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From right, Eric Quarnstrom and Jimmy Cirrito of Jimmy's Old Town Tavern hand out a sample of Jimmy's Chicken Stew to Lindsey Jones at the Herndon Farmers Market Thursday, May 16.

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ALEX McVEIGH/
THE CONNECTION



Farmers Market Offers New Activities

Cooking demos, live entertainment, extended hours part of this year's market.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Herndon Farmers Market has returned for the season, in a new location and with new extended hours designed to make shopping for fresh produce and other goods easier. Located on Station Street between Elden Street and Lynn Street, the market features more than a dozen vendors, as well as cooking demonstrations, live entertainment and more.

Jimmy's Old Town Tavern kicked off the cooking demonstrations Thursday, May 16, with owner Jimmy Cirrito and Eric Quarnstrom making batches of chicken stew throughout the day.

"It's the soup my grandmother makes," Cirrito said to customers as he handed out samples. "Or at least she will when I send her the recipe."

The demonstrations will feature ingredients that can be found at the market. The chicken for Jimmy's stew came from just a few feet away, from B and D Poultry. A new vendor this year, they are based out of Markham, Va. They currently offer chicken, with turkey, geese and duck to come, as well as a variety of different eggs.

"We come from a 35-acre farm in the Blue Ridge foothills," said Jesse Kopach, of B and D. "We're well known here for the different eggs we sell, turkey, duck, quail and goose eggs, as well as chicken. The taste isn't hugely different, some have a bolder flavor, especially. Some of our customers swear by duck eggs when they're cooking."

Sweet Thang Bakery, based in Fredericksburg, of-

Market Entertainment

There will be several kinds of live entertainment during the summer at the Herndon Farmers Market. On June 13, guitarist Jim Toye will perform a variety of classic rock hits. On July 11, guitarist Al Robertson will play rock, blues and jazz.

Starting July 11, there will be family fun days featuring a wide selection of acts.

July 11 — Paul Hadfield: The Funny Guy, comedy and magic that amazes and delights all ages.

July 18 — Wild Safari, animals of the world: Exotic reptiles, birds and more.

July 25 — Zoo to You, live animals.

Aug. 1 — Jake the Magician, comedy and magic for all ages.

Aug. 8 — Rich Potter Four Eyes, comedian.

Aug. 15 — Rocknoceros, Herndon's favorite child-friendly power trio!

Aug. 22 — Now This! Interactive musical children's theatre.

Aug. 29 — Grandsons Jr., an upbeat mix of Americana music for children and parents.

fers a variety of dessert treats. They start baking every Wednesday at 4 p.m., so items at the Herndon Farmers Market are less than 24-hours old.

"We have cupcakes, muffins, cookies, which people always enjoy. Later we'll have brownies and some other items," said Matthias Smith of Sweet Thang Bakery. "The salted caramel cupcake has been one of our most popular items so far."

The first few weeks have featured a selection of greens, spring onions, radishes and more, with tomatoes, apples and berries coming later in the summer.

Currently there are also plants for sale, including flowers, fresh herbs, tomatoes and more.

