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Madison High Band Receives National Honor

The James Madison High School Band, directed by Michael S. Hackbarth, has been selected as a National Winner of the National Band Association's (NB) Blue Ribbon Award. The announcement was made on Dec. 21 at the Mid-West Band Convention in Chicago. JMHS received the Southern Division Award in the fall of 2017 and joins three other programs recognized as 2017 National Recipients.

Awards are based on a comprehensive application process. Submissions must include at least 35 minutes of recorded music from at least two different school years including excerpts from multiple ensembles within the Band program, such as marching and jazz bands. Written submission materials include: a list of all honors and awards received in the last four years; four entire concert band programs from the last three years; rating forms and adjudicator sheets from festivals for the last three years; a comprehensive repertoire list of all works performed in the school's band program for the last two years; a report on the number of students accepted by audition to regional and state honor bands for the past three years; a report of solo and ensemble participants with ratings for the past three years, and an estimated number of gradu-

ates who continue to perform after high school graduation.

Founded in 1960, the National Band Association is the largest professional organization for bands in the world. It was organized to promote the musical and educational significance of bands and is dedicated to the attainment of a high level of excellence for bands and band music.

NBA's educational purposes are:

- ❖ To promote the excellence of band performance throughout the world
- ❖ To encourage the composition and performance of quality band music at all levels
- ❖ To assist directors at all levels of experience to identify areas of mutual concern
- ❖ To promote pride and continued enthusiasm among band directors
- ❖ To encourage quality students to pursue careers in music
- ❖ To promote a spirit of cooperation and continued dialogue among directors, performers, the music industry, and all other band support organizations at all levels.

The National Blue Ribbon Award will be presented to Hackbarth and the Band Program this spring. To learn more about the James Madison High School Band visit www.jmhsband.org.



The James Madison High School Band performing its 2017 show, "Bullero."

PHOTOS COURTESY JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL



Members of the James Madison High School Band.

Harmonia School of Music and Arts students, ages 11-14, will present selections from Disney's "Beauty and the Beast JR."

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Herndon, Vienna Students to Perform at Junior Theater Festival in Atlanta

Lopez Studios, Inc. Performing Arts School in Reston and Harmonia School of Music and Art in Vienna will be headed to the 2018 Junior Theater Festival Atlanta, happening Jan. 12-14, 2018 at The Cobb Galleria Centre in Atlanta, Ga.

The nine Lopez Studios, Inc. Performing Arts School Preparatory School students, 8-17, will present selections from Disney's "Aladdin JR." for adjudication.

The 10 Harmonia School of Music and Arts students, ages 11-14, will present selections from Disney's "Beauty and the Beast JR." for adjudication.

Lopez Studios, Inc. Performing Arts Preparatory School is a private award-winning Performing Arts School in Reston. For more than 20 years, its programs have integrated four basic prin-

ciples of development that capitalize on the skill-building qualities inherent to arts instruction. Through instruction at Lopez Studios, Inc. students are encouraged to develop the facets of character, integrity, discipline and service through interactive instruction, practice, sharing, and performance.

Lopez Studios has enjoyed past success at Junior Theater Festivals.

Harmonia School of Music and Art provides high quality performing arts education to the D.C. Metropolitan Area. For more than a decade, Harmonia School has maintained excellence in instruction, providing an artistic environment where students of all ages can enhance their performing arts abilities with highly qualified, nurturing, and professional faculty.

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna Police Department from Dec. 28, 2017-Jan. 4, 2018.

INCIDENTS

Grand Larceny — 700 Block Ware Street SW, between Oct. 15 and Dec. 14 a citizen, who has power of attorney over her deceased mother's property, reported a jewelry box containing several pieces of jewelry missing from her mother's home.

Fraud — 300 Block Park Street NE, between Nov. 1 and Dec. 24 a resident advised an unknown person used her personal information to make purchases on her accounts and attempt to open new accounts.

Animal Case - Quarantine — Woodland Court NW, Dec. 17 12 p.m. a citizen was bitten by their friend's dog while visiting the residence. The dog was placed on 10-day quarantine.

Animal Case - Quarantine — 100 Block Center Street NW, Dec. 21, 6:45 a.m. A resident advised her cat caught a bat that was flying in her bedroom. The resident swept the bat into a bag and released it out the window. The cat was placed on a 45-day quarantine.

Animal Case - Quarantine — 600 Block Tapawingo Road SW, Dec. 24, 12 p.m. a resident reported that his dog bit a citizen who was visiting the home. The dog was placed on a 10-day quarantine.

Animal Case — The Hope Center, 140 Park St. SE, Dec. 25. 12 p.m. An employee was bitten by a dog during a medical procedure. Due to the dog's medical condition it was euthanized and sent to the Health Department for rabies testing. The rabies test showed no indication of the disease.

