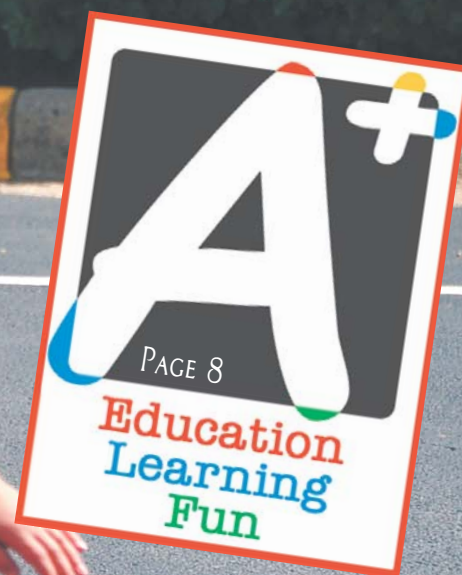


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Lisa and Lillian Johnston, 4, of Reston run in the fifth annual "We've Got Your Back" 5K to raise funds for the Spinal Research Foundation Saturday, May 12.



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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC. TO AMEND ITS NATURAL GAS CONSERVATION AND RATEMAKING EFFICIENCY PLAN CASE NO. PUE-2012-00013

On April 12, 2012, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("Columbia Gas" or the "Company") filed an application ("Application") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting authority to extend and amend its natural gas conservation and ratemaking efficiency plan ("CARE Plan") approved by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2009-00051. The Company's current CARE Plan consists of six programs and twenty-seven measures designed to promote natural gas conservation by the Company's residential and small general service customers. The Company's CARE Plan is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2012.

Columbia Gas's Application requests authority to extend its CARE Plan for an additional three years, through December 31, 2015, and to amend certain provisions of its current CARE Plan. The Company's Application, among other things, proposes to retain the six original programs approved by the Commission, namely, the: (1) Web-Based Home Audit Program; (2) Home Savings Program; (3) Business Savings Program; (4) Business Custom Program; (5) Residential Low-Income Program; and (6) Education and Outreach Program. The Application further proposes to implement a new program called the Residential Elderly Audit Program, which will provide inhome audits and free high-efficiency shower heads, faucet aerators, pipe insulation, and pre-programmed thermostats for qualified residential customers.

The Company's Application further proposes to amend, combine, and remove several of the measures offered under the Company's current CARE Plan. For residential customers who participate in the Company's Web-Based Home Audit Program, the Company proposes to remove its free water heater pipe insulation measure and continue providing at no cost high-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators to each participant in the Web Based Home Audit Program. The Company further proposes to amend its Home Savings Program for residential customers to: (i) reduce the incentive payments for installing ENERGY STAR tankless water heaters (\$300 to \$250) and high-efficiency natural gas furnaces with an average fuel utilization efficiency ("AFUE") $\geq 90\%$ and $< 94\%$ (\$300 to \$275); (ii) combine its Duct Sealing and Duct Insulation measures and provide one combined incentive payment (\$450); (iii) include two new measures, which will provide incentive payments to encourage the installation of high-efficiency gas furnaces with an AFUE of $\geq 94\%$ (\$350) and the construction of ENERGY STAR qualified homes (\$700); and (iv) revise the delivery mechanism for the attic and floor insulation measures from a post-purchase delivery mechanism to a customer instant rebate mechanism where incentives are paid directly to qualified contractors who install insulation meeting program requirements.

The Application also proposes several revisions to the measures offered to its small general service customers. Columbia Gas proposes to amend its Business Savings Program and reduce the incentive payments for some of the measures offered under the Program. The Company proposes, among other things, to reduce the incentive payments for customers electing to install: (i) high-efficiency coin-operated or laundromat washers (\$150 to \$65); (ii) high-efficiency gas storage water heaters ($\leq 75,000$ Btu/hr) (\$50 to \$35); (iii) ENERGY STAR tankless water heaters ($< 200,000$ Btu/hr) (\$2.00/kBtu/hr to \$1.15/kBtu/hr); (iv) ENERGY STAR gas boilers ($< 300,000$ Btu/hr) (\$3.00/kBtu/hr to \$2.25/kBtu/hr); (v) high-efficiency gas furnaces with an AFUE $\geq 92\%$ and $< 94\%$ (\$300 to \$250); and (iv) high-efficiency gas furnaces with an AFUE $\geq 94\%$ (\$400 to \$300).

The Company also proposes to amend its Residential Low Income Program and eliminate the funding for the education and training of energy auditors for low-income residential customers. The Company proposes to transition from providing education and training of auditors to providing outreach, education, and free direct installation measures for low-income residential customers.

The Company expects to spend approximately \$9.7 million over the next three years to implement its amended CARE Plan.

These expenses will be recovered from the Company's residential and small general service customers through the CARE Program Adjustment ("CPA") approved by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2009-00051. For 2013, the calculated residential CPA rate is \$1.73/Mcf, and the small general service CPA rate is \$.016/Mcf. This will cost the average residential customer, using about 70 Mcf, approximately \$12 in 2013.

The Company's Application further proposes to retain the performance-based incentive mechanism and decoupling mechanism contained in Columbia Gas's current CARE Plan. The performance-based incentive mechanism, authorized by § 56-602 F of the Code of Virginia ("Code"), is designed to allow Columbia Gas to receive up to 15% of the net verified economic benefits created by the Company's conservation and energy efficiency programs. Finally, the Company's Application proposes to continue its current decoupling mechanism, which is a sales adjustment clause in the form of a revenue normalization adjustment ("RNA"). The RNA adjusts the Company's actual non gas distribution revenues to its allowed distribution revenues, as defined by § 56-600 of the Code. The RNA will operate in the same manner as in the current CARE Plan, but the Company's allowed distribution revenues will be updated to reflect the rates and charges approved by the Commission in Columbia Gas's last rate case, Case No. PUE-2010-00017.

The details of these and other proposals are set forth in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Company's Application and supporting testimony and exhibits for the details of these proposals.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, directed the Company to provide notice to the public and provided interested persons an opportunity to comment on the Company's Application.

A copy of the Company's Application may be obtained at no charge by requesting a copy of the same from the Company's counsel, T. Borden Ellis, Senior Counsel, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc., 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836. The Application and related documents shall also be available for review in the Commission's Document Control Center, Tyler Building, First Floor, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons may also download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before June 8, 2012, interested persons may file written comments on Columbia Gas's Application with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so, on or before June 8, 2012, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Comments shall refer to Case No. PUE-2012-00013.

COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.

OBITUARY

Elizabeth Hyland, 84, of Reston, Dies

Elizabeth Hyland, 84, an author who wrote extensively about schizophrenia and was a past president of the Writers of Chantilly literary organization, died April 22 at Cameron Glen nursing home in Reston. She had cancer.

Hyland, who wrote primarily as Betty Hyland, was best known for her 1987 novel "The Girl With the Crazy Brother," about a teenager struggling with the social impact of her schizophrenic sibling. The book became the basis for a 1990 CBS teleplay directed by Diane Keaton and starring Patricia Arquette.

Hyland's son Mark was in his 20s when he was diagnosed with schizophrenia in the early 1970s. Hyland was active in support groups on mental illness, especially the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She won a grant that enabled her to study the treatment of mental illness in China.

