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Declan Bertee shows off his string of Rainbow Trout caught at his favorite fishing hole during the 14th Annual Kids' Fishing Derby hosted by Herndon Parks and Recreation.

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## News

### Assistance League Fundraiser Set for April 28

The annual Spring Fundraiser, Assistance League of Northern Virginia's fundraiser with money benefiting the nonprofit's 2017-18 programs which feed, clothe and educate children in need in the community, is set for April 28. The event will take place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at International Country Club, 13200 Lee Jackson Highway, Fairfax. This year's luncheon and silent auction is sponsored by Quadrant Inc. (Platinum - \$4,000), ShounBach (Silver - \$500) and Griffin-Owens (Bronze - \$250) and will feature a presentation by Kimberly Suiters, 7 On Your Side Consumer Investigator and Evening News Anchor, ABC7.



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The event will feature a presentation by Kimberly Suiters, 7 On Your Side Consumer Investigator and Weekend Evening Anchor, ABC7.

Come and bid on gifts donated by more than 80 local businesses.

Cost per ticket \$65, \$30 of which is tax deductible. To purchase tickets, contact ALNorthernVA@gmail.com. www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org

### FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community, including special holiday services. Send to [reston@connectionnews.com](mailto:reston@connectionnews.com). Deadline is Thursday.

**Washington Plaza Baptist Church** will hold Adult Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. Sundays at Lake Anne Village Center. The group is studying the Gospel of Mark. Services follow at 11 a.m.

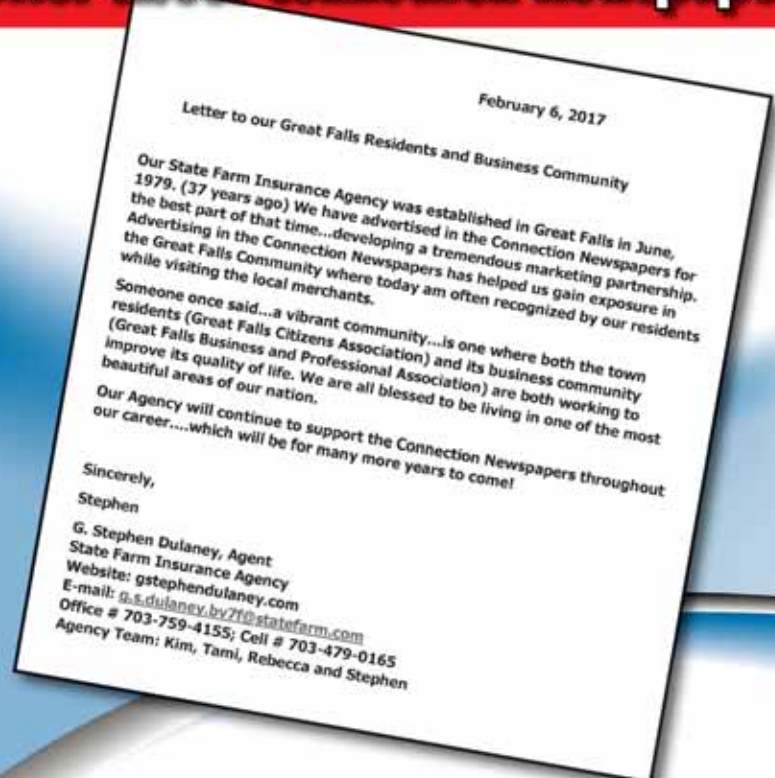
**HAVEN of Northern Virginia** offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. Contact 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org) for schedules and registration information.

**The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington and the Jewish Outreach Institute** offer the Mothers/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. [ShalomDC.org](http://ShalomDC.org).

**Epiphany United Methodist Preschool**, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3- to 4-year-old stu

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Mayor Lisa Merkel reads "Cookie's Week" to students at an All Ages Read Together class, a free preschool readiness program for children in need offered by the local nonprofit organization.

# Herndon Children Attend Free Preschool Readiness Program

Mayor Lisa C. Merkel visits class as special guest reader.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

Lisa C. Merkel, Mayor of the Town of Herndon, visited the students at All Ages Read Together (AART), a free preschool readiness program held twice weekly at the Herndon Senior Center. On Mon., March 20, Merkel was AART's special guest reader.

Sitting down on the floor with the students, Merkel showed them a book she brought from home, "Cookie's Week," by Cindy Ward, illustrated by Tomie dePaola. The story was about Cookie the cat and his six days of kitty cat mischief, every day a mishap. The book is written with just one line of text per page and having large bright watercolor illustrations.

"On Monday," Merkel read, "Cookie fell in the toilet. There was water everywhere." She stretched out her arms. "On Tuesday, Cookie knocked a plant off the windowsill," Merkel read. She stretched out her arms again. "There was dirt everywhere." The children stretched out their arms and repeated, "There was dirt everywhere." And so the story continued, day-by-day with the children joining in, laughing and wiggling closer and closer to Merkel for a better look at Cookie.

Afterward, Merkel, the teachers and volunteers from the Herndon Senior Center worked one on one with the students. The children completed an art activity meant to reinforce basic preschool readiness skills: motor and eye-hand coordination, color, shape and number recognition and exposure to different types of art media, crayons and watercolors. They engaged the preschoolers in conversation, led them to recall story events sequentially and urged creative expression.

According to Julie Brunson, AART Program Director, their organization's free preschool readiness programs are located not only in Herndon but elsewhere in Northern Virginia. They fill a void for many young children in need who might otherwise fall through



**With a little help from Mayor Lisa Merkel, a young boy in the All Ages Read Together Preschool Readiness Class begins to draw Cookie, the cat. Later he will name the body parts, colors and shapes he used in his picture and recall basic facts about the story, skills vital to kindergarten readiness.**

the cracks and not be able to have a preschool experience. In a written statement, Brunson reported, "20 percent of Fairfax County kindergartners arrive at school with no preschool experience."

Michelle Sullivan is the Executive Director of All Ages Read Together. In a statement Sullivan reported AART is a last resort for children not attending Head Start or other publicly funded preschool programs, children who would otherwise begin kindergarten without books, essential social skills, and exposure to a classroom setting.

All Ages Read Together offers four preschool programs in Herndon, six in Loudoun and two in Alexandria. For more information visit [www.allagesreadtogether.com](http://www.allagesreadtogether.com) or contact at [julieb@allagesreadtogether.org](mailto:julieb@allagesreadtogether.org).



