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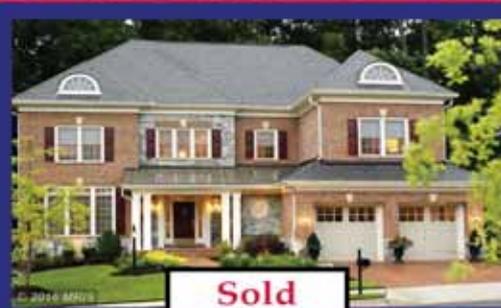
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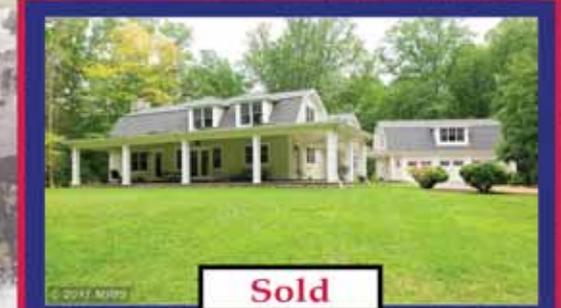
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Smaller numbers, perhaps up to a dozen or so, Tundra swans have been seen on the Potomac River at Riverbend infrequently in years past, but the 48 seen last week are a rare sight.



This larger group of nearly fifty Tundra swans gathered on the Potomac at Riverbend and have stayed for over a week.

PHOTO BY DONALD SWEIG

Surprise Late-Winter Visitors at Riverbend Park

48 Tundra Swans grazing in the Potomac River.

BY DONALD SWEIG
THE CONNECTION

Forty-eight elegant and picturesque Tundra Swans swimming peacefully in the Potomac River, occasionally extending their long necks down to feed on some aquatic vegetation, and cooing softly, delighted onlookers from on shore at Riverbend Park last week. Many of these land-bound spectators tried to capture the scene with their cell phone or other cameras. Several long-time regulars at the park said that they had never seen this many swans there before.

Tundra swans, *Cygnus columbianus*, often called Whistling Swans are, however, regular visitors to the rivers, lakes, and bays of Virginia, Maryland, and even North Caro-

lina every winter. Many thousands of these great birds migrate south to winter in the Chesapeake and mid-Atlantic regions in the autumn. Indeed, for a birder or an outdoor naturalist, seeing a great “vee” of 50-100 or more swans winging their way south on a fall morning or afternoon is a treat to be desired and savored. Smaller numbers, perhaps up to a dozen or so, Tundra swans have been seen on the Potomac River at Riverbend infrequently in years past. Why this larger group of nearly 50 Tundra swans gathered on the Potomac there, and have stayed for over a week, is anyone’s guess. Perhaps the winds were not right for migration; perhaps they simply wanted to stock up more body fuel for their long journey north. Whatever the reason, they may well be there for a few days more before



Tundra swans are visitors to the rivers, lakes, and bays of Virginia, Maryland, and even North Carolina every winter.

resuming their northward migration to their breeding grounds in far northern Canada and Alaska. So, if you have a chance, stop

by the Park before too long, and you may yet find the swans there, cooing softly on the river. Don’t forget your camera.

Fairfax ReLeaf’s Great Falls Spring Tree Distribution

BY BEV GERSERICK
ENVIRONMENT, PARK &
TRAILS COMMITTEE
GREAT FALLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Four hundred and eighty-nine! That’s the number of saplings that were distributed free to Great Falls households last fall. To counter the trees we are losing and preserve the native habitat, the Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) partnered with Fairfax ReLeaf, a private non-profit organization of volunteers formed in 1992 to preserve our air and green landscapes in and around Fairfax County. The program was a success and very-well received, so GFCA is continuing the partnership by making a distribution of free tree saplings again this spring.

This distribution will take place at the Farmer’s Market, April 8, 2017, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. We will not be taking orders this time, but will have plants available on a first come, first serve basis for Great



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Fall 2015 Fairfax ReLeaf Distribution — from left: Darrell Beschen, volunteer; Beverly Geserick, GFCA ReLeaf Coordinator; Gail Carter, ReLeaf Coordinator; William Denk, Co-Chair, GFCA EPT and volunteer; and Mike Deluca, volunteer.

