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Herndon Scout Completes Eagle Project at Lake Fairfax

Herndon Scout Collin Toole (middle) organized a group of volunteers for his Eagle Scout project of building a fire pit in Lake Fairfax.





Herndon Scout Collin Toole from Troop 913 built a fire pit near the amphitheater in Lake Fairfax on Saturday, June 4, to complete his Eagle Scout project.



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The members of the Herndon High Class of 2016 Student Council lead the procession in and gather on the stage.



Herndon High graduates receive their diplomas from Principal William Bates with applause and cheers for each student's name from the audience.

Herndon High Says Farewell to 2016 Graduates

Graduation ceremony took place on Thursday, June 16.

By Erin Murphy
The Connection

erndon High School said farewell to its 2016 graduates in a graduation ceremony held at the George Mason Patriot Center on Thursday, June 16.

Following introductory remarks by the Class of 2016 Student Council, Principal William Bates awarded the Faculty Award to student Jeremy Levine. The award was voted on by faculty and administration and awarded annually to the student who is considered the most outstanding student The criteria include academic success, contribution to community, contributions to the school, character and leadership.

"This year's recipient is an exceptional young Hornet, who consistently pushes himself academically and has one of the highest GPAs in this year's graduating class.

As a member of the Junior and Senior council, this leader has supported the class of 2016 from float building to prom. He has even been the emcee of the Herndon Idol show. He is the recipient of the William and Mary award through his participation in SGA. As a captain of the track team, he completed his high school career with his personal best time of 4 minutes 25 seconds in the 1500," said Principal Bates.

Levine introduced the guest speaker, Chief Meteorologist for NBC4 Dough Kammerer, who graduated from Herndon High School in 1993. His speech encouraged students to embrace the clean slate being handed to them along with a graduation diploma, a chance to be the person they want to be and discover their own lives.

"Find your passion. Make sure every day you wake up and love what you're doing. Make sure that everything you do moves you one step closer to achieving your goal. And don't let anybody ever stand in your way. The only person that can stand in your way is you."

Principal Bates recognized students who chose to support the U.S. through military service, either through acceptance into a service academy, or participating in ROTC,



Members of the Class of 2016 Student Council Samy Zemni and Seara Mainor, deliver the introduction to the graduation ceremony.

as well as all the veterans and active duty members in the audience. Also recognized with rounds of applause were members of the National Honor Society, distinguished scholars with GPAs of a 3.7 or higher, as well as Honor Graduates who were recognized by name for earning a 4.0 or higher throughout their four years of high school. Retiring Herndon High faculty were also recognized including: Dr. Beverly Parker Lewis, Mrs. Janie Odlen, Mrs. Lila Jimenez-Herrera, Mrs. Bernice Robillard, Mr. James Hagerty, Mrs. Sherry Amado, Mrs. Debbie Anderson, Mr. Joe Sheaffer, Mrs. Kathy Thomas and Master Chief John C. Maness.

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Principal William Bates recognized students choosing to serve the United States military, either through acceptance to a service academy or continued participation in a ROTC program at their college of choice.



The Herndon High graduating class students received roughly \$3 million in scholarships, said Principal William Bates during his introductory remarks.

OPINION

Stem Gun Violence Epidemic

BY GERRY CONNOLLY U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-II)

ast week, America woke to what has become an alltoo-common nightmare. A man driven by hate and armed with assault weapons carried out our nation's worst mass shooting. In its aftermath 49 were dead, 53 injured, and communities across

our country were left violated, vulnerable and wondering, "How this could happen again?"

It's a scene repeated too often in our country. 49 murdered in Orlando. In December, 14 were killed in San Bernardino. A year ago, nine were murdered during Bible study in South Carolina. Twenty innocent children and six teachers were gunned down inside a school at Sandy Hook. Thirty-three were lost at Virginia Tech — including five bright, young, talented students from our community. Twelve were killed in an Aurora movie theater. The list goes on.

We must have an honest conversation about the hate that is brewing. This time a man stole the lives of 49 people, many of whom identified as LGBT, and all of whom were celebrating and supporting inclusion, progress and freedom. The attacker's homophobic intent has been lost in the media coverage. Some have painted this



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as an issue of terror, but we must be reminded that so much of the blood shed to gun violence has been at the hands of those who claim no allegiance to Islam or ISIS. America's dark history of mass killings has come from problems of mental illness to proclamations of white su-

premacy, and it's a fallacy to attribute the continuous violence to "Radical Islam."