Hyland was winner of the 1993 Eugene V. Debs Essay Award for her essay on schizophrenia, "A Thousand Cloudy Days";

Elizabeth Ann Sheehan was born in Queens and graduated from the Katharine Gibbs School in New York. She did secretarial work in New York, and in the English Department at the California Institute of Technology, before settling in northern Virginia in the early 1990s. She was a Reston resident for the past 10 years, a proud mem-



Elizabeth Hyland

ber of the Lake Anne community.

In addition to her books on schizophrenia, she also wrote mysteries featuring Benedictine nuns. Betty Hyland was a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers, Sisters in Crime and P.E.N. USA.

Her husband, Carl A. Hyland, whom she married in 1950, died in 1970. Their son Mark Hyland died in 1999.

Survivors include two sons, Carl A. Hyland of Oakton and Jason Hyland, a Foreign Service officer in Canberra, Australia; a sister; and six grandchildren.

A funeral mass and memorial will be held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church Friday, May 25 at 10 a.m.

Natalie Dorolyn (Dee) Cotton, 88, of Reston, Dies

Former Reston activist Natalie Dorolyn (Dee) Cotton, 88, passed away May 4, 2012 following a stroke in Fredericksburg, Va., where she had moved in January. A Reston resident for more than 30 years, Dee Cotton was a charter member and former president of Useful Services Exchange (USE), and founder of the AARP chapter in Reston and its director from 1989 to 1999. As an active member of the Fairfax County Area of Aging, she was involved in a joint venture between it and AARP to provide moderately priced housing for seniors. At Island Walk Cooperative, where she lived since 1984 and was president of the Tenant Association, she spearheaded the effort to oversee its complete renovation and its continued status as affordable housing. She lived her philosophy

that "everyone should live with dignity in a safe and decent home." Dee received the Lady Fairfax award representing the Hunter Mill District in 2003 and a Best of Reston award in 2005. Dee is survived by a daughter, Linda Bowman of Harpers Ferry, W. Va.; a son, Daniel; a granddaughter, Cori Creeks; and two great-granddaughters, Makenna and Caitlin. Her ashes will be buried with those of her late husband at Quantico, Va. Memorial contributions may be made to USE, AARP, or to a college fund for her great-granddaughters in care of Cori Creeks, 62 Blackwood Road, Camp LeJune, NC 28547.

SUBMITTED BY MARILYN SILVEY
BASED ON INFORMATION FROM
DEE'S GRANDDAUGHTER, CATHY
HUDGINS, AND RESTON INTER-
FAITH FILES.

Shelby Biancianiello of Cakes by Shelby shows off her products during the Reston Smart Market Wednesday, May 9.

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Reston Smart Market Returns

Market features guaranteed producer-only products.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Reston Smart Market, featuring guaranteed producer-only produce, meats, dairy and other goods has kicked off for the summer season. This year's incarnation has a few new vendors, and Jean Janssen of Smart Markets says the new additions help fulfill some of their goals.

"Fossil Rock is a new vendor, they're a sustainable and organic farm," Janssen said. "We didn't have any of those before, but it's always been a goal, so we're glad to have them."

Another new addition is Nancy Khan and The Finger Buffet. Khan started her business last year, specializing in Mediterranean and Middle Eastern food such as samosas, hummus, lentil curry and empanadas.

"As a new business, I've found the Smart Markets are a good way to get in touch with buyers, find out what people like the most," she said. "I like to bring out 'fast food' style items from all over the world. The lentil curry has been one of the most popular."

Diana Tweedy of Herndon started coming to the Reston Smart Market when they opened a few weeks ago, and says The Finger Buffet is one of her favorites.

"It's such an eclectic combination of foods from all over, and they're all so good," she said. "My favorites are the empanadas, I love all four kinds, I usually get a dozen per week and they don't last too long in my house."

Nyall Meredith is another newcomer to the market. A native of Wales, he moved to the U.S. two years ago to get married, and decided to go into business and pay homage to his heritage.

His company, Celtic Pasties, specializes in pasties, a traditional British food.

"It's a pastry envelope stuffed with savory filling, typically beef, potatoes, carrots, that sort of thing," Meredith said. "We've got about 30 different recipes, some are standards, like the cottage pie and the beef and Guinness, and we experiment with other ones. We try and switch it up week to week, but some



Nancy Khan of The Finger Buffet shows her delicacies at the Reston Smart Market Wednesday, May 9.

get so popular that we make it a regular."

Cakes By Shelby is another popular spot at the market, and owner Shelby Biancianiello is fond of putting new twists on classic desserts. Her mini-pies and inside-out cupcakes (with the frosting on the inside) and cake pops are among her signature items.

In her nine years in the business Biancianiello has had her share of famous clients.

"A few years ago I made the cake for [Washington Capitals player] Alex Ovechkin's 21st birthday, we made it in the shape of his jersey," she said. "I can do signature cakes for almost any occasion, in almost any shape and I'm one of the only people around who can do that."

Max Tyson of Tyson Farms in West Virginia has been coming to Smart Markets for the past three years. He's currently offering strawberries, asparagus and a variety of apples, but he says more will be coming in as the season progresses.

"We've got a lot of different fruits coming in, peaches, plums, nectarines, pears and cherries," he

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Visitors to the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival 2011 browse the work of John Scanlan, a photographer from Glenwood, Iowa.

Artists Take Over Reston Town Center

The 21st Annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival to be held May 18-20.

The Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE) revealed its list of artists set to illuminate Reston Town Center for the 21st Annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival on weekend May 18-20. Over 200 of the nation's most accomplished artists, from across the U.S., will showcase their hand-crafted, one of a kind works of art from categories such as; 2D & 3D, Mixed Media, Ceramics, Decorative Fibers, Drawing and Pastels, Furniture, Glass, Jewelry, Leather, Metal, Oil & Acrylic Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, Watercolor, Wearable Art, and Wood. New this year, the festival will open on Friday night, May 18 featuring an upscale opening party from 6:30-10 p.m. and approximately 175 artist booths open from 5-8 p.m. that evening.

THIS YEAR approximately 900 artists from across the U.S. and Canada submitted applications. This year festival jurors, who are experts in their fields, were only able to select 200 artists on the basis of quality, originality and craftsmanship to participate in the largest fine arts festival in the DC Metro area. Of the 200 selected artists, 39 are new participants to the 2012 Festival. Notable first-time artists include mixed-media artist Kathrine Allen-Coleman, jeweler Roberto Vengoechea, sculptor Gregory

Story and wearable artist Kathleen Tesnakis. Ann Barbieri, Dana Ann Scheurer, Ginny Herzog, and Connie Slack are among those returning artists who have participated in a majority of GRACE's Festivals over the past 21 years.

50 local artists will represent the Mid-Atlantic region and the furthest traveling artist is Giampietro Filippetti from Oakville, in Ontario, Canada. The complete listing artist profiles and line-up is available at: northernvirginiafineartsfestival.org/2012Artists/artistList.php.

Children will have fun creating music related art projects inspired by the festival's performing art group, the International Contemporary Ensemble, and will also get a preview of the many children's educational programs offered by GRACE in the Children's Art Tent. The 2012 art activities include: Explore More! Art Buckets, GRACE Art Artist Trading Cards, Summer Art Camp Musical Monsters, Festival Paper Bag Hats, Scout Badge Program Musical Instruments, and the Community Mural and Chalk Walk. The Children's Art Tent is open Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

A complete listing of Festival activities, opening night party details, and sponsors are listed at northernvirginiafineartsfestival.org/.

