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Adult Sunday school will be held 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the Washington Plaza Baptist Church at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or www.meditation-dc.org.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

The Baha'i community of McLean holds a weekly fireside, a meeting of discussion, devotion and fellowship, at 7500 Box Elder Court in McLean, at 8 p.m. every Friday. An opportunity to learn about the Baha'i faith. 703-556-3400.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

The Rohr Jewish Learning Institute (JLI) will present "Fascinating Facts: Exploring the Myths and Mysteries of Judaism." The six-session course will commence during the week of Nov. 6. Rabbi Leibel Fajnlund of Chabad of Reston-Herndon will conduct the six course sessions at 7:30-9 p.m. on Monday nights at Chabad Aleph Center, 718 Lynn Street, Herndon. 703-476-1829 or www.myJLI.com.

Hope Fellowship Church will temporarily be meeting at Woody's Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday Worship Services for the Southern Baptist church are at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to join a Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org.

Knitters needed the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 7 p.m., at **St. Timothy's Episcopal Church**, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The church's Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets and other knitted items for people in need. No cost and yarn can be provided. E-mail shawl@saint-timothys.org or visit the Pastoral Care page at www.saint-timothys.org.



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Kenneth Plum, incumbent candidate for Virginia House of Delegates for District 36, greets voters at Hunters Woods Elementary Tuesday morning.



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THE CONNECTION

School Board Race Motivates Reston Voters

Plum, Cannon greet voters at Hunters Woods Elementary.

BY AMIEE FREEMAN
THE CONNECTION

Voters in Reston seemed motivated to get out and vote early Tuesday morning. Few voters were willing to speak on-the-record, but many said off-the-record that school board issues were bringing them to the polls.

At Buzz Aldrin Elementary, from the opening of polls at 6 a.m., there was a nearly constant stream of 20 to 25 voters in the polling place. With 5,147 registered voters, "this is the 10th largest precinct in the county," said election officer Randy Causey.

Republican candidate for the Virginia State Senate Patrick Forrest stopped by Buzz Aldrin Elementary early Tuesday morning to thank poll workers for their hard work.

At South Lakes High, poll workers said that more than 450 of the 4,430 registered voters for that precinct turned out to vote by 10 a.m. Tuesday morning.

Across Reston at Hunters Woods Elementary both

candidates for Virginia House of Delegates for the 36th District were on-hand to greet voters.

Democrat Ken Plum, the incumbent candidate for the House of Delegates, said that he felt many voters were coming to vote specifically for school board members. "I don't feel good about having a single issue drive the election. An election is always about more than one issue."

The 36th District changed slightly this year with the addition of a small area in Vienna and the removal of a small area adjacent to District 67. This change made by the majority party in the House of Delegates, currently the Republicans, ironically made the 36th District more Democratic, said Plum.

Hugh "Mac" Cannon, the Republican challenger to Plum for the House of Delegates seat, was also on-hand at Hunters Woods Elementary. This is his second time running for the seat. Last time as a virtual unknown, he captured nearly 40 percent of the vote.

"I wouldn't say everyone agrees with me, almost everyone is willing to listen. One refreshing thing I heard today was someone said she did not know much about me, so she did some research on me. She didn't say if she voted for me, but at least she was motivated enough to want to learn more. What I tell everyone is that I would love your vote, but I think it's great that you are just here to vote," said Cannon.



Republican challenger Hugh "Mac" Cannon was also at Hunters Woods Elementary to greet voters Tuesday morning.

VIEWPOINTS

What do you think are the most important issues in this election?

— AMIEE FREEMAN



Darrell Bertness, Reston

"I think the school board idea of allocating resources from poorer districts to more wealthy districts is just illogical. It might make sense politically, but doesn't make sense realistically."



Virginia Bertness, Reston

"I generally support the Democratic Party's goals and values. The other party's goals and values just don't work for us."



Janet Ozarka, Herndon

"I just wanted to make sure my voice was heard. I would like to turn the tide."



Kristi Cartier, Herndon

"I came because it my duty to vote. I feel that our senators really have to fight the state to get more money back to our area. I feel that Bulova is doing a good job."



Ronald Mulvhill, Herndon

"I came today to vote for the school board. I didn't know a lot about the candidates so I voted by party."

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NEWS

Giving Season Starts In Reston

Reston Community Center, Reston Interfaith and Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce team up for annual drive.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Reston Community Center, Reston Interfaith and the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce have teamed up for a Thanksgiving Food Drive, which will run until Nov. 21. Various businesses around Reston will serve as drop off points for items.

"The Thanksgiving food drive is one of our favorite events each year at RCC, because it brings together individuals throughout our community to celebrate a day about giving thanks by giving back," said Beverly Cosham, chair of the RCC board of governors. "We greatly value the opportunity to share our time and resources with others."

Items such as canned meats, cooking oil, soup, beans (canned and dried), peanut butter, jelly, pasta, cereal, coffee tea, flour and sugar are some of the food items that are in particularly high demand. Other non-food items such as diapers and baby wipes are also in need.

"We've seen an increase of new households needing assistance for the last few years," said Abby Kimble of Reston Interfaith. "Any donation will go a long way to help people in need."

Volunteers are also needed to sort the donated items at the Reston Community Center and the Reston Interfaith Food Storage Facility on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, starting at 10 a.m. Volunteers must register beforehand.

"It's a great volunteer opportunity for families to come out and help sort food and help with logistics," Kimble said.



PHOTO BY LINDA RUTLEDGE

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) helps sort food during last year's Reston Community Center food drive. This year's drive is going on until Nov. 21, and volunteers are needed to sort the food on Thanksgiving Day.

More information on the drive, including a list of items that are needed, can be found at www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

Donation Locations

Reston Community Center Hunters Woods
2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston

Reston Community Center Lake Anne
1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston

Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce
1763 Fountain Drive, Reston

Hunter Mill District Office
12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston

Reston Association
12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston

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12196 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, VA 20190

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Major Philip Kendro attended Herndon High School.

Major Philip Kendro flies his Harrier jet over Fallujah.

Flying High From Reston, Herndon

A local Marine's story.

BY JEANNE MCKINNEY

It's awe-inspiring to see United States Marine Corps aircraft flying solo, side-by-side, or in a squadron. These sleek and technologically advanced combat machines are piloted by highly-trained professionals. As they zip across the azure blue, they fire-up the senses with vapor trails and engine noise and leave us with a feeling of "being watched over." To our troops under enemy fire in foreign lands, the sight of these American flying bombers can mean "the first night of sleep in a long time..."

"Every Marine is a rifleman first...and has to lead Marines up the hill if necessary," was a distant call when Philip Kendro, of Reston, attended Herndon High School. Graduating in 1991 with a four-year Navy Junior ROTC scholarship, he was accepted to Penn State University. Kendro heard the call, when he met the Marine Corps, and switched from the Navy to the Marine program his third year at Penn State. He was eager to join a family of elite warriors who work together for each mission, watch out for one another at all times, and never leave a brother on the battlefield.

In 1995, with a history degree under his belt, this young Virginian came into the famous "Marine Esprit de Corps" with a boyhood dream to fly airplanes. Adventure, world travel, and duty were lined up in front him like the instrument panel Major Philip Kendro would one day command in the cockpit of a revolutionary aircraft. Calls to be a part of Marine Corps battle lore and participate in rare assignments were in his future.

