Admission \$7 per scarecrow. Registration required at 703-437-9101.

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MONDAY/OCT. 24

UFOs: The Secret Story. 7 p.m. George Mason University Student Union Building 2 (HUB) Ballroom, Fairfax. A 90-minute lecture and slide show concerning the U.S. government's secret response to UFOs, based on thousands of declassified Air Force, FBI and CIA documents that confirm UFOs do exist and that these mysterious objects are of the greatest concern to the U.S. Air Force and the intelligence community. Hasting has also interviewed over 120 former U.S. military personnel. Free. 505-263-3815 or www.ufohastings.com.

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

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Musical

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man in a chair, who is both outside watching the action on stage and at the same time part of the production," said Mark V. Deal who handles the musical direction with its pastiche score of more than a dozen songs. The orchestra includes keyboards, drum-set, trumpet, trombone and reeds.

Andrew JM Regiec is the central character, known as "the Man in the Chair." Regiec is "passionate about musical theater and can relate to his character as

one who likes to listen to show tunes and restage them in his head." His character "takes you to another place and time as an escape from real life. This is a fun, fluffy, love letter to musical theater."

There is, of course a "Drowsy Chaperone" character known to upstage anyone played by veteran Jennifer Lambert. Colleen Arnold, a newcomer to the Reston Community Players, has a central role as the glamorous, celebrity bride-to-be struggling along as her wedding day nears.

With a big smile, Arnold described her character as "not the brightest crayon in the box, but is just not stupid as she struggles."

SPORTS



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Herndon quarterback Ky Gilmore-Parrott (7) threw two touchdown passes in the win over Washington-Lee.

Much Needed Win for Herndon Football Team

Offense continues to dominate in win over W-L Generals.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Herndon High, after coming so close to an upset football win over unbeaten Oakton two weeks ago, got a much-needed victory this past Friday night when it defeated non-district opponent and host team Washington-Lee, 47-25, in a scoring fest played in Arlington.

The win improved Herndon's record to 2-5 on the season. Two weeks ago at home versus Concorde District opponent Oakton on Oct. 6, the Hornets lost one of the metropolitan area's highest scoring games of the season, a 42-41 heart-breaker to the Cougars.

But Herndon showed fortitude by coming back and getting a win versus the Generals of Washington-Lee, a member of the National District and a program which reached the Div. 5 Northern Region semifinals of the playoffs a year ago.

Herndon's other win this season came back in week two when the Hornets defeated cross-town rival South Lakes, 33-7, in a non-district game played on Sept. 12 at South Lakes. But after that, Herndon lost lopsided affairs to Yorktown, Centreville, and Broad Run before giving Oakton a scare.

"Our kids have been working really hard and we have improved each week," said Herndon coach Joe Sheaffer. "Unfortunately, it hasn't showed in the win column. We have shown if we continue to improve and we can get healthy we can play with anyone."

With the much-needed win over W-L, which snapped a four-game losing streak, Herndon can now put all its focus on its upcoming district home game

versus Robinson this Saturday afternoon at 1. It will be the Hornets' Homecoming Game.

The visiting Rams, like Herndon, are 2-5. But they are coming off a huge 24-7 home win over local rival Lake Braddock, the defending Div. 6 region champions. Robinson's only prior win came over T.C. Williams in a week three game.

HERNDON, in the win over Washington-Lee, put together an outstanding game on offense for the second straight week. Running back Josh Schow rushed for 120 yards and three touchdowns and backfield mate Darrius Hicks (56 yards) ran for two scores. The Herndon passing game was also clicking as quarterback Ky Gilmore-Parrott, an efficient seven-of-nine passing, tossed touchdown passes to both Tony Potts (16 yard scoring strike) and Denzel Weaver (6 yards).

Herndon, ahead 20-11 at halftime, put the game away with three third quarter touchdowns. Herndon senior kicker Alex Bednarek converted six point-after kicks in the win.

The prior week versus Oakton, both Schow (164 yards, 2 TDs) and Hicks (149 yards, 1 TD) had huge games running the football behind the Hornets' potent offensive line.

Scoring catches came from Ryan Griffin (79 yard touchdown play), Potts (20 yard TD), and Hicks (64 yards). Zach Goldsby played quarterback that game for Herndon and was 7-for-17 for 76 yards and a touchdown.

