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First-hand Lesson on Holocaust

Expressions of the Holocaust: GMU group gathers survivors to share memories.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

“On the seventy-seventh anniversary of when supposedly civilized nations lost their collective minds, we are here to learn the lesson – first hand - of what can happen when people just stand by and do nothing.” That was how George Mason University President Dr. Angel Cabrera described the Expressions of the Holocaust event, organized by Mason Hillel, the school’s Jewish life organization, at which he was a guest speaker on Sunday, Oct. 25.

As he greeted the assembly of thirty Holocaust survivors, families, friends, Hillel members, students and community guests, Cabrera was referring to the upcoming anniversary of Kristallnacht (The Night of Broken Glass), the night in 1938 when mob violence (later aided by Nazi Storm Troopers, members of the SS and Hitler Youth) broke out across Germany, Austria and other Nazi controlled areas. By morning, untold numbers of Jews were beaten or murdered. Jewish homes and businesses were looted or destroyed. Hundreds of synagogues were vandalized or burnt to the ground, and some 30,000 Jewish men were arrested to be later sent to concentration camps. Many historians view Kristallnacht as the public ignition point of the Nazis’ determination to rid the Jewish presence from anywhere within their sphere of control and influence.

Groups like Mason Hillel are determined that the lessons of the past are not lost. “This is our third program dedicated to Holocaust education and remembrance,” said Taylor Kreinces, chair of the event. “We will hear memories of our honored guests to better understand their lessons of the Holocaust...to share their experiences and wisdom for future generations.” Kreinces asked participants to take a memory from the event and share it, hoping that they, too, will share. “It’s the only way to ‘never forget.’”

AFTER THE KOSHER LUNCH plates were cleared away, student ambassadors started the conversations at each of the round tables with group introductions. Then the survivors began to tell their stories.

Anna Grosz, born Anna Seelfreund on April 20, 1926 in Racsa, Romania, was the daughter of Samuel, a vineyard owner and wine merchant, and Ilona, who cared for Anna and her five sisters. When Anna was 14, her town of Racsa suddenly became part of Hungary, separated from Romania by arbitration between the Axis partners Germany and Italy. The vineyard and the busi-



Taking the stage for a group photo with the honored guests Holocaust Survivors up front and the students ambassadors and members of Mason Hillel in the back at the third Expressions of the Holocaust: Memories event at George Mason University.



Holocaust survivors Felix Nicinski and Dr. Maria Dworzecka with student ambassador Brian Garrett-Glazer. Garrett-Glazer, a May graduate of George Mason University, was ‘honored to be given the opportunity to facilitate the conversation’ at the table at which Nicinski and Dworzecka shared their stories of the Holocaust. “We are so bombarded with the breaking-news syndrome. This is a chance to hear the personal story and feel its powerful impact.” Nicinski, who lost his family during the Holocaust, described trying to readjust to “normal” life after being liberated. “I hadn’t held a toothbrush in my hand in 5 years. I hadn’t sat down to eat a meal in all the time. It took awhile before things started to feel normal.”

ness were confiscated under Hungary’s anti-Semitic laws and Samuel was conscripted into the Hungarian Labor Service. The family received a few letters from Samuel at first, then nothing. Samuel Seelfreund never returned home and was never heard from again.

Anna, her mother and her sisters were eventually forced into the Satu-Mare ghetto. From there they were moved to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. Anna and her sisters Gisella, Clara and Elizabeth were selected for forced labor after their hair was cut and they were disinfected. Her mother and sisters Margaret and Violet did not survive their first night at Auschwitz. They were sent to the gas chambers almost immediately.

Anna survived life in Auschwitz, then Stutthoff, and then the Praust subcamp. In 1945 the sisters were separated when the SS evacuated most of the prisoners at

Praust, leaving Anna behind since she was “unfit” after breaking her leg. Sister Elizabeth was shot and killed during that evacuation march, but Anna was reunited with Gisella and Clara after Soviet troops liberated the prisoners at Praust.

At another table, Felix Nicinski described his internment at Dora when he was just twelve years old. The camp was mostly underground, safe from Allied air raids, and the prisoners tasked with digging tunnels into the surrounding mountains for subterranean weapons and missile production. “There were 12,000 people held in those tunnels,” recalled Nicinski. “For six months we did not see the light of day. Can you imagine that?” But the worst part for this survivor was having everything taken from him upon his arrival. “They took everything we had. They took the pictures I had of my family. I lost them all and that hurts, that I have no pictures of them.”



Anna Grosz tells her story at the Expressions of the Holocaust event. Grosz volunteers at the United States Holocaust Museum “to help keep the past alive, but from happening again.”

Maria Dworzecka was another Holocaust survivor at the same table. She made light of her experiences, saying she didn’t have it as bad as others like Felix. After hearing how she never knew her father or found out what happened to him when her parents were unable to flee Warsaw, or how she was left in the streets at less than three years old when her mother was suddenly taken away to a camp, her table companions couldn’t bring themselves to agree with her. Three years later Maria’s mother was able to return home, looking for her daughter, but it took months before Maria could re-bond with her mother and they could become a family again. Sadly, only 3 years after their reunion, Maria’s mother was killed in a car accident, and Maria was again adopted by a Jewish family.

“But good can come from bad,” she reminded her listeners. Maria earned her PhD

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Bulova Calls on His Opponent to Retract Campaign Claims

Del. David Bulova (D-37) called on his opponent Sang Yi to retract a series of campaign claims against him.

Bulova has made his opposition to the proposed plan to toll I-66 inside the Beltway a clear matter of record in public forums, online, and in op-eds published last week.

Bulova's opponent sent mail to voters this week claiming plainly that Bulova supports the very same tolls he has consistently and publicly opposed.


"I'm asking my opponent to retract these attacks. He was with me while I stated my opposition to these tolls in public. He knows that this is not, and has never been, my position on the VDOT proposal for I-66. This is not a matter of perspective or 'spin'; the claims in these mailers are blatantly false and represent the complete opposite of my actual position. Tactics like these are not and should not be politics as usual," Bulova said.

Children's Science Center Lab to Host The Haunted Lab

The Children's Science Center Lab will host The Haunted Lab, a fun, not scary, just spooky family event, to enjoy hands-on STEM activities while celebrating Halloween, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30 and 31, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. There will be fun activities all day long including the Spooky Wind Tunnel, Mystery Slime (while supplies last) and a special Keva Plank Challenge. Join us for Children's Storytime at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. followed by a Children's Costume Contest for children ages 2-6 and 7-12. Plus, vote for your favorite science-themed carved pumpkin and create a Haunted Lab Memory Photo before leaving.

Children's Storytime and Costume Contest will be held Friday, Oct. 30, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Children's Science Center Lab is located inside Fair Oaks Mall (11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax). The entrance is located

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Tim Hugo opposes adding a \$17 toll on I-66 inside the Beltway.

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Tim Hugo

DELEGATE

VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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Tim is opposed to the Governor's plan that will:

