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Supervisor Kathy Smith presents an award to Grace Community Clinic members (from left) Dr. Tong S. Park, Board Chairman Andrew Euisaing Han and Dr. James Kim.



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'A Great Resource in Our Community'

CIF event celebrates diversity, honors achievement.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

The Centreville Immigration Forum (CIF) is dedicated to helping local immigrants find work and better their lives. So it was fitting that the theme for its second annual dinner was "Celebrating Our Global Community."

Held Sept. 30 at the International Country Club in Chantilly, the event honored particular people who've come here from different parts of the world and contributed significantly to improving the lives of others in Northern Virginia.

"In December, we'll celebrate five years," said CIF Executive Director Terry Angelotti. "I'm sure a lot of people didn't think we'd last this long. But as we look to the future, there are many things to celebrate."

The CIF runs the Centreville Labor Resource Center, which connects immigrants to jobs and makes sure they get paid. And new CLRC Director Jasmine Blaine spoke of her plans for a financial-literacy program for the workers to teach them about banking and the importance of having a checking account. She also intends to redesign the center, start a women's group and work on family literacy.

Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully) praised



Ibrahim Choudhary and Kathy Smith

former Sully Supervisor Michael Frey, who supported establishing a worker center from the very beginning, when it was just a hazy idea. "If it wasn't for Michael Frey's stick-to-it-ness and passion, this wouldn't have happened," she said. "The CLRC is a great resource in our community."

She then presented awards from the CIF to the three recipients. The first one went to Walter Tejada, former chairman of the Arlington County Board of Supervisors, in recognition of his "career-long support of justice and opportunities for immigrants."

During his tenure on the board, from 2003-15, he had community stakeholders address a variety of issues, including affordable housing, civic engagement and volunteerism, community and economic development, education and employment, tenant outreach and empowerment, youth development and nonprofit assistance. He also served six years on the board of directors of the Latino civil rights and advocacy



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From left are CIF Executive Director Terry Angelotti, CIF President Alice Foltz, the Rev. Jerry Foltz and Centreville Labor Resource Director Jasmine Blaine.

organization, the National Council of La Raza.

Tejada founded and headed statewide organizations devoted to bettering the lives of Latinos. He's currently president of the Virginia Latino Leaders Council and was recognized by both Gov. Terry McAuliffe and the General Assembly for his public service to the commonwealth.

"It does take a village," he told the crowd. "The Washington Metropolitan region is

successful because it's so diverse. Our workforce is part of our economy, so what you're doing at the CIF is critically important. People come from all over the world to make their lives here, and [worker centers] haven't been handled well in other areas. Thank you for all the caring and rising above the divisiveness with which many people treat this issue."

So, continued Tejada, "There's a lot that
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Come One, Come All to Centreville Day

Fun community celebration is this Saturday.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A fusion of community camaraderie, history and fun for all ages, the 24th annual Centreville Day celebration is this Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., in Historic Centreville Park, 5714 Mount Gilead Road (off Braddock Road, across Route 29 from the IHOP).

The theme is "Celebrating Centreville Community," and the free event includes a parade, live entertainment, children's rides and activities, food, trick-or-treating, a pet pageant, historic homes, crafts and a community marketplace.

Opening ceremonies are at 10 a.m. at the main stage near St. John's Episcopal Church. Each year, the Centreville Day Planning Committee recognizes indi-



Pirates for Sail raise their tankards in a toast to Centreville Day.

viduals or organizations making a difference in Centreville. This year's awards, presented by Supervisor Kathy Smith (D-Sully), go to Yom Chu Kim, Citizen of the Year, and Our Neighbor's Child (ONC), Nonprofit Citizen of the Year.

"Kim has been described as a 'tireless advocate for diversity' within the Centreville



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CHERYL REPETTI

The Korean Senior Center harmonica players from Centreville's Korean Central Presbyterian Church.

community," said Centreville Day organizer Cheryl Repetti, "If there's a community meeting in Centreville, he's likely to be there." He's active in the Centreville Immigration Forum, the Centreville Day Planning Committee, in his Virginia Run community and especially in the Korean Central Presbyterian Church.