PHOTOS BY LIZZY LEES

Mayor of Herndon, Lisa Merkel, and Evan Hoffmann, Artistic Director NextStop Theatre, unveil NextStop's July 2017-June 2018 Season of Shows focusing on building the bonds of community to members of the public.

## NextStop Theatre Management Office Relocates to Downtown Herndon

Herndon's professional black box theatre, NextStop Theatre Company, celebrated the move of their management office to Downtown Herndon and announced their next season of shows at their Office-Warming Celebration held Sunday, March 19.

According to Mathew C. Thompson, Managing Director NextStop Theatre Company, the actual theatre has not moved, just the management office. The office is now located at 717 Lynn St., in the Historic Herndon Depot. "Just a stone's throw from the location of the new proposed arts center," as stated on NST's invitation to the event.

Thompson reported theatre performances would continue to be held at 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon.

During the afternoon celebration, board members, staff and volunteers were on hand to

welcome visitors and toast the company's new space in the downtown.

Evan Hoffman, NextStop Theatre Company Artistic Director, spoke with visitors about the upcoming season. He said that NextStop would focus on exploring big issues and ideas together with the community. According to the company's brochure, "Shows, in pairs, will explore opposing and seemingly incompatible sides of big issues and ideas... We're eager to use the power of theatre to break down walls and build the bonds of community."

NextStop Theatre is a trademark of The Elden Street Players, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit corporation that operates a professional black box theatre in Herndon.

To learn more visit [www.nextstoptheatre.org](http://www.nextstoptheatre.org) or call 703-481-5930.

— MERCIA HOBSON



**NextStop patrons react to the July 2017-June 2018 lineup of six shows designed to elicit conversation from the community about opposing and seemingly incompatible sides of big issues.**



# Expand Medicaid Now

**Virginia has missed out on \$10 billion, 30,000 jobs and care for 400,000 citizens.**

**EDITORIAL** Virginia's General Assembly has refused to accept one of the key provisions of the Affordable Care Act, expansion of Medicaid at almost no cost to Virginia that could have covered 400,000 uninsured Virginians and would have brought more than \$10 billion into the state. It has also cost lives.

Ironically, the failed bill to "repeal and replace" the Affordable Care Act included changes to Medicaid that would have penalized states, like Virginia, that did not expand Medicaid, permanently reducing federal funding.

On Monday, Gov. Terry McAuliffe proposed a budget amendment restoring his authority

to pursue planning for Medicaid expansion in the wake of the failed repeal effort in Congress.

Kansas and North Carolina are taking steps this week to expand Medicaid, hoping to join the 31 other states plus the District of Columbia that have already done so.

More than 140,000 residents of Fairfax County have no health insurance. More than 40,000 residents of Arlington and Alexandria have no health insurance. That's more than 12 percent of the people who live in one of the wealthiest areas in the nation.

A Harvard Medical School study determined that the decision by 25 states to reject the expansion of Medicaid coverage under the Affordable Care Act would result in between 7,115 and 17,104 more deaths than had all states opted in. In Virginia, the number of deaths due to failure to expand Medicaid: between 266 and 987.

From a practical perspective, declining federal money to provide healthcare to uninsured Virginians makes no more sense than declining federal funds for transportation or education.

In Virginia, 102,000 uninsured people with

a mental illness or substance use disorder could qualify for coverage if Medicaid were expanded under the Affordable Care Act.

As Virginia and the rest of the nation wrestles with heroin and opioid addiction, expanding Medicaid would allow for expanding treatment programs. One of the big obstacles to helping people who are fighting addiction is the availability of treatment when it is most needed.

"The time has come for us to bring our taxpayer dollars back to serve the individuals who need them the most," said McAuliffe. "With this amendment, I'm asking the General Assembly to work with me to pursue Medicaid expansion and put this funding to work for our most vulnerable Virginians."

Primaries for candidates for the House of Delegates plus governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general are in June, with all seats on the ballot in November. An important question as voters choose: What is their position on Medicaid expansion? How did incumbents vote?

— MARY KIMM

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A New Kind of Leader

To the Editor:

My name is Joseph Plummer. I am a 29-year-old nonprofit leader in Herndon. I am writing to you to encourage Virginia voters to turn their attention to the Lt. Governor's race as it has the potential to define the future of Virginia. One candidate in particular, Justin Fairfax, has a thorough understanding of what is at stake over the next eight years and beyond.

While other candidates seem to be playing the same old political games, Justin Fairfax has reacted to the 2016 election by becoming a tour de force for social justice and social innovation. Virginia has the potential to be a game-changer in a lot of national issues like immigration, human rights, climate change, and education. Virginia needs someone who has the capacity to be creative and compassionate. Justin Fairfax is a new kind of leader with a unique combination of meaningful political experience and an undeterred spirit of innovation. I will be voting for Justin Fairfax for Lt. Governor on June 13, because I believe he will be a disruptive force for good in Virginia over the next eight years and beyond. I encourage all Virginia voters to consider the future of Virginia when voting on June 13. Think about the how Virginia will address climate change, fund our

public schools, treat our neighbors, and continue to promote economic prosperity.

**Joseph Plummer**  
Herndon

## The Bees Are Hungry

To the Editor:

In addition to pesticides and herbicides that kill bees, this year's late hard freeze has turned brown many of the nectar laden blossoms of our flowering trees.

These flowers provide early food for our pollinators, think bees. Trees that are not adapted to this type of "Virginia Freeze Surprise," mainly non-native trees such as star magnolia and Japanese cherry had their blossoms turn brown in our area. Bradford Pear trees, also suffered the brown blossom treatment.

I was cheering these lessons for the people that plant the non-native and Bradford Pear trees until I remembered that if they are not sterile, these flowers have nectar accessible to our bee population and now they are useless. So, we have choices, continue to plant trees and plants that are not adapted to our environment and will not feed our pollinators, think bees, or plant the trees and plants that will feed our pollinators and can handle our climate.

**Kathryn Fowler**  
Herndon

## Ill-conceived Plan

To the Editor:

Fourteen million. That's how many of your neighbors, friends, family members — and perhaps even you — will lose health insurance next year under the GOP's planned overhaul of the ACA. Within a decade those losses balloon to 24 million people, all relative to the coverage levels anticipated under the ACA. Premiums will soar for older people but the GOP's age-based tax credits are not calibrated to absorb these rate increases, leaving many 50-to-64 year olds unable to afford insurance. Lower-income people will also be priced out because the GOP tax credits are not adjusted for income. As a further assault, this vulnerable population also loses the subsidies that help to offset their out-of-pocket health costs.