Open Door — 400 Block Surrey Lane SE, Dec. 27, 11:53 a.m. A resident reported their neighbor's garage door was open. Officers searched the residence, found no signs of foul play and were able to secure the door. **Suspicious Event** — Giant Food, 359 Maple Ave. East, Dec. 28, 10:09 a.m. An employee received a call on his cell phone advising that his daughter had been kidnapped. The em-

ployee verified that his daughter was safe at home and that this was an attempted scam.

Suspicious Event — 1000 Block Park Street SE, Dec. 28, 2:38 p.m. A driver advised she was harassed by another motorist. The other driver had left the scene prior to the officer's arrival.

Noise Violation — The Bey Lounge, 303 Mill St. NE, Dec. 28, 11:45 p.m. A resident reported a noise violation coming from The Bey Lounge. The resident did not wish to pursue charges but requested the music be turned down. An employee was advised of the noise violation and they complied. **Fraud** — 900 Block Fairway Drive NE, between Dec. 19 and Jan. 4 at 12:26 p.m. A resident reported an unauthorized charge to one of his bank accounts.

Assist EMS — 100 Block Maple Avenue West, Dec. 29, 6:09 p.m. PFC Tremont observed a crowd gathering around a man on the ground who appeared to be suffering a medical emergency. Rescue responded and transported the man to an area hospital for treatment.

Civil — Vienna Police Department, 215 Center St. South, Dec. 29, 7 p.m. A citizen advised of a child custody issue he was having with the mother of his child. The citizen was advised of the civil process to follow.

Domestic Dispute — Patrick St. SE, Dec. 29, 7:53 p.m. Officers responded to a verbal dispute between a resident and her boyfriend. Both parties agreed to separate for the night to allow each other time to calm down.

Natural Death — 900 Block Meadow Lane SW, Dec. 31, 3:59 a.m. PFC Tremont responded to the residence after receiving a report of an elderly woman who had passed away. After speaking to the family he determined there were no signs of foul play.

Arrest - Narcotic Violation — 200 Block Maple Avenue East, Jan. 1, 2:28 a.m. PFC Reedy observed a driver commit a traffic violation and initiated a traffic stop. Upon his interaction with the driver he detected the odor of marijuana. A measurable

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Jeanne Lavelle of Fairfax, with the assistance of interpreter Jessica Holt, addresses the Fairfax delegation to the General Assembly. Lavelle advocated for funding to ensure that deaf and hearing impaired children are not left “functionally illiterate” because they are not given the opportunity to learn language skills.



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

Theresa Sheipe of Fairfax was one of many members of the “More Recess for Virginians” group who either spoke or supported from the audience in favor of protecting and expanding recess in Virginia schools.

Citizens Shape Assembly Agenda

Fairfax delegation to General Assembly hears from public before heading to Richmond.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The 2018 Regular Session of the Virginia General Assembly convenes on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Before the state senators and delegates head off for Richmond, many of the Fairfax County contingent met with constituents in a Saturday, Dec. 6, public hearing at the County Government Center.

More than 100 registered speakers and their supporters braved single-digit temperatures for the opportunity to tell their elected representatives just what they hoped to see included in the upcoming legislative agendas.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova welcomed the delegation, and then began the hearing as “Speaker # 1,” representing the interests of the entire county.

Funding for the educational needs of the county was first on Bulova’s ask list — a theme that was often repeated during the marathon five hour-plus hearing. She followed that request with an appeal for funding for WMATA, citing that reliable and safe public transportation is critical to the economic health of the region.

THE GROUP “More Recess for Virginians” came out in full, green t-shirted force, asking the delegation to support legislation that would include recess as part of the “instructional hours” in elementary schools. Recess supporter Theresa Sheipe from Fairfax asked the legislators to provide the School Board more flexibility to better serve the children, and Shannon Hamilton, Ph.D., a neuroscientist from Alexandria, added “Science is on the side of recess. We hope you are, too.”

Other topics included concerns for the environment and climate change impact, with many arguing for renewable energy

sources, and several opposing what they consider the “influence of Dominion Energy” on Virginia policies. The Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions, 350 Fairfax, and The Climate Reality Project put forth speakers representing their organizations, among the dozen or so individuals who also spoke on the issue.

Social services advocates were also well represented. Speakers from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, The ARC of Northern Virginia, Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board, Northern Virginia Family Services, and Social Action Linking Together, along with numerous individuals, like Jeanne Lavelle with the Virginia Association for the Deaf, urged the delegation to consider the needs of the community’s less fortunate and the more vulnerable.

Several of the social service organizations also supported the expansion of Medicaid in the Commonwealth, as did speakers from the county government employees union, SEIU Virginia 512. State Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35) responded to the “expansionists” that they wouldn’t find many dissenters on that topic among the legislators on the dais.

