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# Restonian Experiences a 'Disney Ending'

**Kyle Brightwell earns spot as percussionist for Boston Symphony Orchestra.**

BY JENNIFER FEDOR  
THE CONNECTION

**R**eston native Kyle Brightwell is proof that, with hard work and perseverance, dreams can come true. The percussionist, who began studying music at the age of four, learned in January that he had won a coveted spot in the Boston Symphony Orchestra. To make the triumph even sweeter, his close friend Matt McKay of Fairfax also earned a position with the renowned orchestra during the auditions last month.

"They made the announcement and I was totally floored," Kyle remembers. "Still now, it doesn't seem 100 percent real."

His mother, Kim, recalls the phone call they received at a quarter to midnight on Jan. 11. "Our daughter, Jenna, was still home from William and Mary on winter break and she and [my husband] Kevin and I were cheering and dancing," after Kyle shared his exciting news.

Kyle's journey to the Boston Symphony Orchestra began many years prior. His parents, who had played instruments growing up, enrolled him (and later his sister) in group music lessons as a preschooler. Kyle admits he had to be coerced into practicing piano, but his instructor noticed he had excellent rhythm. She commented often that he would make a great percussionist.

Kyle, like many young children, was attracted to instruments one could hit. Even better, he discovered he had a natural ability and learned new skills quickly. He auditioned for the Sunrise Valley Elementary band in 5th grade as a percussionist and was soon perfecting his proficiency on the snare drum, glockenspiel, bass drum, and cymbals. Unlike the piano, percussion practice didn't feel tedious. "Back then, it was so fun for me. I threw myself into it completely," he describes.

In addition to Area Honor Band in elementary school and District Band while at Hughes Middle School, Kyle won a solo competi-



Kyle Brightwell demonstrated his skills at his senior recital at the Juilliard School.

tion through the Fairfax County Band Association in 8th grade. Impressed by the percussionist who performed in the competition at the high school level, he made the decision to become a professional musician.

"At the end of eighth grade, he came to us and said, 'Mom and Dad, I want to do music for the rest of my life. Is that OK?'" his mother says. Kyle's percussion instructor at the time, Aubrey Adams, with the Air Force Band, assured his parents that Kyle would be successful as a musician. The Brightwells knew it would be important to support Kyle in all of the extracurricular music and orchestra activities he could find.

Kyle notes that there is a "track" for high school students interested in music. While at South Lakes High School, he joined various activities and programs, including District Band, All-Regional Orchestra, State Band, State Orchestra, and Youth Orchestra. He also participated in National Symphony Orchestra's fellowship program (where he met Matt McKay) and summer programs through Tanglewood Institute and Juilliard.

**GRAYSON FORE** has worked at South Lakes High School as a music educator and band director for thirteen years. He was impressed by Kyle's intelligence and persistence as well as his bright personality. "He didn't settle to just understand something; he wasn't comfortable until he had mastered it," Fore said. "As a freshman he was immediately one of the top musicians in the area. He earned all-state honors his freshman, sophomore, and junior years."

Fore recalls how Kyle would run down to the band room to practice whenever he had a few minutes between classes. "He truly loved playing and experiencing

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— Kyle Brightwell

the different things music had to offer. His passion for music was really incredible," Fore said.

His mother agrees. "Kyle would practice [at home] two to five hours each day and we would have to tell him to stop practicing and go out to play or go to bed."

Even with talent and dedication, Kyle experienced his share of disappointments. "Kyle was good at balancing himself," Fore says. "Just because he didn't finish first or was the number one choice he always knew there was value from it, always learned from it and so that's why I think he's been as successful as he is."

"Despite the ups and downs of auditions for district bands, regional bands, and various competitions, he always wanted to keep going," his mom concurs.

She can recall an audition in 7th grade for All District Band for which Kyle was chosen as an alternate. He vowed to master every snare drum rudiment and ended up in first place the following year. Similarly, Fore remembers the way Kyle would set goals to perfect his skills in a particular percussion instrument, such as the timpani, and then proceed to win highest honors for that instrument in a competition.

**FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL** graduation in 2006, Kyle attended Juilliard School in New York City. He found himself surrounded by "tons of people gunning for what they want to do, amazing players, actors, and dancers." The experi-



Second from the left, Kyle Brightwell played the tambourine for a youth orchestra.

ence was both intimidating and rewarding—he credits his undergraduate years as the time when he found himself as a person and a musician. While at Juilliard, he taught private and group lessons to New York City youth through the Music Advancement Program (MAP) and participated in other community outreach programs.

At times he questioned if he would continue to pursue a career as a musician. "Music is a 24-hour a day career. If you're a musician, you have to embrace that lifestyle 100 percent," he explains. Kyle wondered if he'd be better off with a job that he didn't need to think about once the work day ended. He also asked himself if it was worth continuing down this path given the performance anxiety he often experienced during auditions.

**PRIOR** to his audition in January for a spot in the Boston Symphony Orchestra (BSO), he dedicated a week to practicing with his good friend Matt McKay, also a percussionist. The two rehearsed from nine in the morning until midnight, breaking only to eat. While Kyle estimates he can play about 100 different percussion instruments, he knew the BSO was looking for players proficient in the snare drum and cymbals. "We were trying to push ourselves as hard as humanly possible," he recalls.

When after the finals both men learned they had won, Kyle felt it was "like a Disney ending for us".

Not only had he landed a spot with an orchestra recognized around the world, his close friend had as well. Kyle still can't believe it's happened exactly as they'd dreamed it would.

"We're all so proud of him and of Matt, too," Fore mentioned. "I'm just excited for him because all his hard work has paid off. It's so rare for people to earn these positions," he adds.

"When he auditioned for and was accepted into Juilliard and then thrived there, I think we really started to realize that he was one of the elite," his mother, Kim Brightwell notes. "Still, nothing is for sure until you get that call, 'Dad, I got the BSO!'"

Kyle remembers the phone call home as "a really proud moment for me. It validated their faith in me that it would all work out."

"If you're willing to persevere through the long path to get where he is, you have to have a real love and passion for music and be able to share that with others," Fore said. "Kyle taught me more than I think I taught him."

Kyle will officially start with the BSO in the fall. In the meantime, he'll finish up his Master's degree in Music at Boston University, serve as a substitute for the orchestra as needed, and continue side projects such as playing with the Whiskey Collection, a bluegrass band in New York City. While he is unsure what the future holds, he notes he would be happy playing in the BSO his whole life, until he can't do it anymore.

