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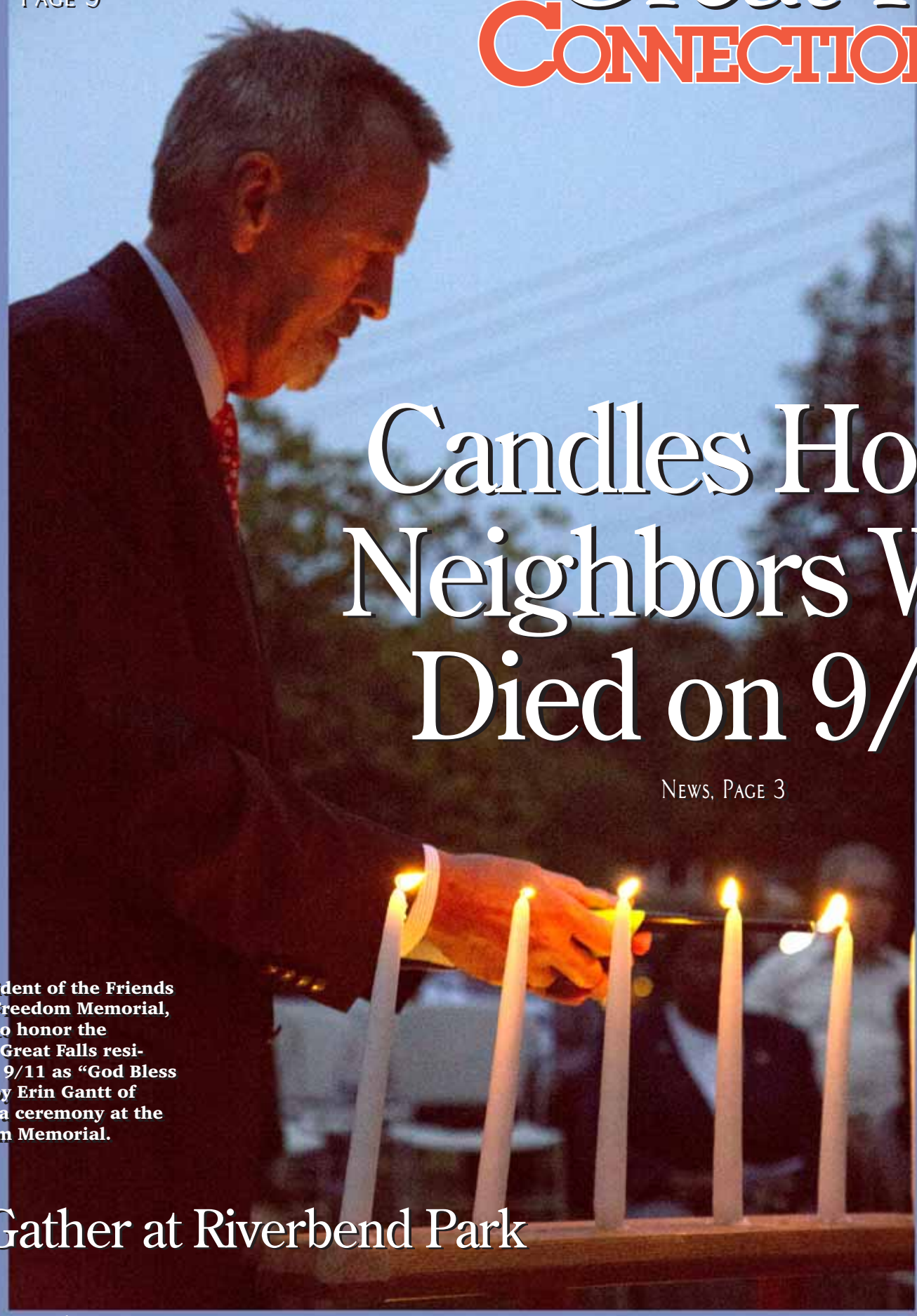

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Roundups

Comstock Announces Service Academy Application Deadline

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) announced that the deadline for students interested in applying for a nomination by the 10th District Service Academy Advisory Board to one of the nation's military academies for the Class of 2022 is 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept.29th in her Sterling district office.

"Our Service Academies depend on young men and women who embody hard work, honor, and integrity to answer the call of service. Virginia's 10th District has distinguished students whom I have great confidence will lead our next generation. I hope each of our students who are inspired to serve their country will apply to be a part of the Class of 2022 so they can create their own legacy of excellence in a Service Academy. The 10th District Service Academy Advisory Board has the experience and commitment necessary to finding this year's dedicated class of students."

Applications can be mailed or hand delivered to Comstock's Sterling office at 21430 Cedar Drive, Suite 218, Sterling, Virginia 20164. Interested students can request an Academy Nomination Application from Comstock's Web site at comstock.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations. The selection process is strictly a competitive one.

For more information about the congressional nominating process, contact Mary Ann Cannon in Comstock's Sterling office at 703-404-6903, or go to comstock.house.gov/ and click on Military Academy Nominations under the Services section.

Information Sessions on Developmental Disabilities

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board's Support Coordination staff will hold information sessions that will help prepare individuals with developmental disabilities and their families to transition out of Fairfax County Public Schools.

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Fairfax County Govern

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Boy Scouts from Troop 55 of Great Falls lit their candles from those burning at the center of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial to honor the six Great Falls residents who died during the 9/11 terrorist attacks to spread the flame throughout the crowd, candle-by-candle. They also led the ceremony in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Photos by Fallon Forbush/The Connection

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Candles Honor Neighbors Who Died on 9/11

Annual ceremony held at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial.

By Fallon Forbush
The Connection

As "God Bless America" echoed throughout the plaza at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, six white candles burned brightly to honor the six Great Falls residents who died at the Pentagon during the 9/11 terrorist attacks 16 years ago.

"Sixteen years ago, we suffered the worst terrorist attack in our country's history," Andy Wilson, president of the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, said during his opening remarks during the 9/11 ceremony at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial. "Nineteen terrorists hoped to bring our country to its knees, and while we will forever mourn those losses, we can also look at the strength and courage displayed by many people on that day."

"Today marks a tragic day in our history," John "Sandy" Pidgeon, Jr., vice president of the Friends of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, said during the invocation at the beginning of the ceremony. "Let us be humble and humble ourselves and remember our fallen brothers and sisters from our community that suffered one of the greatest losses in all of America on 9/11, 2001, 16 years ago. Our minds are forever etched at where we all were that day."

James Roberts of Great Falls, the ceremony's keynote speaker, remembered the chaos of that day. The president of the American Studies Center, founder of the American Veterans Center and founder and president of Radio America recalled his experience for the crowd.

"Sept. 11, 2001, like Dec. 7, 1941, is a day that will live in infamy," Roberts said.

