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- Passed the Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act, which provides assistance to states and area agencies on aging and model programs.

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# News

# The Trump Question? Asked and Answered

Comstock and Bennett trade jabs during first debate in heated race for 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional seat.

> By Victoria Ross The Connection

t the first of two 10th Congressional District debates last Thursday, Democratic challenger LuAnn Bennett was not shy about hanging the Trump albatross around the neck of freshman Republican Congresswoman Barbara Comstock.

"Barbara Comstock stands for Donald Trump," Bennett said in her opening statement. "Trump's extreme agenda would cripple our economy, jeopardize our security, punish women for making their own health care decisions and, worst of all, the Trump agenda deeply divides our country."

Comstock never mentioned Trump's name during the hour-long debate, continuing her efforts throughout the campaign to avoid any firm statements about the controversial GOP nominee. She is seeking re-election in a seat which has long been in Republican hands, but in a district won by Barack Obama in each of the last two presidential elections.

As of Thursday morning's debate, Comstock had neither endorsed Trump nor publicly repudiated him, saying only that the Republican nominee would have to "earn" her vote.

"She's dancing on the head of a pin," Bennett said immediately following Thursday's debate.

#### LESS THAN 48 HOURS LATER,

Comstock's equivocation came to an end, after a 2005 tape surfaced in which Trump is heard making lewd comments, in explicit language, bragging about his unwanted advances on other women. "When you're a star, they let you do it. You can do anything," Trump said on the tape obtained by The Washington Post.

Bennett was the first of the candidates to respond, stating "Trump's actions are vile and disgusting." She again tied Comstock to the GOP presidential nominee, saying (Comstock) "has stayed silent through Trump's insulting of immigrant families, military families and women."

That silence did not last long. Comstock issued a statement late Friday night, condemning Trump's remarks, announcing that she would not vote for Trump, and calling for Trump to step aside as her party's nomi-

"This is disgusting, vile and disqualifying," Comstock said in the statement. "In light of these comments, Donald Trump should step aside....I cannot in good conscience vote for



Photos by Victoria Ross/The Connection

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) addresses media and supporters after the first debate between Comstock and Democratic challenger, LuAnn Bennett. The debate was hosted by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Oct.6.

Donald Trump and I would never vote for Hillary Clinton."

Comstock apologized for being "late" with her statement, noting that she was attending her son's rehearsal dinner when the latest Trump story broke.

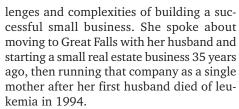
Neither candidate could have predicted the latest (and ongoing) drama surrounding Donald Trump during their first 10th Congressional Debate, hosted by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce. The debate focused mainly on business and economic issues.

The candidates took questions on everything from clean energy and immigration reform to the federal minimum wage and union regulations.

Her voice raspy from back-to-back campaign events, Comstock appeared self-assured and comfortable speaking in front of the pro-business crowd of about 200 people. "You know me," Comstock said to the audience, who loudly applauded the incumbent several times during the one-hour debate. "You know I will fight for you," Comstock

the Affordable Health Care Act, the political newcomer remained composed and confident throughout the debate.

**BENNETT OFTEN SPOKE** directly to the audience, reminding the crowd of business leaders that she, too, understood the chal-



of work and children.

"I want to take my experience as a small business owner and get Congress working again and help build an economy that works for everyone," she said. "Barbara Comstock went to Congress and fit right in with a dysfunctional and obstructionist govern-

During an exchange about how to improve Metro's safety and service, Bennett attacked Comstock's record, sharply criticizing the incumbent for voting against Gov. Bob McDonnell's landmark transportation bill while Comstock was in the Virginia House of Delegates. The bill included millions in funding for the Metro's Silver Line extension to Loudoun County.

Comstock shot back: "I am the only one Despite some loud jeers and laughter from on the stage working closely with Metro the audience during Bennett's comments on to restore safety." She defended the work of the GOP-controlled House of Representatives; she said she was successful protecting Northern Virginia's interests with the House leadership, and had persuaded Republicans to restore \$75 million in funding that had been cut from the Metrorail system.



U.S. House of Representatives 10th District candidate LuAnn Bennett (D) speaks to reporters after the first debate between Bennett and U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock, the Republican incumbent. The debate was hosted by the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Oct. 6.

As the only Republican in Northern Virginia's congressional delegation, Comstock said she was the only person in the race "that will actually be in the majority, and will serve as a chairman" of a congressional subcommittee.

Bennett shot back that "She's part of a majority that can't pass a budget.'

While Bennett repeatedly tried to yoke Comstock to Trump and his controversial statements and policies, Comstock took aim at Bennett's top-of-the-ticket nominee, saying Bennett supported "the trillion dollar tax plan that Hillary Clinton would put forward" a plan that will "kill the small businesses."

AFTER THE DEBATE, Comstock told reporters that she thought Bennett's attempts to tie her to Trump were "sad."

"It's sad she is focusing on this...I am focusing on being the best Congresswoman for this district.'

Virginia's 10th Congressional District, which stretches from the wealthy McLean suburbs to the exurbs of Winchester, is thought to "lean slightly" Republican.

The second and final faceoff between the two candidates will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 19 in Tysons at the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce offices. The Chamber says that debate "will cover several issues at the intersection of federal policy and business."