Falls households only. This is the appropriate time to plant them and doesn’t compete with other Great Falls plant sales, such as:

- ❖ NOVA Soil and Water Conservation District Seedling Packages Sale – for sale now with order deadline of April 12, distribution April 21 and 22. Website - www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm

- ❖ Friends of Riverbend Park (FORB) 2017 Native Plant Sale on April 29 at the Great Falls Grange from 8-11 a.m. Website - www.forb.wildapricot.org/FORB-Programs-and-Activities.

- ❖ Great Falls Garden Club plant sale on May 13 at the Great Falls Library from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Website - gfgardenclub.org/events/

The planned species to be distributed include: River Birch – 100 plants; Sugar Maple – 100 plants; Virginia Pine – 100 plants; Redbud – 100 plants; Black Chokeberry – 50 plants; and Red Osler Dogwood – 50 plants.

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If you are caring for someone with dementia, then you already know that it significantly affects your life, too. The continual journey of adapting to ongoing changes in your loved one's personality and abilities is stressful, frustrating and overwhelming.

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Susan Perry is the Vice President of Client Services at Care Options, a Lifematters Company. She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Virginia with 25 years of experience in acute care, long-term care, rehabilitation, home care and hospice care settings. Susan has served as a member of the Geriatric Consultation Team at Inova Fairfax Hospital. She has a Bachelor of Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Social Work from Virginia Commonwealth University.



Diane Vance is the Program Manager for the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter. She has been immersed in dementia care professionally and as a caregiver for many years. Diane served as the Director of Dementia Care Services in Assisted Living and Director of an Adult Medical Day Program for elderly individuals with cognitive impairments. As a passionate advocate for those with dementia and their families, she has provided invaluable support to many.


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NEWS

Christ the King Lutheran Church Names New Pastor

Bringing a wealth of experience in congregational communications, preaching and theology, the Rev. Hank Langknecht has assumed the role of pastor of Christ the King Lutheran Church in Great Falls. Langknecht comes to Christ the King from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, after serving as professor of homiletics and Christian communications in the seminary's Haman-Pfahler Chair.



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**Pastor Hank
Langknecht**

"From our very first conversation, it was apparent that Christ the King is a church filled with talented, dedicated and bright people who have good news to share. I look forward to seeing the future unfold," said Langknecht.

"In the short-term, I'll be focusing on our Sunday worship and education as well as one-to-one conversations with the leadership at Christ the King. Equally important is outreach to the Great Falls Area Ministries~ select local social agency, government and educational leaders; and neighboring Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) pastors," Langknecht said. "The goal is to let Great Falls and northern

Virginia know that Christ the King is a forward-thinking, welcoming, socially active, faith-based community in which all are welcome."

Langknecht has served parishes in Ohio and Ontario, Canada. He received his Th.D. in 2008 in preaching from the University of Toronto.

Langknecht's major research/reading interests are the literal sense of the Bible; biblical interpretation for preaching; metaphor and imagination; the emergent/missional church; and sermon form and composition.

Originally from Ithaca, N.Y., he grew up in South Jersey and attended Stetson University in DeLand, Fla., where he received a bachelor of music in theory and composition.

Christ the King Lutheran Church is an interdependent part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Visit www.gflutheran.org

Langknecht's installation will be held at Christ the King on Sunday, March 26 at 3 p.m.

BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, visit connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline for submissions is noon on Friday.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 22

Meal with a Message. 11:30 a.m. at the Juke Box Diner, 46900 Community Plaza, Sterling. Dranesville Church of the Brethren sponsors Meal with a Message is held the fourth Wednesday of the month at a local restaurant. RSVP to Joy Trickett, joygoodshepherd@verizon.net or Maryvonne Beavers, mbeav915@gmail.com or Dranesville Church of the Brethren, 703-430-7872.

You Can Afford College Workshop. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Virginia Society of CPAs offers a college affordability workshop that covers topics such as savings plans, financial aid, grants, scholarships and loans. One-on-one counseling and additional resources will be available. Free. Contact David Bass at dbass@vscca.com or 804-612-9440 or visit www.vscpa.com/college.

Georgetown Pike Trail Community Meeting. 7:-9 p.m. at Great Falls Library, Large Meeting Room, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is holding a community meeting concerning the Georgetown Pike Trail Phase III and Phase IV projects. There will be a presentation by County Staff at 7:30 p.m., followed by a brief question and answer session. Public comments will be accepted through April 14, 2017. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pedestrian/georgetownpiketrail.htm.

