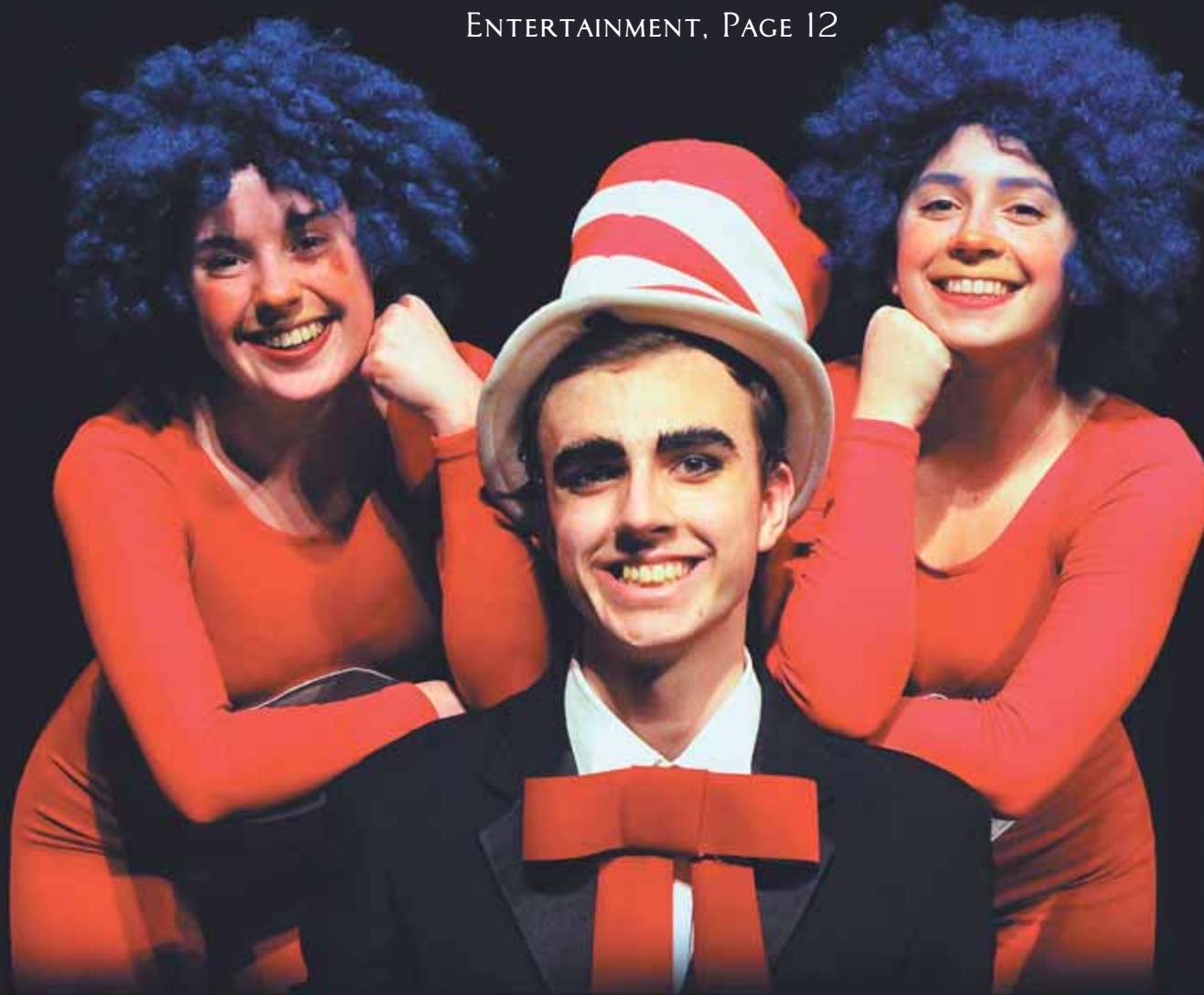


# The Seussian World of Imagination Brought to Life

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Favorite Dr. Seuss characters such as the Cat in the Hat (George Stiefel), Thing 1 and Thing 2 (Ruby Larimer and Syd Kirk) come to life in McLean High School's musical "Seussical."

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## SCHOOLS

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

**Melanie Pincus**, of McLean High School, has been named the Virginia Journalist of the Year by the Virginia Association of Journalism Teachers and Advisers.

**Oakcrest School** announced in February that it received a grant totaling more than \$126,000 from the E. L. Wiegand Foundation of Reno, Nevada. The grant will be directed to support programs promoting STEM-based learning and equip the school's new science lab at its permanent campus in Vienna.

**Taylor V. Goldman**, of McLean, was named to the fall 2016 dean's list at St. Lawrence University (Canton, N.Y.).

**Bryan Christopher Diner**, of McLean, graduated from Miami University (Miami, Fl.) in December 2016.

**James Richard Williams**, of McLean, graduated from Miami University (Miami, Fl.) in December 2016.

**Kyle Alexander**, of McLean, a third-year biochemistry major, has received an undergraduate research award at the University of Virginia.

**Ashley Mehra**, of McLean, a third-year politics honors and distinguished majors program in classics major, has received an undergraduate research award at the University of Virginia.

**Olivia McAuliffe** and **Viraj Sunderam** of McLean High School, were among the 347 students from 19 Fairfax County Public Schools high

schools recognized at the Virginia DECA State Leadership Conference held March 3-5 in Virginia Beach.

**John Ferguson**, of McLean, was named to the dean's list at Salisbury University (Salisbury, Md.) for the fall 2016 semester.

**Laurie Isabelle Shapiro**, of McLean, was awarded an undergraduate degree in liberal studies from Longwood University (Farmville, Va.) in fall 2016.

**Maddy Clark**, of McLean, was named to the dean's list at Bates College (Lewiston, Maine) for the fall semester ending in December 2016. Clark, the daughter of Andrew E. Clark and Elaine Metlin, of McLean, is a 2016 graduate of Georgetown Day School.