A Korean War veteran, he fought with America's ally, South Korea. And he received a Community Champion award from Volunteer Fairfax in 2013 for his contributions to improving life in Fairfax County.

ONC was founded in 1992, when a few
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The Trump Question? Asked and Answered

Comstock and Bennett trade jabs during first debate in race for 10th Congressional seat.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

At the first of two 10th Congressional District debates on Thursday, Oct. 6, Democratic challenger LuAnn Bennett was not shy about hanging the Trump albatross around the neck of freshman Republican U.S. Rep. 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.



U.S. House of Representative 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.

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

LESS THAN 48 HOURS LATER,



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.

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 nominee.

"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 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 surround-

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Fire Prevention Week

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In celebration of Fire Prevention Week, all Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations will be hosting an Open House Event on Saturday, Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by the local station that day to meet the firefighters, see the fire trucks, join in the activities and learn about fire safety.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections Thursday, Oct. 13, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed. Because of time constraints, only the first 35 vehicles arriving on each date will be inspected. That way, inspectors may have enough time to properly instruct the caregiver on the correct use of the child seat. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140, to confirm dates and times.

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'A Great Resource in our Community'

FROM PAGE 3

everyone connected with this center should be proud of. This is what the history of our nation has been – immigrants coming to America to better their lives. Thank you for this award. It's particularly meaningful to me because I've worked with this issue and I believe that immigrants should be treated with dignity and respect and made to feel welcome."

Honored next was Grace Community Clinic, founded by Korean Central Presbyterian Church (KCPC) leaders to provide free, medical care for people with low incomes and no medical insurance. It's at 14631 Lee Hwy., No. 313, in Centreville. It opened in October 2013, and five doctors there see 40-50 people a month on Sunday afternoons. Typical patients are immigrants from Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.

Including the doctors, more than 40 volunteers — such as nurses, receptionists and translators — support the clinic. Besides primary-care consultations, the clinic offers limited referrals to free dental care with a nearby dentist, plus free radiology and lab work via donations from Inova Hospital and Fairfax Radiology. Referrals are also made to specialists who provide low-cost care as needed.

Dr. Tong Park, a neonatologist, started the clinic. He was trained at Seoul National University Medical School in South Korea, followed by fellowships at Johns Hopkins Hospital and the UVA Medical Center.

"It's an honor to receive this recognition from the CIF," he said. "Our clinic is totally volunteer-run; our volunteers are all ages and come from everywhere. It's a blessing to have many volunteers working together. They come from local churches and organizations, but more than 50 percent are from KCPC."

In the beginning, said Park, 80 percent of Grace's patients came from the CLRC. "But now, they're 50 percent, so we get to see people from many, different backgrounds," he said. "We'd like to expand, possibly to another day and in a location closer to the [CLRC]. Fairfax County is one of the most affluent counties in America, but 10 percent of the population has no health insurance, so there's a need for our clinic."



From left are Walter Tejada, Kathy Smith and Alice Foltz.



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly at the podium.

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The last recipient, Ibrahim Choudhary, graduated from Westfield High and is a leader of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth of Northern Virginia. He's dedicated himself, and organized other youth, to work for peace, understanding and service to the community.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community has a mosque in Chantilly and its motto is "Love for all, hatred for none." Choudhary and his youth-group members focus on correcting misconceptions about Muslim youth and serving their local communities through projects such as food drives for the poor and the dissemination of flyers bearing messages of peace.

Under Choudhary's leadership, they've volunteered regularly with the Capital Area Food Bank; and this May, they supported Humanity First's U.S. telethon and helped raise more than \$700,000 for a hospital in Pakistan. The youth group also joined with Food Fight and other organizations to assemble 5 million meals to feed more than 14,000 hungry children around the world.

