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Herndon High School students Sara Rodrigues (left) and Briana Payne trip the lights fantastic on the dance floor during the 11th “Day Prom” held at the Waterford at Fair Oaks in Fairfax on May 3.



South Lakes High junior Mary Kate MacDonald and school aide Tammy Lowe enjoy a dance together.



John Gionfriddo and Kimberly Jimenez of Herndon High School are all smiles at the “Day Prom” on May 3 in Fairfax at the Waterford at Fair Oaks.



Herndon High School ‘Best Buddies’ Gabi Muniz, Kelsey Finedman, Marie Gardiner, Courtney Guengerich dance in a conga line at the “Day Prom” organized by Herndon High School and held in Fairfax at the Waterford at Fair Oaks.

Day Prom at Waterford

On Thursday May 3, Herndon High School hosted a very special prom at the Waterford at Fair Oaks in Fairfax. Called the “Day Prom” the event is held for students with special needs that might not be able to attend their general education prom. “It

is also a learning event. Students get a socialization experience and practice skills that will transfer to any social or family event, from the RSVP, to how to dress, to how to behave, dancing, eating and interacting with new people,” said Kathy Khair of Herndon High School, who organized the event. Now in its 11th year, the Day Prom was conceived by two teachers at Herndon High School: Chris Pascarella and Anna Albsta, and four schools attended. This year, 179 students from eight schools participated in the 3.5 hour event: Herndon High School, Oakton High School, Fairfax High School, Westfield High School, Lake Braddock High School, Kilmer Center School, South Lakes High School and Centreville High School.



Fabiola Hernandez and Emma Hammersby of Herndon High School are dressed in their best to attend the 11th annual “Day Prom” held at the Waterford at Fair Oaks in Fairfax on May 3.



South Lakes Adaptive Physical Education Teacher Turlene Terry-Todd dances with student Mario Gutierrez at the “Day Prom” organized by Herndon High School and held in Fairfax at the Waterford at Fair Oaks.



Oakton High School Students (from left) Sarah Arthur, Sarah Metzendorf, Sarah Smith and Jennifer Becker dance together at the “Day Prom” organized by Herndon High School and held in Fairfax at the Waterford at Fair Oaks.

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Daniel Burkholder holds Sharon Mansur by a rope during their "Out of Place" performance at Lake Anne Sunday, May 6.

Lake Anne Hosts 'Out of Place'

Exhibit inspired by history, architecture of Reston.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As dozens gathered around Lake Anne Sunday evening for the dance performance for the Reston Museum's "Out of Place" exhibit, many had no idea what they were looking for. Which is why, when a male and female in matching white shirts started walking along the dock, at first no one paid attention.

But as the duo began twirling around the dock, crouching on benches and laying on the ground, soon people took notice. Dance artist Sharon Mansur and her long-time collaborator Daniel Burkholder began using every part of the plaza as they moved.

"It was fascinating to watch them use everything nearby, the benches, the concrete slopes, the platforms," said Raul Finch of Reston. "Not only that, but every movement was different, it all flowed so naturally, I'm not sure if it was improvised or planned in that much detail, but it was very pleasing to the eye."

After they made their way down the west side of Lake Anne Plaza, Mansur and Burkholder used the nearby Washington Plaza Baptist Church as part of their performance. Burkholder made his way to the roof and lowered a white rope to Mansur, who picked it up, and dragged it back toward the lake.

"As a dancer I work visually as well as kinetically, so I spent time learning through photographs, studying the texture, walking through the plaza, seeing how my body felt in certain places," Mansur said. "I imagined both the private use as well as public use, I love the mixed-use nature of this area."

Burkholder said "a lot of what we did tonight was improvisational, but we were already primed and

ready to do this exploration together."

"**OUT OF PLACE**" is part contemporary dance performance, part "site-situated installation" that uses the history, architecture and sculpture of Reston, particularly Lake Anne, as inspiration. Presented by the Reston Community Center, Initiative for Public Art-Reston, the Friends of Lake Anne and the Reston Museum, it was conceived by Mansur and architect Ronit Eisenbach.

"Sharon and I started developing this piece over a year ago, Eisenbach said. "The start of our research was thinking about how we would collaborate together. I'm an architect and artist, Sharon is a dance artist, we think in different ways and we also think in some similar ways. We spent time trying to figure out where our questions and interests overlapped and where there was a productive friction."

Eisenbach said she has an aunt who lives in Reston and so she visits at least once a year, and has always held the area in high regard.

"This place is a space I've always held very dear and always very inspired by," she said. "When we decided together to use this place, it gave me an opportunity to look much more closely at the architecture, at how people use the space."

Mansur said they came up with the name "Out of Place" last Fall, and feels it has multiple meanings. "We both felt it had several layers to it, the sense of growing out of a place, emerging in an integral organic way out of place, but yet introducing elements into this place, so in a sense maybe things might seem a little out of place,"

she said. "Some of the playfulness as well as kinetic visual elements of the performance might seem a little unusual, so that was also something we wanted to play with."

THIS WAS THE SECOND work done by Eisenbach and Mansur inspired by Reston and Lake Anne. They have a third work planned that will happen Sept. 15. The "Out of Place" exhibit will be on display at Lake Anne until May 13.



Dance artist Sharon Mansur crouches down as part of the "Out of Place" performance at Lake Anne Sunday, May 6.