Kyle has reflected on what led him to this achievement and wishes he knew when he was a younger musician what he knows now. "If you want something bad enough and you have enough ability at it, all it takes is a lot of hard work. If you're willing to put that work into it, you can really do anything you want."

# RCA Names Citizen of Year

**Nick Brown** recognized for almost four decades of volunteer work.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**W**hen he moved to Reston in 1975, Nick Brown wasted no time getting involved with his community. Thirty-seven years later, he was named the Reston Citizen Association's Citizen of the Year during a ceremony at the Reston Community Center Monday, Feb. 20.

Brown has volunteered with Reston Interfaith since 1975, working with low income seniors and helping collect furniture for those in need. Over the decades, he has also devoted time to countless other causes, including planning the Embry Rucker Community Shelter, founding the South Lakes Band Boosters Association, volunteering with the All Dulles Area Muslim Society, the Jewish congregation Shoreshim, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, the Reston Swim Teams and more.

Mandy Guernsey of Reston Interfaith officially nominated Brown for the award. She cited his behind-the-scenes work with Reston Interfaith and his hands-on approach to solving many problems facing the needy in Reston.

"He really brought to light the paucity of furniture in certain Restonian's homes. He made it a point that whenever he knew someone was moving, or changing houses or getting rid of furniture to ask them what was happening with that old furniture," she said. "Instead of just connecting with someone else, Nick was that connection. He put it in his truck and hauled it all around town."

**BROWN IS KNOWN** for being humble in his volunteer work, often shunning any recognition for his efforts. He called being able to volunteer for youth one of the "great pleasures of my life," saying it was a joy to help them discover the difference they can make in the lives of others.

One of Brown's signature efforts is helping low-income seniors in the area.

"I've had the opportunity to help a number of these individuals in Reston. When one comes into a house, often times you find a widower or a widow, couple times I've found a husband and wife in their late 80s, and they seem so depressed," he said. "Nobody seems to talk to them anymore and they're down-trodden. I take their hands, and I look into their eyes and say 'It's OK, it's OK, you are not alone.' It's those moments that you can see the weight come off their shoulders and the peace of God descends around you."

He credited his wife Peg for keeping him from "going over the top" and for teaching him a very important lesson when it came to volunteering.

"A lot of times when you help people, they're so grateful when you help them they come up to you and shake your hand and thank you, and I'd say 'you're welcome, but it's nothing,'" he said. "Peg



From left, Nick Brown is named the Reston Citizen Association Citizen of the Year by RCA President Colin Mills Monday, Feb. 20 at the Reston Community Center.

would grab me by the lapels and say 'when you say it's nothing, you belittle the problems they have, saying it's nothing.' So she made me learn to say this, word for word: 'You're welcome. I'm glad I could be of help.' And that makes all the difference in the world."

The RCA's Citizen of the Year Award was created in 1976 to honor citizens whose service furthers Reston's goals as a community.

**THE AWARD WINNER** is chosen by a three-person committee, which included Colin Mills, the RCA president.

"He has been giving back to the community during his 35-plus years as a Restonian. Despite the time commitments of his day job as an environmental scientist, the challenges of raising a family, Nick finds time to serve the community year in and year out," he said. "The committee was also struck by the sheer scope of Nick's volunteer work."

Mills even has personal experience witnessing Brown's efforts in the community, having been a Cub Scout under Brown's leadership.

"When we selected Nick as Citizen of the Year, I mentioned this to my mom — I'm a lifelong Restonian and my parents still live here — and she said 'Is that the same Nick Brown who was the cub master when you were in Cub Scouts?' he said. "I looked at the nomination form, and sure enough it was. I was helped by Nick's volunteer work, and I didn't even know it until a few weeks ago."

Brown's name will now adorn a plaque at the Reston Community Center, which includes all past winners.



Last year's Diva Central dress drive at Reston Community Center, which provides local teenage girls with donated, gently used formal dresses. This year's drive is going on until Feb. 25.

## Center Seeks Donated Dresses

RCC collects for annual Diva Central dress drive.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Reston Community Center is collecting gently used formal dresses, shoes, jewelry, handbags and other accessories for students who would otherwise be unable to afford prom attire as part of their annual Diva Central dress drive.

"We're trying to provide a chance for these girls to have a night to dress up and go out and enjoy themselves," said Kenny Burrowes of the Reston Community Center, who is running the event this year. "This is one of the best events I've been a part of, and as far as I know, it's the only such event in the greater Reston area."

Dresses and accessories will be collected until Feb. 25. Gift cards for local businesses are also donated, giving the girls a chance to have dinner on the night of their formal dance. More than 100 girls are expected to attend the March 10 event, where they will pick their dress and accessories.

"We'll have personal shoppers on hand to help assist the girls, and even some volunteers that

can alter the dresses," Burrowes said. "Last year, more than 100 girls came to the event, and every one walked away with a dress, and we'll be expecting the same this year."

Dresses are offered to girls at any high school in the area. The center asks that clothes be in good condition, no more than five years old and dry-cleaned.

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Donations can be made at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road and the Reston Community Center Lake Anne, 1609-A Washington Plaza until Feb. 25.

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

## OBITUARIES

### Jackie Elke, of Reston, Dies

Long time Reston resident, and beloved Giant employee, Jackie Elke passed away suddenly Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012.

Miss Elke had worked for Giant Food since 1994, and at the Northpoint Giant for the last fourteen years.

She worked mostly at the Solutions Center at the store entrance,

where her smiling face and excellent customer service will be missed.

A memorial was held in her honor on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Hyatt Regency Reston.

She is remembered by family, colleagues, and friends as a kind, free spirit, and lover of animals, especially her cats.

In her honor, a collection is planned for a yet undetermined pet welfare organization. Contact the Northpoint Giant food store for donation information.

### Bryan Lee Rudacille, 78, of Reston, Dies

On Friday, Feb. 17, 2012, Bryan L. Rudacille, 78, passed away with heart failure. He was the beloved husband of Connie Rudacille of Reston. He was the proud father of Daniel, Marathon, Fla., Cathi Hartsook, Capon Bridge, W. Va., Burley Joe, Ster-

ling, and Col. Bryan Lee Rudacille Jr. of Graffenwohr, Germany. He has seven grandchildren: Andrew, Gillian, Bryan Daniel, Courtney, Grayson, Elizabeth, and Mitchell. His great grandchildren are Nathan, Leah, and Jackson.