Yes, the GOP plan is expected to reduce the deficit by \$337 billion over 10 years, but this is only because they slash Medicaid spending by an eye-popping \$880 billion and allocate \$312 billion less for premium tax credits. These draconian cuts finance \$575 billion in tax cuts, two of which will provide windfall benefits to the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans and drain the Medicare Part A trust fund three years sooner. So much for President Trump's promise of universal coverage, lower costs, and Medicaid and Medicare pro-

tections. Perhaps this was a pledge made before he fully appreciated the complexities of health reform.

GOP leadership would have you believe that their plan is about giving people choices, but there will be no choice for millions of vulnerable Americans under their approach. If they persist with their ill-conceived plan, it is the choices that angry constituents make in the voting booth that will haunt them for years. Why not, instead, work across the aisle to improve the individual market and build on the coverage gains of the ACA?

**Julie Schoenman**  
Reston

## Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. 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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Seven women from around Fairfax County were recognized March 22 as “Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business” by the Fairfax County Commission for Women. From left are Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Siobhan Green, Ashley W. Chen, Connie Constance Cordovilla, Staci L. Redmon, Lovey Hammel, Patricia “Pat” Saah Bayliss, Board Chairman Sharon Bulova and Sondra Seba Hemenway.

## Women Excelling in Business and Labor

Commission for Women honors trailblazers.

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE CONNECTION

Constance “Connie” Cordovilla remembers signing up for college courses in the mid-’60s and being interested in taking electrical engineering. “Nice girls go into English,” her counselor told her. “What makes you think I’m a nice girl?” she said she responded.

Cordovilla is associate director, Human Rights and Community Relations, American Federation of Teachers (AFT), AFL-CIO. She was recognized as one of seven “Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business” for 2017 by the Fairfax County Commission for Women.

The recognition ceremony was rescheduled due to snow and held Wednesday, March 22 at the county government center.

Sondra Seba Hemenway, women’s commission vice chair and at-large commissioner, said the evening was about recognizing how women had made significant contributions in labor and business, and had an impact on history and the lives of others.

“Women have always worked, and not always been paid the same, or at all,” Seba Hemenway said. “This year we’ve identified seven truly remarkable women” to recognize.

This year was the first for which the commission accepted nominations for honorees.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova said her path for being elected and serving as both a supervisor and chairman — as a woman — was made easier by “strong women who came

before me.” Previous chairs Jean Packard, Audrey Moore and Kate Hanley helped residents to be more comfortable with women representing them in local government.

“But there’s still work to do,” Bulova said.

Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) added they need to “work to make certain, continue to see that everyone has the opportunity to excel.”

“This year, women’s rights and issues are front and center,” said honoree Patricia “Pat” Saah Bayliss, former executive director, office manager and secretary, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). “These are some things we need to be more aware of.”

Bulova and Hudgins helped present a Board of Supervisors proclamation naming March 2017 Virginia Women’s History Month.

In addition to Cordovilla and Saah Bayliss, the other award honorees include:

- ❖ Dolores Trevino-Gerber, First Vice President, NOVA Labor Federation; Secretary, Tenants-Workers United

- ❖ Staci L. Redmon, president, CEO and owner, Strategy and Management Services, Inc.

- ❖ Ashley W. Chen, president and CEO, ActioNet

- ❖ Siobhan Green, co-owner, CEO, Lead Technology and Open Data Strategist, Sonjara, Inc.

- ❖ Lovey Hammel, president, Employment Enterprises, Inc.

More information about the Commission For Women’s 2017 honorees is available online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cfw](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cfw).



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## FAMILY CONNECTION

# Backyard Adventure

Ideas for a spring break family staycation.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
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For Katie Wendel, a spring break vacation this year won't mean loading up the car and driving several hundred miles or waiting in long lines at the airport. While the Bethesda mother of five is planning to enjoy some relaxing downtime with her family, she won't venture far from home.

"We're going to be tourists this year and visit the monuments and museums in Washington. We're also going to try to find every avenue in the city that's named after a state," said Wendel. "If you think about it, there's so much to do in this area that we all take for granted. You really don't have to leave the area to feel like you're in another city."

From museum exhibits to adventure centers, a goldmine of family getaways abounds locally. There are even activities for family bonding available without leaving home.

"Ask the kids what they would



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**Local national parks like Theodore Roosevelt Island are ideal for family staycations, says Lois Stover, Ph.D. of Marymount University.**

like to do. Involve them and give [them] a choice. Whatever it is they suggest, come up with a plan to document their adventure so they can share it with grandparents or siblings away at college, said Lois Stover, Ph.D., dean, School of Education and Human Services at Marymount University. "Let them help plan the Metro

route or just look at the Metro map and randomly pick a station and explore that area."

"A lot of adults assume that kids want a big trip, but a lot of times a kid will say, 'I want to blow bubbles in the back yard.' It's important for children to have a say in how the family uses its free time," said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D.,

professor of psychology at Northern Virginia Community College.

Among the recommendations that Stover offers are activities at one's neighborhood library and trips to indoor public swimming pools. For animal-loving families the National Zoo offers beasts ranging from elephants and eagles to tigers and frogs.

"Get outside and take the family to one of the lesser known national parks, like Prince William, or walk the C&O Canal," said Stover. There's also Gravelly Point Park near Reagan Washington National Airport in Arlington, which is ideal for family picnics, games of kickball or simply watching airplanes take off and land.

"If it's warm, do a beach day in the backyard [or] set up an indoor mini-golf course with Nerf balls [or use] Wiffle balls and bats," said Stover. "Have a dance party, a science day. Have a 'Today is Blue, or whatever color works, Day,' so everyone wears blue, all foods are blue, you ride the blue line Metro just to see where it goes, [for example]."

The U.S. Botanic Garden Conservatory on the National Mall is where Stephanie Kleinman is planning to take her twin daughters during spring break.

"The girls call it a museum for plants, and it's neat to go from the desert to the jungle all within one building," said Kleinman who lives in McLean. "We'll probably check out some of the other museums while we're downtown."

There are times when a staycation can be more relaxing than travel, says Lorente. "If you look at the list of the top 100 stressors in life, taking a vacation is on the list," she said. "A staycation, when done with purpose, can really be good."

Advanced planning is a key to making that time spent together meaningful, advises Lorente. "A lot of times people say they're taking a staycation and they end up doing chores around the house. And everybody is on their electronics," she said. "But it's really about family bonding and everyone coming together and creating shared experiences as a family."