Philip emerged from three years of officer training and flight school with the military occupational specialty (MOS) to fly an AV-8B Harrier with call sign "Blo." He describes his aircraft as "the most premium close air support fixed wing in the world." During the Cold War, the Marine Corps looked upon the British idea of creating a short take-off and landing vertical aircraft as "something good for us".

IMAGINE A WAR PLANE going at jet speed, yet able to take off, hover, and land on a postage stamp, like a helicopter. In the mid-seventies and eighties, Kendro timelines, "we brought the first A and then B model Harrier on board to fit the needs of an expeditionary warfare unit."

The AV-8B Harrier is a one-seater and can take off and land five different ways from amphibious ships. Its solo pilot paints the picture, "Most are short takeoffs (STO). We can take-off and land anywhere from zero (like a helicopter) to 160 knots (jet speed) and can even do a rolling vertical landing (RVL). Being able to come in at a much higher glide slope got us into not runways, but highways or staging out of soccer stadiums" (as in the 1990s Persian Gulf War). "When we press forward upon the shore, we can carry heavier bombs and missiles, put more gas in, and destroy targets close as possible." He said, "It's about supporting the grunts. Ninety-five percent of what we do is close air support and that's why we're so good at it".

In 2003, Kendro was on the ground, as a Company Commander of 200 Marines and Sail-

ors in Iraq, "We were part of the invasion by C-130 transport planes doing a low level route — inserted at night — dropped off in the middle of the desert. Took these guys, took our vehicles up and switched Iraqi airfields to American airfields," while fighting Iraqi rebels.

"We were unsure how the people would react to us," Kendro said, "even though most were glad to get rid of Saddam Hussein. We had to transport fuel. Travelling roads for hundreds of miles with our fuel tanks, the tension was high we would get shot on the nose." His most dangerous and challenging mission was "getting the fuel to the bases, establishing security on the base for the first time, and detonating thousands of pounds of old Iraqi ordnance."

"The decisions I made were always to keep my Marines and Sailors safe and to complete a mission."

— Major Philip Kendro

In 2004, Kendro went over with Fixed Wing Attack Squadron (VMA) 214, the Black Sheep out of Yuma, Ariz. The Marines were put to the ultimate test in Fallujah 1 and 2 fighting the insurgency. "We had a unit far on the Syrian border that hadn't slept for days, because they were under constant mortar attack. The insurgency heard our jets overhead screaming down upon them. Once again, we're supporting our guys so they can do their mission."

BACK ON THE GROUND in

Iraq, 2007, this thirty-something guy led a small team with Air Naval Gunfire Liaison Company (ANGLICO). He and his Marines worked with the U.S. Army and provided ground and air support. Again, with ANGLICO, he played the "fatherly role" to a bunch of Marines and Sailors he took to Australia for training.

"I was a pilot taking care of myself. Now, I'm taking care of hundreds of warriors, making sure they're on task and staying out of trouble. That forced me to grow," Kendro said of his career. "The decisions I made were always to keep my Marines and Sailors safe and to complete a mission." Being able to take people to different lands, to be part of combat history — to experience such camaraderie — these are amazing opportunities and rewards for Kendro.

He is a proud husband and father of an active 2-year-old who carries his name, with a daughter on the way. His wife was the only one who showed up for her Navy Nurse interview on Sept. 12, 2001 and joined the Navy that same day. Kendro offers, "The majority now in the Marine Corps signed up after 2001," and "that says something about her and about a lot of people I'm associated with."

Mothers have called this leader of Marines, saying, "I'm a single mom — he's my only child. I can't have him deploy." With great empathy, Kendro would reply, "Ma'am, I'm an only child. My mother is a single mom and understandably — she knows it's going to be difficult for her, but she also understands that is what I signed up to do." He was able to reassure, "I will take care of your son or daughter that is underneath me."

Story courtesy of the Del Mar Times/Carmel Valley News.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Veterans Hiring Event in Conjunction with the American Freedom Festival. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Attendance is free and open to veterans and active duty military. 703-218-1600.

SUNDAY/NOV. 13

Day of Thanks. 5-8 p.m. Northern Virginia Bha'i Center, 21415 Cardinal Glen Circle, Sterling. Loudoun Interfaith BRIDGES (Building Relationships for Interfaith Dialogue, Goodwill, Education and Service), an association of congregations of Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Quaker, Sikh and Unitarian faiths, invites all faiths to celebrate cultural and religious diversity. Multicultural buffet dinner, musical performances and honoring of Interfaith BRIDGES award recipients. \$15 adult, \$10 child, \$40 family of four or more. Under age 6 free. www.loudouninterfaithbridges.org. priscillamtz@gmail.com or 703-622-8984.

Auditions for the Dodgeball Theatre 2012 Teen Ensemble. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. ArtisTree Studio, 1141 Elden St., Suite 218, Herndon. Open to 7-12 graders. Limited spaces available in this year's alternative performance company. Register at www.restonartistree.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 14

Stroke and Osteoporosis Screenings. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon. Screenings identify potential cardiovascular conditions such as blocked arteries and irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms, and hardening of the arteries in the legs. A bone density screening to assess osteoporosis risk is offered for both men and women. Packages start at 139. Registration required at 1-800-697-9721 or www.lifelinescreening.com.

Mothers First Lecture on Managing Stress and Anxiety. 8 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. With Dr. Terrell of Horizon Chiropractic and Wellness Solutions. Free. 703-227-7191 or www.mothersfirst.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 15

Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce Luncheon: Cyber Security. 11:30 a.m. Westfields Marriott, 14750 Conference Center Drive, Chantilly. Panelists include Andras Szakal, Federal Vice President and Chief Technology Officer for IBM, and Dr. Richard Marshall, Director of Global Security Management, US Department of Homeland Security. \$45 members, \$60 non-members. Register at www.dullesregionalchamber.org.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 16

Where Do I Go For Help? 1:30 p.m. Alzheimer's Family Day Center, 2812 Old Lee Highway, Suite 210, Fairfax. Free educational program on Fairfax County Agency on Aging, Elderlink, case managers, assisted living facilities, continuing care retirement communities, home health organizations, and day care and senior centers. 703-204-4664.

OPINION

On Veterans Day 2011

Honoring those in military service.

More than 6,000 U.S. military service men and women have died in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 50,000 have been wounded.

On Veterans Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It's an important moment to evaluate how we are serving the needs of veterans as well. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. Here, we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two small children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011, when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

OTHER RECENT Virginia deaths:

Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu near Iskandariya in Babil province, Iraq.

Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 when enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in the Narang district of Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Meymaneh, Faryab province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire.

Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device.

Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach, was one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed

in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir left his career as a journalist to join the Marine Corps, and got a special exemption from Congress after his application to become a Marine was denied because of his age.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Four months after the knock on the door that notified David Sharrett Sr. that his son had been killed fighting in Iraq came a second knock, informing him his son might have been killed by friendly fire. The father's four-year efforts to learn the truth about his son's death are part of a movie titled, "A Second Knock At The Door."

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his

vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhruz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunner Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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COMMENTARY

Priced Out of College

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

This column is being written before the results of the election are known. Next week I will comment on the outcome of the election.

I am always interested each election season at the number of candidates for public office who in their backgrounds say that they, like me, are the first in their family to go to college. For baby boomers and successive generations, going to college has been the first requirement for future success. At the same time it is alarming that in the near future many people may find themselves priced out of the market for college. A July 2011, report by the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV) raises serious questions as to whether higher education will remain affordable and accessible as the state contribution to colleges and universities and the federal Recovery Act monies decline.