TUESDAY/MARCH 28

Tax Relief Workshops. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at McLean Governmental Center, Community Room, 1437 Balls Hills Road, McLean. Each year, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors hosts a series of tax relief workshops. Real estate tax relief is available for older adults and people

with disabilities who meet certain qualifications; individuals may be eligible for car tax relief and tax relief for renters. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta or call 703-222-8234 (TTY 703-222-7594).

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 29

Public Safety Preparedness Program. 7 p.m. at American Legion McLean Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Public Safety Preparedness Program, co-sponsored by the Greater McLean Chamber, the McLean Citizens Association, the Great Falls Citizens Association and the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. Visit www.mcleanpost270.org for more.

THURSDAY/MARCH 30

Caregiver Seminar. 6:30-8 p.m. at Kensington Falls Church, 700 West Broad St., Falls Church. "A Caregivers Guide to Behavior and Communication Issues in Dementia." Learn what happens when a loved one passes through each stage of dementia. Topics to be covered: Understanding changes in the brain, How to address behavioral and communication difficulties that commonly occur, drawing boundaries that honor loved ones while preserving a caregivers well-being and more. RSVP to kakers@KensingtonSL.com or 703-992-9868.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean continues to have an urgent need for new volunteers to help area senior citizens get to and from their medical and therapy appointments. To find out more about the Shepherd's Center and how you can volunteer to provide transportation and other services, call the Center at 703-506-2199 or e-mail the Center at info@scmafc.org. The Center's website is www.scmafc.org.



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OPINION

Virginians Will Lose Under the New Health Care Proposal

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



COMMENTARY

Explanation of the recently announced American Health Care Act usually starts with an expressed need to clean up the mess that the Affordable Care Act — or Obamacare — had made. Most all agreed that the massive transformation the program of health care had brought about could use some tweaking and refinement, but clearly a seven-year campaign against the Affordable Care Act left a blurred view of what the program did for consumers. If the ACA had created a mess, the recently proposed replacement of it will certainly create an even messier and unfair situation.

Virginians in particular will suffer a double hit on health care especially for those most in need. The General Assembly would not approve an expansion of Medicaid that would have brought health care to as many as 400,000 uninsured most in need in the Commonwealth and would have expanded the health care network with the four billion dollars that would have flowed into the state.

While the new program would eliminate Medicaid expansion in 2020, persons would have been able to get health care in the interim rather than to go without or have to seek help at free clinics or one-time-a-year Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinics. States that have expanded Medicaid would continue to get full coverage for persons already enrolled but would get a lesser amount for new enrollees beginning in 2020. That provision alone would add to the four billion loss already incurred in Virginia.

There are 327,000 Virginians who gained coverage under the ACA as it expanded access to affordable health care. The proposed replacement to the ACA would do away with federal health insurance subsidies that helped people afford their monthly premiums and lowered out-of-pocket expenses. Subsidies would be replaced with tax credits. Currently insurers can charge older customers up to three times what they charge younger customers; under the new plan that would increase to five times.

Although some would never acknowledge it,

there are features of the despised Obamacare program that were maintained. Insurers would still be banned from denying coverage based on preexisting conditions. Dependents would still be able to stay on parents' insurance plans through age 26. Caps on annual or lifetime coverage would still be banned.

Clearly fewer people will have access to affordable care under the AHCA. Virtually every developed country in the world with the exception of the USA has decided that access to health care is a basic human right. What is the biggest objection to the program enacted under President Obama? It included targeted taxes on investment income and wages for the very high income individuals and couples. The new AHCA eliminates many of the taxes. The wealthiest 400 households including the billionaires in the new administration would get an average tax cut of \$7 million per year while taxes for many low-income working families would increase. Eliminating the two taxes on very high income households would cost the federal government \$275 billion over 10 years.

Most Virginians will lose under the replacement proposed for the ACA. Only the very rich will gain. Maybe that is what the debate is really about!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Out of Step of What Americans Want

To the Editor:

On March 1, about 250 Planned Parenthood supporters descended upon Washington to ask our elected officials not to defund Planned Parenthood. I was proud to stand in the Virginia group with another patient and two healthcare providers in addition to Planned Parenthood staff. We met with and received incredible support from Senators Kaine and Warner and Representative Connolly, and staff from Representatives Beyer, McEachin, and Scott's offices. I felt good knowing that our leaders in Washington were interested in such an important issue.