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# Herndon Resident Announces 2018 Congressional Campaign

**H**erndon resident Stevan Porter, 48, will campaign for the 2018 Libertarian nomination for the U.S. House of Representatives in Virginia's 11<sup>th</sup> District. The 11<sup>th</sup> District represents a large portion of Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and part of eastern Prince William County.

"The current two-party system has polarized our country to the point that meaningful progress is virtually impossible," Porter said. "I have named my campaign Porter4Us because I will work respectfully with everyone for the good of all of us rather than simply doing what is expedient to keep my party in power."

As a Libertarian, Porter believes in smaller, more localized govern-



Porter

and views the roughly \$20 trillion national debt as one of the great-

est threats facing the country today. "Although their spending priorities vary, both Republicans and Democrats continue to embrace big government and deficit enabled spending," Porter noted. "We will not be able to reverse our financial course overnight, but we must begin by taking a careful look at where we can responsibly reduce the scope and associated

costs of federal programs. The current approaches of raising the debt limit or blindly slashing budgets through sequestration are not viable solutions."

A native of the Seattle area, Porter has lived in Northern Virginia for more than 20 years. He works in the information technology field and has been active in several community service roles including 15 years as a paramedic and leader

in a local volunteer rescue squad. His wife Johnise is a native Virginian and works for a local architectural and engineering firm.

The first formal campaign events will be a series of free Meet the Candidate sessions in Herndon, Burke, and Lorton beginning on April 27. For more information and to reserve a spot, individuals should visit [www.porter4us.com](http://www.porter4us.com).

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF THE APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF AN EXPERIMENTAL MULTIFAMILY LINE EXTENSION PROGRAM PURSUANT TO § 56-234 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA AND FOR WAIVER OF PROVISIONS OF RULE 20 VAC 5-303-20 CASE NO. PUR-2017-00027

On February 23, 2017, Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CVA" or "Company"), filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application ("Application") for approval of a five-year experimental Multifamily Line Extension Program ("Pilot"), pursuant to § 56-234 of the Code of Virginia.

Under the proposed Pilot, following a determination that an extension of service to a multifamily project would produce a positive net present value ("NPV") calculated under the Company's current line extension policy, an eligible builder or developer would be offered a line extension agreement pursuant to the proposed Multifamily Tariff. Under the proposed Multifamily Tariff, the contribution provided by the Company may not exceed the lesser of: (i) the actual per unit cost for installation of gas piping and venting in the multifamily project; (ii) 80% of the per unit positive NPV (on a per unit basis) of the development, as calculated using CVA's economic analysis; or (iii) \$1,250 per unit. According to the Company, the Pilot will be available to all new multifamily projects and to existing multifamily developments that are not served with natural gas but are requesting natural gas service to be provided to at least two individually metered dwelling units served through a single service line. The Company proposes a \$5 million cap on cumulative contributions committed to during the five-year term of the Pilot.

According to the Company, the Pilot is designed to: (1) reduce the relatively high up-front costs of installing internal piping and venting within multifamily projects where an extension of service by CVA is economically justified; (2) afford the ultimate occupants of those multifamily buildings the opportunity to receive the economic benefits of low cost, clean and reliable natural gas service; and (3) increase CVA's natural gas multifamily customer base throughout its service area in an economic and rational manner, which will expand the customer base over which its fixed cost of service will be recovered. For those reasons, the Company asserts that approval of the Pilot is in the public interest.

The Company states that the Pilot is necessary in order for CVA to acquire information that is or may be in furtherance of the public interest. Specifically, the Company intends to track data relating to the contributions provided, number of projects completed, number of meters added, estimated load added and estimated benefits passed on to existing customers. Additionally, the Company plans to evaluate whether the 80% of positive NPV cap on contributions as well as the \$1,250 per unit cap on contributions are effective and whether either or both of the limitations on contributions should be adjusted in the event that the Pilot is extended or made permanent. In addition, the Company intends to assess whether the 480-month amortization period is reasonable or should be adjusted.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and supporting documents for the details of these and other proposals.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on July 25, 2017, at 10 a.m., in the Commission's second floor courtroom located in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive testimony from members of the public and evidence related to the Application from the Company, any respondents, and the Commission's Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness at this hearing should appear fifteen (15) minutes prior to the starting time of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Commission's Bailiff.

A copy of the Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company, James S. Copenhaver, Esquire, NiSource Corporate Services Company, 1809 Coyote Drive, Chester, Virginia 23836. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the documents by electronic means.

Copies of the public version of all documents filed in this case also are available for interested persons to review in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

Any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing, on or before May 2, 2017, a notice of participation. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. A copy of the notice of participation as a respondent also must be sent to counsel for the Company at the address set forth above. Pursuant to Rule 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2017-00027. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing.

On or before July 18, 2017, any interested person wishing to comment on the Application shall file written comments on the Application with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any interested person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before July 18, 2017, by following the instructions on the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. Compact disks or any other form of electronic storage medium may not be filed with the comments. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2017-00027.

The Commission's Rules of Practice may be viewed at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>. A printed copy of the Commission's Rules of Practice and an official copy of the Commission's Order for Notice and Hearing in this proceeding may be obtained from the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above.

**COLUMBIA GAS OF VIRGINIA, INC.**

## FAITH NOTES

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dents. [epiphanypreschool.com](http://epiphanypreschool.com).

**Hope Fellowship Church** will temporarily be meeting at Hyatt Place, 21481 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling. Sunday worship services are Sundays at 9:30 and 10:45 a.m., a Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. and a weekly prayer conference call is Thursdays at 9 p.m. The public is invited to join a Bible believing, multi-ethnic/multi-cultural congregation, with Bible-based sermons and uplifting music. [www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org](http://www.hopefellowshipchurchloudoun.org).

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church** needs knitters the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7 p.m., at 432 Van Buren St., Herndon. The church's Prayer Shawl Ministry is offering free knitting instruction while providing shawls, blankets and other knitted items for people in need. No cost and yarn can be provided. Email [shawl@saint-timothys.org](mailto:shawl@saint-timothys.org) or visit the Pastoral Care page at [www.saint-timothys.org](http://www.saint-timothys.org).

**Nondenominational Christian businessmen** meet for prayer, Biblical discussion and fellowship 7 p.m. Fridays at Anita's, 1051 Elden St., Herndon and noon Thursdays at 555 Grove St., Suite 200, Herndon. Call 703-795-1257.

**Trinity Presbyterian Church**, 651 Dranesville Road, Herndon, has Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. during the summer. Nursery and childcare are provided starting at 8 a.m. until the end of the service. [www.trinityherndon.org](http://www.trinityherndon.org).