An Oct. 28, 2011, article in Virginia Business (www.virginiabusiness.com), "Finding a Way to Fund Higher Education: Where Will Virginia Get the Money to Produce 100,000 More Colleges Graduates," puts the issue in perspective with some concrete examples. About 30 years ago, state funding represented 43 percent of the operating budget of The College of William and Mary, one of the best public colleges in the nation. In 2000, the state provided 28 percent; today the state share is down to about 13 percent. George Mason University, the largest university in Virginia with a

headcount of 32,500, has seen its state support over the last decade dip from 58.9 percent of its revenue to 29 percent. Across all institutions, state support for higher education is 30 percent lower than in 2001 when adjusted for inflation.

The result of the steady decline of state revenue to colleges and universities has been, as any parent can tell you, regular increases in tuition and fees. In FY 2012 tuition and fees for undergraduates in Virginia will increase by nearly 10 percent. Tuition and mandatory fees for undergraduates is 16th highest among the states that for this year is \$9,365. In contrast, the same fees in Maryland are \$8,766 (18th lowest), Tennessee is \$6,397 (37th lowest), and North Carolina is \$5,741 (40th lowest).

One of the results of the state's stingy support for higher education has been the admission of more out-of-state students who pay higher fees that help to compensate for the decline in state support, according to the Virginia Business article. On average, out-of-state students pay 159 percent of what it costs to educate them. At the University of Virginia it is 185 percent, at George Mason 164 percent, and at William and Mary 161 percent. The additional revenue helps the colleges balance their budgets.

The Virginia Business article discusses a proposal to let market forces determine tuition rates. The result would be even higher tuition rates with questionable availability of financial aid for those who cannot afford the higher rates. Such a system would save tax dollars and reduce the state budget but would price many students out of college. Is this the direction we would want the Commonwealth to go?



Farmer of the Year

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

My wife, Fran, and I manage the Reston Farmers Market at Lake Anne. It is one of our favorite volunteer activities. We recently got some exciting news about one of our original vendors in the Market, Glascock's Produce, which is owned and operated by Mark and Laura Glascock. Mark and Laura were recognized a few months ago for being the best conservation farmers in the Eastern Panhandle region of West Virginia. But, their big moment came just a couple of weeks ago when Glascock's Produce was named the best conservation farm in all of West Virginia.

Unlike Fairfax County, both Morgan County where they are located and the state of West Virginia are still largely rural and

filled with farms. So, there are a lot of competitors for the award. Furthermore, the award is based on excellence in stewardship of the land and water resources and best management practices. The judges consider the whole of the farming practices and their impact on the farmer's land and "off-site protection," i.e., impact on surrounding land and water resources as well. The other factor judges evaluate is community leadership in conservation. In other words, Mark and Laura Glascock are the tops statewide in sustainable farming practices and protecting natural resources that will sustain them, their children and future generations.

The Glascocks' farm in Highland Ridge is owned by Mark and Laura and their two children Rachel and Zach. They farm 84 acres, 50 acres in vegetables and the balance principally in tree fruits. Over the

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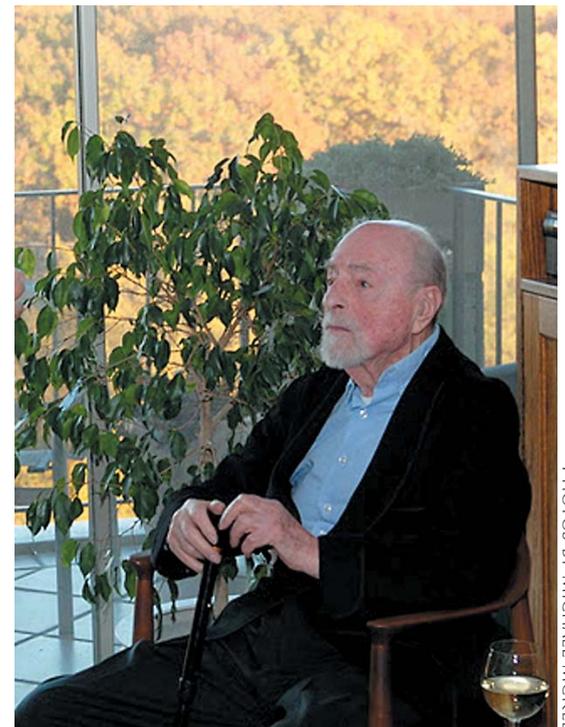
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Robert E. Simon Jr. listens as Reston Chorale Director David Lang and Keyboard Artist Tordis Fahringer play a duet on his 1904 Steinway.



Reston Founder Robert E. Simon, Jr., listening to the Reston Chorale President.

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The Simons Host Reston Chorale

Bob and Cheryl Terio Simon hosted a Sunday afternoon reception for the Reston Chorale in their 13th story condominium overlooking the Lake Anne Village Center. In what is becoming an autumn tradition, the Simons invited guests to visit with them, listen to the music and learn all about the Chorale's 2011-2012 season. The Chorale's Director David Lang and Keyboard Artist Tordis Fahringer played piano duets on the Simons' 1904 Steinway. Pieces by Grieg, Debussy, Tchaikovsky and others yielded enthusiastic applause.

— MICHAEL MCKEE

**Reston Chorale Board Member
Ruth Overton, Director David
Lang and President Lloyd
Kinzer at the reception.**



Public Art Comes to the Movies in Reston

**National Gallery of Art's film director to
introduce extraordinary art films at RCC.**

Margaret Parsons, founder and head of the film program at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and the recipient of the DC Independent Film Festival's 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award, will present the next two films in the Initiative for Public Art-Reston's series about exceptional public art projects.

Parsons, who heads an advisory committee of internationally recognized film scholars that meets annually to review and recommend film exhibition topics for the National Gallery, selected the two award-winning films. She will introduce "Sol LeWitt: Wall Drawings" (2010) and "Studio Gang Architects: Aqua Tower" (2009) on Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Reston Community Center's Center Stage, Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston.

Co-sponsored by the RCC, the series, which continues on Dec. 13 with an Oscar-winning

documentary, is free and open to the public. The series' intent is to stimulate a community conversation about public art, the environment, and architecture as Reston stands at the turning point of finalizing an updated Master Plan and the coming of the Metro in 2013. A Q & A session will follow the film screenings.

Parsons said she chose the film about Sol LeWitt, a pioneer of conceptual art, because of his interest in the artistic process. LeWitt, who produced more than 1,200 wall drawings of intense complexity using lines and other geometric shapes, created 105 large-scale drawings for the Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art, a 27,000 square-foot, three-story historic factory in North Adams.

The second film features the Aqua Tower; an 82-story skyscraper referred to as "the wave."

The series' next film on Dec. 13, "Maya

Lin: Strong, Clear Vision," captures the genius of architect Maya Lin, who vaulted to fame at age 21 when her sparse, modern and controversial design was chosen to memorialize the Vietnam War in Washington, D.C. This film in particular relates to IPAR's intention to establish a memorial garden in Reston. An IPAR task force is currently studying how to move forward on this project.

IPAR was founded in 2007 by a group of civic leaders who represent Reston's key community organizations. Reston Community Center is one of IPAR's founding organizational members. IPAR seeks to inspire a new commitment to public art that builds on Reston's tradition of supporting community arts and culture.