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The Langston Hughes Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team pose with Langston Hughes Middle Principal Aimee Monticchio. The team is composed of eighth graders Aarti Bhandari, Sharvari Bhatt, Darya Kharabi, Geetika Mahajan, Catie Medvid, Olivia Strahan and Edison Turner.

Challenging the World

Two Reston teams advance to Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

BY AMIEE FREEMAN
THE CONNECTION

Your problem, should you choose to accept it, is this: Use a word or words to make a first and last name. You must relate this name to an occupation. You will have one minute to think and three minutes to respond. You must be creative. Boring responses will not earn you a point. Examples of creative responses are: Minnie Ster is a pastor, Clara Net is a musician or Ali Gator is a marine biologist.

Two teams from Reston will be challenged to answer questions such as this at the upcoming Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. Teams from Langston Hughes Middle and Hunters Woods Elementary will be competing against other teams in their age division from across the country at the 33rd Annual Odyssey of the Mind World Fi-

nals competition to be held in Ames, Iowa, May 23-26.

Odyssey of the Mind is an extra-curricular program open to kindergarteners through college-age students. The program encourages creative problem solving.

DURING THE COMPETITION the teams will have eight minutes to present their long-term problem. In a separate round, they respond creatively to the spontaneous problem, such as the one shown above. Competitions are held at the regional, state and national level. Only the teams that win first place advance to the next round. The Langston Hughes team and the Hunters Woods team placed first at the regional and state competitions in their age group.

Although only three years

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The Hunters Woods Odyssey of the Mind team is composed of fifth graders Charlotte Cai, Yukta Chidanandan, Noah Ginsburg, Wen Ip, Ryan Jones, Maya Nakhre and Charlotte Peterkin.

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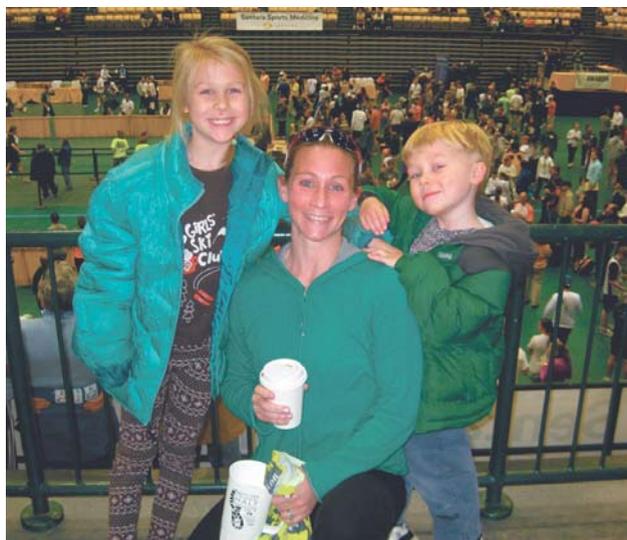
Kelli Kolling, from Reston, with her children, Nathan, 11, and Lauren, 5, in Washington, D.C. after a DC Duck Tour, Summer 2011.



Hsiao-Mae Chiang and daughter Kelli Kolling at their annual mother-daughter Christmas/birthday tea. December 2011, Ritz Carlton - Tysons Corner.



"In all my life, I've never seen my mom 'lose it' through as much fun as she had during her visit with me in Cote d'Ivoire, where I worked with refugees from Liberia," writes Julia Demichelis, of Reston.



Phoebe and Forrest Adams, of Reston, with their mom Sharon after running a race.



Katy R. Curran and her children Maureen, Kerry, Hugh and Bri after one of her races.



Judy Rutledge, of Reston, and her daughters Tiffany and Sydney.



Robin George with sons Peter and Colin, ready to play Reston soccer!



Linda and Don Rutledge at their 50th wedding anniversary celebration with daughter Katy R. Curran and sons Mike and Mark Rutledge.



May, Joshua, 13, Ilana, 11, and Julia, 4, Levy on their way down to South Florida, enjoy a well-deserved break at the Savannah, Ga., Riverfront.

Thinking Creatively

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apart in age, the two teams are very different. The Langston Hughes team, made up of eighth graders Aarti Bhandari, Sharvari Bhatt, Darya Kharabi, Geetika Mahajan, Catie Medvid, Olivia Strahan and Edison Turner, has a lively, kinetic energy.

During a recent meeting, the seven team members were talking over each other and finishing each other sentences, eager to explain the play they had written for their long-term problem. The Langston Hughes' team chose the category of Weird Science. In this category teams are given a NASA satellite image. Then, the team must create a play to explain how this image came to be.

The Hunters Woods team, composed of fifth graders Charlotte Cai, Yukta Chidanandan, Noah Ginsburg, Wen Ip, Ryan Jones, Maya Nakhre and Charlotte Peterkin, had a more calm and poised group attitude.

This team for its long-term project chose to make an Ooh-Emotional Vehicle. As required by the project's parameters, the ve-

hicle, made of a light-weight frame, bicycle tires and casters, displayed four emotions and can move forward and backward. LED Christmas lights were used to make an expressive face that shows the emotions of pride, fear, guilt and love. Like the Weird Science project, this project also has a theme and a plot. Being James Bond fans, the Hunters Wood team chose a spy theme and titled it: "The Car who Loved Me." Their car, named Oomer or Double OO, must stop the gas guzzler from stealing a microchip.

