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Voters 'Slow and Steady' at Reston Polls

At Dogwood Elementary: baked goods, coffee, and left over Halloween candy was on offer to reward the good citizenship.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

"No big rush. Just a strong, steady stream." That's how Craig Dubois described the scene at Armstrong Elementary on Lake Newport Road in Reston as he offered sample ballots – with a Democratic twist – to arriving voters. "I've never done this before," said Dubois. "I'm just filling in for my wife. She's usually the one out here." Dubois seemed pleased with the turnout as of 7:45 a.m. "People are getting in and out fast enough, but there hasn't been a real slowdown yet."

The lack of long lines worried Michael Chang, who stopped to vote before heading to work in Arlington, just a bit. "It's nice not to have to stand outside in the cold for hours like I did last November, but I hope this doesn't mean that the turnout will be very low. This is an important election, especially for the governor." Chang is not the only one keeping a close eye on the governor's race in Virginia. Considered a key swing state, pundits and political powers-that-be are all keenly interested in how Virginia votes, believing that over the last decade the Commonwealth has best reflected the nation's changing demographics and overall political attitude, citing that the state's popular vote precisely matched the national popular vote numbers in the last two presidential elections. Another reason they're watching the Virginia results? Many analysts see the contest between Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli and his opponent, Former Democratic Party Chairman Terry McAuliffe as critical toward gauging the "values temperament" of the voting public. Cuccinelli hails from the conservative wing of his party and has promoted being the first Attorney General to fight against the Affordable HealthCare Act. McAuliffe has run numerous campaign ads attacking Cuccinelli on his stands against abortion and legislation that he supported that many see as limiting women's rights. Political strategists believe that whoever takes the Governor's Mansion will be sending a message on what the American voter is really interested in. Those already plotting the 2016 Presidential runs are particularly interested to see if swing-state Virginia ends up with a Democratic Governor, Lt. Governor and Attorney General to work alongside their two Democratic Senators, Mark Warner and Tim Kaine.

Poll Watchers did report lines over at Dogwood Elementary just as the polls opened at 6 a.m. An hour later the lines had dissipated, but voting traffic at the school on Glade Road was fairly brisk, much like the temperature. At Dogwood, baked goods, coffee, and what looked suspiciously like left over Hallow-



PHOTO BY ANDREA WORKER/ THE CONNECTION

Voters are urged to "STOP and VOTE" outside Dogwood Elementary School in Reston.

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— Michael Chang

een candy was on offer to reward the good citizenship of the voters. Angelique Simmons lives just around the corner from the school. She was out this morning knocking on her neighbors' doors, reminding them to "get out there and vote, no excuses." "It's a good thing they all know and love me," she laughed, "what with me ringing that doorbell at 6 a.m. But some people just need a little reminder to do what they should."

Both polling venues reported smooth sailing, with no mechanical glitches or voters at the wrong precinct.

VIEWPOINTS

Reston Voters: Who Did They Vote for and Why?

— ANDREA WORKER

Jeff McLaine voted for Democrat Terry McAuliffe mostly because of his stand on women's issues and on personal privacy. McLaine cast his vote at Dogwood Elementary School on Glade Rd., where he attended school "a few years ago," he said. "I just think Cuccinelli doesn't represent women."



Kim Bodden was really upset when she heard that the Women's Clinic in Fairfax had closed down. "For awhile, I had no health insurance and that was somewhere I could go and get medical care that I could afford," Bodden puts part of the blame for the clinic's closure at Ken Cuccinelli's doorstep and that was one the reason's she voted for his opponent, Terry McAuliffe, for governor.



Carol Thompson doesn't think "someone should start their political career as a governor." She voted for Cuccinelli, saying "McAuliffe has no experience in office, and he is not from this state. That's what they use to call a 'carpet bagger,'" she declared. Thompson also strongly opposes Obamacare, something that Cuccinelli has fought from day one.



Craig Dubois did double duty at Armstrong Elementary School, passing out sample ballots and voting. "I voted for McAuliffe. I really think the state needs to stay more neutral. We've been shifting more and more right." Dubois also thinks the Republican Party, especially in Virginia, is committing an "assault on women's rights." "I don't understand their interest in women's personal issues, when their mantra is less government in your life."



Carrie McKnight points to all of the issues that influenced her vote for Terry McAuliffe, particularly "equal rights for all, sensible gun control, and women's rights," although she admitted to voting for Tom Rust for Virginia delegate, a candidate from the Republican side. "I would campaign for him if he ran for the Senate. He does good things for us all, and really knows how to look independently at the issues," she said.



Harry Locock feels that Ken Cuccinelli represents the values of most Virginians. "And he is a Virginian, unlike his opponent," said Locock. "Obamacare is going to turn out to be disastrous for Virginia's families, if it ever gets fully enacted. I would like to know who is going to pay for adding all of these people on to the Medicaid roles. Cuccinelli and the Republicans also stand up for the right of the state – not Washington – to run its own affairs."



News



PHOTOS BY ALEX MCVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Sculptor David Adamusko with his latest subject, Reston founder Robert Simon. The bust of Simon will be auctioned off to support Cornerstones and their mission to provide affordable housing in the area.

Simon's Likeness to Benefit Cornerstones

Bronze bust of Robert Simon to be auctioned off to assist with affordable housing.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

As Reston approaches its 50th year, and its founder approaches his 100th year, Robert Simon's vision for his community is still very much intact. Part of his vision included people of all income levels living side by side.

To that end, Simon issued a challenge to Reston in April 2012: raise \$1 million to be used to increase the amount of affordable housing owned by the nonprofit Cornerstones.

This year's Best of Reston raised more than \$460,000 toward that goal, and next year's event will also go toward meeting Simon's goal.

In the meantime, Cornerstones and other Reston organizations are finding new and creative ways to raise the funds.

The latest effort was helped by the Greater Reston Arts Center, which is celebrating its own anniversary, its 40th.

They teamed up with sculptor David Adamusko and Simon himself to create a bronze bust of Simon, which will be auctioned off on April 10, 2014.

"We are grateful for David for his donation of what will certainly become a Reston icon that after April 10, will occupy a place of honor somewhere in Reston," said Stu Rakoff, chair of the Cornerstones board. "The proceeds will

be reinvested into our work at Cornerstones that strengthens the lives of our most vulnerable neighbors."

Adamusko said the process of sculpting Simon took several years, as he started from photos and eventually got Simon to model for him.

"It was definitely hard to keep Bob still during the project, and it was even harder to get him to smile," Adamusko said. "So my wife Linda came at one point and offered Bob a margarita, and we got it."

The bust is 15.5 inches high, 14 inches wide and nine inches deep. Until April of next year, it can be seen at GRACE, as well as at events around Reston as part of the Cornerstones "Stand With Bob" fundraising campaign.

"Everyone involved with this campaign is working hard to carry on the traditions and values we hold dear in Reston," said Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Cornerstones. "There's still such a need in this county, so we can use all the help we can get." The Cornerstones Housing Corporation currently owns 53 townhouses in Herndon, Reston and Centreville, which are rented at affordable rates to those who earn less than half of the area's median income. The \$1 million goal will help Cornerstones double their stock of affordable units. More information can be found at www.cornerstonesva.org.

