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Former Fairfax City Mayor Scott Silverthorne enjoying Old Town Square, which was approved and built during his tenure.

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## Silverthorne Is Home Again

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

There's rejoicing in the City of Fairfax and among Scott Silverthorne's family members and friends. After being sentenced Friday to the three months in jail he's already served on a drug-distribution charge, he was released to begin his life anew.

The former City mayor knows he has an uphill battle to stay clean and away from the meth addiction that, ultimately, caused his previous life to implode, but he vows to do just that. And now that his family and friends know about it, they'll be there to help him. They couldn't before, because he hid it from them.

"I was in complete denial, truth be told, that I had a problem," said Silverthorne, 51. "And while it wasn't a path I would've chosen to get better, in terms of the arrest, I will tell you that it probably saved my life."

Although he didn't flaunt it, those closest to him knew he was gay, but the drug use took everyone by surprise when it was revealed – and in dramatic fashion. Caught in a police sting last August, Silverthorne was arrested for selling less than a gram of crystal meth to undercover detectives who he was led to believe would participate in group sex with him and other men in exchange for the drug.

Silverthorne spent most of his adult life in public service to his hometown, the City of Fairfax. He served 18 consecutive years on City Council and, in May 2016, was re-elected to his third, two-year term as mayor. So his arrest sent shockwaves through the City and abruptly ended his career and life as he knew it.

**LAST FRIDAY**, June 9, in Circuit Court, Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kathleen Bilton said Fairfax County police detectives received information [last July] that Silverthorne was using a website "to trade meth for sex." So an undercover detective set up a fake profile on that site to tempt him with the types of activities he was seeking.

When Silverthorne responded, a meeting was arranged at a Tysons Corner hotel. The detective was to get a room there and bring another man with him, and Silverthorne was to bring two people and provide the drugs. But the whole thing was a set-up. On the evening of Aug. 4, 2016, two detectives gave him \$200 which he used to buy a bag of crystal meth from two other men inside the hotel. After giving the bag to the detectives, he and the two others were arrested and charged with meth distribution.

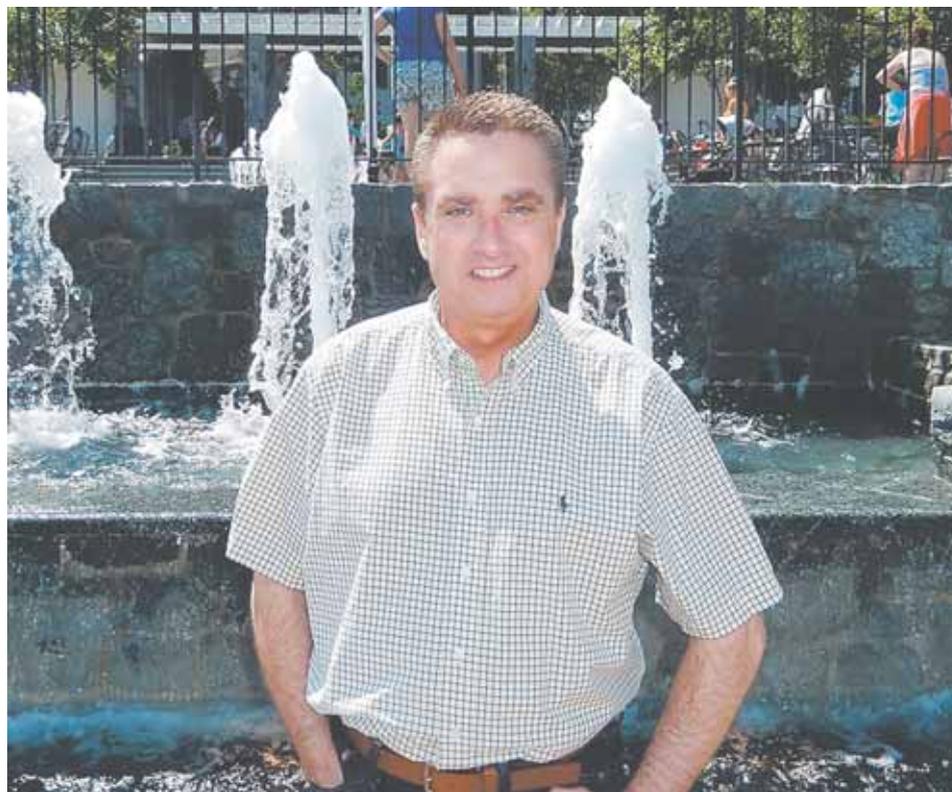
Although released on personal recognizance, Silverthorne resigned as mayor – which was a huge blow to someone who loved the job as much as he did. But instead of pitying himself, he was determined to change his ways.

He underwent residential meth-addiction treatment in Minnesota and, when he re-



After being released from jail, Scott Silverthorne (on left) answers reporters' questions while his attorney, Brian Drummond, listens.

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Scott Silverthorne stands in front of the fountains at Old Town Square.

turned, he attended Narcotics Anonymous meeting regularly. He also worked full time in a hardware store in Maryland to make ends meet. But after pleading guilty in court, March 13, he was immediately sent to jail to await sentencing.

In court last Friday, Bilton said he'd betrayed the community's trust and, instead of protecting it, was "poisoning" it with drugs. She then asked Judge Grace Carroll to incarcerate Silverthorne for two years. But defense attorney Brian Drummond said

that characterization of his client couldn't be further from the truth.

Calling Silverthorne one of the most "well-liked and respected mayors in Fairfax City history" and noting the many accomplishments during his tenure, Drummond said Silverthorne "never, ever," thought he'd be in court this way. "Yet here we are," said Drummond. "Scott is no longer mayor. He's a convicted felon, a victim of the demons that consumed him – of an addiction that he long denied, but no longer. He is, in

so many ways, a changed man – and in some ways, a much better man."

Briefly explaining what happened, Drummond said Silverthorne's life was difficult, the past few years. A job loss in 2015 led to financial problems and, eventually, Silverthorne lost his home and filed for bankruptcy. As if that weren't enough, he also battled cancer. Through it all, he carried out his mayoral duties. But one of the ways he dealt with all these problems, said Drummond, was "to suspend reality and use a drug that was a temporary fix, but led him to ruin."

"But let's be clear – Scott Silverthorne is not a drug dealer," said Drummond. "This one transaction was totally out of character and would never have occurred if not for a well-crafted, sting operation by law enforcement. Virginia's drug-distribution statute is very broad and encompasses behavior ranging from persons manufacturing and distributing drugs for [financial] profit to our children and loved ones ... to people like Scott, who wasn't profiting from it, but just hoped to use a small amount."

Drummond noted the many people who wrote letters to the judge on Silverthorne's behalf, including prominent politicians, a college president and citizens whose life Silverthorne's leadership improved. He then pointed to a large box containing the hundreds of cards and letters Silverthorne received in jail from people encouraging him to "hang in there" and "stay strong." They told him they still care about and are there for him.

Drummond then asked the 65 or so people – many wearing "silver for Silverthorne" ribbons – who'd come to court that day to support Silverthorne, to stand up, and they did. "These are people who didn't have to be here," said Drummond. "They wanted and needed to be here, to let Scott know they're here for him and won't give up on him."

He requested no special favors, just that Carroll abide by the state sentencing guidelines, which recommended probation for Silverthorne. "He has over 25 years of selfless, community service and has the love and support of nearly the entire community," said Drummond. "So I ask you to give him time served and probation."

**SILVERTHORNE** then stood and addressed the judge. "Last August, my life changed forever," he said. "But that change and my public humiliation was probably the best thing that ever happened to me. It was a blessing in disguise because it forced me to accept and admit that I'm an addict – and it's the first time I've said that in public."

He said he's gotten help from drug-rehab professionals and support from friends, family and the community. But, he stressed, "I'm a living example that addiction can affect

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# 'He Can Start Living His Life Again'

## Silverthorne's friends, family react to his sentence.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

The night before Scott Silverthorne was to be sentenced for a drug charge, a fellow jail inmate gave him a Lee Child novel to read. When he saw that the title was "Gone Tomorrow," he took it as a sign that, hopefully, the next day he'd be freed.

Yet there was no guarantee; and, both worried and excited, he couldn't sleep that night. But on June 9 – to the great joy and relief of Silverthorne and his supporters – he was indeed released, after serving three months behind bars.

"I feel like I can breathe again," said his sister-in-law, Mary Silverthorne, immediately afterward. "I've always felt like the person he hurt the most was himself. But this is a rebirth, and I want him to just appreciate his second chance – and I know he will."

"He called yesterday and said, 'What I miss the most are my great nieces and nephews. And I want to go bike riding and do things I've never done before,'" continued his sister-in-law. "[This whole ordeal] really was a life-altering experience for him."

Silverthorne's niece, Katie Hayes, said she was "just relieved" that her uncle was sentenced to time served and probation. "I feel like he can finally move on with his life and continue to focus on his recovery and getting better," she said. "I've missed him, and I've missed not being able to call him back when he's called from jail. I want to be able to talk to him whenever I want."

"I'm just so grateful he's been released," added niece Carey Silverthorne. "I'm also happy for my 3-year-old twins; they miss him so much. They were so excited to see him at Christmas. My daughter said, 'I'm so happy; I'm going to hold his hands.'"

Resident Mary Petersen, a former board member of The Lamb Center, which serves the poor and homeless in Fairfax, said everyone associated with it is "so apprecia-



A tender moment between Scott Silverthorne and his great nieces and nephew.

tion" of all the good Scott Silverthorne did for the community, over the years, plus the way he supported The Lamb Center. "He was there for the least and lost," said Petersen.

"I don't think any benefit would have been served by his further incarceration," she continued. "I'm looking forward to his return to the community, and today's outpouring [of support for him] from his friends and family is very moving."