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-Tim Hugo

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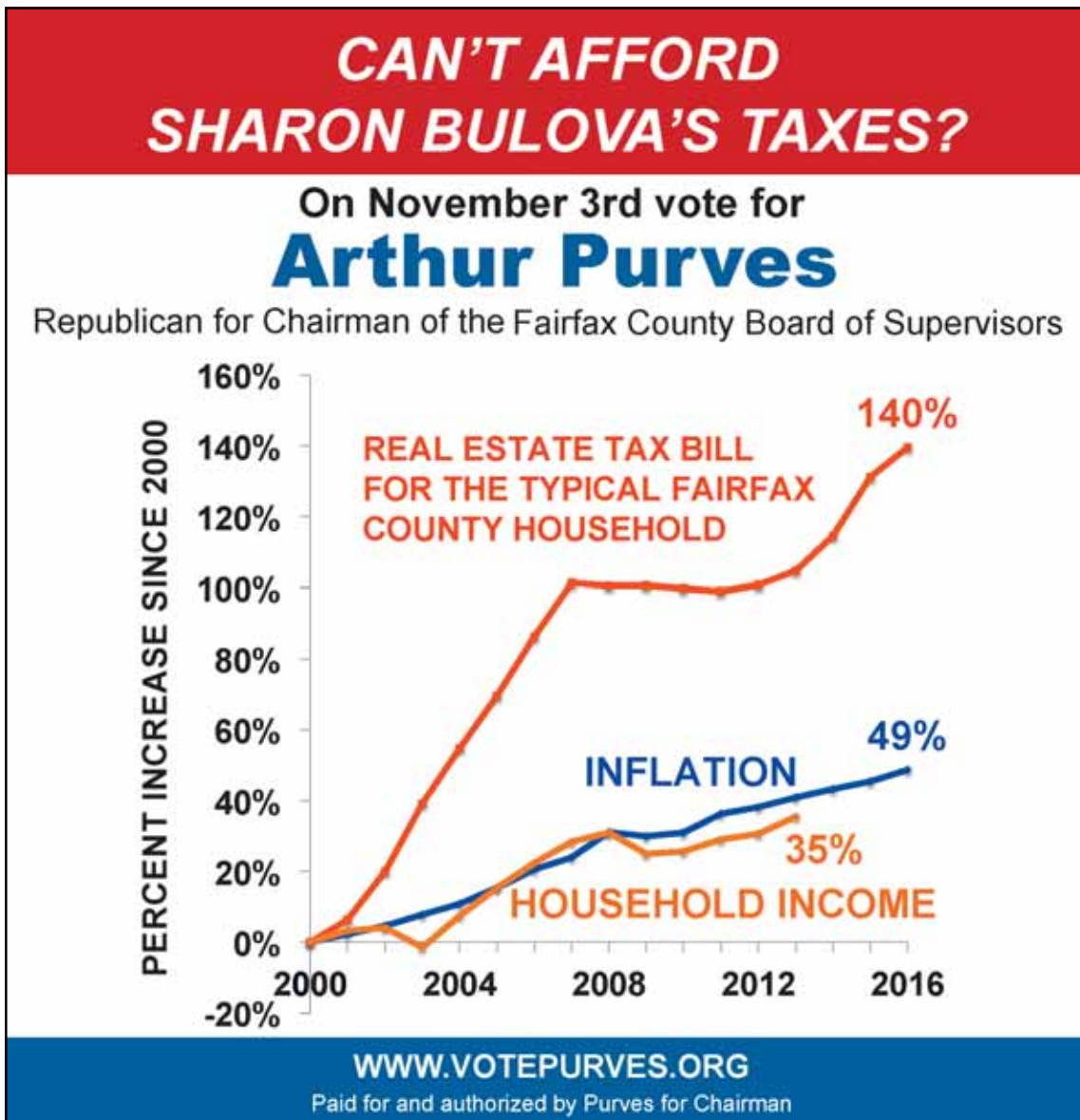
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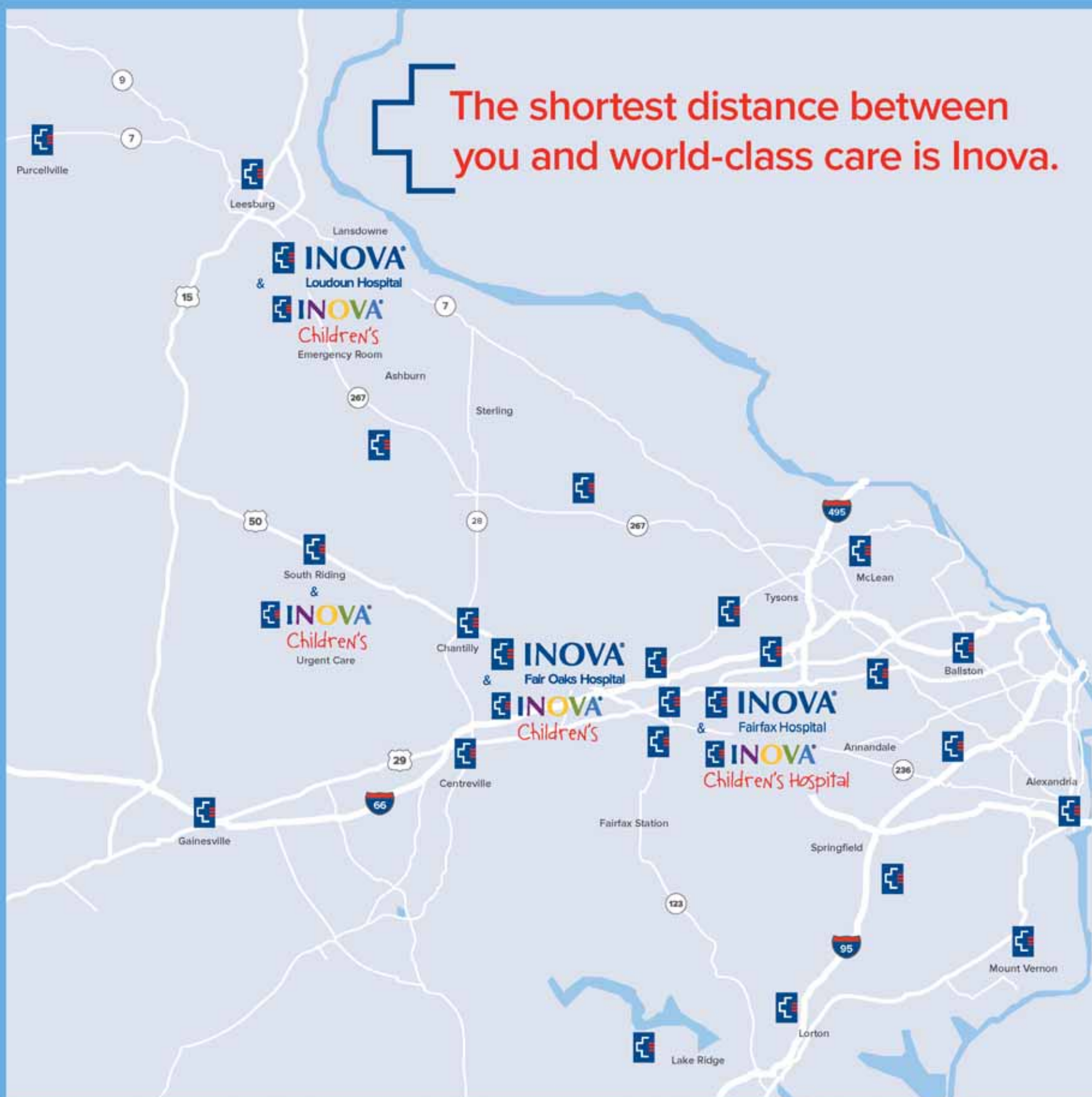


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November 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

The Fairfax County Water Authority ("Fairfax Water") will hold a public hearing pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-1903(B) at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2015, to receive and consider public comments on the proposed acquisition of a certain parcel of real property by condemnation or other means. That parcel is located at 8515 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA and is more particularly described as Fairfax County Tax Map Parcel No. 049-3-01-0050A (the "Property"). Fairfax Water seeks to acquire the Property for public use to serve as the site for a new central maintenance facility that Fairfax Water must construct and operate to meet the existing and future public water service requirements of its customers. Following the public hearing, Fairfax Water's Board may vote on or after November 19, 2015, to adopt a Resolution approving the proposed public use and authorizing and directing the acquisition of the Property for the public use by condemnation or other means.

A proposed Resolution and other related information will be made available for public review prior to the public hearing at Fairfax Water's Website: <http://www.fairfaxwater.org>

The public hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA 22031. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed Resolution when it becomes available should call Eva Catlin at (703) 289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

Fairfax Water
Public Hearing Comments
8570 Executive Park Avenue
Fairfax, VA 22031

All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 to be included in the record of the public hearing.



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

Mason Hillel's mission in organizing the Expressions of the Holocaust event is to ensure that the memories and the lessons are not forgotten, but instead passed to the next generation. Looking at the faces of those listening to the story of Irene Weiss, showing a picture of the moment when her family was separated at Auschwitz and her mother, older brother and three younger siblings were shot and killed, it would appear that the mission is being fulfilled.

Memories of Holocaust

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in Physics in 1969, and has been teaching at George Mason University since 1982, holding the post of Senior Associate Dean, College of Science from 2006 until 2011. She is also the adoptive mother of daughter Anna. "That just feels right," she says.

AROUND THE ROOM the stories continued, like that of Michel Margosis, born in Belgium to Russian-Jewish parents who had fled there after Michel's father escaped imprisonment in Siberia. Michel's family left Belgium for southern France when he was 14 years old, four days after the Germans invaded Belgium. They escaped from a French internment camp, hid with friends for a year, then walked across the Pyrenees mountains into Spain, where they stayed until Michel was sent to the United States via Portugal, where after 3 years in foster care he was finally reunited with his family.

"How did you handle the shock of all that, moving, hiding, separated from your family and coming to the US all on your own?" asked one of Michel's listeners. "I don't know," he answered. "I think after a while nothing was shocking at that time, when

you were in the middle of it." Echoing GMU President Cabrera's remarks, Michel responded that perhaps the most shocking thing of all was that this could all happen in "civilized countries."

Prompted by the student ambassadors and interesting questions from their tablemates, the memories continued to flow, but eventually talk turned to how these terrible lessons of yesterday could be used to better circumstances and situations of today.

"As painful as it might be, take 'Never Forget' to heart," said Grosz. "Share your stories, like we are doing today," said Michel Margosis. "Listen. Learn. Take action," said student ambassador Brian Garrett-Glaser. "Pass it along and don't let the stories die with this generation," said Leonie Vandersee, newly arrived from Berlin to work with the American Jewish Committee via the Action Reconciliation Service for Peace.

"And don't forget," said Dr. Maria Dworzecka, "the real evil is to just stand by and think this can't happen, or I can't do anything. Remember that Hitler was chosen in a democratic election. Everyone needs to stand up, not stand by."



Leonie Vandersee, only a month in America from Germany, talks with Holocaust survivor Michel Margosis and Bahador Nezhad, who introduced himself at the table as "not Jewish, but privileged to be here and be part of this moment. I was pleased to be invited."

WEEK IN FAIRFAX

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at the mall entrance between Sears and Lord and Taylor. To learn more, visit www.childsci.org/halloween.

IDI Group Companies to Develop Paul VI School Site

The IDI Group Companies have been selected by the Diocese of Arlington to be the master developer for the redevelopment of the Paul VI school site in the City of Fairfax.

As master developer, IDI will work in conjunction with the Diocese, the City and its residents to determine the best use of the property, create a development plan and obtain the necessary zoning approvals. IDI is committed to developing a project of the highest quality for the City and the community.

The IDI Group Companies has a 40-year history of building high-quality residential communities and mixed-use projects throughout Northern Virginia and across the Washington area.

Burke Area CROP Hunger Walk to Be Held Nov. 22

The 23rd annual Burke Area CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m., followed by the walk at 2 p.m.

The walk starts at Living Savior Lutheran Church, 5500 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. The walk ends at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, Fairfax, with a water break midway. Shuttles will be available at both the starting and ending locations. Upon completion, participants will enjoy refreshments, awards, and live entertainment to celebrate the community spirit of a job well done.

The event, organized by area congregations of all faiths and Church World Service, encourages participation of whole families. The event is free, but participants are encouraged to bring cash/check donations if they can, or raise money by inviting people to pledge to donate an amount to sponsor them. The event's motto is "Helping end hunger one step at a time."

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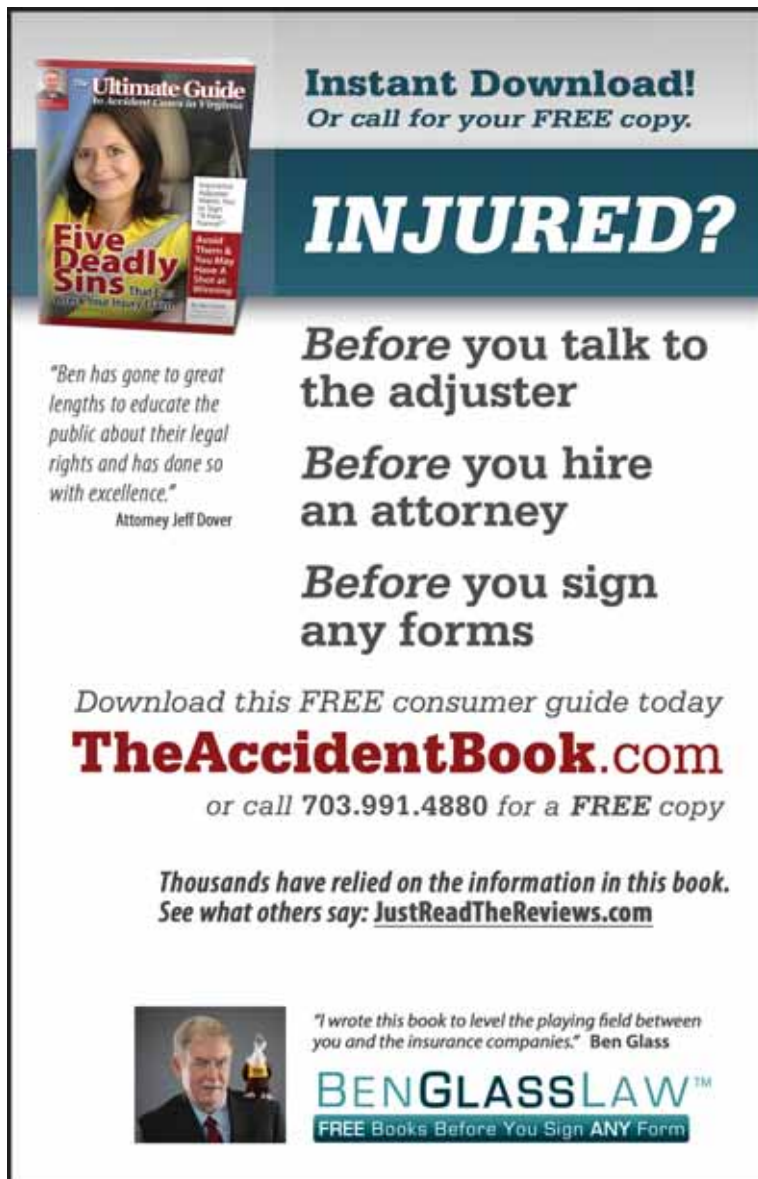