Born in Pakistan, Choudhary immigrated to America in 2006 at age 13. After Westfield, he graduated from GMU and is now an IT manager with the U.S. Department of Labor.

"Being a youth leader for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, our goal is to bridge the gaps between communities, learn about each other and have peaceful relationships," he said.

"We do this by getting our youth involved in the community."

"We promote interfaith dialogue so people will come together," added Choudhary. "In 2011, on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, we held blood drives across the country to honor the 9/11 victims. Islam teaches peace, and we always want to promote more dialogue and understanding." Also at the dinner was Gaston Araoz, U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine's Northern Virginia representative. He read a letter from Kaine congratulating the CIF on all its accomplishments.

Then U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) came to the podium. "The CIF went from good intentions to good deeds," he said. "And I salute Michael Frey for the stance he took to support the [labor] center; it wasn't easy."

"My grandmother came to this country in 1920 as an 18-year-old, Catholic girl, fleeing persecution in Protestant Northern Ireland," continued Connolly. "And today, who are we? What are our values? Are we going to welcome immigrants or close our minds and hearts to them? When I see this group, I know which way we're going. So thank you for being wonderful Americans and doing the right thing."

Lastly, CIF President Alice Foltz said, "We're all about volunteering and encouraging people to share their talents and gifts. We also had a lot of people who helped us all at the beginning, and we thank you."

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THURSDAY/OCT. 13

Academic Stress and Mental Health. 6:30-9 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School Auditorium, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Movie and panel on "Academic Stress and Mental Health." Saddened by a number of teen suicides, the film short "Unmasked" (2015) was produced by a group of Palo Alto High School students who wanted to open community conversations about mental health, with an emphasis on hope, communication and moving forward. Youth-led panel to follow focusing on new initiatives locally to relieve teen stress and support youth wellness here in Fairfax County. Visit www.facebook.com/events/

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FRIDAY/OCT. 14

Annual Fellowship Dinner. 6 p.m. Attend WFCM's 9th Annual Neighbors Helping Neighbors Dinner as they celebrate our work together and give back. Doors will open with a reception and silent auction at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and a program at 7 p.m. All proceeds will help those in need in the community. To register, email registration@wfcma.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Centreville High School Tag Day. Music students and adult volunteers will be in our neighborhoods, going door to door, talking with neighbors, requesting donations to support the music department. Tax-deductible contributions will enable the music department to purchase uniforms, instruments, equipment, special music, and first-class guest

instructors. In appreciation of contributions, a Family Invitation will be included - to a band, orchestra, guitar or choral performance during the 2016-2017 school year.

SALT Fall Conference. 9-11:30 a.m. at Virginia International University (VIU), Conference Room (VD-102), 4401 Village Drive, Fairfax. Social Action Linking Together (SALT) will sponsor the SALT Fall Advocacy Training Conference. Free. All are welcome. Contact John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net or 703-819-0479 or visit www.s-a-l-t.org/upcoming-events.html for more.

MONDAY/OCT. 17

Medicare 101. 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Sully Senior Center, 5690 Sully Road, Centreville. Fairfax County is offering a free Medicare 101 workshop. Contact Sully Senior Center, 703-322-4475, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/vicap.htm.

Girl Scout Recruitment. 6:30-8:30

p.m. at Brookfield Elementary, 4200 Lees Corner Road, Chantilly. Girls in Kindergarten through the sixth grade who attend Brookfield, Colin Powell, Greenbriar West, Poplar Tree and St. Timothy's schools are invited to meet current Girl Scouts. Email chantillygirlscouts@gmail.com or visit ChantillyGirlScouts.org.

Garden Club Meeting. 7 p.m. at Sully Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Centreville Garden Club presents Benefit of Mushrooms and Fungi. Visit centrevillegardenclub.blogspot.com, email centrevillegardenclub@gmail.com, or call 703-830-3271 for more.