Kathy Hackshaw has been friends with Silverthorne since before he first ran for mayor in 2012. "As a person, Scott is the real deal – a genuine friend who truly cares about his community," she said. "Even when he had cancer, he kept showing up for events. He's called me from jail and I've visited him, and he always asked how I was, first. Honestly, I don't know how you'd turn

your back on him if you're already his friend."

Among Silverthorne's many fans in the courtroom were Rachel Siegel and Chris Minich Jr., who worked with him in a Maryland hardware store after his arrest. "I'm a recovering alcoholic, so I know what he's going through," said Siegel. "For him to be that open [about his addiction] is inspiring, and owning up to his mistakes is what makes the sentence acceptable. He knows he needs to remain sober and he wants to. It's hard because, after the first drug use, it's not a choice – you have to have it. So he'll have to work at it, but he has support."

"I'm just happy the judge realized he's doing all that she'd sentenced him to, for his own good," continued Siegel. "He was already on the right path, so to stop that wouldn't have made sense."

Minich said, "To admit your addiction to yourself is one thing, but doing it in public is another. If you hide it, you'll keep on doing that. I think his sentence is fair, and I'm happy to have him physically back in our lives."

Also delighted with the outcome was Silverthorne's attorney, Brian Drummond. "We were hopeful that Judge [Grace] Carroll would follow the Virginia sentencing guidelines for alternative punishment and give him time served and probation," said Drummond. "We're pleased that she did. Scott felt truly humbled – it's humbling to be in jail. This is a great day; Scott's not only my client, he's my friend."

Also there was Antonio Lopez, who's been friends with Silverthorne for more than a decade. Lopez came to court last Friday because, he explained, "The way I see it, Scott made a mistake – people do – and you don't just drop them because of it. And I witnessed the way he really cares about his community; he's so proud of all the things the City has done. He loves seeing people use the new park [Old Town Square]; that was the fruit of what he and the City Council were doing."

Besides that, said Lopez, "He's a very loyal friend, always asking how you're doing. I was very relieved by his sentence because I wholeheartedly didn't believe he deserved to be in jail. He'd already been humiliated and paid for his mistake and felt bad about letting the community down. So today is such a relief to know he can start living his life again – a healthier one, with the support of his community and friends."

Marilyn Larsen, Silverthorne's former teacher at Fairfax High and another longtime friend, agreed. "I am elated," she said. "Good people need an opportunity to make amends. What a wonderful chance for Scott to bring new light to his new future. He will always have his true friends supporting him. I'm so glad the judge recognized that he's not a criminal, but is a person worthy of a second chance."

## Silverthorne Regrets His 'Secret Life'

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anyone, regardless of race, upbringing, position or sexual orientation."

Being arrested was his first, wake-up call, said Silverthorne. His second was getting sent to jail and being immediately placed in solitary confinement for a week – with no human contact or natural light, limited opportunities to shower and make phone calls and no reading materials or anything to do.

"It was a pretty jarring experience," he said.

"I pled guilty that day because I insisted that I own my behavior and recovery," added Silverthorne. "I am not a

drug dealer and have not ever been a drug dealer."

Referencing a Mark Twain quote: "Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest," Silverthorne said, "Following my arrest, I tried to do the right thing. I voluntarily resigned the job I loved, sought rehabilitation, worked a 12-Step program and accepted any full-time work I could."

"My life as I know it is over; it will never be the same," he continued. "I let down my family, friends and my entire home town – and most of all, myself. And I will have to live with that for the rest of my life."

Judge Carroll said she appreciated Silverthorne's recognition of his over-a-de-

cade-long addiction. But she advised him that he can't complete his recovery by himself and that his nearly six weeks of residential drug treatment was just a start. She had him turn around and look at his supporters to underscore that he shouldn't disappoint them. And now that he's experienced what jail is like, she told him to toe the line if he doesn't want to return.

She then sentenced him to five years in prison, suspending all but the three months he's already served. She also placed him on three years' probation and ordered him to perform 200 hours of community service and to receive any alcohol and drug evaluation and treatment his probation officer deems necessary.

After his release, a couple hours later, Silverthorne addressed reporters outside the courthouse.

"I know this has been a terribly difficult time for the City of Fairfax," he said. "I regret that I put them through this and that I'll no longer be able to affect change in the City as an elected official. I'm thankful I'm alive and for my health."

"To actually come clean and say [I'm an addict] was extremely difficult," he continued. "I thought I was a recreational user and could go out and tie one on. But the reality was nobody knew I lived a double life – a secret life."

Next week's edition will have an exclusive interview with Silverthorne.

# SCHOOLS

Send notes to the Connection at [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday.

Six University of Virginia students have received grants from the University Award for Projects in the Arts program, allowing them to follow their artistic muses this summer. They include **Kirsten Hemrich**, of Fairfax, a third-year double major in studio art and English. Hemrich plans to make a book of visual poetry and drawings documenting her travels in Madrid, Rome and Dublin, and then later turn these experiences into larger-scale paintings.

She has been a disc jockey at WXTJ student radio, where she will be a director in the fall; producer of the podcast "Arts on Grounds" on WTJU Public radio; and editor of "Quince," an anthology for the 15th anniversary of the Area Program in Poetry Writing. A Miller Arts Scholar, Hemrich's paintings have been displayed in multiple locations around UVA and Charlottesville. She has worked at the Second Street Gallery and the Greater Reston Arts Center. A graduate of Oakton High School, she plans a career in art.

"In addition to providing me with an unbelievable opportunity to travel and make art this summer, the award is also a major milestone in my creative career," Hemrich said. "It is providing me with the resources and time to build my portfolio, which I will be able to take with me down the road – whether that be for applying for exhibition space, graduate school or other grant opportunities."

**Damon Susanke**, of Fairfax, received an award at The Citadel's 2017 Joint ROTC Awards.

**Alicia Muir**, of Fairfax, was initiated into the George Mason University chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

**David Schatz**, of Fairfax, was initiated into the George Mason University chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

**Melissa J. Kaufman**, of Fairfax, earned a

Master of Science degree in educational administration from The University of Scranton (Scranton, Pa.).

**Lingjiang Han**, of Fairfax, was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship from Virginia Credit Union. A junior at the University of Virginia, she is studying accounting and finance.

**Robin Gruendl**, a sophomore majoring in communication, technology and culture, from Fairfax, was named to the dean's list at Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, Va.) for the spring semester.

**Anna R. O'Hara**, a junior majoring in health and exercise science, from Fairfax, was named to the dean's list at Bridgewater College (Bridgewater, Va.) for the spring semester.

**Bryan Denny**, a political science major, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from Grove City College (Grove City, Pa.). He was named to the dean's list for the spring semester. Denny is a 2013 graduate of Needham B Broughton High School and is the son of Nancy Wylie from Fairfax.

**Olivia Grady**, a business management major has been named to the dean's list with distinction at Grove City College (Grove City, Pa.). Grady is a 2016 graduate of WT Woodson High School and is the daughter of Susan and Dean Grady from Fairfax.

The following students were named as Student Ambassadors for the 2017-2018 academic year at Bob Jones University (Greenville, S.C.).

❖ **Hannah Zakaria**, of Fairfax, is a senior majoring in business administration.

❖ **Hope Zakaria**, of Fairfax, is a sophomore majoring in communication disorders.

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## Fundamental Freedom to Choose to Marry

Virginia is historically slow in extending rights.

In 1967, Virginia was one of 16 states that banned interracial marriage and had criminal penalties for violators.

Mildred Jeter, an African-American woman, and Richard Loving, a white man, were married in 1958, were convicted and banished from living in Virginia for 25 years to avoid serving a one-year prison sentence. On June 12, 1967, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Loving v. Virginia*, overturned the convictions of Mildred and Richard Loving, declaring the ban on interracial marriage unconstitutional.

Chief Justice Earl Warren wrote the opinion: "Marriage is one of the 'basic civil rights of man,' fundamental to our very existence and survival. ... To deny this fundamental freedom on so unsupportable a basis as the racial classifications embodied in these statutes, classifications so directly subversive of the principle of equality at the heart of the Fourteenth Amendment, is surely to deprive all the State's citizens of liberty without due process of law. The Fourteenth Amendment requires that the freedom of choice to marry not be restricted by invidious racial discriminations. Under our Constitution, the freedom to marry, or not marry, a person of another race resides with the individual, and cannot be infringed by the State."

This week, Gov. Terry McAuliffe celebrated Loving Day, June 12, with a new state histori-

cal marker to commemorate the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in the landmark case. The dedication marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1967 ruling that overturned all state laws restricting interracial marriage. The ceremony was held at the former site of the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, where the case was heard before it reached the U.S. Supreme Court. The Lovings' story is told in a movie of the same name.

On Valentine's Day, 2014, Judge Arenda Wright Allen, ruled that Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage is unconstitutional. In the opening of her order, Allen quotes Mildred Loving in a statement she made in 2007 on the 40th anniversary of *Loving v. Virginia*:

"We made a commitment to each other in our love and lives, and now had the legal commitment, called marriage, to match. Isn't that what marriage is? ... Today's young people realize that if someone loves someone they have a right to marry. Surrounded as I am now by wonderful children and grandchildren, not a day goes by that I don't think of Richard and our love, our right to marry, and how much it meant to me to have that freedom to marry the person precious to me, even if others thought he was the 'wrong kind of person' for me to marry. I believe all Americans, no matter their race, no matter their sex, no matter their sexual orientation, should have that same

freedom to marry. Government has no business imposing some people's religious beliefs over others. ... I support the freedom to marry for all. That's what Loving, and loving, are all about."

