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From left: Lieutenant Thomas Taylor, Deputy Chief Daniel P. Janickey, MPO Matthew Lyons, Officer Andrew Slebonick, Master Police Officer Patrick Shaw, Chief James A. Morris, Officer Gregory Hylinski and Councilmember Carey Sienicki.

Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Honors Five Town of Vienna Police Officers

On March 17, the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce honored five Town of Vienna Police Officers at the 39th Annual Valor Awards Ceremony. Retired Sergeant Michael Reeves, Master Police Officer Matthew Lyons and Officer Gregory Hylinski were awarded Lifesaving Award Certificates. Master Police Officer Patrick Shaw and Officer Andrew Slebonick were awarded a Bronze Medal of Valor.

Reeves, Lyons and Hylinski received a Lifesaving Award for their actions when called to the scene of a suicidal person in July 2016.

Shaw and Slebonick were awarded a Bronze Medal of Valor for their actions in disarming a suicidal subject who was in the process of cutting herself with a knife in January 2016.

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Democrats from around northern Virginia packed the Kena Shriners' Temple in Fairfax for U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) 23rd annual St. Patrick's Day Fete.



From left, Mary Agee of Fairfax, Supervisor Kathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) and Joe Fay of Fairfax, who recently became executive director of the poverty-aid non-profit organization FACETS.

Connolly's 23rd St. Patrick's Day Fete Rallies Dems Against Trump

Northam, Fairfax winners in straw poll.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Anti-President Trump sentiment was strong among Democrats who packed the ballroom of Kena Shriners' Temple in Fairfax for U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) 23rd annual St. Patrick's Day Fete on Friday, March 17.

Connolly began hosting a St. Patrick's Day event in 1995, when he was first elected to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. What began as a minor social affair at his home has grown into one of the largest gatherings of Democrats in the Commonwealth.

Walter Carlson of Mantua originally knew Connolly as a neighbor, and has been attending the Fetes since they were in Connolly's home.

"They're good for the party, for morale, to build up the team and talk to leaders," said Carlson, who particularly enjoys the baked salmon and corned beef served at the event.

Carlson said this year was as well-attended as he's seen at a Connolly Fete.

"Even more important in this political climate — this crowd, it's because of Trump."

The anti-Trump rhetoric was running hot, after the President announced in the past week a revised version of an executive order banning travel from several majority-Muslim countries and the refugee program, as well as proposed a budget that would make significant cuts to federal programs including the Environmental Protection Agency and State Department while increasing funding to U.S. defense and nuclear programs by \$54 billion.

Lt. Governor Ralph Northam, campaigning to replace Gov. Terry McAuliffe, called Trump a "narcissistic maniac," who they needed to keep "on the other side of the



From left, U.S. Rep. Connolly's Fairfax outreach representative Alex Robbins chats with Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation executive director Edythe Kelleher and her sons Brian and Dan.

Former Alexandria mayor Bill Euille (center) joined the stage at U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) St. Patrick's Day Fete.



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Potomac River."

Running to replace Northam as lieutenant governor, Justin Fairfax said after just 60 days in office, "Trump is the worst President we've had in history."

Connolly, acting as master of ceremonies between candidates' speeches, joked, "Boy, did you just make James Buchanan's night."

Norham and Fairfax were winners in the evening's straw polls for their respective hopeful offices, the former soundly beating Tom Perriello and the latter winning the majority of attendee votes over Susan Platt and Gene Rossi.

Fairfax was among the attorneys who volunteered to provide legal services to people being detained at Dulles Airport immediately following Trump's first executive order banning travel with seven majority-Muslim countries. He said the work was among his proudest moments.

"He doesn't know what he's touched off," Fairfax said. "The rebirth of activism ... we will resist, fight for each other."

Getting in the final words for the evening, Connolly referenced the Women's March on Washington following Trump's inauguration. He said it should not be a "one-day feel-good event."

The politicians conveyed messages of resistance and persistence.

State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) said the full house was reminiscent of town hall meetings he attended during the recently concluded Virginia General Assembly session.

"People are coming up to me like electrical plugs," he said, asking "where can you plug me in?"

More and more people want to do something, in what he called the "desperate situation the country is in," in fear of the President's "unstable behavior."

Marsden said he is still hoping for Trump to do well: "He's my President. Bull all signs point to him not being prepared to do this job."

The Virginia primaries will be held June 13. The deadline to register to vote or update an existing registration is May 22.