Advocates for stronger gun safety laws, bipartisan redistricting and voter protection, the decriminalization of marijuana, banning solitary confinement in prisons, funding of judgeships, immigrant support, and providing more powers to the civilian police force review panel and auditor all had their turn



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at the microphone.

In past years, citizens had more opportunity to talk with their representatives after the hearing, but the length of this year’s event saw several of the legislators called to other duties before the close, and even the majority of the citizen activists did not make it to the moment when Saslaw called “time.”

A HANDFUL of the delegation did linger, including state Sen. Chap Peterson (D-34), state Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31), and Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86).

Petersen took a few moments to chat with his constituent Bill Barfield, who had testified and presented the legislative issues put forth by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association.

Boysko will be sponsoring the Dignity Act this session, and supporting in-state tuition legislation, as part of her agenda.

Favola provided information on her 2018



State Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31) admits she has her work cut out for her in the 2018 Regular Session of the Virginia Legislature. She’s tackling Paid Family Leave, Gun Safety, Domestic Violence Prevention, Medicaid Expansion, K-12 education reforms and improvements, and Equal Taxing Authority for Counties, to name a few.

Legislative Agenda.

High on the list is working to get counties the same taxing authority as cities. “Counties are providing the same services as cities, and the discrepancy in taxing authority is really unfair,” she said.

Paid Family Leave, Gun Safety, K-12 Education reforms and enhancements are also in her sights. Favola admits that some of her proposed legislation requires taking some “big steps,” but that on many of the issues, “many small steps have already been taken, so there’s reason to be optimistic.”

To track what state senators and delegates are up to in the General Assembly, to contact them, or to track the progress of proposed legislation, visit www.virginiageneralassembly.gov.

CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

The 2018 Eclectic Essentials

production features four plays that focus on relationships: For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls, Death Be Not Loud, Capsmittment and One Click Away. Eclectic Essentials: Relationships will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 19-20, 26-27, Feb. 2-3, as well as at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 28, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 4. Tickets are general admission and available for \$14 at the Vienna Community Center, online at viennava.gov/webtrac, or at the door, if still available. Visit viennatheatrecompany.org or e-mail vtcshows@yahoo.com.

The Freeman Store & Museum

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

Bingo Night

Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. www.vvfd.org/bingo.html.

Gentle Yoga

Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase flexibility, improve breathing and health, reduce

stress. Ravi Kaur has 15 years experience teaching yoga. \$15 per session. www.edimprovement.org. 571-213-3192.

THURSDAY/JAN. 11

McLean Traveler Day Trip

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Churchill Road Elementary School, 7100 Churchill Road, McLean. Trip to National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. to see "Johannes Vermeer and the Masters of Genre Painting." Call 703-790-0123.

Adventures in Learning Open House

10-noon at UUCF Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Increase brain power. Visit www.scov.org.

Horticultural Therapist

1-3 p.m. at Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Jan Lane, a registered Horticultural Therapist presents how gardening activities can be used to help people improve their physical, cognitive and social-emotional health. Visit gfgardenclub.org/.

FRIDAY/JAN. 12

Dining with Dorothy

12:30 p.m. at Skorpio's Maggios Greek Family Restaurant, 421 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Socializing and dining event. Email dflood1706@gmail.com.

5th and 6th Grader Party

7-9 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Patrons will enjoy free catered food and beverages, music played by a professional disc jockey, dancing on an open dance floor and other



attractions, such as a photo booth, temporary tattoos and board games. \$35/\$25 MCC district residents. Call 703-448-TEEN.

SATURDAY/JAN. 13

Women at the Helm. 10 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E. Vienna Mayor Laurie DiRocco and Town Council Members Carey Sienicki and Linda Colbert will share their experiences of leading the Town of Vienna. Visit vienna-va.aauw.net/.

Star Gazing. 10-11 a.m. at Turner Farm Park, 925 Springvale Road, Great Falls. Enjoy guided star gazing, look through a telescope, and listen to constellation stories around the campfire at Observatory Park at Turner Farm. \$10. 703-324-8618.

SUNDAY/JAN. 14

MLK Speaker. 2 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road. Award-winning sports columnist William Rhoden will speak on the timely subject of "Activist Athletes." \$20, \$10 for McLean Community

Center tax district residents. Visit: www.aldentheatre.org or call 703-790-0123.

Rorie in Concert. 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Local musician plays her new EP called "Dawn." Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.roriemusic.com.

TUESDAY/JAN. 16

Meet the Civil War Author. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. James G. Lewis talks about his book "Confederate Calvary General Jeb Stuart" and Civil War history around Great Falls. Lunch will be served and reservations are required. Contact Karen Emami at karen.emami@globalinfotek.com or call 703-938-6471.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 17

Art Workshop. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant St. Artist Jacqueline Saunders is hosting a one day workshop. Call 703-319-3971 or visit

www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

McLean Newcomers and Neighbors Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. at the Kazan Restaurant, 6813 Redmond Drive, McLean. Deborah Kosciw, CPA, will discuss "Getting Info Ready for Tax Time". \$30. Visit www.McLeanNewcomers.org.