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Redskins linebacker Rocky McIntosh joins the runners at the fifth annual "We've Got Your Back" 5K at the Virginia Spine Institute in Reston Saturday, May 12.



Runners cross the finish line at the fifth annual "We've Got Your Back" 5K Saturday, May 5, which featured more than 800 participants.

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Raising Funds for Back Health

Virginia Spine Institute hosts fundraising 5K.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

In his 20s Ray Pugsley was a national-level runner, in competition to compete in the 1992 and 1996 Olympic games. But he hurt his back in 1996 and underwent a procedure then, and another one in 2003. While that might seem like something that could end his running career, Pugsley has flourished since then.

"Since the fusion, I've been able to run at a high level," he said. "After I turned 40, I was able to do what's called master's running, and I got myself back in shape and have been able to compete."

Pugsley is one of the owners of Potomac River Running, which has a location in Reston Town Center, and he also serves on the board of the Spinal Research Foundation, which hosted the fifth annual "Watch Your Back" 5K run Saturday, May 12 at the Virginia Spine Institute in Reston.

"Between the success I've had after my surgery and my connection to the local running community, I'm always happy to support these events," Pugsley said. "My life was changed by my surgery, and without it I couldn't be running a four-and-a-half minute mile with a chunk of metal in my back."

DR. TOM SCHULER, president and CEO of the Virginia Spine Institute and founder of the Spinal Research Foundation, said that nine in 10 people experience back pain during their lives, but many are afraid to seek out treatment.

"People come to us and think their life is over, that they can never golf or do anything physical again," Schuler said. "But the truth is, with modern spinal health care, your life improves. We have so many great stories running here today."

The run featured more than 800 participants and raised more than \$100,000 for the Spinal Research Foundation.

"This is our fifth year, and we've grown exponentially, and we're looking forward to the day we outgrow this site," he said.

David Nielsen underwent a spinal fusion surgery in 2000 and was told his condition would preclude him from rejoining the military. He credited the foundation for writing letters and going to bat for him to get him back into the service.

"Right after 9/11 I decided I wanted to get back in and they said my L-5 fusion was a disqualifying thing,



Runners cross the finish line during the fifth annual "We've Got Your Back" 5K in Reston Saturday, May 12, which raised more than \$100,000 for the Spinal Research Foundation.

I couldn't get back in," he said. "While I was able to everything I had done before and then some, it took me a whole year of fighting the system before they told me I needed to pass the conditioning test, which I was able to do."

During deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, Nielsen suffered injuries that required further procedures, including the placement of an electronic stimulator. He said that his fusion has held up to the most punishing circumstances.

"Every time they looked at my x-rays, they would ask, 'who did that fusion? That thing is holding up strong,'" he said. "Towards the end of my career, I was making a jump from a place 25,000 feet in the air, and I had a malfunction, my chute wrapped around my ankle and whipped my leg up toward my head, so I was upside down and had to cut myself out, but the fusion held strong."

SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Washington Redskins who have had experience coming back from back injuries were at the event. Safety Reed Doughty had a fusion about four years ago.

"I was in a lot of pain and not able to perform at an optimum level, I couldn't even enjoy playing with my kids," he said. "The Virginia Spinal Institute and the Spinal Research Foundation have done a lot for me, to help me get back out on the field doing what I love to do. I've been able to compete at a high level after my spinal fusion surgery."

More information on the foundation can be found at www.spinerf.org.



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Guests at the Reston Spring Festival fish and boat at Lake Audubon as part of the more than 20 displays at the Walker Nature Education Center and adjacent area.

Nature House Hosts Spring Festival

Outdoor activities, displays featured at annual festival.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Outdoor and nature enthusiasts of all ages flocked to the Walker Nature Education Center Saturday, May 5 for the annual Spring Festival. Stations were scattered around the center and the adjacent paths allowing children to participate in a variety of natural activities, including stream monitoring, plant identification and fishing in nearby Lake Audubon.

"The fishing was my favorite part, because I learned the right way to cast," said Elizabeth Murdoch, 6, of Reston. "I didn't catch anything, but at least I'll know what to do the next time I come out."

Murdoch and others could walk down the path to fish or examine life at the nearby Snakeden Branch, in stations maintained by the Reston Association. Guests could also rent kayaks and canoes to take out on the lake.

Closer to the nature center, a number of displays about smart energy use, invasive and harm-

ful plants, gardening and recycling were available. Members of the Raptor Conservancy of Virginia were out with several native birds, and spoke about their tendencies and habitats.

"We like to get out to events like this to show people the birds that they can find around here, so they know what to do if they come across an injured bird," said Gabby Hrycshyn of the conservancy. "More importantly, if they learn about where these birds live, maybe we can avoid a lot of injuries altogether."

David Burks, 10, said the birds were his favorite part.

"I hear a lot of birds in the fields near my house, but I don't see them very much, especially not up close," he said. "I was glad to learn about ways we can keep them safe, and what to do if I ever seen one that has fallen out of a tree or something."

Throughout the day, local musician Tom Bodine performed folk music inside the building, and children who managed to make it to all the station and answer 10 questions about the area surrounding the Nature House.



Children examine stream samples from Snakeden Branch at the Reston Spring Festival Saturday, May 5.

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SUNDAY/MAY 20

Volunteers for Change Orientation. 6 p.m. Volunteer Fairfax Office, 10530 Page Ave., Fairfax. The program features a flexible calendar of weekend and weekday evening projects. Reservations required at 703-246-3895 or jkivlin@volunteerfairfax.org.

MONDAY/MAY 21

NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon Meeting. 11:30 a.m. Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. \$17. With Mick Adams of Reston Hospital on Fall Prevention. 703-435-3523.

TUESDAY/MAY 22

May Network Night. 5:30-7:30 p.m. Holiday Inn Express, 485 Elden St., Herndon. Make new connections in a variety of industries. \$15-\$40. Register at 703-707-9045 or www.restonchamber.org.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 23

Business Education Series: Getting Comfortable With Selling Yourself. 8:30 a.m. Greater Reston Chamber of Commerce, 1763 Fountain Drive, Reston. How to do "natural selling," by Freddi Donner of Business Stamina. Members free, non-members \$10. Register at 703-707-9045 or www.restonchamber.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 27

Cat Adoption. 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 11860 Spectrum Center, Reston. Every Sunday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 8

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

SUNDAY/JUNE 24

Cat Adoption. 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 11860 Spectrum Center, Reston. Every Sunday. Sponsored by Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. www.lostdogrescue.org.

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OPINION

Most Endangered?

Potomac River has made great strides, has miles to go to save the Bay.

Unless your home is served by well water, you are almost certainly among the five million people in the Washington Metropolitan area who get their drinking water from the Potomac River.

This week, the organization American Rivers named the Potomac River as the most endangered river in the nation. The Potomac River is far cleaner than it was 40 years ago when the Clean Water Act was enacted.

"Before the Clean Water Act was enacted in 1972, the Potomac was a cesspool of sewage and industrial pollution," says American Rivers. "Thanks to the Clean Water Act, the Potomac and rivers across the country are cleaner and safer for drinking, boating, and fishing. But ... a University of Maryland report card has given the river a 'D' grade for water quality for the past two years."

