

The nine members of the Civilian Review Panel marked with \*: Gerarda Culipher, Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court; Randy Sayles,\* Oak Hill; Rhonda VanLowe,\* Reston; Kathleen Davis-Siudut,\* Springfield; Adrian Steel,\* McLean, chairman of the panel; Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Board of Supervisors; Judge William Webster; Supervisor John Cook, chairman of Public Safety Committee; Jean Senseman,\* Lorton; Douglas Kay,\* Fairfax; Hollye Doane,\* Oakton; Steve Descano,\* Springfield; and Hansel Aguilar,\* Fairfax.



## Civilian Review Panel Sworn in

## Inaugural meeting of the Fairfax County Civilian Review Panel

he nine members of the Fairfax County Civilian Review Panel were sworn in at the panel's in augural meeting on Monday, March 20.

Judge William Webster, former director of the FBI and CIA, spoke on the importance of civilian oversight of law enforcement. "Civilian oversight is important in a country where we want people to feel safe," Webster said. He urged panel members to consider the promise he made when he joined the FBI: To do what the citizens expect in the way that the Constitution allows.

The nine members appointed by the Board

of Supervisors are: Hansel Aguilar, Fairfax; Kathleen Davis-Siudut, Springfield; Steve Descano, Springfield; Hollye Doane, Oakton; Douglas Kay, Fairfax; Randy Sayles, Oak Hill; Jean Senseman, Lorton; Adrian Steel, McLean, chairman; and Rhonda VanLowe, Reston. They were among more than 140 applicants for the volunteer position.

"This is historic," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Board of Supervisors. "The creation of this panel and the creation of the independent auditor position were two of the primary recommendations of the Ad Hoc Commission."

Bulova appointed the 30-member Ad Hoc

Police Practices Review Commission in October 2015 in the wake of public concern after the police shooting death of John Geer in August 2013. The commission, which included full participation of the Fairfax County Police Department, made 140 recommendations, most either already implemented or in process.

FCPD Police Chief Edwin Roessler pledged his support to the panel on Monday, saying that it would help "build upon the trust the public gives us."

The Civilian Review Panel will act as an independent avenue for residents to submit complaints concerning allegations of

abuse of authority or misconduct by a FCPD officer. The panel will have the authority to request and review completed Police Department internal administrative investigations regarding a civilian complaint against an officer. The panel may hold public meetings to review police administrative investigations and walk through with members of the community how the investigation was conducted, including findings of fact, evidence collected and witness statements.

The Civilian Review Panel will not address use of force by police that results in serious injury or death; those will be monitored by the newly hired Police Auditor, Richard G. Schott.

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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

nti-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 Potomac River."



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) held his 23rd annual St. Patrick's Day Fete and Democratic rally on March 17 at the Fairfax Kena Shriners' Temple.



Kevin Hickerson (left), president of the Fairfax Education Association, and Jessica Bowser (right) of Kingstowne, vice chair of Lee District Dems, show their St. Patrick's Day spirit at U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) St. Patrick's Day Fete.



Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova (center) introduced local elected officials behind her — supervisors, delegates and senators, past and present — as "your team."

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)

xplanation 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 transforma-

tion 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.



#### COMMENTARY

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

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!

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Fairfax County is offering the following Free Seminars for Family **Caregivers of Older Adults** Register for all seminars at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults

or call 703-324-5205, TTY 711. **\*** Five Questions to Consider **About Paying for Long-Term** Care — WEBINAR. Wednesday, April 5 — Noon-1 p.m. Your computer or telephone. You will receive an email with access instructions

❖ Medicare 101 - Wednesday, April 12 — 2-3:30 p.m. Reston Community Center - Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts

Neck Road, Reston.

Strategies for Difficult Conversations - Monday, April 17, 2017 — 7-8:30 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax.

\* Caregiver Boot Camp -Dementia 101. Saturday, April 29, 2017 — 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax

Fairfax County's free Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone on Tuesday, April 11, 7-8 p.m. The group will discuss using the internet to help your caregiving journey. Register

beforehand at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults and click on Telephone Caregiver Support Group. Call **703-324-5484**. TTY 711.