You are invited to call at Maddox Funeral Home in Front Royal, Va. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. with interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

### FAITH NOTES

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

**Floris United Methodist Church**, 13600 Frying Pan Road in Herndon, has worship services at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays, with a Latino service on Saturdays at 7 p.m. Floris UMC has been ministering to Herndon and the surrounding community for more than 100 years, and numerous opportunities are available to worship, grow, and serve. 703-793-0026 or [www.florisumc.org](http://www.florisumc.org).

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From left: Barb Brehm and the Rev. Karen Rasmussen, longtime Fairfax residents who are both retired U.S. Navy veterans, walked up to the Fairfax County courthouse to apply for a marriage license on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. Rasmussen holds the ring she brought to give to Brehm, her partner for 26 years.



Bill King of Reston, with dog Daisy, said he and his wife attended the Feb. 14 event "to show our support for marriage equality." The Kings were among more than 200 supporters of same-sex marriage who attended the event, organized by local faith groups, at the Fairfax County Courthouse on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

## Standing on the "Side of Love"

People of faith gather to support marriage equality in Fairfax

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**H**olding red heart balloons and handing out candles and flowers, nearly 200 guests gathered in the shadow of the historic Fairfax County Courthouse to celebrate the 26-year-union of one couple on Valentine's Day.

The Rev. Kären Rasmussen and Barb Brehm - longtime Fairfax residents who are both retired Navy veterans - were at the courthouse to apply for a marriage license.

"I remembered the ring," Rasmussen said, holding it up to the crowd who laughed and applauded.

At 2 p.m., the couple entered the courthouse, where they were taken to a room by Clerk of Courts John Frey, and denied a marriage license. Under Virginia law, marriage between persons of the same sex is prohibited. "Therefore, I hereby deny your request for a marriage license," wrote John Frey, Clerk of Courts, in a statement he delivered to the couple and the media.

The scene played out the way the participants knew it would. But the rejection didn't dampen the mood of the crowd.

"Of course we are disappointed," Rasmussen said, holding Brehm's hand.

"But the clerk was gracious. He didn't have a form that said 'bride' and 'bride.' Maybe next time it will be yes. We will invite you all back when get a yes," she said, as the crowd cheered.

**MORE CELEBRATION THAN PROTEST**, the event was organized by People of Faith for Equality  
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# Crossover in Richmond

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



Last week was "crossover" for the General Assembly- the time when each house of the legislature must complete consideration of bills introduced into its chamber. After Tuesday of last week, only bills introduced by the Senate can be considered by the House of Delegates and vice versa. The exception is the budget bill, which is given an additional week for consideration in each house. Bills that had been tabled during debate in the house in which they were introduced are now effectively defeated.

Hundreds of bills have been passed in each house, but most of the bills impact only a small number of people, government and court procedures, and local governments. In order for a bill to become a law it must pass both houses

of the legislature in identical form and be signed by the Governor. Bills on the same subject that are passed in different form by the two houses are reconsidered by committees of conference, usually made up of three delegates and three senators. If an agreement cannot

be reached and then approved by both houses, the bills are then considered to be defeated.

Here is where some of the high-profile issues are in the House: current law limiting handgun purchases to one per month passed the House. I voted against this. A similar bill is coming over from the Senate. The Governor has said that he will sign it, justifying its legitimacy on the basis of the Second Amendment to the Constitution.

Ultrasound requirements before receiving an abortion also passed the House. Again, I voted "no." No health reasons were given in its support. This will be used as a way to slow down the abortion process and will also make it more difficult for women to make a decision. I also voted against the bill that defines a fetus as a person. The implications for the legislation are not fully known but clearly far-reaching. Whether it outlaws some forms of contraception or could be used to outlaw abortion entirely by the overturning of Roe V. Wade, many real concerns are being raised.

The death penalty was expanded to include others beyond the "triggerman," in murder cases. I also chose to oppose this, as I oppose all death penalty bills. Several immigration bills requiring a check of immigration status of individuals came up as well. I voted against these measures.

## High Density at Lake Anne—A Mixed Bag

BY JOHN LOVAAS  
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

INDEPENDENT PROGRESSIVE



Two major development projects in the Lake Anne area moved toward realization last week. The lumbering JBG Fairways Apartments redevelopment and a newly announced public-private partnership (PPEA) redevelopment proposal for Crescent Apartments and Lake Anne Village together would bring up to 2400 new condo homes and significant retail along little North Shore Drive.

The Fairways debacle got a favorable nod, though not final approval, from Reston's all-volunteer Design Review Board (DRB). The DRB, our only community voice in this process, finally prevailed in getting the worst design features out of the project. After nearly 20 meetings with the DRB, developer JBG finally relented on several of the worst features of a truly god-awful design. For example, JBG will alter the "Texas donuts" (closed circles of apartment blocks with parking in the middle) and will reduce, redesign the 4-5 story, flat-faced townhouses, moving the project into the cosmetically adequate range.

The DRB is to be commended for standing its ground despite political pressure resulting from Planning Commissioner de la Fe's rushing the proposal to County Plan-

ning Commission review and APPROVAL before DRB review was completed. After the Planning Commission blessing engineered by de la Fe, JBG returned to meet with the DRB having made virtually no changes to a design firmly rejected earlier by the DRB. In effect, they said, we've gone over your head and now have Planning Commission approval so you have to approve it as is. The DRB stood their ground. Too bad the P & Z did not.

The bad news is that this 850 high-end condo project on little North Shore Drive, far from the Metro station to-be, is excessive for the location and will destroy 230+ affordable dwelling units if the Board of Supervisors gives final approval as expected March 20. Ms. Hudgins will be the first to vote aye!

Meanwhile, Supervisor Hudgins was announcing the County's Re-

quest for Proposals under PPEA (public land, private profit) to redevelop County-owned, 181-unit Crescent Apartments and possibly the Village Center parking lot, Fellowship Square and more. On Crescent alone, we could see up to 935 units (754 high-end condos & one-for-one replacement of the 181 affordables), and up to 800 homes on other plots. Hudgins assured all that the county wants "...to preserve as well as expand affordable housing." Given the 235 affordable units she is about to sign away at Fairways and the hundreds of others lost on her watch, folks in affordable apartments might want to begin hiding the women and children.

The existing merchants at Lake Anne, ostensible beneficiaries of redevelopment also have cause for concern. One proposal, to maximize profit for the Lake Anne Condo Association, could be their death knell. It would push the merchants existing parking way across North Shore to Crescent. Classy retail could then be built on the current parking lot, between the parking over at Crescent and our merchants. It then becomes a hike thru glitzy new retail to get to them. Growth is needed, but the County should adopt another option, not this one.