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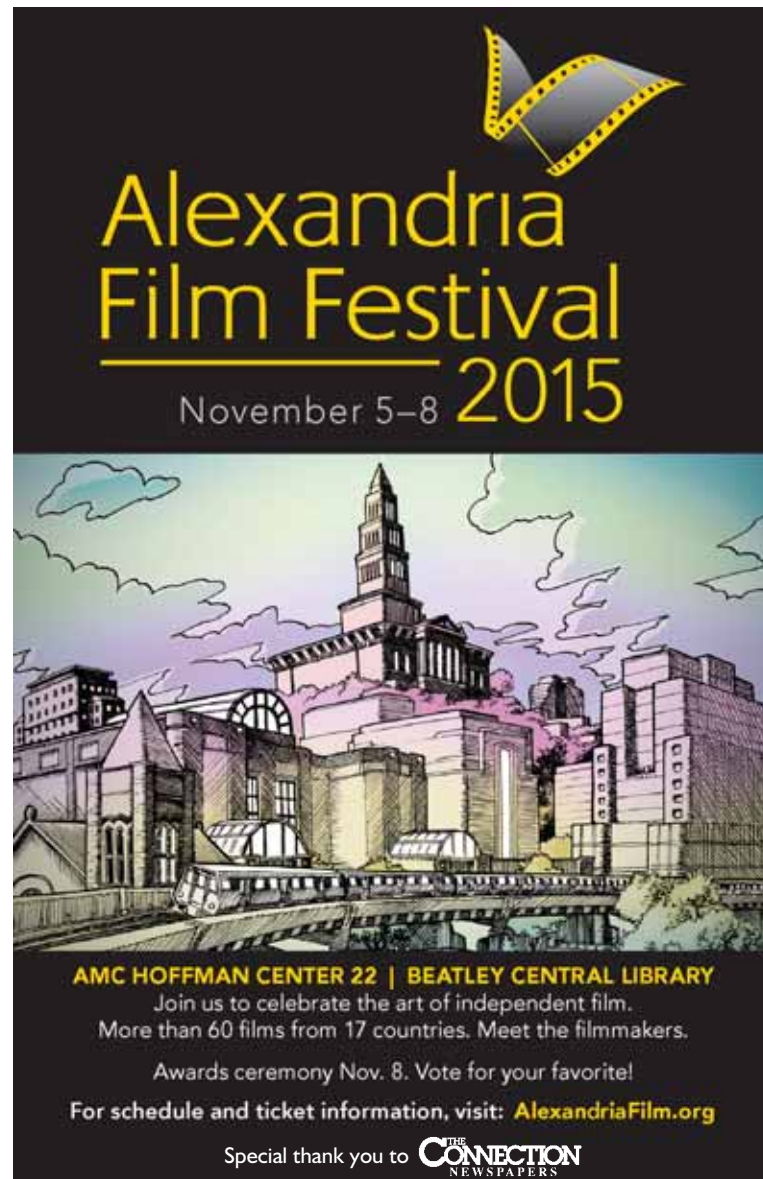
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Halloween Fun at Goblin Gallop

The 22nd annual Goblin Gallop was Sunday, Oct. 25, in Fairfax Corner.



Nathan Dixon with beagle, Delta, dressed as a turtle. Dixon's wife, Susan Hendrick, ran the 5K.



The start of the 1K fun run.

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Paul Whitlock and son Jaden, 2, as a football player.



Parents John and Lorrie-Ann Melnick and sons (from left) Dillon, 14, and Evan, 11.



The Pike family: (Back row, from left) Stephanie, Caleb, Judy, Aidan, Andrew, Dan, Naomi and Hanna, and (in front) Rowan and Bishop.



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BY LEN FORKAS
CHAIRMAN
FAIRFAX CITIZENS
FOR BETTER SCHOOLS

On Nov. 3, please vote Yes for the \$300 million in infrastructure improvements for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS).

Fairfax County residents enjoy the benefits of having one of the best school systems in the nation, but with over 196 schools serving over 187,000 students, its aging infrastructure is in dire need of improvements. Voting Yes on the school bond referendum will allow the county to maintain the "world class education system" which FCPS provides. This is a driving force behind our

region's economic success. Nearly 75 percent of high school graduates in Fairfax County schools attend some form of post-secondary education. Many of these students return to Fairfax County to find work after graduating.

FCPS is the largest public school system in the Commonwealth and the 10th largest school system in the nation. Recent significant increases in student enrollment have pushed some schools far beyond capacity.

Since the 2008-2009 school year, enrollment has increased by more than 22,000 students and continued strong growth is anticipated. On top of that, existing classrooms are in dire need of renovations to assure student safety.

FCPS facilities also act as community centers with nearly 2,000

community organizations utilizing FCPS facilities every year.

Bonds are the means by which we provide the funding necessary for our students' facilities. The use of bonds avoids diverting funds that are critically needed for classroom instruction. They also spread the financing of required school construction over the improvement's usable life, diversifying the contribution throughout several years.

In addition, it is important to note that the School Bond will not increase county taxes. The sale of bonds avoids taking funds that are critically needed for classroom instruction.

The use of bonds will not affect the county's coveted bond rating. Not only are interest rates for tax exempt bonds at a near all time low, but Fairfax County is also

among the top 1 percent of counties with the highest credit rating possible for a locality. Of the nation's more than 3,000 counties, Fairfax is among only 40 that have the highest credit rating possible for a local government from all three rating agencies.

Fairfax County is home to 10 Fortune 500 company headquarters, more than 300 trade associations and professional societies, and nine of Inc. magazine's 500 fastest-growing privately-owned companies. To continue the excellence in education and business that Fairfax County is known for, our schools need to be modernized.

Together, we can pass the 2015 School Bond to make the necessary investments for a brighter future for our students and our county.

Domestic Violence Includes Financial Abuse

The intertwinement of domestic violence and homelessness in Fairfax County.

BY JOE MEYER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & CEO
SHELTER HOUSE, INC.

What if you wake up one day in fear of your physical safety? What would you do if you had absolutely no access to any of your bank accounts? What if you found yourself completely isolated from your friends and family and had no resources? Unfortunately, these are the very real situations that victims of domestic violence find themselves in before they seek out support and shelter.

Shelter House, Inc. operates Fairfax County's only 24-hour emergency domestic violence shel-

ter, Artemis House. This past year, Artemis House increased its bed capacity from 34 to 42 trying to meet the needs of the 60-100 individuals who call the Artemis House hotline on a monthly-basis.

One recent Artemis House resident "had no access to the family account, credit/debit cards. [The abuser] did not even give her, as we often see, an 'allowance.' She could not even ask for feminine hygiene products. He made all the financial decisions and still accused her of stealing money," says Suzanne Pigg, director of Artemis House.

Statistics show that 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men will experience domestic violence in their

lifetime. Chances are you either have been or know someone who has been in a situation of domestic violence. And in 2015, 41 percent of adults in families who were homeless reported that it was because of domestic violence. This is an alarming increase from 33 percent in 2014.

Because of the overlapping circumstances of homelessness and domestic violence, Artemis House isn't the only safe-haven for victims of domestic violence. Shelter House operates two other family shelters—Katherine Hanley and Patrick Henry Family Shelters—that house an overwhelming amount of homeless families who have also experienced and been

affected by domestic violence. This is an addition to Shelter House's transitional and permanent supportive housing services – programs that also see a large amount of cases where families are affected by domestic violence.

Why are so many families who are homeless affected by domestic violence? One big reason is 98 percent of domestic violence cases involve financial abuse. Many families who are homeless have experienced having an abuser control their access to accounts, imposing a strict allowance of funds or coercing them into signing documents for loans or leases. The ways in which financial abuse occurs varies, but is a consistent threat and serves as an effective and damaging way for an abuser to keep a victim under their control.

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Domestic Violence

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Domestic violence and the homelessness that it can lead to are not separate or isolated issues. They are intertwined issues that affect individuals and families and communities. It is up to us as a community to speak out against abusers and stand in solidarity with those who have been victims of do-

mestic violence and financial abuse. Part of Shelter House's outreach efforts this year have included participating in the Purple Purse Challenge, a national month-long awareness and fundraising campaign held in October aimed at promoting financial empowerment. But much like homelessness and domestic violence, our outreach does not end in October. Help us raise awareness and make

an impact by visiting www.shelterhouse.org and find out ways you can get involved.

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Meet the Smiths:
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are Gracie Malin,
Madi Sarlo and Jacob
Lamb; (sitting, from
left) are Blake
Phillips, Mavis
Manaloto, Juliet
Strom, Miryam
Mendelson, Rachel
Turner and Chester
Kowalski.

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‘A Colorful, Cheerful, Feel-Good Musical’

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A slice of Americana and a glimpse at a kinder, gentler time – that is the musical comedy, “Meet Me in St. Louis.” It is Woodson High’s Cappies show and is set for Nov. 4-8 in the school theater.

The story is about the Smith family in the year leading up to the 1904 World’s Fair in St. Louis. Daughter Esther has a crush on the boy next door and the family is close-knit and happy – until the dad upsets them all by telling them they’re moving from St. Louis to New York.

