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Residents had the opportunity to talk about the Reston Master Plan Phase II draft and the plans for neighborhoods and convenience centers at a meeting Saturday.

Reston founder Robert Simon Jr. talks during the comment period of the Reston Master Plan II meeting Saturday.

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Reston Master Plan Debated

Residents discuss neighborhoods and convenience centers.

By Reena Singh
The Connection

Reston residents met with Fairfax County officials Saturday morning to discuss the future of their neighborhoods.

"I'm glad there was such a great turnout on a Saturday morning," said Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins. "It's not a plan yet. It's a draft of language. Our objective here is to get comments, get guidance."

The series of meetings on Reston Master Plan Phase II will inform residents and collect comments on the draft.

"We plan to get it before the Board of Supervisors in June," said Richard Lambert, Fairfax County Planning and Zoning representative.

Saturday's meeting was specifically on neighborhoods and convenience centers, which are planned to remain stable as density increases due to the Silver Line Metro station recently opened.

"I think they were very engaging and talked about what is a stable neighborhood - what that means," said Hudgins. "Most people in Reston really respect their own neighborhoods."

Residents had the opportunity to comment on the plans in the draft during a breakout session. Comments will also be collected on the county website.

"I think this is a reasonably decent draft," said Terry Maynard, Reston Citizens Association member.

He said, however, that the words "stable neighborhoods" mean nothing, and could be interpreted by developers in any way.

Another RCA member, Hank Schonzeit, commented on the lack of mention about pedestrian safety at crosswalks. He and several others noted that many of the buttons at the crossings do not work.

Also, he said that it is obvious that too many people worked on the draft and that the text was repetitive.

"I think the document should be cut, at least, by half," he said.

While repetitive, many of the residents felt the text lacked specificity.

"There has to be something to hold the developer's feet to the fire," said RCA member Connie Hartke.

Many of the people at his table wanted to discuss the village centers, which is next month's topic.

Convenience centers were another topic at the meeting.

"I want to think about what's going to happen 10 to 20 years from now," said Schonzeit. "What are these convenience centers going to look like?"

He said he did not see any specific goals that stated how they should look.

"We should have design guidelines for those areas," he said.

The next Master Plan II community meeting will be held from on Oct. 18 at a location to be determined. For information about the meetings and the plan as it is updated, visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/huntermill.

Lake Anne Fellowship House Revitalization Halted

Fellowship Square Foundation Board faults county for lack of support.

By Reena Singh
The Connection

After two years of stalled plans, Norvus Residences is indefinitely deferring the revitalization of Lake Anne Fellowship House.

According to a letter sent from the Fellowship Square Foundation Board of Directors, it was because the proposal did not have county support.

The board's Lake Anne Redevelopment Committee Chair Edward Byron stated this support was necessary by the U.S. Department for Housing and Urban Development.

"Despite many meetings with county staff and Supervisor Cathy Hudgins on our proposal during May, June and July, we have been unable to obtain the support we require and have little expectation that a position of support will be forthcoming," he wrote. "Therefore, we see no purpose in continuing to pursue approval of the application at this time."

Photo by Reena Singh/The Connection

Lake Anne Fellowship House revitalization was deferred after the lack of county-level support, claims Fellowship Square Foundation.

The proposal was made two years ago after a push to revitalize Lake Anne Plaza. The Fellowship House has aging units that needed to be upgraded and added on to.

"We have been criticized by the county for proposing to build only 140 new affordable senior units, rather than replace the current 240 units," wrote Byrne. "But, as we have stated (and even documented in information provided by county staff), the value of our property is limited, and that limited value can only produce 140 new affordable senior living units."

Because the rezoning is being deferred, the Fellowship House will have to close 100 of the current units. Additionally, 40 of the 140 units left will be 40 years old.

Gregory Riegle, McGuire Woods LLP, noted that the deferral could lead to a significant displacement of the current Fellowship House residents.

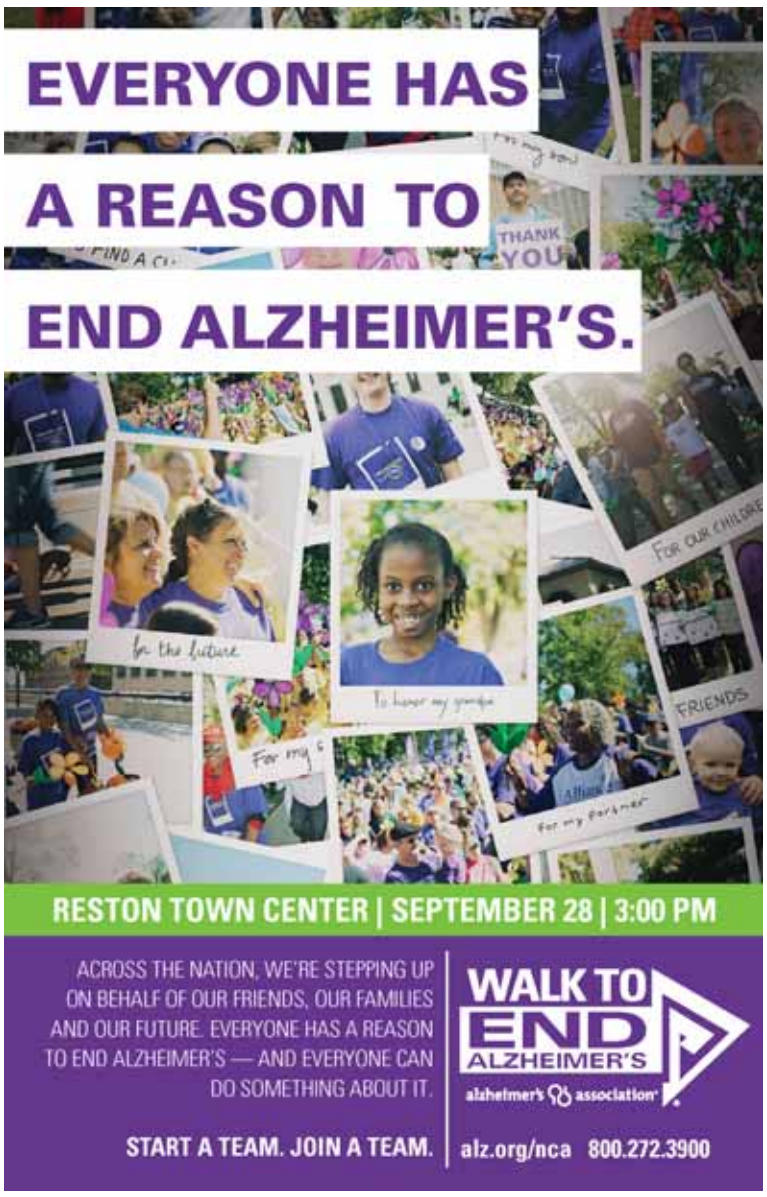
In the next few months, Byrne hopes to find out whether HUD has funding to "extend the life and affordability right now" as well as asking for funding for construction.

"Given the current political environment and the budgetary difficulties at the state and local levels, we are not optimistic we will be successful," he said. "Yet, the Fellowship Square Foundation remains committed now, as it always has been, to providing affordable senior housing in Reston, and we will continue to do so."

Reston Citizens Association President Sridhar Ganesan said the lack of support at the county level is against Reston's principles to allow everyone to afford to live in Reston.

He noted that Reston is becoming a more expensive place, and many of the Fellowship House's residents might not be able to afford to live elsewhere without a voucher.

"We would like the stakeholders to examine more options to make sure these residents don't become impacted and can stay where they are," he said.