In the wake of these almost weekly tragedies, the response from Congress is as predictable as it is disappointing. We offer our thoughts and prayers. We hold a moment of silence; anything to distract from the central cause, and common instrument, of these crimes. How many more must die before Congress acts?

This is a problem for which there are solutions. Expand universal background checks to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. Reinstate the assault weapons ban. Close the gun show loophole.

But the gun lobby and the Republican Majority it controls stand in the way of each of these reforms. For example, the NRA opposes expanded background checks for gun purchases even though majorities of gun owners and NRA members support them. The NRA

even opposes the CDC funding for research on gun violence and its effect on public health despite the fact that more than 30,000 people die in gun related deaths annually.

In 1994, Congress passed the Assault Weapons Ban, restricting certain types of weapons and capping the size of ammunition magazines. However, in the time since the ban has been allowed to lapse, these weapons of war have become a common tool for the mayhem unleashed in these mass shootings. Do I think an assault weapons ban would prevent all crimes? Of course not; but certainly our Founding Fathers did not envision AR-15 semi-automatic rifles when they drafted the Second Amendment.

In a shocking video, Virginia Tech survivor Colin Goddard demonstrated just how easy it is to skirt background checks. Without even a photo ID or background check, Goddard was able to purchase an AK-47. Closing the gun show loophole, which allows private dealers to forego background checks required of licensed dealers, would stem the flow of illegal weapons.

When we marked the three-year anniversary of Sandy Hook, I said if more politicians viewed the safety of the American people as more important than pleasing the NRA, reason would prevail and the club of gun violence victims and their families would not continue its unrelenting growth. Instead, our ever-more-frequent moments of silence and inaction speak volumes.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leaving the Judging to God

To the Editor:

"Whoever kills a person ... it is as though he has killed all mankind. And whoever saves a life, it is as though he had saved all mankind." (Qur'an, 5:32)

The tragic event which took place early on June 12 at the hands of a despicable and deranged individual breaks my heart. The blatant disregard for the value of human life is shocking. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Orlando community, and especially with the families and friends of the victims. This goes against anything and everything that my religion and my allegiance to America, as a citizen of this great country, stands for and represents. Islam gives no one the right to violently cut short the lives of innocent people, or judge them for the way they choose to live. I don't drink alcohol and consider adultery a sin, does this mean I should kill those who drink or have affairs? Just as that makes no sense, neither does killing anyone for their sexual orientation. Islam teaches me to leave the judging to God and to focus my energy on attaining God's pleasure by showing compassion and serving all of His creation in whatever capacity I can.

I condemn all terrorist activity, everywhere. This is true regardless of where it happens and who it happens to because I love all of humanity. My love for humanity is not reserved only for Muslims nor only for Americans just because I, myself, am an American Muslim. My heart bleeds for every atrocity and every injustice inflicted on my fellow mankind, and I stand against any type of bigotry and discrimination towards any group or community. Why then does the media try to make me feel compelled to always publicly apologize for any and all unfortunate events that take place?

Let's please clarify that I am in no way responsible for the actions of any person in this world besides myself. No one. Not even my own children. I will work hard my entire life to teach them right from wrong and instill a love for service to humanity in their hearts, but in the end they alone are answerable for their actions. Everyone is solely responsible for their own deeds. "And no burdened soul can bear the burden of another; and if a heavily laden soul call another to bear its load, naught of it shall be carried by the other, even though he be a kinsman (Quran, 35:19)."

After the Virginia Tech or Sandy Hook shootings did the media turn to the killer's religion or community looking for condemnation or an apology? No. And I'm glad they didn't because every sane person understood that the monster responsible for each tragedy was just that, a monster who represented evil alone. So please extend the same compassion to us! Why isn't it possible for someone of Asian/ Middle Eastern descent who just so happens to be affiliated with Islam simply be a misguided insane madman executing a personal vendetta against mankind, and not tarnish an entire religion by being wrongfully portrayed as a devout believer waging a "holy" war, until and unless there is clear evidence otherwise?

Love for all, hatred for none.