Fairfax County is offering a free **Chronic Disease Self-**10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Rd.,

**Management program** on Wednesdays, April 19-May 24 from Alexandria. Learn and share positive strategies to better manage overall health. Register beforehand at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/OlderAdults or 703-324-5489, TTY 711, or email

Colleen.Turner@FairfaxCounty.gov. The Fairfax Commission on Aging meets on Wednesday, April 19 at 1 p.m. at the McLean Governmental Center - Community Room, 1437 Balls Hill Rd., McLean. 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. **ElderLink Support Group for** Caregivers meets on Wednesday, April 5, at 10 a.m. Calvary Hill Baptist Church, 9301 Little River Tnpk., Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5489, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/elderlink.htm.

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The Chronic Disease Self-

Management Program needs volunteer leaders to facilitate workshops. Call 703-324-5374, TTY 711, or go to www.FairfaxCounty.gov/dfs/ OlderAdultServices/chronicdisease.htm.

Fairfax County needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical **appointments** and wellness programs. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ olderadultsand click on Volunteer Solutions

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The Jewish Social Services **Agency (JSSA)** offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges.

Metropolitan Community Church of Northern Virginia, 10383 Democracy Lane in Fairfax, presents worship services on Sundays at 11 a.m. and choir practice, open to all, on Sun-9-10:30 from www.mccnova.com or 703-691-0930.

Church of the Nativity offers a free general bereavement support group open to all adults on the first and third Thursday of each month 7:30-9 p.m. The church is located at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. Call 703-455-2400, ext. 17.

Arabic New Life Baptist Church is located at 6428 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Worship services are on Sun-10:45 a.m. and prayer se are on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Bible Study is on Fridays at 7 p.m. Pastor: Wissam Jamil. Call 703-273-5599.

**Sydenstricker United Methodist Church** has Worship services Saturday in the chapel at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday in the Sanctuary at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. tradi-

tional worship. Sunday School for youth and children is in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., and Sunday School for adults is in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. Fellowship is in Hottle Hall on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. 8508 Hooes Road in Springfield. ww.sumcdisciples.org or 703-451-8223.

St. Anthony of Padua American National Catholic Church, 10383 Contemporary Catholics every Sunday at 12:30 p.m. St. Anthony's is an independent Catholic parish, inclusive and accepting of all people. Experience true acceptance and true Catholicism. www.MySaintAnthonys.org.

Calvary Hill Baptist Church,

9301 Little River Turnpike in Fairfax, conducts Worship team practice for the Praise Band in the Sanctuary every Thursday at 7 p.m. All are welcome. 703-323-1347

The Fairfax Church of Christ. 3901 Rugby Road in Fairfax, has facilitators available to help those who are experiencing a separation or divorce.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, offers services during the summer on Sundays at 10 a.m. The regular schedule, Sundays at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m., resumes Sept. 11. www.uucf.org.

## Chairman Sharon Bulova Responds to Federal Budget Proposal

he proposed federal budget would slash federal support for a host of programs and services and shift that burden to local government. Some of the most painful cuts are to funds that help low-in-

come individuals get back on their feet so that they can become productive and successful members of the community. Zeroed out or



Bulova

seriously diminished are programs that address environmental challenges across state lines. Shifting funding responsibility to state and local governments is a death sentence to these services. With limited taxing authority and very little flexibility in our local budgets, localities cannot afford to carry the full weight of providing services without some support from the federal government. Having worked with multiple administrations throughout the years, Fairfax County has found that the community is served best through regional and collaborative efforts among all levels of government, nonprofits and faith communities. No one group can do it alone. I know our local congressional delegation understands this and I am hopeful they will be able to address problems through the appropriation process."

— Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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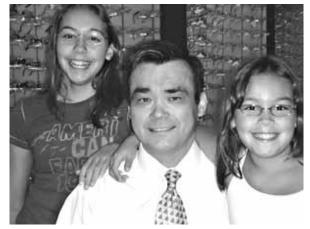
Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students from 21 high schools have been named semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) for 2017. Semifinalists from West Springfield High School include: Mary Jane MacArthur.

**Mary Oliver**, of Springfield, was named to the honors list for fall 2016 at Mary Baldwin University (Staunton, Va.).

**Rachel Wilson**, of Springfield, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology at Grove City College (Grove City, Pa.).