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If you can't find competent management for your circulation department and editorial group, you might consider hiring Curly, Moe, and Joe because they could do a much better job. It is amazing to me that people who can't deliver their own newspaper, have the audacity to tell their readers who they should vote for President of the United States.

If anyone cares,

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# News



Photo by Laura Sheridan/Woman's Club

From left: Woman's Club President Joan Morton, club member Carol Scott with Alternative House Development Officer Jade Leedham and club member Grace Harkins with J. D. Engle, of Claude Moore Colonial Farm. A representative from Share Inc. was unable to attend.

# McLean Woman's Club Donates \$4,500 to Local Nonprofits

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Woman's Club of McLean donated support of these and other local \$2,000 to Share Inc., \$1,000 to organizations as well as of schol-Alternative House and \$1,500 to arships and education. The club's Claude Moore Colonial Farm, annual Holiday Homes Tour, in three nonprofits in McLean. The December, provides a major source of such funding.



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# WEEK IN MCLEAN

# McLean Orchestra to Launch New Season

The McLean Orchestra announces its 46<sup>th</sup> season, 2016-2017, On the Move, during which it will present four concerts. The season will open on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. at The Falls Church Episcopal, 115 East Fairfax Street, Falls Church. The opening concert, titled "Heroes," will include three works: by Giacomo Rossini, John Adams and Ludwig van Beethoven.

The McLean Orchestra is led by Maestra Miriam Burns, beginning her fifth season as Music Director and Conductor.

The second concert of the McLean Orchestra season, "Holiday Magic," will be Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016 at 8 pm at The Potomac School. For that concert, the Orchestra will collaborate with The Potomac School Madrigal Singers, Jerry Rich, director. Third and fourth concerts, on March 18 and May 6, 2017, will be presented at The Falls Church Episcopal.

# Experience Tysons Open House

Fairfax County Government and Tysons Partnership will host Experience Tysons, Community Showcase and Open House, on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the BASIS Independent School, 8000 Jones Branch Drive.

The event features live music, free tastings, 40 exhibitors and free Capital Bikeshare memberships.

Learn about the newest projects and the latest plans including 1,500 seat auditorium plus 250 seat Black Box Theater; 15-screen luxury movie house, 10+ new apartment and condo towers.

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# **OPINION**

# Vote No on Ballot Question One

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

ince 1947 the Code of Virginia has provided that any agreement or combination between an employer and a labor union or labor organization whereby (i) nonmembers of the union or organization can be denied employment, (ii) membership in the union or organization is made a condition of employment or continuation of employment by the employer, or (iii) the union or organization acquires an employment monopoly in any such enterprise is against public policy and illegal. On the ballot on Election Day, Nov. 8, is constitutional amendment question one that would put this provision of law into the constitution. There are 26 states including Virginia that have such a provision in their constitution or in their laws. Why would Virginia need to have these provisions in its constitution as

well in the Code?

The answer is a political one. The conservative Tea Party members of the legislature are seeking one more opportunity to demonstrate to their base just how anti-labor union they are. While they term this amendment "right to



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work," its effect on workers is anything but a right. It gives employers more opportunity to deny workers access to a union or professional organization like a teacher's or firefighter's association. It allows some workers to gain the benefits of the

work of the union or organization without contributing to it as the members do.

Virginia already has the 43<sup>rd</sup> lowest rate of unionization among workers in the 50 states at 5.4 percent. The number of unionized workers has been declining over recent decades. While professional associations for doctors, lawyers, CPA's, and chambers of commerce and other groups have been given almost free rein in how they organize, this amendment is aimed to curtail activities and growth among persons who belong to teacher, firefighter, police, and factory worker unions and associations. Current law and the proposed amendment are not uniform in the way different labor organiza-

tions are treated, and I believe these differences contribute to the widening gap in the labor force in pay and benefits.

Amendments to the Virginia Constitution are proposed in the General Assembly where they must pass with a majority of members voting for them. Once passed, they must be considered by a subsequent session of the General Assembly after there has been an election for members. There were no convincing arguments put forth during the debate as to why the amendment was necessary. Everyone watching the process recognized it for the political purposes it served. I voted against this amendment both times it was before the legislature. I plan to vote against it on Election Day on November 8, and I hope you will join me.

A second proposed amendment to the constitution will also be on the ballot. It would authorize the General Assembly to enact a law that would allow localities to exempt from real property taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel, or emergency services personnel who is killed in the line of duty. I support this amendment and hope that you will vote for it as well.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Tysons Needs Schools Too

To the Editor:

As it is widely known, Spring Hill Elementary is bursting at the seams, and is officially over capacity. We currently have around 1,000 students. Yet, the Tysons Development plan continues to roll out more and more new housing projects. The latest ground breaking ceremony for The Boro at Tysons will have 700 residential units in Phase One alone.

This is just one example of many new building projects popping up each day. Our school simply cannot handle the influx of students this high density housing will bring. To make matters worse, the new elementary school planned to serve Tysons is not slated to open until 2030. It's astounding that this amount of residential development was approved without plans for a school for all these new residents. Our children at Spring Hill are paying the price with overcrowded conditions at school that is only getting worse, with no end

This rate of development with zero concern about the impact on area schools is nothing short of reckless and irresponsible. I am sickened by the priorities of our Supervisor placing the developers above our children. I am appalled by our school board representative who is taking no action to right this wrong. We need this addressed now. Today. Not in 2030. This is an egregious disservice to Dranesville residents, and our children at Spring Hill. Our children deserve better than this.