**Etta Davis**, of Great Falls, a senior at Oakcrest School in McLean, will be playing Division III lacrosse for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy (New London, Conn.). In addition to being a founding player of the lacrosse team, Etta played one year of varsity volleyball, two years of varsity cross country, and four years of varsity basketball, leading her team to the Potomac Valley Athletic Conference (PVAC) finals. Oakcrest hosted an official signing ceremony in the school's chapel in March. The ceremony was attended by the entire student body, Etta's parents, her brother, and the school's mascot — Charlie the Charger.

**Elle Rosse**, of McLean, will play Morticia Addams when Foxcroft School presents the musical "The Addams Family" on April 21-22.

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## Caring By Calling

PRS CareRing helps people aged 65 and over in Fairfax County to “age in place.”

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

**H**ilary Crockett dials the next person on her list. It's a Friday morning around 10 o'clock and she wakes the woman on the other end from sleep.

She proceeds to ask if she had eaten breakfast and if she had any plans for the day. She is told that a caretaker would be coming to the home soon.

“She sounded very content,” said Crockett, who is a stay-at-home mom with older children.

Her conversation with the woman was quick and humdrum—routine.

She moves on to the next person on her list. This time, she does not get an answer. She makes another attempt 10 minutes later.

She gets an answer this time. “You start to know their routines,” she said.

Crockett asks her if she had taken her medication. She is told that she has ice packs on her legs, as her doctor recommended, because they “give her problems sometimes.”

She wants to feel better so she can attend her prayer group. She also needs to get dressed so she can head to the bank and work on Medicaid paperwork.

**TODAY IS A GOOD DAY** for this call recipient, though she has been very anxious and overwhelmed on other days, according to Crockett.

Crockett is making her calls sitting in the basement below the Virginia Hospital Center's Urgent Care facility on South Carlin Spring Road in Arlington. This is where PRS,



PHOTO BY FALLON FORBUSH/THE CONNECTION

**Hilary Crockett of Falls Church: “These people do not or cannot leave their home, so this phone call could be their one connection.”**

Inc. runs its crisis and suicide prevention hotline.

While the hotline is accustomed to helping callers with emotional trauma, family crises and suicide prevention, Crockett is

helping the organization with a new endeavor. She is a volunteer of CareRing 2.0, a program that provides regular outbound

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**James C. Macdonald Fine Arts Scholarship Competition Finalists Eric Lin, Philena Sun, Ethan Hsiao, Jamie Goodson, Syona Ayyankeril, Annie Gardner, Claire Goldhush, Carena Slotkoff, Madeleine Walker, Kathleen Tiernan and Isabella Swigart.**



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**James C. Macdonald Fine Arts Scholarship Competition First-Place Winners: Jamie Goodson (Vocal Music), Madeleine Walker (Dance), Eric Lin (Instrumental Music) and Annie Gardner (Theatre).**

## Young Performing Artists Honored

**T**he Alden in McLean has awarded scholarships to eleven local high school students through the 2017 James C. Macdonald Performing Arts Scholarship Competition. The competition began with a preliminary audition in mid-March and culminated in a final competition on stage at The Alden at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29. Prizes were presented by MCC Governing Board Chair Laurelie B. Wallace and The Alden's Director of Youth Theatre Programs Danielle Van Hook. A division of the McLean Community Center, where The Alden Theatre is housed at 1234 Ingleside Ave. The building is currently closed for renovation. MCC's administrative offices are temporarily located at

6631 Old Dominion Dr.

The James C. Macdonald Performing Arts Scholarship Competition encourages artistic achievement and promotes study in the arts by high school students who reside or attend school in the McLean district (Small Tax District 1A, Dranesville). Scholarship prizes of \$1,200 are awarded to students placing first in each of four categories: Dance, Instrumental Music, Theatre and Vocal Music. Second-place winners are awarded \$800 and third-place winners win \$400.

This year's winners are:

❖ **Dance Category:** First Place: Madeleine Walker, Senior, McLean High School; Second Place: Kathleen Tiernan, Junior, McLean High School; Third Place: Isabella

Swigart, Sophomore, McLean High School.

❖ **Instrumental Music Category:** First Place: Eric Lin, Junior, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; Second Place: Philena Sun, Junior, McLean High School; Third Place: Ethan Hsiao, Freshman, Basis Independent School, McLean.

❖ **Theatre Category:** First Place: Ann Nichols Gardner, Sophomore, McLean High School; Second Place: Claire Goldhush, Junior, Langley High School; Third Place: Carena Slotkoff, Sophomore, McLean High School.

❖ **Vocal Music Category:** First Place: Jamie Goodson, Senior, Langley High; Second Place: Syona Ayyankeril, Senior, McLean High School; Third Place: Carena

Slotkoff, Sophomore, McLean High School.


This year's distinguished judges were: Dance Category, Ivy Chow, Chelsea Smith and Cynthia Yan-Lam Lin; Instrumental Music Category, Anne Curley, Sarah Markovitz and Ethan Watermeier; Guest, Instrumental Music Category John Eaton.

Theatre Category, Michael Bergman, Morgan Brophy and Khaleshia Thorpe-Price.

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## NEWS

**Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) visiting a school at Azraq refugee camp in Jordan.**



## Comstock Constituents Demand In-Person Townhall

Members of the Indivisible VA District 10 Facebook group planned daily demonstrations outside of U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock's district office in Sterling last week while Congress was in recess for the Easter holiday.

However, Comstock was not in the country.

She was visiting the Middle East with three of her colleagues: U.S. Reps. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.); Juan Vargas (D-Calif.); and Claudia Tenney (R-N.Y.).

Comstock released the following statement after returning home on Friday, April 14:

"As believers around the world observed Holy Week, I appreciated the opportunity to visit and hear from those who serve our fellow man — our military men and women and national security leaders, our State Department and diplomatic leaders, and our humanitarian partners serving the refugee population. The work they have done is extraordinary and it was instructive to see how they work together to meet the challenges of the refugee population and the region, and to bring more stability to the Mideast. We met with the mothers, fathers, teachers, health care providers, and children at the refugee camps and heard from them about life in these camps and the desire of the refugees to be able to go home, and the vital support they still need. It's clear that America's leadership in the region is essential to marshal the international community, and our allies and strategic

partners — in order to restore stability and reinvigorate our common goal of eliminating the threat of ISIS and terrorism."