Aisha Khan Herndon

Harmful House Bill

To the Editor:

Last week, the U.S. House decided that keeping our air safe is not important and passed a bill to restrict implementation of the new standards for nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, particulate matter and lead. The "Smoggy Skies Act" (HR 4775) is an irresponsible attack on the Clean Air Act. This bill would double the time between EPA re-

views of harmful pollutants (from 5 to 10 years) and caters to corporations that want permits to pollute at levels beyond national health standards.

The standards in place protect our health and environment, and should be based on science, not considerations of cost and "tech-

our health and environment, and should be based on science, not considerations of cost and "technological feasibility" for companies that put profits before people. The connection between climate change and health, particularly asthma, is well established. Pumping more climate change pollutants into the air is impacting ozone pollen levels, increasing asthma attacks and allergic reactions. Richmond, Virginia, leads the list of the worst cities for asthma and allergy sufferers, and the health effects will only worsen.

Smog pollution already sends thousands of children to emergency rooms each year and costs Americans billions in health care costs, lost productivity and even premature deaths. Even more disconcerting is that smog pollution disproportionately hurts low-income communities and communities of color. Preventing attacks like HR 4775, and implementing the Clean Power Plan, is the next essential step in protecting our health.

Kelsey Crane Reston

News



Manal Megahed and Julia Dowsett.

Herndon Optimist Club Recognizes Aldrin Staff Member, Volunteer

On May 24, Julia Dowsett and Manal Megahed were recognized by the Herndon Optimist Club for going above and beyond for the children in our community. Julia Dowsett was recognized for her commitment to the students of Aldrin ES and her leadership on the Aldrin READS program, which provides books for every child to

have a home library filled with books for the children. Manal Megahed was recognized for her many years of commitment to the school, PTA and volunteering in Herndon /Reston Community.Both were recognized by Principal Shane Wolfe at a dinner sponsored by the members of the Herndon Optimist Club.

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Class of 2016 Chorus Members sing Francis Scott Key's Star Spangled

Go Big, Class of 2016

The Connection

hink of this as the morning announcements for the rest EagleBank Arena. of your life," said senior now a graduate of South Lakes High School are here to celebrate you and your accom-Class of 2016.

"Go big, let's go big," said Nally. "Hashtag: 2016 Goes Big.'

"Squeeze out all there is to offer," said Nally, who will play Division I soccer for graduate, students who are the first in their you are lifting them up." Georgetown University in the fall. "If you families to enroll in college, in addition to fail, and fall flat on your face, so what?"

"Go big can mean anything," said the National Honor Society student and International Baccalaureate Career-Related Programme Candidate.

"Grab onto your dreams," she said, "and friends and family, hold on for the ride."

Nally saluted her hometown and its founder, Robert E. Simon.

"Thank you Mr. Simon for giving us such a wonderful place to live," said Nally.

with diplomas at the South Lakes High School 2016 Commencement Ceremony held Friday at George Mason University be different.'

Assistant Principal Dana Walker delivered Meaghan Elizabeth Nally, a message of his own. "Class of 2016, we plishments."

> Among the class of 2016 were students who graduated despite being homeless, students who are the first in their families to honors students, athletes, scholars, artists, musicians and more, said Walker.

> Principal Kimberly Retzer asked about a dozen graduates to stand who have made the decision to enter the military. She also asked the graduates to stand who had grade point averages above 4.0.

> "Class of 2016, you matter and you will always be a big deal," said Walker. "Assist one another in tearing down the walls of injustice, intolerance and ignorance," he

By Ken Moore NALLY AND HER classmates graduated AMONG ASSISTANT Principal Dana Walker's memorable lines:

> "Set your own unique course and dare to "Smiling is much easier than frowning."

"Love is greater than hate."

"Look beyond yourself and make great decisions.

"One, show up on time."

"Two, always walk with a raised head," he said, "yet do so with humility. "Three, Never look down on another person unless Finally, "Once a Seahawk, always a

Seahawk."

Tiffanee Dykes was the keynote speaker at the ceremony.

"I come to events like this and say to myself, 'Girl, you are good. Did you just hear that bio she just read? I am fabulous."

Dykes, now with the CIA said, "I know you are saying, 'Who is this woman and who Have you not seen the movies?'" selected her to speak today."

She remembers feeling excited and a bit nervous when she graduated high school, "not that long ago."

ceremony.



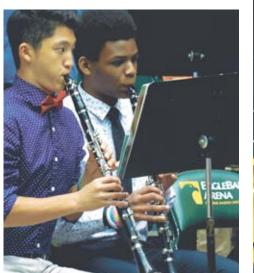
Class of 2016 Chorus Members perform and participated in their graduation ceremony Friday.