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

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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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Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students from 21 high schools have been named semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for 2017. Semifinalists from Oakton High School include: **Evan Cao, Calvin Krist, Michael Lee, Lindsay Rosenblum, Kelly Sun, Liam White, and Alice Yang.**

Isabelle Roddy, of Vienna, made the fall 2016 dean's list at Seton Hall University (South Orange, N.J.).

Abigail Bonin, of Vienna, made the fall 2016 dean's list at Mary Baldwin University (Staunton, Va.).

Deborah Jensen, of Vienna, made the fall 2016 dean's list at the University of the Sciences (Philadelphia, Pa.).

Melissa Thiringer, of Vienna, made the fall 2016 provost's list at the Hofstra University (Hempstead, N.Y.).

Coralynn H. Hulcher, of Oakton, was named to the dean's list at University of Northwestern - St. Paul for the fall 2016 semester. Hulcher, the daughter of Rachel Hulcher, is studying elementary education, with honors.

Edwin Ikhinmwin, of Oakton, a senior at Randolph-Macon Academy, earned a place on the dean's list for the second quarter of the 2016-17 school year. He is the son of Edwin and Kayte Ikhinmwin of Oakton.

Conor Kelly, a resident of Vienna and a music education major, was

named to the dean's list in Ithaca College's School of Music for the fall 2016 semester.

Laura M. Nickell, of Vienna, who is majoring in pre-business, was named to the president's list for the fall 2016 semester at Clemson University, (Clemson, S.C.).

Lisa Shade, of Vienna, who is majoring in Mathematical Sciences, was named to the president's list for the fall 2016 semester at Clemson University, (Clemson, S.C.).

Anna Christina Soldano, of Vienna, who is majoring in Nursing, was named to the president's list for the fall 2016 semester at Clemson University, (Clemson, S.C.).

Devon B. Thomas, of Oakton, who is majoring in biological sciences, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at Clemson University, (Clemson, S.C.).

Matthew R. Baum, of Vienna, who is majoring in pre-business, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at Clemson University, (Clemson, S.C.).

Samantha L. Flowers, of Vienna, who is majoring in general engineering, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at Clemson University, (Clemson, S.C.).

Hannah Clorinda Picardi, of Vienna, who is majoring in financial management, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at Clemson University, (Clemson, S.C.).

Fairfax Water

Notice of Public Hearing

Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Property Necessary for Public Purposes by Condemnation or Other Means

April 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The Fairfax County Water Authority ("Fairfax Water") will hold a public hearing pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-1903(B) at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2017, to receive and consider public comments on the proposed acquisition, by condemnation or other means, of certain water line and temporary construction easements on a portion of certain real property located at 1894 Preston White Drive, Reston, VA 20191. The subject property is more particularly described as Fairfax County Tax Map Parcel No. 27-1-((16))-5- 7B1 (the "Property"). Fairfax Water seeks to acquire these easements on a portion of the Property for public use in order to lay, erect, construct, install, operate, maintain, repair, and replace one or more present or future water mains, including fire hydrants, valves, vaults, meters, building service connections, and other equipment, accessories, and appurtenances necessary in connection therewith for the purpose of the transmission and distribution of water. Following the public hearing, Fairfax Water's Board may vote on or after April 6, 2017, to adopt a Resolution approving the proposed public use and authorizing and directing the acquisition of such easements on a portion of the Property for the public use by condemnation or other means.

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

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

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Spring is 'Springing'

A look at some of area's
most-anticipated events.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Spring "sprang" and then abruptly retreated — temporarily, that is. Although some of the events planned for mid-March were cancelled or postponed, there remains a plethora of fun events and activities scheduled for April through May, from Meadowlark Gardens' Easter egg hunt (admission fee) to ViVa! Vienna! over Memorial Day weekend (no admission fee). In between are outdoor family events and indoor/outdoor Vienna Idol qualifying rounds as well as the launch of Wolf Trap's summer season concerts.

The Vienna-Oakton Connection has rounded up several of the area's anticipated events:

Easter Egg Hunt at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens

Thursday, April 13 at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, Beulah Road. Check-in 11 a.m.

Children, ages 2 to 11 years old, have the spring-like opportunity to do crafts, play games, nibble on snacks, and have photos taken with the Easter Bunny on April 13. Crafts and games begin at 11 a.m., and an Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday, April 13. Check in plus crafts and games will begin at 11 a.m. and the egg hunt happens at 11:30 a.m. Festivities take place in Lilac Pavilion area. Bring your own Easter basket for egg collection.