During the trip, the lawmakers met with Egyptian President Al-Sisi, Lebanese Minister of Education and Jordan Prime Minister Hani Al-Mulki.

While Comstock was visiting Egypt, Jordan and Lebanon, the Indivisible group had two shifts of about a dozen people demonstrating outside of her office each weekday, according to Jan Hyland, a member of the group.

"Generally, folks spend some time holding a banner and signs for traffic along Route 7, then go up to the office to share their questions and concerns with staff — always urging a town hall," Hyland said in an email.

Each day of the groups, Reclaim Recess demonstrations had a focus:

- ❖ #ModerateMonday — Moderate Voting Record? Call to Hold a Townhall
- ❖ #ToxicTuesday — Environment and Science
- ❖ #NoWallWednesday — Immigration and Budget
- ❖ #HealthyThursday — American Health Care Act of 2017, Health and Family Issues
- ❖ #ForeignInfluenceFriday — Investigate Russia

On Friday, April 14, the group delivered a basket full of messages that it collected from the public during the week of protests.

— FALLON FORBUSH



PHOTO PROVIDED BY JAN HYLAND

**The Indivisible group demonstrated against the Trump administration and Congress for its slow investigation of alleged Russian ties to the president and the presidential election on Friday, April 14.**



# Caring Connection

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telephone calls to older Fairfax County residents who are isolated.

PRS CareRing clients will receive daily or bi-weekly calls from trained volunteers like Crockett.

"It's a neat service," Crockett said. "People are mostly by themselves and isolated. Having people feel that they've been heard is a rewarding experience."

There are nearly 125,000 people aged 65 and over living in Fairfax County, according to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2015 American Community Survey. That is more than 11 percent of the county's total population.

"You realize there's a lot of people struggling and a lot of people who don't want to be alone," Crockett said. "These people do not or cannot leave their home, so this phone call could be their one connection."

These people are aging in place.

These are people who really don't fit the criteria for assisted living facilities.

"These are individuals who may be quite capable of living in their own homes, keeping their homes and affording their own homes, but there is concern that they may be more vulnerable for exploitation or neglect, or maybe their faculties are good but not completely in place to remember to make payments on their bills and stuff like that," said Laura Mayer, the CareRing program director. "What we're looking to do is provide a service that is for those individuals who are not ready yet to need supportive care."

The goal of the program is to enhance aging in place by addressing social and emotional needs, providing medication reminders, helping prevent exploitation and neglect, and providing a simple connection with others.

"We often get adult children who are looking to find other resources to support their aging parents who are concerned because they may not be able to check on them every day," Mayer said. "We give them peace of mind that their mom or dad is being checked on regularly."



FALLON FORBUSH/THE CONNECTION

**Hilary Crockett of Falls Church has been volunteering by making phone calls for the CareRing program on Friday mornings for the past year.**

This also gives clients peace of mind because, a lot of times, older adults don't want to have to rely on their children for support, according to Mayer.

"They don't want to make their kids worry, so having a third party to do that puts less of a burden on their kids," Mayer said.

The calls are free for county residents, as the program is fully funded through a new two-year grant from the county's Consolidated Community Funding Pool program. This program funds organizations to provide human services or affordable housing development for the county.

"We were really lucky to get funding and it is unusual, but the gap is so great for older adults in the county," Mayer said.

Mary Havers, the CareRing supervisor, makes calls daily.

"I get to know these people and they're surface-level friends," said Havers. "I know how they're doing. I know how their dog is. I

know when they went to the vet and I know when they went to the doctor. I know that they went and bought a new hat the other day and they're really excited about that."

Their emotions, and excitement, transfer onto her.

"Sometimes I'll be walking down the halls and I'll be super excited," she said. "People will be like, 'Why are you excited?' And I'll be like, 'Ken just got a hat!' So, it's really rewarding for me because I get to hear everybody's stories and it's positive for the most part."

Primary care physicians and faith communities often refer people to the program, according to Mayer, but individuals may also refer themselves.

The program can support up to 40 people in the program and spots are still available.

**FOR INFORMATION** about enrolling or referring someone who is at least 60 years old and is aging in place in Fairfax County for the CareRing 2.0 program, visit [www.prsinc.org/crisislink/services/caring](http://www.prsinc.org/crisislink/services/caring) or call 703-516-6769.

PRS is also looking for more volunteers to help make phone calls for the CareRing program. Those interested can apply online at [www.prsincvolunteers.applicantpro.com/jobs/500945.html](http://www.prsincvolunteers.applicantpro.com/jobs/500945.html).

## WEEK IN MCLEAN

### Comstock Announces 10<sup>th</sup> District Military Academy Day

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) announced the annual 10th Congressional District Military Academy Day. This year's Military Academy Day will be held on Saturday, May 6, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Loudoun County Public School Administration Building located at 21000 Education Court, Ashburn. The event is free and open to all students, parents and guidance staff who are interested in learning more about the nation's service academies.

Representatives from the following service academies will be in attendance: Army, Navy, Air Force, Merchant Marine. Representatives from the Coast Guard, Marine Corps ROTC program, the Virginia Army National Guard, Virginia Military Institute, the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets and The Citadel have also been invited. Additionally, the American Legion and Randolph-Macon Academy will be represented. Each of the academies will make a presentation and students will be able to meet with admissions staff and ask questions. Contact Mary Ann Cannon on Comstock's staff at 703-404-6903 or by email at [Maryann.Cannon@mail.house.gov](mailto:Maryann.Cannon@mail.house.gov).

### McLean Community Garage Sale Coming April 22

The McLean Community Center will hold its annual Spring Community Garage Sale from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., on Saturday, April 22. The sale will be held in the parking garage located at 1420 Beverly Road. Admission to the sale and parking are free.