GRACE executive director and curator Holly K. McCullough standing by some of the natural roots which helped inspire the work of artist Dalya Luttwak.

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Dalya Luttwak Exhibits at GRACE

Sculpture exhibit on display in Reston until Nov. 1.

By Ryan Dunn
The Connection

Since 2007, artist Dalya Luttwak has been working on a series of sculptures depicting the root systems of various plants. Some of these sculptures are on display at Reston GRACE located on the corner of Market St. and St. Francis in the Reston Town Center. "For me the work is very playful," said GRACE gallery and education assistant Sarah Black. "I love the play of the shadows on the walls."

Sourcing from roots that she digs up from out of the earth, Luttwak recreates the configuration of plant roots through mild steel to "reveal what nature prefers to conceal." Her series of root sculptures has made lasting impressions throughout the DC-Maryland-Virginia area. "This is a new body of work that focuses on what roots generate," said GRACE Executive Director and Curator Holly K. McCullough. "This is kind of a new direction for the artist." The exhibit is Luttwak's first solo show at Reston GRACE.

"Since 2007, I have been working on a series of large-scale metal sculptures that symbolically represent the root systems of various plants," stated Luttwak. "My sculptures are site specific or site responsive… I try to uncover the hidden beauty of

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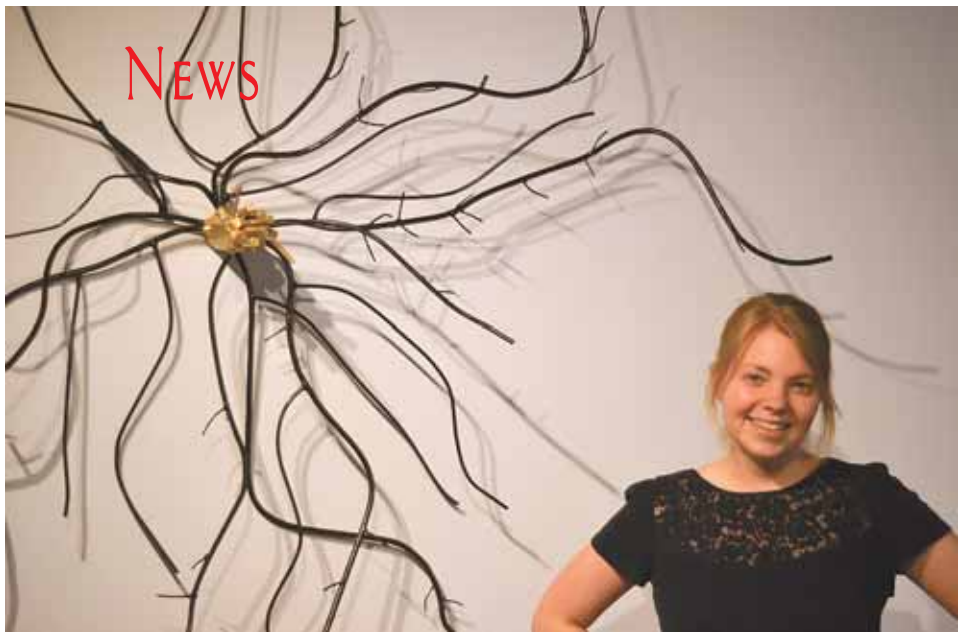

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GRACE gallery and education assistant Sarah Black stands by a sculpture piece by Dalya Luttwak at the Reston gallery on 12001 Market Street.

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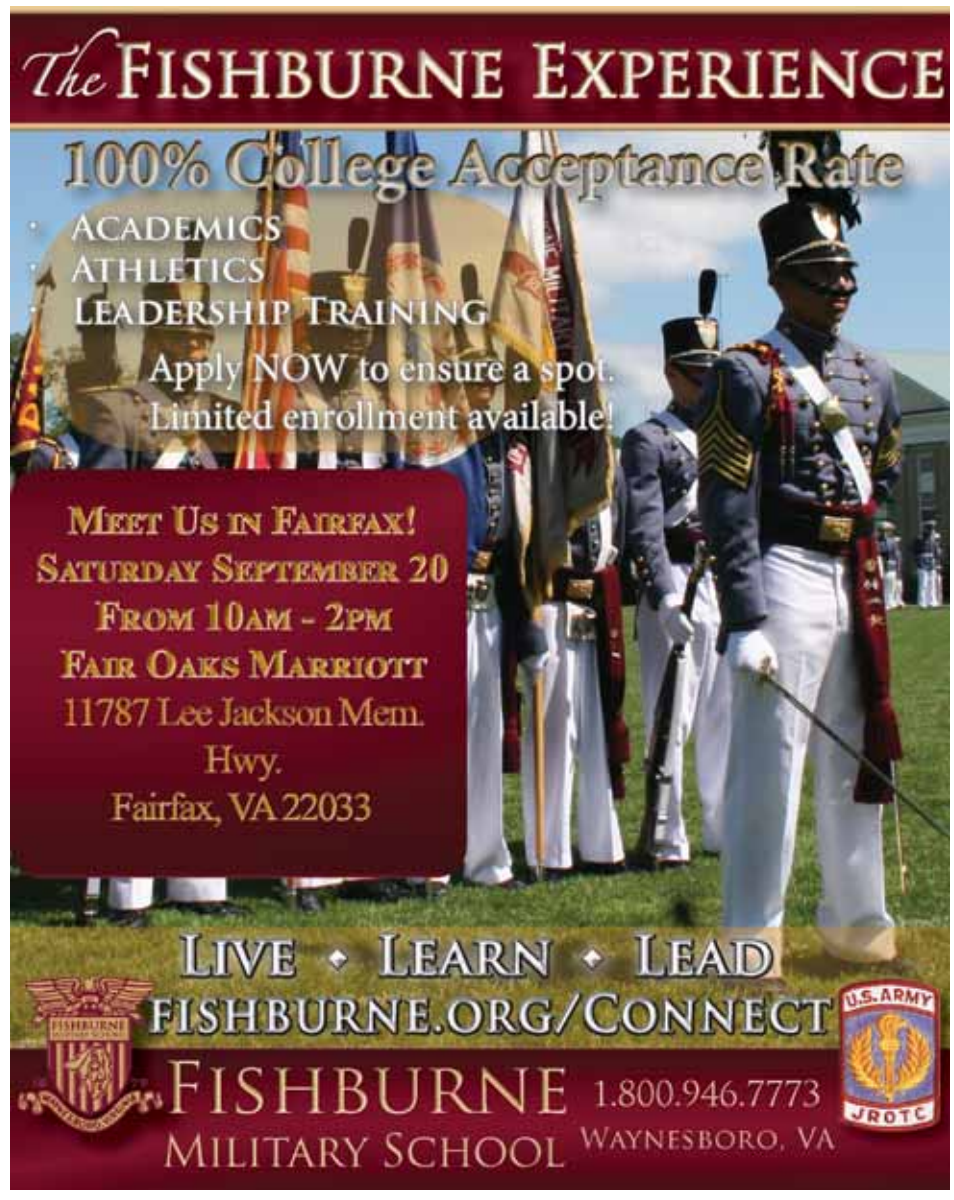
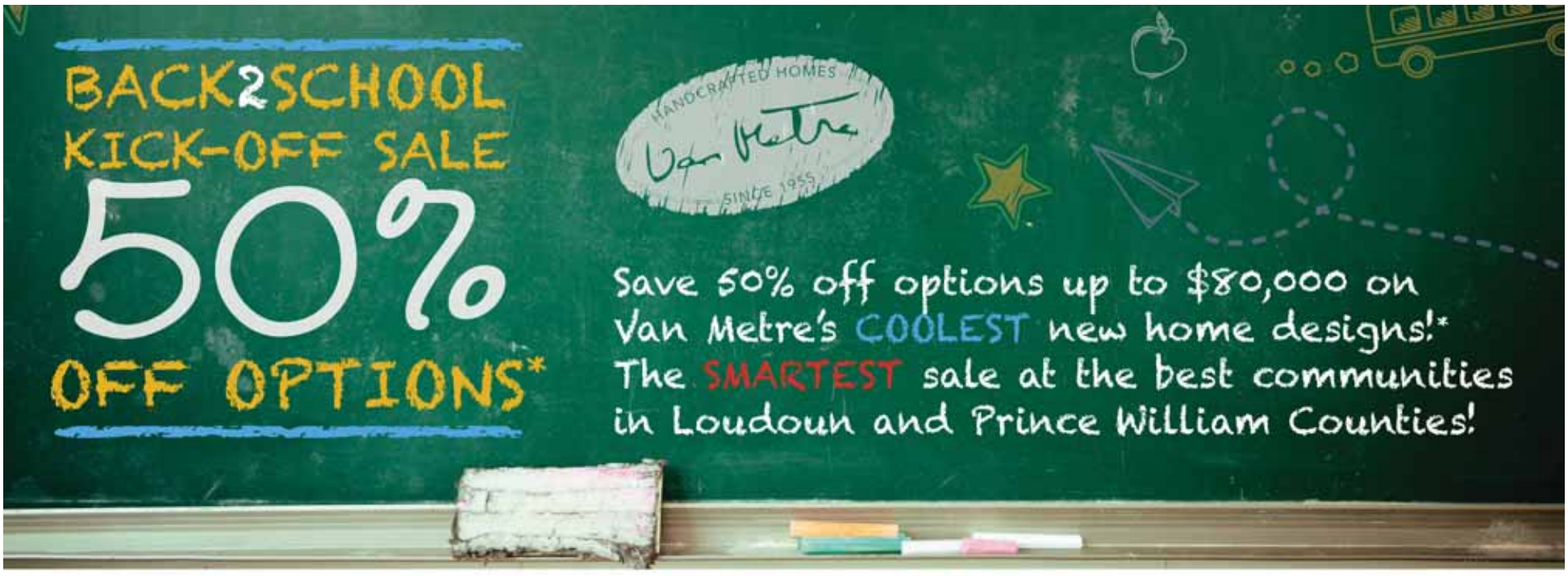
roots, exploring the relationship between what grows above the ground and the invisible parts below of various root systems. My sculptures reveal what nature prefers to conceal. My wish is to uncover and discover roots even when they are hidden, indeed especially when they are hidden."