**Vajrayogini Buddhist Center**, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston, holds weekly classes starting Sept. 12, Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m., for the general public which use Buddhist teachings to practice meditation. \$12 or \$6 for students, seniors and unemployed. [www.meditation-dc.org](http://www.meditation-dc.org).



Send announcements to [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

**Slave Life Exhibit.** Through March 31, various times at the Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. \$7 adults, \$6 students, and \$5 seniors and children age 5-15. Artifacts excavated from around Sully's 18th-century slave cabins. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sully-historic-site/) or call 703-437-1794 for more.

**Mosaic Art with Anita Damron.** Mondays through April 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. All mosaic methods taught in this class. \$200 + a \$50 supplies. Call 703-956-9560 or visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) for more.

**"No Place Like Home."** Great Falls Studios presents a juried art show on exhibit through April 8 at ArtSpaceHerndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com/](http://www.artspaceherndon.com/) for more.

**Ice Skating in the Pavilion** 8 a.m.-11 p.m. open daily through March. Skate Shop, 1818 Discovery Street, Reston Town Center. 11900 Market Street. Receive \$2 off admission with valid college ID. Live DJ & music, games & prizes; skating continues until 11 pm. Share the ice with Scooby-Doo, Cat in the Hat and more. 703-709-6300 [skating@restontowncenter.com](mailto:skating@restontowncenter.com) [restontowncenter.com/skating](http://restontowncenter.com/skating)

**"A Bird in the Hand."** throughout the spring in Reston Town Square Park, Market St., Reston. See and explore Patrick Dougherty's monumental public art sculpture made from tree saplings. Presented by GRACE in collaboration with IPAR. Call 703-471-9242 or visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org).

**All-comers' Group Fun Run at Potomac River Running.** Tuesdays and Thursdays. Reston Town Center, 11900 Market Street, Reston. For beginners or competitive runners, come out for a fun, low-key run that is safe and social. Call 703-689-0999 [potomacriverrunning.com](http://potomacriverrunning.com).

**Over-40 Softball League.** A Fairfax-based league is looking for enough players to form another team. Players must be at least 40 years of age to be eligible. All games are doubleheaders - played on Sundays at Bready Park in Herndon between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. If interested, email [skeduman@aol.com](mailto:skeduman@aol.com) for more information.

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## Teen and Adult Art Classes

**ArtSpace Herndon** Every Monday from 5:30-8:30 p.m. 750 Center Street, Herndon. Drawing and Mixed Media with Melanie Stanley - During Fall and Winter of 2016. Cost: \$45/class. The class will use a variety of techniques for drawing, painting, mark making, and collage using fine arts tools and materials. Students will be taken down a creative path to learn to use drawing tools and brushes more effectively. Register by emailing Melanie, and she will send you the supply list and payment options/information: [ridingfree2@gmail.com](mailto:ridingfree2@gmail.com). 703-956-9560. [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com).

## Emerging Visions: Interactions.

Various times through April 1 at the Greater Reston Arts Center (GRACE), 12001 Market Street, Suite 103, Reston. After viewing Shih Chieh Huang: Synthetic Transformations, students were asked to explore different interpretations and aspects of interactions. The final selections will be on view in the gallery. Visit [restonarts.org](http://restonarts.org) or call 703-471-9242 for more.

## MARCH 31-APRIL 2

### Rings for Spring Bridal Event.

Various times by appointment at Midtown Jewelers, Reston Town Center, 11990 Market St. D, Reston. Selection of engagement rings and wedding bands from designers. Specials available only for this weekend. Call 703-707-9663 or visit [midtownjewelers.com](http://midtownjewelers.com) for more.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 1

**Watershed Cleanup Day.** 8 a.m.-noon at Runnymede Park, 195 Herndon Parkway. Runnymede Park and Sugarland Run watershed cleanup day and shred. Volunteers should dress for the weather, wear boots with sturdy soles, and bring work gloves, and there will be a free secure document shred truck on the premises too. Visit [tinyurl.com/HerndonCleanup](http://tinyurl.com/HerndonCleanup) or call 703-435-6800 x 2014 for more.

**Swim Team Tryouts.** 10 a.m.-noon at Life Time Swim, 1757 Business Center Drive, Reston. Open to members and non-members, ages 5+, Life Time Swim Team is a part of USA Swimming and offers weekly

# Comic Getaway at NextStop

## "Boeing Boeing" lands at Herndon theatre.

By DAVID SIEGEL  
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It's time for a "farce through and through. Our audiences can expect to see a show that is frantic and hilarious," said Evan Hoffmann, director, NextStop Theatre's "Boeing Boeing."

"Everything about the show is huge and ridiculous and fun."

What's "Boeing Boeing" about? It's set in the 1960s. A long-time bachelor named Bernard couldn't be happier. He has an apartment in Paris and has three fiancées. Each of his fiancées is an airline stewardess but flying with a different flight schedule. Then Bernard's life turns upside down. First, his best friend Robert comes to visit. Then Boeing builds jets that are faster; soon all three of Bernard's finances are in town at the same time.

"Our production features a wonderful ensemble," said Hoffmann. They include returning NextStop veterans Matthew Baughman as Bernard and Emily Levey as Gretchen, one of Bernard's fiancées. Joining them are Helen Hayes Award recipient Alan Naylor (Robert) and Jenny Girardi (fiancée Gabriella) and Suzy Johnson (fiancée Gloria).

Baughman called "Boeing Boeing" the "perfect ensemble piece. We all need each other to make this show fly, but we still get our moments to shine in the spotlight." Baughman described his character Bernard this way: "He is smart, charming, attractive, funny



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**Evan Hoffmann, director, NextStop Theatre's production of "Boeing Boeing."**

and confident....He's definitely not a morally complicated character."

Bernard's side-kick and wing-man Robert is portrayed by Naylor. "This play gives the actors a wonderful opportunity to be kooky and physically ridiculous while still telling a quasi-believable story."

As fiancée Gloria, Johnson described her character as "a juxtaposition: a blend of traditional and very modern femininity; girlishly romantic and emotional. She's also over-en-

thusiastic about most everything."

Inviting audiences to "Boeing Boeing" with its particular point of view, Levey said, "Our community, and the world, needs every chance to laugh right now. I'm not sure I understood what a 'romp' was until I read this play."

The Tony Award winning "Boeing Boeing" was written by French playwright Marc Camoletti with

English language adaptation by Beverly Cross. "There isn't a deep message in 'Boeing Boeing,' and we're not trying to create one. We want audiences to leave their troubles at the door for a couple of hours, sit, and laugh. It's a getaway trip," said Baughman.