### LETTERS

#### Human Services Need Support

To the Editor:

I am pleased to see coverage about the actions of the General Assembly, but I think the legislative effect on human services needs more emphasis since the stakes are so high. Now is not the time to cut funds from programs that are helping struggling neighbors in need become self-sufficient. That was the message that I—along with a group of other Virginia nonprofit leaders—delivered to the General Assembly in Richmond recently. The reality for many families we serve is they have to make tough choices: do I eat or pay rent, do I miss work for a sick child and lose my job, or do I buy school supplies or clothes. Unfortunately, if the Virginia Legislature cuts funds that support our core services and diverts sales taxes to fund transportation, the choices will become even more desperate for the 58,000 Fairfax County residents living in poverty—who are productive, contributing citizens that just need a little help to stay stable. Fifty-nine percent of the cuts in the Governor's budget impact people who are low-income. The long-term ramifications could be significant for our region, which is already reeling from the great recession.

**Amanda Andere**  
FACETS Executive Director

# Occupy Movement and the Church

BY REV. MARY BARRINO-SMITH, CAPUCC ORGANIZING PASTOR/CHURCH PLANTER

Recently the media has reported on an increasing show of church support for the Occupy Movement. This increase comes against the backdrop of evictions of Occupy protesters encamped in city parks and squares across the United States.

For several months protestors have gathered to draw attention to corporate greed and the excesses of the so-called 1 percent, a reference to the nation's elite, who protestors say have disproportionate influence over the rest of the country, resulting in inequality and social injustice.

The Christian faith teaches us that Jesus was an advocate for the poor and against social injustice. He had a special sense of mission to poor and oppressed people. At the beginning of his ministry, often referred to as Jesus' mission statement, Jesus stood up in the synagogue at Nazareth and read from the prophet Isaiah:

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." (Luke 4:18-19)

I've always wondered why the church was not more visible in the Occupy Movement. I've always felt that such a movement should have originated from the church. Perhaps church involvement has been slow because the Occupy movement has been criticized for its lack of focus.

I am inspired by the fact that a group of African-American church leaders announced last month their intention to join ranks with the Occupy Movement in the nation's capital, bolstering what some consider a mutual message of condemning income inequality and social injustice.

The Rev. Graylan S. Hagler, Senior Organizing Pastor for Community of ALL People United Church of Christ (CAPUCC) in Reston, is actively involved in the Occupy Movement in Washington, D.C. He is a part of about a dozen Christian activists who have started an ecumenical "Occupy Church" at Washington's Occupy K Street encampment in downtown Washington. The Occupy Church holds a prayer service every Saturday at noon and is trying to establish a full-time, rotating chaplaincy for the occupiers.

In addition to spiritual ministry and space to assemble and sleep, religious communities have provided the Occupy Movement with material support such as food, clothing, tents, blankets and heaters.

And at the public radio station WPFW (89.3 FM), the Rev. Graylan S. Hagler used his airtime Monday to note the similarities between the Occupy Wall Street

movement and those who camped in "Resurrection City," in the shadows of the Washington Monument, after King was slain.

Rev. Hagler has been involved in social activism for nearly 30 years and is always challenging the congregation's members to look for opportunities to respond to the call of social justice in the local community and throughout the world.

The recent statement made by Republican Primary Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney regarding his lack of concern for the poor is offensive and should be a beaconing call for all humanitarian to stand up and join in the movement against poverty whether it be with the Occupy Movement or any of the other organizations involved in the fight

against economic injustices.

My question to the Reston and Fairfax County Community is: Do you care about the poor or do you think the poor is taken care by the "safety net." If you care, what are you doing to make a difference?

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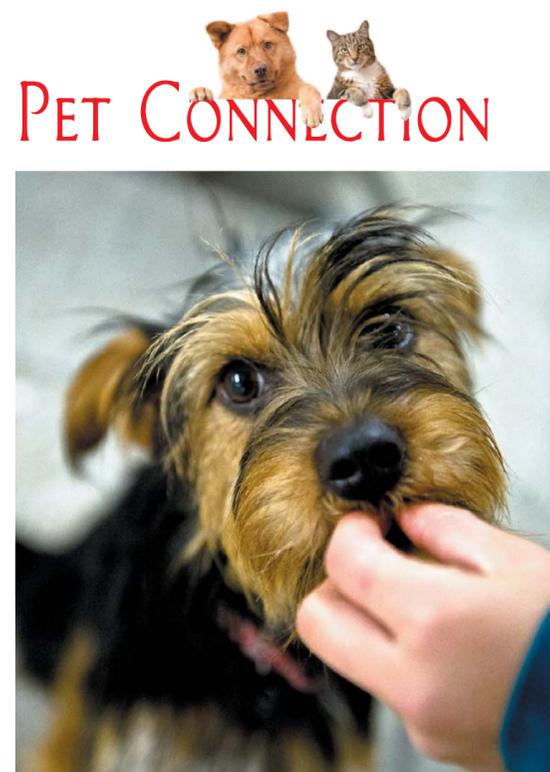
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### THURSDAY/FEB. 23

**Before Reston: History of the Railroad, 1853-1968.** 7 p.m. Reston Community Center Lake Anne, 1609A Washington Plaza, Reston. Ron Beavers and Paul McCray will discuss the 1853 creation of the Alexandria, Loudoun & Hampshire Railroad, the land purchased by Benjamin Thornton, what happened to the Thornton property after the Civil War and the creation of the W&OD trail. Free admission. Donations appreciated. 703-709-7700 or [restonmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:restonmuseum@gmail.com).

**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.

**One-on-One English Practice.** 2 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Call for appointment with an ESL volunteer. Adults. 703-242-4020.

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

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**"Earth and Sky."** 8 p.m. Waddell Theater, 1000 Harry Byrd Highway Sterling. Taking Flight Theatre Company's season opener. \$15. [www.tftheatre.org](http://www.tftheatre.org).

### SATURDAY/FEB. 25

**Metropolitan Jazz Orchestra presents Buddy, Woody, and Stan.** 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Celebrating the music of Buddy Rich, Woody Herman and Stan Kenton. \$20-\$40. [www.gmu.edu](http://www.gmu.edu).

**Blake Shelton: Well Lit & Amplified.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. With Justin Moore and "The Voice" finalist Dia Frampton. Tickets \$33.75-\$58.75. 800-745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

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PHOTO BY DAVID SIEGEL/THE CONNECTION

From left kneeling front: Joshua Redford, Tim Admas (left rear), Eve Korovesis, Terry Barr (standing right), Jolene Vettesee, Susanna Todd (far right seated).