The sculptures are black with a gold element, which represents the visible product cultivated on the surface but supported through the root foundation. Germination of Gold additionally features actual roots collected by the artist and assembled in her studio. Born in Israel, Luttwak was educated at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and has resided in the United States since 1972. Always drawn to metal work, the artist created jewelry early in her career, but progressively shifted her focus to sculpture.

The Luttwak exhibit will be at Reston GRACE until Nov. 1. For more information on Reston GRACE, visit restonarts.org.





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Opinion

Protecting Those Threatened by Domestic Violence

September marks 20th Anniversary of Violence Against Women Act.

By Gerry Connolly
U.S. Representative (D-11)

Commentary

This month marks the 20th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) – landmark legislation in which our nation committed new prevention and response resources so that our mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends would no longer have to suffer in silence through domestic abuse.

Though meaningful progress has been realized, domestic violence continues to be a real and troubling challenge in our communities. Far too many of us have been touched by domestic violence in one way or another. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, an estimated 1.3 million women are victims each year, and one in every four women will experience such violence in their lifetime.

Just last year, Turning Points, the only domestic violence intervention program in Prince William County, served 6,000 clients. In Fairfax County there were more than 8,000 incidents reported, and we have seen a 40 percent increase in homelessness due to domestic violence.

This is why I was so disappointed when the House Republican majority blocked a bipartisan modernization of VAWA for 18 months before relenting last year. The Senate passed the bill in a strong and bipartisan 78-22 vote, but some House Republicans objected because they did not want to extend protections to Native Americans, LGBT Americans, and immigrants. Thankfully, House leadership finally put aside this obstructionism and ultimately allowed the House to pass the improved VAWA bill, which I and an overwhelming number of Democrats supported.

Thanks to VAWA, we have strengthened and expanded critical protections for all victims of domestic violence and enhanced our nation's criminal justice response. Specifically, VAWA has instituted stricter sentencing guidelines for repeat federal sex crime offenders and provided resources to tribal, local, and state law enforcement communities to address violent crimes against women. In addition, VAWA funds specialized training for 500,000 law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, and other personnel every year. The National Domestic Violence Hotline, which responds to more than 22,000 urgent calls for help every month, also was created under VAWA.

The updated VAWA is renewing our successful partnerships with local nonprofits and law enforcement agencies. It is improving protections for underserved communities, particularly immigrants and victims of human trafficking. And of particular importance for helping victims through the recovery process, the new bill is expanding housing assistance and providing support regardless of sexual orientation.

Sadly, recent events in the news demonstrate that although we have made great progress, as a community we must remain vigilant in protecting those threatened by domestic violence. Please know that I will continue to push Congress to maintain and expand the investments needed to support these critical programs in our community and continue to be a voice of support to those who might otherwise not speak up for themselves.

Medicaid Expansion Lite

By Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum
State Delegate (D-36)

Commentary

Virginia's first governor, Patrick Henry, was elected to four one-year terms. Henry's reputation as a leader was well established before he became governor with his famous "Give me liberty or give me death" speech made in St. John's Church in Richmond before the Revolution. Virginians honored his memory about a decade ago when the renovated Library of Virginia/Supreme Court building was named the Patrick Henry Building and became the office location for the governor and his staff and cabinet secretaries. Henry would have been proud when one of the former reading rooms converted to a public meeting room was the scene last week of a press conference by Governor Terry McAuliffe announcing his plan to expand Medicaid to the extent that he could within the constraints of the law. Henry in his day railed against oppression and taxation without representation. McAuliffe spoke on behalf of Virginians who are paying billions of dollars in taxation while the legislature is refusing to act on a plan that would bring that money back to the Commonwealth to provide health insurance to the poorest working people.

I went to the Governor's press conference last week as a way to demonstrate my support for the actions he is taking to expand Medicaid. Because of legal constraints, his plan is modest. It extends coverage to about 25,000 persons who do not have health insurance including 20,000 Virginians with serious mental illnesses. The number eligible for health insurance under the federal programs is 400,000, but to reach that number requires an act of the legislature. In the meantime the Governor has instituted a program to aggressively enroll eligible persons in the federal insurance marketplace.

"While the plan that I am announcing today will do a lot of good for a lot of people, it does not solve the larger problem of providing health insurance coverage to low-income Virginians," the Governor said. "The

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Almost Fall —The Silly Season is Underway

By John Lovaas
Reston Impact Producer/Host

Independent Progressive

Did anyone see any salutes to working people on the first Monday in September this year? Sadly, the meaning of this holiday honoring working people has become barely an afterthought it seems.

What I've seen lately is lots of retail advertising about back-to-school stuff for students, and a flood of advertising for political candidates. Yes, another silly season of electoral politics is underway, pretty much devoid of substantive public policy debate. Let's take a look: Delegate Ken Plum (D), running to retain his lifetime seat serving the 36th District, is once again unopposed. I've not seen Ken's goals for his next term, and they are not to be found on his campaign website. They would be nice to know. He is a reliable progressive; but needs some solid competition to renew his fighting spirit.