Unfortunately, not all of our leaders cared enough to respond to us. Representative Barbara Comstock failed to respond to our meeting requests. We dropped by her office, spoke with a staff member regarding the importance of Planned Parenthood, and left a packet of information. One representative from our group saw Comstock in the hall and approached her. Comstock refused to speak with her, stating that she was "heading in the other direction." She ran away.

Most Americans support funding Planned Parenthood. A recent PerryUndem poll showed 70 percent of voters oppose defunding, including 50 percent of Trump supporters. A vote to defund is out of step with what Americans want.

Of the minority of voters who do oppose federal funding for Planned Parenthood, many oppose Planned Parenthood on the basis of lies. For instance, at the March for Life in January, Vice President Pence stated that the Trump administration would end "taxpayer funding of abortion." In fact, taxpayer funding of abortion has been illegal since 1977 under the Hyde Amendment. Conservatives know that quite well and apparently have no concerns with repeating that lie to all of us.

While defunding Planned Parenthood will not prevent abortions, it will eliminate preventative care for those who need it the most. More than 90 percent of Planned Parenthood services are actually preventive health services (annual well-woman exams, sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment, cervical and breast cancer screenings, and birth control) and Planned Parenthood

served 2.5 million individuals last year. One provision of federal funding under Title X offers special pricing to Planned Parenthood for medications and devices such as birth control and IUDs (long-acting reversible birth control). Defunding Planned Parenthood drastically increases these costs and will make them cost prohibitive for the low-income individuals that rely on Planned Parenthood. This eliminates basic health care to many.

Those who oppose Planned Parenthood focus on abortion, which is legal and should be kept safe. But Planned Parenthood is responsible for so much more. I was a patient of Planned Parenthood when I was uninsured and needed a checkup. In addition to the standard breast and pelvic exam and pap test, my doctor at Planned Parenthood got to know me. Because he knew that he was the only healthcare provider I would see for a while, he also got to know my family history. Skin cancer runs in my family and he took the time to scan me for that as well. I felt safe and was able to obtain affordable care when I was poor and uninsured. I say this as a proud mother of two beautiful children and as someone who believes that

the sanctity of life means ensuring that people have access to affordable health care when they need it.

No matter how much Comstock ignores Virginians in refusing to hold town halls or to meet with citizens, and no matter how quickly Comstock heads in the opposite direction of her constituents' desires, she will answer in 2018. Americans overwhelmingly support federal funding for Planned Parenthood. If Comstock continues to refuse to listen, Virginians will send someone to Congress who will.

Sarah Jacobson
Great Falls

Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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NEWS



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Building a Bridge at Riverbend Park

On Saturday, March 18, a squad of Great Falls Troop 673 Scouts, led by Eagle candidate Thor Kurzenhauser, labored in the mud and melting snow to erect a pedestrian and horse bridge on the Riverbend Park path that runs along Jeffrey Road. Using construction materials donated by Home Depot and local citizens, and fueled by pizza benefactor Dominos and a generous Safeway contribution, the team completed the structure in just eight hours. Park technical personnel oversaw the design, and the work itself was planned and carried out under the supervision of Kurzenhauser (second from right), a sophomore at Langley High School.

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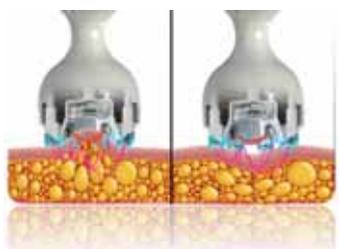


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Greg Haymans chaired the Tibbetts Award Selection Committee, with Karen Washburn and Kathy Pherson assisting. Haymans conveys the award, citing Doris Carpenter's achievements, and Carpenter made her remarks of appreciation.

Doris Carpenter Honored at The Tibbetts Award Banquet

By KATHLEEN MURPHY
PRESIDENT, GREAT FALLS
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

On Sunday, April 26, the Great Falls Historical Society gathered at the Colvin Run Dance Hall to present Doris Carpenter with the Jean Tibbetts History Award, acknowledging her achievements in educating the community about the many successes and challenges of Thelma's Country Store.

By researching, preserving artifacts, documenting, and telling the story of a modest country store over a 70-year period, Carpenter preserved an important piece of our community's past for future residents of Great Falls to enjoy. Those who came to honor Doris told stories of her leadership in 4-H, her work at the United Methodist



Doris Carpenter at the Tibbetts Award Banquet.