Judge Allen's written decision begins: "A spirited and controversial debate is underway regarding who may enjoy the right to marry in the United States of America. America has pursued a journey to make and keep our citizens free. This journey has never been easy, and at times has been painful and poignant. The ultimate exercise of our freedom is choice. Our Declaration of Independence recognizes that 'all men' are created equal. Surely this means all of us. While ever-vigilant for the wisdom that can come from the voices of our voting public, our courts have never long tolerated the perpetuation of laws rooted in unlawful prejudice. One of the judiciary's noblest endeavors is to scrutinize laws that emerge from such roots.

"Plaintiffs assert that the restriction on their freedom to choose to marry the person they love infringes on the rights to due process and equal protection guaranteed to them under the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution. These challenges are well-taken. ...

"The Court is compelled to conclude that Virginia's Marriage Laws unconstitutionally deny Virginia's gay and lesbian citizens the fundamental freedom to choose to marry."

*Adapted from an editorial published by Connection Newspapers in February 2014.*

## Fairfax County Celebrates its 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

BY JOHN C. COOK  
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK)



It seems no matter where you go in Fairfax County, you can't go more than a few hundred yards without finding something of historic or cultural significance. Fairfax County is rich in nearly all historic eras — be it colonial, civil war, or 20th century, and played a significant role in each. As the supervisor for the Braddock District, I want to make sure all of my constituents — and all county residents — take full advantage of this. This year marks the county's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and on June 17, Fairfax County will hold a commemorative celebration honoring just how far the county has come.

On June 17, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the area surrounding the Historic Fairfax Courthouse located in central Fairfax (4000 Chain Bridge Road), Fairfax County's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Historic Fair will take place. The celebration will include historically themed family-friendly activities and demonstrations, live musical performances, and more than 80 historical organizations and attractions showcasing their sites and neighborhoods. The county's Fire and Rescue Department will display antique vehicles, and attendees can enjoy other historical displays covering events such as the Revolutionary War as well as World War I and II. Kids can enjoy a petting zoo and other fun, interactive activities.

As a special treat, the actual Lord and Lady Fairfax will be attending the celebration as our honored guests all the way from England. The Lord and Lady Fairfax will also personally present the annual Lord and Lady Fairfax Awards to their 2017 recipients. The Lord and Lady Fairfax Awards recognize community members for their volunteer work and civic engagement.

Two residents are chosen from each magisterial district by each supervisor.

In addition to this visit from abroad, attendees can enjoy meals from a variety of on-site food trucks, and the event will feature speeches from county officials and guests throughout the day. Parking is available at the Historical Festival on the Safety Complex; Parking Garage B

(10550 Page Ave, Fairfax). There is no rain date for this event. This is a rare, and sure to be special, event so please consider taking part in the festivities. For more information about this celebration, and to register for other events observing the county's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, you can go online to [www.fxva.com/275/](http://www.fxva.com/275/).

I hope you will attend the County's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration this Saturday, and help fill your summer with not only ways to explore the county you call home, but also gather with friends and neighbors for activities that are culturally enriching. You are sure to find something about your county that you didn't know before.

Most importantly, I hope you enjoy a safe and happy summer with all of your friends and neighbors.

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# Fairfax County Retired Educators Award Scholarships

Aspiring educators from County high schools receive awards.

Fairfax County Retired Educators held its annual Scholarship Luncheon on June 8 to celebrate eight high school scholarship award recipients. Fairfax County Retired Educators (FCRE) annually award qualified high school students, who wish to pursue a career in education, with \$2,000 scholarships. This year, a record number of eight students received scholarships from the FCRE.

"In this day and age when educators struggle to do the job they love, we need these bright stars to go into our profession. If such qualified young people continue to go into our chosen profession, the future of education is in good hands," Director of Ford Scholarships Phyllis Rittman said according to the FCRE press release.

Genevieve Brent, a graduate of Hayfield High School, is the recipient of the Mary O. Amber Trust Scholarship and will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in the fall. Brent has maintained over a 4.0 grade point average in high school and has worked as an active leader in Capital Area Peer Tutoring Association (CAPTA), a non profit that works to develop peer driven writing and learning centers in the Washington, D.C., area.

Ashreil (Ash) Dennis, a graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School, has been accepted into the Mary-

land Institute College of Art and was awarded one of three W. Harold Ford Scholarships. Anshu Sharma, a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School (TJHSST), also received a W. Harold Ford Scholarship.

The final recipient of the W. Harold Ford Scholarship was Kathryn Tatum who graduated Oakton High School with over a 4.3 grade point average and will attend Villanova University. As a senior, Tatum was editor-in-chief of the Oakton High School newspaper and was a consistent advocate of peer tutoring.

The recipients of the Bobbi Vest Scholarship were Jenny Jang, graduate of Centreville High School, and Jordan Perlsh, graduate of Herndon High School. Jang has not decided where she will be attending in the fall, but she will be the first in her family to attend college. Perlsh will be attending James Madison University in the fall.

Emily Ready received the Fairfax County Retired Educators Scholarship and graduated Chantilly High School with over a 4.3 grade point average. She will attend the College of William and Mary in the fall. She was the captain of the Chantilly Dance Team and a National Honor Society officer.

Paul Naanou is a three-time winner of the Apple Federal Credit Union Herbert Grady Carpenter Scholarship. Naanou is a 2013 graduate of Thomas Jefferson (TJHSST), and is currently attending the College of William and Mary studying French and Advanced Math.

— ERIN MURPHY

WEEK IN FAIRFAX

## TD Bank Robbery

On June 9, at 3:33 p.m., employees reported that an unknown male subject had walked into the TD Bank at 9504 Main St., presented an envelope to the teller who filled it with an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect then fled on foot in the direction of Fair City Mall. No weapon was displayed or implied, and no one

was injured. The suspect was described as Middle-Eastern, in his mid to late twenties, about five feet nine inches tall, with a thin to medium build, and with a beard. At the time of the robbery he was wearing a black motorcycle helmet, black Nike jacket and black pants. The Criminal Investigations Division is investigating the case.

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## NEWS

### Fifteen County Students Win Merit Scholarships

**F**ifteen Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students have been named winners of Merit Scholarship awards by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The students are part of a group of more than 3,200 National Merit finalists chosen to receive scholarships financed by higher education institutions.

Winners of the scholarships, with their probable career fields in parentheses, are:

- ❖ Elizabeth Ellinger of Langley High School (architecture), National Merit University of Southern California Scholarship.

- ❖ Emma Kohm of Langley High School (aerospace engineering), National Merit Embry-Riddle Scholarship.

- ❖ James Morrissey of Langley High School (undecided), National Merit University of Southern California Scholarship.

- ❖ Zipporah Klain of Madison High School (undecided), National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship.

- ❖ Noah Thompson of Madison High School (fine arts), National Merit Virginia Commonwealth University Scholarship.

- ❖ Melanie Pincus of McLean High School (writing), National Merit Tufts University Scholarship.

- ❖ Jason Katz of Robinson Secondary School (engineering), National Merit University of Oklahoma Scholarship.

- ❖ Emma Bachman of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST) (environmental engineering), National Merit University of Oklahoma

Scholarship.

- ❖ Sofiya Boroday of TJHSST (linguistics), National Merit University of Chicago scholarship.

- ❖ Emma Cuddy of TJHSST (physics), National Merit Harvey Mudd College Scholarship.

- ❖ Ishaan Gandhi of TJHSST (human rights), National Merit Harvey Mudd College Scholarship.

- ❖ Grey Golla of TJHSST (computer engineering), National Merit Purdue University Scholarship.

- ❖ Jillian Khoo of TJHSST (computer science), National Merit University of Southern California Scholarship.

- ❖ Alvin Shi of TJHSST (physics), National Merit University of Chicago Scholarship.

- ❖ Mary Jane MacArthur of West Springfield High School (international development), National Merit Brigham Young University Scholarship. Scholarship winner was evaluated on his or her academic record;

contributions and leadership in school and community activities; an essay describing activities, interests, and goals; SAT scores that confirmed outstanding test performance; and a recommendation and endorsement from a high school official. Each award provides between \$500 and \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the recipient's scholarship. The final group of NMSC scholarship recipients from the class of 2017 will be named in July.

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## Patio Ready for Summer? The latest trends for entertaining alfresco.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

The warm days and nights of summer lend themselves to outdoor entertaining. From colorful pillows and cozy throws to textured fabrics and jewel-toned tableware, local designers offer ideas for creating a festive space for an alfresco soiree.

Consider the way an outdoor space will look when it's viewed from inside your home, says Madeline Fairbanks, product development director, Country Casual Teak.

"Choose fabrics that coordinate and accent the colors used indoors to create a seamless transition between the spaces," she said. "Add texture with fabrics, from gauzy sheers to the heaviest brocades, to bring the textures of indoor upholstery outdoors. An added plus is that they help hide dirt and stains."

The transition from a home's interior to its exterior should be fluid, advises Jim Rill of Rill Architects. "It shouldn't just be an outdoor patio, but an extension of the indoor spaces," he said.

Rill suggests using outdoor walls, fireplaces and trellises to create a sense of scale and comfort. "For instance, stone walls, hedges, pools and ponds help give an out-



PHOTO BY STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG

**Todd Martz of Home on Cameron in Alexandria advises using colorful table accessories to set the stage for a festive gathering.**

door setting scale and coziness," he said. "Think of the outdoor space as a room and consider how it's organized with furniture and materials like you would an indoor room. Patterns in the patio materials also organize the area."



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**Outdoor furniture pieces like these by Country Casual Teak help define the outdoor atmosphere of this Potomac, Md., home.**

Outdoor entertaining is often food-centric and for an upbeat outdoor table setting, Todd Martz of Home on Cameron in Old Town Alexandria suggests acrylic table accessories. "Incorporate colorful pitchers, glasses and plates to set the stage for a fes-

**"It shouldn't just be an outdoor patio, but an extension of the indoor spaces."**

— Jim Rill of Rill Architects

tive gathering," he said.