**Megan Roberge** Spring Hill PTO President-Elect

# Championing Student Debt Relief

To the Editor:

Barbara Comstock has made student debt relief a major priority during her first term in Congress, and that's why she's earned my vote for re-election in November.

Virginia students will borrow more than \$1 billion to pay for college this year alone. The cost of college – at almost any college or university – is rising. It seems like you can read a new story on student debt every year. But for students like me, student debt isn't a crisis that just plays out in the newspaper. It's real. It's money out of a paycheck right when I'm going to be starting my life.

That's why I'm proud to see Barbara Comstock fighting to help. She's introduced legislation to

make it easier for students to refinance their student debt, much like you can refinance a home or auto loan today. She also supports letting students pay their college debt with pre-tax dollars.

These ideas, if adopted into law, would help millions of college students and recent graduates just like me. Barbara Comstock will continue to be our champion, and should be re-elected in November.

Erin Dreux McLean

# What's for Dinner?

To the Editor:

I keep hearing about how unemployment numbers are down, but I also hear that, inexplicably, local, state and federal budgets are dismal. So are things improving, and is this improvement being done in a way that's sustainable? For our busy family, our schedule means I do a mental calculus; "Cook, or just order-in?" With the price of groceries, it can be appealing to think that the easy path is the equal path.

But then, while watching my eleven year old slide the pasta into the boiling water— playing his part to help make dinner—it hit me. In my son's modest way, he is

actively helping our household save money. Through this simple chore of helping make dinner at home, he is helping me stay accountable to myself, and to our family budget.

And that is the very thing our government needs. I'm not sure I could blame the politicians if, in the face of lean times, they just threw up their hands and ordered out. I know I've done it. But the better course, the tougher path, is to use all the family's strength and work ethic, and thereby economize.

And that is what Congresswoman Barbara Comstock's support of the Program Management Improvement and Accountability Act of 2015 does. She is working across party lines to make government more accountable to us.

Our friends and neighbors work for, and with, the federal government, so we know better than anyone that our government can streamline and improve efficiency. I read on Congresswoman Comstock's website that this bill she supported, zeros-in on performance standards and improved communications from the feds. Good.

Good work Congressman Comstock. You've got my vote. Now ... what's for dinner?

Christina Howard

McLean

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Codrin Lungu, MD is a board-certified neurologist who specializes in movement disorders. He is a member of the Parkinson Foundation of The National Capital Area Medical Advisory Board. He is currently involved in collaborative research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in several areas related to movement disorders.



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# As Our Congresswoman, Barbara is Putting Children First:

Barbara understands the sacrifices and commitments made by educators in Virginia's 10th District and across the nation. She supports policies which empower parents and give states and localities more control over their local schools to ensure the best education for our children.

- The House passed Congresswoman Comstock's Inspiring the Next Space Pioneers, Innovators, Researchers, and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act, which will help young women in the STEM fields through programs at NASA.
- Congresswoman Comstock has authored the Student Loan Relief Act, which would offer students the ability to refinance their education loans to take advantage of lower interest rates. It would also allow employers to use pre-tax dollars to assist qualified employees in paying off student loan debt.
- Congresswoman Comstock is the Co-Chair of the STARBASE Caucus, which offers hands-on STEM education to students in elementary school. She has worked in a bipartisan manner to increase resources for this important program.
- Congresswoman Comstock voted for the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act. This bill, signed into law, represented a significant step toward improving our education system and empowers educators and parents to do what is best for each individual student

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Adding built-in shelves, like these by Wentworth, Inc., can transform an entertainment space in time for the holidays.

# Home Improvements for the Holidays

# Local contractors say there is time to spruce up your house and yard

By Marilyn Campbell
The Connection

hanging temperatures and falling leaves are a signal the holidays are near. From Thanksgiving through the New Year, homes are filled with guests and schedules are stacked with parties. Getting one's home guest ready by the holidays may be daunting, but it's doable with proper planning and realistic expectations, say local contractors.

Now is the time to begin projects that don't require elaborate planning, building permits or products on back order. "A window and door replacement project could be completed before the holidays if you started the process right away," said Michael Winn, president of Winn Design + Build.

Fall is a perfect time to begin projects that depend on outdoor elements, he noted. "The weather in the fall is generally ideal so it can be a great time to take on those exterior projects," said Winn. "Be ready, be decisive and start now. The fall is a great time to undertake exterior improvements such as new siding, trim, roofing, painting and landscaping."

He added that he recently "renovated a front porch, [adding] new windows, new trim and exterior painting. A fresh coat of paint can do wonders and satiate your remodeling urges until after the holidays when you have the time to tackle something a bit more ambitious."

While there probably isn't time to complete an extensive kitchen remodeling project, Winn says that smaller projects like adding new countertops, updating plumbing, changing electrical fixtures, painting and refinishing wood floors can be completed before the onslaught of holiday entertaining and breathe new life into a tired bathroom or kitchen.