## Musical Romance

Reston Community Players  
presents "I Love You Because."

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

### Where and When

"I Love You Because," presented by the Reston Community Players, CenterStage Theater, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Performances, March 2 - March 24, 2012. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., 2:30 p.m. Matinees on March 11 and 18. Tickets: \$18-\$21. Call 703-476-4500 or visit [www.RestonPlayers.org](http://www.RestonPlayers.org). Note: Recommended for ages 16 and up for adult language and sexual references.

Told through a musical score of about 18 songs, the show is "about the starting-over process we may face in our lives as we build a new relationship... especially an unexpected one," said Bailey. There is a cast of six with a five-piece band under the musical direction of Elisa Rosman.

"I Love You Because" was performed Off-Broadway in 2006. It has music by Joshua Salzman, with book and lyrics by Ryan Cunningham. Set in the New York City of the moment, new rules of dating are explored. A man in his 20s is upset over his girlfriend's actions. He is pushed and pulled about. At the same time a woman in her 20s is also working through a bad break-up. In their connected rebounds they find each other with the help of friends. Coping with their many differences and perhaps flaws propels them into and out of conflicts galore from loving someone "anyway" to loving someone "because."

Suzanna Todd has the role of the young woman dealing with a bad break-up. In describing

her character and the situation she said, "this is all so real. I mean, we may think we know what we want and what is best for us, but it doesn't always end how we may think."

For Evie Korovesis, who plays Todd's best friend, the show "speaks to how we can find love with someone even if we originally thought we had nothing in common when we first met." With a big infectious smile, she described how people at first might find someone "odd with a facade" but over time take a deeper look.

The two male leads are Joshua Redford and Tim Adams. Both agreed that the show is "cute and fun with fabulous music." Redford spoke of the lyrics in one particular number, in which his character sings of saying goodbye to previous expectations and breaking away from old rules to allow himself to trust and fall in love with the unexpected.

Bailey and her cast agreed that, "the show is a delight, you will leave with a smile."

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**Northern Virginia Camp and Summer Fun Expo.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dulles Town Center, 21100 Dulles Town Circle, Dulles. Presented by Washington Parent magazine. Meet with camp directors; enjoy cooking demos, golf and martial arts presentations. Free admission. washingtonparent.com.

**Mom2Mom Sale.** 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Robert E. Simon Children's Center, 1800 Cameron Glen Drive, Ste 1000, Reston. Baby, toddler and children's items. \$2 admission. 703-834-5880.

## SUNDAY/FEB. 26

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## MONDAY/FEB. 27

**Kids' Science.** 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Explore scientific topics through activities. Age 6-8. 703-689-2700.

**Reston Kids Book Discussion.** 4 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Ask for title. Age 8-10. 703-689-2700.

## TUESDAY/FEB. 28

**Love Is In the Air Preschool Storytime.** 7 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Stories and rhymes about love. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-437-8855.

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 29

**Leaping Lizards.** 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. A family leap year celebration of "fearfully-great lizards" -dinosaurs. All ages. 703-689-2700.

**Buckwheat Zydeco General Admission Dance.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Zydeco or Cajun music. \$24. www.wolftrap.org.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 1

**Welcome Club of Northern Virginia Monthly Luncheon.** 11 a.m. Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. "Starting Your Genealogy Research" by genealogy teacher Phyllis Legare. \$30. Registration required at www.welcomeclubnvirginia.com.

**Peter Yarrow with Mustard's Retreat.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna.

Folk music. \$25. www.wolftrap.org.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 2

**"I Love You Because."** 8 p.m. Reston Community Players, 266 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Tickets \$15-\$21. 703-476-4500 or restonplayers.org.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 3

**Ballet Folklorico De Antioquia, Colombia.** 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Sharing the richness and diversity of Colombian culture through authentic music, ritualistic dance, and physical theater accentuated with brilliantly-colored costumes. \$23-\$46. www.gmu.edu.

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**Buskin & Batteau.** 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolftrap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk duo. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

**Celtic Woman.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Celtic music. Tickets \$43-\$73, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating available for patrons with disabilities at 703-993-3035.

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# Madison Defeats South Lakes in Liberty Girls Finals

**Tourney MVP Koshuta of Madison scores 32 in win; Rendle, Severin earn All-Tourney honors for Seahawks.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

The James Madison High girls' basketball team played one of its best games of the season in last Friday night's Liberty District tournament finals versus South Lakes. The defending district champion Warhawks were clicking in all areas of the game and kept a talented Seahawks' squad at bay in a 78-47 victory. The postseason title game took place at South Lakes' spacious Wendell G. Byrd Gymnasium in Reston.

Madison (21-4), the tournament's No. 1 seed, has now won the district tournament championship several years in a row under head coach Kirsten Stone, formerly known as Kirsten Roberts. The Warhawks reached Friday's finals with tournament victories earlier in the week over No. 8-seed Thomas Jefferson High, 75-26, and No. 5 Fairfax, 57-39, in the semifinals. The finals win was Madison's ninth straight victory going back to late January. The Warhawks have gone a phenomenal 17-0 against district opponents this season.

South Lakes (16-8 overall, 9-5 district), the tournament's No. 3 seed, reached Friday's finals with tournament wins over No. 6 Langley, 55-42, and No. 7 Marshall, 61-43. The Seahawks, under veteran head coach Christy Winters Scott, have enjoyed a winning winter season in which the team,



**Megan LeDuc of Madison High races up the court with the ball as South Lakes' Caitlin Jensen defends. LeDuc, a junior guard, was named to the All-Tournament Team following the Warhawks' finals victory.**

down the season's down-stretch and into the tournament, had won seven of nine games going into the title meeting with Madison.

Madison, in the championship game win over South Lakes, received an absolutely outstanding game from 6-foot-2 inch freshmen center Kelly Koshuta, who finished with 32 points. The Warhawks' star pivot scored many of her points from close-range positioning as a result of her ability to maneuver her way towards the bucket on drives or post-up moves. Her teammates did a fantastic job throughout the evening working the ball around and finding their front court teammate at opportune times. South Lakes tried to slow the ninth grader down but could not. Koshuta, a First Team All-

Liberty District selection, evoked perhaps the loudest cheer of the night from the Madison fandom on hand when, midway through the final quarter, upon receiving a pass out on the left wing area of the court, she, without barely any hesitation, took a long range three-point shot which found its destination. With most of Koshuta's points coming closer to the basket throughout the game, Madison fans, team members and coaches alike got a kick out of the long range trey which built the Madison lead to 30 points.