"Be passionate," she said, no matter what that may be about.

"Graduates, don't be afraid to do something different. Stretch," she said.

"The reality was, I never wanted to work for the CIA. My first reaction was, 'Hell, no.

But she took the risk and has traveled the world and "made a contribution to the country I so dearly love. I decided to take the chance.'



Teachers selected Tanner Michael South Lakes Band performs Edward Asmussen, one of four students to Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," be nominated, to earn one of the No. 1, Op. 39, as the South Lakes Class of 2016 marched to their most prestigious awards at the seats for graduation.



Meaghan Nally is bound for **Georgetown University, where she** will play soccer next fall. She also gave advice to the senior class she hopes they will remember: "Go



Author of the message, "Thanks, Mom and Dad," on top of the graduation mortar board: Spencer Huhu Kinsey-Korzym. "They helped me through school and helped me to get my Eagle Scout award."



Oleksiy Melnyk and Sarah Amde Mesele get ready for starting time.



Johnathan Brandon Guerrero knows exactly where his family and friends

are in the stands. Behind him are Brennan Walter Gulakowski and Min-Ki

Ha. Ahead of him is Martin Christopher Gryski.

Mersadez Jayde Sewell got her hair perfectly in tune with the South Lakes colors for graduation. She is pictured here with Paul Sesay moments before she received her 2016 high school diploma.



Class of 2016 Chorus Members sing Francis Scott Key's Star Spangled Banner.



Friday, June 17 was a picture perfect day for Madeleine Grace Cochrane and Rachael McPherson Buchner and the rest of the graduates from the class of 2016.

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Ibania Canas was one of the first

students to enter George Mason

South Lakes High School gradua-

tion Friday, June 17 at 2 p.m.

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Sports

Top Spring, Winter Sports Moments

he following is a look back at some of the top moments in local high school sports from the 2016 winter and spring seasons.

Herndon's Menendez No-Hits South Lakes

Herndon junior Antonio Menendez tossed a no-hitter against South Lakes on April 2 and the Hornets defeated the Seahawks 2-0 in Reston.

Menendez struck out 10, walked two and hit two batters. He threw 86 pitches, including 53 for strikes.

It was the first varsity no-hitter for Menendez, who is committed to Wake Forest.

South Lakes Boys' Lax Wins Conference

For the South Lakes boys' lacrosse team, a double-digit win streak developed into the first conference title in program history.

South Lakes defeated Yorktown 8-5 in the Conference 6 championship game on May 13 at Langley High School, giving the Seahawks their first title. South Lakes finished the season with a 16-3 record, including a 13-7 loss to Colonial Forge in the state quarterfinals.

After losing to Stone Bridge in the second game of the season, the Seahawks kept on winning. A five-game win streak turned into a 10-game win streak and eventually South Lakes entered the conference tournament final with a 12-1 record, having won 11 straight.

South Lakes made it 12 in a row with the win over Yorktown. Tommy Jung scored three goals for the Seahawks and Matt Hughes scored two.

Langley Girls Reaches State Final

The 2015-16 Langley girls' basketball team reached the state championship game for the first time in program history. Along the way, the Saxons won their first conference/district title since 1988 and upset previously unbeaten Oakton in the state semifinals.

Langley gave two-time defending state champion Cosby trouble in the state final and had a chance to tie with less than a minute remaining, but the Titans went on to capture their third straight championship with a 42-37 victory on March 9 at VCU's Siegel Center. Langley ended the season with a 26-6 record and the deepest postseason run in its history.

The previous day, the Saxons defeated then-unbeaten Oakton 47-38 in the semifinals. The 38 points were a season low for the Cougars.

Senior guard Paige Galiani became the

program's all-time leading scorer during the regular season. She scored 17 points and hit a late 3-pointer that led the Saxons to a 34-32 win over Landstown in the state quarterfinals on March 5 at Old Dominion University. She totaled 11 points, four rebounds and two blocks against Cosby in the state final.

Senior guard Lizzy Shamloo had 12 points, nine rebounds and three steals against Cosby.

Madison's Vannicola Throws No-Hitter

Katie Vannicola's first high school no-hitter earned the Madison softball team its first trip to the state championship game since 2004

Vannicola did not allow a hit against Grassfield in the 6A state semifinals and Madison won 4-0 on June 10 at Robinson Secondary School. The future Georgetown hurler struck out seven, hit one batter and walked three.