All screenings are free and open to the public and are presented at CenterStage Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. For more information, contact the CenterStage Box Office at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods by calling 703-476-4500, ext. 3. Screenings will start at 7:30 p.m.

Kitchen Confidential

Many approaches, most include green-design elements.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Whether used to sip morning coffee or to host a large dinner party, the kitchen is often the most occupied room in a home. Local interior designers and the National Kitchen and Bath Association say the trendiest kitchen design elements of 2011 and 2012 are glass, cabinetry with dark finishes, energy-efficient lighting and accessories, double-wall ovens, walk-in pantries and induction cook tops.

WHEN PASSIONATE COOKS with a flair for coordinating colors and a commitment to energy efficiency collaborate on a kitchen design project, it is no surprise that the end result incorporates current trends. That is what happened when David Bauer, an environmental consultant, and Joanne Bauer, a museum curator and artist, hired Alexandria-based architect Laura Campbell to re-

model their Reston home.

The couple had lived in their home for 20 years when they decided to do a major renovation.

"The kitchen was so small that you could only open one appliance at a time," said Joanne Bauer. "I cook a lot, and we entertain a lot. When we had a lot of people over, I was always holed up in the kitchen while everyone else was having a good time [in another part of the house]."

The Bauers wanted their kitchen to be a spacious room in which family and friends could flow in and out freely.

"[Our new kitchen] is the kind of kitchen where [there is room for] people to help with cooking. It has an open floor plan and works well for entertaining," said Bauer. "Now what was once our kitchen is a walk-in pantry."

Because their appliances can be seen from the living room, the Bauers covered them with flat-faced cherry wood cabinet fronts and attached brushed stainless steel pulls for opening and closing.

Their choice of an induction cooktop as well as their lighting selection underscores the couple's desire for energy efficiency. Campbell put in LED under-counter lights that provide drama and task lighting without adding heat or using much energy.



PHOTO COURTESY 2 IVY LANE INTERIORS

This Alexandria kitchen, designed by Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox of 2 Ivy Lane Interiors, has a dramatic skylight and large windows to let in natural light.

"They have a beautiful, wooded yard," said Campbell. "... [W]e placed the sink and island to take advantage of [the view], adding a skylight over the island."

The couple, who are hikers, chose colors that are reminiscent of their outdoor treks. "The granite countertops remind us of stone we've seen on our hikes. We love the integrated colors."

Campbell created a niche just outside the kitchen where Joanne Bauer could display art, including her own.

"The kitchen is open, and it flows," said Bauer. "But it's like a cooking show; if I

screw up, everyone will know."

LET THERE BE LIGHT (AND GLASS)

When Alexandria-based designers Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox of 2 Ivy Lane Interiors designed a kitchen in Fairfax County recently, they took a light approach.

The homeowners wanted a spacious and elegant room for entertaining that also accommodated their children.

The result was a kitchen with white marble counters and white, custom-de-

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Home Life Style

Creating Dream Kitchens

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signed, painted wood cabinets, including some glass-front cabinets with interior lighting. The island has a rosewood counter surface, creating a dramatic contrast against the light-hued wood.

"The appliances have cabinet overlays, so they blend in with the rest of the cabinetry," said Cox. "Custom cabinets give you a more refined look."

The most dramatic feature in this room is the colossal skylight above the island. Other large windows add additional natural light. "[This owner] is a very light-driven person," said Deringer.

GO GREEN

When Holly and Rick Wolff bought a second home in their North Arlington neighborhood, they gutted and remodeled it. Having lived across the street in a smaller home for 30 years, they wanted more space, especially in the kitchen.

"[Our previous house] had a tiny kitchen, and I wanted a big kitchen with an island where our family could congregate and talk and relax," said Holly Wolff.

Environmentally active since they started a paper recycling program as students at George Washington University,

the Wolffs hired green architect David Peabody, to design the new kitchen.

"Almost everything in the kitchen is green," said Holly Wolff. "Our cabinets are bamboo. We have a cork floor that is sustainable. Our counters are Riverstone concrete."

Peabody, an Alexandria-based architect, added a long wall of windows and placed the sink in the middle. The breakfast room, which was once a screened porch, is now enclosed in glass and adjoins the kitchen.

"What we decided to do was to expand the kitchen out in the back about six feet and then enclose the porch so it is one streaming room," said Holly Wolff. "It added all this light to the back end of the house."



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

We put windows everywhere we could. Now we have light everywhere: sun tubes, skylights. David is a firm believer in light."

Peabody used energy-efficient lighting, including LED downlighting and compact fluorescent lighting.

"The most appealing features [of the kitchen are]...its views to the very private wooded back yard [and] the cabinetry that works rather seamlessly with the adjoining spaces," said Peabody.

The couple tasked interior designer Sarah Pak of SPI Design with choosing accessories and appliances such as their Bosch range and oven, Kitchen Aid dishwasher and GE Monogram Spacemaker microwave. The dishwasher and refrigerator are EnergyStar rated.

"When sustainable design is integrated into the project from the beginning, you do not have to compromise beauty and function nor pay an elaborate premium," said Peabody.

ELEGANT AND DARK

The owner of a home in Alexandria's Old Town eschewed glossy countertops and embraced dark wood cabinetry during a recent remodel of her kitchen.

The home, which was built in the 1880s, has large rooms with high ceilings and bay



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When remodeling their Reston home, Joanne and David Bauer chose an induction cooktop as well as LED lighting. Alexandria Architect Laura Campbell designed a spacious room in which family and friends could flow in and out freely.

windows. When the homeowner decided to renovate the kitchen, she wanted a design that was compatible with the home's existing architecture.

"For this new kitchen, we wanted an open, flowing work space, a large island and room for a family dining table," said the homeowner.

She hired designer Sarah Pak, who added custom cabinets in cherry wood and used honed black granite for the counters. There

is an island in the center of the room that is topped with granite in shades of gray, green and red.

"[Manufacturers] now have the ability to finish stone to give it more interesting features," said Pak. "Counters now have stone with a softer finish, moving away from the 90s countertop that is slick and shiny." The kitchen has two sinks. One is wide and deep to accommodate the grill from the cooktop.

"There is a small black prep sink in the island that adds functionality to the work space," said the homeowner.



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Alexandria based interior designer Sarah Pak used custom cherry wood cabinets and honed black granite counters when she remodeled the kitchen of this Old Town Alexandria home. The homeowner wanted the kitchen to be an open, flowing workspace with a large island and room for a family dining table.