ALL THE STUDENTS INVOLVED said that participating in Odyssey of the Mind helped with "life skills" and helped them think creatively. The upcoming competition caused many of the team members anxiety, however, they were all excited by the opportunity to participate in the World Finals.

Now the teams are using their creativity to raise funds to get to Iowa. The teams are holding bake sales and jewelry sales and have Facebook pages set up to help raise funds.

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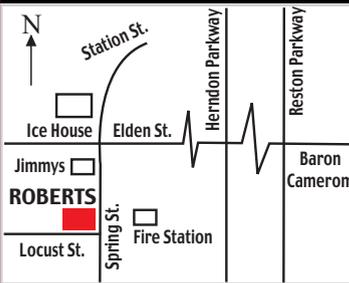
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Driving through the E-ZPass lane on the Dulles Toll Road without stopping while cars without a transponder line up to slog through is one advantage. The two other places one can use the E-ZPass

in Northern Virginia are the Dulles Greenway and, soon, the "express lanes" on the Beltway.

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It is worth noting that 100 percent of the tolls from the Beltway HOT-lanes will be collected by the private company that is building them, without any revenue sharing with the Commonwealth. If it is really VDOT's responsibility to maintain the system to collect those tolls, then that is a failure in the crafting of

the contract to build the lanes. Apparently all E-ZPass account holders will be paying for the contractor's collection of funds.

Meanwhile, we're still not sure what it will cost to drive in the express lanes, but we do know that the amount will vary depending on traffic. We can only hope that signs will make it clear how much it will cost.

Today VDOT approved four new signs for the Greenway that will at least let drivers know how much they are paying. The answer is more than \$5 each way, not counting the new fee per transponder.

VDOT will not hold public hearings on this, although it should. It will be accepting emailed comments. Visit www.virginiadot.org/e-zpass or submit comments directly to vdotinfo@vdot.virginia.gov.

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EDITORIAL

COMMENTARY

All Aboard!

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



The buzzards are circling again! They see a struggling Phase II of the Dulles Metrorail Silver Line and are ready to swoop in to clean the bones of the project. They will only go away when a contract is signed for the completion of the rail line past the Dulles Terminal to two stops in Loudoun County.

As one who has been involved with the rail to Dulles project for more than 25 years, I have read the frequent newspaper headlines that the project was dead. Obituaries have appeared more than once. Yet, in little more than a year Phase I will be completed on time and on budget. For every person who has committed to make the project happen there has been a chorus of people saying why the project could not or should not be built. At the same time I have found nothing but overwhelming support from the general public.

Getting the project started presented many challenges. In order to amplify my own support for a mass transit system in the Dulles Corridor I organized the Dulles Corridor Rail Association (DCRA) about 15 years ago. I invited community and business organizations and leaders to join with me in a concerted effort to get the process underway for a mass transit system in the corridor that at that time had not been defined. There

was an early proposal for a monorail. Supporters of bus rapid transit were very forceful in presenting their option. The possibility of an underground subway system was considered as was light rail. A seamless heavy rail system tying directly into the Metro had lots of appeal. After seemingly endless years of study required by the Federal Transit Administration, the continuation of Metrorail in the corridor was chosen as the locally preferred alternative. Even with federal approval in hand and a \$900 million commitment, a series of setbacks and challenges still produced newspaper copy that the project was not going to be built. With a lot of hard work and some cool heads, Phase I of the project moved forward. In less than two years I will be able to board a train a couple of miles from my home and travel to Tysons Corner, Arlington, or the Stadium-Armory in Washington, D.C. without changing seats. Amazing, I believe!

Phase II presents no greater challenges than the first phase. Construction should actually be easier without the multiple utilities and roadways of Tysons to deal with. Financing will need to

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Voter Identification

BY JACK KENNY
PAST PRESIDENT, REPUBLICAN CLUB
OF GREATER RESTON



As of this date, Governor Bob McDonnell has Senate Bill 1 on his desk waiting his signature. Senate Bill 1 specifies that voters must produce a photo identification to demonstrate they are a registered voter as recorded on the official precinct list. He has three choices: he can sign it into law which will become effective July 1, 2012, he can let it sit where it will become law without his signature, or he can veto it.

Voter identification has become a political hot potato since the last presidential election. In the most recent election in the District of Columbia, one young man tested the election judge at a precinct polling location, he stated he was Eric Holder, Jr. and wanted to vote. The election judge looked up the name, placed a check mark after the name and offered to give the young man a ballot. Evidently, DC law only requires that a person state his name that matches the registration record. Never mind that he was a Caucasian. Never mind that Eric H. Holder, Jr. was black and the second-highest level official in the federal government in charge of enforcing the laws of the United States as Attorney General. How embarrassing - no law was actually broken as the man

did not accept a ballot and actually vote. Can you imagine the surprise on Attorney General Holder's face when, showing up at the polls he would be told he had already voted?

In Fairfax County, we are not immune to political parties breaking voting laws frequently. A recent case involved a situation where absentee ballots found defective were taken by an unauthorized person to another government center office and the registration was checked. The person then called the voter who was disqualified and advised that person to go vote using a provisional ballot. Two or three hundred of these provisional votes can determine the outcome of an election. People have been found with two, three or even four sets of identification for different precincts. There are counties in Virginia prosecuting over 400 cases of voter fraud. Dream on if you think voter fraud will be prosecuted in FXCO.