FRIDAY/JAN. 19

Improv-Extravaganza. 7 p.m. at Herndon ArtSpace, 750 Center St., Herndon. For one-night-only, The Alden's (the) Unruly Theatre Project and Loudoun County High School's Improvasaurus will bring their signature improv styles to ArtSpace Herndon. Visit artspaceherndon.org.

MONDAY-FRIDAY/JAN. 22-26

Wildfire's 10th Anniversary. Wildfire at Tysons Galleria, 3rd floor, McLean. Wildfire is celebrating 10 years and will offer special menus, and prize drawings. All week long, Wildfire will feature 10 Year Birthday Lunch and Dinner specials. Visit wildfirerestaurant.com/mclean.

Call for Candidates

McLean Community Center 2018 Governing Board Election

Qualification:
Must be a resident of Small Tax District 1A-Dranesville.

Petition to Become A Candidate:

- Candidate must pick up own petition packet at the Center, and return own petition.
- Adult candidate must have ten (10) signatures of adult tax district residents on petition.
- Teen candidate must be 15-17 years old as of McLean Day (May 19) and have ten (10) signatures of teens also 15-17 years old who live in the tax district and in the candidate's high school boundary area.

Positions:

- Three (3) Adult Seats - Three-year terms.
- Two (2) Youth Seats - One-year terms. One (1) each for the Langley and McLean high school boundary areas.

Key Petition Dates:

- **January 22:** Petition Packets are available at the McLean Community Center Administrative Office, 6631 Old Dominion Dr., McLean, VA.
- **March 16:** Completed petitions are due to the Center's Administrative Office by **5 p.m.**

For more information visit the Center at:
6631 Old Dominion Dr., McLean, VA 22101
call: 703-790-0123, TTY: 411
email: elections@mcleancenter.org
or visit: www.mcleancenter.org/about/candidates

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2018 Color of the Year: Ultra Violet

Mixed reactions from local tastemakers who offer design ideas.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

It's a moment that interior designers anticipate all year: the announcement of the Pantone Color of the Year. Ultra Violet is the selection for 2018, and local designers are giving it a mixed reception.

"Interiors have gone so neutral, I look forward to suggesting... Ultra Violet, a color [that] can bridge warm and cool gray neutrals," said Moira Denson, interior designer and assistant professor of Interior Design at Marymount University.

"There's nothing subtle about Ultra Violet. It's one-dimensional and difficult to decorate with, except in very small doses," said interior designer Annie Elliott of Annie Elliott Interiors and Bossy Color. "I find the color loud. 'Look at me!' It screams."

The selection by Pantone, the self-described global authority on color, is intended to be a harbinger of the hue that will be on trend in the coming year. The organization's color gurus spend about nine months observing trends in industries ranging from film and entertainment to art and fashion.

This year's pick can add a burst of vibrancy to a home's interior in impermanent ways, advises interior designer Cathleen Gruver of Gruver Cooley. "Some quick easy ways to use the color are adding throw pillows, which are relatively inexpensive and easy to trade out," she said. "Accent plates on a dining table are an option for those who may not want to commit in their home."

"Use this color in extremely small doses," added Elliott. "If you really love this color, I suggest using it as part of a larger pattern. Don't buy a solid purple pillow; choose a pretty floral that has some Ultra Violet in it."

For those with less trepidation about Ultra Violet, interior designer Sarah Glenn of Braswell Design + Build in Alexandria, said, "The powder room is a great place to incorporate deep colors in interesting ways. Install a graphic violet wallpaper behind a bright white pedestal sink, or paint the ceiling a high gloss violet to reflect the decorative lighting in the room."

Dark and dramatic cabinetry, which Glenn says is trending this year, offers an-



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOIRA DENSON

"Ultra violet sets a mood that allows all my landscapes to feel grounded," says artist Moira Denson, who is an assistant professor of Interior Design at Marymount University

other use for the Pantone pick. "Go bold and incorporate a deep violet island or base cabinets into a new kitchen," she said. "Incorporate a violet glass mosaic tile on your shower floor or as an accent stripe around tub walls. I especially love violet glass paired with the grey and taupe tones of

wooden white marble tile."

Some designers describe Ultra Violet as commanding, particularly when used inside a home. "This shade of purple is a powerful color and one that I would use as an accent," said interior designer Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors. "A little bit will go a long way. It is also a great color to pair with other colors, it is a very friendly complementary color."