James Roberts of Great Falls, president of the American Studies Center, founder of the American Veterans Center and founder and president of Radio America, was the keynote speaker of the 9/11 ceremony.

"Indeed, more lives were lost on 9/11 than at Pearl Harbor."

HE REMEMBERED talking on the phone with his wife who was frantic as she was responsible for picking up their four children who were at four different schools that had all closed for the day after news of the terrorist attacks spread. She was also tasked with retrieving their friend's three children because their mother was stranded in Dallas after her flight was canceled when every airport in the country shut down.

"Two of the six Great Falls residents killed in the attacks—George and Diane Simmons—lived just three blocks from our home," Roberts said.

He was also seated next to another local victim, Barbara Olsen, during a banquet they both attended two months before 9/11.

"The horrible ordeal … has never left my mind and never will," he said.

Alan Nathan, a talk show host who was syndicated by Radio America, called in during a broadcast after he witnessed American Airlines Flight 77 fly over his car and into the Pentagon. Robert's played the audio from the broadcast for the crowd.

A Marine Corps Color Guard from Navy Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C., carried the national colors for the 9/11 ceremony at the Great Falls Freedom Memorial on Monday evening, Sept. 11. Marines, from left: Lance Cpl. Peter Kanyita, Sgt. Keith Norman, Cpl. Jason Stolecki and Lance Cpl. Tyree Edmond.

"I'm on the highway on my cellphone," Nathan said. "I just watched a plane crash near the Pentagon near the Memorial Bridge exit off of [Interstate] 395 northbound. I just saw it. It crashed in front of me. I saw the plane crash right before my eyes. Smoke is billowing all around this area. It was an amazing explosion of fire and metal."

Roberts recalled an emotional day of fear, hysteria and anger as Americans learned what had happened.

"We were just overwhelmed … It was just absolute chaos," Roberts said of the reports that rolled into his radio network that day.

He told the crowd that America had been fighting terrorism for the last 16 years with no end in sight, and that radical Muslim terrorist groups like ISIS continue to radicalize and threaten the world.

"Sitting out the struggle is not an option," Roberts said.

HE ADVOCATED to those listening to lobby their local leaders — U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock, R-10; Del. Kathleen Murphy, D-34; and Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust in the audience — to provide enough resources to a "strained-to-the-breaking-point" military that will allow it to prevail over terrorism.

"We must make a solemn vow that those who made the ultimate sacrifice did not die in vain," Roberts concluded.

As Erin Gantt of Great Falls sang "God Bless America," candles were lit at the center of the memorial to honor the six Great Falls residents who paid that price. Taps was also played on the trumpet by Steven Pastore as the crowd held their lit candles, reflecting on the tragedy that shook their community 16 years ago.

THE GREAT FALLS 9/11 HONOR ROLL

- Ann Judge
- Barbara Olson
- Diane Simmons
- George Simmons
- Lisa Raines
- Retired Marine Corp. 1st Lt. Richard Gabriel

Last year's event raised $106,000.

Gala to Fight Cancer

With September being Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, Amelia Mazloom and Parker Gioia, seniors at the Potomac School in McLean, are doing their part to help raise awareness and funds for teens battling cancer.

Treatments invented at St Jude Children's Research Hospital have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to more than 80 percent since it opened more than 50 years ago. One-third of patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital are teenagers, ages 15-19. St. Jude is working to drive the overall survival rate for childhood cancer to 90 percent, and they won't stop until no child dies from cancer.

Mazloom, 17-year-old chair and founder, says this year's committee has doubled to 43 teens and has tripled to 19 participating schools spanning McLean, Great Falls, Arlington, Alexandria, D.C., Chevy Chase, Potomac and Beltsville, Maryland. Under Mazloom's leadership, the teen committee members put the entire event together with guidance from their parents.

The event, featuring WMZQ DJ, Aly Jacobs, as emcee, will include a host of local teen performers as well as desserts from D.C.-area restaurants and bakeries. There will also be both a live and silent auction.

Last year's event raised $106,000 and this year, the local teens are working to hit a target of $150,000. Tickets can be purchased online until Sept. 15 at www.stjude.org/goldengala.

Details

What: Parent/Teen Golden Gala to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
When: Sept. 16, 2017; 6-10 p.m.
Where: The French Embassy, 4101 Reservoir Road, NW, D.C.

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Photos by Travis Wolfe

The Fairfax County Brewfest will be held Saturday, Sept. 16, from noon to 6 p.m. at Mustang Sally Brewing Company in Chantilly.

Brewfest on Tap

Takes place at Mustang Sally Brewing Company in Chantilly.

By Steve Hibbard

The second annual Fairfax County Brewfest will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16, from noon to 6 p.m., at Mustang Sally Brewing Company in Chantilly. All seven of Fairfax County's breweries will be participating in the event, which is sponsored by the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce and Mustang Sally's. Those include: Aslin Beer Company, Caboose Brewing Co., Fair Winds Brewing, Forge Brew Works, Lake Anne Brewhouse, Mustang Sally Brewing Co., and Ono Brewing Co.

"We wanted to make this a great party. We're going to have bands and food trucks. We wanted to do it at a working production brewery so this will be an indoor/outdoor fest, and we're going to close the parking lot and set up a stage and have two different bands that play all day long. The focus will be to make it fun," said Sean Hunt, founder/owner of Mustang Sally in Chantilly.

Hunt spent his last two years of high school in Germany where brewfests are extremely popular. "That's what this is intended to be," he said. "It's when people can hang out in a casual, fun environment and really celebrate what the county has available in terms of breweries and just a celebration in their community ... It's just an event that the community comes together for. It's absolutely what we're trying to accomplish here."

He continued: "We'll have two production breweries — Mustang Sally Brewing Company and Fair Winds Brewing Company. We'll have smaller breweries, where they're brewing a few kegs at a time — Lake Anne Brewhouse and Aslin Brewing. And there are breweries in the middle. We'll have a new brewery called Ono Brewing Company; it's a Hawaiian-based theme. We also have Forge Brew Works; it's kind of a smaller brewery that caters to more of a tasting-room atmosphere; they have a focus in Belgian beers, and also Caboose Brewing Company. It's kind of a neat mix. Within the last two years we've been able to get these breweries opened." He said the first brewery opened four years ago and the other breweries opened in the last two years in Fairfax County.

THE BREWFEST will feature live music from Scott Kurt and Memphis 59 and The Blues Buckets as well as brewery tours and food vendors. Wild Mustang Club cars will also be on display. Children 12 and under are admitted for free. A portion of the proceeds will benefit K9 for Warriors, which will be bringing several service dogs to the event, and VAVets.

John P. Boylan, president and CEO of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber's goals are always focused on three areas: Commerce, Community, and Communication. "Brewfest will enable us to do all three starting with the community as we help two great organizations — K-9 for Warriors and VAVets. They will be in attendance and we hope folks will come by to support them and say thank you," said Boylan.