Vannicola received some help from her defense, including third baseman Alex Echazarreta catching a line drive in the seventh inning.

The Warhawks would lose to Osboun Park 4-0 in the state final the following day.

Madison finished the season with a 24-5 record, with three of its losses coming in the Conference 6, 6A North region and state championship games.



The South Lakes boys' lacrosse team won the first conference title in program history.

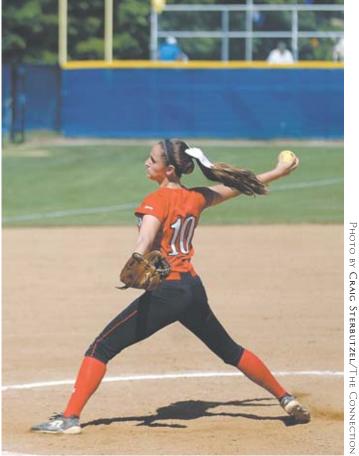


Herndon junior Antonio Menendez nohit South Lakes on April 2.

Photo by

Craig Sterbutzel

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Madison pitcher Katie Vannicola threw her first high school no-hitter in the state semifinals.



Paige Galiani and the Langley girls' basketball team reached the state final for the first time in program history.

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 22

Color Me Happy. 7 p.m. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Relax, unwind, turn loose your inner artist and discover that coloring is for grownups, too. Choose from a collection of intricate designs and bring them to life with color. Coloring pages, pens and pencils provided or bring your own. Adults. 703-689-2700.

THURSDAY/JUNE 23

Spice Up Your Life! 10 a.m.-noon. Dranesville Church of the Brethren 11500 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. A class about the health benefits of testing. To register: joygoodshepherd@verizon.net. 703-430-7872.

DEADLINE JUNE 23 Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon.

11:30 a.m. Amphora Diner, 1151

Sack race at a past Town of Herndon July 4 celebration.

Herndon to Celebrate July 4

Herndon's July 4 celebrations will be held around the Herndon Community Center and Bready Park, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. It starts at 6:30 p.m. with arts and crafts, bingo and family games.

At 7:15 p.m., Whiskey Rebellion performs with the spontaneity of bluegrass, the ease of jazz, and the urgency of rock and roll to create their own unique take on everything from traditional bluegrass to modern party favorites, which will keep everyone entertained throughout the evening. A variety of food will be on sale ranging from hot dogs and hamburgers to funnel cakes and ice cream.

Fireworks choreographed to music will start around 9:30 p.m.

You can cool off and play indoors at the Herndon Community Center, too, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Daily admission fees apply.

For more information and to find out any traffic advisories, go to http:// www.herndon-va.gov/recreation/special-events/4th-of-july

Elden St., Herndon. Speaker Michelle Leith of Virginia Attorney General's Office. on issues affecting Northern Virginia. Luncheon will be on Monday, June 27. \$18. Reserve at 703-435-3523 or nana492@aol.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 24

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Concert. 8 p.m. NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Featuring Award-Winning Singer/ Songwriter Jim Van Slyke. \$35 nextstoptheatre.org.

Collegium Cantorum Concert. 7

p.m. ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. 30th Anniversary Musical celebration of the group. Free. \$20 suggested. artspaceherndon.com. 703-956-9560.

School's Out for Summer Pool

Party. 4-7 p.m. Golf Course Island Pool, 11301 Links Drive, Reston. Come celebrate the end of school with friends and neighbors! There will be food starting at 5:00 p.m., fun, music, and swimming. In case of inclement weather, please contact RCC at 703-476-4500 for event status

Goddard School First Anniversary.

10 a.m.-1 p.m. The Goddard School, 2400 Dulles Town Blvd., Herndon. Petting zoo, face painting, balloon twisting, food, dancing, and more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 26

"Armor of Light." 7:30 p.m. Trinity Presbyterian Church, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon. Documentary about an evangelical minister and the mother of a teenage shooting victim who explore the moral and ethical

response to gun violence. Discussion follows. 703-437-5500.

THURSDAY/JUNE 30

Swing Sisters Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer. 7-9 p.m. Lake Anne

Plaza, Reston. Acoustic swing. Free. www.restoncommunitycenter.com/ take-a-break.