The sale will offer shoppers the opportunity to purchase a wide variety of household items, toys, electronics, glassware, clothing, baby items, collectibles and more at bargain prices. A limited number of selling spaces remain and can be purchased for \$45. Individuals selling personal items and some commercial vendors may participate.

For more information, or to reserve a selling space, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit: [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events) and register online using activity number 2001.317. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, April 19, or until sold out.

This event has been made possible with the support of General Assets, Inc., Giant Food and McLean Properties.

### Taste of Korea, Culture Festival in McLean

Come and sample the homemade Korean Food and experience Korean Culture at the Korean United Methodist Church of Greater Washington on Saturday, April 29, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1219 Swinks Mill Road, McLean. In addition to an array of popular Korean foods such as Korean barbecue and potstickers, there will be cultural programs such as Korean dance performances, paper folding, trying on traditional Korean costumes and games for children. Also there will be a rummage sale and sale of Korean knick-knacks.

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# OPINION

## Mother's Day The Connection is seeking submissions for its annual photo gallery.

**M**other's Day is Sunday, May 14 this year and as usual every year at this time, The Connection calls for submissions to our Mother's Day photo gallery.

Send photos of mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, with children or without children in the photos. Please name everyone in the photo, the approximate date, describe what is happening in the photo and include your name, address, email address and phone number. We will not print your full address or contact information.

You can upload photos and information directly to [www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday/) or email to [editors@connection](mailto:editors@connectionnewspapers.com)

[newspapers.com](http://newspapers.com).

Immediately after we publish our Mother's Day photo galleries, we will begin to ask for submissions for our annual Father's Day galleries. Each year we seem to receive many more photos for Father's Day.

We've always been curious whether that is because it is the second of the set so readers are more aware or because mothers are more likely to send in images of the fathers in their life.

Throughout the year, we ask for community submissions. Twice a year we ask you to tell us stories about your pets and how they have come into, touched and left your lives.

In late summer, we invite readers to share

what they know about their community for neighbors and newcomers alike.

And wrapping up the year, we gather writing and art from local students to fill our holiday edition. Each year, through an enormous effort by area teachers and school staff we receive more material than is possible to publish for most of our 15 editions.

In addition, regular contributions to our entertainment calendars, community bulletin boards, school notes, and business notes help us to share news in your community. We also always welcome photos and captions from community organizations (Scouts, sports teams, faith groups, school activities, etc.) and local businesses.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## County Economy Poised for Continued Growth

To the Editor:

The April 12 article, "Uncertainty Amid Growth," might have left readers wondering about the strength and future of Fairfax County's economy.

Much of the uncertainty arises from concerns about the direction of the federal budget, because many employers in Fairfax County and northern Virginia are involved in government contracting. However, more than two-thirds of the federal procurement dollars won by Fairfax County companies in fiscal 2016 involve three departments for which President Trump has indicated he would seek increased funding: Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs.

For that reason and others, I think the Fairfax County economy is poised for continued development. In 2016, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority worked with 194 companies that added nearly 7,500 jobs to the county economy. Many of those companies are in the professional and technical industry sectors that will generate the most prosperity for the community.

Just since the beginning of 2017 the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority has announced several companies that are adding hundreds of jobs here. Some, like Favor TechConsulting or IOMAXIS, focus on work with federal customers. Others such as All Traffic Solutions and Global Guardian, focus on private-sector customers. This is the hallmark of a mature economy: companies working in a variety of sectors and

for a variety of customers and finding the kind of skilled talent they need to thrive. This kind of economic diversity is what every community longs to attain.

This work is never done, of course. In addition to Fairfax County's traditional business strengths, my office has targeted cybersecurity, data analytics and translational medicine as industry sectors with great growth potential here. The foundation is firmly in place to help Fairfax County achieve even greater economic stability and prosperity in the years ahead.

**Gerald L. Gordon, Ph.D.**  
President and CEO  
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## County Fiction\* is Fact

To the Editor:

One may view fiction\* as fact only if the asterisk note identifies fiction as fact. Fairfax County in its financial tables used wrong data dates on unfunded pension liabilities (UPL), except its tables often did not even include an asterisk.

Fairfax County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year 2016 shows misleading dates. The table on page 90, e.g., wrongly identifies the UPL date as "6/30/2016" — with no footnote. Embedded in 78 pages of notes is an identification of reported UPL as being "reported with a one year lag." Thus, reported UPL dates, in fact, covered the prior year.

In its 11/18/2016 release, the County CAFR 2016 covers five main pension plans. All responsible public entities have good fis-

cal data available within three months of the reporting period. Oddly, this CAFR 2016 did not report actual 6/30/2016 UPL data. At least, it should report correct dates for data in all its tables rather than explain actual reporting dates in separate notes.

Such misleading reporting impacts pension understandings. While the County reported UPL on 6/30/2016 as \$4.8 billion, they actually were \$5.6 billion according to five pension CAFRs. The FY 2016 increase in UPL was an unsustainable \$0.8 billion—instead of the County reported \$0.6 billion—despite 2016 cash contributions of \$0.5 billion.

One may ask County officials why reported dates for County UPL data were misleading. More importantly, all future County financial reports should identify—accurately and transparently—UPL at the end of reported years.

**Dr. David V. Pritchett**  
Concerned McLean parent

## March to Honor Earth Day

To the Editor:

For the past few decades, Earth Day has given most of us the opportunity to take time from our

busy lives and ponder about the many ways our planet sustains life. We celebrate the occasion in many ways: take on tree planting, clean up our streams and hold earth day fairs to raise awareness about taking care of the home we all share.

This Earth Day has special significance in light of the actions proposed by the current administration: massive budget cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency, the appointment of a fox in the hen house at the helm of EPA whose career is based on suing the agency; roll back of regulations designed to protect people in response to demands by polluting industries, to name a few. To top it all is the denial of scientific findings that climate change is happening and that it is caused by human activity.

If you have not made other plans to celebrate earth day, please join one or both marches taking place on the mall. March for truth and justice!