He continued: "We will showcase the brews from all of the Fairfax County breweries, some of the best on the East Coast. Not only that, we have several food trucks and bands to keep the energy up."

"We're not expecting thousands. We're hoping to fill the place up," said Hunt. "The county, the Chamber of Commerce, and all of the breweries are all coming together to support this. From that perspective, we'll see a lot of coordinated activity that wants to make this a centerpiece event ... We get a lot of people from Chantilly, Reston and Centreville."

The indoor/outdoor event will take place at Mustang Sally Brewing Company, 14140 Parke Long Ct., A-C, Chantilly, near the intersection of Routes 28 and 50. The cost is $10 pre-sale; $15 at the door, which includes admission and logo tasting glass. Cost of the beers is additional. For registration, visit the website at www.msbrewing.com (under FFX Brewfest).

Launched in 2016, Mustang Sally Brewing Co. is an independent production of craft brewery distributed in draft and package throughout the Northern Virginia area. Find out more at: www.msbrewing.com and facebook.com/pg/mustangsallybrewing.

Opinion

Fill the Boot 2017: One For The Record Books

By Joel Kobersteen
Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department

Photo by Marti Moore/The Connection

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Master Technician Johnathan Macquilliam and Capt. Matthew C. Burns hold their boots high as they work a Labor Day crowd of generous motorists at a Fairfax traffic signal on Waples Mill Road and U.S. Route 50.

After the first day of collection, it was apparent that this would be no ordinary campaign. The $173,686.56 collected by B-Shift was the second highest one day total in Fairfax County Fill the Boot history (by only $2,000!). Needless to say, the $50,000 to disaster relief goal was quickly accomplished and we began work on the $500,000 goal for Greater Washington MDA.

The second day brought rain and chill. C-Shift put personal comfort aside and made a point to stay out as much as safely possible. Fire Station 5, Franconia, personnel came in with $28,251 collected. That is the highest amount collected in one day by one shift in Fairfax County Fill the Boot history. A tip of the fire helmet to C-Shift personnel who did not let the weather conditions get in the way of collecting $155,629.66.

Due to the work schedule, personnel from A-Shift had only one day of collection and made the most of it. A-Shift collected a total of $140,193.28 on what was a beautiful Sunday.

Coming into the last day of the campaign, C-Shift knew they only needed roughly $76,000 to accomplish the $500,000 collected goal for the Greater Washington MDA. Personnel collected $152,059 for the last day of the campaign which meant another $71,954.06 was added to the disaster relief fund for a total of $131,278.65. Part of that total was $4,476.36 from the 142nd Recruit School, $220 from the Logistics Distribution Center, $4,291 from the 9-1-1 Center, $252 from the Fire Prevention Office and $60 from the local office.

When all was said and done, we collected $631,278.65 total for Fill the Boot 2017. Never has any municipality collected that much money ... ever.

Thanks to the following for their support:

❖ Chairman Sharon Bulova and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors,

❖ Fire Chief Richard Bowers and the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department,

❖ President John Niemiec and Local 2068,

❖ Chief John Morrison, Vienna Volunteer FD, and all volunteer canteen units,

❖ Director Bill Kang and all the members of the Department of Public Safety Communications,

❖ Colonel Ed Roessler, Sergeant Tom Bailey, PFC Jared Warner and the Fairfax County Police Department,

❖ President John Harris and the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Retirement Association,

❖ All career and volunteer Fire and Rescue members and their families who helped out during the campaign.

Last, I would like to thank the residents and guests of Fairfax County who, by opening their car window and generously donating, made this year's Fill the Boot a tremendous success. We could not do this without you.

The author is a master technician at Fire Station 40, Fairfax Center, B-Shift, and coordinator for the Fairfax County Fill the Boot Campaign.

Letters to the Editor

Putting United Back in 'United' States

To the Editor:

Re: Mr. Crawford's response ("Fomenting Disunity and Hate" Sept. 6-12) to the letter by a group of Democrat politicians ("American Values" Aug. 30.)

You reference "Mr. Trump's initial response" to the tragic events at Charlottesville. You are correct in defending this well-scripted statement of the President, delivered on Aug. 14. In fact, most "fair-minded persons," as you say, wish he had left it at that.

Instead, the "American Values" letter refers to the President's follow-up comments to the press the following day (Aug. 15), in which he talked about "the very fine people" in the group of protesters. While the fine print of the law may not agree, there is no denying that anyone marching alongside people brandishing torches and waving Nazi swastika flags, shouting "Jews will not replace us" and "Blood and Soil," is implicitly supporting the very neo-Nazis and white supremacists the President initially condemned. They are guilty by association.

Hence, it is legitimate for the Jewish members of the Virginia General Assembly to question the Republican gubernatorial candidate for not openly denouncing the very symbols of genocide that so many brave Americans went overseas to Europe to stamp out during World War II. How did this sea of swastikas and Nazi flags ever wash up on our shining shores? Who are these people who loudly and proudly resurrect Nazi slogans?

We can parse words and choose to only see/hear what we want to see/hear, but there is no denying our great country is deeply divided. And a house divided never stands. As the mother of a child who was the target of racism on the school bus, I take solace in the fact that the boys worked out their differences and, now, years later, the instigator is one of my son's closest friends!

Maybe we should take a page out of our kids' playbook and see beyond our skin-deep differences. Perhaps, far be it from us adults being an example to our children, it behooves us to acknowledge, in the words of one of the world's greatest wordsmiths, William Wordsworth: The child is the father of the man. Let's put our house in order and put the united back in the "United" States.

Shaila Muralidhar
Great Falls

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ment Center, Conference Room 7, 12000 Government Center Parkway in Fairfax.

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at South County Center, Room 221B, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.

Topics to be discussed include:

❖ Eligibility process for CSB developmental disabilities services
❖ Transition services overview for 2018
❖ Overview of CSB services

There will be an opportunity to ask questions and meet with CSB Developmental Disabilities staff. No registration required. Contact Shelia Peters-Lee at 703-324-4635 with questions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/events/transition-information-sessions.htm.

Colonial Farm to Host Oktoberfest

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm will host a 2017 Oktoberfest event to help support the programs and services of this privately operated local National Park and living history working farm.

Catered Bavarian menu will include Bratwurst, Knockwurst, marinated grilled chicken, German potato salad, sauerkraut, vegetable sauté, Caesar salad, ice cream sundaes, warm peach cobbler, cash bar and soft drinks. Live music to feature polkas and other called dances. Silent auction showcases gift baskets, admissions to local museums and restaurants as well as other donated goods and services.

The Claude Moore Colonial Farm will host 2017 Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 7, 6-9 p.m. at The Pavilions of Turkey Run, 6310 Georgetown Pike in McLean. Tickets: $35 adults; $25 volunteers; $12 children 6-12; children under 6 free admission. Advance purchase only. Contact J-D Engle at jengle@1771.org or purchase online at 2017.1771.org/events-item/oktoberfest/. Avian ($250), Porcine ($500) and Bovine ($1,000) sponsorship packages available.