OAKTON has big games from running backs Mike Wandey (104 yards, 3 TDs) and Kelly Brooks-Muse (83). Quarterback Tuck Masker also rushed for 50 yards and completed nine-of-18 passes for 133 yards and a touchdown. The game was tied at halftime, 14-14, and Oakton led 35-28 after three quarters.

Oakton, which improved to 7-0 with a win this past week at Chantilly, will host Westfield, also unbeaten, this Friday night.



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The Oakton High girls' field hockey team completed the regular season with a 3-1 win at Herndon last Friday. The Cougars (13-3) are the top seed at this week's Concorde District tournament. They were scheduled to play a semifinals round game at Westfield High School on Wednesday, Oct. 19 of this week versus the Centreville/Robinson first round winner.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Reston National Golf Course will host a 'Rally for the Cure' tournament on Thursday, Oct. 27 to benefit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The four-person scramble will begin at 9 a.m. and will include greens and cart fees, putting contest, lunch, and prizes. Entry is \$85 per player with proceeds going to the foundation. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more information, or to register for the tournament, go to www.restonnationalgc.com, or call 703-620-9333.

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO), held in late September, drew over 620 participants. The events were held over a 10-day period with more than 40 events at 18 different venues.

During the events, nine seniors over 90 years of age won gold medals, including Cora Parsons (Ashburn) and Trong Trongtonil (Alexandria) in eight ball pool; Carla Convery (Alexandria) in frisbee throw and mini javelin; Chester Myslicki (McLean) in freestyle swimming; Ray Kaminski (Springfield) in Wii bowling; and Mike Lowe (Springfield) in standing long jump. A gold medal in the 80-89 age range went to the Heatherwood Hotties line dancing team from the Heatherwood Retirement Community in Burke. For more information about NVSO or to volunteer, call 703-228-4721 or check the website at www.nvso.us.

Potomac Inline Hockey in Chantilly is offering free, year-round 'Learn to Skate, Learn to Play' lessons for youngsters interested in playing inline hockey. Les-

sons are held on Saturday mornings from 8-9 at The Box in Chantilly. Registration can be done online at www.potomachockey.com. Contact youth@potomachockey.com or call 703-961-8280 for full details.

Langley High captured the Northern Region golf championship last week with a winning score of 605. The Saxons finished ahead of second place Chantilly (617). The postseason event took place Oct. 3-4 at Twin Lakes Golf Club. Both the Saxons and Chargers, by finishing first and second, respectively, qualified for Virginia State AAA Championships.

Langley's top scorers at regionals were: Will Byrnes (148), Matt DiSalvo (151), Chris Brugge (152), Edric Wung (158), Derrick Paxton (163), and Chad Deese (176).

Chantilly's top scorers were: Steve Anstoos (151), Juhee Bae (152), Mike Gagne (156), Jack Dargle (162), Tim Harwick (162), and Mike Sciorra (163).

The following were the top regional individual finishers and medalist winners: Chris Brugge (148) of Langley; Tyler Spears (150) of Lee High; Keon Ho Song (151) of Centreville High; Steve Anstoos (151) of Chantilly; and Edric Wung (151) of Langley.

The following were the individual state tournament qualifiers — not including members of the top two region team finishers (Langley and Chantilly): Tyler Spears of Lee; Keon Ho Song of Centreville; Julie Luo of Thomas Jefferson; Matt Ashley of Stone Bridge; Joel Choi of Madison; and Patrick Milkler of Herndon.

HOME SALES

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11609 WINDBLUFF CT #09/009	3	2	1	RESTON	\$285,000	Townhouse		20191	RESTON
1700 LAKE SHORE CREST DR #22	2	1	1	RESTON	\$284,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		20190	EDGEWATER AT TOWN CNTR
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1339 NORTHGATE SQ	3	1	1	RESTON	\$219,000	Townhouse	0.03	20190	RESTON
11723A SUMMERCHASE CIR	2	1	0	RESTON	\$217,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		20194	SUMMERRIDGE
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2319 FREETOWN CT #23/11C	3	1	0	RESTON	\$105,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		20191	GLENVALE

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Creativity on Display

The home of Peter and Lisbeth Poulos was a one-story rambler built in 1968, until a series of renovations added a second floor loft and other features. It was one of the stops on the annual Reston Homes Tour.



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But the couple was struck by the uniqueness of the apartment, which was built out of the corner of the building's parking garage. The concrete, glass and steel appealed to them and Deborah Brehony furnished it with items she found at places like Ikea, Target and J.C. Penny.