Intelligence in the Vietnam War. 7 p.m. at the Cale Community Center, 4615 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. The GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club will host Dr. David Robarge, Chief Historian of the CIA. Robarge will speak about U.S. intelligence in the Vietnam War. Open to the public; RSVP to Mary Jane Hasselkuss at 703-378-4250. Visit www.wfwc.org for more.

Comstock, Bennett in First Debate

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ing 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 comfortable speaking in front of the pro-business crowd of about 200 people. “You know me,” Comstock said to the audience, who applauded the incumbent several times during the one-hour debate. “You know I will fight for you,” Comstock said.

Despite some jeers and laughter from the audience during Bennett’s comments on the Affordable Health Care Act, the political newcomer remained composed throughout the debate.

BENNETT OFTEN SPOKE directly to the audience, reminding the crowd of business leaders that she, too, understood the challenges and complexities of building a successful small business. She spoke about moving to Great Falls with her husband and starting a small real

estate business 35 years ago, then running that company as a single mother after her first husband died of leukemia in 1994.

“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 government.”

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 on the stage working closely with Metro 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.

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 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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Oak Hill Remodeled Home Tour Set for Nov. 5

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

BY JOHN BYRD

A circa 1980's center hall Colonial enhanced by a gourmet kitchen, a spacious spa bath and a lower-level 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.



PHOTO BY BRYAN BURRIS

For deeper relaxation, the Victorian-era tub snugly occupies a bay window that features garden views.

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 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

Durosco added: "The kitchen's work zones were pretty well rationalized. The real issue 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, Durosco 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."

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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Market. Thursdays through Oct. 27, 3-7 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov for more.

Cox Farms Fall Festival. Through Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at 16521 Braddock Road, Centreville. The Fall Festival features hayrides, giant slides, rope swings, the Cornundrum Cornfield adventure, the Imaginature Trail, and all sorts of farm animals and their babies. Tickets are \$6-17. Visit www.coxfarms.com for more.

Fields of Fear. Through Nov. 5, 7:30-11 p.m. at Cox Farms, 16521 Braddock Road, Centreville. The friendly Imaginature Trail takes a dark turn for Fields of Fear, transforming into The Forest: Back 40. The Forest has doubled in length for 2016, and now consists of half a mile of fear. The Forest joins two other haunted attractions at Fields of Fear, the Dark Side Hayride and the Cornnightmare. The Firegrounds feature several bonfires, a six-lane slide, music, entertainment, tasty treats, and Fear Games, including the dark maze, Nyctophobia. Tickets are \$6-17. Visit www.coxfarms.com for more.

White House Ornament Sale. GFWC Western Fairfax County Woman's Club is selling 2016 White House Christmas ornaments. This year's ornament honors our 31st President, Herbert Hoover. The ornament, inspired by a White House fire on Christmas Eve, 1929, is a fire truck carrying a Christmas tree. Ornaments are \$21. Call 703-378-6841 or 703-378-6216. It is possible to order previous years' ornaments.

Art Guild of Clifton Exhibit. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Clifton Wine Shop, 7145 Main St., Clifton. Includes oil paintings of European settings; doors, windows, and flower shops. Free. Call 703-409-0919 for more.

Carolina Shag Dance. Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m.; no partners needed; dinner menu at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.nvshag.org for more.

Open Rehearsal. Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. at Lord of Life church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Centreville. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires barbershop chorus invites men of all ages who enjoy singing. Free. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaire.org for more.

Toddlin' Twos. Tuesdays, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Early literacy storytime with songs and activities included. Age 2 with caregiver, free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

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ESL Book Club. Mondays, 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive. Meet and discuss a book chosen by group. Free. Call 703-830-2223 with questions and to reserve a spot.

ESL Book Club. Every other Saturday, 11 a.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Adults learning English are welcome to meet and discuss a book chosen by the group. To find out book title, call 703-502-3883.