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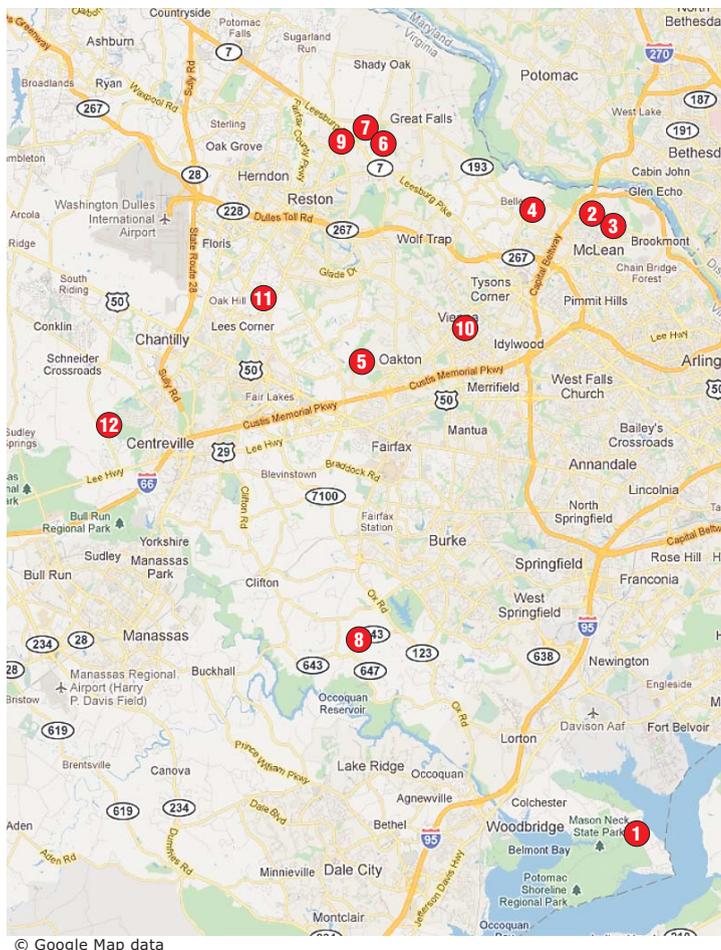
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This home, purchased by former Hewlett Packard chief executive Carly Fiorina sits on 5.1 acres and has six bedrooms, eight bathrooms and two half-bathrooms. It has spectacular views of the river from virtually every room.

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\$6.1 Million for Waterfront Home

High profile buyers acquire top properties.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Some waterfront and Alexandria real estate gems have been scooped up recently. Former Hewlett Packard chief executive Carly Fiorina shelled out \$6.1 million for a home along the Potomac River on Gunston Road in the Mason Neck section of Alexandria.

The house, which originally listed for \$7.7 million, sits on 5.1 acres and has six bedrooms, eight bathrooms and two half-bathrooms. It sold in September.

"This home is located on a particularly beautiful part of the Potomac River," said listing agent Sue Goodheart of McEneaney Associates. "The lot was leveled so that you can have direct access to the water. In every room you have a spectacular view of the river. There are a lot of open areas and open stairwells." Goodheart says the home is in a gated community, offering privacy.

Ferry Point is the location of another Alexandria water-front property which sold recently. Originally listed at \$10.7 million, the 7,000-square-foot home sold in August for \$8.2 million. It sits on 11.7 acres and has six bedrooms, five bathrooms and one half-bathroom. A winding, tree-lined driveway leads visitors through the lush grounds to the main house. The property includes a carriage house with a two-bedroom, one-bathroom guest apartment.

The main house features four fireplaces including one outdoor fireplace, a pool, a green house, stables



and a boat dock.

In Old Town, a five-bedroom, four-and-a-half-bathroom home in the historic district sold for \$3.5 million, originally listed at \$4 million. The four-story home includes a pool, 12-foot ceilings and eight fireplaces. It still has the original woodwork and floors. Ideal for entertaining, the home has a library and a large library that overlooks the gardens.

"It was built in 1870 and has ... eight fireplaces and beautiful gardens," said Goodheart. She says the double lot, large for the area, was another attraction for buyers.

While those homes are no longer on the market, Goodheart says there are others that are just as spectacular. She names a \$4.85 million home on Fairfax Street in the heart of Old Town with six bedrooms, four bathrooms, two half-bathrooms and an air-conditioned two-car garage.

Originally built in 1770, it is an 8,000-square-foot home on a quarter-acre lot. The home has built-in book cases, antique limestone mantels on six fireplaces and ceramic tile in the bathrooms. It has grand rooms for entertaining. Other amenities include an historic smokehouse and a chef's kitchen with an adjoining breakfast room.

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THURSDAY/NOV. 10

9th Annual Veterans' Powwow at

GMU. 12-10 p.m. George Mason University Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The Native American/Indigenous Alliance at GMU honor American veterans and celebrate Native American culture. Traditional art and crafts available for purchase. With Host Drum Stoney Creek and Buffalo Hill. Master of Ceremonies Clayton Old Elk (Crow) and Keith Colston (Tuscarora-Lumbee); arena director Manuel Rodriquez (Comanche & Cheyenne); head dancers Mary Phillips (Laguna Pueblo & Omaha) and Jason Warwick (Lumbee & Eastern Cherokee); head junior dancers Alexander Firewalker (Cherokee) and Alexis Hill (Seneca & Ojibwa). Free admission, open to the public. 703-993-2700.

Herndon Veterans Day

Observance. 11 a.m. Herndon Town Green, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Annual observance sponsored by American Legion Wayne M. Kidwell Post 184. Free admission. 703-481-1200.

Celebrate Public Art in Reston.

6 p.m. Midtown Reston Town Center, 12025 Dominion Parkway, Reston. Meet Mary Ann Mears, the artist selected for IPAR's next public art project. There will be a screening of the film about the public artwork at the Glade Drive Underpass and projections of public art projects throughout the United States. Catering by South Lakes High School culinary students. Hosted by the Initiative for Public Art - Reston (IPAR). \$50 per person. www.publicartreston.org.

Eric Brace & Last Train Home.

8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap road, Vienna. Roots rock. \$20. www.wolftrap.org.

Toddler Storytime.

10:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Stories, songs and fingerplays. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-689-2700.

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.

Aviation Author.

7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Robert F. Dorr, author of Mission to Berlin and Hell Hawks, discusses the air war over Europe during WWII. Book signing. Adults. 703-242-4020.

E-book /E-Reader Instruction.

7:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn about library eBooks and how to access them with your compatible device. Call for an appointment. Adults. 703-242-4020.

FRIDAY/NOV. 11

The 10th Annual Jazz 4 Justice:

Celebrating the Music of WWI. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With selections from George and Ira Gershwin, Sholom Secunda, Sammy Cahn, Woody Herman and Joe Bishop, Wycliffe Gordon, Jerry Bock and Larry Holofcener. \$20, \$15 students and seniors. www.music@gmu.edu.

Wolf Trap Debut Artist: Robert

Belinic. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap road, Vienna. Croatian guitarist performing classic works from Bach, Mario Castelnuovo-



The Capitol Wind Symphony will be performing on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 3 p.m. at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E. in Vienna. Conductor George Etheridge leads 75 professional concert band musicians in works by Broughton, Giannini, Reed, Rimsky-Korsakov and Strauss. Featuring Seth Horner, tuba soloist. Tickets are \$10-\$20. www.capitalwindsymphony.org.

Tedesco, Antonio Lauro and more. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 12

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.

8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With harpist Yolanda Kondonassis. Mozart's Symphony No. 10, Barber's Adagio for Strings, Ginastera's Harp Concerto, Barber's First Essay for Orchestra, and Schubert's Symphony No. 5. Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.

Rock Band Daughtry.

7:30 p.m. American Freedom Festival Washington, Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets range from \$39.50-\$139.50, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Military tickets will be available at a discount through www.patriotcenter.com.

Used Bike Collection.

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saint Joseph Parish parking lot, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon. Bicycles will be collected for Bike For the World, to be delivered to those without transportation in Latin American and African countries. A \$10 donation per bike is requested to defray shipping costs. Eagle Scout project of Matt Lee. 703-742-8639 or matthew.james.lee703@gmail.com

The Bobs.