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Alan Young of Burke, a member of FABB (Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling), talked with Jason Wu of Great Falls about the importance of bike and pedestrian-friendly transportation projects to ease congestion and make Fairfax County more “livable” at Hayfield High School Wednesday, Oct. 30.



Tom Biesiadny, director of Fairfax County's Department of Transportation, led the first of four “Countywide Dialogue on Transportation” meetings, held Oct. 30 at Hayfield High School in Alexandria.

Fairfax County Wants You

County launches “Transportation Dialogues” to get feedback on public's priorities.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Not since 1987 — when today's 40-something motorists were newly-minted drivers — has Fairfax County seen any new revenue stream for its traffic-choked roadways or relief for the region's chronic gridlock.

But on the last day of the Virginia General Assembly session last year, state lawmakers narrowly passed a landmark \$3.5 billion transportation bill.

Hailed as the most ambitious, sweeping transportation funding initiative in a generation, House Bill 2313 is projected to generate about \$880 million a year to reverse the decades-long erosion of road revenue.

And while Northern Virginia motorists will pay for much of it in the form of additional taxes, the area also stands to gain nearly \$2 billion in the next six years for transportation projects.

“At this time last year, we were in dire straits. We faced an epic transportation crisis,” said Fairfax County Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee). “Because of the transportation bill, we're at important point in our history, where we have money and we want the input of our citizens.”

McKay, who chairs the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, was speaking to a group of residents at Hayfield High School Wednesday night, Oct. 30. It was the first of four public forums — “Countywide Dialogue on Transportation Projects” — designed to educate and solicit input from residents on their priorities for county transportation projects.

TOM BIESIADNY, director of the county's Department of Transportation (FCDOT), led the presentation: “We believe in the next six years there will be about \$1.2 billion for county transportation projects,” Biesiadny said. “We want to make use of those revenues, and ultimately make a recommendation back to the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 10 about your priorities for

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the next six years.”

Biesiadny told residents the Board of Supervisors tasked his department with evaluating unfunded projects based on several criteria, including public input. Other criteria include congestion reduction, travel-time savings, school and park access and air quality.

Biesiadny said HB2313 provided new funding for both regional and local transportation projects, such as roadway, transit, bike and pedestrian projects. “These are ‘new capacity’ projects,” Biesiadny said, “You won't see paving, fixing potholes or mowing the grass with this money.” He noted that money already committed to projects in the board's four-year plans (FY 2013-FY2016) have been excluded from the discussion.

Biesiadny said FCDOT was starting its public outreach campaign this week, emphasizing that the public will have the opportunity to provide feedback in various ways — in person, online, via online chats, social voting or email through Nov. 18. All of the public meetings include an overview presentation, a question-and-answer session, educational materials and a series of coded maps to view the list of potential projects.

“Some of your ideas actually made it into the final General Assembly bill. The purpose of tonight is to look at the 214 unfunded projects, and get your input,” he said.

Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount. Vernon) joined McKay and Biesiadny at the meeting. “Mount Vernon's priorities are, in this order, Route 1, Route 1 and Route 1,”

Hyland said, joking that the meeting was so important that he was missing Game Six of the World Series between his beloved Boston Red Sox and the St. Louis Cardinals. “This is my first time as a supervisor I've been able to come to a meeting and say ‘we can do something for you on transportation. Thanks General Assembly. And go Boston Red Sox!’”

Perhaps because of the Word Series, there were only about 20 residents at the meeting and six who gave brief comments, but they came from all parts of Fairfax County to talk transportation.

Jason Wu drove from his home in Great Falls to encourage the county to build a sidewalk on the one-mile section that leads into the town of Great Falls.

“I'm an ordinary citizen,” Wu said. “We have a petition with more than 100 signatures to get a sidewalk on that Westmoreland Street. It's very dangerous to ride a bike there, and we have been spending a lot of time organizing to get this project on the list.”

Greg Budnick, a local engineer from Springfield, said he was there to caution supervisors “not to overreach financially” when evaluating projects. “Being a bicyclist, I can enjoy bike lanes and bike trails ... But I'm not sure anyone wants 10 feet of trees taken out of their development for more bike lanes.”

Jim Preston and David Mikkelsen of Alexandria, who represented their HOA, said improvements along Richmond Highway, were critical to the easing congestion throughout the county.

Robert Michie, a representative of the Lee District Transit and Sidewalk Committee, lobbied for Project #182, which includes street pedestrian and bicycle access improvements along Van Dorn Street. The project, estimated at \$500,000 has been “on the books for years,” Michie said. “We're pushing very strongly to get this particular one down because it provided metro access to Van Dorn Street. We consider Route 1 a lab. If we can fix Route 1, we can fix anything.”

EDITH KELLEHER OF VIENNA said she was there as the executive director of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation. “We endorse Project #60,” Kelleher said. The project includes the widening Richmond Highway from four to six lanes from Mount Vernon Memorial Highway (Route 235) to Napper Road. The cost has yet to be determined.

Many of the unfunded projects on the county's list were road widening projects that included pedestrian and bicycle facilities.

Alan Young, a Burke resident and member of Fairfax Advocates for Better Biking (FABB), said the group was “furiously” reviewing the county's bicycle master plan to see if there are components for bike and pedestrian access.

“It would be helpful when you look at projects to see that there are components for bike and pedestrian access,” he said. “One of our main goals is to make Tysons and other transit-oriented, mixed-use developments more bicycle-friendly.”

“We really appreciate Fairfax County for undertaking a major transformation of Tysons to create a livable, walkable community. Four new Silver Line Metro stations due to open in Tysons in 2014 are part of the foundation of that transformation. We want to see that throughout the county,” Young said after the meeting.

McKay said the supervisors were in the process of developing a master list of projects, and needed the public's input.

“We want to be conscious of being fair throughout the county, because that's the only way this thing will work. There are a lot of moving parts to this. So, your input is critical to this process.”

FOR MORE INFORMATION about the Countywide Dialogue on Transportation meetings, or to take the online survey, got to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/cdot/.

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OPINION

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EDITORIAL

Lake Anne—Light at the End of the Tunnel?

BY JOHN LOVAAS
RESTON IMPACT PRODUCER/HOST

Besides being a charming place to live, Lake Anne Village is Reston's historic heart, the place where it all began in 1964. In fact, our little home here in Reston's first cluster was first occupied by Bob Simon's construction manager for the village—Mr. Schultz. We love it. Lake Anne is a pleasant blend of urban and suburban, residential living and commercial center. Its center, Washington Plaza, is a mixed residential-commercial condominium. Plaza businesses are an eclectic mix, many going back 20 years or more. Among them are four very good restaurants, the used bookstore (Reston's only bookstore), three barber shops, and a pharmacy with great snack bar, a post office and a Lake Anne original pharmacist who knows all the medical histories and all the gossip. Business is OK in the spring & summer, but tails off in winter. The merchants are our neighbors and we are among their best customers, sometimes their only ones on cold evenings. The merchants have a charming locale, complete with a beautiful lake, but need a

lot more traffic. This is where the long awaited redevelopment and expansion comes in. I see a light at the end of the tunnel. It is a bright light cast by the exciting plan crafted by Republic Land/Lake Anne Development Partners (LADP). This plan actually keeps the village charm, while adding needed density with a walkable design and activities near the Plaza. Furthermore, 32 percent of the 900 plus units planned are affordable and workforce housing, fulfilling Mr. Simon's vision of homes for all income levels. It is an inspired project with broad support.