"Good pairings include green and purple, a classic combination, but I've always liked red with purple," added Elliott. "Ultra Violet is a vivid color, so make sure you use equally strong colors with it so it doesn't dominate a palette."

Pair it with gold and yellow tones, suggests Denson, who is also an artist. "I paint skies all the time," she said. "It's what watercolorists do. To me, shades of the ultra-violet are the most pleasing sky. It works super well with what we traditionally think of skies: blue toned. It sets a mood that allows all my landscapes to feel grounded."

In announcing the selection, Laurie Pressman, vice president of the Pantone Color Institute described Ultra Violet as, "a blue-based purple that takes our awareness and potential to a higher level. Ultra Violet communicates originality, ingenuity and visionary thinking that points us toward the future."

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WEEK IN VIENNA

Vietnam Veterans to Discuss 'Promise Lost'

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., invites all veterans, friends, and the general public to attend the Jan. 18, 2018 chapter meeting at Amphora Restaurant, 377 Maple Ave. W., Vienna, at 7:30 p.m. Dan Moore, author of "Promise Lost," will discuss the heroic life of Lt. Stephen D. Joyner, USMC.

The book documents the life of a young man with great life potential who elected to serve his country

during the Vietnam War and paid the ultimate price at the battle of Khe Sanh. Admission is free. For information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit www.vva227.org.

The membership serves as a "Fire Support Base" for veterans who are seeking closure on their Tour of Duty and a renewal of their Vietnam camaraderie. The chapter supports veterans' activities and non-veteran community projects.

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

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amount of marijuana was located in the vehicle. PFC Reedy issued a summons to the 24-year-old man from Brampton Court in Upper Marlboro, Md. charging Possession of Marijuana. The man was released on his signature.

Arrest - Providing False Information to an Officer — Maple Avenue and Nutley Street NW, Jan. 1, 3:14 a.m. PFC Reedy observed a driver traveling at a high rate of speed and initiated a traffic stop. The driver was unable to provide identification and provided the officer with false information as to his identity. Once the officer was able to determine the man's identity it was found he was driving on a revoked license. PFC Reedy arrested the 18-year-old man from Vale Court in Woodbridge, Va. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where he was charged with Providing False Information to an Officer and Driving on a Revoked License.

Assist EMS — 100 Block Harmony Drive SE, Jan. 1, 5:09 p.m. Officers responding to a request for a welfare

check found the elderly resident on the floor in her bedroom. Rescue personnel responded and transported the resident to an area hospital for treatment.

Vehicle Fire — 400 Millwood Court SW, Jan. 1 10:37 p.m. A resident reported that shortly after they returned home they were alerted to a fire inside their vehicle when the car alarm sounded. Fire personnel responded and extinguished the fire which appeared to be due to a mechanical issue. No foul play appeared to be involved.

Assist EMS — 100 Block Park Street NE, Jan. 3, 2:55 p.m. Officers responded to assist rescue with a woman who had fallen and suffered minor injuries. Rescue personnel transported the woman to an area hospital for treatment.

Fraud — 300 West Street NW, Jan. 4, 11:35 a.m. A resident reported unauthorized charges to his bank accounts.

Fraud — 200 Block Locust Street SE Jan. 4, 3:36 p.m. A resident advised an unknown person attempted to open several credit cards using her personal information.

Open Door — 300 Block Westview Court NE, Jan. 4, 3:50 p.m. Officers responded to an open door at a residence.

Nothing in the residence appeared to have been disturbed and officers were able to secure the door.

CRASHES

Malcolm Road and Lawyers Road NW, Dec. 29, 3:55 p.m. Vehicle-2 was traveling northbound on Lawyers Road after stopping at the stop sign for Malcolm Road. Vehicle-1 was traveling eastbound on Malcolm, failed to stop for the stop sign and struck the front driver's side of Vehicle-2. Driver-1 proceeded to leave the scene without stopping to provide their information. East Street at Maple Avenue NE, Jan. 4, 6:25 a.m. A driver was traveling southbound on East Street NE approaching Maple Avenue. The driver determined the road conditions were not good due to the snow and decided to make a u-turn and return home. While making the u-turn the vehicle left the roadway and struck the curb causing damage to the vehicle.

200 Block Maple Avenue West, Jan. 4, 1:19 p.m. A vehicle was legally parked in a parking lot when it was struck by an unknown vehicle. The striking vehicle then fled the scene.

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday at noon.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, has Sunday services at 8 – Holy Eucharist Rite I and 10 a.m. – Holy Eucharist Rite II with music. 703-759-2082.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

McLean Bible Church. Fitness Class at Body and Soul Fitness. Gain balance, energy and strength at 10 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. Email bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org.