How many of you can name the candidates running to represent Reston in Gerrymandered 11th District seat or hammock in the U.S. Congress? The incumbent for whom the district was drawn is Democrat Gerry Connolly, a pro-business "moderate" with an edge. The others names are pretty well hidden by the mainstream media. They are: Republican Suzanne Scholte who can't find anything that the current dysfunctional Congress has passed for which she can blame Gerry; Green Party return candidate Joe Galdo who is the only progressive in the race but is too gentle and honest to be eligible for the job; and, Marc Harrold, a Libertarian candidate who does offer goals at his website, pretty standard libertarian or covert Republican fare calling for no taxes and absolute rule by the market, sweetened with calls to end war on both drugs and other people. Between a cozy district and nearly $2 million in campaign cash, nearly 90 percent from large individual checks and PACs, Connolly is a shoo-in for re-election.

Then there is the "race" for the U.S. Senate seat currently held by self-made millionaire, conservative Democrat Mark Warner. His opponents are former national Republican Chairman Ed Gillespie, and Libertarian Robert Sarvis. Again, the challengers have very little they can blame Warner for

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General Assembly has made it perfectly clear that they unequivocally are the ones that have the power to expand and close the coverage gap. With that power also comes responsibility."

The General Assembly is scheduled to go back into special session on Sept. 18 to discuss Medicaid expansion. Neither the Republican leadership that controls the House or the Senate's Republican majority has indicated a willingness to approve any kind of expansion of health benefits. Rather, they continue to follow the direction of the Koch Brothers financed Americans for Prosperity and their Tea Party constituents to refuse to accept anything related to what they call Obamacare. The insanity of refusing to take $5 million a day of Virginia taxpayer monies while thousands go without insurance coverage defies a reasonable explanation. As Governor McAuliffe clearly stated, it is up to the legislature. I bet Patrick Henry would have been even more forceful; we have taxation of Virginians to support health insurance programs in other states but not ourselves!

To learn more about the Affordable Care Act, sign up for a webinar at http://www.innovatevirginia.org/pages/medicaidwebinarseries.

Lovaas

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because so little has been accomplished on his watch. And, here's where I get my biggest laugh of the silly season. Mr. Ed Gillespie attacks Warner as a wild-eyed liberal sympathizer of the revolutionary socialist in the White House. He claims that Warner votes with Obama 97 percent of the time. This comes as a real shock to the President who would like to know where Warner is when Obama needs support on: more sensible gun legislation; a public option for health care; climate change legislation; tax reform favoring other than the rich; labor law reform improving worker access to unions; clean air regulations; etc. Meanwhile, Ed himself now claims to be a card-carrying lifetime Tea Party member. Warner has about $10 million in the campaign chest; Gillespie has about $4.2 million; and, Sarvis has a meager $50,000. Warner is polling a hair over 50 percent, Gillespie 23 percent and Sarvis 5 percent. (The other 22 percent cannot stay awake to respond!) Sarvis' per vote cost is the lowest of the three. He will waste far less fat cat cash than the other two, but he will also come in a distant third on Election Day while siphoning most of his votes from Gillespie.

I always end by reminding folks to vote, a real struggle to say this year.

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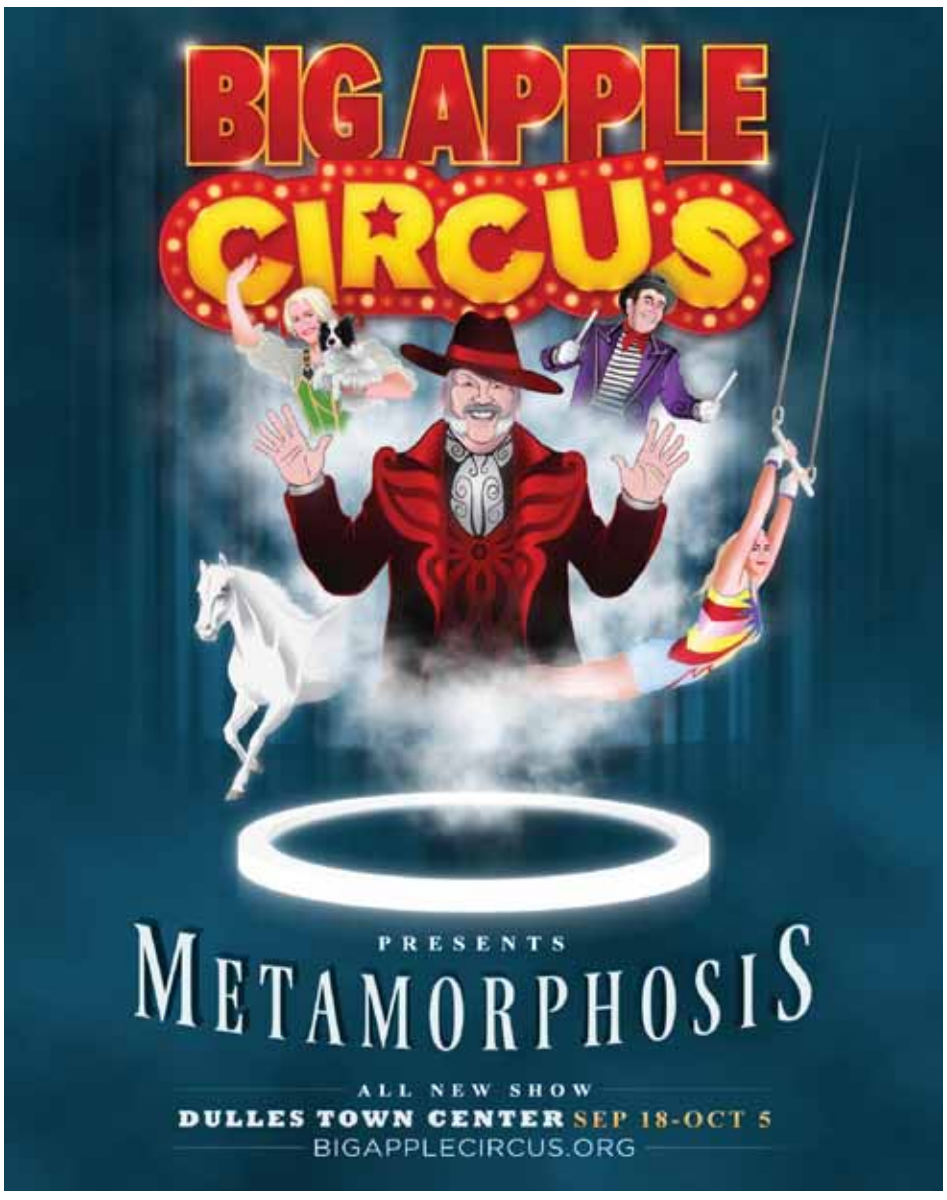

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Noor Naveed hopes to become the first person in her family to graduate from college. After graduating from NOVA, she transferred to George Mason University.

Photo courtesy of Amy Zuaso

Amy Zuaso became the first person in her family to graduate from college. She says the guaranteed admission agreements at NOVA allowed her to complete her associate's degree and transfer to her dream school: James Madison University.

A Different Path to a 4-year Degree

NOVA's Guaranteed Admissions Program gives students opportunities to attend their dream schools.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

Noor Naveed immigrated to the United States from Pakistan with her family shortly after the 9/11 attacks. The family settled in Northern Virginia and, years later, Naveed graduated from Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria. She dreams of becoming the first person in her family to graduate from college.

"My mother was forced to drop out of junior high and at 32 got her GED. I just knew that there wasn't anyone in my immediate family who had graduated from college and was determined to be the first person," said Naveed. "I knew I wanted to [go to] George Mason because I didn't want loans and I knew I could pay for George Mason out of pocket."