"There are so many serious and intense things going on in the world right now. For this moment in time take a moment to laugh. 'Boeing Boeing' is great for that!" added Hoffmann.

## Where & When

NextStop Theater presents "Boeing Boeing" at 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. Performances are April 6-30. Thursday, April 6 and April 20 at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturday, April 8 at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 15 at 8 p.m., April 22 and April 29 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday, April 9, 16 and 23, 2017 at 2 p.m., and April 30 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets: \$35. Call Ovationtix at 866-811-4111 or visit [www.nextstoptheatre.org](http://www.nextstoptheatre.org). "Boeing Boeing" contains mature language and innuendo which may not be suitable for all audiences.

practices, specialized training, regular competitions and the chance to win awards. Call 571-512-3500 for more.

**CampVentures.** 10 a.m.-noon at Kiddie Academy of Reston, 12320 Pinecrest Road, Suite 150, Reston. Local families seeking summer camp

programs for children ages 2-12 years old are invited. Visit [kiddieacademy.com/academies/reston/](http://kiddieacademy.com/academies/reston/) for more.

## Medicinal Plants in the Civil War.

4-5 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. The program includes a guided hike around the Frying Pan Meeting House to learn to spot the plants that were used to heal during scarce times and find out how they were put to use. Call 703-437-9101 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/fryingpanpark/).

## SUNDAY/APRIL 2

**Tidewater Guitar Quartet.** 4-6 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Tidewater Guitar Orchestra members John Boyles, Sam Dorsey, Todd Holcomb and Cliff Morris have recently come together with guitars. Call 703-956-6590 for more.

## FRIDAY/APRIL 7

**Senior Tea.** 10:30-noon at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. View the current exhibit and enjoy a cup of tea on the second Friday of the month, all teas are free and open to the public. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) or call 703-956-9560 for more.

**Meditation for Peace and Well-being.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. Longtime meditator

Gerry Gorman will share a simple technique of spiritual meditation that can help achieve a lasting state of peace and happiness. For adults, free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library).

## SATURDAY/APRIL 8

**Founder's Day.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lake Anne Plaza, 1609 Washington Plaza N., Reston. A celebration the 53rd anniversary of Reston's founding. Visit [www.restonmuseum.org/foundersday](http://www.restonmuseum.org/foundersday) or call 703-709-7700 for more.

**Aqua Egg Hunt.** 1:30.m. at Herndon Community Center pool, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. Children will collect as many floating and sinking eggs as possible in the time allowed. \$10. Open swim at 4 p.m. Visit [herndon-va.gov/](http://herndon-va.gov/) for more.

**Fiber Artist Workshop.** 2-4 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Join fiber artist, Cecile Batchelor, in making a quilt with paper. In this two-hour session, children will learn a little bit about tessellations, color theory, and how to construct a quilt. Ages 10-14. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) or call 703-956-9560 for more.

**Classical Ballet Theatre.** 7:30 p.m. at CenterStage at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Complimentary pre-performance cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.cbntva.org](http://www.cbntva.org) or call the box office at Box Office: 703-476-4500.



## CampVentures

**April 1 it's the CampVentures event, 10-noon at Kiddie Academy of Reston, 12320 Pinecrest Road, Suite 150, Reston. Local families seeking summer camp programs for children ages 2-12 years old are invited. Visit [kiddieacademy.com/academies/reston/](http://kiddieacademy.com/academies/reston/).**



# ENTERTAINMENT



## Classical Ballet Theatre

**On April 8, the Classical Ballet Theatre performs 7:30 p.m. at CenterStage at Reston Community Center Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Complimentary pre-performance cocktails at 6:30 p.m. Visit [www.cbtnva.org](http://www.cbtnva.org) or call the box office at Box Office, 703-476- 4500.**

### APRIL 11-13

**Spring Break Art Camp.** 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Art teacher Emily VanDeburgh will focus on drawing, acrylic painting, and mixed media with an emphasis on specific styles and master's work. Call 703-956-6590 or email [jdimbambro@artspaceherndon.com](mailto:jdimbambro@artspaceherndon.com) for more.

### APRIL 11-MAY 6

**The Art of Resilience.** 10-noon at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. An exhibit showcasing the artwork of Azriel and Irene Awret. Reception April 29, from 7-9 p.m. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) or call 703-956-9560 for more.

### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 12

**Trends in TV Viewing.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Allan Hide from the Fairfax County's Department of Consumer and Cable Services will cover the "enabling devices" required to access television channel services. For adults, free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library).

### THURSDAY/APRIL 13

**Color Me Happy.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Turn loose the inner artist in this adult coloring session. Coloring pages, pens and pencils provided. For adults, free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) for more.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 15

**Egg Hunt.** 9:30 a.m. at 777 Lynn St., Herndon, behind the Herndon Municipal Building. Story readings, coloring mural, tattoo shack, petting zoo, photo-op with Easter Bunny, instrument "Petting Zoo" brought to you by Back to Rock. \$9 in advance or \$10 at the event. Visit [herndon-va.gov/](http://herndon-va.gov/) for more.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 20

**Dollars and Sense Discussion.** 7 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Monthly book group discussion focuses on business leaders and markets. April's book is "The Everything Store: Jeff Bezos and the Age of Amazon" by Brad Stone. For adults, free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) for more.

### FRIDAY/APRIL 21

**Learning Ally Celebration.** 9-10 a.m. at Herndon Middle School, 901 Locust St., Herndon. Presentations followed by cake and ice cream. Visit [www.fcps.edu/HerndonMS/](http://www.fcps.edu/HerndonMS/) for more.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 21-23

**Guys and Dolls.** Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2 p.m. at Herndon High School Auditorium, 700 Bennett St., Herndon. (Enter the school through Door #6.) Cast and crew from Herndon High put on a musical comedy following a ragtag gambler, his showgirl fiancée, a high-rolling heartthrob, and a modest missionary, as their lives intersect. \$15. Visit [www.herndonrama.org](http://www.herndonrama.org) for more.

### SUNDAY/APRIL 23

**Love Maria.** 4-8 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. Evening includes award nominated film "Woman in Gold." Gregor Collins, author of "The Accidental Caregiver" will be present to speak about his experiences caring for Maria Altmann and to sign his book, available for purchase. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) or call 703-956-9560 for more.

### TUESDAY/APRIL 25

**Spring Flower Bouquets.** 7-9 p.m. at ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center St., Herndon. This Tess Rollins workshop will teach participants to brighten up a space with paper flowers and the art of working with paper. A Design and Wine Event. If possible please bring a mini glue gun, otherwise all supplies are provided. \$35. Visit [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com) or call 703-956-9560 for more.