FRIDAY/JULY 1

Summer Stage at Reston Station. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wiehle-Reston East Metro. Featuring Elikeh — AfroPop. Free. All ages.

reston community center. com.

Turtle Recall and Southbay Concert. 6:30-10:30 p.m. Town Green, 777 Lynn St., Ĥerndon. Come hear Turtle Recall, a DC area band specializing in alternative pop folk rock. Free. info@herndonrocks.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 2

America's Composers. 8 p.m. NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Featuring Jen Lambert, Ariana Kruszewski, and Ryan Burke. \$25. nextstoptheatre.org

SUNDAY/JULY 3

The Robert Larson Trio. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Reston Town Square Park (Corner of Market and Explorer streets). Music of the swing era. Free. restoncommunitycenter.com

TUESDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 5-9

Coco-Cola Collectors Convention.

10 a.m.-9 p.m. Hyatt Regency Reston, 1800 Presidents St., Reston. Bring Coca Cola collectibles and have them appraised. Live auction. Saturday swap meet on July 9 open to the general public. Free. cocacolaclub.org. 214-929-0555.

FRIDAY/JULY 8

"Ferris Bueller's Day Off." Sundown. 11404 Washington Plaza W. Reston. Part of Lake Anne Summer Film Festival. Free. lakeanneplaza.com



Where and when

'Guerrilla Theater Works: At What Cost" produced by Convergence Theatre at NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon, Friday, July 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets \$20. Call 866-811-4111 or visit www.nextstop theatre.org

Rehearsal picture of cast members in "Guerrilla Theatre **Works: At What** Cost?"

> Photo courtesy of Convergence Theatre

Theater to Inspire Conversation

'Guerrilla Theatre Works: At What Cost?' at NextStop.

> BY DAVID SIEGEL The Connection

pening NextStop Theatre's summer 2016 series of onenight only performances is a show about a very contemporary social issue: the search for home in an unsafe, complex world. It will be an interactive production of a new work created by Northern Virginia's Convergence Theatre "Guerrilla Theatre Works: At What Cost?"

The show follows the arduous lives of refugees seeking what has become elusive, what and where home is.

For Evan Hoffmann, artistic director of NextStop Theatre, "Guerrilla Theatre Works: At What Cost' was the perfect choice to start this summer series for us. It represents everything we hoped this series could be. It represents bold artistic work, opportunities for new artists and audiences, and it stretches everyone's expectations of what you can see at NextStop."

"Guerrilla Theatre Works: At What Cost?' is an inventive, live theatre structure created by Convergence Theatre using resources not often used in live theatre such as audience participation. The performance will be "using non-traditional forms of theatre to challenge social norms and change the actor/audience relationship," said Elena Velasco, artistic director of Convergence Theatre.

According to Velasco, the show will be a close collaboration with the audience that includes dialogue based upon research about the issue of how people see home with "adapted music composition, stylized movement languages and soft design" combined together to raise questions and engage the audience.

With key audience involvement, the production does not have a totally predetermined outcome. The lively interactions between actors and audience will make the production a truly unique event, according to Velasco.

When asked why audiences should see "Guerrilla Theatre Works: At What Cost?" Hoffmann was clear: "People should come see 'At What Cost' because it is going to offer a powerful narrative about our society and the way we treat each other and especially immigrants in this country.

"I would like to strongly encourage people to come and see something new, different and perhaps just a little bit outside of their comfort zone. Have a new experience," said Hoffmann.

"Those seem to be becoming increasingly rare both in our theaters and our lives!"

Guerrilla Theatre Works: At What Cost" is not only for regular theater patrons, said Velasco. It is intended, as well, for "people in the local community who may not go to theater regularly." It is a show aimed at raising social issues in a "safe place, a non-threatening venue."