Then, a glitch. Two weeks ago, Reston Association got a report the Condo Association was dumping landscape refuse in the RA-owned wooded area at the east end of the Plaza. When RA asked that they cease and desist, the response was that it really didn't matter because the trees were coming down for a new parking lot! This was how most RA staff, RA's Environmen-



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tal Advisory Committee volunteers and the community first learned of a tightly held land swap deal. I've learned the deal was okayed by the outgoing CEO in May and kept under wraps, hidden for five months from the public, staff and even some Board members. In exchange for a lovely acre of old growth woods, RA will get a narrow, swampy strip of County-owned land on Baron Cameron. The wooded RA lot could serve as a park, perhaps with nature programs for children of hundreds of new residents. Instead, the tree canopy will be cut down for a 124-car parking lot. The swap promoters at RA put the swap deal on the RA Board Oct. 24 meeting agenda for final approval just days after the dumping incident.

However, when the news got out, there was strong public opposition, resulting in postponement of final action until the Nov. 21 Board meeting. Why? First, the swap is a very bad deal for Reston. Those promoting the deal propose

to accept an unusable plot of ground in exchange for a wooded lot which wreathes the historic Plaza and could become a neighborhood park. The swap also runs counter to RA policy to protect and even expand our tree canopy, and counter to the new County comprehensive plan for this land unit. Second, there are nearby alternatives for Plaza parking. For example, the Condo Association owns a parking lot at the other end of the Plaza could very well meet Plaza parking needs according to a knowledgeable landscape architect. While it might be reasonable for RA to offer to enhance (& save) its plot for park use, why shouldn't the Condo make its own parcel available for its own members on the Plaza to use? Third, promoters of the swap point out that the developer is also offering cash, including up to \$200,000 for Lake dredging. In fact, if there were no swap at all, such contributions would be typical proffers for such a project in any case. In sum, this is a bad deal for Reston and is unnecessary for the completion of the planned and badly needed development project. The Reston Association Board should vote no on Nov. 21.

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COMMENTARY

Now What?

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Results of the election are not known to me as I write this column, but polling suggests that there will be a shift towards the middle of the political spectrum in the Old Dominion this year. Seldom have the choices been clearer on political philosophy among the statewide and House of Delegates candidates as they were in this election.

Virginia faces some serious challenges that the new governor and the General Assembly must take on. Regardless of the claims that the state has had a budget surplus the last four years, the Commonwealth has experienced slow growth during this period that has produced small ending balances as a result of conservatively estimated revenues. When measured against the unmet needs in many areas of the budget, state coffers are empty. Transportation needs will take some dollars from a general fund that is already inadequate to address education, mental health and other pressing issues. Fairfax County Public Schools are facing a \$140 million deficit in part because of the declining per student support from the state.

The outgoing governor will propose a budget for the next biennium, but the priorities of that budget will need close scrutiny by the new governor and General Assembly. The slow erosion of support for public education at all levels needs to be reversed. With all the data that support the value of preschool programs, the state's investment in these programs



needs to increase. Mental health programs are grossly underfunded with as many as a third of local jail populations being persons in need of mental health treatment.

Although legislation is in place to allow Virginia to move into an expanded Medicaid program, there seems to be reluctance on the part of the commission appointed to bring about certain reforms to take the last step of expanding Medicaid even though the reforms

have been accomplished. The new governor should ask the General Assembly to act right away to extend insurance to 400,000 Virginians and to pay for it by receiving federal dollars paid by Virginians. There is no good reason for those dollars to go to residents of another state when there are over a million Virginians without health insurance.

As the location of one of the greatest incidents of gun violence—Virginia Tech—the state needs to enact important gun safety measures that will expand background checks to all gun sales and to expand its background database to include persons with violent mental health illnesses. We need also to recognize that the world has passed us by, and we need to repeal the marriage amendment to allow people who are in love to marry regardless of their sexual orientation. Likewise we need to pass laws against discrimination based on sexual orientation.

That is the beginning of the list of work for the legislature to do. I always invite your recommendations on legislation; email me at kenplum@aol.com.

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Bicycle racks, lockers, equipment part of alternative access options.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

While the Wiehle Avenue Metrorail Station is the only Silver Line Phase One station to have a parking garage directly adjacent to it, room has been made for other modes of transportation.

There will be bicycle facilities on both sides of the station, but particularly at the Reston Station development, where there will be 208 bike racks. On the South side there will be 10 bike racks and 10 bike lockers, according to the Washington Metro Area Transportation Authority. "We have a bike room, which is almost finished, probably 95 percent finished," said Charlie Strunk, bicycle coordinator for the Fairfax County Department of Transportation. "The bike room is secure, it's inside and it's gorgeous. It has capacity for 208



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The bike room near the Wiehle Avenue Metro Station will house more than 200 bikes, an alternative way for commuters and other Metro users to get to the station.

bikes, and if we ever need more we can reconfigure it to hold up to 300." The facilities have a variety of equipment, including vertical racks, parking for bike trailers and oversized bikes and two fix-it stations for maintenance. Strunk said there is also a strong possibility of a Capital Bikeshare station at the facility as well.

Capital Bikeshare currently has stations throughout Washington, D.C., Alexandria and Montgomery County, totaling about 1,800 bicycles. They are located in solar-powered kiosks with docking stations. Bikes can be unlocked by

members with a special key.

Capital Bikeshare Bikes are three-speed, step-thru bicycles that have front and rear flashing LED lights, internal hub gears, fenders and chain guards. "We have a funded grant to study the feasibility for Capital BikeShare in the Reston area," Strunk said.

In addition to the indoor secured bicycle area, there is another indoor room that is unsecured and has a permanently open door.

"We envision when Capital Bikeshare does come this room will be reconfigured for the Capital BikeShare pods," Strunk said.



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Jane Wallace New Long & Foster Manager

Jane Wallace, a real estate professional with nearly 10 years of residential and commercial real estate experience, has been named manager of the Reston office of Long & Foster Real Estate, the largest independent residential real estate company in the United States and the No. 1 seller of luxury homes in the Mid-Atlantic. In this role, Wallace will lead the office's almost 100 sales professionals, helping them and their clients achieve their real estate goals.

Wallace joined Long & Foster in September, after the firm acquired her brokerage, RE/MAX Bravo of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania County, Va. She entered the real estate industry after a successful technology career, having built and sold several e-commerce businesses. Wallace started in residential and commercial real estate with another brokerage, helping clients with everything from luxury listings to REO properties. There, she found success as part of a real estate team with Kevin McGrath, and together, the duo reached more than \$45 million in production in 2008.