Church, her efforts at the Great Falls Library, her digitization of the Naomi Whetzel Photographic Collection, and more.

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Great Falls Historical Society colleagues and friends of Doris Carpenter joined in the celebration, as close to 60 guests filled the Colvin Run Dance Hall on Colvin Run Road.



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Doris Carpenter with her four sons Lanse, Anson, Reyan, and Tris – four of her eight children. Doris's daughter Dea and her son-in-law, Mike Shenk, were also present for the celebration.

Carpenter Honored

FROM PAGE 8

Six of Doris' eight children were present – all proud of their mother. Walt Lawrence gave Doris a nighttime photo of Thelma's Store taken at a time when the store was still open, which he presented to her at the event.

The Difficult Run String Band played the music, Our Mom Eugenia Greek Restaurant catered the food, and the Board of the Colvin Run Dance Hall offered the use of the Hall as a gesture of grati-

tude for Carpenter's many years of service to the Colvin Run Dance Hall and nearby neighbors.

George Newman captured the spirit of the evening and of Carpenter very well. He noted that Doris had matured into a most beautiful loving and giving senior citizen — a fine example of how to age with dignity and grace. Having her wits about her to capture pieces of history as it was happening — capturing history as it was unfolding — is a gift to our community, and a piece of local culture.

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Amadeus Executive Director A. Scott Wood and the Amadeus Orchestra.



Violinist Destiny Ann Mermagen and pianist Heather Lauffer Adelsberger will be performing.

Italian Garden Concert To Benefit Amadeus

BY FALLON FORBUSH
THE CONNECTION

Amadeus is throwing an indoor Italian garden themed concert to support its programming this Saturday, March 25, at the Saint Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls at 4 p.m.

The concert will feature Destiny Ann Mermagen on violin, Heather Lauffer Adelsberger on piano and Andrew

Adelsberger, who will be singing:

- ❖ Vivaldi: Summer from the Four Seasons for Violin and Piano

- ❖ Greatest Italian Hits for Solo Piano

- ❖ Vieuxtemps: The Last Rose of Summer, bel canto opera style for Violin and Piano

- ❖ Nero: The Hot Canary Visits Italy for Violin and Piano

- ❖ Andrew Adelsberger will also perform an Italian aria

“Most of our orchestra musicians are local, but we pull musicians who tour the

country for programs,” said Jamie Kim, executive administrator of Amadeus. “I think last year we raised close to \$10,000, but are reaching for more.”

Amadeus puts on 10 events a year, from full-scale orchestra symphonies to its last concert that was a chamber music ensemble that featured a brass and opera showcase.

“It’s extremely vital, as you know across all arts organizations, they’re really suffering,” Kim said. “This benefit auction and

concert really brings in a bulk of our season’s income. As a nonprofit, it’s extremely important.”

Tickets are \$65 per person. The group will also be raising money with an auction. Some of the items up for auction include a 10-day stay at a house in Guanajuato, Mexico, Wizards tickets, restaurant gift cards, artwork, antique items, flower arrangements and personal concerts.

“We have a lot of awesome items,” Kim said.

Visiting Our Mom Eugenia

New Greek restaurant in Great Falls attracts area diners.

BY ALEXANDRA GREELEY
THE CONNECTION

Ladies who Lunch, the phrase and the song that describes groups of ladies who gather to lunch, pretty much sets up the recent noontime scene at Great Falls’ new addition, Our Mom Eugenia. A Greek restaurant dedicated to serving up traditional and authentic fare, it seems to have struck a concordant note with locals: the place was packed, though not just by women.

What’s the draw? First, the setting is inviting: white walls, blue trim (national colors of Greece); fresh flowers at each table; a bar in the back; and courteous staff. Next, the chef. According to a brief bio on the restaurant’s website, chef Eugenia Hobson not only has cooked in metro area Greek restaurants, she is actually a native of Greece. From the website accounts, her grandmother taught her the basics of Greek cuisine.