Great Falls REAL ESTATE

Photos by Deb Stevens/The Connection

July, 2017 Top Sales

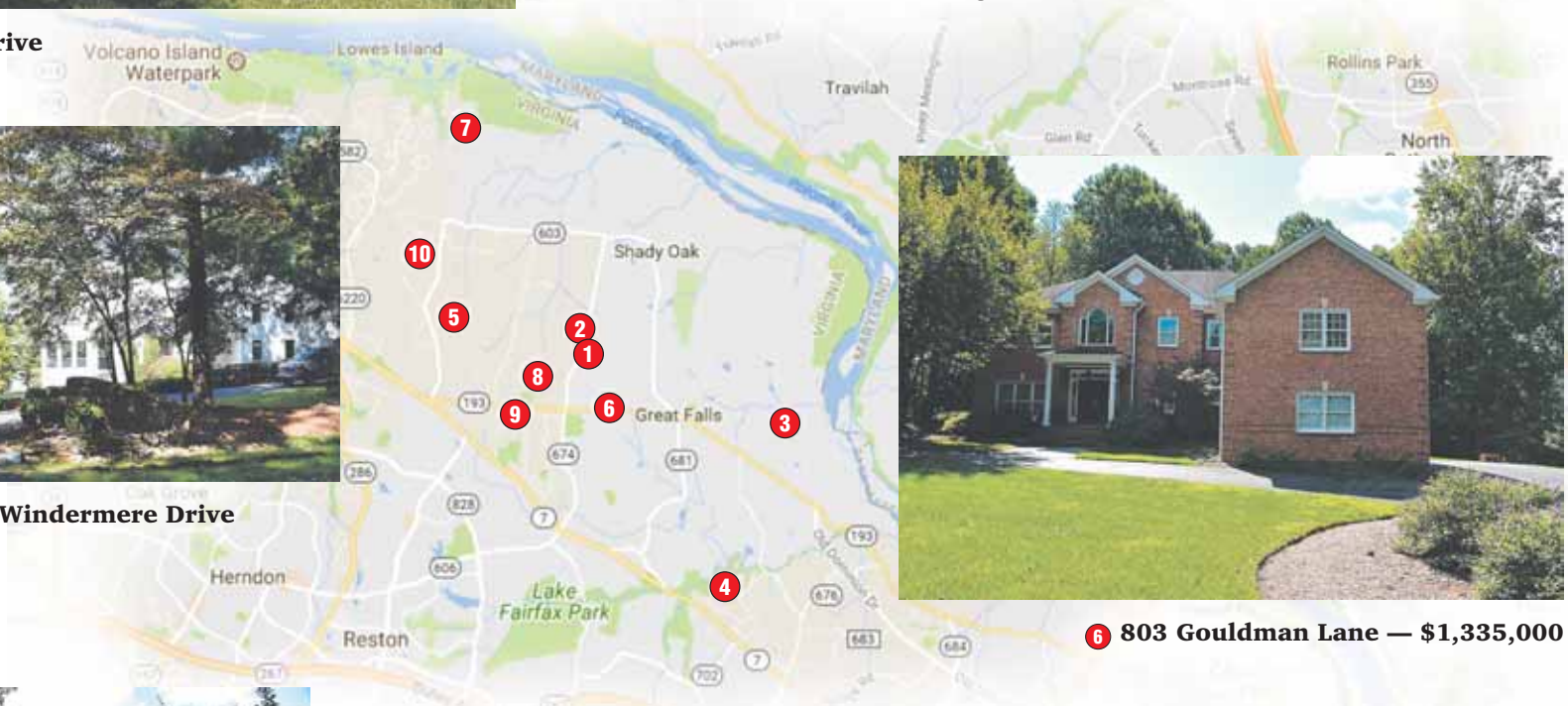
In July 2017, 25 Great Falls homes sold between $2,465,000-$555,000.

7 **11308 Antrim Court — $1,318,000**

1 **10504 Patrician Woods Court — $2,465,000**

2 **10501 Milkweed Drive — $1,970,000**

8 **10896 Lake Windermere Drive — $1,260,000**



6 **803 Gouldman Lane — $1,335,000**

9 **10917 Georgetown Pike — $1,200,000**

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1 10504 PATRICIAN WOODS CT	4	5	2	GREAT FALLS	$2,465,000	Detached	1.76	22066	PATRICIAN WOODS	07/10/17
2 10501 MILKWEED DR	6	6	2	GREAT FALLS	$1,970,000	Detached	2.98	22066	WOODSFIELD	07/27/17
3 544 RIVER BEND RD	5	4	1	GREAT FALLS	$1,670,000	Detached	5.00	22066	JACKSON HILLS	07/26/17
4 9604 TACKROOM LN	6	6	1	GREAT FALLS	$1,520,000	Detached	0.86	22066	DEEP GLEN	07/31/17
5 11408 VALLEY STREAM CT	5	4	1	GREAT FALLS	$1,350,000	Detached	6.37	22066	VALLEY STREAM	07/27/17
6 803 GOULDMAN LN	6	5	1	GREAT FALLS	$1,335,000	Detached	2.30	22066	GOULDMAN ACRES	07/07/17
7 11308 ANTRIM CT	5	4	1	GREAT FALLS	$1,318,000	Detached	1.72	22066	ESTATES AT LOWES ISLAND	07/10/17
8 10896 LAKE WINDERMERE DR	6	5	1	GREAT FALLS	$1,260,000	Detached	1.72	22066	LAKE WINDERMERE	07/07/17
9 10917 GEORGETOWN PIKE	4	4	1	GREAT FALLS	$1,200,000	Detached	1.49	22066	NONE	07/10/17
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This Fairfax kitchen was enlarged to create a space for entertaining for a family of five.

Photo courtesy of Nicely Done Kitchens and Baths

1970s Fairfax Kitchen Gets Makeover

When a Fairfax family of five decided that their 1970s-era kitchen needed to be brought into the 21st century they enlisted the help of Nicely Done Kitchens and Baths. The homeowners also wanted more space for entertaining and to accommodate their large family.

"This was a particularly interesting project," said designer Cathy Goss of Nicely Done Kitchens and Baths. "It involved incorporating four different functions into one uniquely-sized space."

Two adjacent rooms were combined to allow space for an island, pantry, command center and a station for cooking and the subsequent clean-up. The design team removed a wall between the kitchen and dining room to create a larger kitchen area. They also incorporated two different backsplashes into the design: a marble subway tile with a marble accent under the range hood and a cut stone surface at the glass cabinets. LED under-cabinet lighting accents the quartz countertops.