Koshuta, who led Madison with six rebounds, was named the Tournament MVP during post-game ceremonies. Two other Madison players - junior guards Megan LeDuc and Megan Henshaw - also helped

make up the six-team All-Tournament squad.

Henshaw, a 5-9 sharp-shooter and All-District First Team member this season, connected on five three-pointers in the title game win. In all, Madison nailed nine long distance treys, the others coming from Koshuta, sophomore guard Katie Kerrigan (11 points, 1 trey), and freshman backup guard Jana Tremba (7 points, 2 treys). Madison junior guard Jonee Finney scored all five of her points in the second half.

So between Madison's balanced attack which included points inside the paint and torrid outside shooting, the Warhawks were close to being unstoppable on this night.

**BUT SOUTH LAKES** played hard the entire night, despite falling behind early in the opening minutes and being down 24-11 after one quarter. The Seahawks came to life in the second quarter with a 7-0 scoring spell to begin the stanza. The final points of the mini-run came on a three-pointer from the top of the key from sophomore guard Caitlin Jensen (8 points) to pull the Seahawks within 24-18 just a few minutes into the second quarter. But over the final five-plus minutes of the first half, Madison went on a 10-0 scoring spree to take a 34-18 lead into the intermission. The Warhawks' game-defining sequence began with consecutive three-pointers from Henshaw, a huge answer to South Lakes' seven points to start the second quarter.

Madison maintained control of the game throughout the second half on way to the championship.

Both Madison and South Lakes were scheduled to host first round games, on Monday, Feb. 20, of this week's 16-team Northern Region Tournament - South Lakes versus Annandale, and Madison versus Lake Braddock.

## Good Showing by Northern Region at State Wrestling

**Westfield's Donahue earns state title; Dooley of Madison and Forrest of South Lakes earn second place medals.**

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Three Northern Region teams - Robinson, Annandale, and Westfield High Schools - finished among the top 10 team finishers at last weekend's Virginia State AAA Wrestling Championships, held Feb. 17-18 (Friday and Saturday) at Robinson Secondary.

Colonial Forge (Stafford) of the Northwest Region was the team champion with 152.5 points, well ahead of second place and defending state champion Robinson (87). Matoaca High (67.5) of Chesterfield finished third ahead of fourth place

Annandale (65.5) and fifth place Forest Park (63) of Woodbridge. Westfield High, this year's Northern Region champion, finished in eighth place with 57 points behind sixth place Ocean Lakes (59) of Virginia Beach and seventh place Kellam (58.5), also of Virginia Beach. Rounding out the top 10 behind Westfield were ninth place Hanover (54.5) of Mechanicsville and 10th place Salem High (50).

Thirty-nine teams were represented at states. Other teams from the Northern Region included South County (17th place), Madison (23rd place), South Lakes (28th place), Lake Braddock (29th), Wakefield (31st), Marshall (32nd), Hayfield (33rd),

Centreville (34th), Yorktown (36th), and Stone Bridge (38th).

**FIVE NORTHERN REGION** wrestlers won individual state titles: Ali Musa (220 weight class) of Annandale; Beau Donahue (152) of Westfield; Brooks Martino (145) of Robinson; Santiago Valdez (138) of Robinson; and Dane Harlow (126) of Annandale.

Second place finishers from the Northern Region were: Jake Pinkston (heavyweight) of Robinson; Ryan Forrest (160) of South Lakes; Henry Majano (132) of Wakefield; and Robert Dooley (120) of Madison.

Third place finishers from the Northern Region were: Matt Crawford (heavyweight) of Marshall; Brett Stein (160) of South County; Jonathan Faul (152) of Stone Bridge; Sahid Kargbo (138) of Hayfield; and Hunter Manley (106) of South County.

A fourth place finisher from the North-

ern Region was Charlie Whelden (heavyweight) of Yorktown.

Fifth place finishers were: Bryan Jefferson (heavyweight) of Annandale; Ryan Sepulveda (170) of Centreville; Jonathan Simmons (160) of Robinson; Rori Renzi (145) of Lake Braddock; Leland Jenkins (126) of Langley; and Brett Campbell (120) of Westfield.

Sixth place finishers were: David Chenevey (195) of Centreville; Dusty Floyd (170) of Mount Vernon; Stephen Aiello (145) of Westfield; and Ibrahim Bunduka (113) of T.C. Williams.

Seventh place finishers were: Tyler Morson (170) of Westfield; Derek Arnold (138) of Westfield; Sean Haskett (132) of Lake Braddock; and Austin Riggs (120) of Robinson.

Eighth place finishers were: Gil Enav (170) of Lake Braddock; Brock Jacobsen (132) of Edison; and James Cusack (113) of Marshall.

# HOME SALES

In January 2012, 32 Reston homes sold between \$879,000-\$116,000.

