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News

Warhawks Dominate Dominion

The Warhawk varsity Ice Hockey team dominated a short-staffed Dominion / Potomac Falls team with a 10-0 win at Ashburn last Sunday. Captain Jason Calem notched a hat trick plus two assists and goalie Ben D'Haiti earned his first shutout. Other goals were scored by Jay Stephens (2), Miller Williams (2), Will Albrittain, Johna Ezzard and TJ Ezzard.



PHOTO BY ADAM SHAYNE

Co-Captain Johna Ezzard looks to pass as forward Matt Hetherington screens. Johna scored one goal and helped the Warhawks dominate Dominion / Potomac Falls 10-0.



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VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna, Virginia Police Department from Feb. 2-8, 2018.

INCIDENTS

Grand Larceny – 200 Block of Park Terrace Court SE, between Aug. 1, 2017, 12 p.m. and Oct. 10, 2017 12 p.m. A resident reported that some of her jewelry went missing.

Arrest – Trespassing – Patrick Henry Library 101 Maple Ave. East, Jan. 3, 4:45 p.m. An employee requested assistance with a citizen who had been trespassed from all Fairfax County Libraries. Officers reminded the citizen that he had been officially trespassed from the library. The citizen became agitated and refused to leave the property. Officers arrested the citizen. The 61-year-old man from Piney Grove Drive in Fairfax was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. An arrest warrant for Trespassing was issued and served.

Animal Case – 400 Block of Center Street North Jan. 27, 12 p.m. A resident was bitten by her own dog.

Grand Larceny – 200 Block of Cedar Lane SE, between Jan. 30, 12 p.m. and Feb. 4, 12 p.m. A resident reported that someone stole his bicycle.

Petit Larceny – Wolftrap Hotel, 430 Maple Ave. West, Feb. 4, 8:39 p.m. A citizen reported that someone took a clothing item from the hotel dryer.

Lost Property – 600 Block of Blackstone Terrace NW Feb. 5, between 9 and 10 a.m. A resident reported that she lost her cell phone.

Open Door – Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave. East, Feb. 5, 9:12 p.m. Officers responded to an

alarm and found an open door. Officers checked the business with negative results. An employee was contacted in order to secure the business.

Suspicious Event – Cedar Lane School, 101 Cedar Lane, SW, Feb. 6 between 7 and 9 a.m. An employee requested a police officer in order to file an official report about a suspicious event.

Fire – 100 Block of Patrick Street SE, Feb. 6, 8:38 a.m. A resident reported that his vehicle caught fire. The fire department was able to put out the fire. There were no injuries.

Warrant Service – Vienna Police Station, 215 Center St., South, Feb. 6, 12:41 p.m. A wanted subject turned himself in. A 30-year-old man from Hoomau Street in Wailuku, Hawaii was arrested and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Two outstanding arrest warrants were served. The man was remanded to the custody of the Fairfax County Deputies.

Animal Case – 600 Block of Yeonas Drive, SW, Feb. 6, 1:43 p.m. A dog was found running at large. The dog was secured and transported to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter.

Fraud – 100 Block of Church Street, NW, Feb. 7, 6:15 a.m. A resident reported that an unknown person purchased a cell phone using his personal information.

Suspicious Event – 900 Block of Carol Court, SE, Feb. 7, 9:44 a.m. A resident reported a suspicious event.

Police Service – Maple Avenue West / Nutley Street Feb. 7, 10:55 a.m. Vienna Officers assisted the Fairfax County Police Department with the recovery of a stolen ambulance.

Alarm Residential – 400 Block of Course Street, NE, Feb. 8, 1:03 p.m. Officers responded to an alarm and found an open door. Officers checked

the residence with negative results. Officers were able to secure the open door.

CRASHES

Accident – 410 Welles St., SE, Jan. 29 11:20 a.m. Driver # 1 stated that he backed down the road to deliver gravel to a construction site. After he emptied his truck he attempted to make a left turn back onto Welles Street SE. Vehicle # 1 struck Vehicle # 2 which was parked on the roadway. No injuries reported.

Accident – 362 Maple Ave., East, Feb. 2, 12:33 p.m. Vehicle #1 was attempting to make a left turn from private property onto Maple Avenue East. Driver # 1 stated the vehicles in the right lane stopped for him to exit the parking lot. Driver # 1 failed to observe Vehicle # 2 in the left lane Westbound, as he pulled Vehicle # 1 onto the roadway Vehicle # 1 struck Vehicle #2. No injuries reported.