“Yet despite their problems, they still love each other,” said Director Terri Hobson. “It’s based on the 1944 movie with Judy Garland and is a fun story for all ages. This is such a timeless, family show and is a gift we can give to our community. It’s a colorful, cheerful, feel-good musical.”

Woodson Choral Director Michael Ehrlich pitched this show to her because of the music and balance of character roles. It also has not been performed much in this area, so it will be fresh and new to today’s audiences. There is a cast and crew of about 75, and Ehrlich is conducting the live orchestra.

“Both choral and theater students are in the show and things are going really well,” said Hobson. “We’ve got some brand-new talent, plus triple-threat kids who sing, dance and act. There are really creative kids in the cast and crew, and it’s fun to see the acting choices as they show the relationships of the family members and townspeople. And no matter how small their role, each actor has a backstory for their character, and it helps draw in the audience.”

THE SCENES take place in and around the Smiths’ home and at the World’s Fair. And the students did extensive research to make the props and costumes look authentic to that time period. But Hobson said the trolley they built will be the “scene stealer. It can hold upwards of 20 actors and it moves.”

“The costumes are wonderful, too,” she added. “It’s the post-Victorian era, so there are some high collars, but also collarless, shirts for the men, along with ties, top hats and waistcoats. The women wear

To Go

Show times are: Nov. 4, 5, 6, at 7 p.m.; Nov. 7, at 2 and 7 p.m.; Nov. 8, at 2 p.m. Tickets via www.wtdrama.org are: Adults, \$15; students with ID, \$10; senior citizens and children 12 and under, \$5. Tickets at the door are \$15; senior citizens, \$5.

SEE WOODSON HIGH. PAGE 18

Woodson High presents ‘Meet Me in St. Louis.’

long dresses with lace overskirts, and people will love seeing their elaborate hats decorated with flowers, feathers and ribbons.”

Hobson also praised her student director, senior Samantha Terry. “I can literally hand off anything to her and she’ll do it well,” said Hobson. “She’s brilliant and incredibly creative and has evolved into a really respected member of the [theater] department. Even though she’s a fellow student, the cast trusts her decisions.”

Senior Miryam Mendelson portrays Esther Smith. “She’s 17, naïve and sassy and obsessed with John Truitt [played by Drew Bondy], who lives next door,” said Mendelson. “She wants to be more grown up and have a boyfriend; and she loves St. Louis and is looking forward to being a high-school senior next year.”

Mendelson said it is fun playing someone so feisty and singing such great songs. Her favorite is “The Boy Next Door” because “it’s so sweet and really pretty. And we added a nice section where a ballerina will dance to it en pointe.”

She said the audience will enjoy this musical because “It’s a positive show that makes you think about how important family is and how you can be connected to a city. It also gets people to think about the definition of home and what it means. At one point, Esther tells [her little sister] Tootie, ‘We can be happy anywhere, as long as we’re together,’ and that’s the moral of the show.”

Juliet Strom, 7, shares the role of Tootie with Mary Clare Pelczynski and Taryn MacMahon. And, said Hobson, “They’re all so great, people will have to come back three times to see them all.”

Although Tootie is the youngest child, said Juliet, “She’s an old soul. She likes to play with her dolls, but is sometimes inappropriate in the songs she sings. I love playing her because she wears some fancy dresses and says things that surprise people.”

Juliet also loves acting and has done it before. “I like it because it’s fun to pretend to be someone else,” she explained. She especially likes the song she sings, “Whenever I’m with You,” because it is so funny. And she says people will enjoy this musical because “there are some really good actors and really pretty costumes.”

PLAYING LON, the only boy in the Smith family, is junior Jacob Lamb. “Lon’s home from Princeton, where he’s a student,” said Lamb. “He’s cheerful

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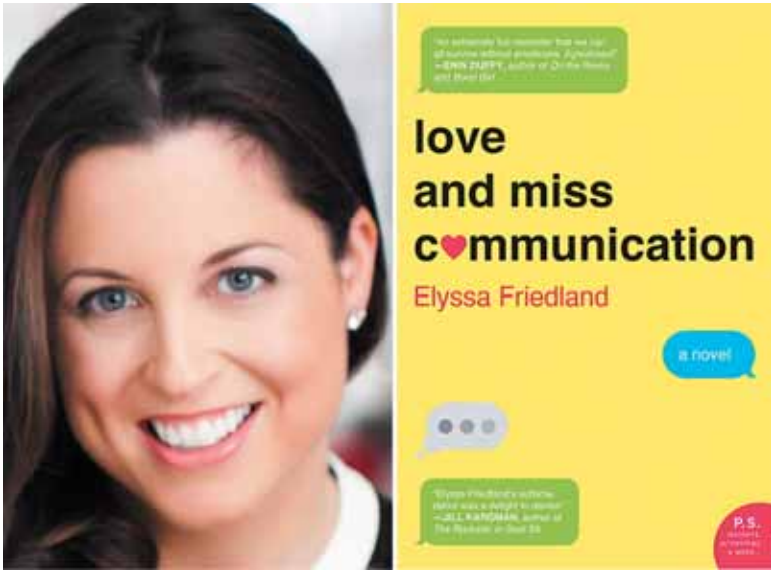
Northern Virginia j.talks Welcomes Authors for Book Fest

Elyssa Friedland, Jennifer Rosner, Dion Nissenbaum and William V. Madison visit between Oct. 29–Nov. 10.

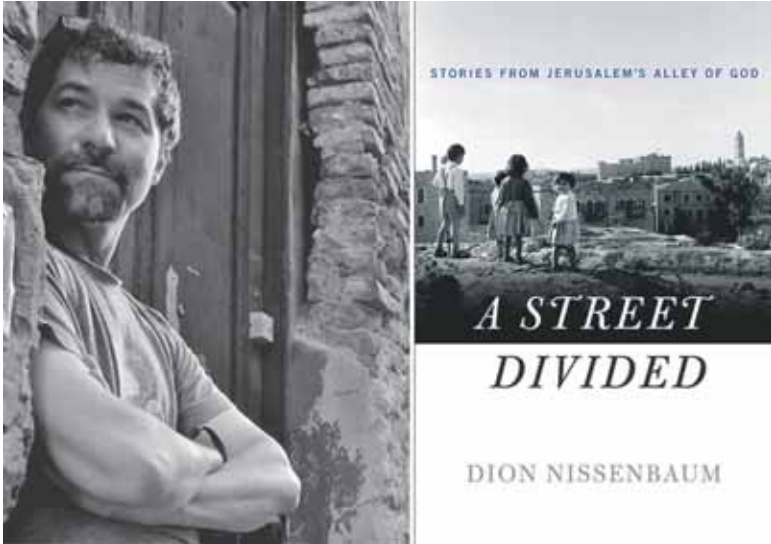
Northern Virginia j.talks, conversations with authors and artists, has announced the visiting authors for this year’s Book Fest, running Oct. 29–Nov. 10. Most programs and a book sale will be held at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (the J). The J is a member of the Jewish Book Council, and most author appearances are courtesy of the JBC, including visits from Elyssa Friedland (“Love and Miss Communication”), Jennifer Rosner (“The Mitten String”), Dion Nissenbaum (“A Street Divided: Stories from Jerusalem’s Alley of God”), and William V. Madison (“Madeline Kahn: Being The Music – A Life”). In addition, j.talks will host a local author event at One More Page Books on Nov. 4. j.talks is a program of the J.

The Book Fest opening event is a visit from author Elyssa Friedland on Thursday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Friedland’s debut novel, “Love and Miss Communication,” asks us to look up from our screens and out at the world... and to imagine what life would be like with no searches, no texts, no tweets, and no posts! “‘Love and Miss Communication’ is a breezy, funny, and timely debut novel ... a cut above standard chick lit fare. Despite its up-to-date themes, it’s a smart, funny, and sweetly old-fashioned love story.” — Examiner.com. Friedland has written for publications including Modern Bride, New York Magazine, and Columbia Journalism Review. She attended Yale University, where she served as managing editor of the Yale Daily News. She is a graduate of Columbia Law School. She lives in New York City with her husband and three children.

Enjoy a special storytime with author Jennifer Rosner on Sunday, Nov. 1 at 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Tysons Corner Mall. “The Mitten String,” a modern folktale told with beautiful language and imagery, is a story of



Elyssa Friedland (“Love and Miss Communication”)



Dion Nissenbaum (“A Street Divided: Stories from Jerusalem’s Alley of God”)

learning to appreciate our physical differences. When Ruthie’s family invites a deaf woman and her baby to stay with them, she wonders how the mother will know if her child wakes in the night. The surprising answer inspires Ruthie to make a special gift. Jennifer is raising two deaf daughters in a talking family and a hearing world, which she wrote about in the adult memoir, “If a Tree Falls.” “The Mitten String” was inspired by the story of a deaf ancestor whom she discovered in the course of researching her family tree. This free event is hosted in partnership with JCCNV Growing Jewish Families and PJ Library; please consider bringing a pair of mittens to donate (these will be donated to a local shelter serving families). In addition to the reading (most appreciated by ages 4–9; siblings welcome), there will be crafts, games, door prizes and photo opportunities with the author.

The j.talks Local Author Event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 4

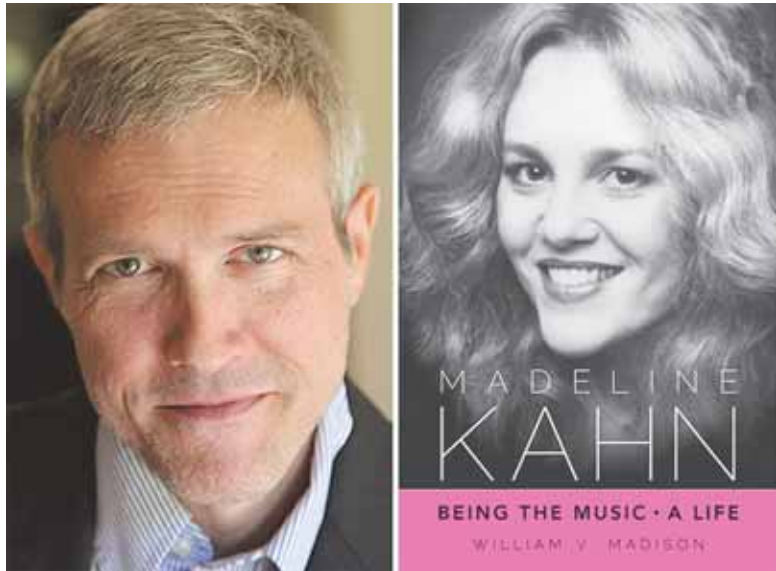
at 7 p.m. at One More Page Books in Arlington. This free admission event is like speed dating, but with authors. They’ll have just three minutes to capture your imagination. Local authors participating include Jacqueline Jules, Eric Lotke, Alan Orloff, Deno Seder, Dave Tevelin, and Courtney Tisch.