"The cabinetry is a beautiful example of reverse raised panel paired with eclipse glass doors," said Goss. "The project resulted in a beautiful and ultra-functional centerpiece to this Fairfax family's home."

— Marilyn Campbell

Photo courtesy of the DC Design House

The 2017 DC Design House, located in Potomac, Md., will be open to the public from Saturday, Sept. 30 until Sunday, Oct. 29.

Design House Designers Revealed

The designers who will transform the 10th An-nual DC Design House were announced recently.

Among the 23 men and women who will give the Potomac, Md. home a makeover are Alexandria-based designers Susan Nelson and Todd Martz; Lisa Tureson of Herndon; Margery Wedderburn of Great Falls; Mary Amons of McLean; Josh Hildreth of Reston; Keira St. Claire-Bowery of Cabin John, Md.; and Bethesda, Md.-based designers Kelley Proxmire, Lorna Gross, Marika Meyer, Erica Burns, Karen Snyder and Camille Saum.

The selection process is competitive and being chosen to design one of the home's rooms is considered one of the most prestigious honors in the industry.

The Washington, DC Design House, a nonprofit entity, began in 2008 as a design show house event for the Washington, D.C. area. Each year, local designers donate their time and talent to makeover a grand home that opens to the public for tours. Proceeds raised from tour ticket sales benefit Children's National Health System.

This year, the home is located at 9004 Congressional Court in Potomac, Md., and will be open from Sept. 30 through Oct. 29. Tickets are $35. Visit www.dcdesignhouse.com.

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Contemporary grass dancer Jacob Fortune performs a "Grass" dance during the powwow.

Elissa Sarapu, 6, of Vienna attempts to drill a hole in a rock with a primitive pump drill used by Native Americans throughout the United States.

Celebrating at Riverbend Park

Virginia Indian Festival held on Saturday, Sept. 9.

By Fallon Forbush
The Connection

Indigenous peoples of Virginia and their heritages and cultures were celebrated in Great Falls at the Riverbend Park during the Virginia Indian Festival on Saturday, Sept. 9.

A focal point of the festival was the sacred circle that was roped off on the grass overlooking the Potomac River for the powwow. Dancers from the Rappahannock Tribe Cultural Center in Indian Neck performed seven dances for crowds who gathered around to watch throughout the day.

"I know when the festival is in gear when the Rappahannocks start pounding the drums, and that starts echoing through the trees and through the area and the dancing starts," said John Callow, Riverbend Park site manager for the Fairfax County Park Authority. "That's my favorite part — the very first dance that the Rappahannocks do and those drums start pounding. As soon as that happens, you just see all of the visitors flock over to that area to witness it and experience it."

A large drum made of buffalo hide was beat in unison by four drummers, providing a central pulse for the dancers' movements.

The powwow began with a parade of the eight dancers, called the "Grand Entry" dance. A "Welcome" dance was performed next, which the Rappahannock people performed when they got together with members of different tribes. A dancing stick was passed around, which was offered and accepted as a form of welcome, Judith Fortune, a traditional dancer with the tribe, told the crowd.

THE FEMALE DANCERS then performed the

Skylar Tilley, a jingle dress dancer, dances to a "Healing" song. The 365 cones on her dress represent the days in a year.

"Green Corn" dance, which the Rappahannock people performed between summer and fall when corn was harvested.

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Traditional Dancer Angie Miles performs the "Green Corn" dance with other women from her tribe.

Traditional dancer Jerry Fortune leads festival goers in a "Snake" dance.

Indian Festival at Riverbend Park

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"We always give thanks to the 'Great Creator' for the harvest," Judith Fortune told the crowd.

Next, a "Grass" dance was performed by Jacob Fortune, a contemporary grass dancer with the tribe. Grass dancers, which were designated men from a tribe, would perform the dance when their tribe relocated to a new area. The movements would smooth down grass and bless the grounds, Jacob Fortune told the crowd.

Skylar Tilley, a jingle dress dancer with the tribe, then danced to a "Healing Song." As she moved, she waved a feather fan, 365 cones clinking with her movements.

A "Hunting Song" was then played while traditional dancer Jerry Fortune and eastern woodland dancer Reese Fortune mimicked the moves of hunters, crouching and searching for pretend prey.

The crowd was encouraged to participate with the dancers to finish the show. For the final dance, the "Snake" dance, dancers and participants interlocked hands in a large chain that weaved around the circle in round, overlapping paths.

"Riverbend Park is rich in prehistoric activity here, based on archeological studies; and we know that the river itself here was a huge travel route and trade route for a lot of the Native Americans, precontact period," Callow said. "Riverbend Park is really a place that throughout time has obviously been a draw and a resource to peoples of the past."

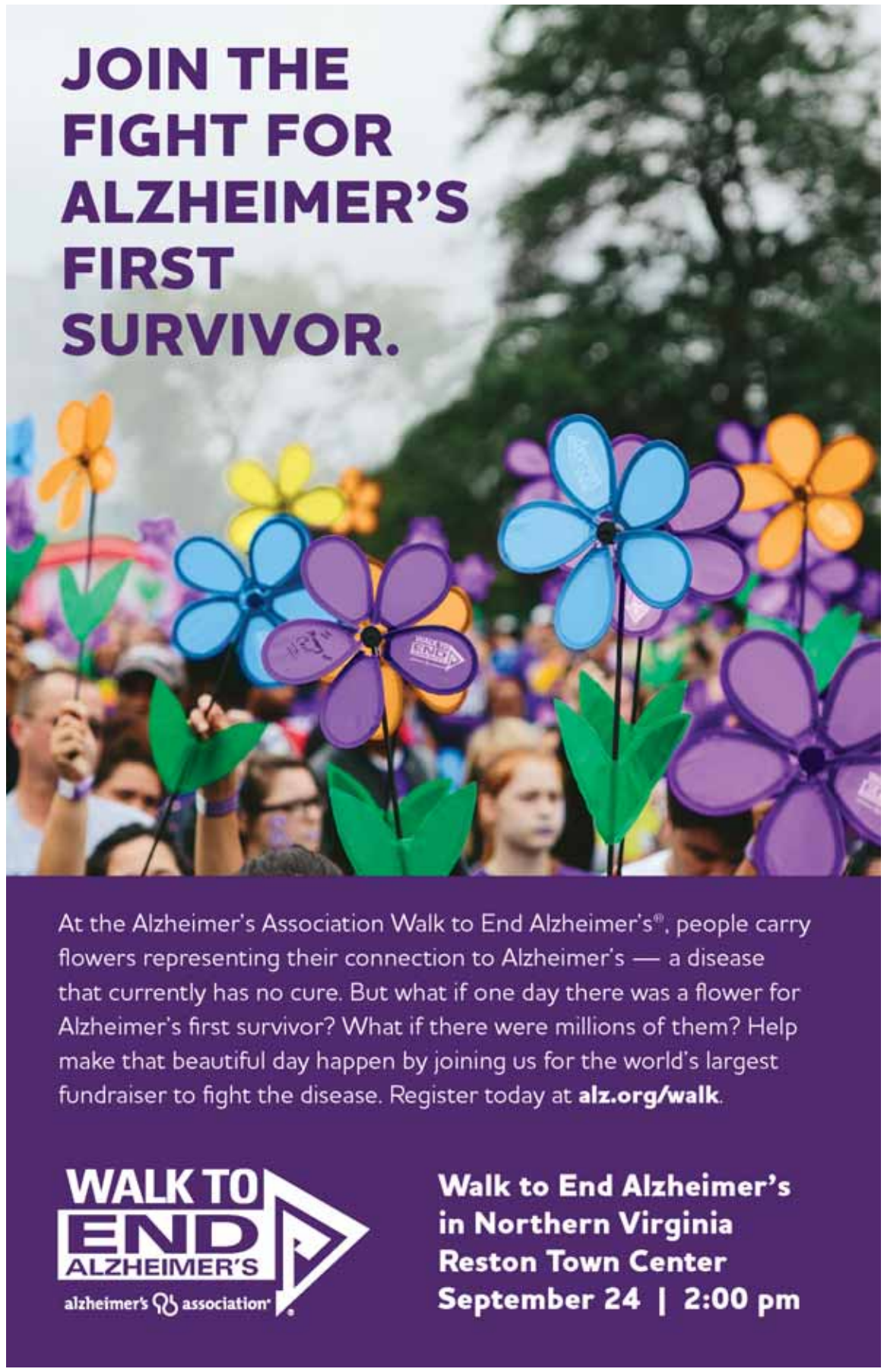
Festival goers were also exposed to other Native American tribes, which all came to Great Falls from Virginia's Tidewater area, according to Callow.