The following year, Wallace and McGrath decided to open their own firm—RE/MAX Bravo Real Estate. They built Bravo into one of the top firms in the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania areas with a team of about 40 agents. Wallace taught her agents how to develop their networking skills and coached them on building their businesses—both as



Jane Wallace

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individual sales associates and as part of a team as she once was. After Bravo joined the Long & Foster family, Wallace supported her agents in transitioning to the new firm, and she'll bring these experiences, as well as the knowledge and skills she's gained over her career, to the new role in Reston.

Wallace is originally from Texas, and she relocated to the Northern Virginia area, where she currently lives with her daughter, in the late 1990s. For more information, visit www.LongandFoster.com.



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From left, sisters Sydney, 5, and Stella, 6, can hardly wait to hit the ice. The girls just arrived with their parents from Stuttgart, Germany, where dad Chad Parkening is stationed with the Army. They are here visiting family in Herndon, and hope to get some quality skating time in while they're here.



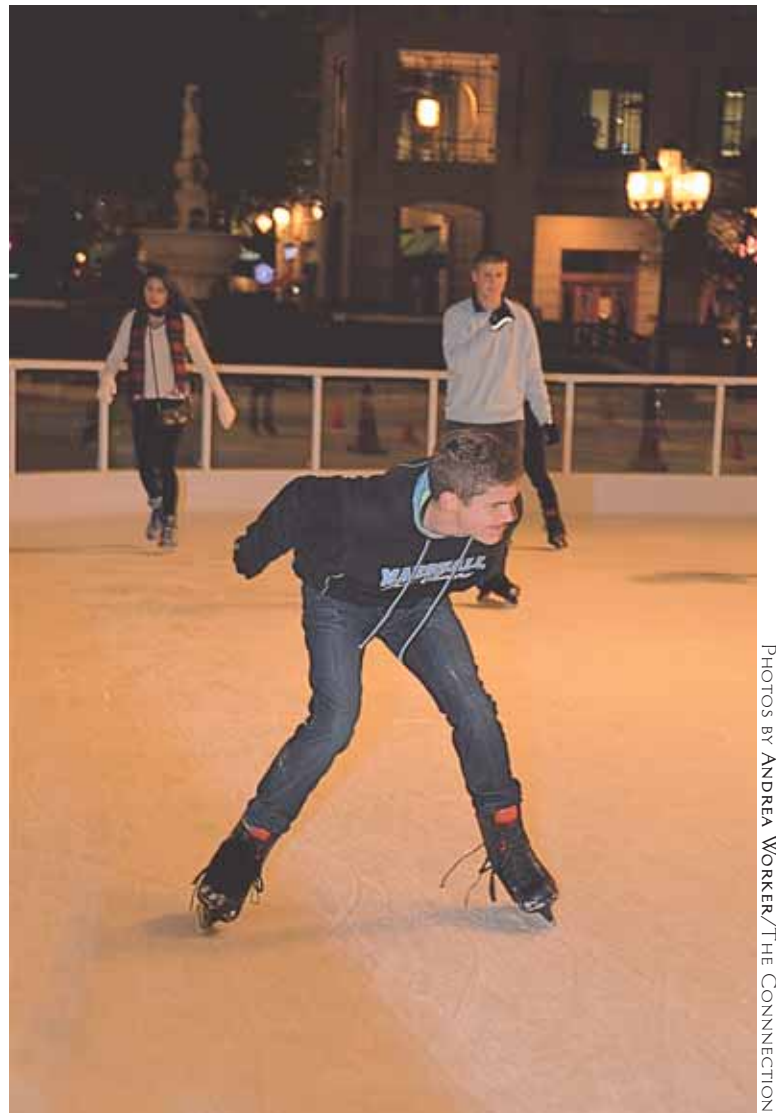
Danielle Kressin and Will Pendergast ventured east from Leesburg. "Having fun," laughed Kressin. They were certainly two of the more accomplished skaters on the ice on Monday.



Too bad Charles Gibson of Herndon is a bit too young to be recruited by the Washington Capitals. At 4-years-old, Charles was actually helping other, less agile skaters negotiate the rink. At one point, he escorted two teenaged young ladies, encouraging them with "You can do it." And "Just keep gliding like this."



Cheerful and friendly staff like Rachel Evans and Sonya Keefer, both of Herndon will be on hand to help out, lend a hand up when needed, and generally keep things gliding along. Evans is a veteran, having worked the Pavilion Skating Rink last year, as well, while Keefer was reporting for her first day of Rink Staff duty.



Ryan Corkhill looks like he's practicing some hockey moves as he prepares to race over to the friends he came with from Vienna.

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Reston Rink Ready for Skaters, Fundraiser for Character Counts Coalition

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

Mother Nature did not cooperate with the planned Reston Town Center Skating Rink season opener this weekend. On Monday, the region

woke up to temperatures that dipped to freezing in some parts of the county, but 48 hours ago, when the skating rink was scheduled to open, unseasonable warmth made the surface beneath Town Center Pavilion look more like a swimming hole than an ice rink. The rink traditionally opens

with a fundraiser, with 50 percent of skating rink proceeds donated to Reston Character Counts Coalition to fund programs like the annual Essay contest and Ethics Day at South Lakes High School. "The funds will still be raised," said Pavilion Manager Marissa Marwell. "We're on for next weekend, Nov.

9 and 10. Come on out."

If the fanfare of the opening program was lacking during Monday's regularly scheduled hours, it was made up for by the energetic skating efforts of those who came out to enjoy the first opportunity of the season to play on the ice.

The evening session consisted

mostly of the high school crowd, although there were a few younger and older enthusiasts sprinkled in the mix. Herndon and Reston locals made up the majority, but there were plenty of skaters who came from Sterling, Leesburg, and even overseas. Active Army man Chad Parkening had just come off

a plane from Stuttgart, Germany, on a three-week leave to visit family in Herndon.

"We're trying to fight the jet lag," said Parkening, "keep everybody going so we can get in the right rhythm." His two young daughters, Stella, 6, and Sydney, 5, did not look to be lagging as they hung

from the rink walls watching the action.

The rink is located right in Town Center at 1800 Discover Street, Reston, and will now be open every day until March.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children and adults over 55. Skates are available to rent for \$5.

The Skate Shop is located beside the Pavilion, next door to Clyde's. Information about hours of operation, special skating events, party and corporate packages and skating lessons is available online at www.restontowncenter.com/skating, or on the skating hotline 703-709-6300.

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Paying Attention to the Pros

High School coaches, players share opinions on Redskins' Meriweather.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

During his seven-year NFL career, Washington Redskins safety Brandon Meriweather's aggressive style of play has led to penalties, fines and a recent suspension for repeated helmet-to-helmet hits.