Lego Block Party. Every other Tuesday, 3 p.m. at the Chantilly Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road. Legos will be provided for an afternoon of building. Grades 3-6. Free. Call 703-502-3883 to reserve a spot.

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Adopt a Cat or Dog. Fridays, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at PetSmart, 12971 Fair Lakes Center, Fairfax. Visit www.lostdogrescue.org for more.

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Adopt a Dog. Sundays, 1-4 p.m. at Petco, 13053 Lee Jackson Memorial Hwy. Adopt a puppy or dog. Visit aforeverhome.org for more.

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SATURDAY/OCT. 15

10th Annual K-9 Krawl 5K. 8:30 a.m. at Fairfax County Government Center - 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. This dog walk was created to raise awareness of the link between domestic violence and pet abuse. Pets are part of the family and oftentimes abusive partners use the bond between victims and their companions to control, manipulate, and isolate them. Registration is free. Visit www.fcpdnews.wordpress.com/2016/08/25/10th-annual-k-9-krawl-5k.

Breakfast with Cat in the Hat. 10 a.m. at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. Breakfast specials, Cat appearances, crafts and more. Free to attend. Call 703-278-0300 for more.

Dogfish Head Fall Fest. 11:30 a.m.-11 p.m. at Dogfish Head Ale House, 13041 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. Attendees will enjoy top local live music, an outside bar serving craft beers, and food. Dogfish Head Alehouse has agreed to donate a percentage of that day's sales to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Free to attend. Visit www.facebook.com/events/172057593229454 for more.

Book Signing: Callista and Newt Gingrich. 1 p.m. at Barnes & Noble, 12193 Fair Lakes Promenade Drive, Fairfax. An opportunity to meet bestselling authors Callista and Newt Gingrich, who will be available to sign their latest books. Free to attend. Call 703-278-0300 for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 15-16

Northern Virginia Fall BrewFest. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Bull Run Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive. The two-day Northern Virginia Fall BrewFest will feature seasonal beers and ciders

from more than 45 regional breweries, as well as educational programs, live music, a cornhole tournament, sports on the big screens, and other activities to keep the entire family entertained. Tickets are \$25-35. Visit www.novabrewfest.com for more.

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

N Gauge Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-9225.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 20-23

Centreville Library Friends Fall Book Sale. 3-8:30 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, 1-3 p.m. Sunday at Centreville Regional Library, 14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville. Proceeds benefit the library and its patrons. For more information call the library at 703-830-2223 or visit friendsofcentrevillelibrary.blogspot.com.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 21-22

Westfield Theatre Haunted House Carnival. 5-8 p.m. at Westfield High School, 4700 Stonecroft Blvd., Chantilly. Face painting, costume contests and haunted house. Tickets are \$6, \$3 for carnival only. Visit www.westfieldtheatreboosters.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

VolunteerFest. A region-wide day of community service helps nonprofits accomplish tasks they would not have time or resources to do on their own. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org/individuals/volunteerfest.php.

Blood and Guts Run. 9:30 a.m. at Bull Regional Park, 7700 Bull Run Drive, Centreville. A zombie-themed 5K. Registration is \$35. Visit www.bloodandgutsrun.com for more.

Saturday at the Park. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Manassas National Battlefield Park- Brownsville Picnic Pavilion, 12000 William Centre Blvd., Manassas. Join Park Rangers for hands-on discovery and exploration of the natural resources within the battlefield. Activities include stream studies, bird watching, archaeology dig and more. Free. Visit www.nps.gov.mana for more.

Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at The Learning Experience, 4150 Pleasant Valley Road, Chantilly. Trunk or treat, bounce house, cake walk and basket raffle and more. Free. Call 703-378-7391.

Halloween Family Day: Air & Scare. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Participate in creepy crafts, spooky science experiments, and other Halloween-themed activities. Arrive in costume to get into the Halloween spirit and enjoy safe indoor trick-or-treating. Free, \$15 parking. Call 703-572-4118 or visit airandspace.si.edu/udvarhazy.