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Rooting Around

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



and the timetable likewise yet to be decided). And it's not as if the consequence of my inaction was a shock. Hardly. My dentist and my dental hygienist, Sandy, have been advising/cajoling me and attempting various preventive procedures for years hoping to avoid this eventuality, for my sake, really. Nevertheless, despite their consistently best efforts to get me to floss and/or use whatever flossing alternative exists on the market, I have unfortunately through no fault of theirs, reached my infected point, at least on the X-Rays I was shown, of no return. Not that needing root canals or any other variety of dental repair is at all unusual or unexpected after reaching a certain middle age, it was more the manner in which the need/recommendation was suggested to me by my dentist and his hygienist - and my reaction to it, that I thought was column-worthy. I thought especially so in the light of having been diagnosed with stage IV, non-small cell lung

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and 10 thousand uninsured/out-of-pocket dol-

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cancer in early 2009. Separating out the cost-anxiety for a moment and trying just to deal with the bad, inconvenient, negative, time-consuming news, the message I received, softly and clearly, was one offered up as sympathetically and presumably as empathetically as possible, given my underlying cancer diagnosis, with which the practice is well acquainted. And I appreciated the sensitivity with which the dental assessment - and cost, was discussed. However, if I had to bet a dollar, I would say their initial concern was more about yours truly finding the necessary unreimbursed dollars to solve this longstanding tooth decay than was its impact on me as a cancer patient, as evidenced by their assurances of financial assistance.

And since I was not yet in the excruciating pain that my dentist described was likely forthcoming, nor flush with cash ready to commit to this huge/not totally unexpected expense, I took their advice in stride (in the dental chair, actually) and hesitatingly authorized their first step: e-mailing the referred endodontist for price/plan/schedule, etc.

Now this is where the subject finally gets funny, and I don't mean hysterical (because I'm not crazy or laughing heartily) and I don't mean ironic (because it's not exactly a twist on reality), but it was as Jerry Seinfeld once said: "something." And the something it was I think was context. I have the ultimate weight on my shoulders: cancer - and by association I'm told, on my teeth, too. I'm already living with terrible news, the worst kind of news, a "terminal" prognosis given at age 54 and a half due to an "incurable" form of lung cancer. And what was funny to me was the serious, somber and sorrowful tones and expressions with which this root canal need was given. If I hadn't already received a cancer diagnosis seven-plus years ago, I would have thought I was receiving one right there in the dentist's office.

Root canal? Is that all you got? Hey, I may not be thrilled about the cost and I'm certainly not looking forward to the pain and inconvenience. I'll get it done when I get it done. In the interim however, to be honest, I can't worry about it too much. I have cancer: "The Emperor of all Maladies."

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Petitioners, CL16-1005

BENJAMIN K THOMAS, ets als

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled suit is to distribute one-fourth (1/4) portion of Benjamin K. Thomas from the Estate of Karingatil Thomas Varghese, Deceased, into the Court. And, it appearing by affidavit filed according to the law that Benjamin K. Thomas, one of the above-named Respondents, cannot be found, that service was attempted on Respondent's last know mailing address and could not be completed, that certified letters sent to the Respondent's last known mailing address have been returned, and that diligence has been used without effect to ascertain his location, it is therefore ORDERED that the said Benjamin K. Thomas appear on or before the 5th day of July, 2016, in the Clerk's Office of this Court and do what is necessary to protect his interests.

And, it is further ORDERED that this order be published once a week, for four (4) successive weeks in the Herndon Connection, of Alexandria, Virginia, a newspapers of general circulation in Herndon; that a copy of this order be posted on the local government website.

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SCHOOLS

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Eight students from Fairfax County Public Schools — all attending Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) have been named semifinalists in the 2016 Intel Science Talent Search. The students, with their project names, are:

- **A Jake Cui**, A Machine Learning Approach to Identifying Ordered Binding Regions on Order-disorder Protein Interfaces.
- * Tarun Kamath, Marked Decreases in Pediatric and Young Adult Solid Organ Cancer Mortality in the United States Since 1940: Analysis and Hypotheses.
- **❖ Ava Lakmazaheri**, Brain-actuated Robotics: A Logic-based Approach for Multimodal Programming and Operation of Assistive Humanoid Robots.
- * Austin Mills, Demonstrating the Development of Heavy Metal Resistance in Non-tolerant Multigenerational Brassica rapa.
- * Kunal Shroff, The Relationship Between Lethality and Genomic Instability in Euploid and Aneuploid Yeast Cells Expressing Pathological Huntingtin.
- * Matthew Sun, Hyperacute Temporal Resolution with a Neural Population for Biologically Plausible Firing Rate Change Detection.
- * Jason Wei, Improving Lateral Flow Immunoassay Sensitivity by a Palladium-catalyzed Dye
- ❖ Michael You, Two-degree-of-freedom Bubble Oscillations in Elastic Vessels and its Application in Sonar-induced Marine Mammal Injuries.