Naveed used Northern Virginia Community College's Guaranteed Admissions Program to complete her associate of arts degree and is now finishing a bachelor's degree in criminology, law and society at George Mason University in Fairfax.

"Counselors were great at telling me what classes I should take so they would transfer," she said. "Almost all of my classes transferred."

NOVA's admissions agreements guarantee current and future NOVA students who earn associate degrees admission to more than 40 four-year colleges and universities.

Students do have to meet certain academic requirements, such as earning a minimum grade point average, in order to be accepted into their chosen four-year colleges.

"It's very beneficial to the students because before these agreements, there weren't any perimeters as to what it takes to be admitted to universities," said Julia Brown, coordinator for transfer policy at Northern Virginia Community College. "As long as you have a certain GPA, the guaranteed admission agreement takes all of the guess work out of whether you will qualify. It is a huge relief. … Students don't want to waste money or time by taking a class that isn't needed."

NOVA officials say that popular majors include engineering, nursing, computer science and general studies.

For example, a student can earn an associates degree in engineering from NOVA then transfer to Virginia Tech's College of Engineering or the University of Virginia's School of Engineering and Applied Science. A student who might be unsure of the major he plans to pursue can earn a general studies degree and then transfer to George Mason University.

George Mason University, University of Virginia and Virginia Tech are the top transfer schools for NOVA graduates.

"The [Guaranteed Admission Agreement] program allowed me to complete my associate's degree close to home. The GAA gave me the opportunity to transfer to my dream school, James Madison University, with ease and with no debt," said Amy Zuaso, a first year advising specialist at NOVA. "At NOVA, I met with a JMU transfer representative that informed me about a full ride scholarship program, The Centennial Scholars Program, that I applied for and was awarded. Starting at NOVA first and using the GAA helped me graduate from a four-year school and to be the first person in my family to graduate from college."

Photo courtesy of NOVA

NOVA Community students can earn admission to more than 40 colleges and universities through the school's guaranteed admission agreements.

Zuaso is now completing an online Master's Degree in counseling at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

THE PROGRAM WAS CREATED after the release of a workforce trends report prepared by George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis showed professional, scientific, technical and health care fields as the key sources of new net job growth in Northern Virginia from 2010 to 2020.

"The GAA is designed to offer students a seamless transfer process," said Darren Troxler, associate dean of admissions and chief transfer officer at George Mason University. "Students who meet all of the requirements for GAA admission are not only guaranteed transfer admission to Mason, but are considered juniors for class standing, registration and financial aid purposes, and are considered to have completed the Mason Core, our lower-level general education requirement."

Troxler says another advantage to GAA enrollment is the significant cost savings for students and parents. "There is a $271.00 per credit hour differential in tuition rates between Mason and NOVA for Virginia residents," he said. "Students will realize a significantly lower debt burden by taking advantage of the Virginia Community College System."

Photo courtesy of The Initiative for Public Art - Reston (IPAR)

Professional mural artist Patrick Owens, who has done chalk art projects for over eight years, drew a chalk mural highlighting the upcoming Sept. 27 Reston Multicultural Festival.

Reston Town Center Hosts ChalkFest

IPAR ChalkFest brings hundreds of spectators and artists to Reston.

By Ryan Dunn
The Connection

Amazing art lined the streets of Reston Town Center during the Reston ChalkFest event. Adults, teens and children had an opportunity to color the bricks of Reston's Market Street between Library Street and Presidents Street. The event was presented by the Initiative for Public Art Reston (IPAR) in collaboration with Reston Town Center. Professional artists and art teams started their work on Friday, Sept. 5. Other artists had the opportunity to work on chalk art from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The Reston ChalkFest's objective was to make art a communal activity. In June, IPAR teamed up with the Friends of Lake Anne to present Chalk on the Water, a chalk festival held at the neighboring Lake Anne Village Center. There visitors watched as 150-plus artists made artistic chalk murals on the bricked plaza. Some of the artists who were in the June chalk art event participated in the September ChalkFest show.

"IPAR is extremely pleased to collaborate with Reston Town Center to bring the first chalk art event to Town Center," said Anne Delaney, executive director of IPAR. Chalk art, also referred to as street art, pavement painting, and sidewalk art, is a form of temporary public art that can engage not only professional artists but also amateurs, families and kids.

Only chalk was permitted for drawings. Paint, crayon, ink or other non-washable or permanent products were not allowed. Registered ChalkFest members from Northern Virginia spanned from Reston to Ashburn and Centreville. Participants in the art event were allotted an individual art space along with a box of 24 colored chalks. Water was provided to be used for drinking or erasing. Participants were encouraged to bring their own snacks or visit the surrounding restaurants and cafes in Reston Town Center.

Professional mural artist Patrick Owens, who has done chalk art projects for over eight years held a workshop at Reston Town Center to review chalk art techniques and strategy. Some artists can earn sums for chalky masterpieces. Artist Cesar Sanchez-Morazzani was commissioned to create a Van Gogh-inspired 15'X10' chalk piece in front of the Mayflowers florist store in Reston Town Center, on the Promenade.

ChalkFest was also an opportunity for professional artists, amateurs, and families to win prizes. A cash grand prize went to first place in the Professional Artists category, though first through third place prizes were awarded in other categories as well. Tickets for this event were sold online or purchased at the event. Funds raised from the event will help support IPAR's programs. ChalkFest sponsors included Boston Properties, Reston Community Center, Reston Association, Access National Bank, and Mayflowers. To read more about IPAR visit www.publicartreston.org.

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17 - MONDAY/OCT. 6

Multicultural Festival Exhibition. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Jo Ann Rose Gallery, 1609 Washington Plaza N, Reston. To help celebrate the Reston Multicultural Festival, area artists are displaying works of art that relate to their cultural heritage. 703-476-4500.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17 – SATURDAY/OCT. 11

"Signs of Summer." Parkridge 5 Building, 10780 Parkridge Blvd., Reston. This League of Reston Artists' show includes original painting, mixed media, two-dimensional hangable art and photography. www.leagueofrestonartists.org

THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

Out with the Old in with the New. 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Brown's Chapel, 11300 Baron Cameron Ave. (opposite Lake Anne Village), Reston. This class will show us how to overcome negative mental habits of mind such as anger. You will learn practical methods for daily life and how to use meditation to overcome these negative minds. $10 ($5 for full time students/unemployed/ adults 65 and over). http://meditation-dc.org/reston/

Calling All Poets. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Open mic for poetry lovers. Share your own work or that of a favorite poet. Adults. 703-689-2700.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 18 - TUESDAY/SEPT. 30

Book Sales. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Ongoing book sales. All ages.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 19

Great Decisions Series. 1:30 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Roundtable discussion on U.S. foreign policy process. September topic is Food and Climate. Discussion materials available two weeks prior to event. Adults. 703-689-2700.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

The Larry Stephenson Band. 7:30 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 1090 Sterling Road, Herndon. Stephenson is known for his pure high tenor voice and mastery of the mandolin. Tickets: $15.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

Sunday Bourbon and Blues Brunch. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. M&S Grill,11901 Democracy Dr., Reston. Live blues musical performance by local artists. 703-787-7766.

Celebrating Jaguars - 50th Golden Anniversary Jaguar Club Car Show. 10 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Market Street, Reston. Display of the Jaguar cars in celebration of 50 year anniversary of the JaguarClub. 571-213-1847.

MONDAY/SEPT. 22

Mr. Knick Knack! Children's Performance. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Reston Town Center Pavillion, 11900 Market Street, Reston. Unique, heart-centered music for kids! 703-579-6720.

