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Reston founder Robert Simon waves to the crowd during the 10th annual Founder's Day celebration at Lake Anne Saturday, April 13. Simon wrote a diary for the day for The Connection [Page 3].



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NEWS

Reston Celebrates Simon's 99th

Lake Anne hosts 10th annual Founder's Day celebration.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Robert Simon opened up the first weekend of his 100th year at Lake Anne, celebrating with members of the community he founded. Simon, who celebrated his 99th birthday Wednesday, April 10, spent Saturday, April 13, surrounded by well wishers at the 10th annual Founder's Day Celebration.

The occasion marked 10 years since the famous bronze statue of Simon was unveiled on a bench next to the lake.

"Ten years ago we dedicated 'Bronze Bob,' which is doing very well, and almost every holiday someone decorates it," said Chuck Veatch, master of ceremonies for the event. "I've seen it with birthday balloons, a Christmas hat, bunny ears, it's become almost as big as a community icon as the real Bob."

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), Del. Ken Plum (D-36), Fairfax County Board Chair Sharon Bulova and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) were among the elected officials in attendance.

THIS IS ALL ABOUT a community celebrating itself and its visionary founder. We are so fortunate to have him with us," Connolly said. "There are several kinds of people who build communities. But there aren't many people who can equal what Bob Simon has done. Bob had the vision, an idea and he stuck with that idea, and he built a community that is unique and so special, and makes such a difference in Northern Virginia and throughout the region."

Howell, who moved to Reston almost 40 years ago, praised Simon for a vision that didn't mesh with current attitudes in the early 60s when Reston was founded.

"What he's done is create a caring community that is rare and ahead of its time. A community that cares deeply about each other, and about the natural environment," she said. "When he started this almost 50 years ago, that was revolutionary."

Bulova called Reston a "real model" for development within the county, as well as the region and beyond.

"People from around the world come to Reston to see for themselves what's happening here," she said. "The sign of a really progressive community is that a community can change and work through making change happen. One thing that's certain is change will happen, and it's important that people embrace it and make it part of a creative, satisfying process that people can do together."

THE CELEBRATION also featured a performance



Reston founder Robert Simon blows out his birthday candles as the crowd sings "Happy Birthday" at Lake Anne Saturday, April 13.



Members of the South Lakes High School production of "Xanadu" perform at the Reston Founder's Day celebration Saturday, April 13.

from South Lakes High School's upcoming production of "Xanadu" and a crowd singing "Happy Birthday" to Simon.

"If there's anyone in this area that deserves a day of celebration and recognition, it's Bob Simon," said Emily Shearer, who has lived in Reston for the past seven years. "I'm very impressed with his vision and dedication in founding this community, but I'm even more blown away by the way he still makes time to get out there in the community. I've seen him at local festivals and events, and you can tell he still gets a big kick out of it all."

This year will bring Metro to Reston, and future years will see redevelopment of the village centers and other locations. Eric Frank of Reston said he hopes Simon's planning days aren't behind him.

"He laid out a pretty good blueprint for the first half-century of Reston, and from what I've heard, he's got some pretty good ideas for the next 50 years," he said. "Given his pretty stellar track record, I hope his ideas are the ones we use."



Reston founder Robert Simon gets a birthday hug from Beverly Cosham during the Founder's Day celebration Saturday, April 13, at Lake Anne.

Founder's Day Celebrates Community

Bob Simon's diary for Saturday, April 13.

BY BOB SIMON
RESTON FOUNDER

Founder's Day is a wonderful celebration of our community sponsored by the Reston Historic Trust and the Reston Community Center. This year's Founder's Day was the 10th such celebration, and it was a truly memorable and heartwarming one for me. The weather was beautiful as Paul Walsh drove Cheryl and me in his pedicab from the base of Heron House to the Plaza at Lake Anne where we were greeted by a goodly crowd of Restonians.

My friend Chuck Veatch has been the emcee for each of the 10 celebrations. Chuck humorously and cheerfully introduced the various political representatives and local leaders who spoke briefly, each in their own way, about our community of which I am so proud to be a part.

We were entertained by my favorite Reston singer, Beverly Cosham, who sang "God Bless America," and by the lively and talented students from South Lakes High School who presented two fun numbers from their upcoming performance of "Xanadu." The Bobby Pins, a sextet of women from the 100 mixed voices of the Reston Chorus sang. Their last song, "Restonation," was written by one of the members of the group.

Each year the Reston Historic Trust sponsors the installation of commemorative bricks on the Plaza facing Lake Anne. This year 32 new bricks were dedicated. Peter McCandless, a sales and marketing professional in Reston's early years, gave impromptu remarks about those early days and the persons he has honored with the new bricks.

Chuck invited everyone to the museum for celebratory cupcakes. It was fun to join with people of all ages there, happily chatting and taking pictures. Many, many thanks to Shelley Mastran, the chair of Reston's Historic Trust, its board and volunteers for creating such a wonderful day.

After the official festivities, I was pleased to be able to have lunch at Café Montmartre and spend some time with Bill Conklin, whose firm did the master plan for Reston and with James Rossant, who designed Lake Anne Village Center. I used to refer to Bill as "my young architect." Bill will be 90 years old this year.

And so wending my way across the Plaza with Cheryl, pausing to talk with well-wishers, some of whom requested a photo, this wonderful day ended for me in Heron House where, on the 13th floor Cheryl and I have lived for the past 20 years.

Earlier when my turn had come on the platform, I had expressed my gratitude for all of these happenings, "There is a song that tells how this all makes me feel—I won't sing it but, if I did I'd be singing 'Warm all over, warm all over.'"

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Kevin Kemmerer, 2, of Reston, enjoys a visit with Fetch, the mascot of the Loudoun Hounds. The professional baseball team is currently being formed and hoping to be ready for action next year.



After making the march up Market Street in Reston Town Center, the teams of the Reston Little League take their impromptu seats on the floor of the Pavilion to await the 2013 Season Opening Ceremony.

Reston Little Leaguers Kick Off New Season

Parade marks Opening Day.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

Although there was no official headcount, judging by the size of the crowds it's just possible that all 692 registered players, and their moms, dads, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents all turned out for the 20th Annual Reston Little League (RLL) Opening Day Parade through Reston Town Center. And don't forget to add in assorted coaches, staff and volunteers. RLL President Jason Walker declared "that teaching teamwork is one of the reasons that baseball is good for you," and proved the point when what had looked like colorful chaos at 8:55 a.m. turned into a fairly organized march up Market Street at almost 9 a.m. on the dot.

The teams and their entourages gathered at Reston Square Park before beginning the parade to the Pavilion. Some of the players posed for family photos. Some practiced walking while holding their team banner at just the right height and angle. Quite a few visited with Loudoun Hounds mas-



Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D- Hunter Mill) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) were among the honored guests who offered words of support and best wishes for the teams' 2013 seasons.

cot "Fetch." (The Hounds are the future professional baseball team hoping to be ready to throw the first pitch in 2014.) And some just raced around the park like they were trying to outrun the throw to home.

After waving to the curbside fans as they marched along, the teams ultimately were settled into the Pavilion where an Opening Day Ceremony was conducted, complete with lots of loud and inspiring music, a welcome by Walker, and support from honored guests like U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-

11) and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D- Hunter Mill). The speakers all reminded the assembly that baseball, in all of its division forms, offers an opportunity for all youngsters, girls and boys, to join in. The RLL includes a "Challenger Division" for children with physical and/or mental disabilities, and BlastBall for players as young as 4 years old.