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Postal Code	Subdivision
1447 WATERFRONT RD	5	4	0	RESTON	\$879,000	Detached	0.16	20194	RESTON	
11800 SUNSET HILLS RD #814	3	2	0	RESTON	\$625,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		20190	CARLTON HOUSE	
2404 JACKSTAY TER	4	2	1	RESTON	\$618,000	Detached	0.31	20191	RESTON	
11776 STRATFORD HOUSE PL #402	2	2	0	RESTON	\$615,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		20190	STRAITFORD	
1327 WEDGEWOOD MANOR WAY	3	3	1	RESTON	\$520,000	Townhouse	0.07	20194	RESTON	
11124 GLADE DR	3	2	1	RESTON	\$500,000	Townhouse	0.03	20191	RESTON	
12000 MARKET ST #101	3	2	0	RESTON	\$480,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		20190	SAVOY AT RESTON TWN CNTR	
11709 OLD BAYBERRY LN	3	2	1	RESTON	\$470,000	Detached	0.10	20194	RESTON	
2308 BALLYCAIRNE CT	4	3	1	RESTON	\$425,000	Detached	0.46	20191	STRAITTON WOODS	
1802 NORTH SHORE CT	4	3	1	RESTON	\$386,500	Townhouse	0.04	20190	RESTON	
11800 SUNSET HILLS RD #517	2	2	0	RESTON	\$370,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		20190	CARLTON HOUSE	
1684 WAINWRIGHT DR	3	3	1	RESTON	\$360,000	Townhouse	0.04	20190	RESTON	
11800 SUNSET HILLS RD #526	2	2	0	RESTON	\$355,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		20190	CARLTON HOUSE	
12025 NEW DOMINION PKWY #408	1	1	0	RESTON	\$353,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		20190	MIDTOWN NORTH	
11408 TURNMILL LN	3	1	1	RESTON	\$349,900	Detached	0.13	20191	RESTON	
2356 HORSEFERRY CT	3	2	1	RESTON	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.03	20191	DEEPWOOD	
10989 GREENBUSH CT	3	2	0	RESTON	\$325,000	Townhouse	0.05	20191	RESTON	
2411 ALBOT RD	3	2	1	RESTON	\$317,000	Townhouse	0.03	20191	DEEPWOOD	
1645 SIERRA WOODS DR	3	2	2	RESTON	\$317,000	Townhouse	0.03	20194	RESTON	
11903 SAINT JOHNSBURY CT	3	1	2	RESTON	\$305,000	Townhouse	0.03	20191	DEEPWOOD	
11967 GREYWING CT	3	3	1	RESTON	\$300,000	Townhouse	0.04	20191	RESTON	
1622 FIELDTHORN DR	2	1	1	RESTON	\$295,000	Townhouse	0.02	20194	RESTON	
11857 COOPERS CT	4	2	2	RESTON	\$280,000	Townhouse	0.03	20191	RESTON	
12000 MARKET ST #386	1	1	0	RESTON	\$257,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		20190	SAVOY AT RESTON TWN CNTR	
11200 CHESTNUT GROVE SQ #203	3	1	1	RESTON	\$220,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		20190	CHESTNUT GROVE	
2299 WHITE CORNUS LN	3	1	1	RESTON	\$210,000	Townhouse	0.03	20191	RESTON	
1509 NORTH POINT DR #06-010	2	1	0	RESTON	\$206,750	Garden 1-4 Floors		20194	NORTH POINT VILLAS	
2229 LOVEDALE LN #302B	2	1	0	RESTON	\$199,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		20191	BRISTOL HOUSE	
11801 BRETON CT #2C	2	1	1	RESTON	\$190,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		20191	HUNTERS WOODS VILLAGE	
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## FAITH NOTES

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

**Floris United Methodist Church,** 13600 Frying Pan Road in Herndon, has worship services at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays, with a Latino service on Saturdays at 7 p.m. Floris UMC has been ministering to Herndon and the surrounding community for more than 100 years, and numerous opportunities are available to worship, grow, and serve. 703-793-0026 or [www.florisumc.org](http://www.florisumc.org).

**Vajrayogini Buddhist Center,** Brown's Chapel, 11450 Baron Cameron Ave., Reston, will hold monthly classes for the general public beginning. Gen Kelsang Varahi, an American Buddhist nun, will teach 'Living Meditation: Meditation for Relaxation,' teachings and guided meditations that will give students an ability to learn how to relax their body and mind. \$12. [www.meditation-dc.org](http://www.meditation-dc.org) or 202-986-2257.

**St. Anne's Episcopal Church,** 1700 Wainwright Drive in Reston, holds Sunday services at 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11:15 a.m. and contemporary service at 5 p.m. Nursery, Sunday School and Adult Education available. Morning Prayer on Monday at 9:30, Holy Eucharist Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. 703-437-6530 or [www.stannes-reston.org](http://www.stannes-reston.org).

**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](http://www.havenofnova.org) for schedules and registration information.

**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.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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### WEDNESDAY/FEB. 22

**Business Education Series: The 7 C's of Leadership.** 10 a.m. Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, 1763 Fountain Drive, Reston. With Bill Collins of FocalPoint Coaching. The defining characteristics of a leader, the mindset leaders bring to problem solving and the seven behaviors successful leaders exhibit. Members free, non-members \$10. 703-707-9045 or [www.restonchamber.org](http://www.restonchamber.org).

### SUNDAY/FEB. 26

**Is Religion an Adaptation or an Aberration?** 12:45 p.m. Fairfax Unitarian Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Outdated explanations for religion arising from primitive fear or malfunctioning reason are getting replaced with sophisticated theories about religion's role.

### MONDAY/FEB. 27

**Reston Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. Community Room, North County Government Center, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Agenda includes Sunrise Valley Elementary School Renovations and the current office building at 1760 Reston Parkway. [michaelgromeo@gmail.com](mailto:michaelgromeo@gmail.com).  
**Beating the Sugar Blues.** 7 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. \$25-\$35. Ways sugar is negatively affecting your health, tips to eat foods you enjoy and understanding how lifestyle affects cravings. 703-281-4928.

### TUESDAY/FEB. 28

**Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce February Network Night.** 5:30-7:30 p.m. Smiles at Reston Town Center, 1861 Explorer St., Reston. \$15-\$40. 703-707-9045.

### THURSDAY/MARCH 1

**Adoption Information Meeting.** 7 p.m. Adoptions Together, 457 A Carlisle Drive, Herndon. Adoptions Together facilitates the adoption of school-aged children from foster care. 703-689-0404 or [www.adoptionstogether.org](http://www.adoptionstogether.org).

### SUNDAY/MARCH 4

**Wealthism.** 12:45 p.m. Fairfax Unitarian Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. The term "wealthism" describes the inadvertent or purposeful influence toward consolidation of wealth and power in a small minority of people.

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 7

**Raise Sexually Healthy Children.** 7 p.m. Flint Hill School, 3320 Jermantown Road, Oakton. With Debbie Roffman, author of "Sex & Sensibility: The Thinking Parent's Guide to Talking About Sex." 703-584-2354.

### FRIDAY/MARCH 9

**Friday Forum Business Networking.** 7:30 a.m. Sheraton Reston Hotel Syrah Restaurant, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Business professionals focused on generating business for members through qualified referrals. New group being formed. Meeting free and open to all, breakfast available for purchase. Meetings every Friday. 703-802-0334.

### SUNDAY/MARCH 11

**Update on America's Nuclear Future.** 12:45 p.m. Fairfax Unitarian Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. The President's Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future nears completion of a comprehensive review of policies for managing the back end of the nuclear fuel cycle and will recommend a new plan.