Now it's safe for high school crew teams to take to the river by the dozens. Kayakers and paddle-boarders join them in intimate contact with the water. Motorboats, marinas and fishermen all show the confidence we now have in the integrity of the Potomac River.

Still, after a rain, stormwater washes agricultural waste, suburban and urban runoff car-

rying loads of pollution into our area's small streams, into the Potomac River and on into the Chesapeake Bay. Bacteria in the river after big rainstorms, from dog waste in suburban areas, agricultural runoff in more rural areas, has led to the recommendation by some that people avoid contact with the river for two-to-three days.

Slowing stormwater runoff, limiting the amount of "nutrients" that are swept down the river into the Chesapeake Bay, and improvements in methods of treating sewage are all critical to the ongoing health of our water supply.

Fish in the Potomac River also continue to show symptoms of exposure to endocrine disruptors, with male bass carrying eggs and other signs. Scientists suspect variety of pharmaceuticals and chemicals are causing these abnormalities, and it is not known whether current water purification systems are removing those pollutants fully from the drinking water.

American Rivers called on Congress to kill any legislation that weakens the Clean Water Act or prevents the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from restoring protections for small streams

and wetlands under the Act. American Rivers also called on the Obama Administration to finalize guidance clarifying the scope of the Clean Water Act and issue a rule-making to ensure that all waters get the protections Americans expect and deserve.

The Potomac River continues to serve as the scenic backdrop to much of what we do here. Let's continue to push for improvements.

— MARY KIMM,

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Father's Day Photos

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 17, 2012 and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 8.

You can submit your photos online at connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday or email to reston@connectionnewspapers.com.

COMMENTARY

History Repeating Itself

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

This week I complete teaching a six-week course for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University on "highlights of Virginia's history." I have been meeting with more than 80 students at the JoAnne Rose Gallery in Reston. All are retired and enjoy learning for the sake of learning. Only a few were born in Virginia, but most have lived here for a very long time. They want to know more about how the way things are in Virginia got to be that way, especially in instances where Virginia is so different from other states.

My lecture last week dealt with Virginia in the twentieth century and its dominant figure, Governor and then Senator Harry F. Byrd. Even before Byrd held elective office the direction of the Commonwealth was set. A new state Constitution written in a convention in 1902 was proclaimed to be in effect without a ratification vote by the people. In a highly questionable legal move, the new consti-

tution was not put to a vote probably out of fear that it would not be approved because its provisions related to voter registration were so harsh that they disenfranchised half the then-existing voters. To register to vote under the new constitution one had to pass a literacy test of questions posed by the local voting registrar. The color of your skin determined more than any factor the kind of questions you were posed. To vote, one needed to have paid his poll tax of \$1.50 (a lot of money at the time) three years in a row, six months before the election.

The results of the new voting requirements were that the voting rolls were cut in half with few African Americans able to vote. I am sure that those who were in the dominant Democratic Party at the time rationalized the new requirements by saying that they only wanted knowledgeable people to vote and people who had invested in the government through paying their taxes to vote. They no doubt made speeches as to how Virginia would have better government as a result. What did happen was that

the limited and controllable electorate allowed Harry Byrd to set up a political machine that dominated Virginia's government until the 1960s. The Byrd Machine brought the Commonwealth poor schools, underfunded mental health and social programs, and limited state infrastructure. Finally through federal court action and the federal Voting Rights Act the shackles on Virginia voters were broken in the late 1960s and more enlightened leadership emerged to lead the state.

Now there is a nationwide effort in the states among Republicans to suppress voter participation. It's rationalized as ending voter fraud and abuses that have never been shown to exist. It may keep enough people from voting to determine the outcome. It could set up another election like 2000 with Virginia being at the center of the dispute. Governor McDonnell has such a bill on his desk for signature that would have the effect of suppressing likely Democratic voters. Join me in writing to him and asking him to veto it. We do not need this sordid bit of history to repeat itself.

LETTERS

Misrepresentation in 'Voter Identification'

To the Editor:

Jack Kenny's column ["Voter Identification," Reston Connection, May 9-15, 2012] is so full of untruths that it would require more space than is available here to refute them all.

Contrary to Mr. Kenny's misrepresentation, the only irregularity in Fairfax's recent elections has been the disfranchisement of 5-10 percent of the voters whose mailed-in absentee ballots were wrongfully rejected based on their inability to follow Virginia's unique and complicated instructions. Your neighbors among Fairfax Democrats observed these rejections, as is their right under State law, and informed those disenfranchised voters of the wrongful rejections on Election Day. In most cases, these disenfranchised voters were new voters; those voting by mailed-in absentee ballot for the first time; or the elderly, traditionally Democratic voters. Some tried to cast provisional ballots. Those attempts by registered

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Annie Sidley, chef at the Reston Smart Market, prepares a dish made from ingredients available at the market.

Smart Market Opens

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said. "I've really enjoyed my time here at Smart Markets, and it's gotten better every year.

Later on in the season there will be an empanada vendor, and a certified organic farmer from Prince William County.

El Ceibo chocolates is one product that doesn't come locally. The chocolates are produced by a 12,000-family co-op in Bolivia.

"Most chocolate on the market is about 17 to 25 percent sugar, ours ranges from three percent to

10," said Pastor Payllo of El Ceibo. "Our co-op is responsible for everything from the cocoa trees to the packaging, there is no middleman."

The company was the first certified organic cocoa co-op in the world, and one of the first certified fair-trade products.

The Reston Smart Market takes place Wednesdays from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at 11890 Sunrise Valley Drive, at the intersection of Sunrise Valley Drive and Reston Parkway. More information can be found at www.smartmarkets.org.



A selection of baked goods from Cakes by Shelby on display at the Reston Smart Market.

Arts Festival Returns

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OPENING NIGHT PARTY: Friday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. – 10 p.m. Town Center Pavilion. Tickets are \$100 and available at festival website. Guest will receive a coupon good for 10 percent off one piece of artwork from participating festival artists.

Cost: Admission to the event is free, however for a voluntary donation of \$10 to GRACE at the event's ArtCarts, visitors will receive a \$10 gift certificate to dine at participat-

ing Reston Town Center restaurants such as American Tap Room, Big Bowl, Il Fornaio, Uno Chicago Grill, Paolo's, and Mon Ami Gabi. Donation proceeds benefit year round educational and outreach programs produced by GRACE throughout the Northern Virginia area.

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Game On

George Mason University students develop video games aimed at curtailing gang recruitment in Virginia.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Law enforcement officials now have two unlikely weapons in the fight against gang activity in Virginia: video games and college students.

Students in the Computer Game Design program at George Mason University partnered with Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's office to create video games designed to show children the consequences of joining a gang. The result of the collaboration is a series of interactive and educational computer games and mobile phone applications designed to reduce gang recruitment. The games were unveiled earlier this month on the George Mason campus in Fairfax.

"Gangs are constantly working to recruit new kids to replace those going to jail and getting killed. Their recruitment techniques are evolving, even to the point of using online gaming and other technologies. We have to work even harder to stop them," said Cuccinelli. "The goal of this partnership with GMU is a novel approach in the war against gangs to beat them at their own game."

Students enrolled in the university's GAME 232 Online Gaming and Filesharing course presented game proposals to Cuccinelli's office. The attorney general's staff selected three:

- ♦ "A Second Family," created by Michael Katz, Romel Ramos and Brandon Miller. The game tells the story of Justin, who is trying to fit in at a new school and becomes involved with some questionable people. He is forced to rely on his friends and mentors

to overcome these negative influences.