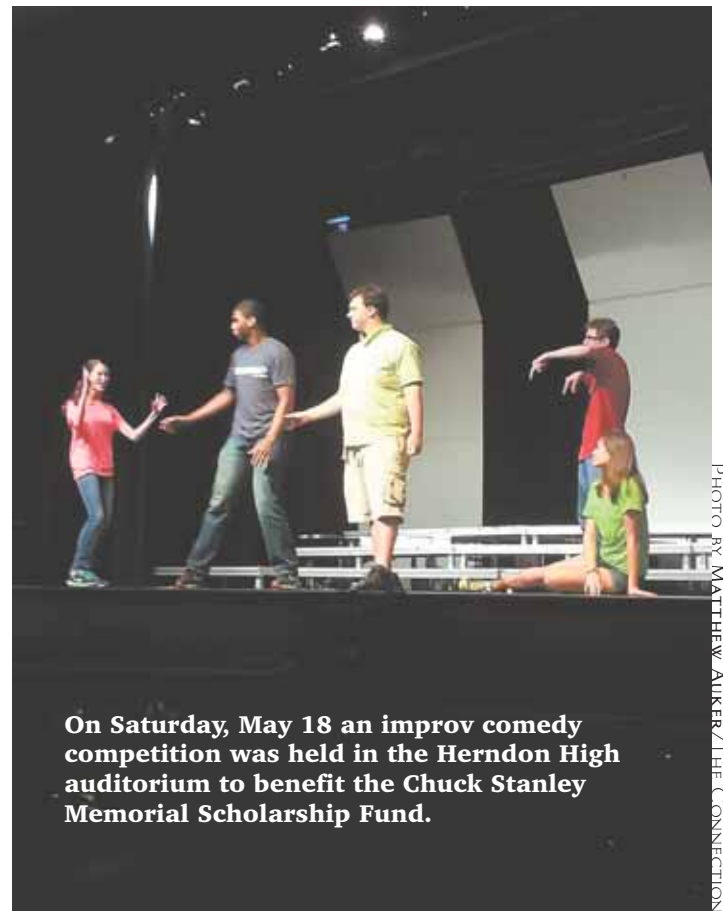
"Over the past few years, if I wanted to get to the market, I'd have to try and steal away from work on an early lunch, which wasn't always possible. More often than not, I'd get there as the market was closing down, and I ended up just going to Reston or somewhere else later in the week," said Bill Wynn, who works in Herndon. "Since they're open until 12:30 this year, I've been able to make it every week, and it's a market I like supporting."

This year's market will also feature live concerts on June 13 and July 11, as well as family-friendly live entertainment from July 11 to Aug. 29.

The Herndon Farmers Market will take place every Thursday through October from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



From left, Jesse Kopach and Parth Sambamurti of B and D Poultry at the Herndon Farmers Market Thursday, May 16.



On Saturday, May 18 an improv comedy competition was held in the Herndon High auditorium to benefit the Chuck Stanley Memorial Scholarship Fund.

PHOTO BY MATTHEW AUKEER/THE CONNECTION

Herndon High Presents 'Improvathon'

The event honors Chuck Stanley.

BY MATTHEW AUKEER
THE CONNECTION

For the past four years the Stanley family has been awarding a scholarship to a Herndon High School theatre arts student in memory of their son and brother, Chuck Stanley. This year, the HHS Drama Department decided to show their thanks.

On Saturday, May 18 an improv comedy competition was held in the Herndon High auditorium to benefit the Chuck Stanley Memorial Scholarship Fund. Featuring teams from both Herndon and Mount Vernon High Schools, and hosted by the local theatre club "Let's Talk Comedy," the event brought together current and former Herndon drama students for a worthy cause.

A 1982 graduate of Herndon with a lifelong passion for theatre, Chuck Stanley passed away in January of 2006. With the Stanley family looking for a way to commemorate Chuck, then-Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis suggested a scholarship fund for local theatre students. The Stanleys dove right in and the first fundraiser was

held at the Lazy Susan Dinner Theatre in Woodbridge in 2009. Chuck had appeared at the Lazy Susan for over 18 years, and the theatre has co-sponsored the scholarship fund since its inception.

The "improvathon" was organized by Herndon junior Hunter Robinson, a drama student that has seen firsthand the impact the Stanley family has had on the program—his sister is a former recipient of the scholarship. "They've been really helpful to theatre students for a long time, so we just wanted to give back," explained Robinson.

The event featured six rounds of various improv games, with sporadic performances by "Let's Talk Comedy." The Herndon A team emerged as the winner in a night full of laughs for students, parents and alumni alike.

Chuck's mother, Diane Stanley, explained the selection process for the awardee. "People send applications to us, I read them, my husband reads them and my sons read them. We all say at the same time who we pick, and it's always been the same."

Those wishing to donate can send checks made out to "John Chuck Stanley-Gonzales Scholarship" to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley, 320 Missouri Ave., Herndon, VA 20170.