We might ask the question: Why is it so difficult to have and produce a photo identification? We need one to drive, order a drink, apply for a passport, produce one when asked by a law enforcement officer, a bank teller, and a host of other situations. Of course, oppo

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be revisited each year to increase state and federal contributions to keep toll increases to a reasonable level. Labor agreements should be left to the marketplace. I really do not believe that the contractor on Phase II would have chosen a project labor agreement voluntarily if it had increased costs or not contributed to the success of the effort. The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors

made up mostly of new members should be given the space they need to make a decision. I believe they will see clearly the advantages to their communities of being connected to the larger metropolitan region. Commonwealth of Virginia criticisms of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority should be taken offline to resolve without jeopardizing the project moving forward. Time for everyone to step back and say, "All aboard!"

Kenny

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nents of reasonable requirements to demonstrate a personal identification use the term voter suppression. Voter suppression has been in Virginia dating back to the days of Thomas Jefferson. Given over two centuries, the Democratic Party of Virginia has developed the practice to a fine art. The only difference now is the transformation of the practice to ensure slavery to a "govmint check." They have lost

their personal integrity and responsibility in their quest for power. It is demonstrated in each election when the turnout may be as low as a 37 percent turnout for local government officials.

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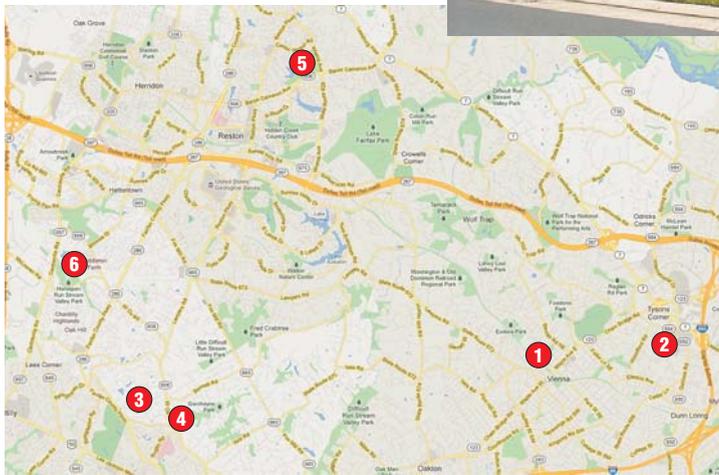
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A kaleidoscopic landscape encourages lounging outdoors. David Watkins of Merrifield Garden Center says such spaces are created with vibrantly colored planters and vivid flowers like knockout roses and endless summer hydrangeas.



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The Best Seats Outside the House

Local designers offer tips for creating a spectacular patio or deck.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Warm weather means more time spent lounging by the pool or grilling on the patio. A winter-worn outdoor space can make popular warm weather pastimes less than appealing.

Creating a space that provides both comfort and style can be a daunting undertaking. Local designers are offering suggestions for creating a luxurious retreat fit for relaxing or outdoor entertaining.

When a home's interior flows effortlessly into its outdoor surroundings, a patio or deck becomes an extension of the house. "Accessories are now focused on bringing indoor luxuries outside," said McLean-based designer Shanon Munn of Ambi Design Studio in McLean. "Outdoor furniture is now made larger and more comfortable, and outdoor fabrics are more beautiful than ever. We're really able to match the outside more closely to a home's interior."

Lamps, mirrors and even chandeliers are among the trendiest alfresco accents. Outdoor rugs deliver an instant elegant impact. "Another nice luxury is an outdoor articulating fan," said Munn. "Those work twofold. They keep you and your guest cool and keep mosquitoes away."

INDULGENCE WAS THE THEME on a Potomac patio designed by Jim Rill, principal of Rill Architects. He furnished the space with kitchen appliances and a television, all built for outdoor use, and topped it with a stained wood ceiling. "It's like having a living room outdoors," said Rill. "The spaces are connected to the outside, while also protected from the



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Trendy alfresco accents like outdoor lamps, mirrors and even chandeliers can help make a patio or deck feel like an extension of a home's interior. McLean-based designers Shanon Munn and Amanda Welch, of Ambi Design Studio, incorporated these elements into the master deck of the D.C. Design House.

elements."

When designing the patio of an Alexandria home, Landscape architect Stephen Wlodarczyk of Botanical Decorators incorporated flowers in bursts of color. "I see the use of bold colors being the trend," he said.

Wlodarczyk said that growers are developing "designer" flowers in hues that span the color spectrum.

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Home Life Style

Patio with 'European Feel'

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He has a penchant for coneflowers, which bloom throughout the summer and come in varieties with names like hot lava, gumdrop and Maui sunshine.

David Watkins, a Fairfax Station resident and manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Fairfax, Gainesville and Merrifield agrees that brightly colored blooms pack a powerful punch. "We're adding vibrant colors to landscapes with flowers like knock-out roses and endless summer hydrangeas," he said.

The trend extends to patio furniture. "We're going from patio umbrellas and chair cushions in browns and blacks to colors like magenta," said Watkins.

TO MAKE A PATIO or deck child-friendly, Nancy Towmey, principal designer of Finnian's Moon Interiors, an Alexandria-based firm, suggests weatherproof storage ottomans and child-sized tables and chairs. "Kids like to be comfortable just like everybody else," she said. "Ottomans a great for holding their toys."

Don't skimp when it comes to quality. "I would encourage people to buy something decent. It is usually worth the money to invest in something decent," she said.