Chantilly High Haunted House. 1-10 p.m. at Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. Guapos and Jersey Mike's will have food trucks on site. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.CHSHAuntedHouse.com for more.

Historic All Hallows Eve. 4 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Experience the traditions of Virginians in the 18th and 19th centuries by celebrating All Hallows Eve with story telling, fortune telling, fall foods and family gatherings. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site.

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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, non-small 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 two-year" 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-be-expected, the costs of which have generally fallen within 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 — on 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: lab work, scan results, car repairs, etc., fall 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.

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

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Celebrating 30 Years

Lees Corner Elementary celebrated its 30th anniversary on Friday, Sept. 30. Counselors Jenny Anderson and Rachel DiBartolo, music teachers Emily Messier and Leah Kmetz join Principal Bob D'Amato, Assistant Principal VaRonica Sloan and Dr. Frances Ivey, assistant superintendent, Region 5, with Lees Corner elementary students.



Teachers Vicki McGorty and Donna Snyder serve popcorn to students.



Ahmad Keshani, Rachel DiBartolo and Principal Bob D'Amato manned the grills to serve up 1,000 hot dogs to students and families.

ROUNDUPS

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Sully Seniors

The Fairfax Commission on Aging meets on Wednesday, Oct. 19 at noon at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly. The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Find out more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/coa.htm. Call 703-324-5403, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

Medicare 101 will be held Monday, Oct. 17, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at Sully Senior Center, 5690 Sully Road, Centreville.

Hearing on Pawn Shop Application

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Oct. 19 for the first pawn shop in Sully District. A Special Exception application has been filed for a pawn shop on Airline Parkway in the existing 50 West retail shopping center in Chantilly. The applicant currently operates a licensed retail

jewelry, diamonds and precious metals store at the location and would be adding pawn services. A staff report regarding the application is available here: <http://ldsnet.fairfaxcounty.gov/ldsnet/ldsdfw/4540996.PDF>

Food Donations for WFCM

Western Fairfax Christian Ministries' food pantry needs donations of 1-2 pound bags of rice; fruit juice; jelly; red, white or black beans (can or bagged); canned vegetables (no green beans of corn needed); macaroni and cheese; can pasta; pasta sauce; and pasta (spaghetti, rotini, elbow, etc.). Toiletries needed, which WFCM clients cannot purchase with food stamps, include diapers, toothpaste, shampoo and solid deodorant.

Bring all items to WFCM'S food pantry's new location at 4511 Daly Dr. Suite J, Chantilly from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

Contact Terri Kelly at tkelly@wfcmv.org if willing to coordinate a food drive.

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ABC LICENSE
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NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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ABC LICENSE
Whitehall Farms, LLC trading as Whitehall Farm, 12523 Popes Head Road, Clifton, VA 20124. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine & Beer Off premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Jeffrey O. Waters, member/manager
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CENTREVILLE DAY 2016

Come One, Come All to Centreville Day

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friends gathered together to help fulfill the Christmas wishes of a dozen or so children in Centreville. "As western Fairfax County grew, so did ONC; and today, 400 volunteers provide new toys and clothing to more than 2,000 local children in need," said Repetti. "ONC is widely recognized for harnessing the generous spirit of the Centreville community."

Entertainment, Parade

Live entertainment begins at the stage at 10:45 a.m. with singers Pirates for Sail, followed at noon by the Va Deatles, Stone Middle teachers singing rock music. Next are: 1:10 p.m., Powerworx dancers; 1:30 p.m., Fairfax Choral Society Youth Choir; and 1:50 p.m., Hallelujah Tae Kwon Do.

Then at 2:15 p.m. will be the Korean Senior Center harmonica players; 2:40 p.m., Cub Run Elementary dancers; 3:30 p.m., Northern Virginia Wushu Acad-



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The women of Alpha Delta Kappa will host face-painting, tug-of-war and sack races for children.

emy; and 4 p.m., Harmony Road Players perform instrumental selections.