Third, the food. Obviously, a trained Greek chef who has worked for 30 years as a professional chef knows a thing or two about Greek cooking. And that plays out well on her restaurant menu. Divided by

If You Go

Our Mom Eugenia, 1025 Seneca Road, Great Falls. 703-870-7807 or www.ourmomeugenia.com. Hours: Open for lunch and dinner, Tuesday through Sunday. Dinner reservations suggested.

categories, such as “vegetarian appetizers” or “meat entrée” the menu simplifies how to make a mealtime choice. You can easily mix and match, and even create a whole meal from just appetizers.

One great pairing comes with the fish appetizer, kalamarakia, or Greek-style fried calamari. For those who love this seafood, these calamari are a crispy treat: battered, deep-fried, and served with a lemon slice and a scoop of cold garlicky mashed potatoes. Then to complete the meal, try a vegetarian dish, such as the popul spanakopita, offered here as either an appetizer, or a larger entrée portion that comes with tomato-sauced green bean and roasted potato sections.

But because the menu is so extensive, and one’s appetite is not, a return trip is really mandatory. On another visit, the meal could start with a bowl of the classic lemony chicken soup, avgolemono, followed by one of the spreads, such as the melitzanosalta, a serving of chopped grilled eggplant with other veggies.

And for an entrée? Several meaty options make the choice a real tossup. However, the arni giovetsi, or oven-braised lamb with



Chef Eugenia Hobson dishes out the special of the day on Saint Patrick’s Day: pan-seared rockfish filet served over giant beans and grape tomatoes with a garnish of fried parsley.

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THE CONNECTION

orzo or the paidakia, or tender lamb chops with potatoes, would be the finalists. The only seafood dish is the grilled salmon with sautéed spinach and rice.

Don’t pass up dessert, and chef Eugenia’s

dessert options, while limited, are very, very Greek. For anyone who loves a custardy finish to any meal, the galaktoboueko, or a

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SPRING FUN



Tender lamb chops are served with potatoes and asparagus.

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Save room for dessert: apple cake à la mode is "our mom's specialty apple crumble cake served with vanilla ice cream," according to the menu.

Our Mom Eugenia

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sort of custard pie, is a perfect choice.

Usually served as a pie with a phyllo crust, this version is more of a custard-filled dough cylinder set on a sweetish syrup.

Eugenia Hobson has been a chef for the past thirty years. She was born and raised on the island of Zakynthos in the Ionian Sea in

western Greece. She learned the secrets of Greek cuisine from her grandmother for whom she was named.

Chef Eugenia has worked at several local Greek restaurants including Mykonos Grill (Rockville) and Athenian Plaka (Bethesda). She was most recently a chef at Nostos restaurant in Tysons Corner, where she worked since it first opened in 2011.

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Spring Events to Look For

MARCH 23-25

Spring Book Sale. 10-3 p.m., open until 6 p.m. on Saturday, at the Oakton Community Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Sponsored by the Friends of Oakton Library. Call 703-242-4020 for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 25

Hosting a Bee Hive. 10-11 a.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Learn about these local pollinators and the role they play. Ages 6 and up. \$8. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/.

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SUNDAY/APRIL 9

Easter Spring Festival. 12:30-4:30 p.m. at Great Falls Village Centre, 776 Walker Road, Great Falls. Games, rides, food and egg hunt at 4 p.m., proceeds directly benefit the community through the Great Falls Optimist Club. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/ for more.

SATURDAY/APRIL 22

Family Fishing Rodeo. 9 a.m. at Wildwood Park, 700 block of Follin Lane SE, Vienna. The creek will be stocked with hundreds of trout, bring a fishing rod, bucket, plastic bag, and ice. \$3. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. Deadline is Friday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

"No Place Like Home." Juried art show on exhibit through April 8. at ArtSpaceHerndon, 750 Center St, Herndon. Great Falls Studios presents. Visit www.artspaceherndon.com/.

Stuff-a-Bus Food Drive. Through April 15, various times at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10550 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. A food drive for non-perishable items to support Arlington Food Assistance Center. There will be drop off boxes for donations of non-perishable food throughout the church. Then, on April 1, look for the school bus parked in front of the church. Call 703-759-6068.

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.

Fishing Rod Rentals 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Rentals available during visitor center hours. Fishing tackle and live bait are available for purchase. Reservations required for group rentals. \$6/rental (2 hour max). Valid driver's license required. Rod/reel combinations are perfect for beginners and children. A Virginia or Maryland freshwater fishing license is required for those

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www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/

Colvin Run Mill open 11 - 4 p.m. daily, closed Tuesday. 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Fairfax County's operational 19th century water powered gristmill, offers recreational and educational activities for all ages through daily tours, school programs and special events. Fees: \$7/adult, \$6 students 16+ with ID, \$5 children & seniors. Admission to park is free except for some special events.