And then the colorful chaos returned as the teams were released from their ceremonial duties and went off to do what the day was really all about—playing ball.

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McLean resident Kathleen Murphy spoke about losing her brother 11 years ago to gun violence. She was one of several speakers during the April 13 candlelight vigil in Vienna urging Congress to support stricter gun control measures.



Sue Langley, a Vienna resident who organized the April 13 candlelight vigil, comforts preschool teacher Raba Letteri, a Lebanese immigrant who attended the vigil with her husband Paul and sons Joseph, 13, and Aaron, 9.

‘We Have Not Forgotten’

Residents rally in Vienna to support stricter gun control measures.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Less than six miles from the National Rifle Association (NRA) headquarters in Fairfax, more than 100 people gathered on the Vienna Town Green Saturday, April 13, to urge Congress to support stricter gun control measures.

“We need to send a strong message to Congress that we have not forgotten Newtown. We have not forgotten Virginia Tech,” said Pat Carol of Franconia, who attended the rally with her two teenage children. “... It’s time to demand that (legislators) protect our children, instead of the gun lobby.”

The event was part of a series of rallies this month co-hosted by Organizing for Action (OFA)—a social advocacy nonprofit that supports President Barack Obama—and Mayors Against Illegal Guns, a bipartisan coalition of 900 mayors co-chaired by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Both groups are calling for stricter gun laws, including background checks for all gun sales, gun safety training for all firearm buyers, and a ban on military-style assault weapons.

Vienna resident Sue Langley, a community activist with OFA of Virginia, organized Saturday’s event, which began at 7 p.m. and ended with a candlelight vigil to remember the children of Newtown, and the estimated 32,000 Americans who die in gun-related deaths every year.

“The Senate will be in its final stages of debate this week, and by standing together we’ll make sure

they know how many people are behind them in passing legislation,” Langley said.

THE EVENT included remarks from political leaders, gun control advocates and gun violence survivors.

“Eleven years ago my brother was murdered. He was 50 years old, and he had a wife and five children. He was shot during a robbery,” said McLean resident Kathleen Murphy, choking back tears.

“This is personal for me, not politics,” said Murphy, who launched a bid to challenge Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) in this November’s House of Delegates election. Murphy, a mother of six children, implored the crowd to keep the pressure on Congress to support measures such as expanded background checks. “We are going to hold them responsible,” she said.

In an emotional speech Earle Mitchell of Springfield, a retired U.S. Navy supply officer, told the crowd that, as a member of the military, “we were always looking for foreign enemies. The enemy I’m talking about is the NRA headquarters on I-66.”

“It’s been only four months since 26 children died in Newtown, and we’ve had 3,300 gun-related deaths,” Mitchell said. “I have young grandchildren, who all live in Virginia. Newtown could happen here. When will we say ‘enough?’”

The event began with a Franciscan blessing read by John Horesji of Vienna, coordinator of Social Action Linking Together (SALT).

“May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can change what others claim cannot be changed, and do what others claim cannot be done,” Horesji recited.

“From a faith perspective, Second Amendment rights need to be balanced with the Second Com

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VIEWPOINTS

What motivated you to attend the candlelight vigil?

—VICTORIA ROSS

Jeanne Bierkan of Vienna

“I came here tonight because I want stronger background checks. I have two boys who grew up here, and I can’t understand why we are still arguing about something that’s just common sense.”



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Bob Hatfield of Vienna

“I’m here to support legislation that’s before Congress. We need to bring Virginia into the 21st century, and see that it’s responsible to have sane gun control measures and respect for the Second Amendment. The two are not mutually exclusive.”



Raba Letteri of Reston attended the vigil with her husband Paul and sons Joseph, 13, (right) and Aaron, 9 (left).

“I came here from Lebanon to be safe. I saw the hatred and violence between Arabs and Jews. Now everything I hear on the news is about a shooting. I don’t need to wait to lose one of my children to have a voice.”



Klara Bilgin of Burke with son Alex

“I am originally from Bulgaria. When I travel abroad, people cannot believe that there are 32,000 gun deaths every year in America. They say ‘you don’t have a dictator; you aren’t controlled by warlords, how can this happen?’ We are moving in an awful direction ... we need to demand [measures] to reduce gun violence.”



OPINION

Value-added Evaluation?

TJ admissions illustrate growing gap between “haves” and “have-nots.”

More than 181,000 students attend Fairfax County Public Schools. So why do the 480 students who were accepted for next year’s freshman class at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology seem so important?

Fairfax County Public Schools have a single elite magnet school, Thomas Jefferson, and TJ is frequently referred to as the top high school in the country. Dramatic disparity in the makeup of admissions at TJ is an indicator of disparity in early identification of students as gifted and talented, of access to advanced classes and enrichment, and in the basic education that the Fairfax County Public school system offers to all of its students.

❖ Fully 25 percent of students in Fairfax County Public Schools are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. Less than one percent of the incoming class at TJ is similarly economically disadvantaged.

❖ White students will make up just 25 percent of the incoming freshman class at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; 43 percent of FCPS students overall are white.

Demographics

	FCPS	INCOMING TJ
African American	10.4%	1%
Asian American	19.3%	66%
Hispanic	22.1%	3%
White	43.1%	25%
Subsidized Meals	25%	1%

❖ Asian students will make up 66 percent of the incoming freshman class at TJ; 19 percent of FCPS students overall are Asian.

❖ Hispanic students will make up just 3.1 percent of the incoming freshman class at TJ; 22 percent of FCPS students overall are Hispanic.

❖ Black students will make up just one percent of the incoming freshman class at TJ; 10 percent of FCPS students overall are African American.

The local chapter of the NAACP and a group called Coalition of the Silence, led by former school board member Tina Hone, last year filed a civil rights complaint with the Justice Department alleging that FCPS is essentially running “separate-but-unequal” schools systems.

In a statement this month, Hone recently said there is “stark underrepresentation of Black and Latino students at the elementary and middle school level who are identified as eligible to receive instruction at a Gifted and Talented and/or Advanced Academic Program center. ... Because so few Black or Latino students (or poor students) receive instruction

through these centers and because the instruction in these centers is so robust, the pipeline of talented Black, Latino and poor students who are able to compete successfully for admission to TJ is choked.”

The underrepresentation of poor students is in many ways more disturbing than the racial disparities. While the concept of “value added” has been controversial in teacher evaluations (the sample size is too small for that) FCPS could rightly be evaluated on the value added.

Are its top performing schools really based on the value that relatively wealthy families are able to devote to their children’s education? Books, computers, tablets and more at home, enrichment programs and camps, tutors, and attention from well-educated parents are the main ingredients to FCPS success.

Perhaps it is best to measure the value added by FCPS based on the performance of its poorest students, the 25 percent who qualify for subsidized meals, and who bring the smallest resources from home to the table.

The School Board has named a new superintendent, pending some final details. She is Dr. Karen Garza, currently superintendent of the Lubbock Independent School District, which serves approximately 30,000 students in Lubbock, Texas. Before that she served as the chief academic officer of the Houston Independent School District, the seventh largest school district in the country with more than 200,000 students. She faces tremendous opportunity here in Northern Virginia.

