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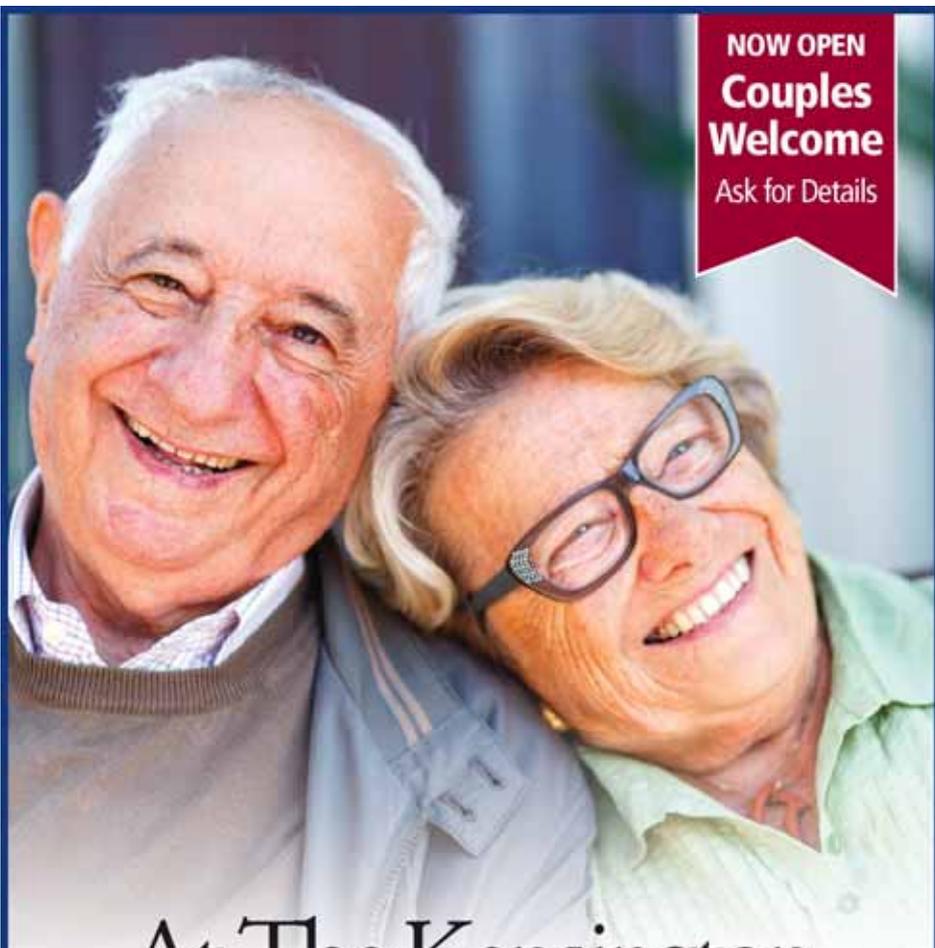
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## NEWS



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**From left: Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler Jr.; Fairfax Resolves Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Chair Ken Bonner; Fairfax Resolves SAR President Jeff Thomas; 2nd Lt. Chris Cotone; McLean District Commander Capt. John Trace; and McLean District Assistant Commander 1st Lt. Jason Allegra.**

## McLean Police Officer Wins State Law Enforcement Award

Second Lt. Christopher M. Cotone won the Virginia Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award from the Fairfax Resolves Sons of the American Revolution on Thursday, April 6. "We are honored to present this award to officer Cotone in recognition of his outstanding service to our community," Jeff Thomas, Fairfax SAR president, said in a press statement. "He places himself in harm's way to protect our way of life and to uphold the freedom and liberties so hard earned by our patriot ancestors." Cotone is a 26-year veteran of the Fairfax County Police Department and supervises

a 14-officer patrol squad at the McLean District Station. He is also a supplemental technician with the Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit and the lead supervisor of the department's Honor Squad. Cotone was selected to receive the award from among candidates of 27 chapters of the Virginia SAR. "This award is quite an honor, as there are so many great officers I work with, but to be selected to receive state recognition is tremendous," Cotone said in a press statement. "I am proud to accept this award and will continue to hold myself and my colleagues to high standards."

### WEEK IN McLEAN

## JBG Companies Launch Sales on Signet in McLean

The JBG Companies (JBG) has announced the commencement of sales and the range of pricing for residences at The Signet, an upscale condominium property located at 6900 Fleetwood Road in the heart of downtown McLean. The Signet offers 123 refined residences on six levels with an expansive range of floor plans atop 5,000 square feet of street-level retail. The Signet is comprised of one-, two- and 3-bedroom plus den condominium residences, many of which feature oversized terraces or balconies, with prices ranging from \$800,000 to more than \$2 million. To launch sales, JBG is hosting an event on April 19 for interested buyers to learn more about the residences and to schedule appointments.

The launch event for The Signet will be held on Wednesday, April 19, from 6 – 8 p.m. at J. Gilbert's restaurant located at 6930 Old Dominion Drive in McLean. Event attendees must RSVP on The Signet website at: [www.signetmclean.com](http://www.signetmclean.com).

## Northern Virginia Urban League to Honor Community Leaders

The Northern Virginia Urban League (NVUL) will host its 27th Annual Community Service and Scholarship Awards Gala on Friday, April 28, 2017 at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, at 7 p.m. The theme is "Celebrating Champions in Our Community." The League's Annual Awards Gala recognizes community service, diversity, and scholarship in the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area. More than 600 guests are expected to attend the event. Highlights of the evening will include honoring several champions in the community for leadership and community service, awarding \$50,000 in scholarships to minority high school seniors attending college in the fall, and acknowledging the Northern Virginia Urban League's work in the areas of Education, Jobs, and Justice.

## McLean Citizens Urge Board To Reconsider Budget Cuts

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

**M**cLean citizens are not letting the county adopt its 2018 budget without hearing about their concerns.

While the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors must decide how to allocate \$4.1 billion in general fund revenues for the fiscal year 2018 budget, the McLean Citizens Association asked the board to reconsider several proposals in its advertised budget, including funding for the county's Diversion First public safety program for mental illness and avoiding an increase in school class sizes. The MCA Board of Directors approved a resolution affirming its budget priorities at its Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, April 5, at the McLean Governmental Center.

The resolution, "Fairfax County Advertised FY 2018 Budget Plan," summarized several resolutions the association already approved this year that were critical of the county's funding of its schools and pension systems.

The Fairfax County Public Schools presented its budget for next school year to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 4— with a \$48.4 million shortfall.

This means the county must contend with a nearly \$50 million gap between what FCPS is requesting versus what it has available.

Before FCPS adopts its budget, which is planned for May 25, it will hold budget work sessions on Monday, April 24; Monday, May 1; and Thursday, May 18.

These work sessions will include discussion on closing this gap.