The 300 semifinalists were chosen from more than 1,750 entrants and will receive matching awards of \$1,000 along with their school.

This is the 75th year of the Science Talent Search, which Intel has sponsored since 1998, providing \$1.6 million in awards and scholarships to

Margot Cumming, of Reston, is on the dean's list for May 2016 of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Wisconsin Madi-

William Wade McLaughlin, of Reston, graduated in May 2016 from Averett University with a double major in psychology, counseling and clinical and psychology, integrative health psychology as well as a minor in sociology.

Premeela Nirmal, of Reston, graduated with a bachelor of science in nursing from Eastern Mennonite University in spring 2016.

Micaela Sturm, of Oak Hill, graduated with a bachelor of science in health science/physical therapy from Quinnipiac University in spring 2016.

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 22

Dulles Corridor Advisory Committee

Meeting. 9:30 a.m. Center for Innovative Technology, The Briefing Room, 2214 Rock Hill Road, Herndon, Committee will receive financial and construction updates on the Silver Line project. The Committee will also discuss Dulles Toll Road revenue and transactions. Open to the public. http://www.dullestollroad.com/toll/ dulles-corridor-advisory-committee.

MONDAY/JUNE 27

Community Meeting Reston Funding Plan.

7-9 p.m. North County Government Center. 12000 Bowman Towne Road, Reston. discussion on the status of the Funding Plan, coordination and work completed with the Reston Network Analysis Group, and potential sources of revenue. 703-877-5600.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

Hunter Mill Road Study Community

Meeting. 7 p.m. North County Government Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston.

Laura Mister, of Herndon. Is on the deans list at Emory and Henry College in Emory, Virginia, for spring 2016.

Barry Kinney, Herndon, graduated in May 2016 with a bachelor of general studies in Liberal Arts and Sciences from the University of Kansas.

Gregory Veit, Herndon, graduated in May 2016 with a master of science in business from the University of Kansas.

Max Maurer, from Oak Hill, graduated from Hampden-Sydney College with a B.A. in economics and business in May 2016.

Michaela Gaughan of Oak Hill has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2015 semester at St. Mary's College in Indiana.

Herndon residents on the Dean's List at Washington University in St. Louis for fall 2015 include Azeez Abdikarim, School of Engineering and Applied Science; Kate Hao, College of Arts and Sciences; Snigdha Srivastava, College of Arts & Sciences.

Abdulaziz Nabil Alshenaiber of Reston graduated from the University of New Haven with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering from Tagliatela College of Engineering.

Micaela Sturm, of Oak HIll, has been named to the dean's list at Quinnipiac University for the fall 2015 semester

Ryan Gulledge, of Herndon, been named to the University at Albany Dean's List of Distin-guished Students for fall 2015

Etienne Ying-Hong Dailly, a graduating senior at South Lakes High School in Reston, Virginia, has been named one of more than 4,000 candidates in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.3 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2016.

Margot Cumming and Zachary Klein, of Reston, are on the Dean's List for Fall 2015 at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Cumming is in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences. Klein is in the College of Letters and Science.

Brenda Kamga, of Reston, is on the Dean's List for the Fall 2015 semester at Mars Hill University in North Carolina.

Ian McConnell, of Reston, son of Elizabeth and Clayton McConnell is on the Dean's List for the Fall 2015 semester at Furman University in South

Discussion of project status and next steps. http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/.

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VIEWPOINTS

Where Are You Going Next, Where Do You See Yourself in 5-10 Years?

-Erin Murphy

Helen Mai (on the right), class of 2016

"My plans after high school are to go to VCU majoring in biology in pre-med, and I see myself going to med school and becoming a doctor."





Ben Clark, class of 2016 (receiving his diploma from

"I'm going to Virginia Tech next year and I hope to be working abroad in 5-10 years."

Caroline Bergeron, **Herndon High Class of** 2016

"I'm planning on going up to Canada and study in Montreal at the University of Montreal, I plan on studying biochemistry and attempt to start an art career through painting magic the gathering cards on the side. In 5-10 years I can see myself hopefully working in whichever science I find the most passion in, but if my art picks up on the side and I can live off of that after getting my degree I can also see myself become a full time artist."





Jessica Nielsen (center), class of 2016

"After high school, I'm atending Brigham Young University, majoring in English Language. In 5-10 years, I see myself married with a family, working as an editor and pursuing my master in Library Science.