Have a few key pieces for hosting, whether you entertain weekly or just once a year, recommends Fairbanks. "Keep a bar cart near an entrance for wheeling refreshments to guests, or an outdoor sideboard near a dining area for easy buffet-style service," she said.

For chilly nights, drape throws on the outdoor seating for guests, advises Martz. "With the popularity of fire pits, add comfortable seating with indoor-outdoor cushions around them to enhance the experience," he said.

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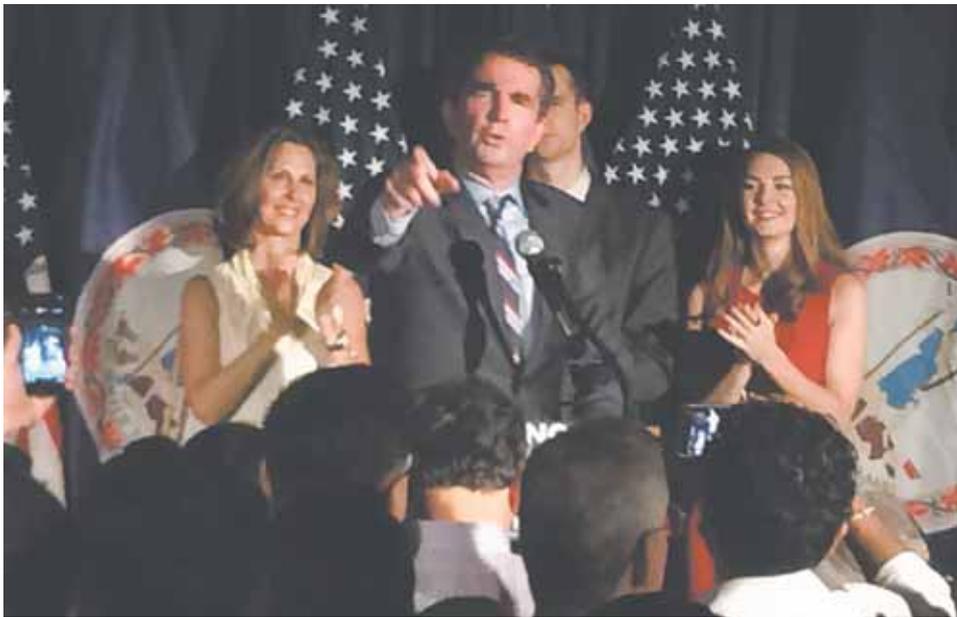
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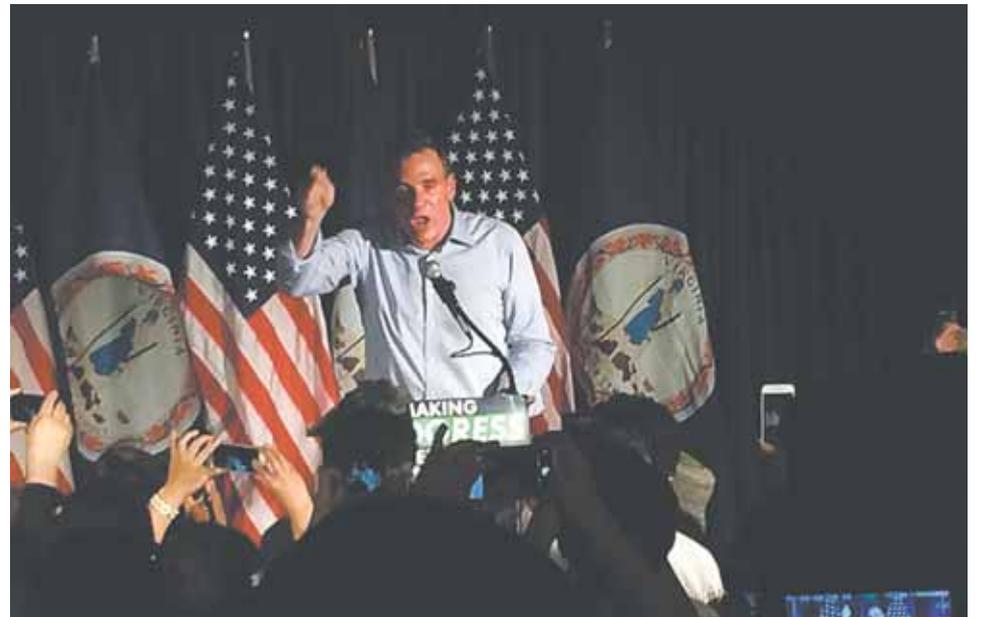
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Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam declares victory during a victory party at Highline RxR in Crystal City.



U.S. Sen. Mark Warner joins the Democrats' primary night celebration.

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# Democrats Play the Long Game

Voters choose candidates who have been planning their campaign for years rather than upstarts newly energized against Trump.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

Slow and steady wins the day. That's the message Democrats sent this week at the polls, selecting two candidates who have essentially been running four-year campaigns for their ticket in November.

Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam has been planning a run for the Executive Mansion for years, lining up almost every elected official in the state before anyone else even thought about entering the race.

And Justin Fairfax, a former federal prosecutor, has been steadily planning a campaign for lieutenant governor since 2013, when he lost the Democratic primary for attorney general to Mark Herring. Now Northam and Fairfax are ready to barnstorm the state and take on the Republican ticket. Attorney General Mark Herring had no opposition in the Democratic primary.

"I'm a fighter," declared Northam at his victory party, which packed a sweltering Highline RxR in Crystal City. "I'm ready to lead the fight. Are you ready to join me? Let's get it done!"

Northam won a decisive victory, taking 56 percent of the vote. He swept Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads in addition to places like Winchester, Fredericksburg and Williamsburg. Former U.S. Rep. Tom Perriello secured 44 percent of the vote with a strong showing in college towns, including Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Harrisonburg and Blacksburg. But it was no match for the lieutenant governor, who spent more than \$2.5 million flooding the airwaves with commercials portraying the lieutenant governor as a hard-working doctor who stood up to Big Tobacco to implement a smoking ban in restaurants.

"Talk about a centrist Democrat, Ralph is exactly where our party should be," said Senate Minority Leader Dick Saslaw, who



U.S. Rep. Don Beyer addresses the crowd at the Democrats' victory party.

represents Fairfax County. "On social issues, he's where he should be. And on business issues he's where he should be."

**PERRIELLO'S CAMPAIGN** tried to challenge Northam from the left, pushing a platform that would raise taxes on the wealthy to pay for free community college. On the campaign trail, he was critical of taking money from Dominion, the utility that wants to build two controversial pipelines through Virginia. Perriello opposed the pipelines, but Northam repeatedly dodged taking a position on the issue. Campaign finance records show Northam has received more than \$100,000 from Dominion and its executives during his political career.

"We need to wean ourselves away from fossil fuels. We'll do that," said Northam as pipeline opponents conducted a raucous protest outside the victory party. "We'll continue to work with renewable energy. We've made great progress with solar and wind."

Northam supporters portrayed Perriello was an opportunist, someone who carved

out a moderate record in Congress by voting against federal funding for abortions and receiving the endorsement of the National Rifle Association. His campaign for Congress was the polar opposite, moving all the way to the left and receiving support from U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders and U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren. Many of Northam's supporters held deep suspicion about Perriello's dramatic shift across the political spectrum.

"I think his record in Congress did hurt him, especially with the women's health groups and the gun safety groups," said Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86), one of the more liberal members of the House Democratic caucus who represents Herndon. "But also he hasn't really been active in Virginia until he showed up running for governor. I think that's probably what hurt him more than anything."

**FAIRFAX** spent more than \$250,000 in a campaign against two opponents, a long-time political operative Susan Platt and a

## Democratic Primary for Governor

- ❖ Ralph Northam: 300,000 votes, 56 percent
- ❖ Tom Perriello: 240,000 votes, 44 percent

## Democratic Primary for Lieutenant Governor

- ❖ Justin Fairfax: 250,000 votes, 49 percent
- ❖ Susan Platt: 200,000 votes, 39 percent
- ❖ Gene Rossi: 60,000 votes, 12 percent

seasoned federal prosecutor Gene Rossi, who once mentored Fairfax at the federal courthouse in Alexandria. Since losing to Herring in 2013, Fairfax set out on a campaign to help raise money and support for candidates across the state, building up a steady stream of endorsements along the way. By the time his rivals announced their candidacies after Donald Trump won the White House, Fairfax had already lined up an overwhelming list of endorsements from elected officials across the state.

"In the last year, we've driven over 40,000 miles with our message of economic security and opportunity," said Fairfax in a written statement following his victory. "We've met thousands of passionate Virginians who agree with our message and want our future for Virginia."

The Democratic campaign for lieutenant governor struggled for attention, crowded out by the hotly contested race at the top of the ticket as well as the soap opera quality that dominated the Republican primary for lieutenant governor. On the campaign trail, the three candidates stuck to the issues and conducted a relatively issues-based debate about how to handle the opioid crisis and how to expand access to higher education in Virginia. All three of the Democratic candidates for lieutenant governor opposed Dominion's plans to build to pipelines in Virginia.

"We must unite as Democrats for victory in November," said Platt in a written statement conceding the race to Fairfax. "We cannot allow Virginia Republicans to roll back rights for women and spread Donald Trump's hateful and dangerous agenda across the commonwealth."