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**McLean Citizens Association Committee Chairs Louise Epstein, Education and Youth; Dale Stein, Budget and Taxation; and Patrick Smaldore; Public Safety; discuss the resolution that their committees drafted at the MCA's Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, April 5.**

**RECOMMENDED REFORMS INCLUDE** changing its Educational Employees' Supplementary Retirement System of Fairfax County (ERFC) pension system, which is projected to cost an additional \$11.4 million in fiscal year 2018. The changes that the FCPS is considering include implementing \$4.7 million in reductions to the system by June in time for the fiscal year 2018 budget.

The MCA has advocated for pension reform for years.

"We must reduce the cost of our pension plans," MCA President Jeff Barnett said

while testifying on the budget before the Board of Supervisors on Thursday, April 6. "We believe that the focus should be on the early retirement benefits for new and nonvested employees."

Changes the FCPS is considering include lowering the interest crediting rate on all member accounts of the FCPS pension system from 5 percent to 4 percent. The FCPS is also considering more changes for new or nonvested members, including instituting a minimum retirement age of 55; increasing the period for calculating the final average salary from three years to five

years; and changing the cost-of-living adjustment to equal 100 percent of the Consumer Price Index with a cap of 4 percent.

More cost-savings measures proposed by the FCPS include adding \$3.8 million in athletic fees for students and delaying the start of music programs from the fourth grade to fifth grade, which would save \$2.8 million, but would be unpopular with families affected.

Increasing class sizes for all grade levels by one student would save \$22.8 million. The MCA strongly opposes this idea.

"Please communicate to the school board that excessive class size remains a major issue for McLean parents," Barnett said. "Our classrooms run two to four students greater than the Fairfax average. Increasing our class sizes will only shortchange our kids."

While the rest of the county's budget is balanced, sacrifices were made to make it happen.

Some initiatives the county had previously prioritized will go without funding. The priority items that Edward Long Jr., the Fairfax County executive, proposes to cut in his advertised fiscal year 2018 budget include:

- ❖ Not implementing the county's Public Safety Staffing Plan, \$8.5 million
- ❖ Not continuing the new Diversion First program, which offers alternatives to incarceration for people with mental illness or developmental disabilities who enter the criminal justice system for low-level offenses, \$5.3 million
- ❖ Not implementing the next phase of recommendations from the Ad-Hoc Police

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## McLean Community Center Recognizes Longtime Volunteer

Thamir Al'Hashimi, a longtime community leader and volunteer, has been awarded the McLean Community Centers' (MCC) top honor for volunteers, the 2016 H. Gordon Randall Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. The award was presented at the Center's annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Saturday, March 18. The center, at 1234 Ingleside Ave., is under renovation. Temporary administrative offices are located at 6631 Old Dominion Dr.

In presenting the award, MCC Executive Director George Sachs said, "For years, Mr. Al'Hashimi has demonstrated his commitment and compassion as an ambassador to the McLean community and the McLean Community Center through a variety of actions."

For more than 20 years, Al'Hashimi has been a faithful board member of the Friends of McLean Community Center, a nonprofit fundraising organization that supports the Center. Over the years, he has helped the Friends raise funds for



PHOTO BY ROBIN WALKER

**MCC Board member Kat Kehoe, MCC Executive Director George Sachs, MCC Board member Merilee Pierce, Awardee Thamir Al'Hashimi, MCC Board member Paul Kohlenberger, MCC Board Chair Laurelie Wallace and MCC Board member Desi Woltman.**

several improvement projects, including mounting historical photos in Center meeting rooms, commissioning a painting to honor Robert "Bob" Alden, for whom The Alden Theatre is named and purchasing a freestanding registration kiosk for patrons. The recipient of the Friends of MCC's 2010 "Friend in Deed" award, he has also volunteered to work at many Center-sponsored special events, from manning the Friends booth at McLean Day to helping with crowd control at the Center's annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks Celebration.

"I am a community service-oriented individual," said Al'Hashimi, who has been a member of the Rotary Club since 1978, both in McLean and in California, where he lived prior to moving here. He also serves on the board of the Evermay Community Association and is a member of the McLean Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit <http://ow.ly/NCgu30aAz73>.



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**Rob Brown of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management tells the audience how to make an emergency preparedness plan with [www.ReadyNOVA.org](http://www.ReadyNOVA.org).**



**The Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was recruiting for its next training class, which begins on Monday, April 24, at the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Academy. Other safety organizations at the event were the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, the Fairfax County Police Explorers, the Fairfax County Police Department and its Auxiliary Police Officer Program and its Citizen Advisory Committee.**

# Dranesville District Brushes Up On Safety Preparedness

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

**P**eople gathered at the American Legion Post 270 in McLean on Wednesday, March 29, to learn how to prepare for emergency situations.

The Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce collaborated with the McLean Citizens Association, the Great Falls Citizens Association and the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations to host the public safety preparedness program for the Dranesville District. Delegates Kathleen Murphy, D-34, and Marcus Simon, D-53, also attended.

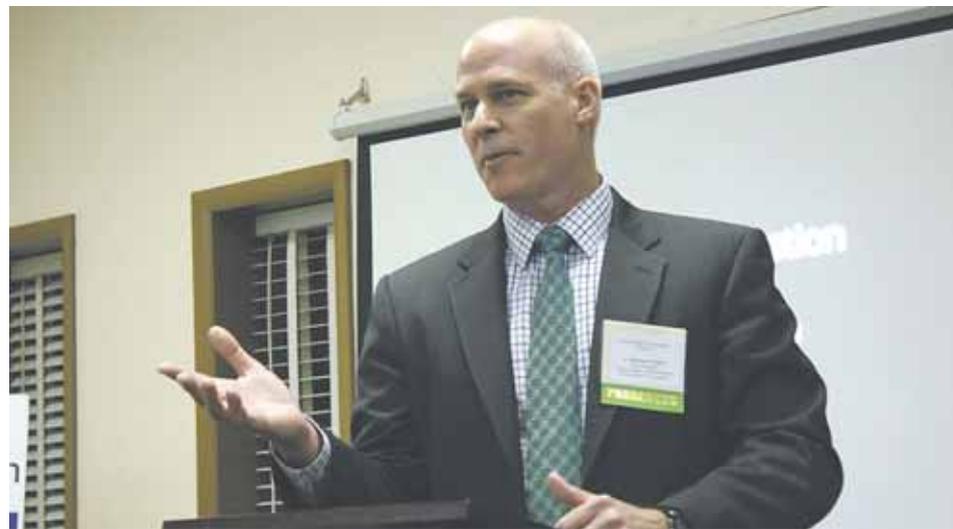
The event convened a panel of experts including:

- ❖ Grelia Steele of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management
- ❖ Rob Brown of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management
- ❖ Special Agent J. Michael Talbot of the FBI Washington Field Office
- ❖ Maureen Scholz of the McLean Insurance Agency
- ❖ John Jewell of Jewell Technical Consulting
- ❖ Alex McLellan of Quality Business Coaching
- ❖ Ralph Petti of Continuity Dynamics, Inc.

**WHILE THE FIRST PORTION** of the panel focused on how to safeguard businesses, including investing in business continuity plans and insurance policies, the panel also discussed the realities that face the region.

“Because we’re right next to the nation’s capital, we are prone to terrorism,” Grelia Steele of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, said during the panel.