Tickets are available online only and are \$10 per child plus a \$3 transaction fee. The number of tickets available is limited. Tickets are nonrefundable. Accompanying adults are free. Parents/custodians are responsible for monitoring the content of Easter

eggs and snacks to meet their children's dietary limitations and safety.

Public Works Day Open House

Sponsored by Town of Vienna, scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2-6 p.m.

This annual event, where children can climb in and on construction equipment and pick up a variety of snacks is a pre-schooler's dream.

Children and adults tour the northside property yard on Mill Street, taking a close-up look at heavy machinery, vehicles, and equipment used by public works. Employees boost children into cabs and protect the children's safety as they climb all over the world's biggest "Tonka trucks." Light refreshments and take-home freebies are available to children.

For more information, call the Department of Public Works at 703-255-6380.

Family Fishing Rodeo

Saturday, April 22, at the trout-stocked creek at Wildwood Park, first of six available time slots is 9 a.m., and the final slot starts at 11:30 a.m.

Tickets are required and on sale via viennava.gov/webtrac. Tickets are \$3 per person with a limit of six tickets per household. All participants over age 16 must possess a fishing license. Licenses may be purchased through the Virginia Department of Gaming and Inland Fisheries, dgilicense.virginiainteractive.org.

Attendees access the rodeo via the walking trail through the park on Follin Lane, across the street from Navy Federal Credit Union.

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6th Annual Taste of Vienna

Saturday, April 29, 2017, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., sponsored by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department (VVFD). Festival on grounds of VVFD, 400 Center St., S., Vienna.

All-day event with music and beer and wine sales, showcases the Vienna-area restaurants popular with local residents.

Admission is free; guests purchase samples directly from restaurant booths. Proceeds benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department.

ViVa! Vienna!

Saturday, May 27 through Monday, May 29, historic Church Street corridor.

One of Vienna's most-anticipated and fun-filled events, the ViVa! Vienna! Memorial Day weekend festival offers amusement rides, carnival food, live entertainment on

three stages, games and activities for children, and, hundreds of market vendors from tangibles to commercial services.

By coloring and printing out a ride image, children are eligible to receive one free ride ticket with the purchase of additional tickets.

Main stage, children's stage, and auxiliary stage provide live entertainment throughout the extended weekend.

Saturday, May 27 – food and rides open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, May 28 – food, rides, entertainment open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., vendors 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, May 29 – all events 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sponsored and run by the Rotary Club of Vienna in partnership with the Town of Vienna.

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Spring Events to Look For

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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.

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ONGOING

"Birds Eye View" Exhibit. Through April 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays - Saturdays at Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. 703-319-3971 www.ViennaArtsSociety.org

The Freeman Store & Museum Wednesday through Sunday noon-4 p.m. 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. The Freeman Store & Museum is dedicated to Preserving and promoting Vienna's heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of history significant places, events, and persons. Historicviennainc.org

Bingo Night. Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. www.vvfd.org/bingo.html.

Gentle Yoga. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase flexibility, improve breathing and health, reduce stress. \$15 per session. www.edimprovement.org. 571-213-3192.

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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

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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.

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Amadeus Benefit Concert and Auction. 4 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Visit www.stfranciscusgreatfalls.org/.

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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 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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Long Necked Woman in Thailand is one of the photos in Ed Behrens photo exhibit in April at Katie's Coffee Shop, Village Centre, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls.

Preservation Award and the telling of a Civil War Love Story. call 703-994-9054 or visit www.viennava.gov/.

FRIDAY/MARCH 31

Family Fun Bingo. 7-9 p.m. at the Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Players will have free popcorn and winners will take their pick of prizes. Visit mcleancenter.org or call 703-448-8336.

MARCH 31-APRIL 8

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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. Visit www.aldentheatre.org or call 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 visit.fasola.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.

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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.

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

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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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George C. Marshall High Presents 'Cry-Baby'

Lace up your saddle shoes and grab your leather jackets and come out to experience Marshall High School's rendition of the Tony-nominated rebellious teen comedy musical "Cry-Baby" set to open Thursday, March 30.