COMMENTARY

Within Constitutional Limits

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

Our newly minted senator from Virginia, Tim Kaine, gave the best response I have heard to those who argue that the Second Amendment is an absolute right to own guns. As Senator Kaine wrote in an opinion column in the *Virginian Pilot* last week, “A Virginian, James Madison, drafted the Bill of Rights, and we in the commonwealth believe strongly in the Second Amendment. But just as we know that the First Amendment’s protection of free speech gives no protection to slander or child pornography, we also understand that the individual right to bear arms is tempered by a responsibility to society” (<http://hamptonroads.com/2013/04/let-senate-vote-gun-measures>).

Senator Kaine deserves our commendation and praise for being willing to stand up and speak out on this contentious issue even though he is being vilified by others in online media for his principled stand.

It appears that the Senate may move forward on legislation to require background checks for gun purchases. Such legislation has broad public support and, as long as the details are not filled with loopholes, should be passed. Equally as important is the need for a ban on assault-type military weapons and high volume magazines. In announcing his support for such a law, Senator Kaine wrote, “There is no piece of legislation that will eliminate violence; but if we take concrete steps, we can make our communities safer.”

The Children’s Defense Fund (CDF) published a very

informative and heavily documented paper recently, “Protect Children, Not Guns: The Truth about Guns.” Among its documented findings, a gun in the home increases the risk of homicide, suicide, and accidental death. Not surprisingly, guns make violence more deadly. They cite a study that found that “guns make killing easy, efficient and somewhat impersonal, thereby increasing the lethality of anger and violence.” The Children’s Defense Fund stated that better enforcement of gun safety laws is needed but is not enough. The Consumer Product Safety Commission is forbidden from regulating the sale and manufacture of guns. Loopholes in background check laws allow many people to get weapons without any check. The CDF contends that common sense gun safety laws help reduce gun violence while protecting the legal use of guns. I encourage everyone to read the full text of this paper at <http://www.childrensdefense.org/child-research-data-publications/data/state-data-repository/the-truth-about-guns.pdf>.

The time is now for the Congress to act responsibly on gun-related issues. Public opinion is overwhelmingly on the side of taking action, and that action can clearly be within constitutional limits. Hunters will still be able to have their rifles and shotguns. Hobbyists and collectors will still be able to obtain the guns they love. Law-abiding citizens will not be inconvenienced. Please join with me and others in local groups who are working to end gun violence. As Senator Kaine ended his column, “If we miss this opportunity, it will only be a matter of time before we are awakened again by the next gun tragedy to hit the evening news.”

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Terraset Poems

BY KATHY WALDEN
KAPLAN

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Top Row, from left: Mario Font (Diabelli), Richard Bird (Schindler), Allan McRae (Ludwig van Beethoven) and Chris Borton (at piano); bottom row: Gayle Grimes (Gertrude), Mary-Anne Sullivan (Katherine Brandt), Arianne Warner (Clara) and Kevin Walker (Mike).

PHOTO BY BRIAN TROPANO PHOTOGRAPHY
Concert pianist Hilary Van Wagenen Henry, who will appear in the Reston Community Players production of "33 Variations."

Love Can Give Us Beauty

Reston Community Players present "33 Variations."

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

An unusual intersection of time travel and live piano music will transport audiences between the life and times of the musical genius Beethoven and our own current days. It is a play about love, obsession, the chaos of creativity and prickliness as people try to cope when things go out of their control.

The play is "33 Variations," written by Moises Kaufman, who gave audiences "The Laramie Project." It is both a drama and a comedy underpinned by Beethoven's actual piano music. "It crosses periods of time to tweak the audiences curiosity and their intellect," said Sue Pinkman, director of the Reston Community Players' "33 Variations."

Pinkman wants the production to "mesmerize with its concepts and language, as people come to terms with their lives." A line that resonates is this as two characters speak, "we can recognize that we both love beauty. But neither of us can make it." The two know they are beholden to others to create beauty.

The play concurrently explores two different time periods on stage. The main characters are Ludwig van Beethoven dealing with his oncoming deafness and a modern-day devotee of Beethoven battling her own emotional and physical demons. Each is sur-

rounded by family and friends, providing support to help them cope with what is befalling them.

The set will be unique, since it includes a grand piano straddling two parallel almost half-sets, representing the two different time periods of the play. The piano variations of a waltz will be performed by professional concert pianist Hilary Van Wagenen Henry. She will share the stage with the actors.

The cast includes Mary-Anne Sullivan as Dr. Katherine Brandt the modern-day scholar fixated with solving the musical mystery; why would Beethoven compose 33 variations of Diabelli's, a minor composer's waltz? Beethoven will be played by Allen McRae. Other cast members include Rich Bird, Mario Font, Gayle Grimes, Arianne Warner and Kevin Walker.

Sullivan found "the script and what the playwright explored so very interesting: how he wrote about the fleeting of time and our efforts to claim and reclaim our lives."

Her character also changes physically over the course of the play and she worked to learn how physical ailments change a person's physical appearance and outlook.

McRae suggested audiences will find "the script quite fascinating in how it moves between the characters and time periods exposing us to so much that is out humanity."

Where and When

Reston Community Players present "33 Variations" at CenterStage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Hunters Woods Shopping Center, Reston. Performances: April 26 – May. Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m., a Sunday matinee, May 5, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets \$17-\$20. Call 703-476-4500 or visit www.restonplayers.org.

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The Gerald Ramirez team from Springfield area included (from left): Evan Guerrero, Gladys Reyes, Soukayna Oukhouya, Timothy Siridavong and Warren Simmons of Lorton, young girls Savana Rushing and Layla Ramirez, Rose Ramirez (behind two girls), Diego Gonzales and Gerard Ramirez (far right), all of Springfield.

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Hundreds Take Part in Reston Walk MS

More than 1,600 individuals and 50 volunteers participated in Sunday's Walk MS, presented by Booz Allen Hamilton in Reston, benefiting the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's National Capital Chapter. Meteorologist Jacqui Jeras from ABC7-WJLA hosted the starting line program after participants warmed up with Zumba led by Nikki McNutt-Thiem from Full Out Fitness.

Walk MS Reston officially started when Cathy Onufrychuk, the event's top fundraiser from 2012, cut the ribbon to open the route. Walkers enjoyed the sunshine and cool breeze during the 3-mile walk through Reston's scenic trails, crossing the finish line with a crowd of cheering volunteers and a celebration of live music from the Back-N-Time, lunch ca-

tered by Clyde's, and fun for the whole family.

Teams were made up of a variety of friends, family, co-workers, classmates and neighbors, joining the movement to end MS. "The outpouring of community support for our mission was truly inspiring," said Chapter President Chris Broullire. "Funds raised will help local residents affected by multiple sclerosis as well as fund research initiatives to find a cure for the disease." Participants in Reston raised approximately \$209,000 prior to the event. Walk MS is expected to raise \$1.25 million between the six sites in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

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From left, Reston founder Robert Simon, Reston Interfaith CEO Kerrie Wilson, Jane Raymond, chair-elect of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, Angela Harpalani, chair of Reston Interfaith, and Mark Ingrao, president of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, present a check for \$466,293, the money raised for Reston Interfaith at the 22nd annual Best of Reston awards.



From right, Beverly Cosham, Reston Community Center board chair, and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) present Ed Robichaud with a Best of Reston award Thursday, April 11.



From right, Ted Lauer of Access National Bank presents Brian Jacoby of the Friends of the Reston Regional Library with a Best of Reston award for the organization.



PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Reston founder Robert Simon presents Bill Bouie with the Robert E. Simon Lifetime Achievement Award at the Best of Reston awards Thursday, April 11.

Best of Reston Recognized for Community Contributions

Bill Bouie receives the Robert E. Simon Lifetime Achievement Award; other individuals, organizations honored.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Reston residents came together to pay tribute to their best Thursday, April 11, at the Hyatt Regency Reston. The annual Best of Reston awards recognized individuals and organizations whose efforts make the community a better place.

The event also serves as one of the primary fundraisers for Reston Interfaith, a nonprofit that provides assistance to the less fortunate. The event marked the halfway point of the two-year challenge put out by Reston founder Robert Simon last year to raise \$1 million between April 2012 and April 2014, which will mark Simon's 100th birthday.

"The longstanding 22-year relationship between the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce and Reston Interfaith, between businesses and the nonprofit community, is unequalled in any other community," said Mark Ingrao, president and CEO of the Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce. "Robert Simon's goal of raising \$1 million over two years to double the affordable housing stock in Reston, is not only visionary but the right vision for this community."

When the Best of Reston first started 22 years ago, Reston Interfaith owned three houses; now they own 50. They currently serve around 20,000 people per year. This year's event raised \$466,293, the highest ever total for a Best of Reston, which puts them well on track to meet Simon's challenge.

"Robert Simon envisioned a place where neighbors understood the importance and

dignity of each individual," said Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Reston Interfaith. "Our foundations are firm and holding strong, and in every corner of this room are the people who still stand to make a difference."

The Robert E. Simon award was created in 2009 to honor past Best of Reston winners who have continued to serve their community.

Bill Bouie, a board member of the Fairfax County Park Authority who has also served on the Reston Community Center, Reston Hospital Center and Woltrap Foundation for the Arts boards, as well as with the Initiative for Public Art Reston, was named this year's winner.

"It's certainly an honor, and I'll continue to serve as long as I can," he said. "I've learned that if you have the opportunity that someone presents to you, just remember to say yes."

This year also marked the debut of the Vade Bolton-Ann Rodriguez Young Leaders award. Named after two longtime community volunteers, the award went to Amanda Andere.

Andere serves as executive director of FACETS, a local nonprofit, as well as on the Reston Association Board of Directors, Fairfax-Falls Church Partnership to Prevent and End Homelessness and others.

"She's so knowledgeable in so many areas and people want to learn from her, to know what she thinks about things and how she feels about a situation, how she would address something," said Meredith Hovan, director of Resource Development at PRS, a local nonprofit that serves people with disabilities.

Andere credited her faith for inspiring her



Bill Ridenour, president of John Marshall Bank, accepts a Best of Reston award on behalf of the bank Thursday, April 11.



Doug Bushee, founder of the CORE Foundation, accepts his Best of Reston award Thursday, April 11.

to serve, and dedicated the award to the people around her.

"This award is not about me. It's about the people in my life who love, encourage and inspire me to live in the service above self," she said.

Doug Bushee was recognized with the individual community leader award. A Restonian since 1999, Bushee founded the CORE Foundation, which assists private and public groups with fundraising. CORE has helped found the Reston Spring Triathlon, another Reston Interfaith fundraiser, as well as the Reston Youth Triathlon.

"I do this for my children. They're the reason I serve. I want what we all want, to make this world a better place for them," Bushee said.

He is also active in Reston Little League. "Coaches have the ability to be huge role

models for the kids, and Doug is always a positive one for the kids," said Chris Brasco, parent of a Reston Little League player.

Ed Robichaud was recognized as being "the energizer volunteer," because he keeps going and going and going. A former airline pilot, he is active in the Reston Historic Trust, the W&OD Trail Safety Patrol, the Reston Bicycle Club, Herndon-Reston FISH and the Travelers Aid Society.

"Every organization Ed is a member of, you can bet your life that Ed will do a fantastic job. He's very unassuming and gets the job done in such a professional manner," said Ellen Graves, a board member of the Reston Historic Trust.

Robichaud also plays violin in the Reston Community Orchestra, teaches computer classes at the Reston Community Center and serves as vice chair of the Reston



From right, Cynthia Hyland of Northrup Grumman presents Gene Jones, vice president of operations for the YMCA Fairfax County Reston, with a Best of Reston award for the YMCA.



From right, John Deardorff, CEO of Reston Hospital Center, presents May Barnhardt of Mayflowers Floral Studio with a Best of Reston award Thursday, April 11.

Association's Elections Committee.

"When we have a meeting and we're deciding on a program or event project, everyone sort of turns around at once and says 'Where's Ed?'" said Vicky Wingert. "And Ed always quietly nods and says 'yes,' and the job always gets done."

As if his credentials were in doubt, Robichaud also took the time to mention upcoming events of Giving Circle of HOPE, Reston Museum, Reston Orchestra and Herndon-Reston FISH, all organizations he is involved in.

May Barnhardt, owner of Mayflowers, a floral studio at Reston Town Center, was given the small business leader award. Barnhardt's shop is the top performing retailer in Reston Town Center, and she is well known for donating pieces to community events throughout the year.

"You can't have the kind of success she has had without being a great leader. If you've ever been to her shop, you can feel the connections that team has, they work very closely together," said Joe Ritchey, a longtime friend.

Bernhardt also organized the Reston Town Center Walk to End Homelessness in 2012, which raised almost \$6,000 for Reston Interfaith. She is planning to expand the walk for this year.

Several local organizations were also honored. The Friends of the Reston Regional Library was given the award for civic or community organization. The group was founded in 1972 and features more than 250 volunteers.

"They process over 80,000 books every single year, that's 80,000 donations, indi- SEE BEST OF RESTON, PAGE 19



From left, Chuck Veatch, Janet Bolton, Amanda Andere and Paco Rodriguez. Andere was presented the inaugural Vade Bolton-Ann Rodriguez Young Leaders—Entrusting Our Community's Future Award by Janet, Vade's wife, and Paco, Ann's son, at the Best of Reston Thursday, April 11.

ENTERTAINMENT

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

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 17

Taste of Herndon High School and the World. 6-9 p.m., at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. A festival of food featuring tastes from every continent (except Antarctica and Australia—as of yet) prepared by parents with contributions from local ethnic restaurants; no children. \$10. www.fcps.edu/HerndonHS/.

THURSDAY/APRIL 18

MOMS Club of Herndon. 10-11:30 a.m., at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon. Photographer Becky Gardner presents ideas for creating a home photo gallery, recent trends in photo processing for keepsake gifts and the like.

Cheaper by the Dozen. 7:30 p.m., at Herndon High School, 700 Bennet St., Door No. 6, Herndon. The classic story of the uber-large nuclear family and their growing pains. \$10. www.herndondrama.org.

Linda Apple Monson and Students. 2:15-3:30 p.m., at Center Stage, Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. International Steinway Artist and Distinguished Service Professor Linda Apple Monson of George Mason University's School of Music performs along with several of her piano students; the fifth in a series of seven free Thursday afternoon "Meet the Artists" concerts.



Bill Emerson & Sweet Dixie will take the stage on Saturday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

Banjo Master's New Band Sweet Dixie Plays at Holy Cross

The world renowned banjo master, founding member of The Country Gentlemen and of the Navy's Country Current band during his 20 years in uniform, just picked up a new band, Sweet Dixie. Playing traditional bluegrass heavy on the harmony, with wood and strings, they will take the stage on Saturday, April 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. \$15; children 12-and-under are admitted free of charge. 703-435-8377 or kd4fue2@verizon.net.