"A bathroom may be a candidate if it's a 'pull-andreplace' [meaning that] the layout remains the same and the materials you select are stock or have a quick

lead time," said Winn. "If you're not already well into the design process, your kitchen or renovation is probably best postponed until after the holidays."

Still, minor cosmetic improvements can give the illusion of a major change. "We recently designed and built a new entryway with built-ins for a client that creates a welcoming first impression for guests as well as needed storage for the owners," said Bruce Wentworth, president of Wentworth, Inc.

A pragmatic approach to a project is an important factor in increasing the likelihood that it will be ready in time for holiday entertaining. "If homeowners start early and have a realistic scope of work, it could be done," said Wentworth. "Quality work is important with home improvements and fast is not always part of that formula."

Architect Kai Tong of Hopkins and Porter Inc. in Potomac, Md., recently finished a project that he says offers a strategy and timeline that, if started now, would easily result in having an entertainment space by the holidays. His client wanted space for his television and sound equipment, so Tong designed a custom built-in unit for media and display.

"The design was intended to be the visual anchor of the new entertainment space, and to be harmonious with an existing lighted cove ceiling, adjacent columns and other architectural features in the room. The medium-stained cherry wood furthered that harmony," said Tong.

A millwork shop completed the design within six weeks. During that time, audiovisual specialists wired the space while the Hopkins and Porter team completed other renovation work, including preparing the wallpaper and removing existing wall sconces.

Tong said that overall, there was "very minimal on-site disruption."

Securing a contractor to begin a project could be a stumbling block, but not one that is insurmountable. "Most of the better contractors are in-demand and have production backlogs of two to six months," said Winn. "If your project is small and your timing is flexible, you may be able to squeeze [it] into their schedule. Many contractors have 'gaps' in-between their projects, while they're waiting for a permit to be issued or if they finished a project ahead of schedule. They may be able to accommodate your project if the timing is right."







To make kitchen dining more inviting to guests, seats at the counter are slightly lower than standard height. Owner Dave Mulligan calls this a great spot to sample his holiday dishes. The design solution by Sun Design Remodeling will be open to the public November 5, from noon to 4 p.m.



Photos by Bryan Burris

The original circa 1980s kitchen was classified as a "traditional" design, but the 30-inch cooktop range, small food prep island and limited cabinet storage were among many features the owners found restrictive.

# Oak Hill Remodeled Home Tour Set for Nov. 5

Gourmet kitchen, spa master bath among spotlight features in makeover.

By John Byrd

circa 1980's center hall Colonial enhanced by a gourmet kitchen, a spacious spa bath and a lowerlevel guest suite will be featured in a "Remodeled Home Tour" sponsored by Sun Design Remodeling on Saturday, Nov. 5.

The house at 3295 Willow Glen Drive in Oak Hill is owned by David and Nancy Mulligan. The residence will open to the public from 12-4 p.m.

Purchased by the Mulligans in the early 1990s, the original four bedroom production house included a 500-sq-foot kitchen and breakfast room, a large family room, and a 1,500-square-foot lower level. Despite qualms with the "builder grade" interior finishes and space-use problems, the couple occupied the house for nearly 20 years before deciding a makeover of several targeted rooms would better accommodate personal interests.

The project's scope partly reflects the couple's different priorities.

Nancy Mulligan's first goal was a large spa bath adjacent to the master bedroom. To this end, Sun Design Remodeling — the firm that had executed a whole house remodel for Mulligan's brother several years ago — was summoned to explore ideas.

"As we talked about the new master bath," Dave Mulligan said, "I realized that Nancy and I had many plans for improving the house that we'd just been putting off."

In the days that followed, Nancy Mulligan — collaborating with Sun Design's interior design team — completely renovated the master bathroom, then the guest bath, then



A glass enclosed walk-in shower accessible from two sides is tucked under a skylight.

added a full bath to the lower level.

For Dave Mulligan, a passionate amateur chef, the remodeling proposal didn't become personally engaging until conversation shifted to the kitchen.

"I saw that our kitchen was stuck in the 1980s," Mulligan said. "It just wasn't a place where guests can gather in the same way they do in the living room or dining room."

With its U-shaped counter surfaces, 30-inch cooktop range, limited storage and dim lighting, the existing kitchen was — in Dave Mulligan's words — "backstage" — a cockpit where the cook toiled away out of view.

As if to stress the point, one leg of the counter top sequestered the cook's zone from the breakfast table and family room.

"I understood how an open plan is supposed to function," Dave Mulligan said. "But it's the details that make it work, and that's where design expertise really counts"

To this, Sun Design founder Craig Durosko added: "The kitchen's work zones were pretty well rationalized. The real is-

sue was: how well does the space satisfy the Mulligan's — functionally and aesthetically."

To create a more fluid relationship between the kitchen and the front to the house, Durosko and team relocated an obtrusive hall closet, widening an archway so that the revised space would be in view from the front foyer.

Sight lines being critical, ceiling-flush HVAC bulkheads were re-routed to make way for tall cabinets trimmed in crown molding.

Other finish work details — Cherrywood cabinet facings, stainless steel appliances, textured marble back splashes — converge to present a textured, yet visually neutral surface.

All of which introduced the option for a still more differentiating effect: a custom-designed coffered ceiling.

"The ceiling is one of the best features," Dave Mulligan said. "The process of creating it was fascinating." On the other hand, there's much to be said for the custom-designed food preparation island and dining counter.