- ♦ "Influenced," created by Austin Fain, Tiffany Nguyen, Con Son and Lamesha Coley. In this game, the player chooses various scenarios in which he or she can either help or betray members of the local community, and influence the impact gangs have on the community.

- ♦ "New Kid on the Block," created by Stephen Berrigan, Steven Fernandez, Devin Gibson, John Murphy and Daniel Paquette. In this game, the player has just moved to a new town

practice and design of online games and smartphone applications. Throughout the semester, the students developed written scripts and storyboards, art and sound design, programming, coding and musical compositions.

"I wanted the game to be fun for the player while teaching them about gang violence and how it can be harmful. Finding that balance wasn't easy, but ... we were able to create a game that's educational, but also fun to play," said Daniel Paquette, who helped design one of the games.



PHOTO BY ALENS GLENN/GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli plays a game created by George Mason Game Design students in Dewberry Hall at Fairfax Campus. The students created interactive and educational games aimed at teaching kids about the risks of joining gangs.

and has to assimilate into a new school. He or she must make the right decisions and find a trustworthy group of friends.

THE GAMES ARE TARGETED at middle and high school students. "This is an attempt to reach kids using devices that they already have in their hands," said Arlington resident and George Mason adjunct professor Matt Randon. "The kids are already addicted to these devices so we have a better chance of reaching them with our message."

During the course, Randon, who also works as an English teacher in Manassas, taught students about the history,

THE GAMES will be available for mobile download free of charge by summer 2012. The games will also be available on the attorney general's website, as well as the websites for George Mason University, the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, and Virginia Rules.

"Games have a pretty bad reputation in the media. What I hope this project shows people is that the greatest asset of games is that they make learning fun ... which is a talent school systems around the world should look into," said Stephen Berrigan, lead writer and narrative designer for "New Kid on the Block."



Students use their persistence skills while trying to solve the "Shape by Shape" puzzle.

Science and Math Night at Armstrong Elementary

Armstrong Elementary School held a Science and Math Night on Thursday, April 26. Students and their families participated using their space passports to

journey through sixteen math and science learning stations. These stations included curriculum taught throughout the year and provided hands-on, minds-on

learning opportunities for all students. Highlights from the evening included: creating individual density bottles, planting seeds to take home, riding a bicycle in order to



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED
Teacher Stephen Giese and a student think about how many ways that they can make the number 36.

Hopecam Holds 5k Run/Walk

Benefiting children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

For the twelfth year in a row, Hopecam hosted their annual Hopecam 5K Run/Walk on Sunday, May 6, to benefit the charity's program. Since 2003 Hopecam, Inc., a 501c(3) nonprofit charitable organization, has helped more than 225 hospitalized or homebound children cope with loneliness and isolation as they battle cancer or other life-threatening illnesses. All services are provided completely free of charge to the families and school partners.

This year's honored guest was Stefano Rocca, 8, a 2nd grader at Westbriar Elementary School in Vienna. Stefano is battling leukemia. He was joined by his parents and brother.

Hopecam's 5k was supported, in part, by Mr. & Mrs. James Todd, McLean; Sunrise Valley Elementary School; Jorge Scientific Corporation; Milestone Communications; The Rappaport Companies; HELOCComm; GCE; Alliance Affiliated Equities Corp; Entrex Communication Services; Cardinal Bank; Whole Foods; Time Out Wings & Grill.

Hopecam connects hospitalized and homebound children undergoing long term treatment with their

teachers, classmates, family and friends by providing laptops, high speed internet and web cameras. All services are provided completely free of charge to the families. Hopecam can provide this service through its partnering with area hospitals (Children National Medical Center; Inova Fairfax; NIH; Johns Hopkins, etc.), social workers and dozens of school districts in Virginia, DC and Maryland.

Childhood Cancer Facts

- *Each school day, 46 children are diagnosed with cancer.
- *One in 330 children will develop cancer by age 20.
- *Although the 5-year survival rate is steadily increasing, one quarter of children will die 5 years from the time of diagnosis.
- *Cancer remains the number one disease killer of America's children - more than Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Asthma and AIDS combined.

Research tells us that isolation and loneliness are disruptive and devastating for homebound and hospitalized children especially children battling a long term illness and treatment. They are separated from their friends at school and lose most social interaction.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED
Gathering for a group photo before the start of the 12th annual Hopecam 5k Run/Walk held recently in Reston. From left: Beth English, Principal of Sunrise Valley Elementary School/Reston; Pat Hynes, School board member Hunter Mill District; Stu Gibson, School Board member Hunter Mill District (retired) and Len Forkus, of Vienna, Hopecam Founder and President of the Board.

Hopecam bridges that gap by providing each child with a laptop, web camera and a corresponding setup in his or her classroom. The charity coordinates with school administrators to successfully connect each child with his or her school.

To learn more about Hopecam, visit the website at



One of the runners was Hopecam's honored guest, Stefano Rocca, 8, (pictured with Hopecam Founder, Len Forkus). Stefano is a 2nd grader at Westbriar Elementary School in Vienna who has been battling leukemia since being diagnosed in February 2011. During his 10 months of initial treatment, Stefano was not able to attend school, have play dates, go to a movie, restaurant, birthday parties because of his reduced immune system.

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United Christian Parish, 11508 North Shore Drive in Reston, will present a free concert on Friday, May 25, at 7:30 p.m., with the premiere of a choral piece written for the dedication of the new sanctuary. Singers from the United Christian Parish, St. Anne's Episcopal Church, the Unitarian Universalist Church in Reston and soloists from the University of Maryland will participate. The builder of the church's new custom-made organ, Warren Hood, will play a solo organ work. The United Christian Parish is an ecumenical church uniting United Methodist, Presbyterian Church (USA), United Church of Christ, and Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). 703-620-3065 or www.unitedchristianparish.org.

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road in Herndon, has Sunday Worship Service at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery and childcare are available during worship services. Youth and Adult Sunday School is held Sundays from 9:40-10:45 a.m. 703-437-5500 or www.trinityherndon.org.

Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road in Herndon, has worship services at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sundays, with a Latino service on Saturdays at 7 p.m. 703-793-0026 or www.florisumc.org.

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

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

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



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Relay for Life

Charlie and Mary Saunders helping long-time Reston civic leader Tom Wilkins do survivors laps on the track at SLHS at Saturday's Relay for Life. All three are members of Grateful Living team. Charlie is the team Captain.

Relay for Life volunteers use human-powered vehicle to prepare luminaria with cancer victim names for lighting and after dark memorial.

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Running, Walking for a Cause

The 10th Annual Run/Walk To Break The Silence On Ovarian Cancer was held on Saturday, May 12 at the Reston Town Center. Nearly 2,000 participants raised \$200,000 for the cause.

From left, Marilyn Magistro and Patty Tracy. Marilyn is a nine-year survivor and Patty recently lost her mom to ovarian cancer.



From left, Katie McWilliam (daughter), Sue McWilliam (mother), Mary and Jon Halsall (wife and husband). Sue is a one-year survivor and Mary is a fourteen-year survivor.



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ENTERTAINMENT

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FRIDAY/MAY 18

21st Annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. 5-8 p.m. Reston Town Center, 12001 Market St., Reston. 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.