Her agency, along with the Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee, which includes representatives from 21 jurisdictions, recently updated the Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan.



**Special Agent J. Michael Talbot of the FBI Washington Field Office talks about the three options available to people in active shooter situations: evacuate, hide or take action.**

According to the plan, the potential hazards that could affect Northern Virginia include: flooding, winter storms, high winds, tornadoes, droughts, earthquakes, landslides, wildfires, landslides, dam failures and extreme temperatures.

Since the area is a part of the national capital region, the group’s assessment also identified other threats: pandemics, cyber attacks, terrorism and chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive materials.

The plan identifies 448 critical and historic assets in Fairfax County alone that could be targeted.

“We’ve got a lot of things here,” Rob Brown of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management, said during the panel. “We’ve got a lot of critical infrastructure, not only our transportation systems but also our communication systems, server farms and a lot of federal agencies that have critical assets in Northern Virginia.”

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will vote on whether to adopt the updated plan at its next meeting on Tuesday, April



**Grelia Steele of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management talks to the crowd about creating an emergency preparedness kit.**

4, after deadline for this newspaper. obviously won’t give you all of the details, but the snippets will help you make your next decision.”

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**AFTER BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT** safety preparedness were covered, Steele urged the audience to take steps to safeguard their families during emergency situations. One thing families can do is create an emergency preparedness kit, she said.

“Make sure you have materials to keep you going for 72 hours, the materials you use every day,” Steele said.

Brown also urged the audience to use a resource his department helped create: [www.readynova.org](http://www.readynova.org).

“If you get on this website, it will actually walk you through building a plan,” Brown said.

The site features plans that are tailored for families, businesses and faith communities.

The audience was also encouraged to sign up for Fairfax Alerts at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts).

“That information comes directly from us,” Steele said. “The information that you are getting is directly from the source. We

**TO FINISH THE PANEL**, Special Agent J. Michael Talbot of the FBI Washington Field Office talked to the gathering about how to respond to active shooters.

“I do not like that word anymore or that name: active shooter,” Talbot said during the meeting. “If I had anything to do with it, I would change it to active killer.”

His reasoning for his terminology is that perpetrators of these incidents are killing people with knives, cars and bombs and not just guns.

“Their intent is to kill as many people as possible and they usually don’t care if they live or die,” Talbot said.

Talbot said that people dealing with these situations have three options: evacuate, hide or take action. While the third option is of last resort, he says it is better than negotiating.

“I don’t care who you are, you actually now have advantage over the shooter because the shooter is not going to expect any one of you to take the fight to him,” he said.

# NEWS

## Budget Cuts

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Commission, \$7 million

❖ Not filling police department positions, \$7.9 million

❖ Not increasing funding for employment and support for individuals with developmental disabilities, \$6.7 million

In its new resolution, the MCA urges the board to

provide additional funding for the Diversion First and other unfunded county public safety programs by finding other cost savings.

The Board of Supervisors held public hearings on the county's advertised budget April 4-6.

The Board of Supervisors Budget Committee will meet to discuss changes to the advertised budget on April 24. The Board of Supervisors will make changes to the advertised budget on April 25.

### SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to [north@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:north@connectionnewspapers.com) by noon on Friday.

Fairfax County Public Schools students from 21 high schools have been named semifinalists by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for 2017. Semifinalists from McLean High School include: **Rebecca Bennett, Anna Duval, Tariq Foraida, Lauren Hassi, Noah Huffman, Brett Hungar, Carlyn Kranking, Rahul Mani, Melanie Pincus, Alexander Simons, Andrew Yang, Lucy Zheng, and Catherine Zysk.**

**Rebecca Weil**, of McLean, was named to the dean's list for fall 2016 at Georgia State University (Atlanta, Ga.).

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

**Briannah Steele**, of McLean, earned a degree in music/business in December from Grove City College (Grove City, Pa.).

**U.S. Air Force Airman Eric J. Kim** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. He is a 2014 graduate of Langley High School, McLean.

**Analea D. Von Seggern**, of McLean, was named to president's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

**Jesse K. Dennis**, of McLean, was named to dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

**Thomas A. Rippert**, of McLean, was named to dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall

2016 semester.

**Phoebe J. Steiner**, of McLean, was named to dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

**Kaylea Ann Von Seggern**, of McLean, was named to dean's list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the fall 2016 semester.

**Erik Wagner**, of McLean, was named to dean's list in the second quarter at Randolph-Macon Academy (Front Royal, Va.) for the 2016-17 school year.

**Anne Pacious**, of McLean, was named to the fall 2016 dean's list at the University of Dallas (Irving, Tx.).

**Ines Vera**, of McLean, was named to the fall 2016 dean's list at the University of Dallas (Irving, Tx.).

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# OPINION

## Your Award Winning Papers

**Richmond Times-Dispatch (daily) and the Mount Vernon Gazette/Local Media Connection (non-daily), win the VPA's highest awards.**

Virginia Press Association's highest award, the VPA Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service, went to Local Media Connection/Mount Vernon Gazette for coverage and editorials throughout 2016 relating to police reform in Fairfax County.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch won in the daily category for its series about the death of a mentally ill prisoner, Jamycheal Mitchell, in a Portsmouth Jail.

The judges noted, "The Mount Vernon Gazette covered the complex issue of police reform from February through December 2016, sparked by the shooting of an unarmed man by a Fairfax County police officer. ... The Gazette focused community attention on the case, particularly on the efforts of citizens and representatives of law enforcement agencies working together on reforming police practice. This led to the creation and implementation of a Civilian Review Panel to provide oversight of police policy, procedures and activities. ... The approach of the Gazette in this matter provides a good illustration of the positive role a community newspaper can play when it takes an activist approach to issues of importance to its readers." Editor Mary Kimm and reporter Tim Peterson accepted the award.

Virginia Press Association honored its 2016 award winners on Saturday, April 8, 2017 in Richmond at its annual dinner. The Connection papers, including the Alexandria Gazette Packet, garnered more than 35 awards in many categories, including investigative reporting, education coverage, headline writing, photography, column writing, sports writing, obitu-



PHOTO BY ROBIN MOGLE

**Local Media Connection writers and photographers won 37 Virginia Press Association awards for work in 2016, including the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service. Pictured here from left, John Bordner, Mark Mogle, Mary Kimm, Shirley Ruhe, Tim Peterson, Vernon Miles, Eden Brown, Andrea Worker and Jeanne Theismann.**

aries, environmental writing, food writing, graphics, and more.

Shirley Ruhe was the top award winner, earning seven different awards including two first place awards, one for investigative reporter for her series on sex trafficking.

Other first place award winners include photographer Mark Mogle, who also won two first places; Bonnie Hobbs for General News for her coverage of the rise and fall of the mayor of the City of Fairfax; Eden Brown for Education writing; Tim Peterson for Public Safety writ-

ing and for Sports writing; Joan Brady for Feature Series on foster care alumni success stories; Jeanne Theismann for headline writing; Alexandra Greeley for food writing. Steven Mauren, editor-in-chief, won first place for Editorial Pages in Alexandria Gazette Packet, along with Mary Kimm, cartoonist Steve Artley, and designers Geovani Flores and Laurence Foong.