In 1950s Baltimore, the conservative squares face off against the leather-clad delinquents in this rockabilly musical based on the 1990 cult classic film by John Waters. The show features an irresistible rebel without a cause, a starry-eyed good girl ready to buck her upbringing, scheming adults and a cast of kooky and colorful greasers and squares.

"Cry-Baby" is a jumping, jiving show with a delightfully demented script from the writers of "Hairspray" and a score from the co-founder of Fountains of Wayne and the executive producer of The Daily Show.

"Be prepared to laugh out loud at the snarky, irreverent humor of this show," said director Jason Tamborini. "There will be plenty of dancing and plot twists to keep you on your toes."

In one of the first productions of the show since it left Broadway, "Cry-Baby" opens on Thursday, March 30 at 7:30 with additional shows on March 31 and April 1 at 7:30 plus matinees on Saturday, April 1 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 2 at 3 p.m. The show will be on at George C. Marshall High School's main auditorium at 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Tickets are \$10 for students, teachers and seniors and \$15 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office with cash or check before each performance. Visit statesmentheatre.org for more information. Due to some content, this show is most appropriate for ages 13 and up.

Pinnacle Academy Robotics Team Wins Two Awards

Pinnacle Academy high school robotics team participated in their second First Robotics Competition and won two critical awards. They won the Highest Rookie Seed Award and the Rookie All Star Award. Now they advance to the Regional Competition which will lead to the International Competitions. There was a total of 39 participating schools of which four advanced to the regional, including Pinnacle. Visit www.pinnacleacademyva.com/. The academy is located at 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton.



WEEK IN VIENNA

Historic Vienna to Host Variety of Events

Historic Vienna, (the Freeman Store and Museum at 131 Church Street, NE, in Vienna), has announced a variety of upcoming events beginning with the annual Easter Egg Roll on the lawn of the Freeman Store at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8. Easter Bunny is expected to be there for the kids.

On Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. there will be Elaine McRey's presentation, "What's in the Virginia Room?" at the Patrick Henry Library in Vienna. This is an opportunity to learn about the rich regional history and genealogy collection including maps, an extensive photographic archive, manuscripts, local newspapers, and rare books. The Virginia Room is located at the City of Fairfax Regional Library.

The next major Vienna event will be the annual Walk on the Hill, in the Windover Heights neighborhood, Sunday, April 30, from 2-5 p.m. More information is available at the Freeman Store.

Freeman Store and Museum is open Wednesday through Sunday from 2-4 p.m., offering a selection of gifts, games, books and old fashioned candies, as well as two exhibits, the updated story of the American Suffrage Movement, and the brand new exhibit, Vienna History Through Time. The exhibits celebrate the Vienna area's contribution to the local history as Fairfax County celebrates its 275th birthday and the Town itself celebrates the 250th anniversary of the building of the first home, Ayr-Hill, by Scotsman John Hunter.

Shepherd's Center Sponsors Smart Driver Classes

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna (SCOV) is sponsoring a refresher course geared for drivers age 50 and older. The AARP Smart Drivers Classes will be held on Monday, April 10 and Wednesday, April 12. Attendees must attend both classes to be awarded a certificate of completion.

Classes are taught by an AARP-trained volunteer instructor. Cost \$15 for AARP members (bring membership card or a completed registration form to first class). Cost is \$20 for non-members.

9 a.m.-1 p.m. (participants are given three 10-minute breaks) at Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton (ground floor, small hall). To register and confirm availability, contact the SCOV office at 703-281-0538. To view registration form, visit www.scov.org/announcements.

Free Event on Capturing Family History

The Vienna Area Branch of The American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host a free event on Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at the Oakton Library Meeting Room, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, in Oakton. 7-9 p.m. The public is invited.

How can one capture and record personal or family history? Learn several methods such as creating family cookbooks, quilts, and scrapbooks from the authors of "Memoir Your Way: Tell Your Story through Writing, Recipes, Quilts, Graphic Novels, and More." Feel free to bring personal examples of women's history to show. Adults and teens.

AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Founded in 1881, AAUW members examine and take positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. Email aauwvienna@gmail.com for more.

FAITH NOTES

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

FRIDAY/APRIL 14

Good Friday Services. Noon-3 p.m. at Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. The service will be the Seven Last Words of Christ featuring six half hour services with six local clergy.

Visit oaktonumc.org/ or call 703-938-1234 for more.

The S.P.O.T for Youth.

Wednesday's at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Vienna, 450 Orchard St., NW. A place where youth can come together and pray, ask questions about the faith.

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