What better way to honor the earth? The Science March is on April 22 ([www.earthday.org/marchforscience/](http://www.earthday.org/marchforscience/)).

The Climate March is on April 29 ([peoplesclimate.org/](http://peoplesclimate.org/))

**Rekha Nadkarni**  
McLean

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**Potomac's Upper School robotics teams and their coaches at the U.S. Open National Championship.**

## Potomac School Robotics Students Win U.S. Open National Championship

Eight Upper School robotics teams from The Potomac School participated in the U.S. Open National Championship in Council Bluffs, Iowa, during the first weekend in April. Three of the school's teams competed together as an alliance to become the U.S. Open champions.

The members of the winning alliance were seniors Randall Kliman, Krishna Kumar, and John Tofil; sophomores Ben Adolphe, Matthew Giuliano, Jake Livingston, Arjun Kumar, and freshman Akshay Gupta; and sophomores Zoe

Dubelier, Marshall Riccardi, James Jordan, Kenneth Lin, Max Wehner, and Jared White.

Another Potomac group, comprising juniors Rebecca Crawley and Jasmine Terrones and freshman Jodie Kuo, was part of a multi-school alliance that was named a finalist in the competition.

Other Potomac teams received a variety of recognitions for the quality of their robots and the skills that they demonstrated.

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# Long-Term Benefits of Summer Camp

**Camp experiences can enhance social and psychological development, say experts.**

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**A**s the end of the school year draws near, so does the beginning of summer camp experiences. Child development experts say that summer camps offer more than just fun; they present opportunities for emotional, social and psychological growth and development.

"Summer camps provide children with a sense of community where they can feel safe and learn through first-hand experiences, said Stacie Gottlieb, director, Bullis Summer Programs at Bullis School in Potomac, Md. "Within this setting, campers develop a sense of independence as they try new adventures in an environment different from the norm."

Children benefit from the nurturing structure of a summer camp in a way that is different from the structure they get during a school year, says Jim Supple, associate dean of students and director of Summer Programs at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria. "Summer camps allow children to be children," he said. "They allow them to make new friends, try new things, and learn how to be part of a group. These are attributes of camps that will promote



**Campers such as those at Bullis Summer Programs in Potomac, Md., gain life skills through summer camp experiences.**

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not only healthy interaction among peers, but also building a healthy image of what type of child they want to be."

Opportunities to explore new interests and devote intense focus to activities of particular interest to them at camp help build a child's self-confidence, says Gottlieb. "As children explore, caring adults serve as responsible role models who help to nur-


ture the campers by providing a safe, supervised environment of inclusion," she said. "Children gain self-confidence as they learn new things, develop social skills, expand their friendship circles and build character through planned activities. Summer camps give children a unique, fun environment to discover more about themselves and their passions."


A summer camp where children engage in new and memorable activities will sow seeds for learning during the upcoming academic year, said Shannon Melideo, Ph. D. associate dean of the School of Education & Human Services and associate professor of education at Marymount University. "For example, if your child's summer camp takes a field trip to a historical site that your son finds fascinating and then during the school year, the teacher introduces [the] same historical events and location, he has schema for the lessons. He is more likely to participate, learn more, be better prepared to read his social studies textbook, and even perform better on the exam."

Summer camp experiences that combine academic challenges and physical activity can offer fun while preventing the loss of academic gains made throughout the school year, says Melideo. "Summer slide is the resultant learning loss students experience without educational activities outside of the academic school year," she said. "Research shows such academic regressions can be quite significant and parents have the ability to help prevent the summer slide by providing educational experiences such as high

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# Summer Camp

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quality summer camps.”

“Summer camp can be a terrific opportunity to grow your child’s sense of competence and mastery over something that they love,” added Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology, Northern Virginia Community College. “By picking a camp where your child has an interest, they can be mentored in a passion in ways that a typical school day often can’t.”

**WHEN SELECTING A CAMP**, Melideo advises parents to consider a complete picture of their child. “For example, while your daughter, Sophia loves softball, find a summer camp where she can refine [her] batting and pitching skills and engage with books, perform in skits, play math games, and try something new,” she said.

A child’s social skills can be boosted at camps which provide children with opportunities to make new friends or nurture existing friendships, says Colleen K. Vesely, Ph. D., assistant professor of Early Childhood Education and Human Development at George Mason University. “Developing new social and cognitive skills outside the physical walls and social boundaries of school can help promote healthy self-esteem in children, while spending time in nature can boost children’s overall health and well-being.”

Camps offer an opportunity for children to gain skills that lead to independence. “For older children, over 8-plus years old, typically, sleep away camp offers opportunities to develop independence and self-

reliance by providing children with space to navigate daily life away from the directing of parents but under the guidance of trusted adults,” said Vesely.

For some parents, there are mixed emotions around enrolling a child in camp. “Sometimes working parents feel guilty for enrolling their children in summer camps because of the need for child care during the work day,” said Ivy Beringer, Ed.D., professor of Early Childhood Education and Dean for Social and Professional Sciences at Northern Virginia Community College. “However, children are usually very excited to attend summer camps. This is especially true if the children have input into the camp selection.”

“Summer camps allow for continuous learning that extends beyond the regular school year [and] provide a relaxed atmosphere that stimulates their brains for creative learning without the assessment anxiety that often accompanies school classroom learning,” said Beringer. “[Summer camp] enhances self-esteem by offering special interest learning in small group situations and often with a lower adult-student ratio in school settings.”

“A mother recently called me with a concern that her son only wanted to attend soccer camps this summer and she felt this was too limited of an experience,” continued Beringer. “My response to her was that if he was interested in improving his soccer skills she should view this in a positive light. After all, he will be outdoors in the fresh air and sunshine everyday, exercising his body, and enhancing skills in a sport he loves. What’s not good about that choice?”