Members of the Chickahominy tribe from Providence Forge and the Pamunkey and Upper Mattaponi tribes from King William also participated.

"We want to celebrate the tribes' cultures and we want them to represent themselves how they want to be represented," Callow said. "It's about awareness of the tribes, but it's also about the bonds and just having the tribe members express their culture," he added.

Many came to experience the music, dances, demonstrations, and hands-on crafts and activities, and to purchase handmade merchandise and food: kettle corn, buffalo burgers, beef burgers, cherry fry bread, honey fry bread, "Indian tacos," water and lemonade.

THE PARK AUTHORITY anticipated up to 3,000 people would visit the park for the festival, according to Callow. Parking in the lot at the visitor center where the festivities took place quickly filled and visitors were directed to the nature center for parking, where many were instructed to park in the grass as parking spaces were unavailable. Visitors then walked a trail or were shuttled by bus from the nature center to the visitor center.



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Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Music, vendors, fresh produce, fresh prepared food, delightful bakery, spices from around the world, wild-caught fish, grass-fed, free-range meats, organic-fed poultry and eggs. Email kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org.

McLean Farmers Market, Fridays, through Nov. 17, 2017; 8 a.m. to noon, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Master Gardener Plant Clinic on site to answer questions about plants in your landscape

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. Call 703-759-9141 or visit www.FreeTaiChi.org for more.

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

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/

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

Fundamentals of Watercolors. Mondays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Artist Lorrie Herman will help students get comfortable working with watercolors and understanding this medium. Visit www.greatfallsart.org for more.

Evening Painting. Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Jill Banks focuses on oil painting fundamentals with two sessions each of still life, landscapes, and portrait/clothed figure from a live model. Visit www.greatfallsart.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 13

Great Falls History. 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Great Falls Historical Society features Pat Wirth speaking about "The Best Kept Secret in American History, the Story of the Women's Suffragist Movement." Call 703-827-0269.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 14

Remembering Jerry Halpin. 7:30-9 a.m. at J. Gilbert's Wood-fired Steaks & Seafood, 6930 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Chaired by John Ulfelder, former West*Group SVP and Partner, currently Dranesville Planning Commissioner. $20, future members $30. Visit jgilberts.com or call 703-893-1034 for more.

A Glimpse Into the World of Prison

1st Stage in Tysons presents "Jesus Hopped the 'A' Train."

By David Siegel
The Connection

With pounding performances from fiercely committed actors, audiences at 1st Stage witness the nightmare world of the incarcerated. It is a transfixing and unapologetic tale. The searing production is "Jesus Hopped the 'A' Train" by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Stephen Adly Guirgis.

As co-directed by Alex Levy and Juan Francisco Villa, "Jesus Hopped the 'A' Train" does not allow the audience to look away. Levy and Villa aim to have audiences surrender into the unease that playwright Guirgis created; and they witness.

The play follows parallel lives of two prisoners, a guard and a public defender. It focuses on a young man, Angel Cruz, incarcerated in New York City's Rikers Island for shooting a man he thinks was a charlatan who brainwashed his best friend into entering a religious cult. Cruz faces murder charges. Cruz's stay at Rikers is traumatic; he becomes a target for others. He is placed in protective solitary confinement with only one hour outside his solitary cell. It is outside where he meets a mesmerizing, con-man, a serial killer named Lucius. Lucius is known as the "Black Plague." Lucius has also "found" God who becomes his protective factor from all humiliations.

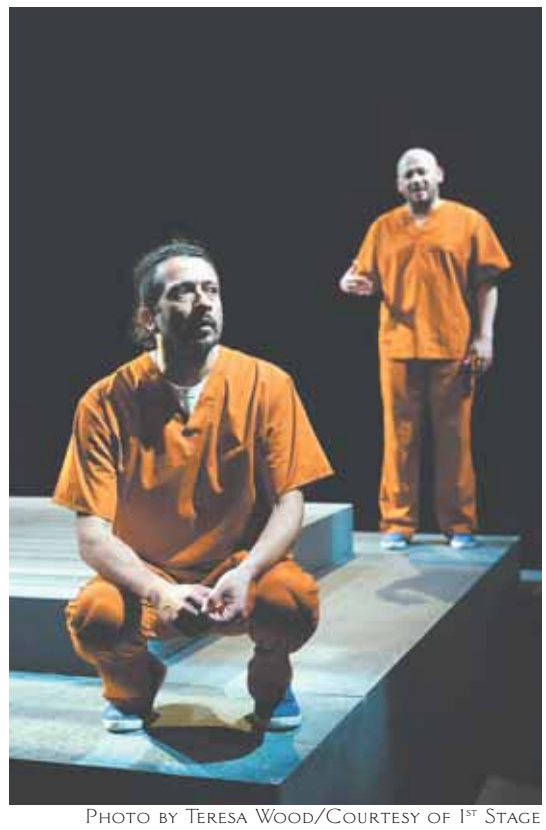
Prisoner Cruz is played by Luis Albert Gonzalez. He gives his character a numbed, terrified appearance of someone shell-shocked, intimated and in disbelief. Over time, his confidence comes to the fore. He finds his voice, and speaks out it like a Biblical Job arguing to make his case to God or whomever will listen to him.