Gina Benincasa, landscape designer with D&A Dunlevy Landscapers, Inc. says that when building

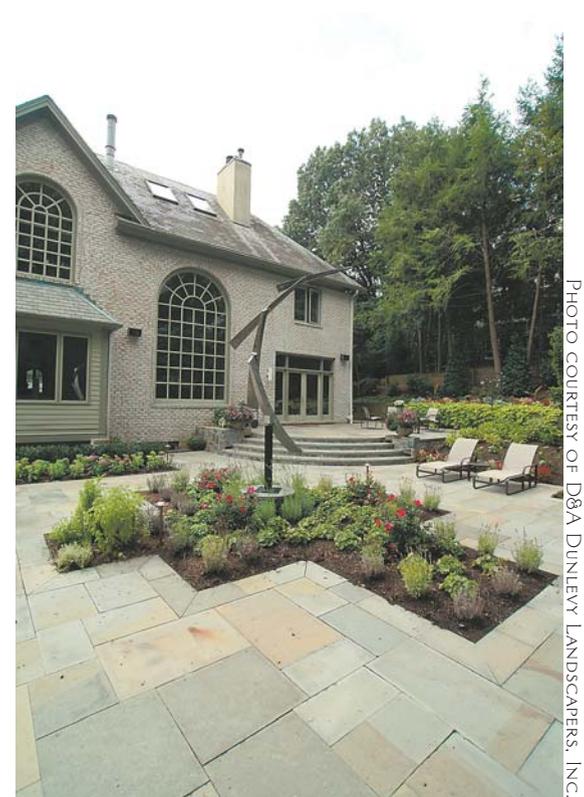


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When building this McLean patio, designers with D&A Dunlevy Landscapers combined stone and foliage. "Trendier patios are now very detailed," said landscape designer Gina Benincasa.

the patio of a McLean home recently, her team paid particular attention to the foundation. "Trendier patios are now very detailed and use all different kinds of stone like limestone and travertine stone," she said. "Adding a pebbled mosaic as part of the patio or in some cases the whole patio is really decorative and can give it a European feel."

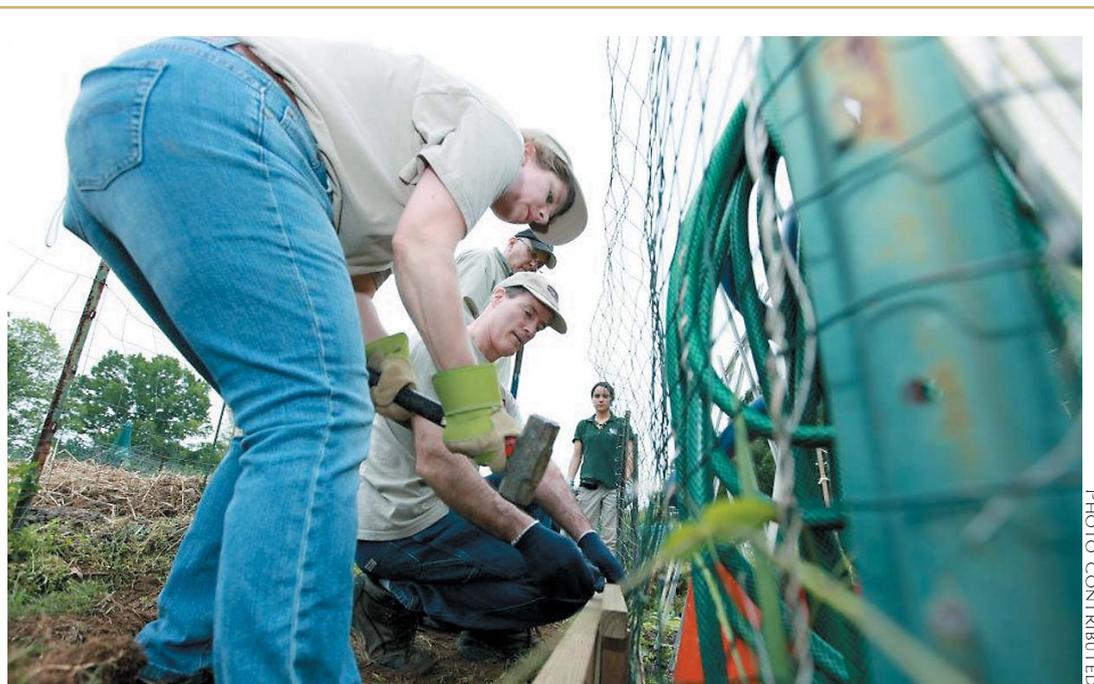


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Haynes Whaley Associates' eight-person team made repairs to the connecting pathway between the garden plots.

Volunteers Repair Community Garden Plot Pathways

Some community gardeners in Reston will now have an easier and safer trip to their garden plots, thanks to volunteers from a structural engineering firm. Haynes Whaley Associates' eight-person team made repairs to the connecting pathway between the garden plots.

John Gander, Haynes Whaley vice president and principal, was among the volunteer team. He said, "The opportunity to help Reston citizens by creating safe pathways to their garden plots is a real privilege. We thank the Reston Association and their community outreach team for helping us to

coordinate such a worthwhile project."

Reston Association has about 270 community garden plots in four areas. They are rented by individuals each season. Patricia Greenberg, Reston Association Environmental Resource Supervisor said the work completed by Haynes Whaley created level paths for the gardeners to reach their plots.