7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap road, Vienna. A cappella madness. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

Reston Contra Dance.

8 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. David Giusti calls to the music of the June Apple Band. Beginners' workshop 7:15 p.m. Singles welcome. Admission \$8. anote20@gmail.com.

Protecting Virginia: the Fight for

Clean Air and Water. 1 p.m. National Wildlife Federation, 11100 Wildlife Center Drive, Reston. Hosted by the Northern Virginia Climate Action Network and the Virginia Conservation Network. Hear experts describe air, water and climate problems facing Virginia and what action is needed. Free. 703-506-4310 or linda@lburchfiel.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 14

Frying Pan Farm at Reston

Regional Library. 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Meet a farm animal, hear a Thanksgiving story and create and take home a corn cob critter. Age 6-11. 703-689-2700.

English Conversation.

10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven

Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Brain Games. 3:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. After-school drop-in program. Play chess, Blokus, Battleship, Rush Hour and other fun strategy games. Age 6 and up. 703-242-4020.

TUESDAY/NOV. 15

Fascinating Facts: Exploring the

Myths and Mysteries of Judaism. 7:30 p.m. Chabad Community Campus, 3939 Prince William Drive, Fairfax. Jewish myth and urban legend, biblical stories and events, Jewish foods, the Hebrew language, life cycle events, and mysteries of the occult. The Jewish view on Satan and the evil eye, whether angels have wings, and why pork is considered the quintessential non-kosher food. 703-426-1980 or www.myJLI.com.

Baby Steps Storytime.

10:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Interactive storytime. Age 12-23 months with adult. 703-689-2700.

Scandal at Bizarre: Sex, Rhetoric,

and Reality in Jefferson's Virginia. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Dr. Cynthia Kierner, history professor at George Mason University, relates the story of the scandal that engulfed the Randolphs of Virginia in the 1790s. Adults. 703-689-2700.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 16

Pig Party Preschool Storytime.

11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Stories and rhymes about pigs. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-437-8855.

Toddler Tales.

10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Stories and activities. Age 2-3 with adult. 703-242-4020.

THURSDAY/NOV. 17

"Almost, Maine."

7 p.m. South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Nine tales of love by John Cariani in a mythical town. \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. www.southlakesdrama.com.

Jared Bernstein to Speak at NVHC.

8 p.m. Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Vice President Biden's former Chief Economics and Policy Adviser, on "The Long and Bumpy Road to Economic Recovery and Growth." Free admission, open to the public. ruthseldon@comcast.net.

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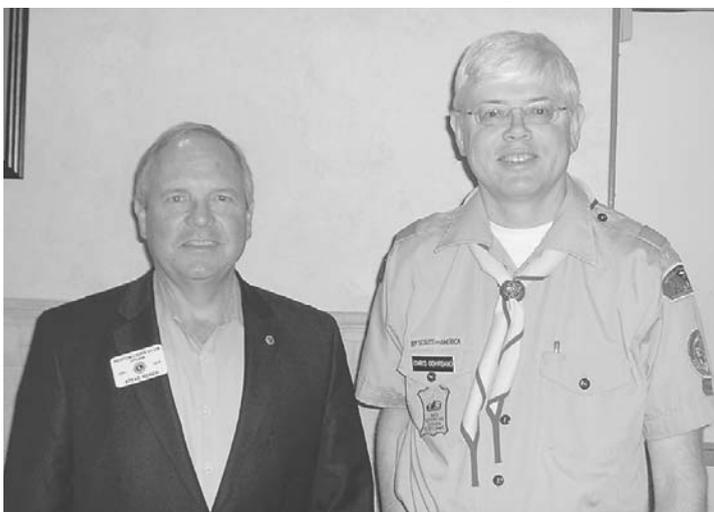
NEWS



Reston Market Season Ends

The Reston Farmers Market finished its 2011 season on Saturday amidst some of the worst October weather in history. Rain, sleet, snow and temps just over freezing — a morning not fit for man nor beast. Nevertheless, Reston's Gotta Swing Dancers, led by Sue and Gary Caley, performed their special version of "Thriller" in driving sleet in the Market to the delight of scores of dedicated Market customers. And they did so in gruesome costumes befitting the Halloween weekend.

Reston Lions Continue to Sponsor Troop 1802



Chris Gohrband, right, Unit Commissioner of Boy Scout Troop 1802 of Reston, visited the regular meeting of the Reston Lions Club on Nov. 2. He presented the renewal charter to Club President Steve Reber, left, which designated the Reston Lions Club as the continuing sponsor of Troop 1802. Gohrband discussed the current activities and the status of the Troop. Both groups have participated in various projects together during the 29 years that the Lions Club has sponsored Troop 1802.

Farmers Insurance Celebrates Grand Opening in Reston

The Farmers Insurance Northern Virginia AgencyPoint held its Grand Opening on Oct. 13. Among those helping to celebrate this milestone in AgencyPoint's history were Dan Schrock, VP of Eastern Expansion Markets; Gregor Scott, RVP Expansion Markets; and Riko Metzroth, VP & State Executive Director in the Virginia State Office as well as AgencyPoint Directors, Dennis Lusk and Drew Howard, chamber presidents, the agency's claims teams, and several local agents. The guests included Virginia Senator Janet Howell (D-32) and Virginia Delegate Ken



The guests help cut ribbon at The Northern Virginia AgencyPoint Grand Opening in Reston.

Plum (D-36).

During the ribbon cutting ceremony, the Reston Chamber of Commerce President, Mark

Ingrao, presented the Northern Virginia AgencyPoint with a plaque officially welcoming them to the area.

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Promoting a 'Sense of Community'

New sanctuary at United Christian Parish to be dedicated in May 2012.

By AMIEE FREEMAN
THE CONNECTION



A 57-foot steel cross stands in front of the sanctuary at United Christian Parish at Lake Anne. Church members anticipate construction to be completed by February 2012.

By AMIEE FREEMAN/THE CONNECTION

The new United Christian Parish sanctuary is rising over North Shore Drive near Lake Anne in Reston. Fifteen months into the construction, church members expect to move into the new facility in February 2012.

Planning for this new construction began well before ground was broken or bricks laid. Bob Dain, chair of the church's building committee, said that church members have been discussing designs and plans for the past six years.

After vetting numerous architects, the building committee decided to go with Alexandria-based Ritter Architects. Coincidentally, this was the same architect firm chosen by nearby St. Anne's Episcopal when they expanded their church in 1995. Elliot Wicks, a church member who has been actively involved with the building plans, says this architect firm was chosen due to their contemporary design.

United Christian Parish originally had three campuses in Reston: Hunter's Woods, South Lakes and Lake Anne. The South Lakes facility was sold in 2002, and the Hunter's Woods campus was sold in 2008. All church and preschool activities were consolidated at the Lake Anne UCP facility in 2008. Proceeds from the sale of these two properties and \$1.2 million raised by the congregation made the construction of the new facility possible, said Dain.

THE CURRENT SANCTUARY at Lake Anne was never intended to be a sanctuary; it was originally intended to be a reception area. Difficult financial times in the 1970s when the current UCP building was built lead the congregation at UCP to make do with the small sanctuary space and for more than 30 years it did, said Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes.

"The new building contrasts with what is there now," said architect Derek Norton. "The old building in a lot of ways turned its back on the community. The new building promotes a sense of community. There is equal access to the front and the back of the church."