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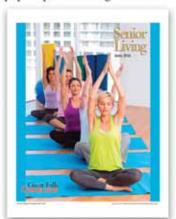
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## Spring Fun, Food & Entertainment

# Playful for Spring: 'Cuisine & Confessions'

Montreal's The 7 Fingers of the Hands come to Center for the Arts.

By David Siegel
The Connection

ombining circus arts, acrobatics and cooking on stage so that real hot food is prepared may seem far-fetched. But that is exactly what the Center for the Arts has in store for patrons with "Cuisine & Confessions."

With the high energy and vivid imagination of renowned The 7 Fingers of the Hand, audiences will experience a family-friendly experience just in time for spring's arrival. Montreal's 7 Fingers of the Hand will mix together traditional circus arts, avant-garde dance, live theater, and cooking-show satire in its inventive "Cuisine & Confessions" production. The performers create a real eatable meal on stage, based upon real-life food confessions.

The "Cuisine & Confessions" show includes a 30-minute pre-show as the action all begins. There will even be a working sink and refrigerator on stage. Food will be al-

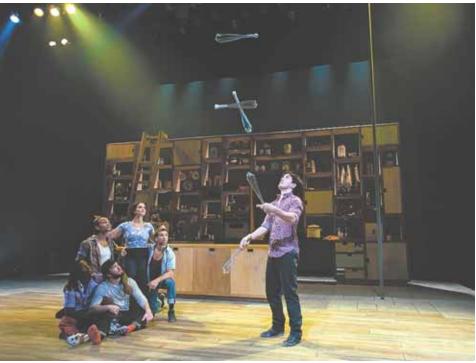


Photo courtesy of The 7 Fingers on the Hand

#### 7 fingers on the Hand cast performing in "Cuisine & Confessions."

ways cooking on stage during the live circus-like performance that is also taking place. There is audience participation too; at various times the food is prepared with assistance from audience members.

What kind of food, you may ask? To start, expect omelets, or pasta or more all lead-

ing to a signature banana bread.

To add more foodie flair and to open the spring season, there is also an outdoor event. The Center for the Arts will host a mini-festival celebrating food, music, and community between "The 7 Fingers of the Hand" shows on Saturday, April 8 from 4-8

#### Where & When

George Mason University Center for the Arts presents "Cuisine & Confessions" from Montreal's The 7 Fingers of the Hand at 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performances Saturday, April 8 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and on Sunday, April 9 at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$50, \$43, \$30. Call 888-945-2468 or visit www.cfa.gmu.edu. Note: There will be a food minifestival on April 8 from 4-8 p.m. in the Center for the Arts courtyard. The mini-event is free, featuring local food trucks selling snacks and dinner, artsy outdoor demonstrations by students and local groups

p.m. The foodie mini-festival will be held in the Center for the Arts outdoor plaza and will include local food trucks selling snacks and dinner, artsy outdoor demonstrations by students and local groups, and a "confessions" photo booth in the Center's lobby where attendees will reveal their guiltiest food pleasure. Admission to the mini-festival on April 8 is free and open to the general public.

As for the troupe's name; it is a twist on the French saying about "the five fingers of the hand," used to describe distinct parts united tightly, moving in coordination towards one common goal. And the goal of "Cuisine & Confessions" is to entertain, astound and cook, all at one.

Be ready for something special at "Cuisine and Confessions," as 7 Fingers of the Hand creates a unique culinary and theatrical feast with plenty of arresting acrobatic feats.

#### 2017 Spring Fun

#### SUNDAY/MARCH 26

Dressage Riders. 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Laurel Hill Equestrian Center, 8400 Lorton Road. Free. Dressage riders from Little Burgundy Farm, Alexandria, will launch the 2017 show season. Email inquire.ces@gmail.com or call 703-395-3299 for more.

#### MARCH 31-APRIL 1

Spring Children's Consignment Sale. Friday at 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Some items are half price on Saturday. Email CUMC.CCS@gmail.com for more.

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 1

Yard Sale. 8 a.m. at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Proceeds benefit the 2017 City of Fairfax Independence Day Celebration. Donated items may be dropped off at Green Acres on Friday, March 31, 5-8 p.m. Call 703-385-7858 for more.