Fundamentals of Watercolors. Mondays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Artist Lorrie Herman will help students get comfortable working with watercolors and understanding this medium. Visit www.greatfallsart.org.

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FRIDAY/MARCH 24

Atomic Trampoline & Movie. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Bounce on 40 interconnecting trampolines and foam pits and then see a PG or PG-13 movie. Visit www.mcleancenter.org or call 703-448-8336.

McLean Art Society. 10 a.m.-noon at Dolly Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. Joyce McCarten, a painter of abstract oils, will be the featured presenter. Call 703-356-9770.

SpiritMind and Drum Circle. 7-9 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Join this mind-body-heart-spirit experience and gathering where participants are guided in co-creating a sacred space through chanting, singing, meditating, and drumming. \$20. Visit Unityoffairfax.org or call 703-281-1767.

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GOP Committee Fundraiser. 7 p.m. at Nouvelle, 7911 West Park Drive, Tysons. 11th Congressional District GOP Committee Fundraiser with Eric Cantor. Visit www.vagop11.org/.

TUESDAY/MARCH 28

Art Show Opening Reception. 4:30-6 p.m. in the Chain Bridge Corner Shopping Center, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. McLean Project for the Arts hosts this community Youth Art Show showcasing the work of students from the McLean High School Pyramid, show runs March 25-April 2. Free. Visit www.mpaart.org.

Writer's Panel. 7:30-9 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Sisters in Crime: Local Mystery Writers' Panel. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library or call 703-938-0405.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 29

Great Falls Historical Society. 6 p.m. at the Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike A, Great Falls. 1890s Baseball Team Challenge & Free Picnic presented by four young historians. Call 703) 757-8560.

Historic Vienna Membership Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St. S., Vienna. Features of the meeting will be presentation of the Annual Heritage



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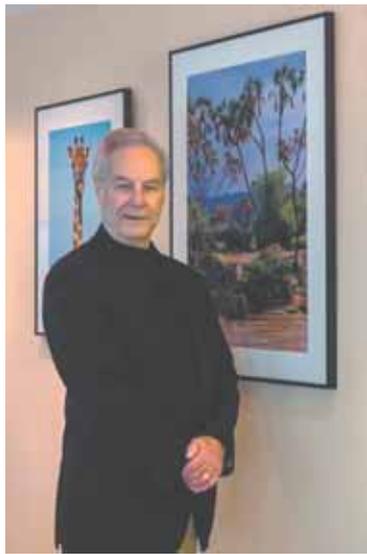


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FRIDAY/MARCH 31

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MARCH 31-APRIL 8

In Living Sound. Various times in the Flame Room at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S. Four short radio plays from early 20th century American entertainment. Friday tickets are \$14; Saturday tickets are \$25 and include the show as well as dinner at 7:15 p.m. Visit viennava.gov/webtrac.

SATURDAY/APRIL 1

Warrior Chorus at Alden. 8 p.m. at The Alden in McLean, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Area premiere of "The Trojan War: Our Warrior Chorus," a production that features American combat veterans. \$35, \$25 for veterans and current military and \$20 for McLean Community Center tax district residents. aldentheatre.org or 703-790-0123.

APRIL 1-2

Potomac River Convention. 10 a.m.-3:30 both days at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. 28th annual Potomac River Shape Note Convention, with singing, bring a dish to share both days. Sponsored by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington. Visit visitfasola.org or shenandoahharmony.com.

Organ Music. 7 p.m. Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE, McLean. The Organ, the Orchestra, and the Youthful Originals show. Call 703-938-9050.

APRIL 1-30

Ed Behrens' Photographs. Various times at Katie's Coffee House, Village Centre, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. The showing will celebrate Ed's ten years as a member of Great Falls Studios, his very active 80th birthday. Call 703-759-0927.

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I Can't Forget What I Don't Remember



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I wouldn't say I'm forgetting things, but according to my wife, Dina, I certainly don't seem to be remembering them, at least as she does. Naturally, this "misremembering" could be attributed to the condition which likely affects many couples who have been over hill, over dale and over many dusty trails in nearly 39 years of marriage, as we have. Nevertheless, identifying the condition doesn't soothe the savage beast. Another possible/probable explanation is the ever-unpopular, recently-confirmed actual occurrence common to many cancer patients receiving chemotherapy: "chemo brain."