— MARY KIMM

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## 2016 Virginia Award Winners

- ❖ Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service, the association's highest award, went to **Local Media Connection/Mount Vernon Gazette** for coverage and editorials relating to police reform in Fairfax County.
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 1st Place, In-Depth or Investigative Reporting, Arlington, Investigative Series-Sex Trafficking
- ❖ **Mark Mogle**, 1st Place, General News Photo, Wreaths Across America, Arlington Connection
- ❖ **Eden Brown**, 1st Place, Education Writing, Arlington Connection
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 1st Place, Column Writing, People at Work, Alexandria Gazette Packet,
- ❖ **Jeanne Theismann**, 1st Place, Headline Writing, Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Steven Mauren, Mary Kimm, Steve Artley, Geovani Flores and Laurence Foong**, 1st Place, Editorial Pages, Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Mark Mogle**, 1st Place, Picture Story or Essay, "Plaid Tidings," Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Tim Peterson**, 1st Place, Public Safety Writing, Burke Connection
- ❖ **Bonnie Hobbs**, 1st Place, General News Writing, Fairfax Mayor Caught in Sex-for-Meth Sting, Fairfax Connection
- ❖ **Joan Brady**, 1st Place, Feature Series or Continuing Story, Great Falls Connection,
- ❖ **Alexandra Greeley**, 1st Place, Personal Service Writing, Food Features, Great Falls Connection
- ❖ **Tim Peterson**, 1st Place, Sports Writing Portfolio, Springfield Connection
- ❖ **John Bordner**, 2nd Place, General News Photo,

- Kluge Farewell, Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 2nd Place, Feature Series, Homelessness, Arlington Connection
- ❖ **Kemal Kurspahic and Staff**, 2nd Place, General Makeup, Fairfax Connection
- ❖ **Marilyn Campbell**, 2nd Place, Personal Service Writing, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection
- ❖ **Jon Roetman**, 2nd Place, Sports Writing Portfolio, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 2nd Place, Column Writing, In the Kitchen, Mount Vernon Gazette
- ❖ **Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Renee Ruggles**, 2nd Place, Informational Graphics, Guide to the Parks, Fairfax Station Connection
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 2nd Place, Personality or Portrait Photo, Vienna-Oakton Connection
- ❖ **Ken Moore**, 2nd Place, Health, Science & Environmental Writing, Great Falls Connection
- ❖ **Kemal Kurspahic, Andrea Worker, Donald Sweig, Ken Moore, Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong**, 3rd Place, Front Page Design, Reston Connection
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 3rd Place, Personal Service Writing, Arlington Connection
- ❖ **Steven Mauren, Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong**, 3rd Place, General Makeup, Arlington Connection
- ❖ **Shirley Ruhe**, 3rd Place, General News Photo, Arlington Connection
- ❖ **Eden Brown**, 3rd Place, General News Writing, Arlington Connection
- ❖ **Jeanne Theismann**, 3rd Place, Personal Service Writing, Obituaries, Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Steve Artley**, 3rd Place, Illustrations, Editorial



PHOTO BY VERNON MILES

**Mary Kimm and Tim Peterson accepted the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service.**

- Cartoon, Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Vernon Miles**, 3rd Place, Feature Writing Portfolio, Alexandria Gazette Packet
- ❖ **Jon Roetman**, 3rd Place, Sports Writing Portfolio, McLean Connection
- ❖ **Jean Card, Laurence Foong, Renee Ruggles**, 3rd Place, Informational Graphics, Guide to the Parks, Mount Vernon Gazette
- ❖ **Tim Peterson**, 3rd Place, General News Writing, Mount Vernon Gazette
- ❖ **Laurence Foong**, 3rd Place, Informational Graphics, Real Estate Map, Great Falls
- ❖ **Mary Kimm**, 3rd Place, Editorial Writing, Great Falls Connection
- ❖ **Ken Moore**, 3rd Place, Education Writing, Great Falls Connection
- ❖ **Ken Moore**, 3rd Place, Feature Writing Portfolio, Oak Hill/Herndon Connection

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# County Ready to Implement Next Phase of Diversion First

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COMMENTARY

**F**airfax County continues to make substantial progress on a program called “Diversion First.” This program provides treatment instead of incarceration for people with mental health issues or developmental disabilities who come into contact with law enforcement for low-level offenses. With Diversion First, an officer can identify a suspect as needing supportive services, and can bring him or her to the Community Services Board (CSB) instead of making an arrest. Instead of making an arrest, officers bringing low-level offenders to the CSB saves the County money, time, and resources. Last year, 375 people were diverted from arrest into treatment- which represents a huge accomplishment. This is not the only opportunity for diversion, however. The County is now pursuing the next phase of the Diversion First program, with a focus on making diversions after this initial contact with law enforcement.

Imagine you or I were arrested for a low-level crime, such as trespassing or disorderly conduct, on a Saturday night. We may be held until Monday or Tuesday. We could then probably post a bond for a few hundred dollars and be released. People with mental illness or developmental disabilities, however, often have troubled employment histories, and do not have that money. They are often detained for months awaiting trial.

During this time, the County is paying approximately \$200 per day to hold them, all while their mental state is deteriorating. By their next hearing date, these individuals have often spent as much or more time in jail awaiting their day in court than if they had been found guilty of the original charges, resulting in a release based on “time served.” They leave in a worse condition than when they entered. Eighty percent of the time, they will repeat their criminal behavior.

Diversion First breaks this cycle. It pro-

vides judges with a treatment alternative at the bonding hearing, when the judge can offer “supervised release” instead of bail. Supervised release requires mandatory treatment, with supervision by a trained probation officer. The person gets treatment and can recover. Then they can be released from criminal charges later if treatment is successful.

Studies show this treatment alternative can reduce the reoccurrence of criminal activity to as low as 20 percent. That means a 60 percent reduction in crime (from 80 percent to 20) from this population. Literally hundreds of crimes can be prevented each year. With jail costing around \$200 per day, and treatment only a few thousand dollars per year, over time the County will save significant funds.

This program is a win-win. Treatment improves lives. Crime will be reduced. Taxpayers will save long-term money. We must continue the progress of Diversion First by implementing these new avenues for diversion. This will allow the County to direct resources more efficiently, allow the Police to save time, and help people with disabilities improve their lives.

LETTERS

## Offended by ‘Snide Remarks’

To the Editor:

I am offended by the continual snide remarks in his column made by John Lovaas about President Trump. You are supposed to be a community newspaper – not a political rag – unless I am mistaken. I would like you to find one of your publications that made a similar nasty comment about former President Obama. If you can, then I will back off. If you can’t, then I rest my case. You are not being fair and balanced.

**Lynn Pacenta**  
Reston, VA

## Who Needs to Apologize?

To the Editor:

On March 22, the Virginia Republican Party made it their business to demand an apology from AG Mark Herring for attending a town hall at a Falls Church Mosque. They are following the campaign strategy of Donald Trump — empowering hate and intolerance in Northern Virginia.