# Republicans Play Establishment Card

Close primary campaigns for governor and lieutenant governor send GOP candidates to November ballot.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

Republicans chose their party's two frontrunners in two hotly contested primary fights for governor and lieutenant governor, but their candidates emerged from the June election with battle scars and depleted campaign accounts. Former Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie entered the campaign a frontrunner. But he spent more than \$2 million fighting back an unexpectedly strong challenge from Prince William County Board of Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart, who came within 5,000 votes of scoring an upset victory that would have upended Republican politics in Virginia. State Sen. Jill Vogel (R-27) beat back two challengers, one of whom accused her of engineering a false claim of infidelity against a rival. Lawyer John Adams was unopposed for attorney general.

"I can't wait to lead a unified ticket to victory in November and wage a campaign that makes us all proud," said Gillespie in a written statement following the election results. "We will not only elect a Republican governor, but lieutenant governor and attorney general."

Stewart served as chairman of the Donald Trump campaign in Virginia until he was fired from the campaign for participating in a protest at the headquarters of the Republican National Committee in Washington, a rally organized by Trump supporters who were concerned the party's support for the reality TV star would be lukewarm. His campaign hit many of the same themes as the Trump campaign, including Stewart's outspoken opposition to undocumented immigrants and unyielding support for Confederate memorials. In the end, the chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors came less than a percentage point away from securing the nomination.

"There's one word you'll never hear from me, and that's unity," said Stewart during a defiant speech in Woodbridge. "Whether it is the political establishment on the right with the Republicans or the political establishment on the left with the Democrats, in fact establishment Republicans and establishment Democrats are one in the same thing."

**STEWART'S CAMPAIGN** was built on the reputation he built in Prince William County, where he became a national firebrand against undocumented immigrants and sanctuary cities. Although he never had the name recognition that Trump enjoyed from his decades in the spotlight, Stewart



Ed Gillespie



Jill Vogel



John Adams

## Republican Primary for Governor

- ◆ Ed Gillespie: 160,000 votes, 44 percent
- ◆ Corey Stewart: 156,000 votes, 43 percent
- ◆ Frank Wagner: 50,000 votes, 14 percent

## Republican Primary for Lieutenant Governor

- ◆ Jill Vogel: 150,000 votes, 43 percent
- ◆ Bryce Reeves: 140,000 votes, 40 percent
- ◆ Glenn Davis: 60,000 votes, 17 percent

appealed to many of the same interest groups — white nationalists who oppose immigrants and support Confederate monuments. Gillespie spent much of the primary avoiding answering questions about his views about the Trump administration. Now he has to move past his narrow victory in the primary and leverage his ability to fundraise in a battle against a Democratic Party united against Trump.

"The primaries left our campaign with a very strong cash on hand figure and a robust ground game that made more than 800,000 contacts during the primary powered by over 6,000 volunteers," wrote Chris Leavitt, Gillespie's campaign manager in a post-primary memo. "The primaries also placed Ed Gillespie squarely in the center-right of Virginia politics. On the Democratic side, the long, expensive and bitter primary forced Ralph Northam to spend over \$4 million, reducing his cash on hand to half of ours, and, more importantly, pushing him far to the left politically."

For the most part Gillespie tried to ignore Stewart and another Republican primary rival, state Sen. Frank Wagner (R-7). He agreed to only one televised debate, and declined to answer questions about Trump. The centerpiece of his campaign is a tax cut that would reduce the income tax rate from 5.75 percent to 5.15 percent. On the campaign trail, Wagner said that was an irresponsible move that would threaten to undermine the cash-strapped state budget. But Gillespie and his supporters view tax cuts as a clear way to frame the Republican case for taking the Executive Mansion from Democrats.

"Virginia needs a new direction, and with Ed Gillespie at the helm, the commonwealth will get back on the right track," said Republican Governors Association Chairman Gov. Scott Walker of Wisconsin. "Ed has a substantive vision for Virginia's future, in-

cluding a commitment to cut taxes, raise take-home pay, reform state government, improve education and encourage business growth and job creation."

**VOGEL** emerged from a primary fight that often seemed more like a soap opera than a political campaign. Rival candidate state Sen. Bryce Reeves (R-17) accused her of a plot to accuse him of infidelity, a claim Vogel strongly denied. Late in the campaign, Reeves sent a controversial piece of direct mail criticizing Vogel for voting in favor of appointing a gay judge in Fairfax County. Ultimately, she was successful in persuading voters to support a moderate candidate, someone who often sounded like she was already running a general election strategy of appealing to Democrats even though she wasn't yet through the Republican primary.

"The biggest issues of our day should not be partisan issues," said Vogel in a written statement after primary. "As this campaign continues building momentum, I eagerly look forward to earning the support of independents and Democrats who also wish to put principle over party and focus on solving our problems."

McGuireWoods lawyer John Adams was unchallenged in the primary, which means he spent the last few months building a campaign war chest to take on incumbent Democratic Attorney General Mark Herring,

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— Chris Leavitt,  
campaign manager for Ed Gillespie

who was also unchallenged in the primary. For Adams, it was a case of being in the right place at the right time. Del. Rob Bell (R-58) was considered the frontrunner in the race, but then he decided to withdraw from the race and focus on his reelection campaign to the House of Delegates, where he is expected to become chairman of a key committee next year. Virginia Beach lawyer Chuck Smith was also planning to run, but he failed to submit the required number of signatures. That left Adams unchallenged in the primary.

"I am confident that Virginians want an attorney general that will enforce and defend the laws of our commonwealth, not pursue a political agenda," said Adams in a written statement after the primary. "There's a clear difference between me and Mark Herring, and I look forward to sharing that with every voter over the next five months."

## Brabrand Confirmed as Superintendent

The Fairfax County School Board has voted to confirm Scott S. Brabrand as division superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) for the period July 10, 2017, to June 30, 2021.

Brabrand returns to FCPS after spending five years as superintendent of Lynchburg City Schools. This year, he was named Region V Superintendent of the Year by the Virginia Association of School Superintendents.

Brabrand began his career in FCPS as a social studies teacher in 1994, a career changer who was inspired by doing volunteer work in the schools. During his five years teaching at Herndon High School, he founded a Model United Nations Club at the school, mentored new teachers and proposed a new teacher education initiative, and redesigned the county's U.S. and Virginia government



Brabrand

Program of Studies to align with new state and national standards. He served as an assistant principal at Herndon High and an associate principal at Lake Braddock Secondary School before being named principal at Fairfax High School in 2005.

Brabrand is a graduate of Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, where he earned a bachelor of science. He earned a master's degree in education from George Washington University, and an education specialist certification from Virginia Tech. Brabrand completed his doctorate in educational administration as part of Virginia Tech's Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Program.



Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova described the grand-opening of the “workforce housing” Residences at Government Center as a great step forward in meeting the county’s affordable housing challenges. “And at no additional cost to our taxpayers.”



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

A ribbon-cutting marked the opening of the Residences at Government Center, 270 units of affordable housing options, built in partnership between the county, SCG Development and the Jefferson Apartment Group.

# Opening the Door To Affordable Housing

## Ribbon cutting celebrates the opening of the Residences at Government Center.

BY ANDREA WORKER  
AND BASMA HUMADI  
THE CONNECTION

Over the years, Bernice Dolberry has lived in a number of apartments around Fairfax County. Not all of them have been located in the most desirable of neighborhoods. Some were not particularly well maintained by the management company. But as a cancer care technician, and then as a retiree on a fixed income, Bernice has often had to make do to live as close as possible to work and to family.

In December of last year, Dolberry became the first occupant of the Residences at Government Center, located on Monument Drive near the county’s government headquarters. She said, “Nothing will get me to move from here. It’s beautiful, meets all of my needs, and the people here are polite, professional and so caring.” Dolberry had been most recently living in an apartment that didn’t accommodate her wheeled mobility walker. She heard about the Residences and learned that there were some units that were handicapped accessible. “This is a dream come true.” Since moving in, Dolberry has “recruited” her granddaughter with her two great-grandchildren, as well as a good friend, to become her neighbors in the complex.

Dolberry was present at the ribbon-cutting ceremony that took place on Monday, June 5, with a host of officials and stakeholders on hand to celebrate what Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova described in her remarks to the crowd as

“the result of a truly unique, creative public-private partnership that did not cost our taxpayers a single cent.”

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING** — or the lack of it — continues to be a major concern in Fairfax County. As Bulova noted, the issue is not only one of basic human services, but also an obstacle to the economic welfare of the county, if the workers needed to support local employers cannot live within its boundaries because of the cost of “market-priced” housing.

County officials have long recognized the problem. The Residences has been on the drawing board for years, but things like “a little recession” kept stalling progress, said U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), who was one of the speakers at the event. Connolly praised the perseverance of those involved. “This project is a real statement about our values in this community,” he said.

“This represents the heart of our board, a real commitment,” echoed Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill). Hudgins also suggested that the success of the Residences should act as the impetus to quickly review other creative redevelopment possibilities. “Let’s look at other land we have, at empty buildings that could be re-purposed.”

Speaker John Cook, the Braddock District supervisor, applauded partners Stratford



Bernice Dolberry was the first resident to move into the new affordable housing complex, located on county land near Government Center – and she got to meet her congressman, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly, at the official grand-opening. Dolberry said living at the Residences is truly “coming home.”

Capital Group Development (SCG), the Jefferson Apartment Group, and the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority for never giving up on the project. “Fairfax County could never have built this for ourselves. It would have been outside our reach,” said Cook.

Stephen Wilson, president of SCG, and Gregory Lamb, executive vice president and managing partner of Jefferson Apartment Group explained to the audience just how the partnership managed to pull off construction of a 270-unit property with a hidden parking garage and containing many “market-priced” amenities like a fitness cen-

ter, a community room, a TV lounge and a pool — all without cost to the taxpayer, still affordable for residents, and without it being a major loss on their own financial books.