Voce Chamber Singers Spring Concert. 7:30 p.m. St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. "Hard Times Come Again No More," with music by Eric Whitacre, Franz Schubert, Simon & Garfunkel, Craig Hella Johnson, Doyle Lawson and more. Directed by Dr. Kenneth Nafziger. Adults \$23, seniors \$18, age 24 and under \$8. 703-277-7772 or info@voce.org.

Jazz Dessert Concert. 7:30 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. With the South Lakes High School Jazz Hawks and the Langston Hughes Middle School Jazz Ensemble. \$15, \$8 students, age 5 and under free with adult. www.SouthLakesBand.org.

Herndon Author Ron Culbertson. 6-8 p.m. Barnes and Noble, 1851 Fountain Drive, Reston. Book signing with the author of "Do it Well, Make it Fun: The Key to Success in Life, Death, and Almost Everything in Between." 703-437-9490.

"The Wizard of Oz." 7 p.m. Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St., Herndon. With 38 actors from HMS and local elementary schools and a real 'Toto.' Music performed by Herndon High and Herndon Middle orchestra members. \$8. 703-904-4976.

SATURDAY/MAY 19

Shelter House Hoedown. 7-11 p.m. Fairfax Hunt Club, 1321 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. BBQ, dancing, auction and more. events@shelterhouse.org.

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FISH Fling Gala. 7 p.m. Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport Hotel, 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon. Music, dancing, games and prizes, auctions, dinner and dessert. Proceeds assist Herndon-Reston residents experiencing short-term emergencies. fish@herndonrestonfish.org.

5K RUN/3Mile and 1 Mile Walks. 8 a.m. Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Herndon. Health and wellness, hula hoop contest, children's activities, food, zumba, games and more. Proceeds benefit the clinic. cjameson@jsfreeclinic.org.

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SUNDAY/MAY 20

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Mosaic Harmony Choir. 4 p.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Silent auction beginning at 3:30 p.m. \$25-\$30, under age 12 free. www.mosaicarmony.org or 703-764-8061.

10th Annual Senior Senior Prom. 2-4 p.m. St. Joseph's Hall, 750 Peachtree St., Herndon. For all area residents age 50 years and up. Dress: prom attire. Sponsored by The Rotary Clubs of Herndon and Reston. Free. Featuring The Loudoun Jazz Ensemble and The 8 Week Wonders Swing Dancers. Reserve at 703-904-8528.

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Fairfax Edges South Lakes Baseball in Final Inning

King homers for Seahawks, knocks in four runs.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

In a hard-fought road contest for the South Lakes High baseball team, the Seahawks were defeated last Tuesday night, May 8 by the Fairfax Rebels, who came from behind in the bottom of the seventh inning to win the Liberty District game 8-7.

The Seahawks, playing at Fairfax, opened the scoring with some power in the second inning. First baseman Kyle King led off that frame with a solo home run over the left field fence. South Lakes pitcher Bobby Rae Allen (3-for-3 batting on the night) followed with a double to center and was promptly plated by first-pitch swinging designated hitter Austin Gibbons, who sent an offering to the trees beyond the center field fence for a home run to put the Seahawks up 3-0.

South Lakes scored another run in the top of the third as King (4 RBI for the game) singled home Ryan Forrest, who had led off the inning with a walk. That four-run lead was short-lived, however, as the Rebels stormed back for three runs of their own in the bottom of the third. They added two more in the fifth and one in the sixth to take a 6-4 lead into the final inning.

The Seahawks answered with three runs of their own in the top of the seventh to take a 7-6 lead. JoJo Lear led off with a walk and moved to second when Hayden Hall legged out an infield single. Moving to the top of the order, Forrest executed a sacrifice to move the runners to second and third.

A fielder's choice struck by Jared Abelson followed and resulted in a close call at the plate, but Lear was called out. Senior Billy McLaughlin was hit by a pitch, moving Abelson to second and Hall to third. King then singled to score both runners. McLaughlin was brought around by Allen's subsequent single (his third hit of the contest), making the score 7-6 Seahawks.

The Rebels, however, rallied for two runs in their final at-bats to win the game.

A WEEK EARLIER the Seahawks dropped two games against elite Liberty District teams Madison and Stone Bridge.

The highlight from Tuesday's game (May 1) against Madison (13-5) was the first pitch being thrown out by Dr. Alli Guleria, of Seahawk baseball Grand Slam sponsor Guleria Orthodontics.

As for the game, after a nice sliding catch by freshman catcher Jared Abelson on a failed Madison sacrifice bunt in the first inning, the Seahawks defense, with junior pitcher Bobby Rae Allen on the mound, struggled with several errors en route to a 13-0 loss.

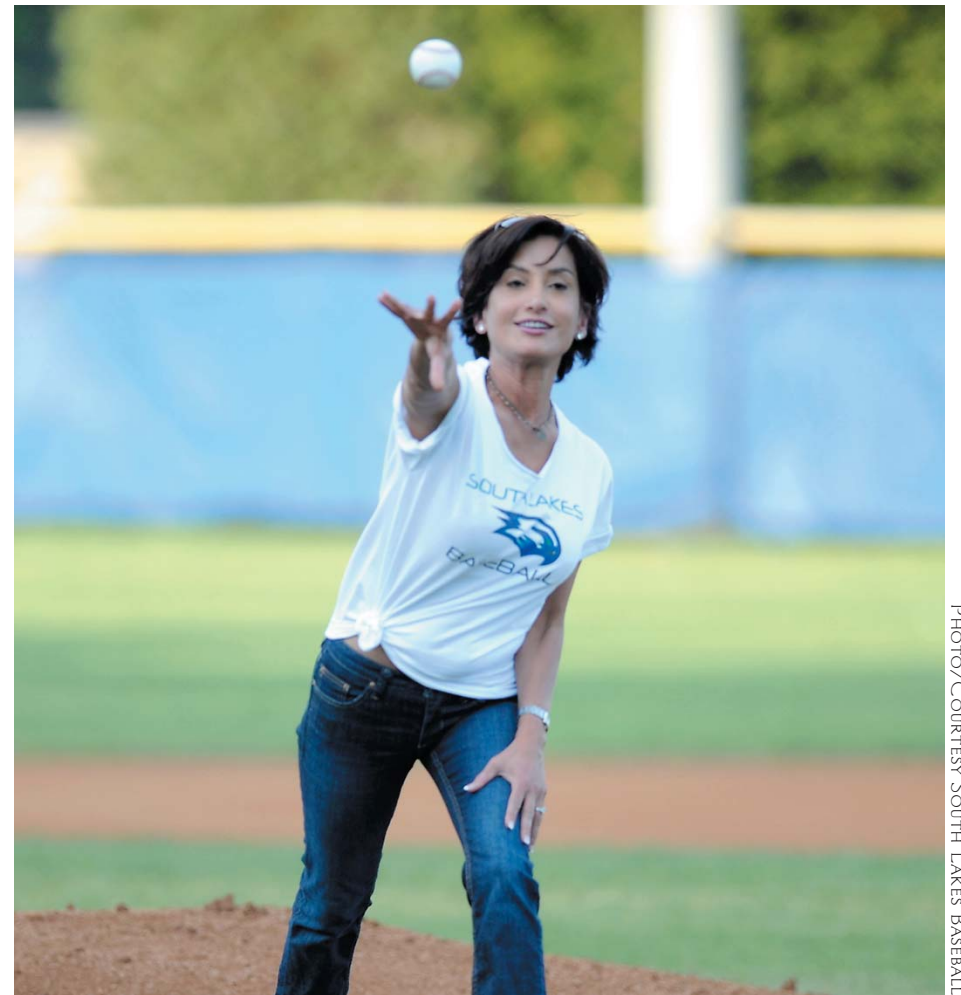
Friday's game against the Stone Bridge Bulldogs (13-4) on May 4, saw a much stronger defensive effort by the Seahawks. But the offense could only muster four hits in a 6-0 loss. Sophomore Justin Cosing led the South Lakes offense with two hits with Abelson and junior Austin Gibbons adding singles. Senior pitcher Billy McLaughlin pitched a complete game and got some defensive help by a diving catch in left field by junior Hayden Hall.