Terrific Treefrogs. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Learn which tree frogs live in Reston, how they climb and how they survive in trees. Make a froggy craft to take home. Admissions: $7 for child RA members, $9 for child non-members. Reservations required by Sept. 18. Call 703-476-9689 and press 5 or email naturecenter@reston.org for more info. Ages 3-5.

Terrific Twos. 11 a.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Vehicles Vroom! Trains, planes, truck and more with books, rhymes and songs. Age 2 with adult.

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 23

Folk Club of Reston-Herndon September Concert: Sparky and Rhonda Rucker. 7:15 p.m. Amphora Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon. Tickets: DAHurdSr@cs.com. $11 Members, $12 non-members. Sparky and Rhonda Rucker perform throughout the U.S. as well as overseas, singing songs and telling stories from the American folk tradition.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

Food Truck Wednesday. 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Reston Town Center Plaza, 11900 Market St., Reston. The last Wednesday of every month a variety of food truck vendors provide lunch dessert. www.restontowncenter.com

Reston Friends Semi-Annual Book Sale - Friends Night. 5 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Book sale open to member of Friends of the Reston Regional Library. All ages.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

Live Music at M&S Grill. 7-10 p.m. M&S Grill, 11901 Democracy Dr., Reston. Enjoy live performance by Ken Wenzel. 703-787-7766.

Meet the Artists Series. 2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The CenterStage at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Cabaret singer Beverly Cosham and friends. Free. 703-476-4500.

Reston Friends Semi-Annual Book Sale. 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Browse through thousands of books in like-new condition, representing all subject categories. Visit "Charly's Corner" to find special treasures of all kinds. NOTE: NO children's books are offered at this sale. All ages.

Fall 2014 Used Book Sale. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bownan Towne Drive, Reston. http://restonfriends.blogspot.com

FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

Kids at Hope Family Fun Night. 7-9:30 p.m. Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Avenue, Herndon. Games and activities to reinforce children's self confidence. $2. 703-787-7300.

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Concerts from Kirkwood: Aram Basmadjian. Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkwy, Springfield. Come hear an organ virtuoso as he takes the console to celebrate the ten-year anniversary of the installation of Kirkwood's Allen organ. 703-451-5320.

Plight of the American Chestnut. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Walker Nature Center, 11450 Glade Drive, Reston. Join Kathy Marmet of The American Chestnut Foundation as she recounts the dramatic story of chestnuts and the thirty year effort to restore this species. There is also a short hike to visit a surviving American Chestnut. Free admissions. Reservations required by Sept. 24. Call 703-476-9689 and press 5 or email naturecenter@reston.org for more info.

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Fall 2014 Used Book Sale. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bownan Towne Drive, Reston. http://restonfriends.blogspot.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Sunday Bourbon and Blues Brunch. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. M&S Grill, 11901 Democracy Dr., Reston. Live blues musical performance by local artists. 703-787-7766.

Walk to End Alzheimer's. 3 p.m. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Walk and fundraise to further the care, support and research efforts of the Alzheimer's Association. Visit http://act.alz.org/site/TR/Walk/Gnedhg=ifominRfid=5178ype=fifominRid=1824

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Fall 2014 Used Book Sale. 12 – 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bownan Towne Drive, Reston. http://restonfriends.blogspot.com

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 1-FRIDAY/OCT. 31

Art From Italy by Jerry Lewis & Mohsen Alashmoni. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Hunters Woods Exhibit, 2310 Colts Neck Rd, Reston. Two artists, one from Reston and the other from Italy, will approach the same subject from viewpoints influenced by different religions, culture and nationalities. 703-476-4500.

Week in Reston

RCC 2014 Preference Poll Voting Now Open

Voting is now open for the 2014 Reston Community Center (RCC) Board of Governors Preference Poll. Voters are also encouraged to review all candidate statements, to view candidacy statements visit RCC's website.

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❖ Online: Visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com and click on the VOTE NOW button in order to enter your unique household credentials and gain access to online voting. Online voting will be available through Friday, Oct. 3 at 5 p.m.

❖ In person: Ballots may be deposited into secure ballot boxes at either RCC location. Ballots must be received by Friday, Oct. 3 at 5 p.m.

❖ By mail: Residents may use the return envelope provided with the ballot to cast a vote by mail. Postage required. Mailed ballots must be received by Thursday, Oct. 2 at 5 p.m. Note the earlier deadline for mailed ballots and allow time for delivery by the deadline.

Residents or businesses who did not receive a ballot may obtain a provisional ballot by visiting Customer Service at RCC Hunters Woods or RCC Lake Anne. Photo ID is required for address confirmation; businesses will need to show a business card or additional proof of eligibility. Provisional ballots may be cast in person or by mail or may be used to vote online. Only one ballot per household will be tabulated. For more information on the 2014 RCC Preference Poll or Board of Governors, visit www.restoncommunitycenter.com or call 703-476-4500.

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Herndon senior captain Taylor Stone is committed to play field hockey at the University of Louisville.

Herndon senior captain Sofia Palacios is committed to play field hockey at the University of Pennsylvania. She leads the Hornets in goals and assists.

Herndon Field Hockey Remains Undefeated

Senior captains Stone, Palacios provide 1-2 punch.

By Jon Roetman
The Connection

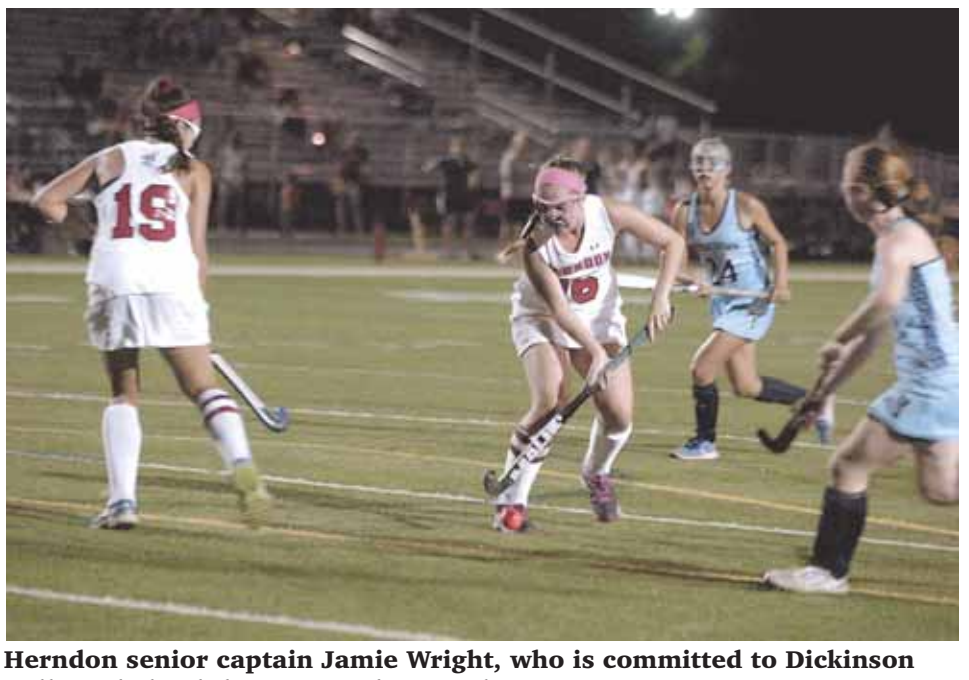
Pressure? What pressure?

The Herndon field hockey team has mowed down its competition during the 2014 season. The Hornets improved to 10-0 on Monday with a 4-0 victory over Centreville. Herndon has outscored opponents 46-3, and scored at least four goals in nine of 10 contests.