Journalist Dion Nissenbaum recently took on a new reporting assignment for The Wall Street Journal in Istanbul. He visits the J on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. to talk about his new book, “A Street Divided: Stories from Jerusalem’s Alley of God.” Arab families called it “al Mantiqa Haram.” Jewish residents knew it as “shetach hefker.” In both languages it meant the same thing: “the Forbidden Area.” To folks on either side of the border, it was a dangerous no-man’s land separating warring nations and feuding cultures. Prior to his assignment in Turkey, he was a national security reporter based in Washington for The Wall Street

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Jennifer Rosner (“The Mitten String”)



William V. Madison (“Madeline Kahn: Being The Music – A Life”)

Journal. Previously, Dion was based in Afghanistan, where he traveled around the country both as an independent journalist and with U.S. military. He has won several awards, including a National Press Club award for diplomatic correspondence.

The Book Fest closing event features William V. Madison on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. who presents the first biography of the beloved Tony-winning and Oscar-nominated actress, “Madeline Kahn: Being the Music — A Life.” The book examines the career of a star who grew up in a non-observant family and went on to work frequently with Jewish writer-directors such as Mel Brooks, Peter Bogdanovich, and Gene Wilder. With a special focus on Madeline’s work in Wendy Wasserstein’s play “The Sisters Rosensweig” and Eric Mendelsohn’s film “Judy Berlin,” each of which explores Jewish cultural heritage, the book also examines subtler treatment of Jewish themes in Young Frankenstein and

High Anxiety, among others. Madison’s own biography: “I’ve been a producer on radio, a writer on television, a gopher on Broadway, a stage manager, and costume designer off-off-Broadway, an opera critic, a secretary, a reporter, an editor, an actor, a teacher, and a gogo boy. ... My former bosses include soprano Teresa Stratas, actress Madeline Lee Gilford, producers Robert V. Straus and Lee Guber, and broadcast journalists Dan Rather and Connie Chung.”

Prior to Madison’s talk, the J will screen Madeline Kahn’s last film, “Judy Berlin” (Tuesday, Nov. 10, 4:45 p.m.). Judy Berlin (Edie Falco) is an aspiring actress whose zippy idealism is at odds with her small suburban community, where a solar eclipse induces town inhabitants, including a lonely housewife (Madeline Kahn), frustrated schoolteacher (Barbara Barrie), and a school principal (Bob Dishy) to search for solace and understanding in themselves and each other. With Julie Kavner and Anne Meara.


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ELECTION '15

Candidates for State Delegate in 37th District

David Bulova (D)

Incumbent

Town of residence: Fairfax

Age: 46

Family: Married to Gretchen with three children (Alex, Josie, and Grayson)

Education: BA, Government, College of William and Mary; Master of Public Administration, Virginia Tech

Offices held, dates: Virginia House of Delegates, 2006-present; elected member, Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, 2004-06.

Occupation and relevant experience: Project Manager, Amec Foster Wheeler Environment and Infrastructure

Community involvement: Board member, Brain Injury Services; board member, City of Fairfax Band; honorary member, Rotary Club of Centreville; co-chair, Middlebridge National Night Out, 2002-08; former coach, Fairfax Little League; past chair, Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission, 1997-2004; former member and treasurer, Rotary Club of Annandale, 1999-2002.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Virginia Education Association; Virginia League of Conservation Voters; Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce



ample, this past year I teamed up with Governor McAuliffe and Delegate Tim Hugo to pass a Virginia Solar Energy Development Authority that will remove barriers to creating new jobs in this rapidly expanding industry. I am proud of my reputation as a consensus builder, which has resulted in my appointment to several commissions

that deal with issues directly affecting Fairfax residents, including the Joint Commission on Health Care, State Water Commission, and Virginia Housing Commission.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

My priorities include: (1) continue to diversify Virginia's economy and create an environment where small businesses can thrive; (2) ensure that new transportation revenue is used effectively and oppose efforts to toll I-66 inside the Beltway without adding capacity; (3) continue to reform the SOLs and change state formulas to ensure that our schools get their fair share of funding; (4) protect our natural resources for future generations; and, (5) give law enforcement the tools they need to combat human trafficking and identity theft.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

My district has changed both geographically and demographically. During the 2011 redistricting, my district changed to include areas such as the Government Center and parts of Centreville. My district has also become much more ethnically diverse. One of my priorities is to ensure that these new immigrant communities feel welcome and become civically engaged.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? Yes. As the former chair of the Fairfax County Consumer Protection Commission I believe that there is no place for this type of predatory lending that traps individuals and families in a cycle of debt.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care? Yes. The transition from foster care is extremely important to the long term success of the child. For similar reasons, in 2014 I supported legislation to allow Court-Appointed Special Advocate volunteers to continue assisting youth in foster care past the age of 18.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes. Virginia is already sending our taxpayer dollars to Washington to pay for this expansion. Nearly 15% of Virginians under age 65 do not have insurance. When these individuals do need care, they use expensive emergency services or let the problem get worse. We should get our money back to help up to 400,000 Virginians get the health care that we are already paying for.

Sang Yi (R)

Challenger, House District 37

Town of residence: City of Fairfax

Age: 34

Family: Wife Sarah, Daughter Evelyn

Education: B.S. Logistics & Intermodal Transportation – U.S. Merchant Marine Academy; M.A. National Security & Strategic Studies – U.S. Naval War College; J.D. George Washington University Law School

Occupation and relevant

experience: Senior aide on Capitol Hill; Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy Reserve

Community involvement: Board Member & City Representative, Fairfax ASAP Policy Board; Former 2nd Vice Commander, American Legion Post 177; Fairfax Lions Club; Past President, Cameron Glen HOA

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Name three favorite endorsements: Former Congressman Tom Davis; Congresswoman Barbara Comstock; Delegate Tim Hugo



not “enemies.” As a Capitol Hill aide, I endeavor to engage in bipartisan cooperation and civil discourse on many matters of national importance. As a Delegate, I will put people over politics, and always keep in mind what is best for Fairfax rather than partisan politics.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

a. Stand against tolling I-66 commuters up to \$17 per day.

With an increased tax burden already being footed by Fairfax residents, the 2013 landmark transportation funding bill raised taxes to improve our infrastructure. Now, we potentially face more burdens on our household budgets, while not alleviating traffic congestion.

b. Help alleviate traffic congestion by promoting more teleworking, improving use of technology, access to mass transit, and focusing on investing in high impact areas.

c. Reformulate the Local Composite Index (LCI) to achieve fair funding for our students.

d. Streamline and clarify business regulations to make it easier for small businesses to understand and comply with them.

e. Increase government accountability by reforming the Joint Legislative Audit Review Committee (JLARC).

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The 37th district has seen tremendous growth. With more young families seeking better home prices and quality schools, the 37th is a wonderfully local and diverse community just miles away from Washington, D.C.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? We should find a balance that protects borrowers from predatory practices while also keeping various loan mechanisms accessible to those who need them.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Improving educational and health outcomes for foster care children is an important concern. I am open to supporting funding for Fostering Connections while keeping in mind limitations on Virginia's budget requirements.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

According to reviews of some Medicaid expansion states under Obamacare, enrollment numbers greatly surpassed projections. Especially given the eventual phase down of federal funding for expansion, the current statistics should alarm Virginians. Virginia cannot afford hundreds of millions or even in the billions of dollars in overruns that some other states already face as enrollment states.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it? There is no greater responsibility than for elected officials to leave our democracy stronger for future generations. Unfortunately, extreme gerrymandering has resulted in few swing districts in Virginia, which means that many elected officials are more concerned about primaries than general elections. This has contributed to political gridlock. I support taking politics out of the redistricting process through the creation of an independent redistricting commission so that the voters choose their elected representatives, and not the other way around.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you? I am a consensus builder with a record of achievement on important community issues, including working in a bipartisan manner to pass new funding for transportation and to reform our education Standards of Learning (SOLs). During the past 10 years, I have worked hard to be open and accountable to district residents through town hall meetings, constituent surveys, and informal coffee hours.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there? I take very seriously the expectation of my constituents that when I am in Richmond I will work for the common good and look for ways to improve the quality of life for all Virginians. For ex-

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

I want to preserve the American Dream and grow opportunities for everyone. As an immigrant from South Korea, my family and I benefited from all that our nation has to offer. In order to keep opportunities available for future generations, we must ensure that our schools remain adequately funded and prepare our students for higher education and the workplace. To properly fund our schools, as Northern Virginians, we need to fight for more of our share from Richmond and boost our economy as a whole.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you? As a government professional, officer in the Navy Reserve, and community leader, I have brought people together from diverse backgrounds to accomplish common goals. If elected to the House of Delegates, I will use my political and government experience and leadership skills to actively promote the interests of the people of the 37th district. Recently, I reviewed the proposal to toll some I-66 commuters \$17 per day, and along with House Leadership, stand opposed to this unworkable plan that will burden our families' budgets and not alleviate our traffic congestion problems. We need fresh ideas and new energy to advocate for us in Richmond.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I believe it is important to keep in mind that political parties may have opposing ideas, but are

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House District 41

Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41)

Incumbent, unopposed

Town of residence: Springfield
Age: 51

Family: Married to Bob Corn, two children: Jeremy and Alana
Education: B.A. Ithaca College, J.D. American University

Offices held, dates: Member, House of Delegates, 2010-present

Occupation and relevant experience: Director of Government Relations, Albers and Company. Member: Commerce and Labor Committee, Finance Committee, Transportation Committee, Governor's Climate Change and Resiliency Update Commission, Health Insurance Reform Commission, Joint Commission on Technology and Science, Joint Commission on Transportation Accountability, Virginia Commission on Intergovernmental Cooperation.