In a time of heightened awareness regarding head injuries in football, Meriweather's tackling techniques, which include launching himself head-first at opposing receivers, have earned the 29-year-old former first-round draft choice from

the University of Miami a reputation as a dangerous defender. Meriweather was flagged for two illegal hits against the Chicago Bears and subsequently suspended by the NFL for two games. The ban was later reduced to a single contest, costing Meriweather a game check worth more than \$70,000. Meriweather sat out of Washington's Oct. 27 game against Denver and returned for its Nov. 3 contest against San Diego.

NFL players aren't the only ones taking notice of the Redskins safety's approach to defense.

Just ask Philip Tyler, a senior defensive back at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, if he's familiar with Meriweather.

"The hunter?" he asks.

Tyler, a Philadelphia Eagles fan, is familiar with Washington's hard-hitting safety.

"He won't be hunted. He's the hunter," Tyler said. "You watch out for him. You've got to watch out for him. If there's anybody on the field you watch out for, you watch out for him. That's a career-ending dude right there." Tyler said he and other high school athletes like to mimic their favorite NFL players, but when it comes to high-light-tape hits, Tyler said T.C. Williams coaches punish players with extra conditioning for leading with their helmets while hitting in practice. Tyler said his tackling technique has evolved since his youth football days, but injuries from years of tackling with his head have taken a toll.

"A lot of stuff has changed," he said. "Back in rec league and Pop Warner, I was reckless. It didn't matter. ... I've got to wear [a neck protector] because of that. I used to hit with my head and I've got neck injuries. I've got a weak neck now."

PRIOR TO THE 2013 SEASON, a collision in practice led to Tyler having difficulty moving one of his arms for an entire month, he said.

"We were doing a screen drill and ... I had read it real good and I was like, 'I've got to hit [the receiver],' " Tyler said. "At this time, we were still competing for spots. I was like, 'I've got to be the hammer, not the nail,' and I hit him. Next thing I know ... my whole arm, it was done. It felt like it wasn't even there."

Langley High School senior Garrett



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T.C. Williams' Philip Tyler (21) defends against Lake Braddock's AJ Alexander.

Collier is a two-way starter for the school's football team, playing receiver on offense and safety and outside linebacker on defense. A Redskins fan, Collier said he has no issue with how Meriweather plays the game. "Most people in the NFL are trying to hit people as hard as they can," Collier said. "I don't think anyone purposely tries to hit someone in the head, but some people have more of a tendency to hit up high. ... I kind of get frustrated when the refs are quick to call a penalty for hitting high or targeting. ... I'm on the players' side."

While Collier follows the NFL, he said he doesn't try to emulate the pros when he's on the field.

"If a receiver is open," he said, "I'm not trying to take his [head off]. I'm trying to make the smart [play]."

On offense, Collier said he tries to protect himself from big hits, but he hasn't always been able to do so. Collier suffered a concussion during an eighth-grade football game that caused him to black out and vomit.

"I got hit by some kid," he said. "I completely blacked out. I woke up in the ambulance and I was throwing up. ... I literally have no recollection of the hit or what was leading up [to it]."

DeMornay Pierson-El, a senior quarterback and defensive back for the West Potomac High School football team, is committed to play at the University of Nebraska as a slot receiver and kick returner. Pierson-El, a Baltimore Ravens fan, said he likes Meriweather's aggressive style of play, but not the kind of hits he delivers.

"He doesn't have to hit so high," Pierson-El said. "He can hit a little bit lower, I feel, like from the shoulders down is fine."

Pierson-El said going for a highlight-reel hit is risky.

"The big hit is not always the best play," he said. "Going for a big hit up top and the dude bounces off and still gains yards [is] not a good look."

Lake Braddock junior AJ Alexander, a receiver and defensive back for the undefeated Bruins, said injuries are part of the game, but using proper tackling technique can help make the game safer.

"I realize how dangerous [helmet-to-helmet hits are]," Alexander said. "I've seen a lot of things on the news about how dangerous it is. That's why we've [been doing] the whole Heads Up Tackling thing (through USA Football) that's being implemented and we're making sure that we're being fundamentally sound. Plus, if you hit people [around the head], you might not even make the tackle. There are a lot of things to think about, but being fundamentally sound is what it all comes down to."

Alexander is a New York Giants fan.

"[Helmet-to-helmet hits are] part of the game because it's a physical sport," he said. "You've got helmets on, shoulder pads, you've just got to be physical. You've got to do what you've got to do."

Heads Up Tackling, which Alexander referred to, is part of the Heads Up Football program, which is offered through USA Football, the governing body for American football at the youth and amateur levels, and supported by the NFL. Heads Up Tackling focuses on teaching proper tackling technique at the youth and high school levels using five fundamentals: the breakdown position; buzzing your feet; the hit position; shooting the hips; ripping the arms.

HEADS UP TACKLING is one of five elements of Heads Up Football. The other four are: having coaches complete a certification course; teaching coaches concussion recognition and response protocols; appointing a trained safety coach to a participating high school team or youth league; and teaching coaches and parents about proper equipment fitting.

The program is backed by the Northern Virginia Football Coaches Association and used by high school teams around the re-

gion.

Centreville High School head coach Chris Haddock flew to Indianapolis during the winter and became a master trainer of tackling techniques. He said the goal of establishing common language and common technique when teaching tackling to youth football players is to have a "trickle up" effect, leading to safer tackling at the college and pro levels.

When it comes to the NFL, Haddock, a Pittsburgh Steelers fan, said he doesn't see any of his Centreville players trying to emulate what they see on TV. He also said the Steelers have been penalized at times for hits that are simply part of the game.

"Some of them I agree with, some of them I don't," he said. "Having played, sometimes you're flying through the air and someone else is flying through the air and your heads hit. It's not something people plan on doing." The Oakton High School football team has a subscription to NFL Rewind, which allows subscribers to watch replays of each NFL game from different angles in the way a coach would analyze film. Head coach Jason Rowley said he wants his players to emulate the aggressive nature of pro and college athletes, but wants the Cougars to stay away from dirty plays and showboating.

When it comes to Meriweather, Rowley complimented the defensive back's effort.

"I think he's a guy who plays hard," Rowley said. "I think it's certainly not my place to judge whether he's within the rules or he should be fined. I love the passion he plays with and I'd like my players to play with that passion."

Whitman High School head coach Jim Kuhn said most of the athletes in his Bethesda, Md., program aren't the type to initiate helmet-to-helmet hits. He said families in the area have a heightened awareness of concussion risks and players don't want to risk major injury playing a sport that will have no impact on their future.

"The opportunities for them to play on Sunday are pretty limited and they have a life to live beyond football," Kuhn said. "... It's definitely not a means to an end [for most Whitman athletes]. ... Most are headed to college ... [for] other careers and future endeavors. ... [Football is] not a way out for them."

After returning from his suspension for repeated helmet-to-helmet hits, Meriweather said he would start going low to make tackles.

Whatever Meriweather does, high school players and coaches will likely take notice.