Watershed Clean-Up. 9-11:30 a.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Help remove bottles, cans, tires, and other carelessly dumped debris from local streams. Call 703-451-9588 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

City of Fairfax Fishing Derby. 9:30 a.m. at Ashby Pond Conservation, 9817 Ashby Road, Fairfax. Ashby Pond Conservatory will be stocked with hundreds of trout, bring a fishing rod, bucket, plastic bag and ice. A limited number of fishing rods will be available on site to borrow. Bait will be supplied. Volunteers will provide instruction, pond education and fish cleaning demonstrations. \$5 per fisherman. Three 45-minute fishing time slots available. Tickets available online and at Sherwood Center, Green Acres Center and City Hall P&R Office starting Monday, February 1, 2017. Call 703-385-7858 to pre-register.

#### THURSDAY/APRIL 6

**EGG-STREME Night Egg Hunt**. 7 p.m. at the Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Bring a flashlight and a bag/basket to collect eggs. Visit with the Easter Bunny beginning at 7 p.m. Visit fairfaxva.gov/



## **New Season Begins**

Little Burgundy Farm rider Caroline Haarmann of Alexandria rides Rebel at the April 2016 dressage show at Laurel Hill Equestrian Center, 8400 Lorton Road. The 2017 show season will begin March 26 at the Fairfax County Park Authority facility and is open to the public.

parksrec or call 703-385-7858.

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 8

Easter Egg Hunt. 9 a.m.-noon at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Email markarenin@verizon.net for more.

#### APRIL 22-JUNE 10

Spring Art Classes. 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Instructor Carol Zeitlin specializes in watercolor and Chinese brush painting. Visit www.czartlessons.com for more. Call 703-250-6930 or visit www.czartlessons.com for more.

#### Calendar

Send notes to the Connection at connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication at noon. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

#### **ONGOING**

"Her Story" Art Exhibition. Through April 2, gallery hours are Mon.-Fri: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun: 12-5 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Show focuses on how women have a role in inspiring and shaping our society. Visit www.workhousearts.org.

Smoke Free Bingo. 7 p.m. Every Friday. Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Free coffee, entertaining callers, \$1,000 jackpot (with breaks for smoking friends). www.fairfaxvd.com. 703-273-3638.

Funday Monday 10:30 a.m., every
Monday at Old Town Hall, 3999
University Drive, Fairfax. There will
be music, movement, storytelling,
performances, crafts, and more. It is
open to children of all ages, however
especially for those who haven't yet
started school. Programs are free and
open to the public, donations are
gratefully appreciated. There is
ample free parking in the downtown
area, and stroller access at the rear of
Old Town Hall on Main St. 703-3857858 www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts

#### THURSDAY/MARCH 23

**Greendale Women's Golf League**. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre

Drive. The Greendale Women's Golf Association is an 18-hole league that plays once a week on Thursday mornings at the Greendale Golf Course on Telegraph Road. The league is open to experienced golfers of all abilities. Please join us as we discuss the upcoming golf season. Call 703-399-6496 or visit gwgl.wordpress.com for more.

Artist Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. Meet the featured artist and be a part of the local artist community. Free. Visit www.fairfaxartleague.net or call 703-587-9481 for more.

#### FRIDAY/MARCH 24

Old Town Hall Performance Series. 8 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Ensemble Gaudior is performing chamber music from the Baroque and Classical eras, using instruments from those periods or copies. Free. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts or call 703-385-7858 for more.

#### SATURDAY/MARCH 25

Women Entrepreneurs. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at JCC of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. 2017 Women's Conference is a day of presentations, networking, empowerment, from five engaging and experienced women entrepreneurs. \$55 includes lunch. Visit jccnv.org/womensconference or call 703-323-0880 for more.

**Senior Center Appraisal Event.** 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Stacy C.

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## Spring Fun

## 'Sophisticated Energy'

## George Mason University students dance in the spotlight.

By David Siegel The Connection

escribing the 2017 George Mason University (GMU) School of Dance Gala and Concert Susan Shields, director, GMU School of Dance said, "Don't miss an opportunity to experience dynamic dance pieces performed by talented students embarking upon their promising dance careers."

Shields called the full-evening dance program "one that is flowing, beautiful, intimate, and expressive." The dances and the student performers "are a collection of sophisticated energy.'

She noted as well that the Gala also supports scholarships for Mason's "exceptional dance students."