And it seems to be working. Since March 22, three separate hate incidents occurred here in Northern Virginia. A home was ransacked and a Koran was vandalized. In another instance someone spray painted swastikas on a building, and in a park, boulders were defaced with derogatory graffiti and words.

It is not Herring who needs to apologize – it is the Virginia Republican Party who owe us an apology and to change their campaign strategy from fear and loathing to one with positive ideas to improve Virginia and the lives of Virginians.

**Diana Smith**  
Reston

# Sense of Impending Changes

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



COMMENTARY

**N**early two hours of the eight-and-a-half-hour reconvened session of the House of Delegates of the General Assembly were taken up last week by speeches from retiring members and acknowledgement speeches by others about their service and achievement. The length of the tribute time was driven in large part by the fact that eight members, all of whom are Republicans, are retiring. Heading the list is the Speaker of the House followed by a senior member who chairs the important Courts Committee. For some like the Speaker the longevity of service was a key factor. Others cited family and financial concerns. Another one or two may re-appear running for another office. Legislative service that is considered part time with a low level of remuneration but takes full time commitment always has some turnover, but the number this year is significant.

Another factor that may have influenced some decisions is the sense of changing political winds in the Commonwealth.

Never in my years of service have I gotten as many phone calls, postcards and emails as I have this year. Traditional groups have gotten re-energized, and many new groups have formed. Activism is in the air. For me, it has been reassuring. As a progressive, I feel less like I am speaking into the wind and more like there is a force of people behind me. For years I worked on the redistricting issue almost alone and now thousands of people are contacting their legislators asking that they support redistricting reform. The public has become keenly aware of the adverse impact that gerrymandering has had on the legislature.

The signs of change were evident in the reconvened session last week. While the House of Delegates did not respond favorably to my plea that we approve an amendment by the Governor to expand Medicaid, there was discussion by majority party leaders in the House and Senate that a new group is going to be looking at how medical services can be expanded to the poorest in our state. I continue to be

amazed at the argument that leaving \$40 billion on the table in federal dollars could somehow be considered “fiscally responsible.”

The majority party may have felt somewhat humbled by the fact that the legislature upheld 40 vetoes of bills by the Governor extending the record of his administration to 111 with none being over-ridden. Of course, a two-thirds vote is required, but in the House only a couple of deflections by Democrats would have made an override possible. The vetoes by Governor McAuliffe have kept Virginia out of the news with crazy legislation that has passed in other states.

Certainly there is also an eye to November with 77 Democrats lining up to challenge 49 Republican incumbents. As that number is reduced by primaries and conventions, it leaves hotly contested races that could dramatically change who is in charge in the House and/or the attitude of those left in charge. Democrats have challengers to incumbents in the 17 districts held by Republicans that were won by Hillary Clinton. For those who continue to ask what they can do, there is a clear sense emerging that much can be done this year to put Virginia on a more progressive track.

## 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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# HomeLifeStyle

Remodeler David Foster (left) talks with a homeowner browsing in the recently-opened Design and Selection Center, which is holding an Open House on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Open House will feature three seminars, access to representatives from major home improvement product manufacturers, a raffle and chef-prepared hors d'oeuvres.



Major vendors and manufacturers participating in the Design Center have increased substantially. Options for cabinet facings, plumbing fixtures, surface materials, tile and flooring are part of the permanent display. Foster designers are regularly exposed to new products and materials.

## Design Center Educates Homeowners with Remodeling Plans

Open House, April 22, will feature three seminars, industry experts and new showroom.

BY JOHN BYRD

Foster Remodeling Solutions will launch its new 3,270-square-foot Home Design and Selection Center in Lorton with an open house on Saturday, April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event will include seminars on a variety of topics ranging from kitchen and bath design to "How to Plan a Successful Remodeling," to steps entailed in introducing "Aging-in-Place" modifications into the home. Seminar presenters are recognized experts in their respective specialties. Representatives from top manufacturers will also be on hand to answer questions about specific products, appliances and emerging technologies. Several manufacturers also will be contributing new products as raffle items.

Visitors can arrive as early as 10 a.m. and browse the newly-expanded Design and Selection Center. Chef-prepared hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served



Three full-size kitchen displays are now on view in the Lorton showroom. The 3,270 square foot Lorton showroom is one of the largest home improvement product expositions in northern Virginia.

throughout the day.

There will be several full-sized kitchen and bathroom designs on view, vignettes featuring cabinets, vanities, flooring and lighting, even a full-sized outdoor courtyard which spotlights break-through materials and styles being applied to roofing and siding.

"Our goal is to make it easy for attendees to find answers to an array of home improvement questions in a single day," said David Foster, who has operated Foster Remodeling Solution for over 34 years. "We encourage attendees to come prepared with ques-

tions, drawings and photos, and to bring interested friends and neighbors. All of the offerings are free and open to the public."

### Design and Selection

There are three design consultation rooms that allow homeowners to review in-progress design details of a home improvement on a flat screen television.

"Home improvement is a very dynamic industry," Foster said. "You have to stay ahead of changing technologies and evolving practices. We're expanding methods for



A home laundry with mudroom features has proven popular in northern Virginia homes.

PHOTOS BY SUZY FOSTER

bringing ideas to homeowners that have already proven successful. ... This Open House will be more of an exposition than we've offered in the past; we're building on what we've learned about local homeowner interests."

The three one-hour seminars will be held at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. so that interested parties can attend all three without conflict.

❖ Design consultant Sean McLarty, a veteran remodeler with 33 years of professional experience, will provide tips on "Kitchen and Bathroom Remodeling" at 11 a.m.;

❖ Dory Clemens, a space planning specialist, will conduct a seminar at 1 p.m. on "Aging-In-Place" applications. The session will focus how to assess which modifications to your home are most appropriate for near-term and foreseeable needs;

❖ At 3 p.m., Chris Arnold, whose 25 years of remodeling experience embraces every facet of the industry, will discuss "How to Plan a Successful Remodel," including best options for financing a project.

Interested parties can register for the show room opening and for individual seminars online at [www.fosterremodeling.com](http://www.fosterremodeling.com), or by calling 703-350-1371.

John Byrd ([byrdmatx@gmail.com](mailto:byrdmatx@gmail.com)) has been writing about home improvement for 30 years.



The April 22 event will feature three seminars: Kitchen and Bath Design, Aging-in-Place Strategies for the Home and How to Plan a Successful Remodel.





Designer Kelley Proxmire uses individual small flower arrangements to personalize the table setting in this Vienna, Virginia home.

PHOTO COURTESY OF KELLEY PROXMIRE, INC.

## Easter Table Design Ideas

### Local tastemakers offer spring table setting and centerpiece ideas.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

The arrival of spring offers fresh inspiration for table setting and home décor, say local designers. “What’s really beautiful about spring is that there is such natural beauty outside,” said Amanda Mertins, co-owner of Patina Polished Living in Old Town Alexandria. “Everything comes to life in spring. It’s all so fresh, you don’t have to do anything too contrived because decorations present themselves naturally with lovely daffodils and hyacinths. Pastel colored eggs are also part of the scene. You can combine the natural elements with the givens like eggs and bunnies.”