Community involvement: Current Chair of Jobs for Virginia Graduates, Virginia State Director, Women in Government. Member, Women's Legislative Network Board for National Conference of State Legislators (NCSL). Center for Public Policy Innovation's (CPPI) Board of Directors and the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes' Board of Directors. Past Member, Board of Directors for the 2015 World Police and Fire Games in Fairfax County.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Virginia Education Association, Sierra Club, Northern Virginia Technology Council Tech PAC



legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

While currently serving as the House Democratic Whip, I also believe in finding common ground in order to achieve results. I believe in bringing all sides of an issue to the table. When developing legislation, I often focus on building coalitions as we strive to find commonality and compromise. A reasoned approach and willingness to hear all sides is

critically important in developing and passing quality legislation.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

1. Education; 2. Economy; 3. Transportation; 4. Public Safety, including Gun Safety; 5. Advocating for the Disability Community

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Over the past 10 years, the 41st District has continued to be a great place to live and raise a family. While sequestration continues to affect our region, we have made great strides since the recession. Looking forward, it is important to me that we continue to diversify our economy and continue to fight for our quality schools, including the four high schools in the district: Lake Braddock, Robinson, West Springfield, and Woodson.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes, I would support such legislation. While there are not many car title lenders in the 41st District, there's been an increase of them in Northern Virginia. It is very important that consumers need to be well aware of what they are agreeing to in the contracts they sign, and they should not be burdened with unnecessarily high interest rates and fees.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

I would be interested in looking at potential legislation. Related bills have been proposed in the Senate in 2014 and 2015, although I have never had the opportunity to vote on them. While they passed unanimously out of the Senate, both times the bills died in committee in the House.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes, I wholeheartedly support closing the coverage gap. I have spoken out vigorously on the Floor of the House of Delegates several times in support of Medicaid expansion. Virginia is clearly in the minority of states who have not expanded Medicaid. It's the right thing to do for Virginians and it's the right thing to do for our economy. The money is there. All we have to do is say yes.

House District 53

Marcus B. Simon (D-53)

Incumbent, unopposed

Town of residence: Falls Church
Family: Rachel – Spouse, Emily – Daughter, Zach – Son

Education: Juris Doctorate, American University; B.A. Middle East Studies and Journalism, NYU

Offices held, dates: Delegate (Va-53) 2014 - Present

Occupation and relevant experience: Real Estate Attorney, Ekko Title Co-Founder

Community involvement: Fairfax County Bipartisan Election Process Improvement Commission, McLean Planning Committee, Fairfax County Bar Association, Virginia State Bar

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Name three favorite endorsements: 1) Virginia Association of Realtors, 2) Equality Virginia, 3) My "F" Grade from the NRA



bridge the intense partisan differences there?

As the member of the House Democratic Caucus with less seniority than all but two members of the entire House, I successfully collaborated with the very conservative Chairman of the Criminal Law Subcommittee to pass Virginia's Revenge Pornography statute at a time when only 3 other states has made revenge pornography a crime.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

- ❖ Student Loan Debt relief
- ❖ Mental Health Reform
- ❖ Expanding Fair Housing protections to the LGBT community
- ❖ Medicaid Expansion
- ❖ Gun Violence Prevention

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Over the past decade the 53rd house district of Virginia, comprising of Falls Church and Merrifield has grown a lot. We have seen a great influx in population to the region as a whole as well as several infrastructure and redevelopment projects. The demand for housing and private sector growth which is not reliant on federal spending has shifted what once was a purely commuter district to one of mixed business and community opportunities.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes. I am particularly interested in ending the bait & switch practices of moving borrowers into unregulated "consumer finance loans" rather than better regulated car title loans.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Yes.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes. I will not vote for a budget bill that does not include Medicaid Expansion.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

One of my proudest legislative achievements was the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act, which establishes 529-like savings accounts for families of people with disabilities. This bipartisan bill passed both chambers of the General Assembly earlier this year and was signed into law by Gov. McAuliffe. The federal version of the bill originated from the late Stephen Beck who was also a resident of the 41st District, and is considered to be one of the most important disability rights bills passed since the ADA. I was proud to patron the first state bill passed after the federal law was enacted. Making a difference in the lives of so many families remains my goal in office.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

While I do not have an opponent this year, I have a long history of service to Virginia and Fairfax County. Since being elected in 2010, I am proud to have earned a reputation for working across party lines, while focusing on our schools, roads and maintaining public safety. Experience, knowledge, and strong relationships are critically important in this position.

3. Given the political makeup of the state

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it?

Repairing the world. We live in a great commonwealth, in a great country at an incredibly exciting time in history — and we can do even better. We should continue to strive to improve our society, creating opportunities for everyone to succeed, and making sure the most vulnerable among us aren't neglected or left behind.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

I believe I stand out from other candidates because of my ability to bring my vision for a more inclusive, prosperous, healthier Virginia about. As a successful small business owner, attorney, former Army prosecutor, and an experienced legislative staffer I bring a unique set of skills, experiences and qualifications that ensure I will be a successful Delegate.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully

Fundraising Disclosures

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—COMPILED BY TIM PETERSON

BOS Braddock

John Cook (R), incumbent, total contributions and receipts: \$109,210

Top Donors:

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Senate District 34

J.C. “Chap” Petersen (D-34)

Incumbent, unopposed
Town of residence: Fairfax City
Age: 47

Family: Married to Sharon Kim Petersen. Four children: Eva Emmeline (17), Mary Walton (13), Thomas Henry (10) and Ida Grace (4).

Education: B.A., Williams College. J.D., University of Virginia.

Offices held, dates: Fairfax City Council (1998-2002), Virginia House of Delegates (2002-2006), Virginia Senate (2008-present).

Occupation and relevant experience: Practicing attorney since 1994. Owned local law firm since 2005.

Community involvement: Served in elected office since 1998. Also active as Sunday school teacher at Truro Anglican Church.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Any three voters in Fairfax.

QUESTIONS:

1. What is one issue that defines your call to serve, why does it matter, and how will you tackle it? In 2015, I sponsored the “Good Samaritan” immunity legislation, SB 892, which provides legal protection to young people who report an overdose or alcohol poisoning. It passed the Assembly and is now law. It will save lives. It

also teaches our young citizens in Virginia that no matter the circumstances — always do the right thing.

2. What distinguishes you from your opponent(s) and why should voters choose you?

Unfortunately, I have no opponent.

3. Given the political makeup of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisan differences there?

I worked with lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to pass major legislation, SB 985 in 2015, which set a standard on protecting personal liberty and curtailing government surveillance. (Sadly, it was vetoed by the Governor). I enjoy meeting people with different viewpoints and have no problem working with them.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Promoting economic growth in Virginia, modernizing our tax system, advocating for commuters, keeping college affordable and protecting our natural spaces.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Geographically, the 34th district was shifted west

in 2011 and now includes 50,000 residents in Chantilly and Centreville.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans?

Yes.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care?

Need to know more details. I’m not familiar with this program.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

Yes. I have voted for Medicaid expansion multiple times, most recently through the “Marketplace Virginia” project which used private insurers to certify eligible recipients and receive the Federal funds. It makes no sense to not use the Federal funds earmarked for Virginia’s working poor.

Candidates for State Senate in 37th District

Dave Bergman (R)

Challenger, Senate in 37th District
Town of residence: Centreville
Age: 46

Family: Wife and two kids

Education: Annandale High School – 1987, BA - James Madison University – 1991, JD - Widener School of Law – 1995

Offices held, dates: Never held office before, first time candidate

Occupation and relevant experience: Vice President of Legal and External Affairs and Chief Legal Officer for the National Board for Certified Counselors

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Name three favorite endorsements: Sen. Dick Black, Del. Tim Hugo



not professional politicians; and they all have day jobs. I think an open mind and a willingness to listen to other points of view is important in any legislative body. I have spent my career working with both parties to pass legislation and I will bring that to my job as your senator.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Keeping taxes low. Improving transportation. Working to make our schools better and college in Virginia more affordable. Improving the mental health system. Preserving human freedom and curtailing the excesses of government.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

The dirty little secret in the Virginia Senate is that in 2011 the Democrat majority in the senate gerrymandered the district lines to protect their majority. That’s why this district begins in Lake Barcroft, snakes through 5 magisterial districts, and ends up near Dulles Airport. Ten years ago the 37th senate district was a lot more compact. I grew up here, and like anyone else who has been here this long, I have seen major good and bad changes. What hasn’t changed is what the people want – good jobs, a good education for their children, safe streets and less traffic.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? I dislike car title loan companies as much as the next person. However, these businesses would not exist if there were no customers, so they are filling a need. It seems our job is to make sure these companies are properly licensed and regulated and determine if there are better ways to fill the need.

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care? I am whole-heartedly for any program that will encourage adoption.

8. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, and if so, what would you do to make that happen?

When the government starts shelling out money somebody, somewhere, has to pay for it. Right now the feds are offering to transfer money from their treasury to Virginia’s treasury to put more people on Medicaid, but there is no guarantee the money will continue to flow. And considering that the US government is running a deficit the size of the galactic empire, at some point the largesse will end, which means hard-working Virginians will end up with higher taxes. There is no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and the unicorns are not interested in paying our debts.

Dave Marsden (D-37)

Incumbent

Town of residence: Burke

Age: 67

Family: Wife, Julia, and three sons

Education: W.T. Woodson High and Randolph Macon College

Offices held, dates: House of Delegates, 2006-2010; Virginia Senate 2010-present

Occupation and relevant experience: Technical

Assistance Director for DSG working to reduce youth violence across 10 major U.S. cities. Former Director Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice, probation officer, and Superintendent of Fairfax County Juvenile Detention Center.

Community involvement: Board Member Fairfax County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), former President of the Enterprise School and the West* Lynch Foundation. Started Virginia’s first local secure mental health/substance abuse program for young offenders. Former coach and referee for youth baseball, basketball, football, and soccer.

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Name three favorite endorsements: Fairfax County and Virginia Education Associations, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, and Fairfax County Professional Firefighters Association



I have a long history of successfully working with Democrats and Republicans to get things done. I’ve led efforts to build consensus to balance the Commonwealth’s budget without raising taxes. Every year you can find multiple examples of my efforts to put progress above partisanship. Three examples from this last year include: 1. SB1314 with Republican Delegate James LeMunyon, prioritizes congestion relief when VDOT is choosing transportation projects instead of a legislator’s “pet” project. 2. SB1102

with Republican Senator Mark Obenshain, allowed Uber to legally and safely operate in Virginia. 3. SB1235 with Republican Delegate Dave Albo, is landmark legislation that allows someone suffering from intractable epilepsy to utilize non-psycho active medical cannabidiol oils.

4. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

1. Improving funding for and reforming our education system.

2. Diversifying our economy so we are less dependent on the federal government spending.

3. Fighting against unfair tolling and continuing to invest in our transportation system to ease congestion.

4. Strengthening our juvenile justice system to ensure our communities are kept safe and advancing evidence based adult re-entry programming.