The Mason dance students will perform works by renowned cho-

reographers including "Second to Last" by **Hubbard Street** Dance Chicago's Alejandro Cerrudo, "Mass" by Alvin Ailey Dance Theater's Robert Battle, and the premiere of a new work by Mason's Susan Shields.

There will also be a rare performance of South Korea's Soon Ho Park "Balance/Imbalance.' GMU's School

of Dance is the first American university to be given permission to perform Park's dance masterpiece.

Mason students David Kurland Joseph (Herndon), Day (Herndon), and Meredith Tate (Knoxville, Tenn.) each spoke of their long desires to be dancers.

They chose Mason because of its reputation and diversity of its dance faculty and student body.

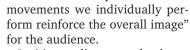
"I would like for the audience to feel as though they have been immersed in the north, south, east, and west of dane, hitting different techniques and emotional states along the way," said Tate. "This performance is a diverse one, no two dances resembling one another."

Tate will perform in "Balance and Imbalance" and Shield's new work. "These pieces wildly contrast one another in style and movement qualities," she said. Tate spoke with awe at being guided by choreographer Soon Ho during rehearsals.

"Dance is a shared art form that crosses and touches every human across the planet," said Kurland. "I hope everyone may be inspired to move a little bit more, share

more with others, and look to brighter futures." Kurland will perform in "Mass."

Kurland noted that he was guided during rehearsals by Alvin Ailey Dance Company's Elisa Clark. "She highlighted the unity of the mass rather than the soloist moments. She emphasized that the star of the piece is the piece.



Inviting audiences to the dance concert to this exceptional, nearby opportunity the audience can become "immersed, entertained and inspired," said Day.

### Where & When

George Mason University School of Dance, "2017 Dance Gala and Concert," at Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. March 31 and www.cfa.gmu.edu. Note: Starting at 6 p.m. prior to the March 31, 2017 performance, George Mason University School of Dance hosts the Dance Gala honoring Robert Battle, artistic director of Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. The Dance Gala features pre-performance cocktail hour, meet and greet with professional choreographers and students, dinner and remarks from Battle. Proceeds from ticket sales and sponsorships support School of Dance scholarships. Contact Alice Magelssen-Green at amagelss@gmu.edu or call

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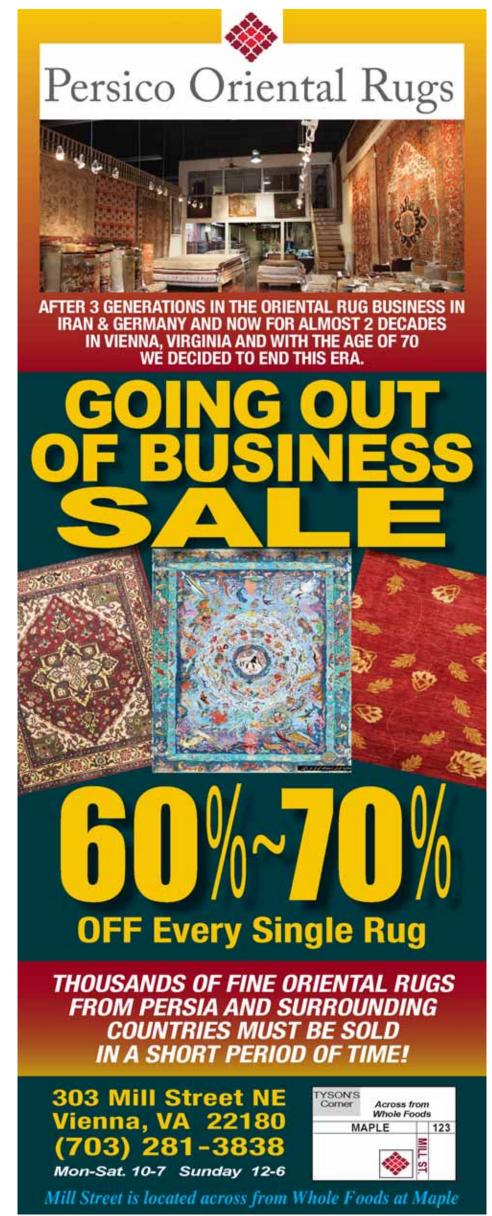
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Art and Lunch. noon-3 p.m. at Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. The Fairfax Art League will be hosting an Art & Lunch event at the Village Gallery. Bring lunch and enjoy the company of other artists. Free and open to the public. New members welcome. Visit www.fairfaxartleague.net.