“Trim a few branches from a flowering bush or tree,” said Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke, Virginia. “If you have tulips or daffodils, harvest some and make your own bouquet or place single stems in bud vases.”

“You can’t beat the amazing color display that’s going on outside right now,” added Anne M. Walker of Anne Walker Design in Potomac, Maryland.

“The deep magenta blossoms of the Redbud trees combined with the chartreuse color of the bud-

ding tree leaves and new grasses makes my heart skip a beat. Bring these vibrant greens and purples into your house any way you can: fresh flowers, throw pillows, candles. A little touch of coral is welcome now and is a wonderful harbinger of the warmer days ahead.”

For a simple Easter centerpiece start with a tray, advises Thomas. “Cover the bottom with Easter grass or faux moss,” she said. “Place a potted plant or bouquet in the center with decorative Easter eggs nestled in the grass around it. Add a bunny or two and you have a cohesive centerpiece that is easy to move if necessary.”

Small accent pieces can have a big impact on table settings. “Make the table more festive by having place cards at each setting,” said Kelley Proxmire, principal at Kelley Proxmire, Inc. “Make each setting a little bit more special by putting individual small flower arrangements, or perhaps an Easter candy at each place.”

To create a sophisticated display, Walker advises forgoing traditional pastel colors and Easter eggs in lieu of vintage white décor. “[Home accessory stores] will all have decorating treasures, and they should be at deeply discounted prices this week,” she said.

Mertins creates an “Easter tree” decorated with hand-blown, hand-painted eggs. “They’re from Austria and they’re really like works of art,” she said. “You can hang these eggs from budding branches like those in a Forsythia [shrub] with green leaves and buds.”

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**Absent voting ends promptly at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17.**  
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## NEWS

# Planning Commission: 10-1-1 Against Sunrise

Sunrise's application for an assisted living facility to be determined by Board of Supervisors.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

Sunrise Development Inc. will move forward with its proposal to build an assisted living facility on 3.7 acres at the intersection of Kirby Road and Westmoreland Street in McLean despite the Planning Commission's 10-1-1 vote recommending against it last week.

Sunrise Development sought a special exception to construct a 73-unit assisted living facility to serve 90 residents. Zoning ordinance calls for at least five acres for such a facility.

"We are disappointed with the Planning Commission's recommendation and will proceed with our application to the Board of Supervisors — this is an important issue for Fairfax County seniors being allowed to remain in the neighborhoods they love," said Edward Burnett, of Sunrise Senior Living. "Our efforts continue to be firmly focused on offering a beautiful home for McLean families, in order to meet the area's need for high-quality assisted living and memory care services."

Last Wednesday, March 29, 2017, Dranesville Planning Commissioner John Ulfelder articulated reasons he recommended denial of the application.

"While the site currently houses an institutional use, the intensity of Sunrise's proposed use is orders of magnitude greater than the small church currently in that location," said Ulfelder. "Vastly increasing the intensity of the institutional use on this property — one that is surrounded on all sides by single-family residential development — would not serve to protect and enhance these neighborhoods."

The intensity of the proposal would hurt the single family communities around it, Ulfelder said. He also cited the amount of traffic at the intersection of Kirby Road and Westmoreland Street and the cumulative impact of nearby institutional and public uses.

**THE MCLEAN CITIZENS ASSOCIATION** also opposes the project.

More than 49 people testified in a public hearing on March 8 that lasted nearly six hours.

"SayNoToSunrise" was a coalition of 10 neighborhoods "representing thousands of families" that opposed the facility.

Neighborhoods include: Autumn Chase HOA, Crosswoods neighborhood, El Nido Civic Association, Foxhall Road neighborhood, Franklin Area Citizens Association, L'Ambiance HOA, Marlborough-Nantucket Citizens Association, Mayfair of McLean HOA, McLean Province and Westmoreland Square.

"The proposed facility is simply incompatible with



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Advocacy in action: many groups argued both for and against the proposed application.

the proposed site and does not satisfy all applicable standards," said Ulfelder.

The Board of Supervisors is expected to hold its hearing later this spring.

Commissioner Ellen Hurley (Braddock) was the lone vote in support of the application.

"Because of innovative berming and under-grounding, the view of the proposed facility from surrounding areas would generally be of a one-story building. The design will also provide added security for the residents. I am consistent in supporting special exceptions to include assisted living facilities as part of residential neighborhoods," Hurley said, even when they are sited on less than five acres.

A few commissioners expressed hope that Sunrise would seek to build its assisted living elsewhere in McLean or Fairfax County.

"I don't want to disagree with Commissioner Ulfelder and I will support his motion, but I wanted to say that the standards in that area are so high that even a Sunrise facility would have a hard time coming up to it," said Janyce N. Hedetniemi (At-Large).

# NEWS



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**Members of the Longfellow Middle winning team: Reevu Adakroy, Varun Chilukuri, Joaquim Das, Tammy Ding, Michelle Du, Pulak Dugar, Julia Feldhaus, Jessica Feng, Pratyush Jaishankar, Vishal Kanigicherla, Julia Kao-Sowa, Elaine Li, Kari Naga, Marian Qian, Sahana Ramesh, Neil Shah, Rupa Siva, Caroline Sun, Alison Wan, and Gabriel Witkop. Not pictured, and part of the larger team, are: Mallika Charagundla, Ryan Chou, Evans Chun, Kevin Fan, Stephen Huan, Anoushka Sarkar, Alex Talamonti, Jason Wang, Miranda Xiong, and Eric Yin. Susan Boomer is the teacher sponsor and coach; Rajee Viswanathan is the co-coach; and Madhu Kanigicherla and Billie Feldhaus are assistant coaches.**

## Longfellow Middle Wins State Science Olympiad

Longfellow Middle School won first place at the Virginia State Science Olympiad tournament on March 25 at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville. They achieved a 51-point victory over the second

place middle school team. They will now go on to represent Virginia at the National Science Olympiad tournament at Wright State University in Ohio on May 20.



PHOTO BY KIM MORAN

**Siblings Forrest and Devon Barnes ham it up a little while making sandwiches for Martha's Table.**

## Making Sandwiches for Martha's Table

Churchill Road Elementary School continued its long-standing community service tradition by making sandwiches for Martha's Table, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., that serves sandwiches to those in need. On Wednesday, March 29, more than 75 Churchill Road kindergarteners, second, fourth and sixth graders, along with family members, made 1,932 sandwiches during this final sandwich-making event of the year, bringing this year's total to more than 4,000. The volunteers at Martha's Table were happy to receive the sandwiches, hand-delivered by the PTA Community Service Committee co-chairs (and event organizers) Robin Hoeymans and Sarah Walter.

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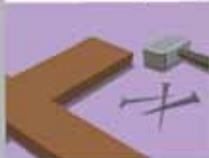
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### ONGOING

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**Free Tai Chi.** Every Saturday, from 7:55-9 a.m., Introduction and Beginners' Practice, meet on the outdoor basketball court located directly behind the Dolley Madison Public Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. in McLean Central Park, McLean.