Haven of Northern Virginia provides support, compassion, information and resources to the bereaved and seriously ill. To become a Haven volunteer, please call 703-941-7000 to request an orientation. Volunteers must complete a 30-hour training and commit to one year of service answering Haven phones (2.5 hours weekly). Next training is scheduled for fall 2017.

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers the Religious Exploration program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. The program offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday

mornings. 703-281-4230.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for young adults follows the 10:30 a.m. worship services and for children at 9:30 a.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sundays at 5 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at noon. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

Passages DivorceCare. For those experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, the caring community at Vienna Presbyterian Church offers Passages DivorceCare. This 15-week program offers a path toward healing. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna. Cost to cover materials is \$20, scholarships available. For more information or to register call 703-938-9050, go to www.viennapres.org, or send an email to Passages@ViennaPres.org.

The S.P.O.T for Youth, Wednesday's at 7 p.m. A place where youth can come together and pray, ask questions about the faith and receive mentorship. The spot is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Vienna, 450 Orchard Street, NW Vienna.

First Baptist Church of Vienna located at 450 Orchard St., NW, Vienna. Sunday services are held at 7:45 and 10 a.m. weekly. Wednesday Night with the Family service is held at 6 p.m. followed by corporate singing at 7 p.m. Bible stud-

ies take place Tuesday's at noon.

For those struggling physically or spiritually, on the first Sunday of each month, **Christ the King Lutheran Church** offers a rite of healing as part of worship; the opportunity to be anointed with oil and prayed over. During the healing rite, the pastor or another person says a short prayer while two people lay hands on the recipient. Then the pastor or helper anoints them with oil as a sign of God's healing and forgiveness. Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10550 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call 703-759-6068 or visit www.gflutheran.org.

Vienna Assembly of God, 100 Ayrhill Ave, NE, Vienna, will hold Christmas Eve, Dec. 24, and New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, services on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. There will be no evening services. Installation of new Pastor Brenda Burns will occur on January 7, 2018 during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Wesley United Methodist Church located at 711 Spring St., SE, Vienna, Virginia 22180, at the corner of Spring Street and Moore Avenue. 10:30 a.m. fellowship time in the fellowship hall; 11 a.m. traditional family worship in sanctuary. If you are seeking a church home which encourages: caring and supportive fellowship, an active and devoted prayer life and study of scripture, support for local and world missions, an open, responsive awareness to the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit.

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FY 2019 SCHOOLS BUDGET

FCPS Superintendent Scott S. Brabrand will present the **2018-19 school year (FY 2019) Proposed Budget** at the School Board meeting on Thursday, Jan. 11, at Jackson Middle School at 7 p.m. The School Board plans to hold a budget work session on Jan. 22, and a public hearing on the Proposed Budget on Jan. 29, with additional hearings on Jan. 30 and Jan. 31, if needed. Get more information on the FCPS budget at www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/budget/fy2019.

GOVERNING BOARD CANDIDATES

The McLean Community Center (MCC) is seeking candidates to run for seats on its 2018-2019 Governing Board. A candidate must reside in the Center's tax district (Small District 1A-Dranesville). To have their names placed on election ballots, candidates are required to obtain the signatures of 10 McLean tax district residents in their respective categories (either adult or youth). Three adult positions and two youth positions are open this year. Key Election Dates:

- Monday, Jan. 22: Petition Packets are available.
 - Friday, March 16: Completed Petition Packets are due at MCC by 5 p.m.
 - Monday, March 19: Candidates' Orientation, 7 p.m., The Old Firehouse Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd.
 - Monday, April 9: Absentee Voting begins at the MCC Administrative Office, 6631 Old Dominion Dr., and The Old Firehouse Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road.
 - Sunday, May 6: Candidates Meet and Greet, 2-4 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of MCC, at the Old Firehouse Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road.
 - Wednesday, May 16: Absentee Voting ends at the MCC Administrative Office and the Old Firehouse Center at 5 p.m.
 - Saturday, May 19: Elections at McLean Day from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
- For more information on the MCC Governing Board Elections, call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, or visit the Center's website: <http://bit.ly/2ix7qc1>.

THURSDAY/JAN. 11

English as a Second Language Classes. 7-8 p.m. at St. Mark Christian Formation Center, 9972 Vale Road, Vienna. Come help 150+ adult learners master the English language, prepare for American citizenship, learn to converse fluently in English, improve their writing skills, and integrate into the local community. Call 703-980-9380, email stmarkesl@gmail.com, or visit www.stmarkesl.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 15

Schools Closed. All Fairfax County Public Schools will be closed on **for Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday**. Classes will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 16. See the 2017-18 school year calendar at www.fcps.edu.

Center Closings. The McLean Community Center and the Old Firehouse will be closed on Monday, Jan. 15, for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. The centers will reopen at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 16.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 17

Public Meeting. 7 p.m. in Room 106 of the Herrity Building located at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Fairfax County Park Authority will hold its annual public comment meeting on the agency's proposed fee adjustments. The public meeting agenda includes a brief presentation on the fee process followed by an opportunity for public comment. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/feemeeting for more.