"Harriet Tubman: Move or Die." 2 p.m. at Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Actress Gwendolyn Briley-Strand will perform a presentation as Ms. Tubman followed, by a question and answer session. Ms. Briley-Strand will bring an exhibit, "The Portals through Time," about Miss Tubman's life on Maryland's Eastern shore and later in Auburn, N.Y. Call 703-591-6728.

Rock Creek Singers. 7-8:30 p.m. at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Choir of the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington. \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door. Call 703-503-4579 or visit www.accotinkuuc.org.

#### SUNDAY/MARCH 26

Dressage Riders. 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Laurel Hill Equestrian Center, 8400 Lorton Road. Free. Dressage riders from Little Burgundy Farm, Alexandria, will launch the 2017 show season. Email inquire.ces@gmail.com or call 703-395-3299.

Hands On Activity Day. 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Railroading and/or historical crafts and activities will be offered for all ages although most are suited for ages 8 and above. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfax-station.org or call 703-425-0225

Burke Historical Society. 3:30 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, at 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Mary Lipsey will present a talk on "Anna Maria Fitzhugh" highlighting the life of Anna Maria Fitzhugh of Ravensworth, one of Fairfax and Stafford Counties' most prominent landowners from her widowing in 1830 to her death in 1874. Visit burkehistoricalsociety.org.

"Barber, Bernstein, and Broadway." 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Joining the band to sing a variety of Broadway showstoppers will be the Mason Cabaret of the George Manson University School of Theater. Visit fairfaxband.org or a call 571-336-CFBA (2322) for more.

#### MONDAY/MARCH 27

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#### MARCH 31-APRIL 1

Spring Children's Consignment Sale. Friday at 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Road. Some items are half price on Saturday. Email CUMC.CCS@gmail.com for more.

Artist Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. The "I Still Dream Of You" paintings encompass the time from 2002 onward and are the artist's attempt to come to grips with the tragedy of losing a child in infancy. The exhibition will run from April 1-29. Visit www.fairfaxartleague.net or call 703-409-5061.

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 1

Yard Sale. 8 a.m. at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Proceeds benefit the 2017 City of Fairfax Independence Day Celebration. Donated items may be dropped off at Green Acres on Friday, March 31st between 5-8 p.m. Call 703-385-7858 for more.

2017 Laps for Learning. 8:30 a.m. at Rolling Valley Elementary School, 6703 Barnack Drive, West Springfield. Raise funds, get healthy and support the school PTA. All Rolling Valley students and their siblings are invited to participate. Walk is followed by a health fair, 9:30-11 a.m. Visit www.fcps.edu/RollingValleyES/ for more.

Watershed Clean-Up. 9-11:30 a.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Help remove debris from local streams. Call 703-451-9588 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks.

Kite Festival. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. A day of kite flying and children's activities, crafts, and guided tours. Kites will be available for purchase in the museum shop. \$10 adults; \$8 children 6-18, complimentary admission for Friends of Gunston Hall. Call 703-550-9220 or email historic@gunstonhall.org.

#### MONDAY/APRIL 3

Funday Monday. 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment including music, movement, story telling, performances, crafts, and more. Children of all ages. Free and open to the public, donations are gratefully appreciated. Call 703-385-7858 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts for more.

#### **TUESDAY/APRIL 4**

**Burke Historical Society Research Seminar.** 

7 p.m. at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road. Featuring Bob Patrick, former director of the Veterans History Project (VHP) of the Library of Congress. Free. Email slawski brian@yahoo.com for more.

#### **APRIL 4 - MAY 30**

**Storytime in the Park**. Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Square. Fairfax. Visit fairfaxva.gov/parksrec or call 703-385-7858.

#### APRIL 5-MAY 10

Adventures in Learning. Each Wednesday, 9:15 a.m.-1 p.m. at United Baptist Church, 7100 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Each Wednesday starts with gentle seated yoga at 9:15. Lectures from healthcare experts from 10:45-11:45. Discussion group 12-1 p.m. \$35 for all six weeks or \$10 each. Call SCAS 703-941-1419 or visit at shepherdscenterannandale.org for more.