With it's 6' x 6' x 8' triangular surface, the configuration perfectly supports food preparation and clean-up tasks while accommodating place settings for three.

To make the island still more inviting, seats at the counter are slightly lower than standard height, a psychological invitation to join the party reinforced by the softleather chairs.

"As I see it, you're dining at the chef's table now," Dave Mulligan said. "A great spot to sample dishes, sip wine ... and enjoy."

On the more practical side, the new kitchen is equipped with two microwave ovens, two refrigerators, a convection steam oven and a 48-inch gas range with six burners. With the addition of a walk-in pantry, storage capacity has been increased by 50 percent.

Upstairs, the spacious master bathroom is also a distinct departure from tradition.

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Equidistant between custom-designed "his" and "her" vanities, the space is light-filled; tailored to personal convenience, yet useful.

Meanwhile, a Victorian-era tub with bronze feet snugly occupies a bay window that boasts garden views.

A pair of custom-designed linen closets flanking a granite-topped cadenza is both practical and a stand-out interior design element

Sun Design Remodeling frequently sponsors tours of recently remodeled homes as well as workshops on home remodeling topics. Headquartered in Burke, the firm recently opened a second office in McLean. For more information, call 703-425-5588 or visit www.SunDesignInc.com.

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# News



Photo by Laura Sheridan/Woman's Club

From left: Homes Tour Co-Chair Michelle Arcari and Chair Kathryn Mackensen, members of the Woman's Club of McLean.

# McLean Woman's Club Gearing Up for 50th Annual Holiday Homes Tour

With the final selection of the tour homes and the printing of the tour tickets, the Woman's Club of McLean is almost ready for its 50<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Homes Tour in December. Remaining tasks are the festive decoration of the homes and the finalizing of plans for a Homes Tour MarketPlace that will run concurrently. The tour is set for Thursday, Dec. 1, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The MarketPlace will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The tour will focus on four architectural styles, from a large, handsome 1951 Colonial in McLean's center to three elegant, custom-designed homes on the north side of the community – two off Georgetown Pike and one off Swinks Mill Road. The MarketPlace — at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd. — will feature holiday items, a variety of gifts, jewelry, home-made delicacies, lunch, vendors, tour tickets and a silent auction. There will be ample parking at the church.

The tour houses will be served

by five free shuttle buses leaving Trinity Church at 15-minute intervals. However, there will be some car parking within range of the houses. Tickets for the tour will be \$25 until Dec. 1, when they will be \$30. They are available at Mesmeralda's Gifts of McLean, 1339 Chain Bridge Road; Karin's Florist, 527 Maple Ave. East, Vienna; and Great Dogs of Great Falls, 9859 Georgetown Pike, They can also be bought at the MarketPlace and the tour homes. Admission will not be required for the MarketPlace.

All proceeds of the tour and MarketPlace will be donated to local charities and nonprofits, such as Share, Inc; Alternative House, the McLean Project for the Arts (The Children's Outreach), Claude Moore Colonial Farm, the McLean Volunteer Fire Department and Fisher House, as well as used for scholarships and education.

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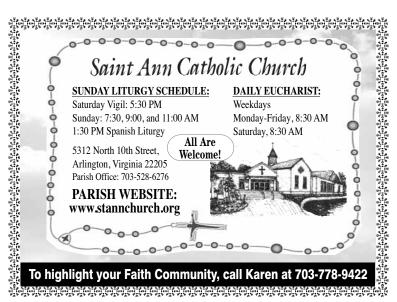


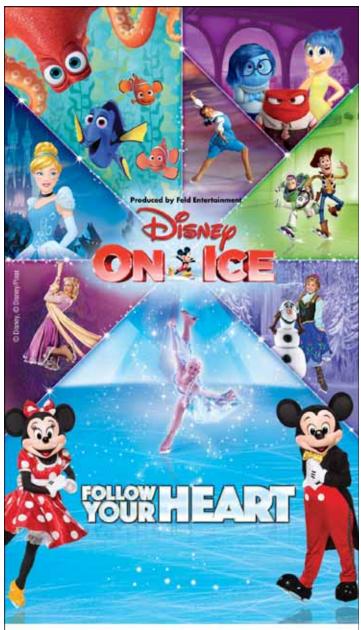


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#### **ONGOING**

**Lobby Hero 1st Stage Tysons** Sept. 8 - Oct. 16 Thursdays at 7:30pm,

Fridays at 8pm, Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m. 1st Stage in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner, What does it truly mean to be a hero? While struggling with a world of conflicting truths, the characters grapple with their own realities and those of the people around them. 1ststagetysons.org or 703-854-1856.

Cheerleaders for Charity Fridays 5:45 - 6:30 p.m. Sept. 16 - Dec. 9 No lesson on 11/11, 11/25 & 12/2. McLean Community Center 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Introduces students to cheers, motion techniques, jumps, and more. Come build flexibility, physical conditioning and self-esteem. Cheerleaders for Charity performs at a charity event each semester. This class requires a cheer uniform fee of \$70. Instructor: Miss Raven, USA Gymnastics Certified Instructor. mcleancenter.org

Weekly Storytime. Wednesday and Saturday. 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and Titles vary. Free admission.