703-503-3384 or www.ollu.gmu.edu.
Gals Who Give. 4:30-7 p.m., at N'used Clothing, 286 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Live entertainment, shopping, socializing and refreshments celebrating the 15 percent of sales from April 18-20th and the \$200 per home closing through July that Realtor Ellen Moyer and store owner Rosemary

Edwards will donate to Reston Interfaith. www.nusedfashions.com.
How Familiar the Stranger: Paintings by Morgan Craig. 6-8 p.m., at the Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. An opening reception and gallery talk for the artist Morgan Craig, who creates large-scale paintings of dilapidated and

abandoned interior spaces, often portraying the ruins of urban dwellings, factories, asylums and penitentiaries. 703-471-9242 or <http://www.restonarts.org/Exhibitions/morgancraig.htm>.

The Little Mermaid Jr. 7 p.m., at Langston Hughes Middle School, 11401 Ridge Heights Road, Reston. A 60-minute musical based on the 2008 Broadway production and the animated film; the cast and crew of 80 portrays the story of the mermaid who defied the kingdom beneath the sea to live on land for three days and find love. \$7. www.DisneyMusicals.com.

Spring Speaker Series: Ambassador Kurtzer. 8 p.m., at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Former ambassador to Egypt and Israel, an instrumental party in formulating U.S. policy toward the Middle East peace process, and currently a professor at Princeton University, Kurtzer talks on "Israel and the Middle East in Transition: Domestic and Regional Challenges." 703-435-1226.

FRIDAY/APRIL 19

"Half the Sky." 7 p.m., at the United Christian Parish Church, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. This movie shows the oppression of women in developing countries of the world and some of the methods of alleviating that oppression. jnorton720@comcast.net.

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Reston Art Adventure. 7-10 p.m. at GRACE, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. Washington, D.C.-based artist Calder Brannock leads a digital presentation followed by a guided walking exploration of Reston Town Center after which participants return to GRACE to create art by transforming everyday objects into things of beauty; ages 21-plus, registration required, materials and refreshments included. \$20 for Reston residents and GRACE members; \$40 for non-residents. 703-471-9242 or www.culturecapital.com/event.php?id=23094.

Annual Community Service and Scholarship Awards Dinner. 7:15 p.m., at Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. The theme for this year's gala is "Educate to Innovate for a Better Tomorrow." <http://www.nvul.org/>.

Friday Movie Night: Chasing Ice. 7:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax Sanctuary, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. "Chasing Ice" is the story of photographer James Balog's mission to gather undeniable evidence of our changing planet. Balog conceived The Extreme Ice Survey, using "revolutionary time-lapse cameras across the brutal Arctic to capture a multi-year record of the world's changing glaciers." 703-725-0551.

Cheaper by the Dozen. 7:30 p.m., at Herndon High School, 700 Bennet St., Door No. 6, Herndon. The classic story of the uber-large nuclear family and their growing pains. \$10. www.herndondrama.org.

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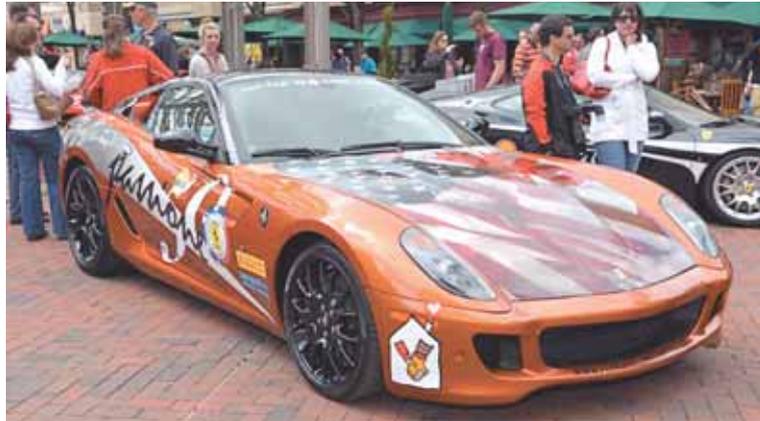
Ferrari Club Event Mixes Cars With Caring

More than 80 cars lined Market Street and filled the Pavilion.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The Mid-Atlantic Region of the Ferrari Club of America (FCA) held their annual Spring Thaw gathering at Clyde's of Reston Town Center on Saturday, April 13. The vibrant colors of all those exotic cars and the roar of those super-engines echoing in the valley of Market Street was exciting enough for any car enthusiast, but this year the club provided an added bonus for the viewing pleasure of the crowds. They also teamed up with Ronald McDonald House Charities of Greater Washington, D.C. to raise funds for the organization.

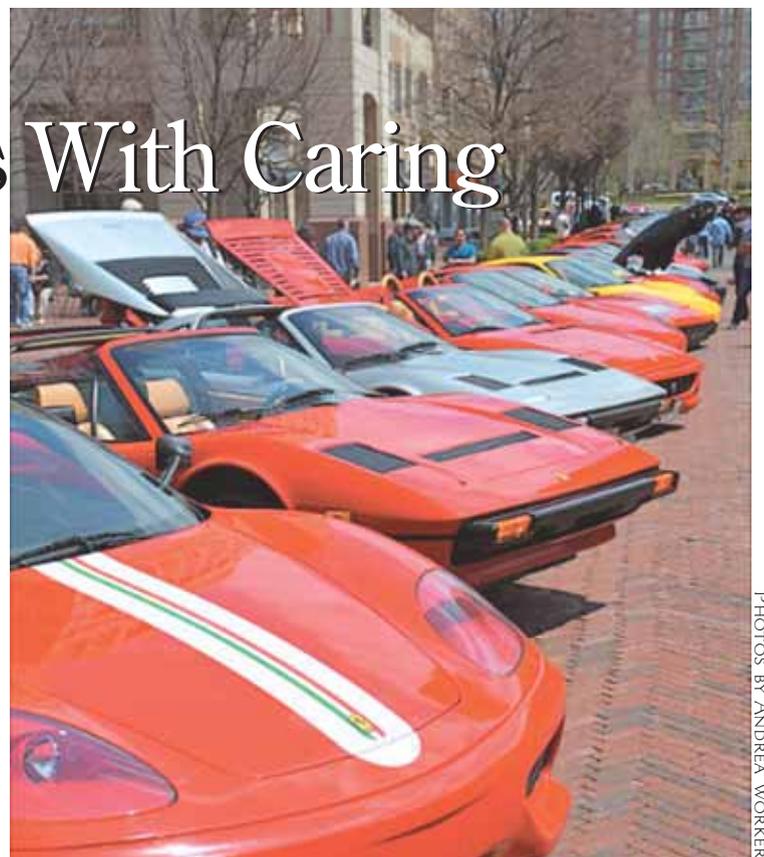
More than 80 cars lined Market Street and filled the Pavilion, but the crown jewel in this year's collection was undoubtedly the Ferrari 599 HGTE generously



Ferrari Club of America (FCA) member Jim Taylor's customized Ferrari 599 HGTE made an appearance at the Mid-Atlantic FCA Spring Thaw event on its celebratory relay around the country, stopping at 50 cities in 50 weeks to mark the club's 50th anniversary and to raise money for Ronald McDonald House Charities and the Paul Newman Double H Hole in the Woods Camp.

sponsored by FCA member Jim Taylor. The 599, the last one in the series built for the United States, was completely customized to commemorate the club's 50th anniversary. As part of the club's yearlong anniversary celebration, Taylor's car is traveling around the country. With "50 Cities in 50 Weeks" as the motto, the car is making a relay run, handed off to clubs in dif-

ferent regions, appearing at car shows, races, charity events and even stopping at several Ronald McDonald Houses along the route where club activities put smiles on the faces of a lot of youngsters in need of a break from the realities of their illnesses. Throughout the journey, the club is sponsoring events to boost awareness and financial support for both the global



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER

Ferraris lined up on Market Street at the Ferrari Club Mid-Atlantic Region's annual Reston Town Center Spring Thaw event.

and regional Ronald McDonald Houses and Charities, as well as the Paul Newman Double H Hole in the Woods Camp, that provides year-round programs for children with life-threatening illnesses. The camp is Taylor's favorite charity.