"That's just his style. He's always been aggressive. Even in college, he was known as a big hitter," said South Lakes head coach Marvin Wooten, a Dallas Cowboys fan. "... In this sport, I don't think there's any individual out there trying to end careers or cause any kind of permanent damage on a player. ... I think that's just the way he's played the game."

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Reston founder Robert "Bob" Simon poses for a photo with Reston artist Dana Scheurer. In the image is a black silhouette of Simon.

Generation Next Event Held At GRACE

BY RYAN DUNN
THE CONNECTION

On Oct. 30, Greater Reston Art Center [GRACE] held a happy hour event to inspire and involve the next generation of GRACE members and community patrons. Free food and Happy Hour-priced beer and wine were provided by Il Fornaio and sponsored by Beloved Yoga.

"Artists are archivists of the community," said Maryam Ovissi. Vice Chair member of the GRACE Board of Directors, Ovissi is co-owner of Beloved Yoga. After Executive Director Damian Sinclair greeted everyone, he introduced Curator of Exhibitions, Hollis Koons McCullough. McCullough gave a guided tour of some of the highlights of the exhibit, 40 for 40: Celebrating Four Decades of GRACE. "It is really critical that we attract young audiences and let them know we have something to offer," said McCullough.

"We are trying to kick start something new with our organization," said Robert Goudie, chairman of the GRACE Board of Directors. "We think that in the long term, GRACE can be a leader in the art community in the northern Virginia, DC metro area." With the incoming Metro Silver Line, planning experts envision a Reston Town Center that will become a dynamic, regional destination. The challenge is to grow and be a vibrant part of the new Town Center that is coming.

Artists and art lovers founded GRACE in 1974, as a source of cultural enrichment for the new town of Reston. From its beginnings in the Lake Anne Village Center to its current home in Reston Town Center, GRACE continues its role as a leader in the expanding regional arts community. GRACE provides northern Virginia's community with opportunities to experience and explore the visual arts through exhibitions, educational programming, the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festi-



Members of the Reston Young Professionals Meet-up Group came out to attend the Oct. 30 reception at GRACE.



GRACE's Curator of Exhibitions, Hollis Koons McCullough.

val, and special events.

Attending the event was the Reston Young Professionals Meetup Group. Organized by Nicholas Hartigan and his wife Amanda, The Reston Young Professionals are a group of professionals between the ages of 21-40 that work to give back to the Reston community through social and volunteer activities. Many of their volunteer opportunities are related to the current priorities and needs of Reston Interfaith, Reston Association, Reston Challenge and other local groups. "Holly has some great ideas on how we can be involved, but awareness is a major step... being able to experience local art is very exciting," Hartigan said.

"40 for 40," which closed on Nov. 2, showcased GRACE's history and growth through the works of 40 artists who have exhibited at the gallery over its past four decades. The next exhibit will be the Fall Solo Exhibitions of artists Jungmin Park and Ajay Leister. This exhibit opens from Nov. 18 through Jan. 3, 2014. The gallery at GRACE will display numerous works by artists ranging from sculptural installations to large multi-dimensional paintings. There will be an opening reception for this exhibition on Nov. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. free and open to the public.

To learn more about GRACE events, visit <http://www.restonarts.org>.



Navy Commander Halle Dunn with flag for South Lakes High School.

South Lakes Flag, Support in Afghanistan

The Hunter Mill District Office is rallying the Reston community to contribute to their Support Our Troops project. The office is teaming with South Lakes High School, along with help from Reston Youth Association, and Reston Soccer Association, to bring a taste of home to a unit of 78 soldiers and sailors serving in Ghazni, Afghanistan.

This unit has a special connection to Reston. The forward operating base commanding officer is Navy Commander Halle Dunn, a hometown son and graduate of South Lakes High School.

Students and football fans are encouraged to bring their donations to the final South Lakes' varsity football game on Nov. 8.

In addition, the Hunter Mill District Office, 12000 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, is collecting donations from community members and organizations through Friday, Nov. 15. Collection boxes are also available at Reston Community Centers

at Hunter Woods and Lake Anne Plaza for convenient drop off.

Cold weather winter items, holiday decorations, food, toiletries, entertainment and sports equipment are much appreciated items for shipment to support these sailors and soldiers. Letter of support from community members are also most welcome.

To add to the school's Veteran's Day commemoration, a flag that was flown by the Provincial Reconstruction Team Ghazni over their base will be presented and flown at South Lakes High School on Nov. 13, at 9 a.m.

A complete listing of requested and recommended items is available on the Hunter Mill website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill. Additional partners are invited to participate. To join the effort please contact, Casey Hanes at the Hunter Mill District Office at catherine.hanes@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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WED.-MON./NOV. 6-DEC. 16

Toys for Tots Drop-off. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays, at National Realty, located at the corner of Reston Parkway and Sunrise Valley Drive, 11890 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. Drop a new, unwrapped toy in the donation box in the lobby. All toys will be distributed to needy children within Loudoun County and to Herndon & Reston children via the non-profit Herndon-Reston FISH, Inc. "Newborn to 1-Year Old" and the "Teens" age groups are particularly needed. 703-860-4600.

MONDAY-TUESDAY/NOV. 11-12

Shapes for Children. 10-11 a.m. at the Walker Nature Center, 11450

Glade Drive, Reston. Children ages 18 months to 35 months can find the shapes in nature, such as the leaves fallen off the trees to make a shape necklace on the hike through the woods. Reservations by Nov. 7. \$5/child for Reston Association members; \$8/child non-members. naturecenter@reston.org, or 703-476-9689 and press 5.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Nature at Night. 6-7:30 p.m., at the Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Grandparents bring grandchildren out for an evening hike to see what animals are still awake in the woods after dark (owls, flying squirrels and other nocturnal creatures); the evening ends at the Nature House with some warm refreshments. Reservations by Nov. 8. \$5/child for Reston Association members; \$8/child non-members. naturecenter@reston.org, or 703-476-9689 and press 5.

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This Spud's For You

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



There's more talk now than ever before, about the possibility of the Washington, D.C. professional football team changing its name. The current name, which resonates to those of us who care about such things, has been front and center and generally accepted for over 80 years, since 1932 in fact. After so many years in the League and five NFL Championships to their credit, to say the current ownership and its rabid and loyal fan base are attached to the team's name is hardly newsworthy. However, cultural changes in our country and politically correct sensitivities have merged of late and the name we've mostly grown to respect and admire has come under some scrutiny and as a result, certain Indian Nations, most recently The Oneida Nation, have expressed their dismay at what they perceive to be the continuing use of a racial slur by this franchise; in effect, a name that demeans and is totally inappropriate and no longer tolerable in 21st century America.

I am certainly not one to pass judgment on such characterizations and hot-button issues of the day, so I won't (I'm mostly cancer-centric these days). But I would like propose a name-compromise of sorts. Why not change the name to The Washington Redskin Potatoes? This name would blend together the good (the familiar), minimize the bad (the insensitive) and enable the team, its ownership and fan base to sort of have its name and not suffer any separation anxiety because of it. Even better, "Let's Go Skins" still works, too. It would henceforth refer to a potato, however, rather than a People. Hopefully, there are no potato interests in Maine or Idaho that would object to introducing its starchiness into the National Football League.