Tai Chi Beginners' Practice

Saturdays, 8-9 a.m. St. Luke's Catholic School Gymnasium, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean, Weekly Tai Chi practice. Group has met for over 20 years. Free. FreeTaiChi.org. 703-759-9141.

Comic Potential 8 - 10:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays Oct. 7 - Oct. 21. Sunday matinees on Oct. 9 & 16 at 2 p.m. Alden Theatre 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean. Admision: \$18-\$20 and are available at McLeanPlayers.org or through OvationTix at 866-811-4111. Comic Potential contains adult language and situations; shows mostly suitable

for a 17 plus audience. **The Pumpkin Patch** beginning Monday Oct. 10 4 -7 p.m. then open daily Sunday - Friday 11 - 7 p.m. and 10 - 6 p.m. on Saturdays through Oct. 31. at St. Thomas' Episcopal Church 8991 Brook Rd McLean. All of the money raised by our pumpkin patch is donated to support local charities. 703-442-0330.

#### FRIDAY/ OCT. 14

Great Falls Studios 2016 Art Tour.

Through Sunday October 16. 10 a.m-5 p.m. Great Falls Community Library, Large Meeting Room 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 58 Artists in 20 venues in Great Falls, VA. A self-guided driving event.





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New Dominion Chorale will perform Sunday Oct. 23 at 4 p.m. at St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The chorale will be joined by Paul Skevington, and some of Washington's finest professional singers, the soloists from The District Eight vocal ensemble. Cost: \$15-30. Newdominion.org

Family friendly and free. Start at Tour Headquarters at the library throughout the event. Brochures and map available there. An exhibit there of participating artists, volunteers to help map your tour. Self starters can download the brochure and map at GreatFallsStudios.com. Sponsored by Sun Design and Broadway Gallery. Free. GreatFallsStudios@gmail.com.

<cal1>Saturday/ Oct. 15

McLean Orchestra Launches New **Season**. The opening concert, titled "Heroes," will include three works: by Giacomo Rossini, John Adams and

Ludwig van Beethoven. Rossini's "La Scala di Seta" (The Silken Ladder) overture is drawn from his sixth opera, written in 1812, 8 p.m. at The Falls Church Episcopal, 115 East Fairfax Drive, Falls Church.

Protecting Our Seniors 8:30 - 2 p.m. Antioch Baptist Church 6525B Little Ox Rd. Fairfax Station. The Antioch Baptist Church Elderly Care Conference will address trends in elder abuse and exploitation. The Keynote speaker is Michele Leith, NOVA Community Outreach Coordinator, Offices of the Attorney General. Cost: Free. Contact: Adrienne Austin 703-425-0710 aaustin@antioch-church.org. Or visit antioch-church.org. Registration is required. Visit the website to register for the event.

Pumpkin Preparedness Race 8 a.m. Vienna Volunteer Fire Department 400 Center St S, Vienna. İnaugural 5k road race to support first responders across Northern Virginia. Brand new course across quiet Vienna streets. All proceeds benefit the Northern Virginia Emergency Response System. Register at preparedness5k.com

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Open House 10 - 4 p.m. 400 Center Street South, Vienna. The theme this year is "Don't wait, check the date." Replace smoke alarms every 10 years. A Vienna tradition: Fun and educational family friendly activities info@vvfd.org 703-938-2678 vvfd.org/index.html

Vale Fall Fair 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Foxmill Rd, Oakton. Activities include: Haunted Forest, pie eating contest, costume parade, children's games, live music, bake, toy, and book sales, barbeque, artisans crafts, and balloon sculpture. Admission: Free. cfennessy@cox.net 703-716-4219

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#### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/ OCT. 15-16

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771

Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. This fall there will be crisp local apples, savory meat pies and hearty breads. www.1771.org/marketfair

#### SUNDAY/ OCT. 16

Vienna CROP Hunger Walk 2 - 4

p.m. Vienna Presbyterian and Environs, 124 Park St. NE, Vienna. The annual Vienna CROP Hunger Walk. The Walk is approximately 3 miles in length through the Town of Vienna. Check-in starts at 1:15 p.m. and concert in the sanctuary featuring "The Purple Hulls" starts at 1:30 p.m. Proceeds go to Committee for Helping Others and Church World Service. Cost: Free. Sign up at crophungerwalk.org/viennava betty.rahal@verizon.net 703-281-4032

#### Watoto Concert at Providence

Baptist Church 6 p.m. 8980 Brook Road, McLean. The choir is made up of children from Kampala, Uganda and features bright young talents who were once orphaned but have a home and family through Watoto. Admission: Free. 703-893-5330.