"It proves you don't have to spend a fortune on furnishings and accessories to have a finished, first-hand look," she said. "It's all about the mix."

Jerry and Bunny Bonnes moved into their home on Owls Cove Lane in 2003. The gray, contemporary house is filled with art and artifacts they have collected, with only one rule: "one piece in, one piece out," to prevent clutter.

They also did work on the deck between the house and garage, as well as on the back porch.

"The courtyard was such a cool part of the property," said Mary Jackson of Reston. "It was open, yet secluded, and the fountains and plants there and on the back porch were a great touch. They added such a natural feel to go with the surrounding trees."

THE HOME also features an "ego room," as Jerry and Bunny call it, filled with programs, playbills and other memorabilia from the duo's years of involvement with local community theater.

The house of Lisbeth and Peter Poulos, on Sourwood Lane exists in a very different state than it used to. Located on a corner lot, it was originally a one-story rambler built in 1968.

Now it has a second story loft, featuring a living room, several bedrooms and an office. The walls that used to form the rooms of the original house have been taken out, resulting in a large, open living room, dining room and kitchen with high ceilings.

Also present throughout the house is their collection of mid-century modern furniture and several large, colorful abstract paintings by Peter Poulos's cousin, artist George Kokines.

"Looking at the photographs of what this place used to look like, it's like night and day," said Amanda Gardner of Reston. "It sits on this great property, and it's nice to see the house, with the huge downstairs rooms and the cool layout of the second floor loft, is taking advantage of the piece of land."

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As I continue to live beyond my original prognosis: "13 months to two years," my treatment has evolved, matured you might say. The timing and frequency of lab work, chemotherapy, CT Scans, Bone Scans and Brain MRIs, along with follow-up appointments with my oncologist (always post-scan to discuss results), have all been adjusted to compensate for the extremely favorable fact that (A) I have outlived the original prognosis – by a significant amount of time and (B) Due to the additional fact that there have been no "randomized trials" to actually quantify and develop treatment protocols based on such favorable results, not anecdotal-type opinions for survivors like me (lucky to have lived for as long as I have), how to treat/proceed is not exactly crystal clear. As such, my doctor is as concerned with not creating a problem as he is with treating the one (stage IV lung cancer) that we know about. Minimizing my exposure to harmful radiation (the scans) as an example, is as much a consideration as is the taxing of my kidneys as they filter out both the chemotherapy infusion I receive monthly and the miscellaneous drugs I'm prescribed to treat the not-unexpected side effects. Living this long, oddly enough, presents its own complications.

Nevertheless, when your oncologist e-mails you the following post-scan message: "CT looks good, all stable," it is as I've said repeatedly: "News I can live with." But for how long? (I always wonder.) However encouraging this kind of positive news is, I can't help thinking it's still a matter of time. Moreover, the salesman in me rationalizes: it's simply getting closer to a negative (bad) result ("each 'no' you receive is one step closer to a 'yes'" is the adage). As exciting and stress-reducing as it is to learn that your cancer has not progressed (moved, enlarged), I feel, as serious as the underlying problem is: stage IV lung cancer, the increasing inevitability that the next scan has to indicate change – for the worse.

Still, it's not like I completely ignore or dismiss the results. Hardly. I embrace them with all my emotional strength. But I can't help "introspecting" – in this context, anyway: why me? Who am I to not suffer the same fate as so many others similarly diagnosed who have preceded me? Stage IV lung cancer is not curable, as my oncologist advised way back when, at the initial Team Lourie meeting: "I can treat you, but I can't cure you." More disturbing words you'll likely never hear. In effect, being told that your life is ending, somewhat prematurely – given my overall health and age: 54, and the additional fact that there was no significant family history to consider and moreover, that both my parents lived into their mid-eighties.

But life has gone on, 31 months and counting, in spite of the original prognosis. And the longer I live – and continue to be grateful for this gift of life I have miraculously received, the closer I sense that I'm falling victim to this terrible disease. After all, lung cancer is said to be terminal: you get diagnosed, you die. Just because I've survived this long doesn't ever cause me to forget my circumstances or doubt the seriousness of my underlying diagnosis. Continuing to receive positive news is wonderfully uplifting. But there are no guarantees here. Actually, there are two guarantees: death and taxes. Taxes I can live with but death I can't. And scans don't cure.

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