**The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia,** a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. Play on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna. Visit [www.goldengirls.org](http://www.goldengirls.org).

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

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**Fishing Rod Rentals** 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Rentals available during visitor center hours. Fishing tackle and live bait are available for purchase. Reservations required for group rentals. \$6/rental (2 hour max). Valid driver's license required. Rod/reel combinations are perfect for beginners and children. A Virginia or Maryland freshwater fishing license is required for those 16 years or older. The park does not sell fishing licenses. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/)

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

### THURSDAY/APRIL 13

**Passover Celebration.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. Rabbi Stephanie Bernstein of Temple Rodef Shalom speaks to the meaningfulness of the Passover and the Seder meal. Call 703-356-6336 for more.

### FRIDAY/APRIL 14

**Good Friday.** noon-3 p.m. meditations with organ accompaniment; 7:30 p.m. mass at St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Call 703-356-4902 or visit [www.stjohnsmclean.org](http://www.stjohnsmclean.org) for more.

### APRIL 14-23

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## EASTER EVENTS IN THE AREA



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### Easter Eggs-Stravaganza at Roer's Zoofari,

**On April 15-16, it's the Easter Eggs-Stravaganza, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Roer's Zoofari, at the corner of Hunter Mill Road and Baron Cameron Drive in Vienna. Egg hunts, safari tours, and more. Participants in the Easter Egg hunt are asked to bring their own basket. Call 607-757-6222, or visit [www.roerszoofari.com](http://www.roerszoofari.com) for more.**

### FRIDAY/APRIL 14

**Good Friday.** noon-3 p.m. meditations with organ accompaniment; 7:30 p.m. mass at St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Call 703-356-4902 or visit [www.stjohnsmclean.org](http://www.stjohnsmclean.org) for more.  
**Good Friday Services.** Noon-3 p.m. at Dranesville Church of the Brethren 11500 Leesburg Pike, Herndon. The service will be the Seven Last Words of Christ featuring six half hour services with six local clergy. Email Rev. Kelly at [tkelly@stfrancisgreatfalls.org](mailto:tkelly@stfrancisgreatfalls.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 15

**Easter Egg Hunt.** 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Bring a basket and hunt for candy and eggs filled with treats, win door prizes and visit the Easter bunny. \$10. Call 703-324-8569 for more.  
**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 Bach to Rock. \$9 in advance or \$10 at the event. Visit [herndon-va.gov/](http://herndon-va.gov/) for more.  
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**Easter Breakfast Buffet.** 8 a.m.-noon at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center St., N. Vienna. \$9, children 12 and under \$3. Call 703-938-6580.

### MONDAY/APRIL 17

**Landscape as Habitat.** 1:30-3 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Join Laura Beaty and Donna Murphy of the Virginia Native

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Plant Society for a presentation on why conversion of lawn into wildlife habitat, using locally native plants, is an increasingly popular movement. Adults. Free. Call 703-938-0405 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library).

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 19

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**Visiting Filmmakers Series.** 7:30 p.m. at George Mason University's Johnson Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Viewing of *Visitor's Day* with filmmaker Nicole Opper. For more information, visit [fams.gmu.edu](http://fams.gmu.edu) or call 703-993-2768 for more.

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

## SUNDAY/APRIL 23

**Amadeus Orchestra.** 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. A pre-concert lecture by Music Director A. Scott Wood will begin at 3:15 p.m., 45 minutes prior to the start of the concert. \$30, students 17 and under and active military are admitted free of charge. [www.amadeusconcerts.com](http://www.amadeusconcerts.com)

**With the Grain: Paintings by J.T. Kirkland will be on display at MPA@ChainBridge April 13 through June 3.**



## McLean Project for the Arts Presents J.T. Kirkland Exhibit

McLean Project for the Arts will open a new exhibition, *With the Grain: Paintings by J.T. Kirkland*, on April 13, at MPA@ChainBridge (1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean). This exhibition will feature multipart and shaped paintings on wood. The opening exhibition reception will take place Thursday, April 20, at MPA@ChainBridge from 7 until 9 p.m. Kirkland's show runs through June 3.

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Tuesday, April 25  
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## Exercising A Demon



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Last night, between 9:30 p.m. and 10:15 p.m., I traveled back in time — without leaving my bedroom and without the use of a Time Machine. I went back approximately 41 years to the fall of '73, to my sophomore year in college at The University of Maryland. A group of us decided to go see one of the most talked about movies of the year: "The Exorcist." Talked about because it was filmed locally here in Georgetown and because it was said to be scary as h---.

I believe we saw the movie at the old KB Cinema located on Wisconsin Ave., NW, adjacent to Rodmans. I could be wrong but there's no one to ask, so you'll just have to take my word for it. I remember little else about the evening, other than my return back to my dorm room, #103, at Cumberland Hall in College Park. Though I had a roommate, he had gone home for the weekend so I was all alone. And that is what I remember most, closing the door, shutting off the lights, sitting on my bed and staring into the darkness and seeing Linda Blair's face (from the movie) and being extremely uncomfortable being by myself so soon after having seen the movie. I had a difficult night. I don't remember if I had any nightmares however, but, it was a miserable experience trying to fall asleep. I have not seen "The Exorcist" a second time, in its entirety or in any pieces until last night, despite it being a movie readily available on cable, especially around Halloween.

I would say I saw the last 45 minutes. I saw Linda Blair tied up in her bed. I saw Linda Blair turn her head completely around. I saw projectile vomiting from her mouth. I saw her fiery, yellow eyes and her face all torn up with scars and scabs. I saw her bed shake. I saw her bed levitate. I heard the demon inside her growl, screech, curse and speak backwards and verbally attack all the priests held sacred. I heard the bells chiming in the movie score. I saw plenty but not enough to justify the fear that engulfed me all those many years ago. Having watched the movie again (and having slept peacefully through the evening), it almost feels as if I've survived a rite of passage somehow, faced off against my past and come out reasonably healthy — all things not considered.

Nevertheless, I have no interest in seeing "scary" movies. I guess I don't see the point or rather the point pales in comparison to the fact that I've been diagnosed with cancer: now that's scary. Moreover, having lived over 40 years since having seen "The Exorcist," a few other scary things have happened in life which places a movie in context; it's only celluloid (sort of), it's not real. So I've learned a few things and probably unlearned a lot more. I wouldn't say watching the movie tonight was an epiphany-type moment when the light came on and I realized what I had been missing or perhaps realized what I've been getting. Granted, it's only a movie, and one that's over 40 years old, but it's a movie/experience/ affect that had stuck with me for a long time, and now I'm free of its tentacles.

It reminds of another movie I saw as a young boy, when I was under 10 years old, it scared the h--- out of me and did give me nightmares: "Invaders From Mars," released in 1953. The Martians landed in a field just within view from a little boy's bedroom window in his family's farmhouse. I remember his wide eyes at seeing the light off in the distance. I remember the music. I remember the Martians having a device that made the ground disappear and then reform. I remember the Martian leader's head being carried around in a goldfish-type bowl of something. I don't remember the plot. I just remember being frightened. It wasn't until "The Exorcist" 15 or so years later that I had been similarly scared. And it wasn't until 35 years after seeing "The Exorcist" when I was once again so scared that I had trouble sleeping, and had nightmares, and experienced everything else associated with fear that your life may actually be coming to an end: my non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis in late February 2009. Having survived more than a few years now past my original "13 month to two-year" prognosis, maybe I am ready to go see another scary movie? After all, I could probably use the diversion.