#### WEDNESDAY/ OCT. 19

McLean Newcomers and

**Neighbors Monthly Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m. Brio Tuscan Grille, Tysons I. CiCi Williamson, a food and travel writer, will speak about the food preparation for Downton Abbey. Cost: \$31. To R.S.V.P. for the

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**Experience Tysons Community Showcase &** Open House, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the BASIS Independent School, 8000 Jones Branch Drive. The event features live music, free tastings, 40 exhibitors and free Capital Bikeshare memberships. Learn about the newest projects and the latest plans. Tours of the new K-12 BASIS Independent School. More information at

www.tysonspartnership.org/events

Navigating Medicare 7 p.m. Confused about Medicare coverage? Supplemental insurance? How to deal with the costs of a catastrophic illness? Let our Medicare expert answer your questions! Adults 64 up. Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Adults. Free. Register online at fairfaxcounty.gov/

#### SATURDAY/OCT. 22

Fully Explore Historic Colvin Run Mill 1:30 p.m. 10017 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, October 4 by calling 703-759-2771. See the entire historic mill, including areas that are rarely open to the public. The suggested donation for the tour is \$10 per person.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ colvinrunmill

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#### SATURDAY/ OCT. 29

Concert: The David Trio 4 - 6 p.m. Saint Francis Episcopal Church 9220 Georgetown Pike Great Falls VA 22066. This Italian ensemble brings the sound of violin, cello, and piano to St. Francis chancel. The sardonic Shostakovich Op. 67 Trio is balanced by a gentle Schubert Notturno and the spirited energy of Haydn's Aflat major Trio.Cost: Season pass \$150 or \$30 at the door. www.amadeusconcerts.com

#### TUESDAY/NOV. 1

College Savings Information Sessions 7 - 8 p.m. Dolley Madison Library 1244 Oak Ridge Ave McLean. Join this information session to hear about the four college savings programs offered by Virginia529. In one hour, you'll learn how to: Prepay tuition, Save for other costs, such as housing, meal plans and textbooks, Take advantage of the Virginia college savings state income tax deduction, Meet your savings goals. Visit Virginia529.com.

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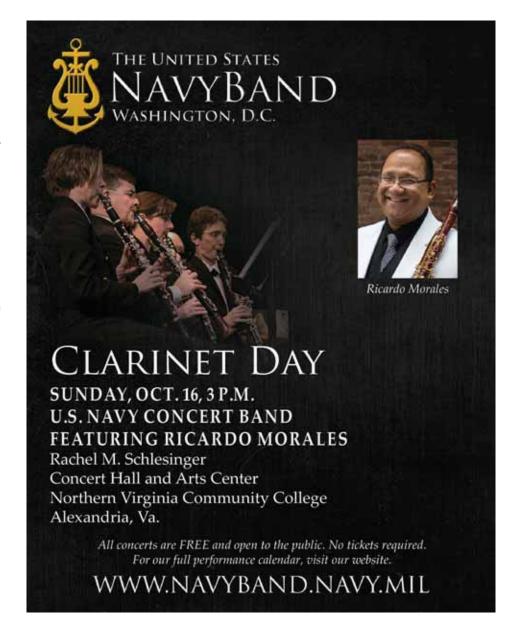
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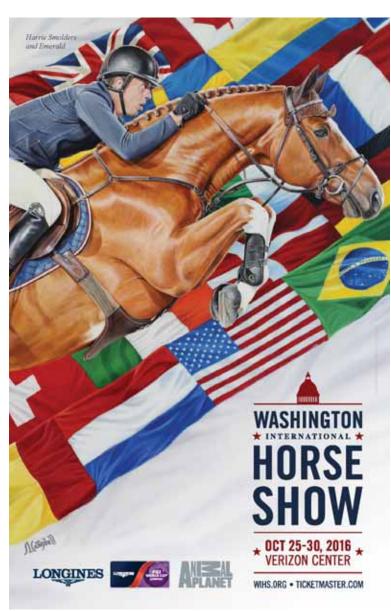
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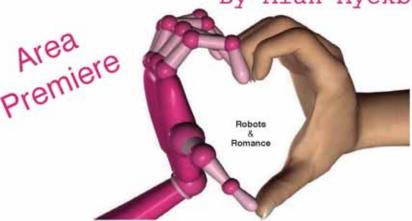




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# In The Context Of ...

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Having cancer; not that you need to know how I think but, if you're at all curious as to how a diagnosed as "terminal" stage IV, nonsmall cell lung cancer patient thinks, even now, nearly eight years out, read on.

As much as I don't want to think about what I'm doing and why — and just live life as it comes/happens, a "13-month to twoyear" prognosis (originally received on February 27, 2009; oh yeah, certain dates are seared into your memory), I can't. It's not necessarily a lifestyle change that occurs when you're diagnosed, it's more the psychological and emotional hold and affect the diagnosis causes. It permeates and subconsciously — or so it seems, infiltrates your brain and changes the way you think and feel. It's not that you become unrecognizable to friends and family, but you definitely become a victim of your circumstances. It's as if your brain is rewired somehow and you've reached your outer limits where you've lost more than the control of your television set.

To the point/example of what I'm referring to (finally) which precipitated this semi self indulgence: my car and certain repairs, expenses and warning lights which have illuminated, warranting attention after months of neglect. Specifically the car to which I refer is our "second" car, the one we don't rely on for non-local trips: a model year 2000, Honda Accord sedan inherited from my widowed mother in December 2008 — with only 35,000 miles on the odometer. The classic example of a retired person's car with incredibly little wear and tear and extraordinarily low mileage given its put-in-service date: sometime in the year 2000.

As I said, it's not our primary car, but it does get driven regularly given the potential mileage restraints of our 'primary' car's lease. Currently, the Honda has 94,000 miles on it. It's been a good and reliable car which has needed few repairs — other than those to-beexpected, the costs of which have generally fallen with the "usual and customary" range. The car still rides well and overall suits my requirements for a "second" car: it gets me from point "A" to point "B" — and most importantly, back, and it has no monthly car payment. However, there are a couple of inconveniences/concerns which if left alone are not likely deal-breakers but, the expense of fixing them — on a car that is nearly 17 years old, might be.