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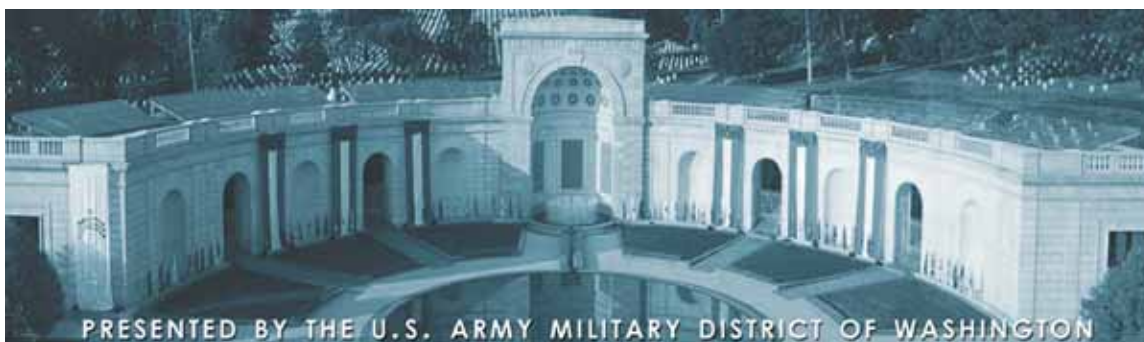
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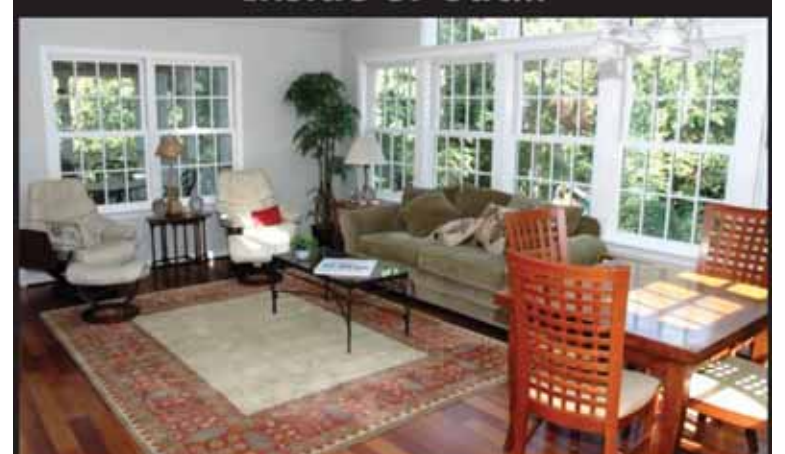


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**Ed Behrens' Photographs.** Various times through April 30 at Katie's Coffee House, Village Centre, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. The showing will celebrate Ed's ten years as a member of Great Falls Studios, his very active 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Call 703-759-0927 for more.

**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.

**Weekly Storytime.** Wednesday and Saturday. 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and titles vary. Free admission.

**Bingo Night.** Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. [www.vvfd.org/bingo.html](http://www.vvfd.org/bingo.html).

**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/)

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### Fundamentals of Watercolors.

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## THURSDAY/APRIL 20

**Quilt Restoration.** 10:15 a.m. at the Fairfax Antique Arts Association, Green Acre Senior Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Presentation and samples provided by Clara Sue Ashley and Chris Young of the Quilt Shop of McLean on the varying processes that can be used. Members are encouraged to bring in family pieces. Call 703-273-6090 for more.

**John McCutcheon Concert.** 8 p.m. in the Barns at Wolftrap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Folk music's Renaissance man from Georgia. \$25-28. Visit [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 22

**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).

**Spring Community Garage Sale.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking garage located at 1420 Beverly Road. The McLean Community Center will hold its annual Spring Community Garage Sale. Free admission. Call 703-790-0123 or visit [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events) for more.

## APRIL 22-MAY 31

**Artists Show.** Various times at the Broadway Gallery, 1025-J Seneca Road, Great Falls. "Levels of Abstraction," show featuring the works of Hiromi Ashlin, Genna Gurvich, Sandi Ritchie Miller, and Buck Nelligan. Visit [www.broadwaygallery.net](http://www.broadwaygallery.net) or call 703-450-8005 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



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## APRIL 28-30

**Spring Art Show.** 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday at Vale Schoolhouse, 3124 Fox Mill Road, Oakton. ValeArts "Fresh Paint," Spring Art Show features guest artists Mary Beth Gaiarin and Andrea Cybyk among

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## SATURDAY/APRIL 29

**Rummage Sale.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Donate gently used items in the Fellowship Hall April 24-28 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-281-3987 or visit [www.GoodShepherdVa.com](http://www.GoodShepherdVa.com).

**Fairfax County Anniversary.** 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Virginia Room, City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St. "A Place Called Home: Fairfax County. A 275th Anniversary Event" is a day-long exploration of the history of Fairfax County. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library) or 703-293-6227, ext. 6.

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a.m.-2 p.m. at the Korean United Methodist Church of Greater Washington, 1219 Swinks Mill Road, McLean. Cultural programs such as Korean dance performances, paper folding, trying on traditional Korean costumes and games for children. Call 703-863-2259 for more.

**"Preserving Family Heirlooms".** 10 a.m. at Dunn Loring Volunteer Fire Station Hall, 2148 Gallows Road, Vienna. Tina Beaird presents a brief history of paper manufacturing and photography while describing how to store and preserve such items, and techniques for preserving historic and modern scrapbooks. Call 703-644-8185 or visit [www.fxgs.org/events](http://www.fxgs.org/events).

**Taste of Vienna.** 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department fire station at 400 Center St. S. Free admission and live entertainment. Proceeds from the sale of food and beverages will benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Visit [tasteofvienna.org](http://tasteofvienna.org) for more.

**Homeless Community Forum.** 1-4 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Representatives from local government, nonprofits, and faith groups gather for a community forum on homelessness in Fairfax County. Call 703-281-1767, or visit [unityoffairfax.org](http://unityoffairfax.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 30

**Green Expo.** 2-5 p.m. at the Windover Heights Historic District, 277 Windover Ave., Vienna. The yards and gardens of approximately 50 homes in the Town's northwest historic district will be open to visitors as part of the annual Walk on the Hill. Open air artist, jazz ensemble, Hickory Grove performances and historic tour. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for more.