Let's face it; who doesn't like potatoes at the ballpark? Or anywhere for that matter; even me, and I'm the fussiest eater this side of Mikey, the kid from the old Life Cereal commercials who was famously stubborn about his breakfast-food choices. I'm not exactly sure what the mascot would look like; probably not a Mr. Potato Head-type look-alike, but neither do I envision seeing an Indian headdress on a potato either. Of course, I doubt I'll be entrusted to lead up the marketing campaign for such an important and historic transformation. After all, I'm only a writer attempting to sow some seeds of humor – and perhaps a little discontent, while trying to find a middle ground that potentially keeps the home fires burning (or is that home fries cooking?) without offending a proud people fighting for their ancestral respect – both in the past and in the present/future.

Momentum to keep the name does not seem to be building. Nevertheless, the status quo may yet win the day. Still, The National Football League, despite its reach from coast to coast and possibly even from continent to continent (as there's continuing talk about franchises in London and Japan; note the in-season contests scheduled presently for this year and next) is still just a game, a game with a 12 billion dollar revenue stream, but a game nonetheless. The Oneida Nation is a people. People matter more than games. And feelings matter most of all, and failings, too. To not consider their feelings would be a failure. And failure is definitely not a trait any of us want to associate with the new Washington Redskin Potatoes.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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Reston Hospital Receives Awards for Patient Care

Reston Hospital Center has announced the recognition of several departmental awards for their patient care. Over the past several months, Reston Hospital Center has received five awards celebrating these significant achievements. The list of awards include "Top Performer on Key Quality Measures" from the Joint Commission, an "A" rating from the Hospital Safety Score™ Initiative, and two three-year accreditations from the National Accreditation Program for Breast Cancer (NAPBC) and the American College of Radiology (ACR). Reston Hospital Center has also been awarded the designation of a Center of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Gynecology. Each recognition requires detailed evaluation and inquiry of the departmental endeavors. The "Top Performer on Key Quality Measures" by the Joint Commission distinguishes healthcare organizations that have exemplary performance in using evidence-based clinical process, that are shown to improve care for certain conditions. This year, Reston Hospital Center has been recognized for its achievements in heart attack, heart failure, pneumonia, and surgical care. Hospital Safety Score™ awarded an "A" rating to the hospital, citing an improved grade from the "B" in the previous year. The Blue Ribbon Expert Panel comprising experts in quality care from Harvard, Johns Hopkins, and Stanford University, use 28 measures of publicly available hospital safety data to produce a single "A", "B", "C", "D", or "F" score representing a hospital's overall capacity to keep patients safe from preventable harm. Distributed by the Leapfrog Group (Leapfrog), it is the only peer-reviewed hospital grading system in the United States. Reston Hospital Center has received two three-year accreditations with the National Accreditation Program for Breast Cancer (NAPBC) and the American College of Radiology (ACR). A program under the American College of Surgeons, NAPBC awards accreditations to healthcare facilities that are voluntarily committed to providing the highest level of quality breast care. Reston Hospital Center continues to demonstrate a commitment to offer its patients every significant advantage in their battle against breast disease. The American College of Radiology presented the hospital with an assessment score of 100 percent. The score was based on a peer-review evaluation by board-certified radiation oncologists and medial physicians.

After exhibiting competency in numerous fields, and completing an evaluation, The Surgical Review Corporation awarded Reston Hospital Center the Center of Excellence in Minimally Invasive Gynecology (COEMIG) designation. Out of the 5,185 registered hospitals nationwide, the hospital now joins the small group of nearly 60 healthcare facilities that hold this award. The Surgical Review Corporation only considers health facilities and their associated surgeons who demonstrate high-quality preoperative patient care and have completed the designating process.

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ENTERTAINMENT

'Rite of Spring' Celebrated At Reston's CenterStage

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

The legendary Igor Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" caused protests when first performed 100 years ago coupled with the provocative dancing of Njinsky. It was a revolutionary whack at the staid ways before World War I changed everything. To this day it remains an audacious work of the performing arts. Northern Virginia audiences can see what all the fuss was about with a special "Rite" double-bill with the award winning Bowen McCauley Dance (BMD) company and the Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra (BCJO).

This "Rite" will be performed first as a dance event in the intimate CenterStage. It then moves to a cabaret-style setting as a jazz-infused music performance wafts through the Reston Community Center.

BMD will perform the "Rite of Spring" dance with accompaniment as it was originally composed; for piano four hands (piano duet using one piano). While the "Rite" dance piece has been a staple of modern dance, the CenterStage audience will be treated to fresh choreography developed by award-winning Lucy Bowen McCauley (Arlington).

"I want people to relate to the full emotional range of the work and the unfolding of events in a less obvious way," BMD Artistic Director Bowen McCauley said. "You don't have to know the piece to be emo-

tionally drawn into it. I want the audience to see it each in their own way, as we keep them guessing on what will happen."

The BMD "Rite" will be performed by seven dancers; four women and three men. The uneven number is a key ingredient to the choreography as partnerships shift about until the end.

After a short intermission, the Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra (BCJO) will take center stage in a night-club atmosphere. The 17-piece BCJO will perform an original big band jazz version of "Rite" titled "The Re-Write of Spring." It was arranged by area composer/arranger Darryl Brenzel. BCJO received the 2013 Washington Area Music Association "Big Band" Award. "This is an opportunity for an audience to hear a different voice for 'Rite.' It will be an acoustic jazz arrangement. The audience will feel all the vibrations of the instruments without any amplifications," baritone saxophonist and BCJO co-founder Brad Linde said. "The listeners will experience the harmonies and melodies of Stravinsky's work but with switches in instruments."

"The choreography that 'Rite of Spring' generated laid the groundwork for what we call modern dance. It pre-dates the Jazz Age...It is musically quoted in dozens of movies and commercials...influencing our lives for 100 years in ways that will surprise you," said Paul Michnewicz, Director of Arts and Events, Reston Community Center.



PHOTO BY JEFF MALET

Bowen McCauley Dance



PHOTO BY TIMOTHY FORBES

Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra.

When & Where

The 100th Anniversary celebration of Igor Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" performed at Reston CenterStage, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA 20191. Performances: Saturday, Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25 Reston, \$50 non-Reston. Call 703-476-4500 or visit: www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

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WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 6-30

Ventures and Puzzles. 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Sunday, at Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Abstract oil paintings by Frank Eifert, in an exhibit in which "Half-Reflections" accompany each picture to metaphorically suggest some of the intentions, surprises and significances encountered in the creation of the picture. In this series of paintings, Frank developed a "multi-directional" style, painting from all four sides and four corners (for square pictures), essentially providing up to eight distinct pictures, the multiple options of viewing reflecting the ambivalence and ambiguity of our time. 703-467-4500 or www.restoncommunitycenter.com.



"The Rest Area," by Jungmin Park, 2007. Park will exhibit his mixed media work alongside Ajay Leister's installations Nov. 18 through the New Year at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston.