There was no shortage of smiles

at this showing—on faces both young and not-so-young—as the throngs gathered and folks snapped countless pictures of themselves alongside a favorite model that seemed to immediately hit the Facebook, Twitter and Instagram airwaves.

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Countdown to College Decision Day

Local college counselors offer advice on making the right choice.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Marta Daniels recalls the day when her son Will received his first college acceptance letter.

"He was thrilled," she said. "It was a huge relief to know that he had been accepted somewhere."

But elation soon turned to stress when Will learned that he'd been accepted into all five schools to which he'd applied. "We went from being relieved that he would be going off to college next fall to panicking over whether or not we would choose the best school for Will," said Daniels.

As the May 1 national college decision day looms, the day students must shell out hefty deposits to secure their spots at colleges and universities, students like Daniels are feeling pressure. Most college counselors agree that it's important to make sure the school is a good fit for the student academically, financially and socially, and local counselors share ideas for making the decision less daunting.

They urge students to do a thoughtful assessment of who they are and what they need to thrive in an academic environment. "From community college to the ivy leagues, every school has success stories," said Mike Canfield, director for undergraduate admissions at Marymount University in Arlington. "You can be successful at any school if it is the right one."

Brie Jeweler-Bentz, Psy.D., a psychologist at The School Counseling Group, encourages students to ask, "Where do I want to be geographically? Do I need a large campus or a school with an urban campus? Will I go crazy in a small town? Do I want to paint my face and cheer on my Division I sports team?" The school's political and religious climates matter, she said, as does the local weather.

She also stressed that a school must be a good fit both socially academically. "A big rah-rah school is great, but academically



PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. STEPHEN'S & ST. AGNES SCHOOL

As the May 1 national college decision day looms, high school seniors like Jack Phillips and Elizabeth Cornick of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School must decide which colleges they will attend in the fall.

will the student get lost in a big lecture hall with 400 other students?"

Michael Carter, Ph.D., director of college counseling at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, said that fit and balance also matter. "Does the student mesh with the school's programs academically and extracurricularly? Is there a good blend academically, socially and extracurricularly so that the student can have balance?"

One way to answer these questions is to spend time on campus. "Sit in the cafeteria, have lunch and look around at the students," said Jeweler-Bentz. "How do the students dress and talk? Do they have piercings, tattoos and nose rings? Does the school click for you? Does it feel like home?"

Randy Tajan, director of college counseling at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Md., said students should look at colleges through a new lens, that of admitted student. "What is student life like? What about access to professors? Can you be a

student and an active citizen? They should think about again why they applied to those schools originally."

A school's atmosphere should not be underestimated, said some counselors.

"Given that our environment often affects us, for better or worse, is this school a good fit for my goals and values?" asked Michael Hude, college counselor at The Heights School in Potomac, Md. He said that students should also ask, "Does it foster an environment that will facilitate the type of growth I'd like both to experience [in college] and take with me for the rest of my life?"

Hude said that the cost of the school is an important consideration: "Will I be going into debt? Does the quality of the education and the school's reputation justify the expense and debt?"

Meg Mayo, director of college counseling at Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, Md., agrees. "I think any type of

"From community college to the ivy leagues ... you can be successful at any school if it is the right one."

— Mike Canfield, director for undergraduate admissions at Marymount University

scholarship money if awarded should play into a decision," she said. "I really worry about kids coming out of college loaded down with debt and not finding work right away."

Jeweler-Bentz adds the prospective students should take a look at those who have graduated from the institution. "Some schools have amazing [alumni] networks that can hook graduates up with job opportunities," she said. "It's also important to look at statistics on job and graduate school placement to see how good of a job particular colleges do with their students post-graduation."

Canfield said that once a student has selected a school, the next step is to connect. "Plan for orientation," he said. "Learn the process for registration. Check out the school's fan page on Facebook. Some schools host invitation-only closed social media sites."

Students should also start planning for life on campus. "What [activities are] they going to join when they get to campus? Students who are involved in campus activities or have a job on campus that is limited to 10 hours a week are significantly happier and do better in their classes than their counterparts who have neither," said Canfield.

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A False Sense of Security



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Not that there's anything wrong with that; in fact, as a four-year, stage IV, non-small-cell lung cancer survivor, it's amazing to have any security, false or otherwise, whatsoever. And that's the point, really: how amazingly fortunate yours truly is to still be writing columns, if you know what I mean? Moreover, being relatively asymptomatic (as I've mostly been) is all it's cracked up to be, and I say that with utmost respect, sincerity and appreciation. Yet, unless this particular survivor is delusional, incredibly naive (my two main self-preservation/defense mechanisms) or a lucky aberration beyond any statistical reference (within my limited knowledge of such references), one day – sooner rather than later, the other shoe will most likely drop; and you do know what I mean, don't you?

A few weeks back, I published a column entitled, "Definition of Slippery Slope," which discussed the range and depth of emotions a cancer patient/survivor (let's be honest: this cancer patient/survivor) feels waiting to hear back from the oncologist concerning the results of his most recent diagnostic scan ("CT" for me), the results of which will determine your most immediate future (I'd say between living and dying, but that sounds so dramatic). I readily admit though, I can now absolutely appreciate the anxiety many woman feel awaiting the results of their mammogram. Been there, and thankfully, still doing that.

One of my standard answers to queries about my overall health is: "I'm fine until they tell me otherwise;" this column's true context and another place I can go – figuratively speaking (sort of like "Strawberry Fields" and "A Glass Onion") to endure the ongoing stresses and pressures of being a terminal cancer patient who has so far outlived his oncologist's original prognosis: "13 months to two years." Even though living remains the best reward (I did not say revenge), it also exerts the greatest sense of inevitability, if certain statistical measures/references are to be considered (nor did I say, believed).

Not that I want to buy into that "sense of inevitability," but cancer is likely not most persons' favorite word, and presumably one of their least favorite diagnoses – for a reason. Though more and more cancer patients are living longer (see graph referenced in a previous column entitled "14.8 Percent" citing a National Cancer Institute SEER Cancer Statistics Review, 1975-2009), you'd just as soon not take your chances with a malignancy. But sometimes, maybe oftentimes for all I know (and I know very little), diseases/diagnoses really are just a function of chance (nature vs. nurture?) and perhaps so too is surviving beyond the mean (and I don't "mean" unpleasant, either) number of years or months "prognosed" at one's original date of diagnosis (rationalizing is another one of my tools).