5. Continuing mental health system reforms so all those who need care receive it.

5. How has your district changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

Fairfax County has long been a growing community, that growth has brought new needs and new opportunities in transportation, education, and human services. I was glad to support the Silver Line and am currently looking at all alternatives to I66 tolls. We’ve invested more in education, public safety, and human services. Because of the great people who have made Fairfax County home, this is one of the best places to live.

6. Will you support legislation restricting high interest lending including car title loans? Yes

7. Will you support funding for Fostering Connections which would result in an influx of federal funding for foster children aging out of foster care? Yes

7. Do you support expansion of Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act?

Yes, I will continue to work with legislators from both parties and Governor McAuliffe to forge a solution to this impasse. Expanding Medicaid will provide health coverage for close to 400,000 Virginians and it is estimated to create \$1.9 billion in economic impact and 30,000 jobs. This issue is too important to our community and Commonwealth to allow us to forgo \$1.8 billion in federal funding that Virginia taxpayers are already paying.

Keep GMU Blue Rally

On Monday, November 2 from 4-5:30 p.m., the George Mason Democrats will be hosting the #KeepGMUBlue Rally at North Plaza on the Fairfax Campus of George Mason University. U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) will join the George Mason Democrats and the candidates running to represent George Mason University to reiterate, for the last time, the stakes of this election and the reasons to vote Democratic on Election Day. George Mason University students and local community members are invited to attend the rally.

Candidates in attendance will include:

State Sen. Chap Petersen - Candidate for State Senate
Del. David Bulova - Candidate for House of Delegates
Sheriff Stacey Kincaid - Candidate for Fairfax Sheriff
Bettina Lawton Esq. - Candidate for Fairfax Clerk of Court
Janet Oleszek - Candidate for Braddock District Supervisor
Megan McLaughlin - Candidate for Braddock District School Board Member

Ilryong Moon - Candidate for At-Large School Board Member
George Lamb - Candidate for Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board

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Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists. Through Nov. 7 at McQuire Woods Gallery, Bldg 16, The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Gallery hours: Wed.-Sat.: 11 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Sunday: 12-5 p.m. The exhibition brings together some of the area's top painters in watercolor, acrylic and mixed media, presenting 100 original works including landscapes, florals, still life and abstracts.

THURSDAY/OCT. 29

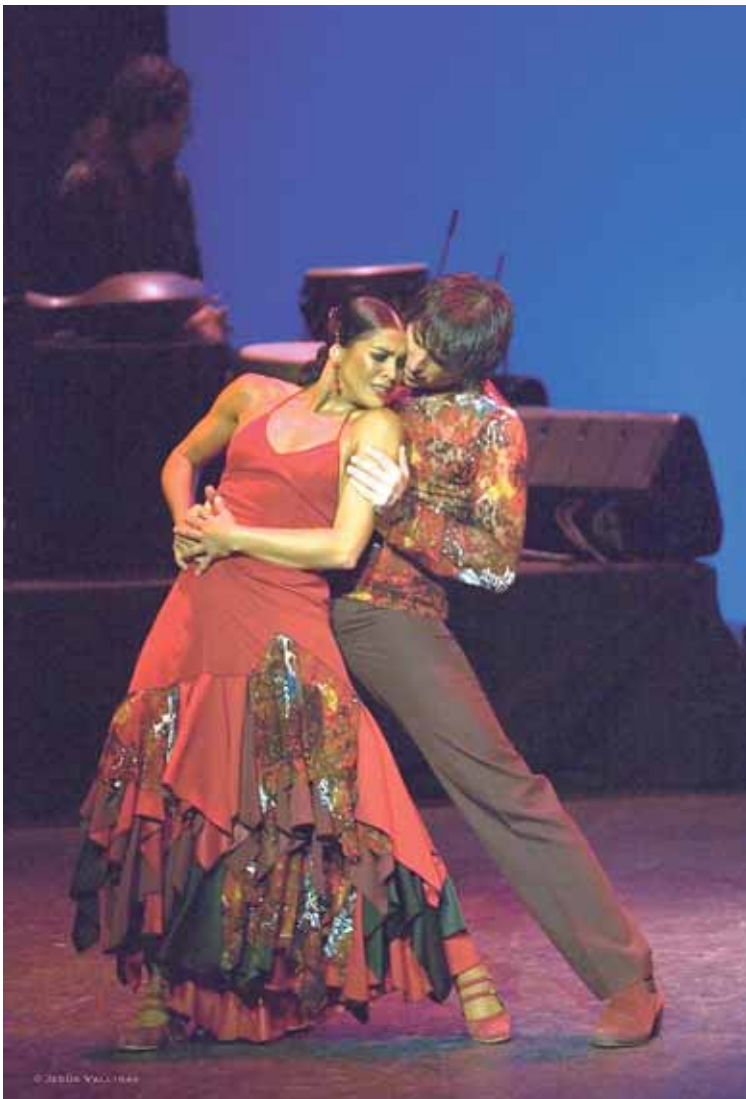
Preschool Storytime. 10:30 a.m. Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax. Build your child's early literacy skills while enjoying stories, songs and activities. Age 3-5 with adult.

THURSDAY-TUESDAY/OCT. 29-NOV. 10

Book Fest. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Visits from Elyssa Friedland ("Love and Miss Communication"), Jennifer Rosner ("The Mitten String"), Dion Nissenbaum ("A Street Divided: Stories from Jerusalem's Alley of God") and William V. Madison ("Madeline Kahn: Being The Music - A Life"). 703-537-3000. www.jccnvarts.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 31-30

The Haunted Lab. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Children's Science Center Lab, Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. A fun, not scary, just spooky family event, to enjoy hands-on STEM activities while celebrating Halloween! Children's Storytime at 11 am and 2 p.m. followed by a Children's Costume Contest for children ages 2-6



Compania flamenca Jose Porcel performs at GMU's Center for the Arts on Friday, Nov. 6, bringing passionate rhythms and enchanting movement.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 31

L.A. Theatre Works' "Dracula." 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Dr, Fairfax. L.A. Theatre Works brings this chilling story to life with live readings and creepy sound effects made "the old fashioned way." 888-945-2468. cfa.gmu.edu.

SUNDAY/NOV. 1

Film Viewing, "An Ordinary Hero." 1 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Meet and listen to Joan Trumpauer Mulholland present the film "An Ordinary Hero," the true story of one woman's courage to help change the world. 703-451-2900.

Trio Sefardi. 7 p.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike,

Fairfax. Trio Sefardi is a confluence of three performers who share a love of, and a wide-ranging experience with, Sephardic music.. \$14-\$24. www.jccnvarts.org.

TUESDAY/NOV. 3

Children's Storytime. 11 a.m.-noon. Barnes and Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Join Author Petrell Marie Ozbay as she reads from her award winning children's book "X's and O's for Gabby Ann" about a little girl missing her faraway dad in honor of Veteran's Day. Free. 703-278-0300.

FRIDAY/NOV. 6

Compania Flamenca Jose Porcel. 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Dr, Fairfax. Passionate rhythms and enchanting movement of flamenco dancing. 888-945-2468. cfa.gmu.edu.

Woodson High

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and positive and likes putting people in a good mood. He has fun joking with his siblings and is a mentor to the two youngest girls, Agnes and Tootie. He's a people person with a good heart and he eventually finds romance."

Lamb is enjoying his role because "Lon's more outgoing than I am; and I like the numbers he's in, plus the dynamic he brings to the family. My favorite song is 'The Banjo.' I sing it, the ensemble joins in and it's the biggest number in the show. Lon's teaching others the latest, college dance craze, and it's high-energy, involves the whole cast and is fun to do."

Lamb said the audience will relate to the family members and their reactions to each

other. "You see their conflicts, and people living here can identify with them having to move. It's a feel-good show that'll leave people in a good mood."

Freshman Marlaina Horewitz is in several numbers in the singing ensemble. "It's my first show at Woodson and I'm so honored to be in a cast with such talented people," she said. She likes "The Trolley Song" best because "It's so upbeat and gives you a really good perspective of the time period. It also shows the townspeople's excitement about the fair."

Horewitz said the audience will like the "beautiful sets and costumes; lots of work went into them and they're very impressive. And everyone will love the show's whimsical feel and the sense of family the characters portray."



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"Rang de Nila"(Color Me Blue) dancer.



Siona Benjamin painting dancer for "Rang de Nila".

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Celebrating Diversity with Arts

The Arts Council of Fairfax County launches a 'Global Arts Initiative.'

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION



Siona Benjamin

Where and When

"Color Me Blue," live performance combining music, dance and art of Siona Benjamin at the JCCNV, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Performance on Saturday, Nov. 7, at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$20 adults, \$16 J members or seniors (65+) and \$12 under 30. Call 703-537-3000 or visit: www.jccnv.org.

(Color Me Blue) inspired by guest artist Benjamin's paintings.

"Rang de Nila" will be a show that "through movements infused with elements of traditional Indian dance, modern dance and jazz, the dancers explore themes of identity," said Dan Kirsch, JCCNV's cultural arts director.

Siona Benjamin described the influences that impacted her this way: "I am an artist originally from Bombay, India, of Bene Israel Jewish descent. My work reflects my background and the transition between my old and new worlds."

Having grown up in a predominantly Hindu and Muslim society, having been educated in Catholic and Zoroastrian schools, having been raised Jewish and now living in America, I have always had to reflect upon the cultural boundary zones in which I have lived."

For Benjamin, there is a strong desire "to make art that will speak to my audience of our similarities, not our differences as I feel I can contribute to a much-needed 'repair' (Tikkun) through my art." She wants an audience "to re-evaluate their notions and concepts about identity and race, thus understanding that such misconceptions could lead to racism, hate, and war."

As for the title "Blue Like Me," blue color has great symbolism in the culture of India. Blue can represent not only sky and oceans, but the infiniteness of nature and the Divine.

With the increasing demographic diversity of Northern Virginia, the Arts Council of Fairfax County has funded a "Global Arts Initiative." The Initiative has received support from the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).

"The 'Global Arts Initiative' cultivates artistic collaboration, enables multi-disciplinary presentations, and provides new opportunities for artists, arts organizations and their audiences," said Linda S. Sullivan, president & CEO of the Arts Council of Fairfax County.

An upcoming example of the success of "Global Arts Initiative" is an intersection of Indian and Jewish cultures in a multi-disciplinary event exploring the Jews of India called "Blue Like Me." It features Indian-Jewish artist Siona Benjamin. It is at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCCNV).

Benjamin's work has been regularly featured in the United States and India.