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# Marking Time



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As much as I don't want to be ever-mindful of today's date – relative to when I first learned of my diagnosis, that Thursday three years ago this very week, when my Internal Medicine doctor called me with the results of the biopsy (confirming the malignancy); and of course all that had preceded it and all that has happened since: the miscellaneous tests, scans, doctor's appointments, the first Team Lourie meeting with my oncologist, my first chemotherapy infusion, my one-year anniversary, two-year anniversary, (surviving the "13-month to two-year" prognosis I was originally given), and now, reaching my three-year anniversary (and in so doing, outliving my initial prognosis by a significant amount of time), I am powerless not to do so. I won't admit to it depressing me; I mean, I am alive and reasonably well, but it does occupy my mind. And as much as one might want to forget and/or compartmentalize the fact that you have a terminal disease (stage IV lung cancer), your subconscious has other ideas. I don't know which is more difficult: trying to forget or always remembering.

And yet, as life goes on, it is impossible – for me, to not consider that whatever I've done (changes in lifestyle, diet, treatment, etc.) has likely contributed to my survival. That said; if I want/hope to continue to live, don't I sort of have to pay attention to what's presumably extended my life this long? I can't take any of it for granted. I can't stop doing, thinking, planning, worrying – about any of it. That's not to say that my entire existence, conversation, thought-process has to be about cancer – and surviving, but how can I view any other subject in as serious a context? When your life depends on it (maybe?), how do you "back-burner" the topic? You don't. Front and center. Top of mind. First things first. Everything else is secondary. Morning, noon and night.

However, immersing myself in this cancer culture can't be my only option, can it? Given the demands – both physically and mentally on a cancer patient, especially one who has been characterized as terminal, how can it not? But somehow, life has to be lived, and not just in the cancer club. Nevertheless, living outside the constraints of a cancer-affected philosophy is much easier said than done. I don't want to use cancer as an excuse, but you have to admit: it's a heck of an excuse. Nor do I want to be beholden to it – good or bad, but sometimes, that dog has to be fed. It's somewhere between supply and demand, and the law of the jungle; thinking it, wanting it, hoping for it – doesn't make it so.

So three years into this battle royal, life goes on. And how fortunate I am. Still it's difficult to consider my status as quo. Is it because of something I'm doing (or not doing anymore) or is it in spite of something I am doing which I've never done before? Am I just lucky or am I good? I'd love to leave well enough alone, but how can I be sure if I am well enough to be left alone. Ergo the problem, the dilemma: is it real or is it my imagination? Granted, I'm alive, but why? (I don't want to look a gift horse in the mouth, but it never seems to be enough.)

Thirty-six months later – almost to the exact day when I received that life-changing call from my doctor, the answers for my continuing survival are still unclear. I'd love some confirmation that what I'm doing is actually working; or alternatively, some sign to direct me down a future path of less resistance that will work better. But I'm afraid I know the answer to that query: there is none. Certainly all that I've done and persevered doing has gotten me this far. But how much further will it get me? I wish I knew. If I wasn't so preoccupied with this cancer business, perhaps I could focus on something else. However, anniversaries such as the one I'm acknowledging this week, often turn that focus – and the "focuser," inside out.

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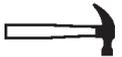
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# Fairfax Gathering Supporting Marriage Equality

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in Virginia (POFEV) – a statewide interfaith organization of clergy and laypersons committed to achieving full equality for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Virginians - together with the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF).

Participants sang civil-rights era songs, listened to several impassioned speeches by local and national clergy, and held a candlelight vigil to protest discrimination of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender families. To the surprise of several participants, there were no counter-demonstrations or confrontations.

"I think this is a matter of visibility and awareness. It's important that people know a lot of ordinary people right here in Fairfax County support marriage equality," said Catherine Read, who sits on the board of Our Daily Bread, a Fairfax nonprofit that provides food and other essential services to those in need.

"Someday, our children are going to say, 'Can you believe they wouldn't let gay people get married?' Read said, "The same way we say, 'can you believe they wouldn't let blacks and white use the same drinking fountain?' It's ridiculous that this is still an issue."

"We are here to stand in support of loving lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender

couples who cannot legally obtain a marriage license in the Commonwealth of Virginia," said the Rev. Peter Morales, president of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA).

Attending the event from his home in Massachusetts, Morales said the Bay state - the first U.S. state to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples beginning in 2004 - is one of six states that allow homosexuals to marry, in addition to the District of Columbia.

"Look around here. The turn-out is fabulous," Morales said. "We are reclaiming religious faith from the forces of marginalism and ignorance. I am happy to add my voice to this major interfaith battle," he said, telling the crowd that marriage in his home state is thriving, and has one of the lowest divorce rates. "We will prevail. We need to continue this fight together."

According to Morales, Unitarian Universalists have a long and rich history of social justice work. In 2008, the UUA launched the "Standing on the Side of Love" campaign to elevate compassionate religious voices to influence public attitudes and public policy.

"For Unitarian Universalists, support for marriage equality is an expression of our core religious values," Morales said.

Elizabeth Fogarty of Reston wore a PFLAG

(Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) button, and said she was there to support marriage equality for women like her daughter, who is a lesbian.

"My oldest daughter is a lesbian, and my youngest daughter is straight. They both support each other, and I am very proud of both of them," she said.

The Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael, senior minister of the Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church in Burke, who led the crowd in singing several spiritual songs, said he has always been an advocate for marriage equality. "This is the civil rights issue of our time. Denying people who love each other the right to get married has never made any sense to me," he said.

**THE CLERGY** offered a blessing to all LGBT couples present. "It is my great hope that we are moving toward a kinder and more just society in which all citizens enjoy equality under the law," said Mary Katherine Morn, parish minister at UUCF.

"As a spiritual leader, I am especially concerned about protecting and supporting all those who seek to create loving families, the foundation of our great country," Morn said.

The Rev. Don Prange, minister of St. James United Church of Christ in Lovettsville, said the event was filled with "some interesting ironies."

"We are on land once granted to the only Lord to actually occupy land granted by an English king, just three years after a Virginian named Thomas Jefferson wrote about 'certain unalienable rights'...even though it was self-evident that given slavery and a very limited franchise for voting, that declarations words about liberty hardly embraced equality..."

He said it was time for the state of Virginia to recognize that same-sex marriage is the only way to bring "the Declaration of Independence up to date in recognizing a very natural marriage of liberty and equality that would full equality for all... and not just for some."

Amanda Lee of Vienna, who handed out candles to the crowd, said she knew several same-sex couples who had been in long-term relationships, and they deserved the right to marry.

"It's hard to believe that it's not a federally protected right. This is bigotry, and it needs to end now," Lee said.

David McCracken of Herndon stood quietly off to the side of the group, holding a handmade sign and listening to the speakers.

"I'm here partly to atone for my past sin of prejudice," McCracken said. "I guess what changed my thinking is just life, seeing homosexual couples and realizing they are just like us."



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