In 2012, Mary Miller's first season as Herndon head coach, the Hornets snapped a postseason drought by reaching the region quarterfinals. Last year, Herndon advanced to the region semifinals, falling one victory shy of the state tournament.

This season, Herndon returned a solid nucleus of talent, led by seniors Taylor Stone and Sofia Palacios, and has an opportunity to make another deep postseason run. However, the Hornets aren't allowing themselves to be weighed down by lofty expectations that can accompany past accomplishments or an undefeated record. Players are enjoying their success and carrying it as a point of pride at a school where many teams have struggled in recent seasons.

"Personally, I feel like [having an undefeated record is] definitely spurring us on," Palacios said after Herndon defeated Yorktown on Sept. 11. "We want to keep on going. I personally don't feel tons of pressure. It's something that we can just build on each and every game and we feel better about ourselves each win we get."



Herndon senior captain Jamie Wright, who is committed to Dickinson College, helped the Hornets beat Yorktown 4-0 on Sept. 11.

Palacios, a forward, is one of three team captains, along with Stone and senior Jamie Wright. Palacios, who is committed to play field hockey at the University of Pennsylvania, leads Herndon in goals (15) and assists (13). She scored a pair of goals during the Hornets' 4-0 win over Yorktown on Sept. 11, a game in which Herndon held a 31-5 advantage in penalty corners.

"Sofia, you can put her up top, she can dribble down and cross it if you need a big cross," Miller said. "She can bring it through the circle and get a shot or get a corner. She's got that great stick work and movement in tight spaces."

Stone, a midfielder who is committed to play at the University of Louisville, has eight goals and 11 assists this season, including two goals and an assist against Centreville on Monday.

"She's a tremendous player, but she's a tremendous team player," Miller said. "She's played on the national team, she plays all the time, she's going to Louisville. The high school game is a little bit different and Herndon, unlike some other programs, is not a big school. We don't have a ton of kids. There are a lot of varying levels on our team and Taylor does a great job of leading [the team], playing with everybody, of bringing everybody's level up. … She's kind of our quarterback."

Wright, a midfielder who is committed to Dickinson College, has five goals and nine assists. Sophomore forward Sammy Stone has eight goals.

"We have quality over quantity as coach likes to say," Taylor Stone said, "because we don't necessarily have the biggest team, but we definitely have a solid group out there."

The Hornets field hockey team is one of Herndon High School's more successful athletic programs in recent years. Palacios said teachers and students show support for the team.

"Representing our school so well," Palacios said, "it's definitely a point of pride for us."

Taylor Stone said Herndon fans "actually respect the sport more than they did in the past."

Herndon will travel to face Madison at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18. Stone said the Hornets still feel like underdogs. The team is trying to stay humble while not assuming success is on the way. However, that isn't stopping Herndon from setting its sights on accomplishing something special.

> "Representing our school so well, it's definitely a point of pride for us."
> — Herndon senior Sofia Palacios

"[Falling one win shy of last year's state tournament] definitely gives us something to be hungry about," Palacios said. "Going to the state tournament is something that not many people get to do and it's definitely a big thing for our program. We almost got it last year. We were so close. We got a little taste of being successful and being winners, so we definitely want to get the next step."

News

A Concert for Gloria

In celebration of her 90th birthday, there will be a concert in honor of Gloria Sussman at the Reston Community Center.

By Caroline Burr
The Connection

Not only is Gloria Sussman a long-time Reston resident, she is a Reston celebrity. So many people use the word "Restonian" to describe Reston's community-oriented environment and local camaraderie and it is people like Gloria Sussman who make this possible. In celebration of Gloria's 90th birthday, there will be a concert in her honor at the Reston Community Center. Her sons Ted and Bob Sussman decided that rather than throw her a party, they would more appropriately commission a piece of music to celebrate her birthday. On Oct. 2, the piece composed by Scott Solak will make its world debut. This concert also falls right in with a "Meet the Artists" series sponsored by Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). The Chamasyan sisters — Monika, Marina and Armine — are to perform this piece on violins and piano. Gloria met the sisters at an OLLI "Meet the Artists" class at the community center and fell in love with their playing. "On her 80th birthday we had a big party for her… the idea of the commission came up and we started getting in contact with different composers," Bob Sussman said. "Mom knew it should be Scott all along and it's been perfect."

Born in Philadelphia where she received her M.S in Music at the University of Pennsylvania, Gloria Sussman brought her passion for music to Reston when she moved in 1970. Getting right to work, Gloria became the pianist for the Reston Chorale from 1972-1978. Starting piano at the age of 5, it is 85 years later and the list of her involvement and dedication to the music community continues to grow.

IN 1978, Gloria was asked to coach a small vocal group of nine people known as Musica Concordia, which lasted into the early 2000s. The group, who specialized in Renaissance and early American Music, was asked to sing annually in many venues over the years such as Bruten Parish in Williamsburg.

Good friend and member of both Musica Concordia and The Reston Chorale Nancy Riley said that a mutual friend has referred to Gloria as the "Dean of the music of Reston." In 2000 Gloria started to teach for the "Osher Lifelong Learning Institute" at George Mason University, where she teaches a course called, "Ongoing Pleasure of Music." "She teaches right in Reston," Riley said, "which is great." When Gloria is not dedicating her time to the music of Reston, and making a new friend, she is also an advocate for the visually impaired. "We have a mutual friend who moved to Reston about six years ago. She didn't know anybody," Riley said, "but she registered for Gloria's music appreciation class…and she met Gloria and likes to say, 'When I came to Reston and met Gloria Sussman, I fell into the cookie jar.'" With her teaching and support group with the blind, Gloria has a large community network around her. "The reason I still live in Reston is because it's a lovely community and I have a lot of support here," said Gloria. "As a visually impaired person who lives by herself… I do support groups for the visually impaired here in Reston and that is nice."

Photo by Caroline Burr/The Connection

Gloria Sussman sits in her living room for a picture while the phone rings constantly with friends trying to make plans.

In 1970, when Gloria moved to Reston, she was a part of traveling music group cleverly named, "The Group." It was the original house music. Members of the group played together for each other. "The Group became the basis of the Musical Walks that we had for charity," Gloria said. "There were about four houses…and the audience would go from house to house and at the end of the fourth house we would have refreshments. It took about two and a half hours and the last time we did that was at Lake Anne."

ON MOTHER'S DAY OF 1983, the Sussman family bought their first CD player for $900. "Because of my vision problems, it makes sense to have something we couldn't scratch," said Gloria. Gloria has been a collector of music from day one and around her living room, are hundreds of CDs categorized by the date they were acquisitioned to the house. Her father taught her how to be a collector of music, she said. "My father would bring home recordings… he and my mother both enjoyed music so much of it was part of my being." She has been ever adding to the collection. "It's exciting," she said, "that some of these scraps are worth something. What you are looking at now is an antique collection." Gloria motioned to where the first CD she ever owned sat on its shelf and said, "You love what you're hearing… there is always something new to hear. It's a very trite saying but it's very true. It's never ending."

Join Gloria and her family and friends at the Reston Community Center for this special event and to hear the Chamasyan Sisters perform the world-premiere of a new composition by Scott Solak. The free concert will take place from 2:15-3:30 p.m. on Oct. 2 at the Reston Community Center and everyone is invited.

Rosh Hashanah – More Than Just a New Year

By Rabbi Leibel Fajnland

Photo contributed

Throughout the year, the Jewish calendar is filled with Holidays commemorating key historic spiritual and physical milestones in Jewish history. Passover recalls our Exodus from Egypt, Shavuot receiving the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai, Purim the saving of the Jewish nation from Haman and King Xerxes of Persia. As Rosh Hashanah approaches, one may wonder, what's happening, what key event in Jewish history do the Days of Awe commemorate?