Frank Britton's Lucius is a live wire; an inspired effortless piercing presence. There is also a grace in his movements and verbal skills as he stalks the small spaces that are his on stage. Britton is never restrained; always with a mystical allure.

While characters Angel and Lucius are firmly the main focus, there are several others who have their turns at the spotlight. There is a disillusioned public defender (played with aplomb, heart and moxie by Teresa Castracane). There is also a tough-talking, verbally vindictive correction officer (an intimidating Jose Guzman whose voice and tones could cut metal).

The stark, unrelenting, in-the-round-set by Jesscia Cancino and harsh, hellish lighting by Brittany Shemuga are powerful additions to the joyless world the production captures. No privacy. Tight quarters. Little comfort.

"Jesus Hopped the 'A' Train" is probing and visceral. It is most remarkable for its high-caliber acting talent. The production is spell-binding.



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From left: Jose Guzman and Luis Alberto Gonzalez in "Jesus Hopped the 'A' Train" at 1st Stage. The show runs through Oct. 8, 2017 in Tysons Corner.

Where & When

1st Stage presents "Jesus Hopped the 'A' Train" at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performances through Oct. 8, 2017. Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. $33 for adults, $30 for seniors and $15 for students and military. Call 703-854-1856 or visit www.1ststage.org.

Note: Adult language. Captioned performances: Sept. 15 at 8 p.m., Sept. 16 at 8 p.m., Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 24 at 2 p.m., Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. The captioning system uses individual devices with stands. Pick up equipment at the box office when checking-in. Venue is wheelchair accessible.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 15

Tequila Tasting. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Härth Restaurant, Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive. A free tasting event unveiling a new proprietary tequila from Herradura. Free, and open to anyone 21+ Call 703-847-5000 for more.

Family Fun Bingo. 7-9 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Players can win prizes, play guessing games and enjoy light refreshments. Advance registration is required. Visit www.mcleancenter.org for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 16

McLean Community Fall Garage Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the parking lot, 1420 Beverly Road, McLean. This year's sale features a Kids' Corner area where children will sell their toys, clothes, games and other items. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Sept. 13. Visit www.mcleancenter.org for more.

John Eaton in Concert. 2 p.m. at Vinson Hall Auditorium, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Jazz pianist, brilliant historian and local legend John Eaton will perform a concert of Great American Songbook tunes. $20/$14 MCC district residents. Visit www.mcleancenter.org for more.

SEPT. 16-17

Bonsai Show and Auction. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Bonsai Society and the Potomac Bonsai Association. Visit www.potomacbonsai.com for more.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 19

Antiques Road Show. 10 a.m.-noon at Colvin Run Historic Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. To have an item evaluated, attendees must provide a picture and description of the provenance (how long it has been in the family, what is already known about it) by Aug. 31. Pictures and details should be sent to Yasha Arant at yasha_arant@yahoo.com or Yasha Arant, 104 Sue Ann Ct, Sterling, VA 20164. Visit greatfallsseniorcentergfsc.wildapricot.org.

Colonial Tobacco Harvest. 1-4 p.m. at the Claude Moore Colonial Farm, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Help the farm family harvest their tobacco crop. Gather the cut plants and hang on sticks to cure in the Tobacco Barn. Visit www.1771.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 20

McLean Newcomers and Neighbors Monthly Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. at Maggiano's Little Italy, Tysons Galleria, 2001 International Drive, McLean. The program is a slideshow of the past year's club events. $33 per person. Visit www.McLeanNewcomers.org.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 22

Kings Dominion Trip. 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Kings Dominion has roller coasters to musical dance shows and carnival games. Admission to the theme park is included in the fee. $80/$70 MCC district residents. Visit www.mcleancenter.org for more.

Wildfire Scotch Dinner. 6:30-9 p.m. at Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, 3rd floor, McLean. Executive Chefs Moreno Espinoza and Edwin Amaya prepare a custom four-course menu each paired with a handcrafted single malt scotch from Dalmore, located in the heart of the Scottish Highlands. $125. Call 703-442-9110 for more.

"The Princess Bride" Movie. 7 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Admission and popcorn are free. Prop bags are $5 each. Visit www.aldentheatre.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 23

Fun Fall Bazaar and Market. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Great Falls UMC Annual sale Shops, bake sale, books, silent auction, children's activities, Appraisal Roadshow, and BBQ dinner. Call Lois 703-759-2843.

SEPT. 23-24

Sailing Lessons. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Belle Haven Marina, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Alexandria. Two days of lessons, $350. Visit www.mcleanrhclub.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 24

Teddy Bear 5K and 1K. 2-6 p.m. at Pimmit Hills Park, 7230 Idylwood Road. All proceeds from this event go to Falls Church-McLean Children's Center. Visit potomac.enmotive.com/events for more.

Amadeus Orchestra. 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Soloist Emil Chudnovsky makes his Amadeus debut in Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. Visit www.amadeusconcerts.com.

MONDAY/SEPT. 25

Charity Golf Tournament. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Westfield's Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Ave., Clifton. Annual Family PASS golf to benefit the working homeless Families of Fairfax County. Visit www.familypassfairfax.org for more.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 29

Dance Party. 7-10 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Teens can enjoy catered food and drinks while immersing themselves in music played by a DJ, for 7th-12th graders. $5. Visit www.mcleancenter.org for more.

Youth Ambassador Named

The Washington International Horse Show named Jenna Zimmerman, 16, of Great Falls, a rising senior at Langley High School, as the 2017 Youth Ambassador, and to welcome 26 local teens attending schools in Virginia, Maryland, and D.C. to serve on the 2017 WIHS Junior Committee presented by Signature Academics.

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Young equestrian, Jenna Zimmerman, of Great Falls — a rising senior at Langley High School — takes up the reins as Youth Ambassador of the 2017 Washington International Horse Show.

At Langley, Zimmerman is involved in extracurricular activities including National Honors Society, Spanish Honors Society and Best Buddies. She has been a member of the Junior Committee for three years and qualified to show at the Washington International Horse Show for the past four years competing in the Children's and Junior Hunters with her horses Valente and Buttoned Up. The 59th Annual Washington International Horse Show will be held Oct. 24-29, 2017, at Verizon Center in Washington, D.C. Visit wihs.org.

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Meeting Dates and Locations

Open House begins at 4:00 pm in each of the locations:

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Meeting materials will be available at http://www.ctb.virginia.gov/planning/fallmeetings/ beginning August 29, 2017.

If you cannot attend a meeting, you may also send your comments on highway projects to Infrastructure Investment Director, VDOT, 1401 E. Broad St., Richmond, Virginia 23219, or SixYearProgram@VDOT.Virginia.gov and on rail, public transportation and transportation demand management to Public Information Officer, DRPT, 600 E. Main St., Suite 2102, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or DRPTPR@drpt.Virginia.gov. Comments will be accepted until October 20, 2017.