### APRIL 26-30

**Gently Used Books and Media Sale.** 5-8 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston. All proceeds go to support the Reston Regional Library and the Fairfax County Public Library system. Visit [www.RestonLibraryFriends.com](http://www.RestonLibraryFriends.com) for more.

### FRIDAY/APRIL 28

**Empty Bowls.** 5:30-8 p.m. at Floris United Methodist Church, 13600 Frying Pan Road, Herndon. Food served in a handmade pottery bowl to keep as a reminder that there are those in the community with empty bowls. All proceeds will be donated to "Food for Others," the largest distributor of free food directly to the hungry in Northern Virginia. \$25 for adults in advance/ \$30 adults at the door/\$15 for children under 12. Visit [www.givingcircleofhope.org](http://www.givingcircleofhope.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 29

**Spring Fling.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Goddard School, 2400 Dulles Town Blvd., Herndon. Pony rides, face painting, balloon twisting, crafts, games, and food. Call 703-653-0337 or email [HerndonVA@goddardschools.com](mailto:HerndonVA@goddardschools.com).

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## How Do I Know Then What I Don't Know Now?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Recently I went online to book a trip to Topeka, Ks. to meet our new niece, Sabella Rey. I went to Trivago for the hotel reservations and Expedia for the plane/rental car reservations. That's what I'm supposed to do, right? The process seemed simple enough and without too-much further adieu, I was able to make all the arrangements, including renting a car for the four days we'd need one. And I even booked my father-in-law's hotel reservations as well, almost as if I knew what I was doing. Subsequently, I received all my email confirmations indicating that I had in fact succeeded in one of my least favorite endeavors: computing my way to safe and secure travel plans.

For a few days, especially after receiving the site's emails and reviewing them for accuracy, I thought all was right in my travel-plan's world. Then I started receiving multiple emails and pop-up ads from sites promoting their hotel and flight reservations/rates. Expedia, the site on which I made my plane reservations began bombarding me with flight and rental car deals. Trivago, the site on which I made our hotel reservations, began bombarding me with hotel and rental car deals. None of which I needed. All of which had been completed when I went on their sites originally and made my hotel, flight and car rental reservations.

Given the way in which the Internet has changed the world and provided computerized access to almost everything, I was only slightly surprised by the bombardment. I'm clear on the concept, just not confident in the process. Nevertheless, I realize there really isn't any alternative these days to researching goods and services — and prices. My dilemma arose after the fact when I received all these offers on the exact goods and services I had ALREADY booked. What had I done, and how much extra money — and hassle had I done doing it?

I thought I was solving a problem (travel plans which involved coordinating our flight arrival in Kansas City from Baltimore, with my father-in-law's flight arrival from New York City), not creating one. After receiving all these offers and inducements from Expedia, Trivago and others, I'm now wondering if I missed an opportunity to simplify our travel plans and spend less for having done so? Obviously, I don't have an answer since I never clicked through the ads/opened the emails to see what the solicitation was all about. I didn't have the patience and besides, certainly concerning the airlines, wouldn't there be penalties for changing/canceling a flight? And what about my father-in-law's airline reservations? It was all too much to juggle so I stood pat. Soon, the ads and emails slowed down to a trickle and I was no longer remained — regularly, about my presumptive incompetence.

But I'm thinking about the next trip now, and perhaps that was the point. Maybe there is a better way to minimize travel expenses and maximize benefits? But how do I accomplish that, really? It's not like I can fake hotel/plane/car rental reservations in hopes that the site's artificial intelligence will think I'm still a potential buyer rather than one who's already bought. What good would that do? The solicitations are designed for current action not for a definite maybe sometime in the future, aren't they?

I'm certainly more aware now of how the process sort of works. But I'm less certain how I could actually change my behavior in order to become less of a victim and more of a beneficiary. I imagine it has to do with making my computer more of a friend, which doesn't interest me in the least. Of course, I want to pay less for my travel plans, but I'm not sure if the cost of doing business that way is worth the pain and suffering it inevitably will cause.

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

## NEWS



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## Oath of Office

**Hiren Shah (center with glasses), was appointed to the town of Herndon's Architectural Review and Heritage Preservation Review boards and was administered his oath of office on Tuesday, March 7.**

## BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](mailto:connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/) by noon on Friday.

### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 29

**Transportation Meeting.** 7 p.m. in the lecture hall of Hughes Middle School, 11401 Ridge Heights Road, Reston. Fairfax County Department of Transportation will host two informational meetings on the proposed Reston Transportation Service District. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot) for more.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 8

**Managing Inflammation Naturally.** 2 p.m. at Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive. Registered dietician Natalie Kannan will share ways to manage chronic inflammation through diet and healthy eating choices. For adults, free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) for more.

### WEDNESDAY/APRIL 12

**Medicare 101.** 2-2:30 p.m. at the Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Fairfax County is offering the free seminar, Medicare 101. Contact Karen Brutsché at 703-390-6157 for more.

### ONGOING

**Sunrise at Reston Town Center** offers a monthly Caregiver Support Group on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m. Monthly support group offers a safe place for family caregivers, to meet and develop a mutual support system and to exchange practical information and possible solutions. Learn about resources available in the community and how to manage caregiver related stress. Call 703-956-8930 or email [Reston.ED@sunriseseniorliving.com](mailto:Reston.ED@sunriseseniorliving.com) to RSVP.

**Exercise for Parkinson's.** Every Monday, 1:15-2:15 p.m. Reston Sport&Health, 11445 Isaac Newton Square, Reston. This program brings together people impacted by Parkinson's Disease to participate in various physical exercises aimed at improving posture, balance and circulation and increasing strength, muscle control and mobility. Free. [parkinsonfoundation.org](http://parkinsonfoundation.org). [ckacenga@sportandhealth.com](mailto:ckacenga@sportandhealth.com) 703-621-4148.

**Master Gardener Training.** The Fairfax County Master Gardener Association offers plant clinics, home turf training or speakers for homeowner's meetings. Fees vary. Visit [fairfaxgardening.org](http://fairfaxgardening.org) or call Dora Lockwood at 401-864-4778 for more.

**Over-40 Softball League.** A Fairfax-based league is looking for enough players to form another team. Players must be at least 40 years of age to be eligible. All games are doubleheaders - played on Sundays at Bready Park in Herndon between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Email

[skeduman@aol.com](mailto:skeduman@aol.com) for more.