Accident – 225 Maple Ave., East, Feb. 2, 1:09 p.m. Driver # 1 exited private property onto Maple Avenue East into the left lane. Driver # 2 made a right turn from Park Street onto Maple Avenue East in the right lane. Driver # 1 attempted to make a right turn from the left lane and failed to observe Vehicle # 2 was in the right lane beside her causing Vehicle # 1 to strike Vehicle # 2. No injuries reported.

Accident – 20 Beulah Road, NE, Feb. 4, 12:56 p.m. Vehicle # 2 was stopped in the roadway for the traffic signal at Beulah Road NE. Driver # 1 said she was attempting to call her parents and failed to observe Vehicle # 1 was stopped, causing Vehicle # 2 to strike the rear of Vehicle # 1. No injuries reported.



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Holocaust Survivor Shares Her Story

Eva Schloss, the 88-year-old step-sister of Anne Frank, speaks at GMU.

BY JENNIFER KAYE
THE CONNECTION

More than 1,100 people gathered in The George Mason University Center For The Arts in Fairfax on Wednesday night, Feb. 7, for “A Historic Evening With Eva Schloss.” Schloss, the 88-year-old step-sister of Anne Frank and Holocaust survivor, discussed her wartime experiences, stories of loss, and her hope for future generations and the World. The presentation, put on by the Chabad Lubavitch Centers of Northern Virginia, also included a video presentation and a musical tribute of Ani Maamin by oboist and conductor Eugene Sidorov.

Before the presentation, VIP guests gathered for a reception with guitar music played by Stanley Albert, and also were able to sit down and speak with Schloss one-on-one while getting her book, “Eva’s Story,” signed. There was a steady flow of people gathering around her the entire time, telling their childhood stories, discussing relatives they lost in the Holocaust, and asking her many questions about her experiences.

Eli Rosenbaum, U.S. Department of Justice’s Office of Special Investigations, led the talk and Schloss started off with a story about her first encounter with anti-Semitism.

She was 9 years old and went to play with her Catholic friend after school. When she arrived at her friend’s house, the mother slammed the door in her face and told her that she never wanted to see her there again.

A confused Schloss ran home to her mother hoping she could shed some light on the situation, and her mother replied with “This is how life is going to be now.”

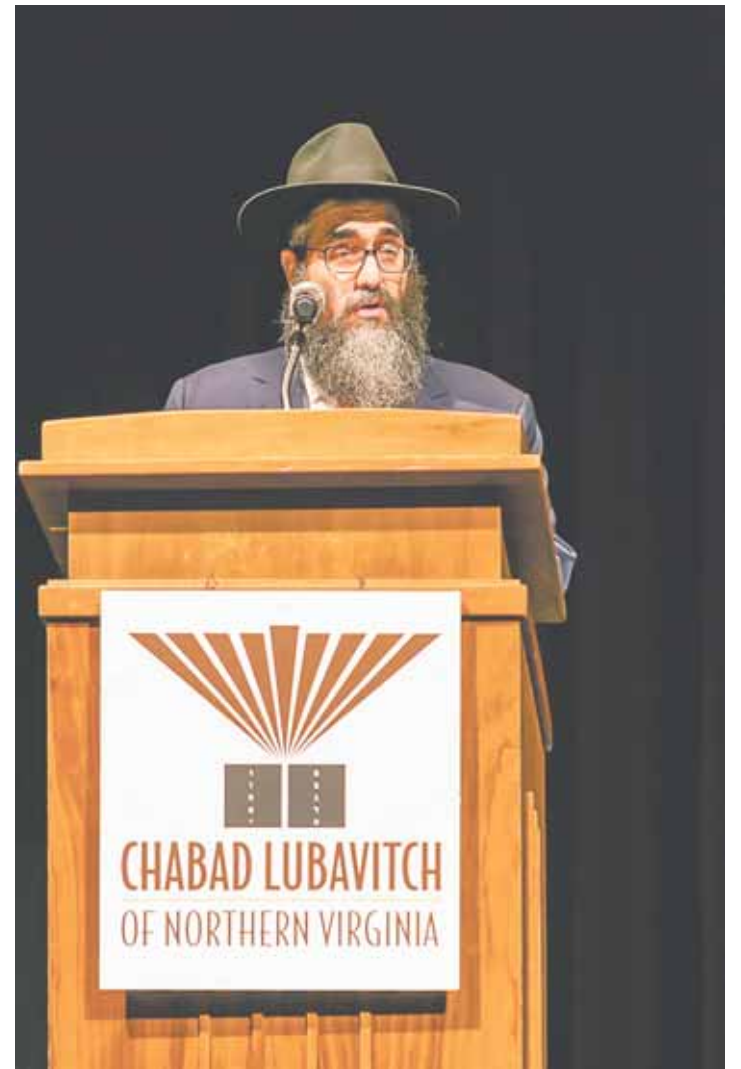
She then went on to describe in detail the years her family was in hiding, the separation of her and her mother from her father and brother, and the Dutch nurse who in 1944 pretended to help them hide, but was in the end a Nazi who turned them in to authorities.