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NEWS

Herndon Joins Bike to Work Day

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

On Friday, May 17, the Town of Herndon hosted a bike pit stop close between the Herndon Depot Train Museum and old Town Hall, just off the W&OD trail.

Herndon's bike pit stop was one of 70 pit stops throughout D.C., Maryland and Virginia where bikers could receive refreshments and have their bikes serviced in case they needed repair. Town Mayor Lisa Merkel and several town council members stopped by as the morning progressed.

This was all part of Bike To Work Day, the annual celebration of commuting to work using two wheels instead of a car. The Washington Area Bicyclist Association reports more than 14,000 people registered for the event, up from the 12,000 who signed up last year.

Participants were encouraged to register for the event and then check in at one of the pit stops. According to the director of the Herndon Park and Recreation De-



Herndon Town Council member C. Melissa Jonas stands with Tom Merce, Town of Herndon zoning administrator.

partment, Cindy S. Roeder, the Town of Herndon went from 277 registered riders last year to 303 registered riders this year.

"This is our fifth year in Herndon," said Roeder. "The point is to get people to realize that biking is an alternative to get to work. In addition it is a great opportunity to get some exercise and get outside. It is good for the environment and good for people's health."

The biking store A-1 Cycling was the first bike shop sponsor for the Town of Herndon and helped begin the Herndon bike pit stop. In 2013, the bike and coffee shop Green Lizard Cycling opened a lease at the Nachman Building in downtown Herndon on 718 Lynn St. "We now have two great supports in Green Lizard and in A-1. We also have community groups that come and participate," said Roeder. "We have a great represen-

PHOTOS BY RYAN DUNN/THE CONNECTION



Cindy Roeder (left) helps John Rosenberger check into the Herndon bike station on Friday, May 17, Bike To Work Day.

tation of people who are passionate about biking."

Brad Kendall, an employee at Green Lizard, was working at the store's booth. "From 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. was our busiest period. Since we are a new shop, being here helps expose our name to the community a bit more."

MOM's Organic Market also had a booth at the Herndon bike stop. General manager of the Herndon store, J.P. Exon, handed out refreshments including bananas and coconut milk to bike commuters.

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Remembering on Memorial Day

The sacrifices of those who died in war.

1st Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013 in Pul-E-Alam, Afghanistan. Hess was known as “RJ” and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, lacrosse and was the captain of the swim team. He was a U.S. Army Blackhawk helicopter pilot who deployed to Afghanistan on April 11, 2013. His family remembers his sense of humor and his natural leadership ability.

Lance Cpl. Niall W. Coti-Sears, 23, of Arlington, died June 23, 2012, while conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan. Coti-Sears loved music, played the guitar, composed songs and entertained family and friends at holiday gatherings. Niall was very close to his grandfather, William Coti, who was a Marine. “He was always my protege,” William Coti told the Arlington Connection. “He always wanted to be a Marine and he followed my example. It weighs heavily on me that this had to happen.”

Chief Warrant Officer Five John C. Pratt, 51, of Springfield, died May 28, 2012 in Kabul, Afghanistan, of wounds sustained when his helicopter crashed. Staff Sgt. Jessica M. Wing, 42, of Alexandria, died Aug. 27, 2012 in Kuwait City, Kuwait.

In February, 2012, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war on terror. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

ON MEMORIAL DAY, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. Military service members have been wounded, although that number is likely to be revised upward. Last year, the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the more than 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan. The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care and services for both active duty military personnel and veterans.

Virginia’s U.S. Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine recently signed a letter along with other senators detailing the delays veterans face: “After a decade of war, and despite the VA’s efforts to modernize, more than 600,000 veterans are still stuck in the VA’s disability claims backlog. While the average wait time for first time disability claims currently ranges between 316 and 327 days, veterans in certain parts of the country are waiting even longer. Solving this problem is critical for veterans of all generations.”

OTHER VIRGINIA DEATHS in Afghanistan since last Memorial Day: Sgt. Aaron X. Wittman, 28, of



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Lance Cpl. Niall Coti-Sears of Arlington was killed June 23, 2012, in Afghanistan.

Chester, died Jan. 10, 2013 from small arms fire. Sgt. David J. Chambers, 25, of Hampton, died Jan. 16, 2013 from a roadside bomb. Sgt. Robert J. Billings, 30, of Clarksville, died Oct. 13, 2012 when enemy forces attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Jonathan P. Schmidt, 28, of Petersburg, died Sept. 1, 2012 from enemy small arms fire. 1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicky, 24, of Lexington, died June 27, 2012, from a roadside bomb.

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

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

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbatt, 28 of Prince George, died on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan from a roadside bomb. Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of Virginia Beach, died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, died Jan. 10, 2012 in Afghanistan. Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, died Dec. 14, 2011 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu in Iraq. Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Afghanistan. Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton died April 23, 2011 in combat in Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, after being been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

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

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan.

Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. His application to become a Marine was denied because of his age, but he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

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

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

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son’s death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in the confusion of a firefight. In, April, 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son’s death and a subsequent cover-up, according to Tom Jackman of the Washington Post.

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

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

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother’s death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), an organization which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen. This Memorial Day weekend, TAPS will bring together survivors in Arlington for the 18th National Military Survivor seminar, along with a “good grief” camp for children who have lost a parent.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

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

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

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

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

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11.

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

Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

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

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

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

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ENTERTAINMENT

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

THURSDAY/MAY 23

Reston's First Architects. 7-9 p.m., at the Jo Ann Rose Gallery, Reston Community Center Lake Anne, 1609 Washington Plaza N., Reston. A free talk produced by the Reston Historic Trust and Reston Museum on Lake Anne, Hickory, Waterview, Coleson and Golf Course Island Clusters; panelists Harold Linton, Barbara Naef, Richard Speier, Cheryl Terio-Simon and Ralph Youngren illuminate the topic as wine and appetizers are served. 703-709-7700 or www.restonmuseum.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 24

The Reagan Years. 6:30-10:30 p.m., at the Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. This band of seasoned musicians recreates the sounds of the 1980s. TRY's stage show creates a party atmosphere filled with fun college and high school memories. www.herndonrocks.com.

Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit." 8 p.m., at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. In the midst of covert research for a forthcoming novel, writer Charles Condomine and his second wife, Ruth, host a séance with local medium Madame Arcati. The Condomines think it all bogus—until Elvira, Charles' first wife, drops in from the afterlife. \$25; \$15 for students. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststage tysons.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 25

Cathy Ponton King: Blues and Sweet Ballads. 7 p.m., at the Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Cathy Ponton King and his team will perform some blues and ballads at VIVA! VIENNA!. 703-255-4742 or info@vivavienna.org.

Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit." 2 p.m., 8 p.m., at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. In the midst of covert research for a forthcoming novel, writer Charles Condomine and his second wife, Ruth, host a séance with local medium Madame Arcati. The Condomines think it all bogus—until Elvira, Charles' first wife, drops in from the afterlife. \$25; \$15 for students. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststage tysons.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 26

Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit." 2 p.m., 7 p.m., at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. In the midst of covert research for a



Arachne Aerial Arts (pictured) teams up with In-Flight Theater to present "Aloft!"—elevated performances in the eaves of the Reston Town Center Pavilion transforming it into a flying sculpture garden.

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THURSDAY/MAY 30

NVHC Speaker Series. 8 p.m., at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Leonard Saxe, Klutznick Professor of Contemporary Jewish Studies and director of the Cohen Center for Jewish Modern Studies and the Steinhart Social Research Institute at Brandeis University, speaks on "The Future of Liberal Judaism in America: What We Can Learn from the Birthright Israel Generation." www.nhcrc.org.

Herndon Festival Golf

Tournament. 8:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Herndon Centennial Golf Course, 909 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Participants are eligible to win raffle prizes, including restaurant gift cards, overnight stays at premier hotels and golf outings; refreshments included. Discounted member individual: \$150; discounted member foursome: \$600; prospective member individual: \$175; prospective member foursome: \$700. <http://business.dullesregionalchamber.org/Events/details/golf-tournament->

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THURSDAY/MAY 30-SUNDAY/JUNE 2

Herndon Festival 2013. 6-10 p.m. Thursday; 5-11 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, in Downtown Herndon, 777 Lynn St., Herndon. The 33rd annual celebration features a festival with carnival rides and games, live entertainment, fireworks on Thursday and Saturday, an arts and crafts show, children's hands-on art activities and entertainment, 10K and 5K races at the Herndon Community Center, a model railway exhibit and international foods; get the whole schedule on the website. http://www.herndonfestival.net/?utm_source=May+Newsletter&utm_campaign=May+2013+Newsletter&utm_medium=email

FRIDAY/MAY 31

Hunger Banquet. 6:30 p.m., at South Lakes High School in the cafeteria, 11400 S. Lakes Dr., Reston. Girls Learn International presents the meal in which guests are assigned to a high, low or middle income table and eat a meal of corresponding quality and size; the dinner illustrates the distribution of food and hunger in the world and personalizes the reality and commonness of world hunger. \$10; children under 5 eat free. slhsgirlslearn@gmail.com.

WEEK IN HERNDON

Memorial Day Observance at Chestnut Grove

The Wayne M. Kidwell American Legion Post 184, in cooperation with the Town of Herndon, will be holding their Annual Memorial Day Observance at the Chestnut Grove Cemetery, 831 Dranesville Road, Herndon on Monday, May 27, at 10 a.m. This year's program will feature the Herndon Naval Junior ROTC Color Guard and Dr. Duane Young, Maj. US Army (Ret.) as this year's guest speaker.

The Avenue of Flags will be displayed from morning to dusk at the Chestnut Grove Cemetery. The Avenue of Flags now consists of 57 veteran casket flags displayed from the main gate to the side gate. Each flag has a marker identifying the veteran. This display can be viewed on foot or from a car.

For more information regarding the ceremony, call Post Commander David Kirby at 703-481-6189.

Town of Herndon Holiday Schedule

Town of Herndon government offices and services will be impacted by the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 27, as follows:

Town offices—closed Monday, May 27.

Refuse collection—refuse will not be collected. Refuse normally collected on Monday will be collected Tuesday, May 28.

Herndon Community Center: Open 8 a.m.-8 p.m. No classes will be held.

Herndon Centennial Golf Course: Open 6 a.m.-dark.

Memorial Day observance: Chestnut Grove Cemetery, 10 a.m. Avenue of Flags, Herndon Naval Junior ROTC Color Guard. Guest speaker: Dr. Duane Young, Maj. US Army (Ret.). For more information, call 703-481-1200.



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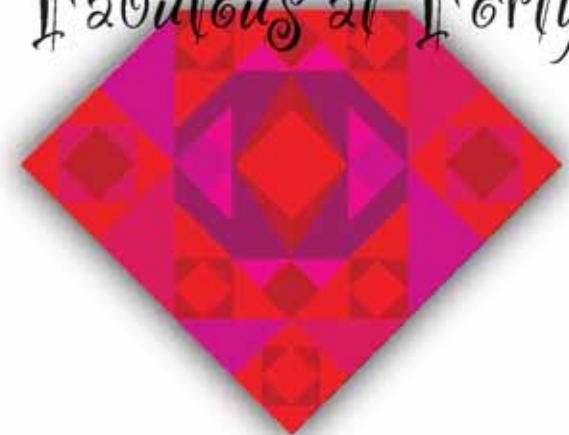
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SPORTS

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South Lakes junior Jhonny DeSouza leaps for the ball against Langley in the Liberty District championship game on May 17.

South Lakes Boys' Soccer Wins Liberty District Title

The South Lakes boys' soccer team defeated Langley 3-1 in the Liberty District championship game on May 17 at McLean High School.

The victory improved South Lakes' record to 15-1 and extended its winning streak to 15 games. The

Seahawks haven't lost since dropping their season opener to T.C. Williams on March 14.

South Lakes host Yorktown in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline.