Stairs will connect the church with North Shore Drive and the to-be constructed sidewalk along North Shore Drive. At the top of the stairs churchgoers will find an outdoor patio and meeting area which will lead into the narthex. The narthex itself spans across the building so those entering the church from the to-be expanded parking area at the rear will also enter into the same space.

The new sanctuary will have 25-foot ceilings and a new organ. "It will be a fine venue for music," said Wicks.

"We placed the sanctuary in the most prominent place. One wall of the sanctuary is all glass," said



One wall of the sanctuary will be all glass.

PHOTO BY ELLIOT WICKS

Norton. "The design of the sanctuary, with its soaring roof that reaches up to the sky, was intended to be a beacon in the community."

"We hope that this light will draw people into a relationship with UCP. We hope our church to be a source of light and healing," said Bell-Haynes.

In addition to offering church programs, UCP also houses a preschool. Jane Plum, preschool director, said that the construction has offered great entertainment for the 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds who attend preschool at UCP.

"The children have watched the dirt moving machines, brick laying and steel girders being placed. The latest entertainment has been the cement pouring," said Plum.

Once construction is complete in February, the 3-year-old class and 4-year-old class will move to new classrooms on the second floor of the addition. The 2-year-olds will be moved to temporary classrooms while classrooms in the existing section are renovated. The 2-year-olds will remain on the first floor of the existing addition.

"The exciting thing is the new classrooms will be bigger. The children will be able to spread out. It will be a more pleasant for the children and the teachers. We are very much looking forward to moving into our new space," said Plum.

In addition to the increased space, the new preschool area will be light filled. Preschool rooms in the new addition have numerous skylights and large windows that overlook the playground and the wooded surroundings.

"We have wanted for many, many years to expand our church building. It's breathtaking. I just love it when I go over there," said Dain.

THE NEW SANCTUARY and church addition will be dedicated on May 27, Pentecost, said Bell-Haynes. During the month of May leading up to the dedication, the church will invite the community to participate in and attend events at the church.

Engaged Citizenry Needed

To the Editor:

There is no Reston. There is no town. There is no community. Reston is simply a wide place in the county. These are things my husband has said in the past three and a half years since I first became aware that the county intends to revise Reston's master plan. He thinks the hours I have spent trying to alert our citizens have been a waste of time. He thinks the county can come into Reston and do whatever it pleases and the people here having no identity as Restonians and being the weakest of weak sisters, will allow it.

On Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the South Lakes High School Cafeteria, 11400

Pleasures or Revolution?

To the Editor:

Your amusing columnist John Lovaas, progressive independent, who a couple of weeks ago was recounting the somewhat vulgar bourgeois pleasures of Caribbean cruising, is now, apparently, down for the revolution ["The Cleaners and Occupiers," Reston Connection, Oct. 26, 2011].

Mr. Lovaas takes up the case of union-backed office cleaners and their meager pay and inveighs against their "corporate masters" (read: employers). He did not tell us how much of their pay they cough up in union dues. There's the usual

South Lakes Drive in Reston, the county will host a community meeting to launch the second phase of the task force to revise Reston's master plan. Planning for rezoning and re-development of our village centers and our residential areas will commence.

A representative from each and every neighborhood in Reston — clusters, apartment complexes, condominiums, and neighborhoods with single family homes — should attend this meeting and be prepared to participate throughout the second phase.

Without an engaged citizenry to guide this next phase of planning, Reston will indeed become a wide place in the county.

Kathy Kaplan
Reston

halo-polishing claptrap about local "corporate building owners" and an "appropriate" Occupy Reston site, but, oddly, no mention of corporations of the likes of the hapless Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (a mere \$170 billion bailout of your money, folks).

The vaunted "stimulus" program cost us \$850 billion plus. Come to think of it, we could in "spreading the wealth" have given from that monster sum each of our 40 million souls living in "poverty" a check for \$25,000 instead.

Mr. Lovaas wants a site for a Reston Occupy camp. Er, how big's your yard, John?

Harry Locock
Reston

Farmer of the Year

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years, they constantly have diversified their production — growing, for example, more than 50 varieties of tomatoes alone. They constantly improve the varieties of fruits and veggies they grow and improve the technologies for producing them.

Mark installed a farm pond and drip irrigation system, which efficiently targets and feeds nutrients to plants in addition to complementing a sometimes erratic Mother Nature.

More recently, he has installed hoop tunnels, both low and high tunnels, under which he can start protected plants earlier in the year, extending his growing season. He also employs black plastic mulching which helps to reduce,

nonchemically, weeds, decrease water usage, increase yields, speed maturation, and even enhance insect management.

Mark and Laura have diversified their production in other ways as well by processing what they grow into additional product lines — jams, jellies, salsas, pies and a growing list of others. They are intelligent, modern farm business people whose operations have changed dramatically in the 14 years we've known them. They will continue to do so, and do so in a way that protects their land and the future for all of us.

Although the Reston Farmers Market is closed until May, Mark is still at Lake Anne on Saturday mornings until Dec. 3. Come by and congratulate him on being number one.

SPORTS

Young Seahawks Show Well At Cross Country Regionals

Oakton boys garner team title at postseason showcase event.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

A week following a third place finish at the Liberty District Championships meet, the South Lakes High boys' cross country team gave it their best shot at the 16-team Northern Region Championships, held last Thursday, Nov. 3 at Burke Lake Park.

Although the Seahawks' 13th place overall finish was not good enough to put them in the upper half of the large field of teams, South Lakes did run a good overall race in its season finale meet.

"The boys ran pretty well at regionals," said South Lakes head coach Kevin Donovan. "We had a very young team, but all of them [at regionals] either ran their best time or were within a few seconds of their best time for the distance."

South Lakes, with 273 team points, finished behind 12th place Hayfield (250) but ahead of Washington-Lee, McLean, and Mount Vernon, who were 14th through 16th place, respectively.

South Lakes' top six finishers at regionals are all underclassmen, so the outlook for next year is bright.

Ashkan Mohammadi was the Seahawks' top finisher at regionals with a 28th overall finish. At districts two weeks ago, Mohammadi finished fifth overall to earn All-Liberty District honors.

South Lakes' next best finisher at regionals on Thursday was Nicholas DeAtley (33rd place overall). The next five Seahawk finishers were Michael McHugh, Luis Rivas, Sebastian Waldschmidt, Joey Rugari, and Nick Tucker.

The South Lakes girls' team did not qualify for regionals after finishing sixth at districts the week before. But the future looks good for the Seahawk girls.

"The girls' team also is still young," said Donovan. "They all finished the season strong, all seven of the girls set [personal-bests times]. We just missed advancing to regionals and we only lose two of our top 10 girls. We had some freshmen on both the boys and girls side that should strengthen the team for the next few years."

HERNDON'S GIRLS runner Belle Burgess finished in 16th place overall at regionals last week. Teammate Gabby Bustamante finished 57th place in the field of 117 runners. Both Burgess and Bustamante were coming off Concorde District Championship



Herndon High's Belle Burgess hits her stride at last week's Northern Region Championships at Burke Lake Park.

PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

outings where they earned top 15 medals.

For the Herndon boys, Troy Hunsaker, who qualified for regionals as a result of his 12th place finish at districts two weeks ago, finished 50th (in a field of 126 runners) at the region race.