I guess what I'm looking for is a guarantee, or at least a fair warning before – you know what (and I'm assuming you know "what" is) But I don't suppose that's realistic, so trying to enjoy the good days and not worry/anticipate the bad days ahead is my M.O.; which I imagine is somewhere between a wish and hope. And in between of course is "a false sense of security," the bane of my existence.

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South Lakes Baseball Falls to Fairfax

The rain stopped and the fields dried in time for the South Lakes baseball team to take on the Fairfax Rebels at Fairfax High School on Friday, April 12. The Seahawks fell short, 6-2.

The Rebels jumped on top with three runs in the first inning and picked up another run in the second inning. The Seahawks struck with two runs in the fifth inning when Marty Gryski broke up a no-hitter with a single, and Zack McIntyre reached on an error and advanced to second base. Kyle King hit a long sacrifice fly to score Gryski from third, which was followed by a sacrifice fly by Justin Cosing, which scored McIntyre.

The Rebels picked up another run in the bottom of the fifth and again in the sixth inning to complete the scoring at 6-2.

The top defensive plays were turned in by Matt Wojciechowski, with two great catches in the game.

On Tuesday, April 9, South Lakes played its first game with spring weather as the



South Lakes catcher Jared Abelson.

Seahawks faced off against Liberty district foe Stone Bridge in a game on the opponent's turf.

The Seahawks' bats were silent with only two hits, both delivered by Austin Gibbons, against the Bulldogs' Jacob Bukauskas. The Bulldogs struck with four runs in the second inning, one in the fourth inning and two in the sixth to defeat the Seahawks, 7-0.

The Seahawks' defensive play of the game came in the fourth inning when a Bulldogs batter hit a shot into the gap in right-center field. Justin Cosing got to the ball and quickly hit the cutoff, second baseman Jared Abeleson, who then delivered a great throw to catcher Jesse True, who applied the tag to deny an inside-the-park home run.

With the losses, the Seahawks fell to 2-9, including 1-5 in the Liberty District. South Lakes faced Marshall on Tuesday, April 16, after The Connection's deadline. The Seahawks will travel to face McLean at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19.

—KEVIN DARBY

Langley's Hot Bats Not Enough to Beat Centreville

Saxons produce 11 hits, 13 runs in loss to Wildcats.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

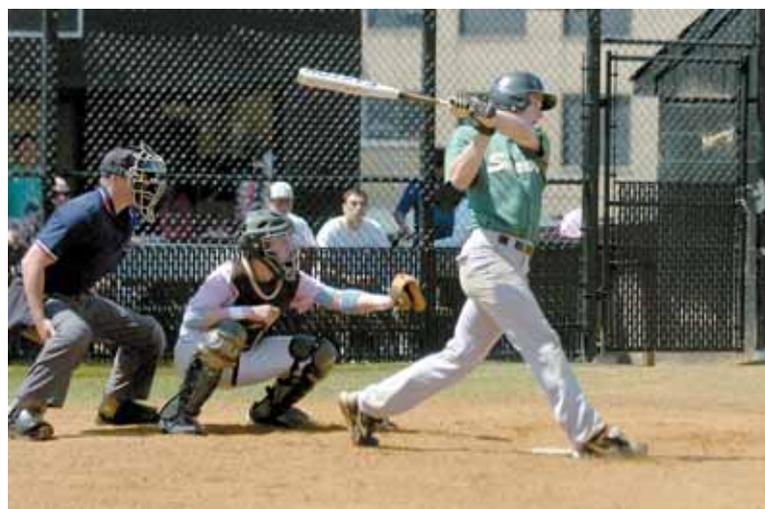
Senior Joseph Aulisi delivered a two-run single in the first inning of the Saturday, April 13, contest against Centreville, helping the Langley baseball team jump out to a 3-0 advantage.

In the third inning, a three-run double by senior Thomas Dungan gave the Saxons a 9-3 lead. Later in the game, senior Bryan Even smacked a two-run homer over the left-field fence.

Langley amassed double-digit runs and hit totals against Centreville. However, the Saxons would need more than their bats to beat the Wildcats.

Centreville defeated Langley 18-13 on April 13 during a battle of teams ranked in the Northern Region top 10 at Centreville High School. The Saxons, ranked No. 8 last week, totaled 11 hits and scored double-digit runs for the third time this season, but the No. 9 Wildcats came roaring back from a six-run deficit to earn the victory.

Centreville finished with 15 hits, including seven of the extra-base variety. Langley pitchers walked



Langley senior Cal Jadacki swings against Centreville on Saturday, April 13. The Saxons produced 11 hits, including one by Jadacki, and 13 runs but came up short against the Wildcats.



Langley junior Nick Casso had one of the Saxons' 11 hits against Centreville on Saturday, April 13.

nine and hit three batters. The Saxons also struggled defensively, including misplaying multiple fly balls.

"We walked [and hit] 12 hitters. That's not going to help the cause," Langley head coach Kevin Healy said. "[Centreville] swung the bats. They came out and they put some pressure on us and we didn't respond very well."

After Langley built a 9-3 lead, Centreville responded with five runs in the fourth and seven runs in the fifth to take control of the game.

Even finished 2-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs, Dungan went 3-for-3 with three RBIs and

"We're swinging the bats. We hung 13 runs. Defensively, we've got to stop people—that's the big thing for us. I think as a team, we're hitting something like [.300]. Defensively, we just haven't stopped people when we needed to."

—Langley baseball coach Kevin Healy

Aulisi had two RBIs, but it wasn't enough.

"We're swinging the bats. We hung 13 runs," Healy said. "Defensively, we've got to stop people—that's the big thing for us. I think

as a team, we're hitting something like [.300]. Defensively, we just haven't stopped people when we needed to."

The loss dropped Langley's record to 6-5.

"We're still 3-2 [in the Liberty District] and we control our own destiny in the district," Healy said. "... The ones that count for seeding are still the ones we're focused on and we're in pretty good shape there. [I'm a] little frustrated with this one but you've got to flush and kind of get past it."

Langley dropped out of the top 10 this week, but bounced back with a 6-1 victory against Thomas Jefferson on Monday, April 15, improving its record to 7-5 overall and 4-2 in the Liberty District. The Saxons hosted McLean on Tuesday, April 16, after The Connection's deadline.

Langley will travel to face Marshall at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19.

Residents Call for Stricter Gun Control Measures

FROM PAGE 5



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

Children hold up a sign—"Remember the Newtown 26"—at a candlelight vigil in Vienna Saturday, April 13, urging Congress to support stricter gun control measures.

mandment 'to love thy neighbor as thyself.' The Second Commandment also refers to false idols, and we need to question our worship of the Second Amendment," Horesji said.

Del. Ken Plum (D-36) and Purcellville Mayor Bob Lazaro were the only political leaders to attend the event. Lazaro is a member of Mayors Against Illegal Guns.

"There's a Virginia Tech every week in this country," Lazaro said during his remarks to the crowd. "We have background checks for everything. It takes a four-day background check to adopt a dog. We need to demand criminal background checks for anyone purchasing a gun."

Lazaro cited recent independent polls that show more than 90 percent of Americans support background checks for all gun buyers. More than 80 percent of gun owners—including 74 percent of National Rifle Association members—support requiring criminal background checks for anyone purchasing a gun.

Under current federal law, only licensed firearms dealers are required to conduct background checks on potential buyers, according to a report from Mayors Against Illegal Guns. Around 40 percent of U.S. gun transfers are conducted by unlicensed "private sellers" who are not required to conduct a federal check, and who often do business at gun shows and on the Internet—indicating that about 6.6 million guns are transferred in the U.S. every year with no background check for the buyer.