Basically, the profitability portion comes from the fact that the land is owned by the county. “That was the county’s share in the project,” said Wilson. The rest was the result of SCG and collaborators’ use of tax credits to get the complex across the line.

Partnership and perseverance have resulted in a living community that fits into the surrounding residential neighborhood and is close to public transportation and a wealth of amenities. “I can actually ride my scooter to Wegmans,” said Dolberry. “Safely on a sidewalk, alongside a path of trees.”

**THE RESIDENCES**, as Bulova and Hudgins noted, is a diverse community, reflecting the population of the county. Young professionals, retirees, and residents on lower incomes share the hallways, common areas and amenities. Bulova pointed out that there are about 20 county employees among the residents, like Dawn Sherman, a mental health coordinator who moved in six weeks earlier, “straight from my parents’ house.” Sherman was delighted to show off her studio apartment. “It’s perfect and it’s all mine.”

“It’s been a long, long, long time coming,” said Hudgins, “but well worth the wait.” Dolberry agreed. “That’s the truth. I have finally found home.”

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## VIEWPOINTS

# Residences at the Government Center Officially Open

Local leaders and community members gather for the grand opening of affordable housing residences. Some of those present discuss the importance of this County project.

Paula Sampson, of Clifton, Former Director Fairfax County Department of Housing, enjoys seeing this project come to fruition after all the community's hard work.

"This project is really addressing [housing needs] in a couple different ways: first of all the work force housing. So the people who are looking here have jobs, but they just don't make enough money to be able to afford the high cost of rent. So, number one, that's really how it happened. And, number two, it's located on the campus of the government center. It is really close to the Fairfax County Employees Clerk, folks who work in Fairfax Corner, so it's really serving the county workforce. Already about 10 percent of the residents are county employees. I think it shows such great partnership. And it's such a great model for others to follow for us to do more work like this, and for other communities as well [to follow]. Because we brought in the private sector, the government's involved as well- they have a big role, the government put and contributed the land. So, it's really an excellent partnership."

Dawne Sherman, Mental Health Counselor, Fairfax, is a newly welcome resident at the Government Center and is grateful to the Fairfax County community who helped set up the residency project that got her here.

"There are a lot of people working for the county but not just for the county; who are serving our country and yet not able to afford to either live here or live close to where they work, and I'm one of those people. I feel extraordinarily blessed for the opportunity to live somewhere that is affordable, absolutely gorgeous and surrounded by other residents who also were in need — and now we have this community together. Personally, why affordable housing projects like this are so impactful is because the housing market is crazy. I was so disappointed with the lack of possible options in housing. I really didn't want to live in somebody's glorified basement and I really didn't want to share a space with strangers, and I felt kind of sad when I still, as a grown woman, was living with my parents because that was all I could afford. So, I'm just really grateful that people valued this part of our workforce enough to make something so beautiful happen. It makes my life better everyday."

Rachel Reese, leasing consultant for Paradigm Management, Fairfax, assists in leasing units to those eligible.

"So I work in the leasing office. I think the program is important because it gives people that work in this area the opportunity to live here. Most people they commute so far to come here because they can't afford to live so I think we're bringing something helpful to the community by helping the workforce. I work for Paradigm Management, which is the company that manages the building, so we've done all of the leasing up to this point — which we're almost done fitting everyone in. We have 270 apartments and we have 17 left, and we're on track to be at 100 percent in June."

Detashish Chakravavty, Real Estate Finance Officer, Fairfax, works in the real estate business and stopped by the grand opening to see the fully completed project.

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**Paula Sampson**



**Dawne Sherman**



**Rachel Reese**



**Detashish Chakravavty**

"I work for the county, I do Real Estate finance for affordable housing projects, so this is a field I work in. So, I think [this project] would be a benefit to the county because Fairfax is pretty expensive and this will give housing to people who don't have high incomes. It's good to have more housing options to those with low to moderate incomes because at this point there just aren't enough units available to people at those levels. So in that sense it's good to have these options available."

— BASMA HUMADI

## ME & MY DAD

A gallery of submissions by readers.



**Dr. Mike Maloney of Fairfax with his daughter, Claire, ready to embark on a joyride in Havana.**



**The most wonderful Dad, Michael, of Burke, and precious children, Noah and Selah enjoying the blossoms in D.C.**



**"When I am with my dad, there is always time to enjoy fireworks." Jose and Joaquin of Springfield, celebrating Springfield Days.**



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Festival goers walk through the rides area.

## Area Residents Celebrate Fairfax! Festival offers a range of activities for the whole family.

Last weekend, the Fairfax County Government Center hosted the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival from June 9-11, 2017. The three-day event was jam packed with a wide range of activities for the whole family ranging from carnival rides and petting zoo, to performances from rock bands Bush and Everclear, and a brew fest.

(From left) Jessica Pereira and Daliana Gandarillas, both from Fairfax, wear special neon-colored headphones to enjoy music from three different DJs spinning tunes at the Silent Disco.



Brian and Christine Potocki from Fairfax, along with their 16-month-old son Henry, hang out by the main concert stage.



The Frog Hopper brings smiles to the faces of the children.



PHOTOS BY MARK MOGLE/THE CONNECTION

Thousands turned out for the Celebrate Fairfax Festival June 9-11.

## Celebrate Fairfax Festival



Rory Mogle, 4, gets a look inside a patrol car at the Celebrate Fairfax Festival.



Becky Shore, owner of Wildlife Ambassadors, shows off one of her animals during the Celebrate Fairfax Festival.



Dancers from Adrenaline Studio in Vienna perform June 11 at the Celebrate Fairfax Festival.

CAPPIES



The winner of the Featured Actress is Nalani Mason for "The Crucible," Lake Braddock Secondary School.



PHOTOS BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE CONNECTION

The winner of the Best Orchestra is the "Pippin" Orchestra, "Pippin," Robinson Secondary School. From left are Josh Gebhard, Sam Conner, Alessa Caceres, and Jerry Grimes.

# Cappies Gala Honors High School Theater

The 18th Annual Cappies Gala honoring high school theater was held Sunday, June 11 at The Kennedy Center in the District. Winning the top prizes for the Best Musical was West Potomac High School for "Billy Elliot," and winning Best Play was Duke Ellington School of the Arts for "The Bluest Eye." This year's Masters of Ceremony were Judy Bowns and Janie Strauss with Erich DiCenzo and Phil Reid as Lead Players.

The show included 59 public and private high schools in Fairfax County, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince William counties, and the Cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, and Washington, D.C. This year's awards were pretty much evenly distributed across all of those regions. The Cappies season extended from late Octo-

ber to early May.

Cappies shows were attended, on average, by 45 student critics who wrote 300-599 word reviews. More than 300 student-written reviews were published or broadcast in local newspapers, including The Connection, Patch, Falls Church News Press, Times Community Newspapers, Loudoun Now, Maryland Theatre Guide, and Fairfax County Public Schools and other media.

The Cappies program was launched in the summer of 1999 by Judy Bowns, the Theatre Arts resource teacher with FCPS, and the late Bill Strauss (director, Capitol Steps), in cooperation with area theater teachers, for the purpose of celebrating and bringing public acclaim to high school theater.

— STEVE HIBBARD



The winner of the Male Vocalist Award is Zion Jang, "Guys and Dolls," Fairfax High School.



The winner of the Best Hair and Makeup Award is Natalie Carreiro of Annandale, "The Crucible," Lake Braddock Secondary School.



The winner of the Best Costumes Award is "Pippin," Robinson Secondary School. From left are Sterling Niemann and Hannah Strong.



The winner of Best Ensemble in a Musical is the Ensemble from "Pippin," Robinson Secondary School. From left: Emily Gross, Adam Chutuape, Nico Ochoa, and Jake Mitchell.



The award for Marketing and Publicity is "Guys and Dolls," Fairfax High School. From left are Andy Giron, Sierra Kaplan, Chryne Lillo, and Caroline Whitacre.

# ENTERTAINMENT

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

## ONGOING

**Senior Line Dancing** 1-2 p.m. Little River Glen Senior Center 4001 Barker Court, Fairfax. Line Dancing is a gentle, social form of aerobic activity. Studies have shown it aids in warding off Alzheimer's disease. No previous experience needed. Cost: \$5 per 8 week session. [barbriba@hotmail.com](mailto:barbriba@hotmail.com) 703-524-3739

**Fairfax Pets on Wheels New Volunteer Orientation** First Wednesday of each month. 7:30-9 p.m. 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. An orientation for new volunteers interested in visiting residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities with their approved pets through the Fairfax Pets On Wheels program is held the first Wednesday of every month starting at 7:30 p.m. Visit [www.fpow.org](http://www.fpow.org) for each month's location. Prior to attending, please complete the online application found at [www.fpow.org/volunteer](http://www.fpow.org/volunteer). Please do NOT bring pets to this orientation. Also, see weather policy for possible cancellations. [www.fpow.org](http://www.fpow.org), 703-324-5424 or [dfspetsonwheels@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dfspetsonwheels@fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Carolina Shag.** Wednesdays. 6:30-10 p.m. Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m. No partners needed. Dinner menu. \$8. Under 21 free. [nvshag.org](http://nvshag.org).

**FUN-Exercise** Thursdays, noon-12:50 p.m. Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. [moorefitt@yahoo.com](mailto:moorefitt@yahoo.com) or 703-499-6133.

**Exercise Program** Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. year-round at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax. The exercises are for strength, balance and maintaining limberness. Contact SCFB office at 703-426-2824 for more information.

**Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe).** Wednesdays. 8:15-9:15 a.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Shalom (hello) Did you always want to converse in Hebrew? Join Na'ama each week for conversational Hebrew. You will learn and practice Hebrew in a fun and interactive way while learning more about Israel. Free, however we ask that you try to attend regularly. [RSVP.Naama.Gold@jccnv.org](mailto:RSVP.Naama.Gold@jccnv.org).