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Sports

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The National Anthem is sung by Debbi Miller, Ms. Virginia Senior America from Fairfax, during the opening ceremonies.

Athletes Gather for Opening Ceremonies

Tennis and indoor track last weekend at Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics kicked off its 35th anniversary season on Sept. 9, at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington. The opening ceremonies included the T.C. Williams High School Army JROTC Color Guard, remarks by NVSO committee Chairman Jim Mackenzie, and the carrying of the Olympic Torch. This year there are 752 competitors. The first day of competition took place on Sept. 9 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center and included indoor track events. Tennis singles (50-69) took place on Sept. 11 at Wakefield District Park in Annandale. The Senior Olympics runs through Sept. 20. See http://nvso.us.

Lisa Bridges (left) from McLean and Sheila Laszlo from Ashburn both won gold medals in their championship matches.

Bulletin Board

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

SENIOR VOLUNTEERS

RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403- 5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 14

Good Morning McLean. 7:30-9 a.m. at J. Gilbert's Wood-Fired Steaks and Seafood, 6930 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. The second Thursday of each month is the McLean Chamber of Commerce "Good Morning, McLean breakfast." Visit www.mcleanchamber.org or call 703-893-1034 for more.

Prayer Service for Peace. 7:30 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. This prayer service, open to anyone of any faith, will focus on peace, with the affirmation "I am peace in the midst of all matters." The event is part of the 24th annual World Day of Prayer, sponsored by Silent Unity, Unity Worldwide, and Unity of Fairfax. Free and open to all. Email care@unityoffairfax.org or visit www.unityoffairfax.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 19

Joel Goldsmith Study Group. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. in the Unity of Fairfax, Conference Room, Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Ongoing small group discussions on the teachings of profound mystic and healer, Joel Goldsmith. The first book to be discussed will be "A Parentheses in Eternity." Donations will be accepted. Visit www.unityoffairfax.org for more.

IN-PERSON, TV DEBATES

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) will hold four in-person forums and three televised forums for the public and the press to learn about the candidates who are running for election to the Virginia House of Delegates. The League invited all certified candidates campaigning for office in their respective districts. At the in-person forums, question-and-answer sessions will be followed by an opportunity for informal conversations with individual candidates. The public and press are encouraged to attend. For more information about the candidates' priorities and positions, visit www.vote411.org.

In-person forums:

- **Sunday, Sept. 17** at 2:30 p.m. at Reston Community Center: Hunters Woods Village Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston.
- **Thursday, Sept. 28** at 7 p.m. at Providence Community Center: 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax.

The televised forums at Fairfax County Public Access are on Channel 10 or livestreamed on YouTube "Inside Scoop Livestream." The public can submit questions by email to theinsidescooptv@gmail.com or call 571-749-1142 between 7-8:30 p.m. Tune in on: **Monday, Sept. 11** at 8 p.m.; **Monday, Sept. 18** at 8 p.m.; and **Monday, Oct. 2** at 8 p.m.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 21

Shepherd's Center Caregivers Support Group. 10-11:30 a.m. at UUCF Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. This support group is designed for caregivers of adult family members. Contact facilitator, Jack Tarr, 703-821-6838, jtarr5@verizon.net.

Chapter Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., invites all veterans, friends, and the general public to attend the next chapter meeting. Channapha Khamvongsa, founder and Executive Director of Legacies of War, will discuss its mission. She is a native of Laos and earned degrees from George Mason University and Georgetown University. Admission is free. Call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

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"Kenny's Story"

By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Ordinarily I wouldn't have given the Lyrica television commercial too much attention. But there sat a spokesperson named Kenny, his name clearly printed in red script on top of a white oval located above his right breast pocket on his custom-work shirt, a middle-aged white man like me, holding his left foot across his right knee talking about a medical problem that we both feel: the "shooting, burning, pins and needles of diabetic nerve pain." It was odd seeing someone named Kenny on television referring to a problem that not-on-television Kenny also has, though my symptoms are not from diabetes; they're from eight and half years of chemotherapy. Nevertheless, as Babe Ruth said about the sound of his throat-cancer-ravaged voice on "Babe Ruth Day" at Yankee Stadium on April 27, 1947: "It feels just as bad."

Campaign to date, according to ISpot.tv, within the last 30 days, "Kenny's Story," as it's identified, has had "74 commercial airings." And though I don't think for a moment that this Kenny could be confused with that Kenny, considering that he's an auto mechanic who "grew into a free-wheeling kid" and "enjoyed every step of fatherhood," and I'm not 'free-wheeling,' not a father and know zero about cars, I do feel his pain – literally.

Now the fact that the words of advice are coming from someone named Kenny does give me pause however. Not that all Kennys have identical personalities or life's experiences but knowing how little familiarity I have with this product makes me distrust him somehow. My name is Kenny and I'm not prepared to make those statements. How can he?

It reminds me of a long-ago M*A*S*H episode when Major Frank Burns was feeling paranoid (as he said: "I'm only paranoid because every one's out to get me") because he thought "someone else is using my face." None of which makes any more sense than my not believing spokesperson-Kenny just because his name happens to be Kenny.

But there's no accounting for viewer reaction, probably. That's likely why there were a total "1,271 airings" of Lyrica diabetic nerve pain commercials nationally over the last 30 days. "Kenny's Story," at 74 airings, was a small percentage of at least a dozen variations on this theme as well as a parallel campaign to address Fibromyalgia, a similar condition also treated by Lyrica.

It's odd, of the multiple spots that have appeared on television, all of which show people living active lives – and being grateful for using Lyrica, only three: "Kim's Salon," "Michael," and yours truly are "given-named." All the others: "Coach," "Grandpa," "School Teacher," "Keep the Beat Going," "Helping Others", as a few examples, are not.

I'm wondering if "naming"/invoking names in these spots does in fact personalize the experience for viewers in a way that the pharmaceutical companies think is counter productive? Maybe naming the spokesperson/sufferer causes a reaction among Kims and Michaels that yours truly is feeling/writing about?

Moreover, given that "Big Pharma" probably doesn't want to limit its reach by excluding a segment of the market because of name recognition possibly lends some credence to the presumption that using a name to identify the individual in one of these spots is rare because it's unhelpful. As it relates to these spots and their names, perhaps less is more, given how many research/clinical dollars (hundreds of millions of dollars we're often told) are invested in the process of bringing FDA-approved products to market? Accordingly, I suppose "Big Pharma" can't afford to leave any potential stone/"presrciptee" unturned.

I certainly don't know the answers to any of these questions. I can only wander – and wonder what is it that makes sense here and where I fit into their universe. The commercials have hit their intended target: me, a patient with "shooting, burning, pins and needles ... , but I have to tell you: I don't like "Kenny."

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