#### THURSDAY/APRIL 6

EGG-STREME Night Egg Hunt. 7 p.m. at the Civil War Interpretive Center, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Bring a flashlight and a bag/basket to collect eggs. Visit with the Easter Bunny beginning at 7 p.m. Visit fairfaxva.gov/parksrec or call 703-385-7858.

#### FRIDAY/APRIL 7

**Bingo**. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638.

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 8

Easter Egg Hunt. 9 a.m.-noon at Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Email markarenin@verizon.net for more.

Write in Cursive. 10:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. at City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. "Hands-on" workshop that helps children ages 8 to 12 learn to write in cursive. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library or call 703-293-6227, ext. 6.

#### APRIL 8-9

**7 Fingers of the Hand**. Saturday, April 8 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and on Sunday, April 9 at 4 p.m. in the George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Production of Cuisine & Confessions. Visit cfa.gmu.edu/ for more.

#### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 12

Springfield Christian Women's Connection Luncheon. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Annual charitable fundraiser with a cake auction. Reservations call 703-922-6438 or e-mail SpringWmConn@yahoo.com.

## Halftime **Performers**

**Cheerleaders from** Springfield's SYC Cheer All Stars perform during halftime of the Harlem **Globetrotters game March** 19 at EagleBank Arena on the campus of George Mason University.

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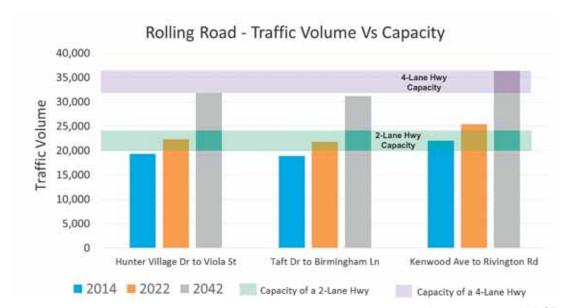


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VDOT expects increasing capacity of Rolling Road will meet the growing travel needs of the road over the next few decades.

## Rolling Road Widening Work Pushed Back

A two-phase, \$36 million widening project on Rolling Road was set to get underway this spring. However, according to project manager Hamid Misaghian with Virginia Department of Transportation, additional right of way is required for proposed intersection improvements. That means the first phase is estimated to be postponed until early

The goal of the project is to relieve congestion on Rolling Road between Viola Street and Old Keene Mill Road, as well as improve safety on that stretch, by widening from two to four lanes.

Pedestrian and bicycle facilities are planned to be part of the project as well.

The preliminary phase includes "interim improvements" of adding dual left-turn lanes from Rolling to Old Keene Mill, as well as an upgraded signal and improved alignment of the intersection.

Phase 2, the main thrust of the project, is expected to begin in spring of 2021. That includes the major road widening, more signal upgrades, bike and walking facilities, and improving access management.

Feedback on the project can be sent at any time at meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please include "Rolling Road Widening" in the subject line.

— Tim Peterson

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## **Public Hearing**

Springfield Community Business Center Commuter Parking Garage Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services

Thursday, April 20, 2017 7:00 p.m.

#### Key Middle School Cafeteria, 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield, VA\*

The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services will conduct an open forum public hearing on the design of the Springfield Community Business Center (CBC) Commuter Parking Garage project. The proposed project would include 6 parking levels with about 1,100 parking spaces, a bus transit center with 7 bus bays, 12 commuter spaces, and a short term parking area for drop off and pick up. A pedestrian bridge connecting Springfield Plaza to the parking garage is also proposed. Other features include bicycle storage, passenger waiting areas, a community area on the ground floor and on the roof top. Project schedule information will be discussed at the public hearing.

Preview the project information, environmental documents, and preliminary plans prior to the public hearing at the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 449, Fairfax, VA 22035, (tel. 703-324-5800). Please call ahead for staff availability.

Give your written comments at the hearing or submit them by May 4, 2017 to Mr. Deepak Bhinge, Project

New Location

Manager, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, at the same address. You may also email your comments to Deepak.Bhinge@fairfaxcounty. gov. Please reference "Springfield CBC Parking Garage Comments" in the subject heading.