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

**English Conversation Groups** weekly at George Mason, Burke Centre, and Lorton Libraries Practice and improve your English. Day and start times vary. Visit: [va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventcalendar.asp](http://va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventcalendar.asp)

**Stories From Strawberry Park** 10-11 a.m. Tuesdays in Mosaic, Strawberry Park, 2910 District Ave., Fairfax. Enjoy a live interactive performance each week. For ages 10 and under. Held outside in Strawberry Park. In inclement weather and October through April, storytime will be held in Angelika Film Center. Visit [www.fxva.com/](http://www.fxva.com/)

listing/mosaic-district/2326/.  
**Funday Monday** 10:30 a.m., every Monday at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. There will be music, movement, storytelling, performances, crafts, and more. It is open to children of all ages, however especially for those who haven't yet started school. Programs are free and open to the public, donations are gratefully appreciated. There is ample free parking in the downtown area, and stroller access at the rear of Old Town Hall on Main St. 703-385-7858 [www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts)  
**Kingstowne Farmers Market opens.** 4-7 p.m. every Friday through Oct. 27, at Kingstowne Giant Parking Lot, 5870 Kingstowne Center, Alexandria. Freshly picked, producer-only vegetables and fruit, from-scratch bread (including gluten free), baked goods, kettle corn, salsa, hummus, cake pops, fruit popsicles, and ice cream. Email [Chelsea.roseberry@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Chelsea.roseberry@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-642-0128 for more.

## CAMPS & CLASSES

**Art Camp.** Various times July 3-7, July 24-28, and July 31-Aug. 4 at the Woods Community Center, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke or the second location is Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. Lessons by Carol Zeitlin. Call 703-250-6930 or visit [www.czartlessons.com](http://www.czartlessons.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 15

**Historic Interpretation.** 7-9:30 p.m. at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Event topic is "Nicholas Fairfax, 14th Lord Fairfax of Cameron." Email [Fairfax275@gmail.com](mailto:Fairfax275@gmail.com) or visit [Fairfax275.org](http://Fairfax275.org) for more.

**Havana Lyceum Woodwind Quintet.** 7 p.m. at Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Fairfax Symphony presents Simone Dinnerstein with the Havana Lyceum Orchestra. \$35 or \$25. visit [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org) or call 888-945-2468 for more.

## JUNE 15-16

**Iced Coffee Benefit.** All day at participating Dunkin' Donuts. \$1 from all large iced coffees sold at participating Dunkin' Donuts restaurants in the Washington, D.C. region will be donated to Children's National. Visit [www.dunkindonuts.com](http://www.dunkindonuts.com) for more.

## FRIDAY/JUNE 16

**Music on the Plaza.** 7 p.m. at the Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Music and dance performances. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov) for more.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 17

**Fairfax County's 275th Anniversary.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax. Family friendly activities, live entertainment, history exhibits, living history, historical organization booths and displays. Email [Fairfax275@gmail.com](mailto:Fairfax275@gmail.com) or visit [Fairfax275.org](http://Fairfax275.org) for more.

**Father's Day Golf Tournament.** 8 a.m. at Burke Lake Golf Course, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Compete in closest-to-the-pin-contests, and prizes will be awarded for the top three places in all three divisions. \$65 per team. Call 703-323-1641 for more.

**Kidz Korner Children's Event.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment. Free Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov) or call 703-



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**In March, 1950, Scouts from Troop 182 show off their Electric Lie Detector; Copper Electroplating and Minnie the Magnet.**

## Celebrate County's 275th Anniversary

This coming weekend, Fairfax County will mark its 275th anniversary with events celebrating the history of the county. The signature celebration of the anniversary will take place on June 17, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in the area surrounding the Historic Fairfax Courthouse located in central Fairfax. And for this special day, Nicholas Fairfax (14<sup>th</sup> Lord Fairfax of Cameron), and his wife Annabel will be attending the celebration as honored guests all the way from

385-7858 for more.

**Navy Sea Chanters Concert.** 6-7 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Performing music from sea chanteys to Broadway tunes. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances) for more.

**Father and Daughter Dance.** 6-9 p.m. at Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Girls celebrate Father's Day with dads, granddads, big brothers, godfathers and family members, dancing, games, prizes and food. \$30. Call 703-385-7978 or email [parksrec@fairfaxva.gov](mailto:parksrec@fairfaxva.gov) for more.

**Tap and Jazz Review.** 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Centreville High School, Clifton. The Fairfax Ballet Company presents "Decades on Shuffle: A Jazz, Tap and Modern Revue." Call 703-439-9788 for more.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 18

**Yoga on the Square.** 10 a.m. at Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Bring a yoga mat, a water bottle, and yourself. Call 703-385-7858 for more.

**Father's Day Jazz Brunch.** noon-1:30 p.m. at Hilton Garden Inn Fairfax, 3950 Fair Ridge Drive. By Fairfax NAACP. Visit [fairfaxnaacp.org](http://fairfaxnaacp.org).

**Havana Lyceum Orchestra.** 5 p.m. at George Mason University Harris Theatre, Fairfax. Fairfax Symphony presents Simone Dinnerstein with the Havana Lyceum Orchestra. \$45, \$38, \$30. visit [www.fairfaxsymphony.org](http://www.fairfaxsymphony.org) or call 888-945-2468 for more.

## JUNE 21-JULY 18

**Snoopy and Belle in Fashion.** Various times in Fair Oaks Mall, 11750 Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. A celebration of Washington D.C.'s political style, dolls will feature presidential outfits. Visit [www.shopfairoaksmall.com](http://www.shopfairoaksmall.com).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 23

**Rock the Block Concert.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. The Rockets in concert, alongside beer garden, and city restaurant vendor booths. No Pets allowed except service



PHOTO BY GEORGE STEIGER

**At a campsite near the Potomac River above Great Falls, two men are sitting by a campfire.**

England.

Throughout the event, there will be historically themed family-friendly activities and demonstrations, live musical performances, over 80 historical organizations and attractions showcasing their sites and neighborhoods, reenactors and living history demonstrations, talks on a variety of topics in the Historic Fairfax Courthouse, Revolutionary War memorial plaque dedication ceremony at 11 a.m.

animals. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/rocktheblock](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/rocktheblock) for more.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 24

**Mosby Spring Bus Tour.** 8 a.m. at the Truro Rectory, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Local Civil War historic tour. Call 703-971-4984 or email [dhakenson@verizon.net](mailto:dhakenson@verizon.net).

**Art and Lunch.** noon-3 p.m. at the Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. The Fairfax Art League will be hosting an Art and Lunch event, lunch not provided. Free. Visit [www.fairfaxartleague.net](http://www.fairfaxartleague.net) or call 703-587-9481.

**Chronology of the Civil War in Fairfax County, Part I.** 2-4 p.m. at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Preservationist, historian, and author Edward T. Wenzel will discuss notable incidents from the first two years of war in Fairfax County. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov) for more.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 25

**Burke Historical Society.** 3:30-5 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road. Susan Gray, curator of the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, will give a talk called, "Get on Board for a Quick Ride Through Fairfax History." Visit [www.burkehistoricalsociety.org](http://www.burkehistoricalsociety.org) for more.

**Posipalooza: Positive Music Festival.** 7 p.m. at the Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Sloan Wainwright, Roger Tomhave, Sue Riley, and Glen Roethel will perform in a round-robin format, engaging in banter, sharing how songs were written, and creating impromptu arrangements. \$20. Visit [www.UnityOffFairfax.org](http://www.UnityOffFairfax.org).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 30

**Music on the Plaza.** 7 p.m. at the Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Music and dance performances. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov) for more.

## SATURDAY/JULY 1

**Kidz Korner.** 10:30-11:30 a.m. in Old

Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Summer in the City shows, every Saturday into September, weather permitting. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov) for more.

**Independence Day Celebration.** 5-9:30 p.m. at Lorton Workhouse, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Community, family friendly, music. Call 703-584-2900 or visit [workhousearts.org](http://workhousearts.org).

## SUNDAY/JULY 2

**Yoga on the Square.** 10 a.m. in Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Bring a yoga mat and water bottle. Weather permitting. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov](http://www.fairfaxva.gov) or call 703-385-7858 for more.

## MONDAY/JULY 3

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**“The Complete History of Fairfax (The Musical)” cast, from left: Christopher McDonnell, Hillary Leersnyder, Jesse Pollack, and Alex Poirier.**

## Fairfax County History as a Musical

**Class Act Theatre production to play at two area venues.**

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

**C**elebrating Fairfax County’s 275<sup>th</sup> birthday, a new musical will entertain and enlighten, with its share of spoofing. It is “The Complete History of Fairfax (The Musical)” not only about the well-known, but the little-known real life characters from local history as well. The musical will have its premiere at two Fairfax County locations; the Workhouse Arts Center and the James Lee Theatre.

“The Complete History of Fairfax (The Musical)” was created by Northern Virginia’s The Class Act Theatre. The troupe was co-founded by Fairfax County resident, Alex Bulova. Bulova graduated from Robinson Secondary School in 2015 and is currently a student at the College of William & Mary. Bulova is not a newcomer to creating musicals; a first musical, “SuperNOVA” premiered at last summer’s “indie” Capital Fringe Festival in D.C.

“As I researched the history of Fairfax, I discovered these really fun and eccentric characters: John Randolph, Sadie the Cow, and the legendary Bunnyman, just to name a few. As I began writing ‘Fairfax,’ I knew the only way I could capture the essence of these characters was by letting them sing,” said Bulova.