American Legion Post 1995 organizes the parade. Participants include Chantilly High's Air Force

JROTC Color Guard, KinderCare Learning Center, the Fairfax Choral Society, Junior Girl Scout Troop 2731, Cub Scout Pack 2525, Daisy-Brownie Troop 1324 and Centreville Day youth volunteers from Stone Middle School, Station 17 fire engines and the county Sheriff's Office.

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter will march with animals needing a home. Anyone can join — even children with decorated bikes and scooters — and costumes are encouraged.

The parade kicks off at Wharton Lane at 11 a.m., passing the stage shortly before noon and continuing along Mt. Gilead Road to Braddock Road. Prizes of \$50 will be awarded to the Most Enthusiastic and Most Patriotic groups. To register in advance or be considered for an award, go to www.CentrevilleDay.org. For questions, contact Steve Hunter at geoshunter@gmail.com.

Lots of free, children's activities are planned, such as costumed trick-or-treating through the community marketplace. There'll also

be a climbing wall, slide and History Train rides, plus face-painting, tug-of-war and sack races.

Children may also enjoy hands-on history on Mount Gilead's lawn where Sully Historic Site volunteers will help them dip candles, write with a quill pen and make simple toys to take home. Also there will be the Swordsmen of the 18th Century.

Centreville's Charlie and John Anderson will demonstrate their swashbuckling skills and share their knowledge with the crowd. And living historians Pirates for Sail will be camped on the lawn, too.

Two special events are planned for pets of all kinds. At 3 p.m. on the stage, the Centreville-Chantilly Rotary Club is sponsoring a Pet Pageant. Registration is free; enter at the Centreville Day website. No special talents or tricks are needed.

Families may bring more than one pet, and prizes will be awarded in various categories. Former Sully District Supervisor Michael Frey will be the judge. For

more information, contact Cammy Gawlak at cgawlak@verizon.net.

In addition, the Rev. Carol Hancock will be blessing pets throughout the day at the St. John's tent on the church lawn. Hot coffee and baked goods will be available and the church and grounds will be open for tours.

History, Food, Parking

Several other historic buildings will also welcome the public. Historian Allison Hartley will lead tours of the Spindle Sears House, and Mount Gilead will offer guided tours, plus cookies and tea on the home's porch. Mount Gilead is one of the stops for the Fairfax County Park Authority's History Train, driven from the Sully Historic Site by Matt McNeal.

Visitors are encouraged to exit the train at the Braddock Road stop and stroll downhill to explore the Old Stone Church — the Church of the Ascension — for a tour and to meet living-history performer Dean Howarth. Also there will be more baked goods, plus a ploughman's lunch of cheese, bread and fruit for sale. And the nearby Havener House and Stuart-Mosby Civil War Cavalry Museum will be open for tours, as well.

At the food court, Smokes Barbecue will offer pulled pork, ribs, Italian sausage burgers and smoked chicken. Danibell's Lite and Sweet food truck will bring Lebanese foods including falafel, shawarma, tabbouleh and lentil soup. And Bonefish Grill will offer menu favorites. The Tree of Life Bible Church will have a bake sale, Irongate Bakery will offer baked goods at Mount Gilead and the MertoBark Bakery booth will have treats for pets.

New this year is the election of the official Centreville Village Fool. "At 1 p.m. on the main stage, Johnny Anderson will present a stirring political speech to convince voters that he's qualified to be Village Fool and wear the badge of office — a badge he already bought for himself," said Repetti. "If you appreciate lighthearted political satire, come to Centreville Day and cast your ballot."

Free parking and shuttles will be available at The Trinity Centre, 5860 Trinity Parkway, off Route 29. Centreville Day is organized by the nonprofit Friends of Historic Centreville, in partnership with the Park Authority. For more information, follow "Mrs. Spindle" at www.CentrevilleDay.org.

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