Even though I'm a veteran of these cancer/chemo wars apparently doesn't make me immune to its harmful effects. Quite the contrary in fact. Survival is wonderful, but years-long treatment does take its toll. And for a cancer patient now in his ninth consecutive year of treatment, the bell tolls for me. Fortunately, I can still hear the bell. The question is: will I remember having heard it? I say, absolutely! My wife says: not so fast.

All kidding aside, I can see this difference of opinion becoming a problem. At present, I'm not the least bit (well, maybe a little bit, otherwise; why would I be droning on about it?) concerned about a few of our memories fading since I don't believe that they have. I'm inclined to invoke an opposite-George Costanza here and say it's her, not me. Not surprisingly, my wife will play the part of one of George's ex-girlfriends and say it's definitely me. So what else is new? Nothing. The question/worry is: will this become a chronic problem?

Which in a way is what all us heretofore "terminal" cancer patients want. Obviously, a cure for what ails me/others similarly diagnosed would be ideal, but the more realistic scenario is that one day, cancer will be treated as a chronic condition, like diabetes, not a terminal disease as my stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer was originally characterized by my oncologist on Feb. 27, 2009 (you bet I remember that date!). Oh yes, that is a date that will live in infamy. Unlike Pearl Harbor, however, where thousands died, and unlike the message delivered by Franklin Delano Roosevelt that same day, when the sober news was first heard by a nation then at war, only three people heard what my oncologist said to me that day, and only my life was at stake, though certainly my wife, Dina and my brother, Richard were impacted, even though they weren't the ones receiving a grim prognosis.

As Dina and I regularly reminisce about our life together, we regularly have different recollections. She's entitled. I'm entitled. There might be a right. There might be a wrong. But without Warner Wolf around to "go to the videotape," the chance that we'll remember a shared memory similarly or at all considering there's now almost four decades worth of stuff is unrealistic, isn't it? I mean, we're different people. We process and store information differently. In fact, I might say, it's likely a miracle if we did actually remember, identically, people, place and things.

The older one gets, the greater the cumulative information in our brains and apparently, the less chemical/muscular ability we have to access/retrieve all that information. Not remembering or remembering differently is nothing more than the passage of time rearing its ugly head. Now combine that inevitability with the toxicity of chemotherapy — and God knows what else my cancer is affecting, and what you have here is a sitting duck. If I were to believe totally in this inevitability or in my wife's assessment, I would say there's disintegrating hope for me. But I don't. I believe in the power of me. I believe in the power of positive thinking and in always seeing the bright side — and joking/laughing about all of it. So what if I don't remember or remember differently, it probably wasn't worth remembering anyway.

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Virginia Y. Sinclair, age 90 of Great Falls Va passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by friends and family on Monday March 20, 2017. Virginia was born November 2 1926 in Greene New York to Helen and Clarence Young. She graduated from Albany State Teachers College studying the classics and then married Alexander Malcolm Sinclair who was visiting on leave from the Naval Academy.

Ginny had a long and varied career in many parts of the country as a public school teacher. Her military family moved around from base to base during two wars. She finished her public school career in Fairfax County at Herndon Intermediate teaching english. She then started her beloved Grandmothers Back Room childrens' clothing store and worked everyday until she was eighty five years old. Her faith, and involvement in St. Francis Episcopal Church, was her mainstay. She had many roles in the church since the beginning of the parish, when they worshipped in a modest building in the field. She taught Sunday school, arranged flowers, sat on the vestry, helped bless the animals, sat on the selection committee for several new rectors, and in general supported and helped the church. Her faith was a central part of her character as well as her very strong work ethic.

She is survived by two daughters; Amy S. Dahm (Henry), Elizabeth S. Larson (Willard), five grandchildren, Alexander H. Dahm (Kerry), Nicholas S. Dahm, Tyler Larson, Zachary Larson, Katelynn Larson, and one great grandchild Felix P. Dahm.

She was predeceased by her husband Rear Admiral Alexander Malcolm Sinclair in 2009.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am Saturday March 25th at St Francis Episcopal Church Georgetown Pike Great Falls Virginia. 22066. Reception to follow. A private burial service will be held in Greene, New York at a later date.

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