And the deal which might be broken has to do with yours truly having lung cancer and a somewhat different life expectancy now at age 62 (versus the one I thought I would have when I initially took possession of my parent's car in 2008 — at age 54 and two months, or the one I thought I had a mere two and half months later — just before I was initially diagnosed). Ergo my dilemma is: do I want to spend major money now (for me/us) on repairs whose maximum benefit will not occur until next spring — six months or so, at the earliest, but if tended to now might limit the potential damage/cost later or shall I just wait for divine intervention, so to speak? (The repairs have to do with air conditioning that doesn't cool in the summer, a window the passenger side which does not open all year round, and brake lights and the seat-belt restraining system —"SRS," safety issues

which this idiot is being warned about.) Not unsolvable problems, presumably, unless you have a terminal form of cancer. Considering that reality, don't I want to live more in the present and not worry about a future, a future which is hardly guaranteed? Moreover, shouldn't I damn the torpedoes and live full speed ahead and let the chips: where they may; finding some normalcy/solace in pretending/deluding myself into thinking that all is right in my world? To be determined. Still, I know/feel one thing: if I live like I'm dying, I probably will.

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## **Route 7 Corridor Improvements Fairfax County**

Design Public Hearing

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 Colvin Run Elementary School 1400 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Presentation: 7 p.m.

Find out about plans to widen Leesburg Pike (Route 7) from four to six lanes between Reston Avenue and the west end of the bridge over the Dulles Toll Road (a 6.9 mile segment), to increase capacity, decrease congestion, and improve safety, in conformity with the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan.

The project would also include intersection improvements, as well as a 10foot shared-use path on both sides of the road to increase mobility for cyclists and pedestrians.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Section 4(f) of the USDOT Act, 23 CFR 771 and 23 CFR 774, an environmental document in the form of an Environmental Assessment has been prepared and will be available for public review. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information on potential effects of the proposed improvements on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places will also be available.

Stop by between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to view displays and learn more about the project. VDOT staff will be available to answer your questions. A brief presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Review project information at www.ConnectRoute7.org, at the public hearing, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-2950, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by December 2, 2016 to Mr. William Dunn, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email ConnectRoute7@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "Nov. 15 Design Public Hearing" in the subject line.

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> State Project: 0007-029-128, P102, R202, C502, B610 UPC: 52328 Federal Project: DEMO-5A01(439)

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#### SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Social Action Linking Together (SALT) Fall Advocacy Training Conference,

9 - 11:30 a.m., at the Virginia International University (VIU), Conference Room (VD-102), 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax. Mark Shriver, President of Save the Children Action Network, will be the keynote speaker. Mark is the son of the late Sargent Shriver and Eunice Kennedy Shriver. He is the author of A Good Man, an inspirational and deeply personal story about a son discovering the authentic

meaning of his father's legacy.

Additional presentations by Del. Alfonso
Lopez, D-49, ("Tools for Effective Advocacy in the State Legislature') and by Michelle Krocker, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Affordable Housing Alliance ("Addressing the Commonwealth's Unmet Housing Needs for Low-Income Households") and State Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31), (Report on the Commission on Youth, TANF Subcommittee) and Debbie Weinstein, Executive Director, Coalition for Human Needs, "Making TANF Work for Poor Families".

This event is free. All are welcome. Come early for the book signing by the keynote speaker and to meet and greet other social justice advocates in the community. For more information: Contact John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net or visit the SALT web site at www.S-A-L-T.org, Upcoming Events page.

#### **ONGOING**

Passages Divorce Care. Tuesdays 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. beginning September 13th. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna, Virginia. Cost to cover materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938-9050, www.viennapres.org, or send an email to Passages@ViennaPres.org.

The Retiree Real Estate Education **Association** announces free public service seminars for October, 2016, on Decluttering, Ageing in Place, and Downsizing, given at McLean, Falls Church, and Marshall High Schools. These are part of a series of 8 free seminars on real estate issues unique to retirees. Seminars are free to the public and are presented in the evenings at Fairfax County public schools. For more information, or to register for a seminar,

#### FAITH NOTES

go to RetireeRealEstate.org.

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@ connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday

Spirituals Will Come Alive: Hear the story of how many spirituals were born and how the hope and suffering of slaves was translated into spirituals. Dr. Eileen Guenther, professor at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington DC, will share the results of her studies on the role of singing and religion in the daily lives of slaves. She will discuss the musical styles, performance practices, and characteristics of spirituals. She has recently published a book, "În Their Own Words, Slave Life and the Power of Spirituals." Free. Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd., Vienna, Saturday, Oct. 22, 9:30 a.m.

St. Thomas' Episcopal Church at the intersection of Lewinsville and Brook Roads in McLean, just a mile west of Tysons, invites you for a casual Saturday Service at 5 p.m., followed by conversation and fellows Sunday Services at 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Sunday School for Youth and Children takes place during the 10 a.m. Service, Look for our Pumpkin Patch this October, and check www.stthomasmcleanva.org for Special Events and Services through the year. St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 8991 Brook Road, McLean, 703-442-0330.



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