Reston projects completed by Haynes Whaley include Discovery Square One & Two, 1775 Wiehle Avenue, One & Two Reston Crescent, Arboretum I & II, 1925 & 1943 Isaac Newton Square, and The Spectrum retail center.

ENTERTAINMENT

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THURSDAY/MAY 10

- Classical Saxophone and Piano.** 2 p.m. Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods, Center Stage, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Saxophonist Richard Kleinfeldt and pianist Yuniko Rogers. Free. 703-503-3384 or -476-4500.
- Read to the Dog.** 3:30 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center St., Herndon. Practice with Harley, a trained therapy dog. Age 5-10 with adult. 703-437-8855.
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FRIDAY/MAY 11

- An Evening with The Avett Brothers.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. \$39, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 1-800-745-3000. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities at 703-993-3035.
- Sunset Splendors.** 7 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. All ages. Sunset nature walk. \$4-\$6. 703-476-9689 or naturecenter@reston.org.
- "The Happy Movie."** 7 p.m. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. 703-300-1857.
- FM Williams.** 6:30 p.m. The Vine, 2501 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Songs from the album "Crowded Room." weston@keymgc.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 12

- Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With pianist Adam Golka. Britten's Sinfonia da Requiem, Debussy's La Mer, Ravel's Concerto for the Left Hand, and Elgar's Enigma Variations. Free pre-concert discussion for ticketholders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. info@fairfaxsymphony.org.
- Northern Virginia Chapter, International Plastic Modelers Society Model Classic 2012.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Museum quality scale models, a modeling contest consisting of over 80 categories, model kit, book and supplies vendors. Raffle prizes, Make & Take event for children, doll houses, Lego, HO and N scale model railroads, radio control models and more. Food concession on site. \$8 adults, \$10 entire family. www.novaiipms.org.
- Celebrate Communication 2012.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The area's premier expo for the deaf and hard of hearing communities, with 50+



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The 21st Annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival will take place at the Reston Town Center, 12001 Market St. in Reston on May 18-20, with handcrafted artwork, contemporary and original performances, artist demonstrations, children's activities and live music. Over 200 master artisans in 18 different categories, including oil and acrylic painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, jewelry, metal, leather, wood, furniture, wearable and fiber art will be featured. Free admission; \$10 gift certificate for participating Reston Town Center restaurants available. www.RestonArts.org or www.NorthernVirginiaFineArtsFestival.org.

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- Fairfax County Women in the NAACP Community Yard Sale.** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. 703-470-2137 or fairfaxvawin@aol.com.
- Birds in Boxes.** 11 a.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Nest box monitoring. \$4-\$6. 703-476-9689 or naturecenter@reston.org.
- 5th Annual "We've Got Your Back" 5K Race/Walk.** Virginia Spine Institute, 1831 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Opening ceremonies 8:30 a.m., Race 9 a.m., Walk 10 a.m., Race Awards Ceremony 10:30 a.m. lclaassen@spinerf.org or mike@msbdinc.com.
- Mosaic Harmony.** 7 p.m. United Christian Parish, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. Refreshments will follow. 703-620-3065 or www.unitedchristianparish.org.
- Artists' Reception.** 7-9 p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Fine Arts Photography Competition Exhibit. www.artspaceherndon.com.
- Reston Relay for Life.** 1 p.m. South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer and fight against the disease. Teams walk the track and play tennis to raise funds. Food, games and activities. www.restonrelay.org.
- Spring Farm Day.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Sheep shearing, antique farm equipment demonstrations, hands-on cow and goat milking, games, crafts, puppet shows and more. \$6. 703-437-9101.
- Jyoti Meditation and Personal Happiness.** 2 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Learn how spiritual meditation can enrich your life. Adults. 703-689-2700.
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- a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Experts answer gardening questions. 703-242-4020.
- Improv Now! Improv Comedy Show.** 8 p.m. Affinity Computers, 23035 Douglas Court, Dulles. Scenes, jokes and songs made up on the spot. \$10. Refreshments available for purchase. <http://improvnw.com>.
- Reston Community Yard Sale.** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Reston Association, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. 95 families selling a variety of items. 703-435-6577.

SUNDAY/MAY 13

- Reston Relay for Life.** 8 a.m. South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. Celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer and fight against the disease. Teams walk the track and play tennis to raise funds. Food, games and activities. www.restonrelay.org.

MONDAY/MAY 14

- Green is Everywhere.** 10 a.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Age 18-35 months. Celebrate the color green. Green craft and short hike. \$5-\$8. 703-476-9689 or naturecenter@reston.org.
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- English Conversation.** 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020.

TUESDAY/MAY 15

- Organic Gardening.** 7 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. The principles of organic gardening. \$5-\$8. 703-476-9689 or naturecenter@reston.org.
- Director's Choice Book Club.** 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Sam Clay, Director of Fairfax County Public Library, leads a monthly book discussion group. In the Electric Mist With Confederate Dead by James Lee Burke. Adults. 703-689-2700.

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South Lakes lacrosse standout Nolan Boyle (top row, third from left), nicknamed 'Team Nails,' shares time with youngsters during last summer's South Lakes Lacrosse Camp.



PHOTO/COURTESY OF CRAIG LUNDE

Craig Lunde's father, Hank Lundes, was head coach of the Lundes Hemptead Long Island Tigers back in the 1970s. This is a photo of the 1971 team that went 12-2 and won their division title. Members of that team included John Sierra, who won two national championships at Cornell University; Bill Beroza, an All-American at Roanoke who recently started up the Israeli National Lacrosse Team; and Chuck Sherwood, who played goalie at Duke.