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**Horton (Alan Thomas) and his loyal friend Gertrude McFuzz (Abby Comey) search for the one special clover out of a field full of clover.**



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**Vivacious Mayzie LaBird (Emily Swett, right) reveals her secret to being amazing to dowdy Gertrude McFuzz (Abby Comey).**

## The Seussian World of Imagination Brought to Life

**TheatreMcLean presents “Seussical” the Musical April 28-30, and May 6-7.**

**T**he vibrant worlds of Dr. Seuss’ classic picture books have been cherished by both children and adults alike. If you loved characters such as Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and the Sour Kangaroo, *Seussical* manages to bring them together in a whirl of musical, colorful fun. Written by Tony winners Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty (*Lucky Stiff*, *My Favorite Year*, *Once On This Island*, *Ragtime*), *Seussical* follows Horton in his quest to keep Whoville, a town that rests on a tiny speck of dust upon a clover, out of the claws of the other animals. As Horton repeatedly attempts to do the right thing in the face of adversity, he finds unexpected support from a Who child named Jojo and from the intrepid bird Gertrude McFuzz.

TheatreMcLean director Phillip Reid said, “Horton is not your typical hero. His basic belief in equality – ‘A person’s a person no matter how small’ – is at odds with popular opinion.” When Horton chooses to protect the Whos, he faces taunts from other jungle animals who refuse to believe in what they cannot see. They steal his clover, setting in motion Horton’s journey to rescue the citizens of Whoville. Along the way, his sense of responsibility leads him to become the inadvertent caretaker of an abandoned egg. His steadfast friend Gertrude McFuzz learns a lesson in self-esteem, and provides help in the nick of time. Reid said, “Ultimately, *Seussical* is about the triumph of persistence, friendship, and imagination.”



**Mr. and Mrs. Mayor and their child Jojo (Hayden Camp, Anna Kate Womack, and Kylie Coffey) live on the planet of Who, which drifts through space out of their control.**



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Evening shows at 7 p.m.: April 28, April 29, May 6  
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McLean High School is located at 1633 Davidson Road, McLean.  
For information, see [www.TheatreMcLean.org](http://www.TheatreMcLean.org) or call 703-714-5700

This fast-paced, 105-minute show (including intermission) is filled with singing, dancing, silly characters, and colorful costumes. Beloved songs from the musical include, “Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!” “It’s Possible,” “Alone in the Universe,” “Monkey Around,” “Amazing Mayzie,” “Solla Sollew,” and “All For You.” Fun for children and adults of all ages, TheatreMcLean’s *Seussical* is the perfect way to introduce young audiences to the joys of live theatre, while older theatre-goers can re-acquaint themselves with the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss.

The cast includes: George Stiefel (Cat in the Hat), Kylie Coffey (Jojo), Alan Thomas (Horton), Abby Comey (Gertrude), Emily Swett (Mayzie), Diana Suk (Sour Kangaroo), Kristen Waagner, Alexandra Lagos, Abby Covington, and Carena Slotkoff (Bird Girls), Rebecca Blacksten (Swing), Benji Harris, Alex Weinstein, and Eli Wassertzug (Wickersham Brothers), Matthew Lindeman (Yertle the Turtle), Hayden Camp (Mr. Mayor), Anna Kate Womack (Mrs. Mayor), Anthony Salazar (Vlad Vladikoff), Morgan Rich, Syd Kirk, Rebecca Blacksten, Minchae P, Celine Jelinski, Grace White, Rachel Kulp, Ruby Larimer, Rachel Weatherby, Bryn Kirk (It’s Possible Dance Ensemble), and additional ensemble members.

“*Seussical*” Theatre for Young Audiences Version is presented through special arrangement with MTI.





**Kevin Kaldeo, Sebastian Silvestro, Steven Yi, Jacob Daniel, Robert Luebke, and Zack Tam won the best performance award for dancing to 500 Miles.**

PHOTOS BY LAUREN SPILIOTOPOULOS

## Cooper Middle Hosts a Lip Sync Battle

BY SERENA KARAM

Some people that simply love to perform on stage, but can't sing for their life. Luckily, Cooper had their back. This year, on April 5, Cooper Middle School had their very first lip sync battle. This lip sync battle helped raise money for StillBrave Childhood Cancer Foundation.

StillBrave is a nonprofit organization that provides non-medical, supportive care to children with cancer and their families. If a family is struggling to be there for their child, they will do whatever they can to help ease their burden. If a family is having financial difficulties, StillBrave will strive to help with their bills and/or provide gas cards, grocery cards, and similar items.

"Knowing that all the money made at this event went to an organization as great as this one, made me even more excited to attend ... and I'm so glad that I did," said Kate Heebink (Grade 8).

A lip sync battle is a competition in which you sing along with a song and create a dance to perform on stage. There were five categories for the winners and prizes were given out as well.

The overall winners of the lip sync battle were Kevin Kaldeo, Sebastian Silvestro, Steve Yi, Jacob Daniel, Robert Luebke, and Zach Tam, all performing to the song "500 Miles."

Hundreds of dollars were raised for the organization. The founder of the organization was there to talk about his journey and how StillBrave came to be. The performances were outstanding and were very fun. A lot of people think that children our age cannot change the world, but if you look at the turnout of this event ... Cooper's students probably proved them wrong.

For more information about StillBrave or give a donation, visit <https://stillbrave.org/>.



**Bella Zeleke, Sara Wellborn, and Cayla Edelstein won the best song award.**



PHOTO BY NIKHITA RASTOGI/GRADE 7, COOPER MIDDLE  
**The winners at the lip sync battle celebrate their success.**

**This dog, Juniper, won best in show. Left to right: Students Marguerite Godwin and Julia Johannsen and Administration Assistant Julie Rosenau.**

PHOTOS PROVIDED BY CHRISTINA CARROLL



## McLean High Students Create Scottie Sculptures

McLean High School students honored their high school in a "goofy" way: By sculpting Scottie dogs.

The Scottish Terrier breed is a nod toward their mascot: The Highlander, a soldier in historic regiments of Scotland's military.