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

### THROUGH SUMMER

**Vienna Street-sweeping Program.** The Town of Vienna began its annual street-sweeping program beginning March 20. The Town is divided into eight sections for purposes of the sweeping program. During the first pass through Town, the Public Works Department asks that residents not park on the street. Find the "sweeping" sections at [viennava.gov/sweeping](http://viennava.gov/sweeping). Additionally, signs will be placed on streets marking a window of 7-10 days during which the truck will come through. Contact public works at 703-255-6380.

### APRIL 9-16

**Holy Week and Easter Worship.** St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Call 703-356-4902 or visit [www.stjohnsmclean.org](http://www.stjohnsmclean.org).

❖ **April 12:** 11:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

❖ **Maundy Thursday, April 13:** 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

❖ **Good Friday, April 14 – Meditations and Music** – noon-3 p.m. – Meditations by the Rector on The Seven Last Words of Christ and music on the Seven Last Words of Christ sung by the St. John's Choir with organ accompaniment. All are welcome for any part of the service.

❖ **Good Friday, April 14 – Liturgy and Music:** 7:30 pm – *Dies Irae* from *Requiem* by Charles Villiers Stanford sung by the St. John's Choir and the Choir of St. Francis Church, Great Falls with organ and string quartet

❖ **Easter Vigil, April 15:** 8 p.m. First Eucharist of Easter

❖ **Easter Day, April 16:** 7:30, 9:00, 11:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist – Music with brass and timpani at each morning service.

**Holy Week.** Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Call 703-356-3312 or visit [umtrinity.org](http://umtrinity.org)

❖ **April 13: Maundy Thursday** — 7:30 p.m. — This service observes Jesus at the Last Supper.

❖ **April 14: Good Friday** — 7:30 p.m. — Jesus is taken to Pontius Pilate for a trial; the sentence is passed and Jesus is crucified with the common criminals.

❖ **April 16: Easter Sunday** — Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Easter morning worship is filled with Hallelujahs and rejoicing as we celebrate our risen Lord.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 13

**Maundy Thursday.** 6 p.m. Agape Meal, 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna. Call 703-938-6521 for more.

### FRIDAY/APRIL 14

**Good Friday Services.** Noon-3 p.m. at Oakton United Methodist Church, 2951 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. The service will be the Seven Last Words of Christ featuring six half hour services with six local clergy. Visit [oaktonumc.org](http://oaktonumc.org) or call 703-938-1234 for more.

**Good Friday.** 12:10 p.m. The Way of the Cross, 7 p.m. The Liturgy of Good Friday at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna. Call 703-938-6521 for more.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 15

**Holy Saturday.** 8 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna. Call 703-938-6521 for more.

### SUNDAY/APRIL 16

**Easter Sunrise Service.** 6:30 a.m. at Great Falls Park, 9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Presented by Great Falls Area Ministries. Contact Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church 703-759-3509 for more information.

**Easter Sunday.** 7:30, 9 and 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt at Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna. Call 703-938-6521 for more.

### MONDAY/APRIL 17

**Informative Presentations.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. Topic is "Understanding Small Kitchen Appliances." Call 703-759-3509 for more.

### TUESDAY/APRIL 25

**Autism Awareness Month.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Glen Finland's memoir, "Next Stop," is a moving account of a family caring for a child with special needs. Finland will share her own hard-won lessons as well as strategies and insights she has learned about the individual dynamics of families who have children with special needs. Register online at [bit.ly/2nLCy9s](http://bit.ly/2nLCy9s) or call 703-204-3941.

### THURSDAY/APRIL 27

**Autism Awareness Month.** 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and other cognitive disabilities may not recognize danger, react well in an emergency or be able to seek help. Attend this workshop to learn safety risks for individuals with special needs, proactive steps to reduce the risk of potential dangers, information on the new Yellow Dot Program and more. Register online at [bit.ly/2ogNf84](http://bit.ly/2ogNf84) or call 703-204-3941.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

### ONGOING

**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.

**The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia,** a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. The games are on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna. For more information, visit [www.goldengirls.org](http://www.goldengirls.org)

**Passages DivorceCare** If you are experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, the caring community at Vienna Presbyterian Church invites you to attend Passages DivorceCare. This program offers a path toward healing. The next 15-week DivorceCare series will be held Tuesdays from 6:45 to 9 p.m. beginning on Feb. 21. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna. Cost to cover materials is \$20, scholarships available. For more information or to register call 703-938-9050, go to [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org), or send an email to [Passages@ViennaPres.org](mailto:Passages@ViennaPres.org).

**Are You A Caregiver? Shepherd's Center of Oakton Vienna Caregivers' Support Group** takes place first & third Thursday of each month. February 2nd and 16th, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Join us at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF) - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Rd, Oakton, VA. For more info contact facilitator, Jack Tarr, 703-821-6838 [jtarr5@verizon.net](mailto:jtarr5@verizon.net).

**Volunteers Needed.** PRS is looking for empathetic and caring volunteers to make phone calls to older adults who may be feeling socially isolated. The commitment is one 3-hour shift per week for one year. Located in Arlington. Ages 21 & up. Intensive training provided. Learn more and apply: <https://prsinc.org/caring-volunteering/>. Questions? Email [lpadgett@prsinc.org](mailto:lpadgett@prsinc.org).

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/lcombudsman/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/lcombudsman/).



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**1571 Maddux Lane, McLean \$1,749,000**  
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**1531 Woodacre Drive, McLean \$1,149,000**  
 Situated in the heart of Chesterbrook Woods, this 5BR/3BA home is gorgeous! Spacious main level with living room boasting wood-burning fireplace, wall of windows for bright light & built-in shelving & cabinetry; Chef's kitchen w/ granite counters, tile backsplash, SS appliances, bfast bar seating & eat-in dining. Sep. formal dining room; Walkout to patio & huge yard; Master w/ updated BA; LL w/ fam room, full daylight, exercise/game room, 5th BR & BA!

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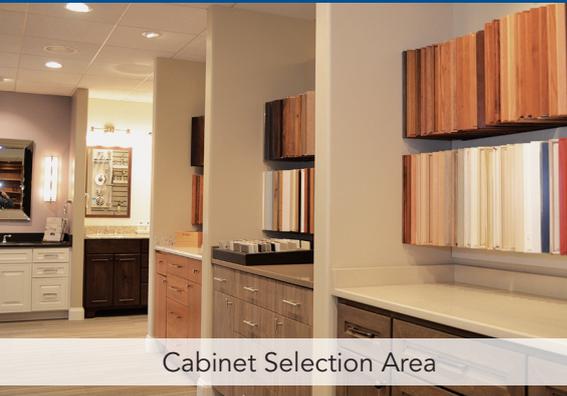
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