Sharing Their Love of the Sport

South Lakes boys' lacrosse set to conduct summer youth camps again.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The South Lakes High boys' lacrosse team has experienced good success on the field this spring. This summer, the Seahawks, under head coach Craig Lunde, plan to once again share their winning ways and knowledge of the sport to youth lacrosse players throughout the Herndon and Reston areas with their South Lakes Lacrosse Summer Camps sessions.

Last summer, South Lakes organized and ran two weeks of the lacrosse camps in which both Seahawks coaches and varsity team players volunteered their time to help the younger players gain more knowledge as well as a love for the game. Money raised by the camp sessions went into the South Lakes lacrosse program.

Over 200 youngsters attended the two-week camp in 2011. Coaches from other local programs stopped by to assist, including West Springfield High varsity head coach, Scott Settar, who donated time to the camp, as well as Ryan Richardson, currently at Westfield High School, who ran clinics during the camp.

"The help the team got from other coaches and the Seahawk assistants, Sean Tate and Harley Connor, was incredible," said Lunde, the camp organizer who said this summer's camp will take place in July. "Even more incredible was our current senior class pitching in - refusing to take any form of payment just so everyone could

have new gear."

The South Lakes Lacrosse Summer Camp raised enough money for the Seahawks to design and purchase new uniforms which they have worn throughout this spring season. South Lakes went 7-6 this spring. The team's season ended this past Friday night with a Liberty District tournament loss to Jefferson.

"It was pretty amazing to watch the guys work with the youth kids during the camp," said Lunde, reflecting back to last summer. "I can see where the future generations of Reston coaches will be coming from." As to the attractive new uniforms, Lunde observed, "The guys did it all on their own. They designed everything from top to bottom. All I did was take delivery. They look great."

Supplying the Seahawks' varsity uniforms is no small factor for a South Lakes team which employs a 'no-cut' policy, meaning as many players who come out for the Seahawks team with the desire to play the sport and work hard at becoming the best players they can become do not have to worry about being let go.

One might presume that such a 'no-cut' policy would result in poor win-loss records and negatively impact performance. But South Lakes has experienced the opposite. The team, under coach Lunde, is enjoying its third straight winning season - the first time South Lakes boys' lacrosse has achieved such heights. The current Seahawks' senior class is poised to graduate with the most career varsity wins than any South Lakes class prior.

COACH LUNDE, who grew up playing the sport in Long Island, N.Y., requires three primary rules of commitment from his players: the first that they display passion, honesty, and commitment to the team; second, for his student-athletes to work hard both on the field and in the classroom; and, third, for them to be good citizens in the local



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Seahawks senior Najee Lewis, competing in a game this season, looks good in the new, player-designed team uniforms South Lakes showcased this spring.

Reston and Herndon area communities.

Team members displayed their commitment to being good community citizens earlier this season when the Seahawks hosted a Friday night Youth Night that honored long-time Seahawk and Herndon-Reston Youth supporter Mark Hughes. The 'Friday night under the lights' event featured a spirited halftime game between Herndon-Reston youth teams, and culminated in the Seahawks' Liberty District victory over Marshall.

"It was such a great night," said Lunde. "It was fun getting a look at the Seahawk Class of 2019!"

Prior to taking over the South Lakes program a few years ago, Lunde and assistant coaches Tate and Connor all coached within the Herndon-Reston Youth league.

Coach Lunde has numerous sources of pride for his Seahawks' program overall and the players who make it up. Nine members of his varsity roster are Eagle Scouts; five of his seniors have already committed to playing lacrosse at the collegiate level next school year; and two former South Lakes players - Brendan Galbraith and Alex Clough, who both played significant roles in the 2010 Seahawks team's success in clinching a berth in the region playoffs - came back to coach current team members in a fall tournament earlier this school year.

"It seems that even though they graduate, the guys never leave the program but remain in touch and close to the team," said Lunde.

Coach Lundes' Role Model

A major influence on Craig Lunde's overall life and love for lacrosse comes from his dad, Hank Lundes, who coached a team known as the Lundes Hempstead Long Island Tigers, back in the 1970s.

"A key figure in my life has been my dad," said Lunde.

Lunde said his dad and several of his father's lacrosse friends currently keep up with the South Lakes team through the internet.

"A lot of them are big fans of the Seahawks and follow our guys closely," said Craig Lunde, of his father and fathers' friends' long distance support of South Lakes lacrosse. "Some of them are considered to be the greatest [lacrosse coaches, innovators] the lacrosse world has ever seen."

Craig said his father, a former high school coach, offers feedback in regards to the Seahawks' play.

"He watches the games through the internet and reviews them and offers the team advice," said Craig Lunde. "It's interesting how technology is changing the way teams at the high school level can perform. It's almost like he is the head coach."

Old Brogue Hosts Reston Smile Partners Fundraiser

Event raises funds for pro bono lab work for Reston Interfaith clients.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Old Brogue hosted a fundraiser Tuesday, May 1 for Reston Smile Partners, which operates in partnership with Reston Interfaith to provide pro bono dental care for their clients.

Reston Smile Partners is a network of 13 dental professionals who assist with general dentistry, five specialists and a lab, Reston-based Protech. Since its inception in March 2011 they have served 45 different individuals, most requiring multiple visits.