"This 'private sale loophole' a people who are already prohibited from buying guns—including felons, domestic abusers and the seriously mentally ill—to avoid a background check by simply avoiding licensed dealers," according to the report.

Lu-Ann McNabb, a Centreville resident who was instrumental in starting the Angel Fund in memory of Reema Samaha, one of 32 students killed during the April 16, 2007 Virginia Tech shooting, also spoke at the event.

"During Reema's funeral, her mother said to look at her hands, because they were unscathed. But I kissed her forehead, and I could see the exit wound," McNabb said. "How can we continue to let our children be victims?"

Raba Letteri, a Reston preschool teacher, burst into tears after the vigil.

"I came here from Lebanon to be safe. I saw the hatred and violence between Arabs and Jews. Now everything I hear on the news is about a shooting. I don't need to wait to lose one of my children to have a voice," Letteri said.

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Reston founder and Best of Reston Honorary Chair Robert Simon welcomes guests to the annual Best of Reston Thursday, April 11.

Best of Reston Honored

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vidually looked at and decided if they're appropriate, if they go to the library collection, a sale, and they help generate more than \$120,000 per year in proceeds for the library," said Andrew Pendergrass, the branch manager. "They've been critical in enhancing the technology in the library as well."

"For the longest time, I thought the Friends of Reston Library Book Sale was a way for people to get books inexpensively, one of the best ways to encourage literacy," said Brian Jacoby of the friends. "It is, however, how we fund vital programs at the library, which is important now because of budgets being slashed."

YMCA Fairfax County Reston was also recognized as a community organization, due to their support for at-risk youth through camps and after school programs at Dogwood Elementary School, through grant money.

"Just this past year the grant was terminated by the government. And Gene Jones sat at the board meeting and announced, 'that's alright, we'll fill the void, we'll figure out how to get the extra \$250,000 because these kids need us,'" said Karen Cleveland, founding chair of the YMCA Reston. "Scholarships are given for pre-school, fitness, summer camps and co-memberships to the YMCA. All of that money is raised from the private sector so we never have to turn any one away."

This year's corporate business leader was John Marshall Bank, which located its headquarters in Reston in 2012. Bill Ridenour, president of the bank, said Reston has been an ideal choice for their headquarters.

"Even though our company has been in Reston since 2012, many of us have participated in activities here for many years," he said. "We enjoy being in Reston, we enjoy participating in as many events as we can, to participate in our community."

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MUST SEE

12130 Sangsters Ct, Clifton
\$1,425,000

FX8024397

This 5 Acre estate offers beautiful custom woodwork & detail throughout! Butterfly staircase in the foyer lead you into this gorgeous 4Bd, 3 Full/2 Half Ba with custom kitchen cabinets, center island, granite & 2 dishwashers! Hardwoods & Plantation Shutters throughout main, Library w/custom built-ins, 2 FP, deck overlooks private & treed yard!



NEW LISTING

10714 Midsummer Place, Reston
\$825,000

FX8054008

Largest Contemporary in the neighborhood in desired school cluster! Recently updated Gour Kit w/tons of upgrades! Large eat in area, sep DR, Fam Rm w/FP & access to deck! Skylights & tons of windows let in all the sunshine! Large windows & vaulted/high ceilings throughout! Updated baths, fresh paint, all new carpet! 4Bd/3.5Ba. 3rd level is Master Suite w/addl huge loft space, built-ins & FP! 2 car gar, walk out bsmt, deck to enjoy in your private, wooded yard! Truly unique and a must SEE!



NEW PRICE

10906 Great Point Ct, Great Falls
\$1,375,000

FX8019793

Be surrounded in elegance in this 4Bd/4.5Ba on almost 1 acre situated on Cul-de-sac! Plenty of room for a pool! Lovingly cared for home boasts gorgeous hardwoods, Dining Rm w/bay window & custom window treatments, sunken Fam Rm with columns, built-ins & fireplace, sep Study w/wall of built-ins, finished bsmt with full bath, bedroom, recessed lighting & plenty of room to relax!



COMING SOON

43455 Thistlewood Court, Ashburn

Beautiful brick front has all new, updated flooring, fresh paint, fenced in private yard with doggy-run area. 4 huge Bdrms up, 3.5Ba & fully finished basement with bonus room that can be used as Bdrm. Cul de sac location & within walking distance of community pool, playground & sports fields!



MTN VIEWS!

37894 St. Francis Ct, Purcellville
\$785,000

LO8019959

Entertain in this true Gourmet Kitchen - a chef's dream! Too many upgrades to list! Beautiful & elegant 4Bd/4.5BA on almost 4 acres has crown molding, gleaming hardwoods, finished bsmt with Home Theater, potential 5th bd, full bath, kids area, rec room, numerous closets! Relax on your deck w/views of the Blue Ridge Mtns yet still close to major commuter routes!



MUST SEE

1141 Bandy Run Rd, Herndon
\$800,000

Langley Schools! Over half acre, right off 7100! 4Bd/3.5Ba Fully updated! No carpeting-all hardwoods & tile, fresh paint, Gourmet Kit w/heated flrs, prof sports court, huge screened in porch w/skylights, deck, newer HVAC & roof, generator. Fin Bsmt w/Ba. A must see!



COMING SOON

1409 Horizon Court, Herndon
\$625,000

Cul-de-Sac location with wooded view in backyard. 4 Bd/3.5Ba has vaulted ceiling in family room with gorgeous fireplace & wall of windows. Great deck & kitchen for entertaining. Close to schools, shopping, restaurants & major commuter routes!



COMING SOON

510 Red Raspberry Ter, Leesburg
 Huge 2 car garage, end-unit TH has fenced in yard & sprinkler system. 4Bd/2.5Ba, gourmet kit, study on main; no maintenance fence & deck! 2900+ sf of living space! Minutes to shopping, schools, downtown Leesburg, Outlets, Toll Rd, Rts 7 & 15!



COMING SOON

10166 Yorktown Way, Great Falls

Great location in Loudoun County! 4Bd/2.5Ba has an amazing fenced-in yard & screened in porch. Newer HVAC and fully finished basement. Extended garage and built-in storage area in garage. Cul-de-sac!



GREAT LOCATION

9501 Clarks Crossing Rd, Vienna
\$719,000

Back on the market & ready to go! Great location Wolf Trap area, close to everything. Deck, patio, huge yard! Updated kitchen has stainless appliances, backsplash, granite counters! Updated baths! Hardwood floors thru-out main. 2 FP. Sunny & bright w/walk-out Bsmt. Newer roof & siding. New Tysons metro min away. Desired school cluster



COMING SOON

16679 Hillsboro Rd, Purcellville

10 acres, minutes from downtown Purcellville! Bring your horses! 2 fully fenced-in pastures, chicken run, detached cabin, beautiful trees & greenery! Home also has Bsmt apt/in-law-suite w/kitchenette, gorgeous cedar chalet/sunroom w/tons of windows for great views. Desired school cluster!



COMING SOON

20684 Rainsboro Dr, Ashburn

Brick-front SFH has 4Bd, 2 Full/2 Half Baths. Great 2 story sunken family room, FP, office w/French doors. Fin Bsmt has bonus rooms, rec rm, work area & storage! Beautiful front porch, flat, fenced-in yard & deck to enjoy!