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**ACCESSIBILITY TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: This** hearing is being held at a public facility believed to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Any persons with questions on the facility should contact Mr. Deepak Bhinge, Project Manager, Fairfax County Department of Public Works, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 449, Fairfax VA, (tel. 703-324-8770). Persons needing interpreter services for the hearing impaired or those with limited English proficiency must notify Mr. Deepak Bhinge no later than Thursday, April 13, 2017 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

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## Public Meeting on New Parking Garage

airfax County residents are invited to attend a public meeting in the Key Middle School cafeteria at 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield, on Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m. to hear information about the new Springfield Community Business Center commuter parking garage, which will be built at 7039 Old Keene Mill Road.

The proposed Springfield Community Business Center (CBC) commuter parking garage project includes a six-story, approximately 1,100-space parking garage and transit center on an approximately 2.71acre site that is owned by Fairfax County and currently used as a paved commuter and ride share parking lot. The proposed transit center will include seven bus bays and 12 "slug line" spaces (i.e., informal

A pedestrian bridge connecting Spring-

field Plaza to the parking garage is also proposed. Other features include bicycle storage, passenger waiting areas, a community area on the ground floor and on the roof-

Construction on this \$63.8 million project is scheduled to begin in fall 2019.

Following the April 20 meeting, a 10-day public comment period will be open until May 4. Comments may be sent via the project website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ fcdot/springfieldgarage.htm, or emailed to Project Manager Deepak Bhinge, P.E., PMP. Written comments may be mailed to or dropped off prior to May 4 at Fairfax County Department of Public Works at Environmental Services, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 449, Fairfax, VA 22035. Reference "Springfield Parking Garage Comments" in the subject heading.

#### BULLETIN BOARD

Send notes to the Connection at connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/ or call 703-778-9416. The deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to publication. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

#### MONDAY/MARCH 20

Budget Town Hall. 7 p.m. at the West Springfield Government Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield. Supervisor Pat Herrity will be hosting, with Fairfax County Executive Ed Long. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ springfield for more

#### FRIDAY/MARCH 24

Kindergarten Orientation. 2 p.m. at Rolling Valley Elementary School, 6703 Barnack Drive, Springfield. Call 703-923-2700 or email the registrar, Mary Beth Vaughn, at mevaughn@fcps.edu.

#### SUNDAY/MARCH 26

A United Response to Hate Speech and **Crime**. 3-5:30 p.m. in the Ernst Room at Northern Virginia Community College Annandale, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Brief presentations by experts who specialize in preventing hate rhetoric and hate crimes. followed by a discussion between the audience and a panel comprised of diverse religious leaders. Email ncsinterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov orcall 703-324-3453.

#### **TUESDAY/MARCH 28**

Immigration, Protest Rights. 7-10 p.m. at Johnson Center Cinema, George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Know your rights if ICE approaches and when participating in a peaceful protest, and how to record law enforcement and submit videos automatically with ACLU's Mobile Justice app. Free. Contact Bethany Letiecq at bletiecq@gmu.edu or 703-993-5076 for

#### **TUESDAY/MARCH 29**

Domestic Violence Workshop. 11:30 a.m. at Kings Lutheran Church, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax. This workshop is presented by Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood & Community Services and The FCIA Interfaith Domestic Violence Prevention Committee. Registration deadline is Monday, March 27, 2017. Visit tinyurl.com/fairfaxcountycic, email ncsinterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-3453.

#### THURSDAY/MARCH 30

Nomination Deadline. These awards recognize dedicated community service done by our youth and encourage them to continue to be active in their communities, sponsored by Eagle Bank. Cash prizes will be awarded in the tiered amounts of \$100 for elementary school students, \$200 for middle school students, and \$300 for high school students. Email NSCAServiceAwards@gmail.com for more.

#### FRIDAY/MARCH 31

Scholarship Application Deadline. The Springfield/South County (SYC) Board of Directors are sponsoring the George Angulo Scholarship Award. The \$1,000 college scholarship will be awarded annually to an area high school senior with a history of volunteer service. Visit www.sycva.com for

#### SATURDAY/APRIL 1.

#### Civil War Scholarship Deadline.

Scholarship to be given for research of local Civil War history. The Bull Run Civil War Roundtable in Centreville offers a \$1500 scholarship to a public or private high school senior who resides in Fairfax, Fairfax City, Prince William County, Manassas City, or Manassas Park and will attend college in the fall of 2017. Information and application instructions can be found at bullruncwrt.org.

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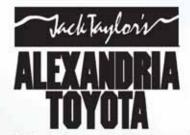
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