"I just had this idea to have something fun and lighthearted that would kind of bring our community together," says Christina Carroll, who teaches art in the high school's Fine Arts Department. "So much of high school is very serious. This was a little goofy and we had some fun."

Students in her foundational Art 1 class had to mold their sculptures according to differ-

ent themes they selected.

"They were beginner students, but the stuff they did was pretty advanced," Carroll says.

The students spent two months making their creations by casting them in packing tape, stuffing them with cardboard and paper, coating them in plaster and impregnated gauze and finishing them with coats of paint, according to Carroll.

The students also had to adopt out their sculptures to teachers who were willing to take on the dogs.

A dog show is on display in the high school's main office through spring break before the dogs go to their forever homes in their teachers' classrooms.

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**From left: Student Natalia Fernandez, Physics Teacher Dean Howarth and Student Alexa Ellis pose with their dog, Xenon.**



**From left: Student Ellie Kreeb, History and Social Studies Teacher Lindsey Fisher and Student Shelby Johnson pose with their dog, Phoenixis Nix Aeternum.**



## Credit The Card

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



I'm not a big spender, maybe a medium spender — on my best day. My brother is a big spender, my father was, too. My mother, probably who I most likely take after: 'medium' and judicious, again, like me (or is it me like her?). Nevertheless, the money got spent and if there was more of it, it likely would have got spent, too. It's not as if I was deprived growing up, I got the things that mattered — in the long run. I just didn't get everything money could buy.

But that was before credit cards. Well, before Visa, MasterCard, Discover and Capital One. Sure, there were department store cards: Filene's, Jordon Marsh, Kennedy's — in Boston, and off course there were gas cards: Esso, Amoco and Arco, and I suppose I recall knowing about American Express and Diner's Club, but they weren't used by everybody everywhere, certainly not by the Louries. Now, plastic is the currency by which many of us pay to play, and some of us use to merely stay in the game.

And for me, it sort of is a game: how long can I go without charging something and how much can I charge and still be able to pay the balance off when the next monthly credit card bill arrives? As I contemplate my daily/weekly/bi-weekly/monthly inflow and outgo, I associate my efforts at restraint and attempted control with that of a levee, if I understand their function correctly — which I might not: bend and not break? Like some NFL team defenses are often described.

The problem arises — for both me and the levee, when the levee/spending restraint breaks (quite the opposite of brakes/stops). That's when the damage occurs. That's when the balance overflows. That's when good, bad and indifferent money follows. In for a dime, in for dollars, some of which don't make sense. Once that resolve is weakened, and once that wallet is opened and that credit card is handed over, I feel very much the addict. Once I've started — and stopped denying myself the pleasure of the purchase, I find it extremely difficult to get off the spending bus. Invariably, it's taken me awhile to get on so whether it's sensory deprivation, deferred gratification or premature escalation, there are no more skid marks on that slippery slope. The race is on, so to speak and until I hit my imaginary financial wall, my credit card balance is going onward and upward.

Sure it feels good to spend money I don't have without considering the pay-back consequences. Presumably, the benefits derived from the purchase will help soothe the savage, impoverished beast as he jiggles and then juggles the dollars in order to find some cents. I imagine that's what makes the world go 'round: short term pain for long term gain. Still, it doesn't feel much like progress and progress is what feels good to me. Although, these new Rockport leather slip-ons with the "cushiony" soles and orthotic inserts are improving my disposition and lessening the pain in my feet and fatigue in my legs, it still costs me money not in my wallet.

I admit, I am enjoying the support and comfort my new shoes are providing. But I'm also keenly aware that I haven't received the credit card bill yet reflecting there and other slippery-slope purchases made that same weekend. And when the piper has to be paid, I may not like my new shoes — among other items, nearly as much as I do right now. Right now, the shoes are free. Soon they won't be.

Further complicating this spending-not spending dilemma is the fact that I'm a 62-year-old cancer patient; how do I deprive myself of any creature comforts when I have recurring highly stressful situations that give me, and my life-expectancy, pause. Naturally, I'd rather pay my way — and my share, but at what cost? I suppose cash in hand is still worth two in the bush, but if a credit card is all I have ... ? Either I use it or lose it. The pain and/or pleasure will likely follow regardless.

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

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## Obituary

**Mary Barbara Scholz** passed away on Thursday April 6, 2017 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital after an extended illness. She was predeceased by her parents Fritz Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Scholz, who were lovingly cared for by Barbara, during their health challenges. She is survived by her brother Fritz J Scholz III of Leesburg, Virginia. Barbara affectionately known as BB by family, grew up in Roanoke, Virginia, graduated from Mary Baldwin and received a Master's Degree from the University of Virginia. Her Career in Education took her to Germany, Oregon, Maryland and finally to Fairfax County, Virginia, where she retired as High School English teacher. Anyone knowing Barbara understood her passion for reading and her love for dogs, as she had many in her home and heart. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In Lieu of Flowers, the family request that memorial contribution be made to the humane Society of Fairfax County, 4057 Chain Bridge Rd. Fairfax, Virginia 22030. Please share condolences with the family [www.LoudounFuneralChapel.com](http://www.LoudounFuneralChapel.com)

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**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.

## 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.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 29

**Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at McLean District Station, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Drop off unused or expired medications at a Fairfax County Police district station (pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles). Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb) or email [wwwcsb@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:wwwcsb@fairfaxcounty.gov) for more.

## TUESDAY/MAY 2

**Town Elections.** 6 a.m.-7 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE, Vienna. Town of Vienna residents will cast votes for three Vienna Town Council seats. Visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) for more.

## SUNDAY/MAY 7

**Talk about Planning "Life Celebrations"** 2 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, Program Bldg Rms 3 & 4, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Mary Albrethsen, licensed funeral director and embalmer, will discuss current trends in the funeral industry at the semi-annual meeting of the Memorial Society of Northern Virginia. All are welcome. Call Ron Brandt, 703-765-4779 or [ronbrandt@gmail.com](mailto:ronbrandt@gmail.com).

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