THURSDAY/JAN. 18

Caregivers Support Group. 10-11:30 a.m. at UUCF Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. For caregivers to adult family members with dementia, meets first and third Thursdays of every month. Call 703-821-6838 or email jtarr5@verizon.net for more.

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Litter Box Humor



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

We have five indoor cats: Biscuit, Chino, Twinkle, Sloan and Andrew, ranging in ages from 11+ years to 5+ years. We live in a two-story converted log cabin with approximately 1,750 square feet, closets not included. Closets in which you're bound to find cats, especially in the winter.

A few moths back, we contracted to have our two full bathrooms, one on each floor, renovated. Given that our house is over 250 years old, not likely a normal renovation. So far the renovation has taken months, as we were told, and as such, we wanted to employ some kind of strategy where we weren't constantly worrying about cats coming and going, sneaking outside, disappearing, and getting in the way of the workman and/or possibly suffering some kind of injury in the process. (Particularly true of Andrew and Biscuit who, uncharacteristic of many cats, are not the least bit put off by unknown people wandering about the house.)

And sure enough, after dinner on the first night FOLLOWING DEMOLITION, Andrew and his sister, Sloane, managed to break through some protective plastic surrounding the door blocking entrance to the upstairs bathroom where they managed to get into the house through an internal wall which had been torn down to the studs. It was their faint meowing which led to their discovery - in the downstairs attic above the kitchen. Their subsequent rescue confirmed that we would need to be extra vigilant to prevent further ado.

To secure the perimeter, we decided to segregate the cats on one side of the house on the first floor: including the kitchen, dining room and my office, with two sets of doors connecting to the living room and to the hall leading past the downstairs bathroom. This disconnect works perfectly because it prevents any escape and it enables the workman to walk in and out of the front door to ply their trade without needing any access to either of the three rooms where the cats are confined.

The cats food and water remains in its usual place in the kitchen. However there is one item (two actually) which has required a major move. You recall I said our cats are 'indoor,' right? And we're confining them to three rooms, right? Have I mentioned their litter boxes yet? Well, I am now.

Not a Herculean task by any means because once cats are shown their litter box's new location, they figure it out. But now their litter boxes which had previously been out of sight and sort of out of mind - one on each floor, have now been placed in two of the three rooms where they've been living most days and they are now most definitely in sight and on my mind.

One box was placed in the dining room where we rarely go at present since it's somewhat cluttered due to the renovation, and the other box was placed in my home office - which box seems to get the most use. (We sort of figured that the kitchen was out of the question.)

My office is approximately eight feet wide by 20 feet long, a space which separates the dining room from the outside wall. The litter box is on the floor at the far end of the room, not at all under foot, but neither out of sight nor out of smell. Where I sit, I am a well-positioned observer of the cats visits to their litter box.

As a consequence of this segregation - designed to secure their safety, and for the subsequent relocation of their litter boxes, in effect, I am now sharing a bathroom with five indoor cats.

All day long I am witness to their litter box proclivities; their arrival and departure, the sights, sounds and smells; their individual tendencies and habits, and of course, their comparative interest in visiting me on my desk before and/or after the paperwork is finished.

Soon we'll have to decide whether to return the boxes to their original location, and risk disrupting yet another new routine. Perhaps we'll leave well enough alone. After all, as any devoted cat owner knows: it's not about us, it's about them.

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

Pulling Legal Status from Local Salvadorans

Bad for communities, bad for the economy, bad for the families, and no upside.

It's going to hurt right here in Northern Virginia.

As this administration continues its persecution against immigrants, it will move to end protected status for more than 200,000 Salvadorans, tens of thousands of whom live among us as neighbors, coworkers, friends, business owners, homeowners.

These neighbors, Salvadorans who came here in the wake of terrible natural disaster and political unrest, have been living and working here legally since 2001 at least. Temporary Protected Status was given to approximately 217,000 Salvadoran immigrants living in the United States at the time of the disasters.

Their families have added almost as many U.S.-born children. They are intertwined with naturalized citizens and other legal residents from their country, with the withdrawal of protected status affecting a community far larger than the TPS recipients. These communities are concentrated, intensifying the overall impact, and more live here in the D.C. suburbs than anywhere else.

On average, Salvadoran TPS recipients have been in the U.S. for 21 years; one-third have mortgages. These are people who have had legal work permits, who suddenly will not be able to work legally here. Their mortgages, and the mortgages of people who depend on them, will be at risk. Removing the ability of recipients to work legally will increase the risk of foreclosure, with negative economic impact across communities.

Salvadorans with protected status pay sales and property taxes. The communities they live in will be damaged. Their children will be more at risk. Our economy will be damaged.