South Lakes Loses Tough One to Langley

For the second time this season, the South Lakes Seahawks baseball team battled the Langley Saxons (9-7 record) but came up just short in a 5-3 loss. The Liberty District game took place April 27 at Langley.

Despite knocking out eight hits, the Seahawks couldn't get enough timely hits to pull the game out. It was a gritty effort by Seahawks pitcher Billy McLaughlin, who pitched a complete game. Offensively, South Lakes was led by Ryan Forrest, who had three hits, including a double to lead off the game. Unfortunately for the Seahawks, they couldn't move him around as they ended the inning leaving a runner in scoring position - the first of six for the night.

After falling behind 3-0 in the first inning, South Lakes broke through with an RBI single by McLaughlin in the third inning. The Seahawks' defense kept the game close



PHOTO/COURTESY SOUTH LAKES BASEBALL

Prior to South Lakes' baseball game versus visiting Madison on Tuesday, May 1, Dr. Alli Guleria of Guleria Orthodontics, a grand slam sponsor of the Seahawks' baseball program, threw out the first pitch. (It was a called strike).

- thanks to a diving catch by Hayden Hall at the wall in left field, and a leaping grab of a line drive by second baseman Matt Wojciechowski.

After the Saxons tacked on another run in the fifth to take a 4-1 lead, the Seahawks responded with two runs in the sixth inning. The inning started with a leadoff double off the left field wall by Kyle King, who eventually scored on an errant throw by the pitcher. Austin Gibbons' RBI groundout got South Lakes back within one run.

After an insurance run by Langley in the bottom of the sixth inning, the Seahawks had two men reach base in the top of the

seventh but stranded them to end the game.

But earlier in the week, a King home run led the Seahawks in a 9-5 district road win over the Thomas Jefferson Colonials on Tuesday, April 24. The Seahawks got off to a fast start on a two-run home run by King, his second homer in as many games.

Bobby Rae Allen worked around two first inning hits by the Colonials (2-11), thanks to a double play started and completed by senior third baseman Austin Schweppe, and a caught-stealing throw by freshman catcher Jared Abelson. Allen pitched four solid innings and helped his own cause by picking off two runners at first base.

The Seahawks scored in each of the first six innings and took a 4-2 lead in the third inning on an RBI single by Schweppe that scored Lear.

South Lakes extended the lead to 6-3 in the fourth inning thanks to doubles by Austin Gibbons and Ryan Forrest and an RBI by Lear. Allen gave up two earned runs in four innings and was relieved by Lear in the fifth inning. After the first two Colonials reached base, catcher Abelson picked off the runner straying too far from second base to halt the rally.

The Seahawks tacked on two more runs in the fifth inning, thanks to a two-run RBI double by Allen. In the seventh inning, South Lakes brought in senior Billy McLaughlin to preserve the win for Allen and the Seahawks.

Herndon High Lacrosse Wins District Honors

Both the Herndon High girls' and boys' lacrosse teams were well-represented in recent All-Concorde District selection recognition for the spring season. The All-District Teams were announced during the half-time intermissions of last Friday night's Concorde District girls' and boys' finals games at Chantilly High School. The Oakton High girls won their title game contest in the double-header championship night's first game with a victory over Centreville. In the nightcap finals game,

the Oakton boys defeated Westfield.

The following Herndon Hornet girls' players received All-District honors: Rachel Delontagne (First Team Midfield); Nikki Russel (Second Team Midfield); Caroline Mann (Second Team Midfield); Gillian Linden (Second Team Defense); Sarah Suter (Honorable Mention Attack); Katherine Wilson (Honorable mention Attack); Alexis Duke (Honorable Mention Midfield); Ellen Cranley (Honorable Mention Defense); Hannah Boysko (Honorable Mention Defense); Kate Morries (Honorable Mention

Defense); Bridget Newell (Honorable Mention Goalie).

The following Herndon boys' players received All-District honors: Sam Skillman (First Team Attack); Chris Glazier (First Team); Patrick O'Bryan (Second Team); Ryan McLaughlin (Honorable Mention Midfield); Austin Miller (Honorable Mention Midfield); Spencer Wilson (Honorable Mention Midfield); Paul Hubble (Honorable Mention Goalie).

— RICH SANDERS

OPINION

Blame Game with the Silver Line

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

After waiting 50 years for the rail link down the median reserved for it from Dulles Airport to Falls Church, construction finally began. Many actually believed it would be a reality shortly. Now, it is less certain. The same parties who delayed the project for many years are at it again, engaged in finger pointing, blocking Phase 2. In fact, the only thing being competently done is the Phase 1 construction, which is on schedule and on budget—thanks to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA).

The Silver Line's design was deeply flawed before the job of building it was passed to MWAA by former Governor Kaine. The design process was hijacked by the land barons in Tysons Corner, resulting in a design serving Tysons Corner, but travel from Dulles to DC and vice versa not so much. Four stops in Tysons will leave travelers from DC and the Airport looking for alternatives to Metrorail. The line is routed around, not through, Reston's Town Center, and the train won't exactly take passengers to the Dulles terminal. It will drop them up the road to save a few bucks. The design screw-ups are courtesy of Fairfax County mostly, with an assist from the Feds.

Now, the main focus of inaction is on Phase 2, the part from Wiehle Avenue almost to the Airport. Now, we have a fight going on among Fairfax County, Loudoun County, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Feds to avoid paying reasonably proportional (to benefits) shares of the cost. As my friend Terry Maynard of the Reston Citizens Association recently pointed out in an excellent white paper and open



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letter to U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, the cost of Phase 2 is being dropped squarely on Restonians and other toll road users—a 75 percent of the \$2.8 billion estimated Phase 2 price. Toll road users will see the current \$2.25 one-way toll double in the next year, “triple by 2018 and continue spiraling upward to \$18.75 in 2048.” Terry argues this is grossly unfair. It

may be. But, this kind of pricing could serve as a strong incentive to get folks out of their cars and onto the train, a more effective congestion reducer.

Now those responsible for the mess seek to blame MWAA for the massive toll increases. MWAA was given the construction task by Virginia, but no revenue authority other than tolls to go with it. Gov. McDonnell now confirms that Virginia will pay little or nothing. Loudoun is threatening to drop out of the project altogether. The Fairfax Supervisors are ignoring the pleas of citizens about the toll burden. Having fouled up the design, their work is apparently done. And the Feds? Ask Congressmen Wolf, Connolly and Moran. These are your guilty parties, not MWAA.