“Musical numbers are named after and based on towns in Fairfax, and the historical events that happened there. Each song is written in a different musical style, ranging from western to Jackson 5 to Stephen Sondheim,” noted Bulova. “The lyrics within the songs balance storytelling with jokes, making the show both entertaining and informative.”

The Class Act Theatre troupe’s production featured four actors who will portray multiple Fairfax figures. The actors include Alex Poirier, Christopher McDonnell, Hillary Leersnyder, and Jesse Pollack.



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**Alex Bulova, Class Act Theatre Company.**

Chris Mayhew will be on the keyboard.

Audiences can expect to witness the likes of George Washington, General Mosby, Sally Fairfax and Antonia Ford, John Smith, Henry Clay, John Randolph and Lucy Burns with vibrant musical spirit.

“There are many reasons to come see ‘Fairfax,’” said Bulova. “It’s funny, it’s educational – but most importantly, it’s a celebration of

our wonderful area, and what it means to be from Fairfax.”

“We’re thrilled that Northern Virginia’s Class Act Theatre Company is bringing ‘The Complete History of Fairfax (The Musical)’ to life at the Workhouse. In a region whose story is dominated by the major events of history, the show captures the joy, humor, and unique character of Fairfax County’s local history. That is so very important,” said Ava Spece, Workhouse CEO and President.

### Where & When

“The Complete History of Fairfax (The Musical)” will be performed at two Fairfax County venues: the James Lee Community Center Theater and the Workhouse Arts Center.

❖ “The Complete History of Fairfax (The Musical)” at James Lee Community Center Theatre, 2855 Annandale Road #101, Falls Church. Performances, July 6, 7 and 8, 2017 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, matinee, July 8, 2017, at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$10. Tickets available at the door or visit: [www.eventbrite.com/e/the-complete-history-of-fairfax-the-musical-tickets-33287877939](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-complete-history-of-fairfax-the-musical-tickets-33287877939)

❖ “The Complete History of Fairfax (The Musical)” at the Workhouse Arts Center. 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. Performances July 13, 14 and 15, 2017, at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$12. Call 703-584-2900 or visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

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**Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke** serves those 50 and older who no longer drive. **Volunteer drivers** are needed for trips (Monday-Friday) to medical appointments and companion shopping within the Fairfax/Burke area. **Office workers** are needed to answer phones in the SCFB office (Monday-Friday) to match drivers and those who need rides. Call 703-323-4788.

### THURSDAY/JUNE 15

**American Association of University Women.** 5:30-9:30 p.m. at Army Navy Country Club of Fairfax, 3315 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Guest speaker will be Judge Jane Marum Roush, a dinner meeting with an Italian buffet. \$38. Call 703-764-8061 for more.

### THURSDAY/JUNE 17

**Wellness Workshop: MemoryBanc.** 9:30 a.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. Learn about the documents, accounts, and assets that should be organized as a caregiver and leave with a step-by-step guide to get it done. Contact Christi Clark, at [christi.clark@insightmcc.org](mailto:christi.clark@insightmcc.org) or 703-204-4664, or visit [InsightMCC.org](http://InsightMCC.org).

### THURSDAY/JULY 20

**Lunch N' Life.** noon-2 p.m. at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke. The guest presenter will be Elizabeth Gray, Esq. to speaking on legal issues for older adults. \$10. Sponsored by Shepherd's Center. Call 703-273-5730 or see [www.scfbva.org](http://www.scfbva.org) for more.

**Mount Vernon Lee Chamber Scholarships.** 6-7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Springfield, 6550 Loisdale Road. Meet the local high school seniors selected to receive business scholarships from Mount Vernon Lee Chamber. Call 703-971-8900 for more.

### MONDAY/JUNE 21

**Financial Considerations for Caregiving.** 1 p.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax. The financial costs of long term care and long term caregiving are enormous. Explore options for this important aspect of caregiving. Contact Christi Clark, at [christi.clark@insightmcc.org](mailto:christi.clark@insightmcc.org) or 703-204-4664, or visit [InsightMCC.org](http://InsightMCC.org).

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- Fairfax Rotary Club Meeting** 12:15-1:30 p.m. Mondays. American Legion, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Meetings with luncheon and program. [fairfaxrotary.org](http://fairfaxrotary.org).
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- Fairfax-based non-profit Britepaths offers free Financial Education Classes** Sessions at various locations in the Fairfax County area to low- and middle-income adults who reside throughout Northern Virginia. The offerings are free and open to the public, but reservations are required. <https://britepaths.org/news/get-financially-fit-new-year>
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## Spontaneous Confusion



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Since I have some alone-time; just me and the cats, I thought I'd try to write my next column a few weeks ahead and take a bit of the time-sensitive deadline pressure off. Not that meeting my weekly commitment has been too much of a problem over the years (nearly 20 in fact), still, I thought I'd put pen to paper, literally, and see what comes out.

So far what has come out is that I'm having creative difficulty writing something that's to be published two weeks hence. It seems/feels that writing in the present about something to be published in the future is awkward, sort of. It's somewhere between wishful thinking and a prediction. Neither of which is characteristic of who I am or how I think. I guess my writing nature is that I like to react to reality and then address it in print, rather than anticipate it and then respond to it. Typically I prefer to be current in my thinking and honest in my prose. Apparently, I have nothing else to share so trying to explain that void is the semi point of this column.

And I suppose, without being too self-indulgent, that if a stage IV cancer patient — yours truly, who shares everything with you regular readers; highs, lows and in-betweens, has nothing of particular interest to share, perhaps it's because I'm experiencing a comparatively easy fortnight between 24-hour urine collection, pre-chemotherapy lab work, every-five-week infusions, and quarterly scans followed by my quarterly face-to-face appointment with my oncologist, so I have minimal cancer-related business to preoccupy my life. It's almost as if I'm unencumbered by my underlying problem: non-small cell lung cancer. And I have to admit, it's a heck of a feeling to not have my conscious and unconscious minding my business and reminding me that I have an incurable form of cancer. Which of course I never need reminding of; as opposed to ending a sentence with a preposition which obviously I do need to be reminded of.

Getting back to the substance — if you can even call it that, of this column: my difficulty writing weeks ahead of publication. What's puzzling about this difficulty is how uncharacteristic of my personality it is. I am not spontaneous. I rarely do anything spur of the moment other than getting off the couch, changing the channel on the television, switching radio stations in the car, deciding what to wear, eating/drinking/going to the bathroom and/or miscellaneous other household-type duties and responsibilities. Yet the problem I'm experiencing now — related to my June 14 column, is that since I'm not being spontaneous, I'm unable to create?

How can that be a problem? That's who I am all the time. I do everything in advance — of consequence, that is. Maybe I'm making too much out of nothing? (Oh, really.) Maybe I'm simply stuck in my head and need to get out of my own way. Not that I make mountains out of mole hills but sometimes, and I've told by my oncologist that I can blame my having cancer for everything, I might not think so clearly and get bogged down emotionally. Ergo, I will lay the blame for this column and it's lack of substance, on having "terminal" cancer.

Cancer doesn't work in mysterious ways (well, perhaps it does to researchers), it works in destructive ways: physically, mentally and spiritually. Logical becomes illogical — and vice versa; rational becomes irrational — and vice versa; and manageable becomes unmanageable — and vice versa. For cancer patients/survivors, expecting that one's life will go merrily along is totally unrealistic. Expecting the unexpected is the path of least resistance.

This week's column/dilemma is simply another example/reminder of how cancer intrudes and deludes and affects those of us who naively thought we would be unaffected.

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



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**Centreville \$395,000**

Gorgeous garaged townhome with 3 BR and 2 Full & 2 Half Baths. Feels brand new. New carpet, freshly painted. Eat-in kitchen with granite countertops. Updated bathrooms. Large master bedroom with a sitting area, walk-in closet & double sinks in the bath. Fenced yard & large deck for entertaining. Must see. Call Diane at 703-615-4626 before its gone.



**John & Jennifer Boyce**  
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**Falls Church \$599,000**

Gorgeous home with beautifully renovated kitchen & finished hardwood floors. Open patio and covered porch overlooking amazing 1/2 acre private & serene landscaped lot.



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**Crosspointe \$689,900**

Coming Soon! Main level master bedroom with vaulted ceiling! Designer master bathroom renovation. 2nd master on upper level. Remodeled kitchen with upscale appliances, maple cabinets & granite counters. Large professionally landscaped corner lot!



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**Sheila Adams**  
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**Fairfax \$649,900**

Gorgeous 4 BR Colonial in beautiful Middlebridge. Home offers year round sunroom, deck with hot tub, trees line back yard providing privacy for perfect entertaining. Garage holds three cars (perfect for boat or antique car loves). Call Sheila 703-503-1895.



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**Alexandria New Listing \$525,000**

Beautiful townhouse in highly desired area. Many renovations include roof, carpet, bathrooms, hardwood floors & more. Spacious, light & bright. Large deck, brick patio, great for entertaining. Rec room with ceramic tile flooring & gas fireplace. One car garage. Shopping, commuter rail close by.



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**Fairfax Station \$721,000**

Beautiful 4 bed, 3.5 bath home located in the Innisvale neighborhood. Enjoy living indoors and out with spacious rooms for entertaining opening to a screened-in porch, leading to a multi-area deck overlooking the gorgeous yard and backing to woods. Must see!



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**Centreville \$515,000**

Storybook Charm! Find life as you dream it with the delightful front porch, main-level Library; fabulous Great Room with fireplace; 2-story foyer; & remodeled Kitchen with Granite Counters & SS appliances, Breakfast Room & breakfast bar. Master Suite with luxury bath, great deck, pergola and large fenced backyard! A 2 car garage & private cul-de-sac lot come too! It's a WOW!



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