Glakas and Kurt Schwarz—locally and internationally known artists. Portraits, landscapes, still life paintings, drawings, pastels, printmaking and photography are featured. 703-956-6590 or www.artspaceherndon.org.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 6-DEC. 9

The Artists of Montorno. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Montorno

painting workshops in Seravezza, Italy, have been a refuge for artists to study with famous painters and sculptors for almost two decades. The exhibit features the work of Montorno instructors Danni Dawson, Mike Francis, Trisha Adams, Mary Del Popolo, Peggy Feerick, Gavin



"Sentinel and Sprout," Ajay Leister, 2010. Leister's installation work is up along with Jungmin Park's mixed media paintings Nov. 18 through the New Year at Greater Reston Arts Center, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

Mosby's Raids. 7 p.m., at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Award-winning author William Connery will speak on his new book, "Mosby's Raids in Civil War Northern Virginia," and the

life of Virginia's "Gray Ghost" Colonel John Singleton Mosby, who led an elite band of raiders that was one of the most feared units fighting during the Civil War. 703-689-2700.

FRIDAY/NOV. 8

16th annual Monte Carlo Night.

6:30-11 p.m., in the ballroom at the Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. The Fairfax Rotary Club hosts the black tie optional gala with dancing from The Loudoun Jazz Ensemble, a dinner buffet, silent and live auctions, a free drink and free parking. \$75. www.dunnloring-merrifieldrotary.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 8-10

2013 Nature Visions Conference.

9:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at Hylton Center, George Mason University, 10960 George Mason Circle, Manassas. The exhibition put on by the League of Reston Artists is full of juried, nature-themed photos selected from seven mid-Atlantic photography clubs. www.leagueofrestonartists.org.

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m., at 750 Center St., Herndon. Meet locally and internationally known artists who teach at the artists' retreat in Seravezza, Italy. 703-956-6590 or www.artspaceherndon.org.

Fall-Winter Contra Dances. 7:15-8 p.m. lesson, 8-10:45 p.m. dance, at RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Michael Barraclough calls the first of four fall-winter contra dances to the music of the June Apple Band; no partner necessary. \$9 (lesson is free). anote20@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 10

Ancient Chinese Artistry Brushpainting Reception. 2-4 p.m., at 1609 Washington Plaza N.,

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Reston Association will be holding a *public hearing* at 6 p.m., Thursday, November 21st at the RA Conference Center (12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20191) on the following items:

- Proposed land exchange with Lake Anne Development Partners
- Proposed 2014/2015 budget and 2014 Reston Association Assessment amount

More information on both topics can be found on www.reston.org prior to the meeting. For more information, contact 703-435-6530.



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Reston. Tracie Griffith Tso, a Chinese brushpainter, extends beyond basic tradition in her work by mixing traditional bamboo images with selections of flora and fauna; a collection of her RCC students' works will also be displayed. 703-476-4500, www.inksart.com or <http://www.pinterest.com/griffithtso/boards/>.

David Henry Hwang's "Lost and Found In Translation." 3 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The Tony Award-winning playwright of "M. Butterfly" discusses his works, writing process, and artistic philosophy. \$15 Reston, \$30 Non-Reston. www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

The Rite of Spring Double Feature. 8 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The CenterStage celebrates the 100th anniversary of Stravinsky's ballet and orchestral concert piece with performances by the Bowen McCauley Dance Ensemble and Darryl Brenzel and the Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra. \$25 Reston, \$50 Non-Reston. www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

Dabbling in Magic. 4 p.m., at Hunters Woods, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. The first concert of the 26th season of the Reston Community Orchestra directed by Dingwall Fleary, featuring guest Cheryl Roeske on the harp. Admission is anon-perishable good to support Reston's annual

Thanksgiving food drive. www.restoncommunityorchestra.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

Design and Wine. 7-9 p.m., at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon. Join for "Design and Wine: Zinfandel and Zentangles," with guest artist Keith Naquin. Zentangles is a purposeful doodling art form that's a cross between meditation and graphic design. \$30. 703-956-6590 or artspaceherndon.org.

THURSDAY/NOV. 21

Politicians and the Press. 8 p.m., at Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation, 1441 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Washington correspondent for The New York Times Sheryl Gay Stolberg shares insight on the interplay between politicians and the press, sharing examples from reporting during the George W. Bush and Obama administrations.

FRIDAY/NOV. 22

"Black 'n Blue Boys" by Dael Orlandersmith. 8 p.m. Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Orlandersmith performs her original piece about seven male victims of abuse. Adults only. \$20 Reston, \$40 Non-Reston. www.restoncommunitycenter.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 18

Park and Leister Exhibit. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, at GRACE, 12001 Market St., Suite 103, Reston. Leister's sculptural installations and Park's mixed media works are on exhibit. 703-471-9242 or www.restonarts.org.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to reston@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday.

Stacy Beyer, one of Time Magazine's pick for Top 10 Stars of New Jewish Music in 2013, will be performing at Congregation Beth Emeth on Saturday, Nov. 16 as part of a weekend-long celebration in honor of the installation of Rabbi Michelle Goldsmith. Originally from New York, Beyer moved to Nashville, Tenn. at the encouragement of country music legends Merle Haggard and Roy Acuff to pursue country music songwriting. After initial success with EMI Music Publishing, a unique opportunity arose to write songs for a Warner Brothers' recording—A Children's Chanukah. This experience led to other invitations to create music with Jewish content for various programs in Nashville. Eventually, this new musical direction brought about the production of Beyer's first Jewish CD, Find Your Voice.

Beyer's music is used throughout the country in congregations, camps, and Jewish events. For ticket information, please visit <http://www.bethemeth.org/celebrate/index.htm>

Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery and childcare are provided and youth and adult Sunday school classes are held prior, from 9:40-10:45 a.m. 703-437-5500 or www.trinityherndon.org.

Vajrayogini Buddhist Center, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m., for the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12. 202-986-2257 or www.meditation-dc.org.

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.

HAVEN of Northern Virginia offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or www.havenofnova.org for schedules and registration information.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays.

Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. ShalomDC.org.

The Baha'i community of

McLean holds a weekly fireside, a meeting of discussion, devotion and fellowship, at 7500 Box Elder Court in McLean, at 8 p.m. every Friday. An opportunity to learn about the Baha'i faith. 703-556-3400.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3- to 4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

Hope Fellowship Church will temporarily be meeting at Woody's Golf Range, 11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. Sunday worship services for the Southern Baptist church are at 10:45 a.m. The public is invited to join a Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. 703-599-3527 or www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org.

Knitters needed the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 7 p.m., at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The church's Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets and other knitted items for people in need. No cost and yarn can be provided. E-mail shawl@saint-timothys.org or visit the Pastoral Care page at www.saint-timothys.org.

Nondenominational Christian businessmen meet for prayer, Biblical discussion and fellowship 7 p.m. Fridays at Anita's, 1051 Elden St., Herndon and 12 p.m. Thursdays at 555 Grove St., Suite 200, Herndon. Call 703-795-1257.

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