**Passages Divorce Care.** Tuesdays 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. beginning Sept.13 through Jan 7. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna, Virginia. Cost to cover materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938-9050, [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org), or send an email to [Passages@ViennaPres.org](mailto:Passages@ViennaPres.org)

**The Herndon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs volunteers to assist with fitness activities, arts and crafts, mealtime, entertainment and much more. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

**The Northern Virginia Long Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteer advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Contact Lisa Callahan at 703-324-5861, TTY 711 or email [Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov). Also visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltcombudsman/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltcombudsman/).

**Fairfax County** needs volunteers to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

**Respite Care** volunteers give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or [Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Fairfax County's Meals on Wheels** urgently needs drivers in the Annandale, Franconia/Kingstowne, Reston, Mount Vernon and McLean areas. 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults).

**Habitat Heroes Project.** The fourth Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. - noon. Join the Habitat Heroes in protecting Reston's forests from aggressive plants and restoring them to their natural state. Wear long sleeves, long pants, and if possible, gardening gloves to protect from insects and dangerous plants. R.A. will provide tools, gloves, snacks, and water. To volunteer and find more information, contact [habrock@reston.org](mailto:habrock@reston.org) or 703-435-7986.

**ARTSPACE HERNDON** - ArtSpace Herndon needs volunteer docents to greet guests, answer the phone and complete sales during normal gallery hours. Volunteers are also needed a few hours each month to assist with exhibit installation and special performing arts events. Training is provided. Flexible shifts are available. For additional information see our website [www.artspaceherndon.com](http://www.artspaceherndon.com). Or contact us at 703-956-9560, [volunteer@artspaceherndon.com](mailto:volunteer@artspaceherndon.com). ArtSpace Herndon, 750 Center Street, Herndon.





**Xavier Carter holds up his catch of the day while waiting for his younger brother Elijah to arrive.**



**Three-year-old Parker Berg may be more excited about her Anna and Elsa fishing rod than actually catching a fish.**

PHOTOS BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

## Gone Fishin', Herndon Parks and Recreation hosts 14th Annual Kids' Trout Fishing Derby.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE CONNECTION

One hundred forty-two children ages 2-14 arrived at Sugarland Run Trail Stream behind the Herndon Police Station on Saturday, March 25 between 8 a.m. and noon. Wearing boots and old gym shoes, the young fishers clamored down the muddy banks with parents and grandparents not too far behind. Each child hoped to find the best fishing hole on the stream.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids' Trout Fishing Derby hosted by Parks and Recreation was on in Herndon.

Early that morning Declan Bertee, 14, stood at the water's edge. He cast his line into the center of the stream directly under a low hanging branch. "This is where I normally fish each year," he said. "I've been coming here since I was 2-years-old."

Asked if he'd caught anything, Bertee walked over to a submerged rope in the water. He reached in and pulled up a string of four beautiful, foot-long trout, the daily fishing limit. It was 8:30 in the morning.

Two days before the event, Parks and Recreation had installed a plastic barrier fencing mesh to the source of the stream, to cordon off that end. Then they stocked downstream with 300 pounds of Rainbow Trout totaling 250 fish.



**The Kids' Fishing Derby at Sugarland Run was Jackson Rodrigues' first time fishing. Jackson allowed his grandpa to hold his Rainbow Trout for him.**

Although Parks and Recreation had 65 fishing poles available for use, many children proudly held their own poles. Little Parker Berg, 3, stood high on a bank. She showed off her blue fishing pole with pictures of Disney characters, Anna and Elsa from the movie, "Frozen."

Downstream Xavier Carter landed his first trout. "We've to go to get three more," Xavier said to his dad, Kinta Carter, as they waited for Xavier's younger brother, Elijah to come. Xavier added: "We need more fish, so there's one for everybody in the family."

Trout Unlimited was on hand to clean and store the catch. While many seasoned fishers, like Bertee, preferred to take their trout home whole, as the event drew to a close, many families were seen carrying a plastic bag of ready-to-grill Rainbow Trout.

After the event, one young boy walked toward the parking lot carrying what appeared to be a rather heavy bag. In it were two Rainbow Trout. The young boy was Xavier Carter's brother, Elijah. He held the bag up. "It's the biggest one caught today," said Elijah Carter with a grin. He added: "That was fun."

Later that afternoon, Trout Unlimited verified Elijah's Rainbow Trout was the largest one caught at the Fishing Derby that day. The fish measured 24 inches long.

For more information about family events hosted by Herndon Parks and Recreation including their next two events, the Runnymede Park and Stream Clean Up & Shred Event, Saturday, April 1, 8 a.m.-noon and the Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 15, 9:30 a.m.- noon at the Town Green, visit [www.herndon-va.gov](http://www.herndon-va.gov)

## Deadly Crash Investigation

Cory Lee Boback, 30, of Sterling died after he was found unconscious and unresponsive behind the wheel in Herndon on Wednesday, March 22, according to the Fairfax County Police Department.

Around 9 p.m., Boback was found in a 1993 Mazda 626 in an embankment along Hiddenbrook Drive near Dranesville Road. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue workers rushed him to a hospital in Reston with life-threatening conditions. He was pronounced dead soon after he arrived at the hospital, according to police.

Detectives from the FCPD Crash Reconstruction Unit are investigating the incident and have determined that speed was not a factor. Their preliminary investigation also suggests the car was stopped at the traffic light on Hiddenbrook Drive and Dranesville Road. Detectives think Boback may have passed out, causing the car to roll backwards and down the embankment without striking anything, according to police. The incident is still under investigation.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will conduct an autopsy and ultimately determine the cause and manner of death.

Police encourage anyone with information to call 1-866-411-8477.

## No Replacement for Septage Facility

After an extensive search of potential sites and associated cost-benefit analysis, the County has decided not to pursue the construction of a new facility to replace the existing north county site (i.e., Colvin Run Septage Receiving Facility); which will be permanently closed.

The high costs of purchasing property and constructing a new facility makes it impractical to recover expenditures through reasonable service fees. Further, the alternative disposal options for county generated septage which were instituted during the temporary closure of the Colvin Run Facility (including options at the Noman M. Cole Pollution Control Plant, the Upper Occoquan service Authority, and D.C. Water's Blue Plains facility) will be able to meet future needs.

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins said, "I am pleased the County worked with the community in addressing the various concerns/comments and worked out a solution that is both a win/win for the community, the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and the haulers."

For a more in depth summary of the decision visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/) and look under News & Information for Septage Receiving Site Relocation Feasibility Study Concludes.