“Ever since we attended Best of Reston a few years ago, I’ve taken on a few pro bono cases for Reston Interfaith and Cindy asked me ‘Why don’t you see if some of your colleagues will join in?’” Frederick Dibbs said. “I was reluctant at first to ask them to get involved, but everybody I approached was open



From left, Reston Smile Partners Members Sumit Sharma, Luis Martinez, Charles Fields, Frederick Dibbs, Joan Wise of Reston Interfaith and Joseph Richardson at a fundraiser at The Old Brogue Tuesday, May 1.

and willing, and they’ve been unbelievably cooperative ever since.”

One of the first dentists he approached was Dr. Sumit Sharma, who does general dentistry work. “Everyone I’ve worked with has

been so thankful, and they’re always flexible. I see them before the start of my regular day, about one patient a month,” Sharma said. “One patient had to come in for seven visits, for a total of eight

extractions and two root canals.” Joan Wise of Reston Interfaith has served as liaison for the program since the beginning.

“We simply could not provide these services without the time and talents of these individuals and groups,” she said. “They’re helping people get healthy and get back into the workforce, and it’s amazing to watch how informative it’s been for clients.”

Wise recalled one client who always seemed to be in a foul mood, until she had a few extractions that eased the tooth pain she had felt for years.

“All of a sudden she became the sweetest, gentlest person,” Wise said. “There was another woman who was missing her two front teeth, and she never smiled, she had no self-confidence. Now she’s confident and always smiling, it

has truly been miraculous.”

The funds raised at the May 1 event were to supplement the donated lab costs from Protech, who handle two cases per month pro bono.

“We can’t expect the lab to do everything for free, or the dentists to pay the lab fee in addition to their donated time,” Frederick Dibbs said. “These funds will help us cover more lab costs for more clients.”

Reston Interfaith handles the initial screening of clients, and if they meet the criteria they are examined by a dentist, who can perform cleaning, in-office procedures, send work to a lab and send to a specialist if needed.

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Mr. London was born in 1925 in Alexandria, Virginia the son of the late Elias Alexander and Olga London. He was a contractor in Virginia. Mr. London was a graduate of George Washington High School. He was a World War II Veteran of the United States Navy serving in the Pacific Fleet on the USS Massachusetts.

Surviving are two daughters, Sherri Lynn of Alexandria, Karen K. and husband, Scot of Front Royal; sons, Craig A London of Alexandria, Jack L. London and wife Andrea of Virginia Beach; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and sister, Bernice McDonald of Alexandria.

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"I'm Fine"



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Mostly. All things considered, and as a stage IV (terminal) lung cancer patient, it's impossible – for me, to not consider all things.

What I'm considering in this column is how – and why – I typically respond to well-meaning inquiries regarding my health. Generally speaking, I'm not going to give any in-depth answers to most people who ask. I am happy to provide a relatively curt, but courteous answer. I'm not inclined (nor do I feel the need) to give any unsuspecting – or even a suspecting and sincere questioner, both barrels: diagnosis, prognosis, appointments, scan results, treatment protocol, etc. It's "T.M.I." It's not that I'm uncomfortable or even unwilling – or unable to respond in this kind of detail, it's more that I'm unenthusiastic. I'd really rather, unless compelled by a particularly persistent person, to not bother/bore anybody with chapter and verse about how I got to where I am. It's not exactly that I don't feel it's anybody's business (obviously I do, given the content of my weekly column), it's more that I'm selfish, sort of. My delusion is, the less I talk about having cancer, the less serious my circumstances are. It's a reworked version of George Costanza's advice to Jerry Seinfeld on how to beat a lie-detector test: "It's not a lie, if you believe it." If I don't blather on about it (having cancer), it's not that serious. Alternatively, the more I talk about it, the more believable it becomes and the more inevitable are the consequences. If I don't give it life (by talking about it), perhaps it dies and I don't.

Don't get me wrong, I will talk about having cancer (I certainly write about it enough), but it doesn't really bring me the kind of joy that most opportunities to talk about oneself generally do. Oh sure, I have a pretty good story to tell; having outlived my original prognosis by years, but perhaps the less said, the better. Sometimes I feel as if I'm flying under the radar and the fact that I was diagnosed with incurable, stage IV lung cancer in February, 2009 has slipped through the cracks somehow and been forgotten. To that end, as much as possible – in public, I try not to dwell on having cancer. I have it. Next. If I don't publicize it, maybe I don't hasten its apparently delayed effect.

There's so much that goes on, psychologically – in my head, when it comes to having cancer. Accepting it is one thing – which I've done, but being victimized by it is quite another and something I will not allow. Of course I have some physical issues that prevent me living a "normal" life, but I view them more as opportunities to make the best of a bad situation rather than making the worst of it. Where's the future in that? There isn't, at least in my strategic plan. And though I joke about pretending and being in denial about having cancer; the truth is, I'm quite comfortable with my circumstances – and my attitude. I really am "fine" with all of it.

Sometimes, most times in fact, I'd simply rather not talk about it. I'd rather talk about something else, anything else. It's actually therapeutic to do so. Thanks for asking though, but not for the reason you might think. Oddly enough, though it's a question I realize will be asked, as often as not, it provides me an opportunity to give an answer that you might not expect: it's not always about me, and it shouldn't be, in spite of my circumstances. Life goes on – for all of us, and that's what interests me.

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