With the audience silent and enthralled throughout the presentation, Schloss detailed her nine months spent in Auschwitz-Birkenau and the last moments she saw her father and brother. She ended her talk discussing the importance of education for everyone, and by telling the audience that all need to look after the planet. Schloss said, “It’s a wonderful gift from God for us to enjoy.”

The closing remarks by Rabbi Leibel



Eva Schloss, step-sister of Anne Frank and Holocaust survivor, speaks to the crowd at George Mason’s Center for the Arts on Wednesday, Feb. 7.



Rabbi Sholom Deitsch, director of Chabad Lubavitch of Northern Virginia, delivers the opening remarks to the audience.

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Co-director of Chabad Lubavitch of Northern Virginia, Raizel Deitsch, gives an introduction and talks about her family’s experiences.

Fajnland, director Chabad of Reston-Herndon, echoed these thoughts by saying, “We must become better not bitter.”



Eva Schloss answers one of Eli Rosenbaum’s questions about her life and experiences during the Holocaust.

Schloss stayed quiet about her Holocaust experiences for 40 years, and it was not until 1985 that she decided to devote herself to Holocaust education and world peace. Since then, she has written three books, delivered more than 1,000 speeches

and had a play written about her life.

Schloss is currently on a speaking tour around the United States sharing her and her step-sisters stories, hoping to educate and help end the violence and bigotry that she sees in the world today.

OPINION

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Equity Is Impartial Justice

To the Editor:

The open letter by the TJ graduates ("An Opportunity to Improve TJ," Connection, February 7-8, 2018) was well-meaning but based on tragically false premises. They justify their call for racial quotas (by whatever euphemism) on grounds of being "more equitable." But equity is impartial justice, not artificial egalitarianism or racial favoritism. And what about simple honesty?

Pretending that all applicants are equally accomplished doesn't make it so. What could be more blatantly racist than lowering the bar for certain applicants because of their race? The only way to end racism is to stop classifying individuals on the basis of race and treating them differently according to such racial classification.

Michael Crawford
Great Falls

Solely Merit-based Admissions

To the Editor:

I am so pleased that the Virginia State Senate struck down Senate Bill 787, the proposal to make the admissions policies at TJ more "equitable."

The admissions policies should be based solely upon merit. The applicants' family economic resources and race should be totally irrelevant.

Academic performance is the

responsibility of the student, the student's family and the applicable school system. All three are necessary to maximize the learning experience.

Black and Hispanic students have the same opportunities as Asian and White students to learn.

David Elmore
Great Falls

What Needs to Be Fixed?

To the Editor:

In your editorial ("What's Wrong with This Picture?" - Connection, Jan. 24-25, 2018) you wrote that the demographic disparity in enrollment this year at Thomas Jefferson High School (TJ) indicates something is wrong and needs to be fixed. To fix this wrong condition you noted that State Senator Surovell has proposed a bill that would consider economics and geography in the selection process.

Here is my concern: I thought that admission to TJ is open to any and all students and the administration strives to assist anyone interested in achieving admission to the school. Admission is based strictly on merit, academic ability and academic achievement.

Therefore, it begs the question, what is wrong and needs to be fixed?

If the demographics at TJ are wrong and the reason for this needs to be fixed, and the solution is to consider economics and geography in admissions, then the admissions standards will be compromised and no longer based on academic ability and academic

achievement.

As a final thought, if demographic percentages are so important and are the reason for the needed fix, why was the percentage of Asian students enrolled at TJ omitted?

Dan McKim
Springfield

Disappointing Letter

To the Editor:

The letter that 69 graduates of TJ sent to state Sen. Steve Newman was disappointing ("An Opportunity to Improve TJ," