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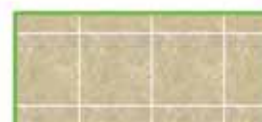
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Artist Frederick Williamson, a wood carver from Crozet, Va. shows a few of his pieces to Mary Jane Czelen at the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival Sunday, May 19.



Debbie Wyatt and Ben Jones examine the photographs of John Scanlan at the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival Sunday, May 19.

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Fine Arts Festival Returns

Annual Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival takes place at Reston Town Center.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Greg Sawyer of Herndon describes himself as an art fan, but says he's a "little intimidated" by it. Still, having recently moved from Texas and living without roommates for the first time in his life, he has an apartment to decorate. That brought him to the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival at Reston Town Center last weekend.

"There's a lot of bare, white walls to fill, and I have no idea about how to make them go together, how to make the place look cohesive, what sort of art blends well, and what doesn't," he said.

"I came here because I figured the artists themselves could help me figure that out, because who has a better sense of aesthetics than an artist?"

Sawyer spent his time at the festival browsing photographs and paintings, only two kinds of art. Hosted by the Greater Reston Arts Center, the festival featured more than 200 artists working in almost every medium imaginable.

Darren Starr of Falls Church said he came to the festival just to browse, but ended up finding a perfect complement to his basement.

"I have a few old arcade games in my basement and it's hard to find functional furniture to go down there," he said. "But then I came across Woody Jones, a wood artist that uses things like old pinball machines and foosball tables to make furniture. I couldn't imagine a more perfect complement to what I've got."

In addition to furniture, clothing, handbags and leather accessories were some of the more functional art present.



Children create art based on templates from around the world at the Children's Art Tent at the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival Sunday, May 19.

"My favorite part of the festival was just the sheer variety of art on display, said Ana Moore of Reston. "I really enjoy more abstract paintings, my husband likes things like photos of Italian coastlines and my sister and brother-in-law really like sculpture. And we all found something to look at and enjoy here."

Another signature feature of the festival was the children's art tent. Located at the Reston Towne Square Park in the western part of Reston Town Center, it featured an exploration of art forms from around the world.

Children participated in making Mehndi art gloves from India, Chinese brush paintings, African masks, Native American totem poles and Hindu Mandalas.

"I thought the Chinese brush painting was the most fun, but I really liked learned about all those art forms," said Ashley Crandell, 13, of Reston. "In school we learned about a lot of art from Europe, but this was something totally different, and was a lot more fun to create than just a painting."

VIEWPOINTS

What Did You Like Most About The Fine Arts Festival?

Carol Ferony, artist from DeFuniak Springs, Fla., standing by one of her oil pastels.

"Being in touch with the art patrons is an important part of this event because it gives them all a chance to meet the artist. For me, I feel like I need to explain my work. To explain the piece brings the work into its own element. That makes it more personal for them, I think."



Chris Yam, international college student from Hong Kong, Reston

"Seeing the creative natures of different artists is what I like most about festivals like this. It's interesting how art can be shown in different ways we have never seen before."

Eddie Aquino, camp counselor, Fairfax

"I like this festival because it has a whole bunch of variety and originality. I'm pretty enlightened by all the art, particularly by the unique sculptures. I get an odd vibe but a good vibe from the atmosphere and the different people. Some people are walking around doing their thing and other people are showing genuine appreciation for the art."



Valerie and Jason Bloomberg, Fairfax

Valerie: "I love it all. The mixed media is always fun to see. Some of it is new and some is regurgitated. We travel around a lot so seeing photographs and landscapes of places we've been, it's like going back."

Jason: "I always enjoy things like this because it allows me to wear this shirt and smoke my pipe."

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Walking the Survivors Lap.

Reston's 'Party With a Cause' Bad weather not a problem at Relay for Life.

BY MATT GILLICK
THE CONNECTION

Despite the inclement weather and a soggy field, hundreds of people still attended the Relay for Life at South Lakes High School Saturday, May 18.

The Master of Ceremonies WTOP's Del Walters proclaimed to the crowd, "We ain't afraid of no stinking rain," a declaration met with cheers. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fundraisers are held all over the country year round with millions of supporters hoping to find a cure for cancer.

THE RELAY FOR LIFE began at 1 p.m. and ended at 8 a.m. the next morning. At the South Lakes athletic field, dozens of tents with families and sponsoring organizations made camp.

Reston locals Sonya and her son Arthur sat outside their campsite. When asked what their favorite part of the relay is, Sonya said: "The Luminaria ceremony is quite beautiful," describing a period of silent reflection remembering those lost to cancer, "Last year there was a small choir singing a hymn. It can get quite emotional." Her son Arthur was happy to be participating in his first Relay for Life with his family.

Cancer survivor Jill Ruoff held back tears as high school sophomore Nicole Frank, whose mother is a cancer survivor, sang Mariah Carey's "Hero" for the opening ceremony. "I've been doing relay for 16 years and it is still special every year," Ruoff explained as she made her way to the start-



Area dignitaries—including Reston founder Robert E. Simon, seated, Janet Howell (D-32) and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill)—joined Relay for Life in Reston last Saturday, May 18.

ing mark for the Survivors Lap.

To officially begin the event survivors from the area walk a lap amongst themselves wearing purple to signify the disease they overcame. At the forefront were local dignitaries State Senator Janet Howell (D-32), Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), as well as the founder of Reston, 99-year-old Robert E. Simon. Howell and Hudgins joined Jill Ruoff and others on the Survivors Lap, receiving hero sashes from their caretakers.

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All the survivors present at Relay for Life.



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Relay for Life

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With music playing on the loudspeakers, the relay was underway once the rest of the supporters filed onto the track. Side-events like arts and crafts and bake sales were spread out across the field.

Watching the event from his tent, Dr. Gary C. Powell said, "Today offers us to come together as a community." Looking around at the festive ambiance Dr. Powell added, "This is like a party with a cause. We have a family friendly event while still making a difference."

AFTER FINISHING their first lap Supervisor Hudgins and Senator Howell, who have both participated in these types of fundraisers, were asked what makes them keep coming back. Supervisor

Hudgins replied, "There is just such a plethora of cancers that it is almost impossible not to be touched by someone who has been affected by the illness."

Hudgins further expanded on the significance of seeing the survivors and admiring their bravery. "They have gone through so much. ... To see them make themselves visible shows that no one suffers alone."

When asked the same question of what motivates her to come back every year, Sen. Howell said, "We still haven't found a cure so we need to keep fighting." Howell also said that she loved to see everyone "so upbeat and lively for such a good cause," showing how we are all still "optimistic in finding a cure is quite inspiring."

The event continued on into the late evening and tired supporters packed up their gear. They left early the next morning, eager to come back next year.

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The participants gather around the Robert E. Simon statue at Lake Anne Plaza to hear the letter from Simon read aloud.

Alarmed Over Crescent Apartments Future

Faith communities and residents host a walk to raise awareness of possible loss of affordable housing.

BY LAUREN YOUNG
 THE CONNECTION

On Sunday, May 19, V.O.I.C.E (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) walked with many residents of Reston, and tenants of Crescent Apartments to raise awareness of affordable housing in Reston and more specifically—plans to redevelop the Crescent Apartments on North Shore Drive from 181 units to much larger 700-900 units. These would be privately developed. The issue that V.O.I.C.E and those who participated in the walk on Sunday are addressing is that many of the current residents would be displaced due to the expensive rent of the new apartments. This could force 80 percent of the residents out of the apartments, and possibly out of Reston.

The walk began in the parking lot behind Coldwell Banker on Temporary Road, continued to Lake Anne Elementary School, stopped at the Robert E. Simon statue in Lake Anne Plaza, and ended in the center of Crescent Apartments. At the different stops along the way, residents and members of V.O.I.C.E. gave short speeches to tell their stories. Some of those who spoke were current residents as well as former residents. One concern that most residents had in common was the education their children are receiving while living in Reston. Not only would residents have to possibly find new jobs, their children would

lose the opportunity they have had to learn in the Fairfax County School System.

Because the metro is expanding, and the Silver Line will run directly through Reston, Fairfax County sees an opportunity to offer more housing in the area. Rabbi Michael Holzman stated in his speech on Sunday, "Reston is growing, and people are moving here. There will be no Reston for all of us if diversity is gone." The Crescent apartments are one of the places Reston sees its diversity growing.

In addition to V.O.I.C.E.S., the residents of Crescent, and other members of the Reston community who showed up for the walk on Sunday, Robert E. Simon sent a letter to be read at the Lake Anne Plaza stop. In this letter, Simon expresses his support to maintain affordable housing in Reston. He says, "The need for affordable housing is critical, not only for those who currently reside in the apartments but also to insure the economic diversity of our neighborhood." He went on to explain that, "This was one of the original objectives in the development of Reston, and we need to see that it continues."

Part of the history of Reston is that it was founded on three ideas: "People should be able to live near the place where they work if they want to; housing should be available for all people of all income groups if they wish to live and work in the same community; and diverse cultural, religious, educational and recreational facilities should be an integral part of the community from the beginning."



The walk ends in the center of Crescent Apartments where the final speakers share their stories.

VIEWPOINTS

Residents Voice Concerns Over Crescent Apartments

Andres Paz, originally from Peru, has been living in Virginia for 22 years. He has lived off and on in Crescent Apartments, but for the meantime has occupied an apartment there for seven years now. In Peru he was a dentist, but here in Northern Virginia he is a dental assistant.

"As a resident, I understand the situation, but want assurance that I will be able to remain in my home. Many people who live here have multiple jobs, but don't have cars, so they might not be able to get to their jobs otherwise. Reston is a community with diversity, and these apartments allow for that."



Ana Carranza arrived to America from Bolivia by way of political asylum. She has been a resident of Crescent Apartments for three years. She currently has children enrolled at South Lakes High School.

"When I moved to Virginia and read about the values of Reston, I realized those were the values of my family. It's hard to start a new life in a new country, and without Crescent it would have been impossible to improve my life. I'm very thankful to be in this great community."



Gina Laguna has lived in more than one apartment complex in Reston, but moved to Crescent because her son attended Lake Anne Elementary. Laguna, a preschool teacher, has lived in Crescent for eight years.

"Crescent is so close to Lake Anne where they taught Spanish to my son. Diversity is important to me, and I would be forced to relocate if they change the development."



Nosa Zeinalabdin moved to Reston from Sudan nine years ago, and has lived in Crescent ever since. Both she and her husband worked at Dulles when they moved to the U.S.

"Everything is so close; my son goes to Forest Edge Elementary School, and my husband works at Dulles Airport, so it's very convenient. We love this community. There are 50 children that go to Forest Edge who live in Crescent, and they would be taken out if they moved."



Herminda Belleza has been a resident for nine years. She works seven days a week to ensure that her rent is paid every month.

"Crescent Apartments are safe for me and my daughter who goes to Forest Edge Elementary School. Our neighbors look out for each other. We love Reston and Crescent, and this is our home. I hope our voices will be heard."



—LAUREN YOUNG

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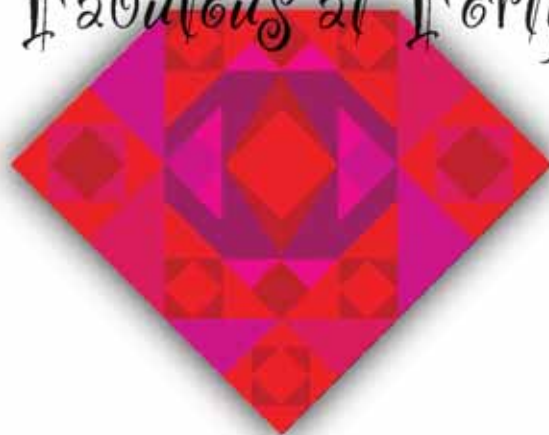


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Ist Lt. Robert J. Hess, 26, of the Kings Park West neighborhood of Fairfax, was killed by enemy fire on April 23, 2013 in Pul-E-Alam, Afghanistan. Hess was known as “RJ” and graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2005, where he played football, 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.

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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



Robert “RJ” J. Hess, 26, died in Afghanistan on April 23, 2013.



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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OPINION

Reston Marches to Support Neighbors

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

It was a lovely Sunday afternoon, ideal for marching to support our neighbors in Lake Anne's Crescent Apartments and support some old-time Reston values. The march consisted really of walking and stops for speaking of personal memories by past and present Crescent Apartment residents and pleas to protect affordable housing and Crescent residents by Reston faith community leaders.

An impressive turnout of about 150 people grew to over 200 as the walk proceeded from Temporary Road to brief stops at Lake Anne Elementary School, where many Crescent children attend, and Washington Plaza at Lake Anne, before culminating on the hilltop at Crescent Apartments. Walk organizers (seven Reston houses of worship and Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement [VOICE]) emphasized general support for Lake Anne redevelopment and for the substantial "affordable housing" called for in Fairfax County's Request for Proposals detailing redevelopment criteria. The winning developer will be granted rights to take over and redevelop our county-owned Crescent property in exchange for achieving public policy objectives—in this case, presumably revitalization of Lake Anne and indeed the provision of affordable housing.

However, faith leaders and Crescent residents, past and present, expressed concern that income guidelines defining "affordability" for the majority of tenants in the new development could make current tenants and tenants of equivalent income levels ineligible to live in the new development. VOICE and faith leaders want a county agreement with the de-

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veloper selected for Lake Anne redevelopment "that accommodates current residents." They also called for assurances that low-income applicants for the new housing be subject to current income eligibility criteria, and that Crescent "tenants and Reston faith and community leaders" have a seat at the table "to ensure affordability for the current tenants and others like them is central to final developer negotiations."

I've done many marches in my many years. I must say this "One Reston Walk" was one of the most positive, uplifting I've ever seen. The tone was perfect. Indeed, there are legitimate concerns for the current tenants of the Crescent and more broadly for families like theirs in need of truly affordable housing at their income levels. But, speakers acknowledged that Fairfax County was making a good effort to assure that affordable housing is an important part of the redevelopment—181 units replacing the existing 181 units, plus 12 percent of the other 700 or so units to be built on the Crescent site. They applauded the goal of revitalizing businesses at Lake Anne. At the same time, they said a bit more was needed, consistent with our founding principles and Reston values.

Shortly after the walk ended, I was told by walk organizers that Fairfax County Board Chair Sharon Bulova had announced that she and Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins would be communicating in writing with Crescent residents assuring them of their eligibility to return to units in the new development. Pending a peak at the actual letter, this sounds like progress.

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Every Two Years

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

In the spring of 1973 I stood on the steps of the old Fairfax County Courthouse and announced my candidacy for the Virginia House of Delegates for the first time. I told the several people who were present that I thought we needed a new Fairfax Resolves, remembering the resolution that the citizens of Fairfax County had drawn up to list their grievances against England before the revolution. My proposed version of the resolves did not call for Northern Virginia secession, although many have suggested to me over the years that they would support such

an effort. I simply wanted for Northern Virginia to get a better deal in the rural-dominated General Assembly of the time. My early efforts at election were not successful. After being elected for a term in 1977, I returned to the House of Delegates in 1982 and have been there ever since. If I am re-elected this year I will have the most seniority of any member in the House of Delegates, and my car will have House of Delegates license plate number 1.

I learned a great deal from early mentors. Senator Clive DuVal, who served from 1965-1971 in the House of Delegates and 1971-1991 in the Senate,

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26, 2005 in Buhruz, 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 Of-

ficer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 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. Krishna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin


Dengkheim, 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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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.

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.1ststagetysons.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.1ststagetysons.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 25

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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.nchcreston.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; 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-10112?utm_source=April+29+This+Week&utm_campaign=This+week&utm_medium=email

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was the first state legislator who published a periodic newsletter. There were only a couple of issues each year with the cost of printing and mailing prohibiting more issues. I started issuing a newsletter, and it has evolved over the years to a weekly electronic newsletter (subscribe at www.kenplum.com). From Senator DuVal I learned the benefits of

direct voter contact by knocking on doors. While it is now more difficult to find people at home and willing to answer their doors, I try to be as available and accessible as I can at public gatherings of all types. Senator DuVal was also an excellent model of a legislator working for natural resource conservation and protection of the environment.

Delegate Dorothy McDiarmid ran for the House of Delegates for the first time in 1959 as an oppo-

nent of the Massive Resistance effort that was underway to prevent racial desegregation of the public schools. She served for more than two decades. The districts at the time were multi-member, and I was honored to be on a slate with Dorothy, as she wanted her friends to call her. A staunch advocate for public education, Delegate McDiarmid got public kindergartens started in Virginia and was one of the earliest supporters of George Mason University. From

her I learned the importance of a bipartisan approach; for her it was not about being a Democratic or Republican idea but rather what was good for the commonwealth. While her representation of her district was extraordinary, she represented the interests of people concerned about schools and mental health needs and other issues statewide. She rose to the chairmanship of the budget-writing Appropriations Committee and was known in later campaigns by

the slogan, "The Lady Has Clout."

I learned a great deal from those who preceded me, and I try to be a good mentor for the newer members, sharing my expertise in education, energy and conservation. Re-election time comes around pretty quickly with a two-year term, but the process of going to the voters is invigorating. My enthusiasm for serving in office has not waned. I look forward to seeing you on the campaign trail; it is an honor to serve you.

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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.

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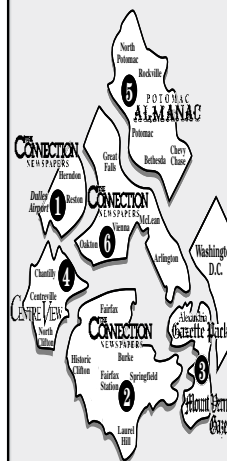
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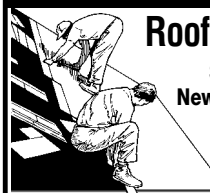
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"Recede"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

If you're a Three Stooges aficionado like I am, you've heard Moe Howard say it many times to Larry Fine and brother Curly as three stooges attempted to occupy space (doorways, windows, closets, etc.), large enough/wide enough for only one stooge. In short, "recede" means: back off, one at a time, mind your manners, and the ever-familiar to us long-time fans: "spread out."

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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9501 Clarks Crossing Rd, Vienna
\$719,000
FX8056656

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



UNDER CONTRACT

1409 Horizon Court, Herndon
\$625,000
FX8065575

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



10166 Yorktown Way, Great Falls
\$515,000
LO8065847

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



JUST LISTED

510 Red Raspberry Terrace, Leesburg
\$450,000
LO8078875

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10906 Great Point Ct, Great Falls
\$1,335,000
FX8019793

Be surrounded in elegance in this 5Bd/4.5Ba on almost 1 acre situated on Cul-de-sac! Plenty of room for a pool! Lovingly cared for home boasts gorgeous hardwoods, Living Rm w/bay window & custom window treatments, sunken Fam Rm with columns, built-ins & fireplace, sep Study w/wall of built-ins, finished bsmt with full bath, bedroom, recessed lighting & plenty of room to relax!



NEW LISTING

15383 Hillsboro Road, Purcellville
\$600,000
LO8084064

Over 3.25 awesome acres yet close to everything! 4Bd, 4 Full/1 Half Baths, 3 car garage & detached 2 car garage! Great Family Room w/stone FP. Beautiful front porch, flat yard, stone patio, deck & pool to enjoy!



12130 Sangsters Ct, Clifton
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2610 Alvey Dr, Haymarket
\$470,000
PW8063556

Great Reno has 4Bd, 2.5Ba w/acreage & improved barn. Hdws on main, updated Kit w/granite, breakfast bar & eat-in space. New light fixtures & rec. lighting throughout. Travertine in MBA & Half Bath. Formal LR has peaceful creek & pastoral views. Large Sunroom addition leads to huge deck w/view of paddock. Stable has elec, water & stalls. Bsmt w/large Rec room for family fun. New paint & carpet! Fireplace & wood stove!



43455 Thistlewood Court, Ashburn
\$675,000
LO8064544

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UNDER CONTRACT

10714 Midsummer Place, Reston
\$815,000
FX8054008

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COMING SOON

43377 Chokeberry Sq., Ashburn
Ashburn Farm & close to everything!
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