Suliman Dainkeh (7) and Elvin Arbaiza (22) compete for South Lakes during the Liberty District championship game against Langley on May 17.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Langley Boys', Girls' Lax Reach Region Semifinals

After losing 10-2 to Madison in the Liberty District championship game, the Langley boys' lacrosse team bounced back with a 17-2 victory over Washington-Lee in the first round of regionals on May 14 and a 20-9 win against South County in the quarterfinals on May 16.

Langley will face Chantilly in the semifinals on Wednesday, May 22 in a rematch of three of the last four AAA state championship games, each won by the Saxons.

The Langley girls' lacrosse team will face Westfield in the region semifinals on Wednesday after beating Woodson 16-8 in the quarterfinals.

Herndon Softball to Compete at Regionals

The Herndon softball team lost to Chantilly 12-3 in the Concorde District tournament semifinals on May 17, but the Hornets will compete in the Northern Region tournament, starting on Friday, May 24.



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Searching for a way to commemorate Paige Saucedo following her passing, ESOL students came up with the idea for a soccer tournament.

Remembering Paige Saucedo

Herndon High hosts annual event in memory of its late teacher.

BY MATTHEW AUKE
THE CONNECTION

The second annual Paige R. Saucedo Memorial ESOL Scholarship Fund Event was held on Saturday, May 18, at Herndon High School. The occasion marked the second anniversary of the sudden passing of Herndon High's English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) department chair, Paige Saucedo.

The overcast weather did nothing to dampen the spirits of the family members, students, faculty and members of the community who showed up in remembrance of Saucedo. Live music, courtesy of several Herndon High musicians, played as students participated in an eight-team round robin soccer tournament. Tables with face painting, games, clothes and BBQ food were set up for attendees, with proceeds going to the scholarship fund.

New to the event this year was a 5K Walk/Run, due in large part to the success of last year's fundraiser. Three one-year scholarships were given out as a result of that event, with organizers hoping to be able to award more this year. "These are kids that wouldn't be going to college otherwise," said Vania Beight, a fellow HHS teacher, explaining that the recipients were picked "based on spirit, grades, work ethic and need."

Saucedo, a beloved member of the HHS community, was known for her outreach and dedication to her students,



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many of whom come from underprivileged backgrounds. She emphasized education as a way to a better life, and dreamed of winning the lottery to set up a scholarship fund. "She really believed in education and reinventing yourself through education. That these kids could be more if given the chance," explained Saucedo's mother, Mek Wagner.

Searching for a way to commemorate Saucedo following her passing, ESOL students came up with the idea for a soccer tournament. While many are avid soccer players, most are unable to participate on school sanctioned athletic teams because of prior familial commitments such as jobs or sibling care. Saucedo would regularly appear at her students' weekend soccer games, so both faculty and students saw a tournament to raise scholarship money in her memory as a fitting tribute.

Rachel Carson Middle Performs Original Show

One act show written and staged by students with assistance of Arena Stage Artists.

BY LAUREN YOUNG
THE CONNECTION

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The students of Rachel Carson Middle School performed an original production this past week. The play, "Grayscale," is one the students wrote and staged with the help of Arena Stage artists.

The students who performed in the show are members of the Voices of Now. At Rachel Carson, this group has a total of 20 performers and four crewmembers. The group rehearses twice a week and on some Saturdays.

Ginger Brassingram, an eighth grade student, describes the show as a group effort: "It's as if we're a pyramid, and if one person is taken away it falls apart." The play is unique in that every character remains on stage the entire length of the show.

This movement-based, one act show focuses on the "gray" area



From left, Audry Schultz, Nam Ton, Elias Lindsey, Kelly Biladeau, Yoshi Kumar in the Rachel Carson Middle School production of "Grayscale."

of many decisions in life. As a line in the play goes, "Sometimes things aren't just black and white; they're gray." The show touched on subjects of politics, sexual orientation, racism and keeping arts in the schools. By centering the script on these topics, the message to the audience was: "It's not about being right or wrong; it's about having different opinions."

The director of the show, Josh Bickford, said one message the play sends is that the characters are "learning to make choices without their parents guiding them."

The students were able to learn a lot about performing, but also learned about themselves along the way while working with Arena Stage artists. Elias Lindsey, an



Seventh grader Scarlett Sullivan.

eighth grade student, expressed performing with these talented actors as being "a good experience that not everyone gets to do." The artists not only taught the students how to act and write their own show, but made them feel comfortable enough to grow as individuals in the process. An eighth grader, Cori Williams, described working with the Arena Stage actors as, "an environment where you can say or do what you feel." Ani Davis, a seventh grade member of the ensemble even said she felt that, "we're all a big family."

The students performed at Rachel Carson Middle School on Thursday, May 16, at 7 p.m., and again on Sunday, May 19, at the Arena Stage at 7:30 p.m.

Remembering

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26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq. Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

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

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

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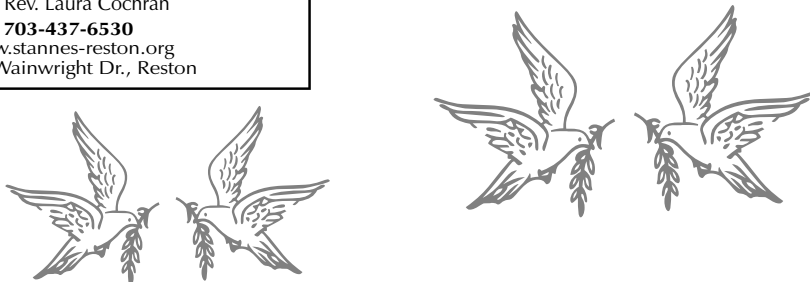
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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

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As I constantly hear radio advertising (and see some of it on television as well, though not nearly as much) from three grass seed companies: Scotts, Pennington's and Rebel, ALL THE TIME, their frequency is beginning to wear my patience thin. So far, their message is not growing on me. Quite the opposite in fact: It's irritating me. Nor am I the least bit green with envy when I hear any of their promotions, comparisons or philosophies. I'm more numb to it. (Now I don't know if that's the neuropathy from the chemotherapy or not but the effect seems identical.)

The competition for the needing-to-/wanting-to-grow-grass public dollar is saturating my already limited capacity to absorb their message. Now whether this saturation is caused by filler or a unique high-tech design, the result is that my brain is getting burnt out by this ceaseless pursuit of fescue perfection. With each attempt to grab hold of my grass-growing greenbacks, it makes me ever more motivated to finally slate-in that patio and/or deck that haul and forget all about planting, seeding, feeding, watering and having ANYTHING to do with growing grass. I don't want to "pave paradise" as Joni Mitchell sang about on "Big Yellow Taxi," but apparently, unlike these seed companies, I have my limits. As my deceased mother, Celia, said about many things that had overloaded her attention span and/or her capacity to tolerate one more syllable: "It's enough already." And she was no stooge. ("Don't call your mother 'she!'" I can still hear my father admonishing me.)

But as I continue to resist the seed companies' desire to pick my pocket and remove my money ("what there is of it"), I'm starting to feel like a bit of a stooge myself for not following through on their promises. I mean, what kind of a moron am I? ("Why? Is there more than one kind?"). If multiple companies are running multiple advertisements on multiple media outlets, there must be a reason, right? Presumably, they're not stupid, and not keen on wasting their hard-earned and hard-fought-for money on a whim and a prayer. It must be the right time of the year. Spring. When young men's fancy turns to – grass seed. Duh. People must be responding to/buying their products, so why isn't yours truly in line with the rest of grass-growing society at the local Lawn & Garden store/section somewhere? I'm the perfect prospect: I own two acres of land and know nothing about anything (especially pertaining to home and yard maintenance) so a reasonably intelligent grouping of words should resonate with me. Who needs more help than I do? (That's a rhetorical question because everyone who knows me knows the answer.)

But here I sit, on the couch, remote in hand, bemoaning all this advertising emphasis on lawn care. I can't be bothered, though I'm bothered by it. Still, I can't worry about it too much. Maybe I'll just wait until I get to the other side. I hear the grass is always greener over there.

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