THE SALVADORAN IMMIGRANT population is most concentrated in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, where 165,000 El Salvador-born residents make up 2.9 percent of the population.

Salvadorans in the United States sent \$3.6 billion home to El Salvador in 2012, 16.5 percent of that country's GDP.

Virginia has nearly 45,000 El Salvadoran TPS residents, almost all in Northern Virginia, and

concentrated in particular neighborhoods. Arlington has identified just four census tracts with more than 1,000 Salvadoran residents each (two with more than 1,400). In 2015, the most common birthplace for the foreign-born residents of Virginia was El Salvador, accounting for 96,515 Virginia residents. Fairfax County in 2010 was home to 43,566 Salvadorans.

Analysis shows that when Salvadoran, Honduran, and Haitian workers with TPS are removed from the labor force, the United States will lose \$45.2 billion in gross domestic product (GDP) over the next decade, according to Immigrant Legal Resource Center. When TPS holders lose their work authorization, it will result in a \$6.9 billion reduction to Social Security and Medicare contributions over a decade, as calculated by the ILRC.

All of that shows why this will damage communities and the economy. It says nothing about the harm to families. But the harm is great.

— MARY KIMM

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Sources: American Progress, Pew Hispanic, Center for Immigration Studies, U.S. Census, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, local government demographic data.

Here's What Makes America Great

BY ERIC WOLF WELCH

In the spring of 1937, my grandmother realized she and her family had to leave Germany. My aunt had just come home from school, her hair dyed black with ink and the words "Jew" written all over her clothes. This was the final straw. Within a matter of days, my grandmother, grandfather, aunt, and my mother (only 3 years old) snuck out of the little town of Dudelsheim, Germany, leaving everything behind and paying bribes to officials to obtain visas to exit the country. They boarded a ship to New York and were fortunate enough to have cousins who could sponsor their entry into America.

My aunt and mother were educated in America's public schools and universities. My mother became a teacher and my aunt a doctor. My grandmother worked for the Girl Scouts of America and my grandfather became a die-hard Yankees fan. They became Americans. They loved this country and had a deep sense of patriotism, which continues through their children and grandchildren today. They would not have lived and I would not exist without America opening her doors to my family.

I am a high school teacher in Fairfax County. I teach many students who remind me of my mother and my aunt. These students and their families also came to America to escape violence, poverty, and religious or political persecution. And just like my family, they are Americans (whether a document officially says it or not). They love the opportunity this country has provided to them and want to make the most of it.

Each generation, the American dream is re-

newed and continued, by the ancestors of previous immigrants and by new immigrants. What made America great, and what will make America great again, is immigration. The first European immigrants to America came with the hope of religious freedom and economic prosperity. How is this any different than a family today wanting to come to America from Yemen or Guatemala? John Winthrop, an early leader of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, said America needed to be a "city on a hill" whose light is a beacon. Leaders, such as President Ronald Reagan, have reminded and challenged us to live up to this vision that truly makes America exceptional among the nations of the world.

The current anti-immigration movement, spurred on by President Donald Trump suspending the DACA program, demanding a border wall be built, and calling for an end to so-called "chain immigration," is troubling because it attempts to move our country in a direction different than our past. "Chain immigration" is why I am alive. It's also why students from Iraq, Sierra Leone, and El Salvador are in my classroom, safely learning and thriving, rather than being killed or living in squalor. Should we stop being a beacon to these people?

Unfortunately, the anti-immigration movement is fueled by a belief that to allow others to have the opportunities we have as Americans is going to take away from our own wealth and prosperity. A prime example of this is the argument Virginia state Sen. Richard Black made against DACA students receiving in-state tuition, "Every time you give free stuff to people here illegally, you have to take it away from an American." This understanding of econom-

ics is misguided as well as selfish. History has proven that the contributions of immigrants to America improves our economy, increases our tax base, and creates more jobs and opportunities for all Americans. Our region's economy is a prime example of this. DACA students, and their families, are trying to live the American dream, and in doing so, they are contributing to, not taking away from, what makes America great.

From a moral argument, I am reminded of the story a Lutheran pastor recently told. He said imagine two rooms. One is well-lit and another right next to it is completely dark. When the door is opened, the light from the well-lit room enters the dark room and illuminates it. Yet, as that light spreads, the well-lit room continues to stay just as bright as it was before.

When America opens its doors, we do not lose our own wealth, prosperity, and well-being. Rather, we allow it to grow and spread and become greater than it was before. I urge you to remind Congress, our President, and all of us who make up this country to remember that immigration is what has and will continue to make America great.

The writer, an Arlington resident, is a social studies teacher at JEB Stuart High School and coordinator of the "AVID" program, an academic mentoring program to help students attend college, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college.

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