"The JCCNV's 'Blue Like Me' program offers a powerful visitor experience combining a visual art exhibition, dance, lecture and documentary film," noted Sullivan. There is currently an on-going exhibition of Benjamin's artwork showing her multicultural heritage. On Saturday evening, Nov. 7 there will be an Indian dance performance called "Rang de Nila"

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Hawks tied with Madison for first place at 5-0.

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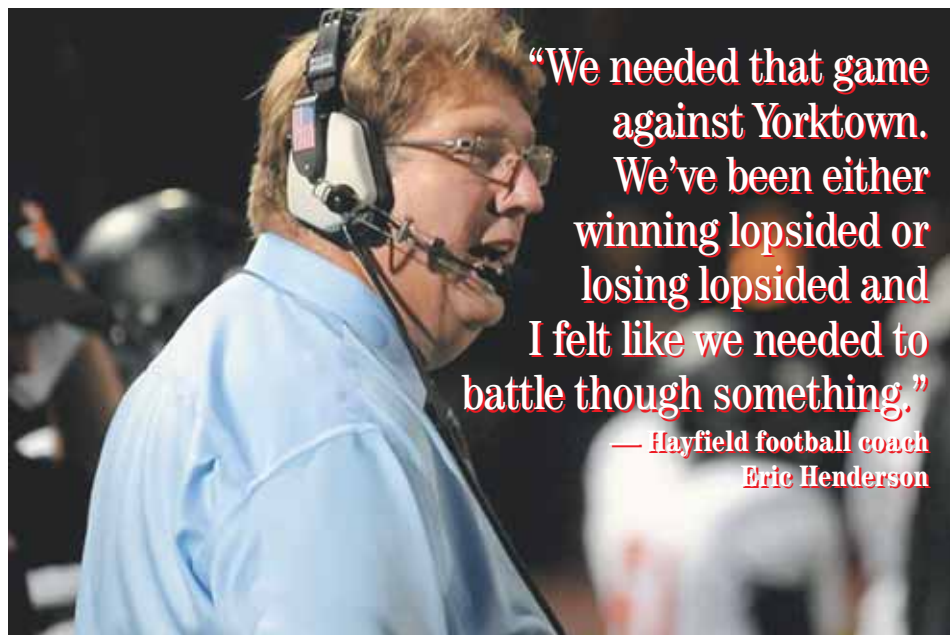
For the first seven weeks of the 2015 season, the Hayfield football team won or lost by a margin of 15 points or greater. While the Hawks won more than they lost, posting a 5-2 record, Hayfield never found itself in a pressure-packed end-of-game situation.

That changed on Oct. 23, when the Hawks traveled to Arlington and needed a fourth-and-goal stop in the final minute to secure a victory against Yorktown and remain tied for first place in Conference 6. The Hayfield defense came through, with senior cornerback Terrell Wheeler intercepting a pass in the end zone to clinch a 21-14 victory.

"We needed that game against Yorktown," Hayfield head coach Eric Henderson said. "We've been either winning lopsided or losing lopsided and I felt like we needed to battle though something."

For the Hawks, the fourth-quarter test of fortitude might have arrived at just the right time.

Hayfield, now 6-2 overall and 5-0 in the conference, will wrap up the regular season by facing the other two teams in contention for the Conference 6 title. This week, the Hawks will host South Lakes, which sits



Hayfield head football coach Eric Henderson, seen last season, has the Hawks tied for first place in the Conference 6 standings.

at 6-2 overall and 4-1 in the conference. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30. The following week, Hayfield will travel to Vienna to face a Madison team that has won seven in a row and is currently tied with the Hawks atop the conference standings at 5-0.

While Hayfield will be tested, the Hawks, who are on a five-game win streak, will provide their own challenges.

"I think we've kind of found our formula," Henderson said. "It took us a couple of games."

That formula: Give the ball to running back

"We needed that game against Yorktown. We've been either winning lopsided or losing lopsided and I felt like we needed to battle though something."
— Hayfield football coach Eric Henderson

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Myles Ross and let the senior make plays.

Ross is Hayfield's all-time leading rusher. This season, he has carried 176 times for 1,486 yards and 17 touchdowns. Last week against Yorktown, Ross had 37 carries for 276 yards and two touchdowns.

He also plays defense and has three interceptions.

"I think he's one of the best players I've ever coached," said Henderson, whose Northern Virginia coaching stops include Lake Braddock (assistant), West Potomac and T.C. Williams. "He goes both ways, he doesn't get a lot of breaks. ... If he's not on

the field, we're not as good [as we are] with him on the field. He's what we do offensively."

Clearing the way for Ross is an offensive line composed of junior left tackle Greer Jones (5-10, 285), senior left guard Adam Johnson (6-5, 330), junior center Jack Blevins (5-10, 260), junior right guard KD Diokane (6-3, 300) and senior right tackle Juan Cruz (5-8, 250).

"They're a real physical bunch," Henderson said. "They remind me of some of the crews I had at West Potomac — kids that like to get after it. They work well together. They communicate well."

Hayfield is No. 9 in the latest VHSL 6A North region power rankings. Madison is No. 4 and South Lakes is No. 10. The top 16 teams make the playoffs.

Henderson said the Hawks divided the season into three parts. The first part was a tough three-game stretch during which Hayfield battled injuries and struggled against some tough opponents. After a 21-0 season-opening victory against Edison, Hayfield lost to Tuscarora 40-14, and was blown out by South County 70-29.

The second part was a four-game stretch where the Hawks tried to figure out what they do well. Ross was the answer, and Hayfield defeated Washington-Lee, 35-16, McLean, 43-28, Fairfax, 40-20, and Langley, 39-21.

The third part is a playoff push during the final three games of the regular season. The Hawks survived a tough test against Yorktown, winning 21-14. Hayfield's next two games will determine if they are conference champions.



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Robinson running back Roman Lowery reaches for the goal line during the Rams' 39-3 victory over Herndon on Oct. 24 at Herndon High School.

Robinson Football Improves to 5-3

The Robinson football team defeated Herndon 39-3 on Oct. 24, improving its record to 5-3 overall and 3-1 in Conference 5.

Robinson is tied for No. 7 in the latest VHSL 6A North region power

rankings. The top 16 teams make the playoffs.

The Rams will host Broad Run at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30 and will close the regular season with a road game against Centreville on Nov. 6.



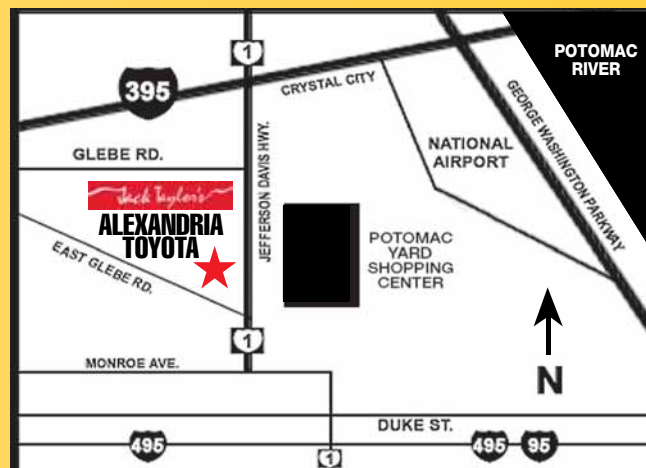
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Runner-up in Conference 7

Emma Vinall (13) and the Woodson field hockey team finished runner-up in Conference 7, losing to T.C. Williams 3-0 in the championship game on Oct. 26. The Cavaliers faced Langley in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament on Wednesday, after The Connection's deadline.

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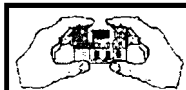
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Keep GMU Blue Rally. 4-5:30 p.m. North Plaza, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Congressman Gerry Connolly will join the George Mason Democrats and the candidates running to represent George Mason University to reiterate, for the last time, the stakes of this election and the reasons to vote Democratic on Election Day. jrussel18@gmau.edu.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 7

Scouting for Food. Burke Centre Shopping Center, 5649 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke. Cub Scout Troop 1346 will distribute plastic shopping bags to Burke Centre residences. The

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SUNDAY/NOV. 8

Complete the Circle Foodraiser. 1-2:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. LCAC and Our Daily Bread's annual foodraiser and hunger awareness event. This family-friendly, volunteer event is held at Fairfax High School's practice field. Bring a bag of food and help feed your neighbors. More information and to register, go to <https://www.odbfairfax.org/CompleteTheCircle>.
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"Using the Internet to Build an Audience." 7-9 p.m. Gunnel House at Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. author Stephanie Buckwalter will explain how to use social media, online networking and search engine tools to build an audience. Free. 703-803-9447.

THURSDAY/NOV. 12

Keeping Your Loved One Safe. 3 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Join us to discuss various options to keep your loved one with dementia safe in the home. Free. 703-204-4664. RSVP.

SATURDAY/NOV. 14

Future Quest 2015. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. George Mason University in the Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Future Quest is a free college and career forum for students with disabilities, parents and professionals. <http://futurequest.gmu.edu>.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 18

Care for the Caregiver. 1:30 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Bring your questions and join us for a panel discussion with the help of dementia care professionals on how to care for yourself. Free. 703-204-4664. RSVP.

FAITH NOTES

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

SUNDAY/NOV. 8

Soundscapes Healing Meditation. 2 p.m. Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Come, bring a blanket or yoga mat for lying on the floor, and enjoy the gift of letting go and being connected to deeper peace. Healthy snacks will be provided afterward during Fellowship time. Free to church members, \$15. 703-503-4579.

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

Book Reading, "Blessed are You." 12-3 p.m. The Paschal Lamb, 11214 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Author Melanie Rigney will read from her new book. Free. 703-863-3940.

Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

The Guhyasamaja Buddhist Center, 10875 Main St., Fairfax City provides free classes to both newcomers and advanced practitioners of

Tibetan Buddhism. The center emphasizes working with the mind and learning how to understand the workings of the mind, overcoming inner causes of suffering, while cultivating causes of happiness. Under the direction of Lama Zopa Rinpoche, the center is a place of study, contemplation and meditation. Visit <http://www.guhyasamaja.org> for more information.

Lord of Life Lutheran offers services at two locations, in Fairfax at 5114 Twinbrook Road and in Clifton at 13421 Twin Lakes Drive. Services in Fairfax are held on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 8:30 and 10 a.m. Services in Clifton are held on Sundays at 8:15 and 10:30 a.m. 703-323-9500 or www.Lordoflifeva.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. worship service at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcspRINGfield.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.



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