FOR OAKTON, the Northern Region cross country championships were a huge success as its boys' team captured first place and the girls finished in a three-way tie for second. The postseason event, consisting of 16 teams on both the boys' and girls' sides, took place on the 2.98-mile course at Burke Lake Park last Thursday, Nov. 3.

The top four team finishers in both the boys' and girls' races earned an automatic seeding at the upcoming Virginia State AAA Championships, set for this Saturday in The Plains. Thus, both of Oakton's teams are headed for the state competition.

"The boys and girls teams set a goal of reaching the state meet at the beginning of the season and we were happy to meet our goal," said Oakton Head Coach Alisa Byers.

The Oakton boys won with a score of 72 points. The other state qualifying boys' teams were second place Robinson (87 points), third place Chantilly (101), and fourth place Thomas Jefferson (126). The fifth through eighth place teams, not making the state cut, were Lake Braddock (134), Stone Bridge (189), Woodson (207), and Edison (210).



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Outstanding Season

The South Lakes High freshmen football team, shown here during a pre-game huddle prior to its Nov. 3 game against Jefferson, put together an outstanding 5-1-1 Liberty District record this fall. The Seahawks began the season with a one-point loss to Stone Bridge before playing Fairfax to a tie. Over the final five games, however, South Lakes was unbeaten — the wins coming over McLean, Madison, Langley, Marshall, and Jefferson. The game against visiting Jefferson — a 61-6 Seahawks' triumph last week — concluded the regular season.



The scoreboard tells the story of the Seahawks' dominating football win over the Colonials of Jefferson last week.

Oakton took the title despite not having any runners finish among the top 10, although two Cougars — Michael McNamee (13th place) and Christopher Jewell (14th) — did earn top 15 medals.

Three other Oakton runners finished among the top 20 runners — Patrick Eberhart (16th place), Gregory Petruncio (17th), and Patrick Singh (18th). Rounding out the Oakton lineup were David Atkinson (35th place) and Michael Raiti (47th).

"On the boys' side we wanted to be more aggressive in the first mile than we were last year, which we did very well," said Byers, whose boys' team finished eighth at states last year. "The regional meet always goes out very fast so we wanted to be prepared, and continue to be assertive."

Annandale High's Ahmed Bile (14:38) took first place overall, finishing just ahead of Chantilly's Sean McGorty (14:42). Finishing third through fifth place were Lake Braddock's Nick Tuck, Chantilly's Logan Miller, and Woodson's Paul Gates.

THE OAKTON GIRLS' team score of 117 points was good enough to put the Cougars ahead of fifth place Chantilly (140) and sixth place Lake Braddock (145). The top three girls' team finishers were champion West Potomac (86) and second place finishers Oakton, West Springfield, and Jefferson — all three scored 117 points.

Oakton had three runners finish among the top 15 — second place finisher Allie Klimkiewicz (17 minutes, 29 seconds), seventh place Hailey Dougherty, and 12th place Briana Stewart. The Cougars' next top four finishers were Morgan Bayer (47th), Kristi Carrigan (49th), Megan Cahill, and Shannon Carney.

Sophie Chase (16:53) of Lake Braddock was the overall race champion. Klimkiewicz was next in second place, followed by third place Bailey Kolonich of Lee, fourth place Macey Schweikert of Robinson, and fifth place Hannah Christen of Lake Braddock.

Byers, the Oakton coach, stressed to her Oakton girls' runners prior to the region race that it would be a tight team race and that every Cougar runner could make a difference. The team came through with its fourth place finish to qualify for states.

"The girls' team knew that they would be challenged by the pack teams in the region," said Byers. "I reminded them that every person mattered so the last 800 meters of the race needed to be a constant build up. No one would have been able to guess a three-way tie for second. It's a great story to pass down once these girls graduate."

The coach is looking forward to both her girls' and boys' teams showings at states.

"No coach can predict how their team is going to perform on the day of the meet," she said. "We just want to have solid performances of which we can be proud."

What Is It, Exactly?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

And do I really want to know? Is it cancer or just middle age? Is it normal, all things and my diagnosis considered? Or is it in fact, my diagnosis rearing its ugly and insidious head, figuratively speaking? And however I answer either of these preceding questions, am I supposed to update my oncologist with any of the answers, thoughts, what-abouts? I don't want to over-act, but at some point denial is no longer a prudent course of non-action. Presumably, there is occasional cancer-related relevance to something I'm feeling – or thinking, isn't there? I mean, I'm terminal. I'm not supposed to skip merrily along as though I've not outlived my original prognosis by months/years, depending on when you start counting: "13 months to two years." (I've just passed my 32-month anniversary; some anniversary.) Something's got to give, or is there something I'm supposed to get?

However, if I were actually to listen – and react to what I'm writing (thinking/feeling/saying), I'd probably tell myself to shut up already and worry/wonder about something else, not expend so much mental energy anymore on things I can't control (although with lifestyle choices/changes I've already made, I am attempting to affect my prognosis). To be honest though, it's much easier written/said than it is to do. That's my struggle: being sensitive to or ignorant of. (Sort of like that last sentence, ending with a preposition.)

But as you regular readers know, ending a sentence with a preposition is the least of my problems. Though it may sometimes be characteristic of my writing, my columns are nonetheless an honest account of the vicissitudes of life in the cancer lane: up, down, back, forth, high, low; literally, figuratively and generally speaking. "Life goes on" is the best news I can receive, but oddly enough, living with a terminal disease/stage IV lung cancer is not all it's cracked up to be, and does offer its own unique set of challenges.

Challenges which I've mostly been able to manage; I wouldn't say overcome or conquer. I guess I would admit that I have learned to live with them though. Not to embrace them necessarily, but to accept – and expect – them and try to assimilate them into my "new normal" life. And just because I can explain – and understand what and how I'm rationalizing what I'm doing/how I'm adjusting, don't think for a second that I'm convinced that what I'm doing is correct or easy. It is what it is and it's what I can live with it being. Not a day goes by or a column written that doesn't – in some context, question what I'm doing or what I'm reacting to – or as in this column, what I'm not reacting to.

I suppose, at the end of the day (heck, at the beginning of the day, too), life as a cancer survivor/patient is all about doing whatever/however it takes to enable you to get through the day – and night. For me, that battle has not been so much about pain management (thank God!) as much as it has been mental and emotional. I'm a thinker and being diagnosed with lung cancer at age 54 is a lot to think about – and wonder about. And so I do, all the time. Being middle age sort of complicates it. Separating everything. But I can live with it. For how long is the question. (See, I can't leave well enough alone.)

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Fairfax County Water Authority (Fairfax Water) is proposing a \$141.3 million budget for calendar year 2012¹. On Thursday, December 15, 2011, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its proposed 2012 Budget in its offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax. The public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed budget should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Revenues are expected to be \$141.3 million in 2012. Water sales are expected to provide \$121.9 million. Approximately \$19.4 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

Category	-- \$1,000s --	
	2011	2012
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$44,812	\$46,934
Power and Utilities	10,813	11,802
Chemicals	5,958	7,463
Fuel	822	862
Postage	407	416
Insurance	1,211	1,175
Supplies and Materials	3,891	4,044
Contractual Services	8,569	8,480
Professional Services	1,112	1,151
Other	2,130	2,224
Sub-Total	79,725	84,551
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(9,391)	(9,559)
Total	70,334	74,992

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$40,798,000
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