The Talmud tells us that Rosh Hashanah - the Jewish New Year is the anniversary of, not the first day of creation, but rather the sixth, the day of creation that brought us Adam — Mankind. It is poignant that it does not celebrate the creation of the physical world, which according to Jewish tradition actually occurred five days earlier.

Mystical thought explains the focus on people rather than the world on these holiest of Days as follows. God created the world not to have static, lifeless planetary matter but rather a dynamic changeable world whose material crassness could be transformed into a dwelling place for Him — by the Godly actions, thoughts and words of people. To change the world for the good, and for good. Into a place where God and Godliness would not seem to be incongruent with the reality in which It was uncovered.

Furthermore, our sages teach us that the reason Adam/Man was created a single being (unlike other species which were created in large numbers) was to demonstrate how one person equals a whole world. Every individual regardless of personal status has the capacity to rise and attain the highest degree of fulfillment for his/her self and the rest of the world.

So when Rosh Hashanah arrives, we commit ourselves to a more intense bond with God, to a more meaningful and deeper relationship with Him, and to redoubling our efforts in perfecting the world. We don't need a specific event to be the focus of Rosh Hashanah, for the holiday commemorates the very purpose for which we are here.

May I wish you and those you love, in the words of our Jewish tradition, Leshana Tova U'Metuka—a good and sweet year. May it be a year filled with good health, prosperity and meaning. May we all merit to be written and sealed in the Book of Life for a happy, healthy and meaningful year.

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Services Schedule

In anticipation of the upcoming Jewish New Year, Chabad of Reston-Herndon has announced its High Holiday Services schedule.

Information for Chabad's open to the community Services for Rosh Hashanah (Sept. 24 –26) and Yom Kippur (Oct. 3-4), as well as to reserve, can be found at www.chabadrh.org.

Membership is not required to join. All are welcome, free of charge, regardless of background or affiliation.

In addition, a special children's program will accompany the adult services.

For more information on the above event, call Rabbi Leibel Fajnland at 703-476-1829 or write to Rabbi@chabadrh.org.

Community Shofar Factory

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The Shofar Factory is open to the general public on Sunday, Sept. 21, 1:30 - 3 p.m. at the Home Depot 1651 Reston Parkway, Reston. Admission to the presentation is free. Cost of Shofar craft $15. To attend or to reserve a Shofar please email Rabbi@chabadrh.org

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Scared, Hopefully Not to Death

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

One of my greatest fears (or regrets, if I am in fact the cause of my own decline) is that my own stubbornness, stupidity, "male blockheadedness" and/or refusal to believe/pay attention to signs, symptoms, indications and instructions/health advisories from my oncologist about my health will lead to my premature death. Not that a stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer diagnosee originally given a "13-month to two-year" prognosis still alive and writing – among other activities – five and a half years later should think it "premature" after so far outliving his original prognosis; nevertheless, having received this diagnosis at age 54 and a half has caused me to still characterize my death as potentially premature given the fact that both my parents lived well into their 80s. Their long life had led me to believe that I'd live just as long. Hearing what I heard from my oncologist back on February 27, 2009, at the initial Team Lourie meeting changed my thinking, however.

Yet here I sit, not exactly "ensconced" in velvet as George Costanza loved, but alive and reasonably well, sitting "in the catbird seat" (to quote the late, great, legendary Red Barber, radio voice of the Brooklyn Dodgers {1939 -1953} and the New York Yankees {1954-1966}.) "Sittin' pretty," in the "rocking chair" are similar phrases of a type of good fortune. And considering my original set of extremely unfavorable circumstances – terminal cancer, inoperable, incurable, "perhaps you ought to take that trip you always dreamed of;" – I'm about as fortunate as one could be: sitting, rocking, standing, anything, in or out of the catbird seat or any other seat for that matter. Lucky doesn't begin to summarize my amazing good fortune. And as much as I've done to affect my circumstances: diet, supplements, minerals, vitamins, non-western alternatives, holistic ideas, I certainly don't want to stop now. (I grade myself a "B" on the how-good-I'm-doing scale; those who know my history would give me a higher grade, however.) But as live on, I try to pay closer attention to what my body is telling me, given that it may have outlived its ability to absorb the many poisons and toxins it has absorbed over these past five years having been subjected to almost non-stop chemotherapy, every three weeks – save for a 12-month break when I was able to take two pills a day instead.

After all this time though, it's still my nature to ignore, shrug off and even minimize some of what I feel and attribute it to age. (Believe me, it's a lot easier than believing it's the cancer.) I mean, I'm not getting any younger, and while the cancer is presumably impacting me in some way, I don't want to take my above-average health for granted. Nor do I want to worry myself into an early grave, either. But if I'm not proactive and worried – and attentive to details, perhaps that innocence and hopefulness may very well be my undoing; even though I'm not ready to be undone. Regardless of what I do, or how I do it, sometimes I feel like my life is a done deal. And that's what scares me – to be the victim of my own circumstances.

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

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One-to-One English Conversation. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Practice your English conversation skills with a volunteer. Adults. Call to register Monday after 1 p.m. 703-689-2700.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

FAA Reauthorization - What it is and Why it's Important. 11:30 a.m. Crowne Plaza, 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon. Jim Bennett, CEO, JB Transportation Advisors, LLC, will share with the Committee for Dulles what this legislation is about, the prospects for its passage, and what all this means to Washington Dulles International Airport and its airlines. Reserve your space, info@committeefordulles.org

Women's Club of Reston Meeting. 10 a.m. Lake Anne Community Center, 1609-A Washington Plaza, Reston. The meeting is open to the public and there is no need to be a Reston resident. Some of the many activities include bridge, mahjong, book club and scrabble. There will be representatives from each activity available that day to answer questions & help you sign up. For more information, visit www.restonnewcomers.org or call Margaret at 703-834-0468.

Volunteering 101. 7 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon. Get information about the youth volunteer program at Herndon Library. Volunteers assist staff and earn service hours. Volunteers apply at the program. Age: teen.

ESL for Advanced Students. 10 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Conversational group. Adults. 703-689-2700.

ESL Pronunciation & Speaking for Intermediate Students. 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. ESL class. Adults.

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Let's Talk - ESL for Intermediate Students. 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Conversational group. Adults. 703-689-2700.

MONDAY/SEPT. 22

NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon Meeting. 11:30 a.m. Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon. Suzanne Scholte (R), Congressional District 11, and Pete Snyder speaking for Barbara Comstock (R), Congressional District 10. Please call in your reservation by Sept. 18 to Louise Rooney 703-435-3523.

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ESL: U.S. Citizenship Exam for Intermediate Students. 3 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Twelve-week course that teaches speaking and writing skills on the basis of selected topics of U.S. history and government. Regular attendance is required Call the information desk to sign up. Adults. 703-689-2700.

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 23

Inova Blood Drive. 12-7 p.m. Reston Town Center Plaza, 11900 Market St., Reston. Blood drive occurs monthly on the 4th Tuesday. 1-866-256-6372.

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THURSDAY/SEPT. 25

ESL Pronunciation & Speaking for Intermediate Students. 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. ESL class. Adults.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 26

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Let's Talk - ESL for Intermediate Students. 11 a.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Conversational group. Adults. 703-689-2700.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Meet and Greet 10th Congressional District Candidates and Voters. 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Herndon Fortnightly Library, 768 Center Street, Herndon.

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ESL "Speak and Write" for Intermediate Students. 1 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. ESL class. Adults. 703-689-2700.

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