Tom Davis and McDonnell even blame a Project Labor Agreement, a big positive factor in getting Phase 1 done right/on time. A PLA assures labor gets treated fairly—thus annoying Republicans. It's time for the bad actors to stop pointing fingers at MWAA and labor, and start taking responsibility.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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voters to exercise their right to vote were again denied by the Republican-controlled Fairfax Electoral Board on a 2-1 party line vote after a secret meeting.

Sadly, the Republican-controlled General Assembly, including Fairfax Republican Delegates Hugo, Rust, Albo, Le Munyon and Comstock and the Republican-controlled State Electoral Board have repeatedly refused to simplify the mailed-in absentee voting process and conform it to the process mandated by Federal law for overseas voters.

The 400 cases referenced by Mr. Kenny overwhelmingly represent citizens who have felony convictions and attempted to register or vote. In 48 other states, those citizens' right to vote would have been automatically restored upon completion of their punishment. Not in Virginia, where a Governor's action is required to restore voting rights. A reckless driving conviction can cost you your right to vote. So can a conviction for graffiti.

While eye-catching, the Holder incident cited was a total fabrication by convicted criminal James O'Keefe who has engaged in repeated right-wing hoaxes.

As voting rights hero, Rep. John Lewis, reminded Paul Ryan on the floor of Congress last week, Lewis's friends and colleagues died in this country to secure the right to vote. It is shameful that the party of Lincoln has determined that it can only win elections by depriving our fellow citizens of their inalienable right to vote. Fairfax Democrats are committed to protecting your right to vote.

We encourage every voter to vote early by in-person absentee

ballot this Fall. There are 16 different reasons that will enable you to vote early and in person. One of them will apply to almost every voter in Fairfax. For information see fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm#inperson

A long list of identification documents may be used to vote in this fall but a photo id, contrary to Mr. Kenny's claim, is not mandatory.

Cesar Del Aguila,
Chair Fairfax County Democrats

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Whatever I thought was only happening in my head – or not, or was really happening physically – or not, is the muddled description of the thoughts and emotions that this cancer survivor/cancer patient-still-receiving-treatment feels every time I make a 24/7 self assessment (which is often). An assessment that seems to have a mind of its own, and one which is mostly beyond my control to prevent/manage its ugly head from rearing whenever it pleases. As much as I pretend, as much as I deny, as much as I compartmentalize, any and every thing that happens to me happens in the context of having cancer. Any misstep, physically or emotionally, real or imagined always brings me back to the elephant in every room in every house; in fact, that metaphorical elephant is in every closet, every drawer, on every television channel and radio station; home or on the road; everywhere; especially and of course predominantly, in my head, and originally in my lungs and mediastinum, where it still remains, "stable," for the moment.

Whatever strategy I have employed in an attempt to manipulate my circumstances, to prevent cancer from getting the best of me emotionally, always suffers a setback after a visit to my oncologist. As much as I've tried to make light of these appointments over the last three years, having heart-to-heart, life-and-death conversations with YOUR cancer doctor, one who has already told you that he "can't cure you, that he can only treat you," is unsettling at best and downright depressing and mind-numbing at worst. Facing one's own mortality at age 57 conjures two quotes from Curly Howard of The Three Stooges, a famous one and a funny one: "I'm a victim of soycumstance," and "I'm too young to die, too handsome; well, too young, anyway."

Laughing in the face of adversity has been an ongoing and overriding pursuit of mine since being diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer in February, 2009. Not that my circumstances are anything to laugh about but, oddly enough, crying about them or "woeing" is me about them is a bit of a tired pursuit – for me. Sure I've cried and been curious why a lifelong non-smoker with no immediate family history of cancer could be diagnosed with a terminal disease at age 54, a mere eight weeks after burying my widowed mother. Nevertheless, life goes on, and it has, as I've now outlived my original prognosis by years, causing my oncologist to say to me at the end of my most recent appointment (and the one I may be overreacting to in this column): "It's been a privilege treating you." Words, as I say, "to live by."

Where I'm going in this column is a place I've never been: a new phase in my treatment, with new medications, new side effects, new consequences and new worries; all of which are unknown and unfamiliar to me. Presumably all of the above are simply more of the same – only different, if you know what I mean – (things I can handle, just calling them different things) meaning my concerns are more in my head than they are in my body. But I really won't know until I've lived it. For the moment, I can only anticipate it. Knowing what I knew is much preferred to not knowing what's new. And what lies ahead is definitely new. I can't say anymore: "been there and done that" – I can only say that I'm glad – and privileged, to still be doing anything.

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NEWS

FISH Fling 2012 to Honor Volunteers

Herndon-Reston FISH (Friendly Sympathetic Instant Help) will be holding its 7th Annual Fling on Saturday, May 19, at the Crowne Plaza Dulles Airport Hotel in Herndon. The festivities will begin at 6 p.m. with appetizers, games, photo booth and Silent Auction items. This will be followed by a seated dinner and dance music by the Free Tom band. The live auction will feature some extra special items and Delegate Tom Rust will serve as the auctioneer this year. Reservations are still available at \$85 each (\$45 tax deductible). For reservations contact: FISH@HerndonRestonFISH.org

Herndon-Reston FISH is a local nonprofit in operation since 1969. FISH provides residents of Herndon & Reston with Friendly Instant Sympathetic Help when they are experiencing difficulties such as threatened power disconnection or eviction due to falling behind in their payments. FISH also helps with other emergency needs such as prescriptions, auto repair and transportation to medical appointments. Clients are handled on an individual basis through the Assistance program.

As FISH has each year, a number of volunteers will be honored guests and recognized as Star FISH because of their contributions to FISH. The four individuals being honored this year all have a long history with FISH and have helped in many ways throughout the years. All have shown dedication and generosity to an unusual degree.

Current Treasurer Diane Hardcastle and her husband Jim began in 1980 making assistance calls and picking up furniture. After a few years off Diane began working at the store, The Bargain Loft, as a cashier and since 2009 she has been Treasurer on the Board of Directors. This task became increasingly

complex as FISH experienced considerable growth and record keeping moved fully into the online age.

Chris Griffin has been a long time supporter of FISH and served as a Corporate Member of the Board of Directors for several years. The Griffin-Owens Insurance offices hosted board meetings on a regular basis until this year. Chris and her husband, Don Owens, have made some of the raffle offerings possible. Their ongoing generosity as FISH sponsors helps fund essential assistance work.

Sue Maynard started volunteering at the Bargain Loft in 1981 when it first opened. She ran the toy and vintage toy departments for 15 years. Sue also served on the Board of Directors two different times. She scheduled assistance workers for six years. Sue took a break to teach school then returned in 2003 and has been at The Bargain Loft since. Currently she is the historian and the FISH scrapbooks will be available for viewing at the Fling.

Helen Sellman began working with FISH in 2004 at The Bargain Loft and then began assistance work. She served on the Board of Directors for 3 years during which time she wrote thank you letters and served as Assistance Volunteer Coordinator. Helen continues to work at The Bargain Loft and handles assistance calls on a regular basis, finding this work extremely rewarding.

This year FISH will be honoring a company that has provided significant help over the years, including FISH Fling sponsorship for the last six years. NRTC, the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative, employees have collected food and gifts for Holiday Basket Programs. Each autumn they begin their work and their contributions allow FISH to make the holiday period a bit brighter for many families



From left: Sue Maynard, Diane Hardcastle, Helen Sellman.



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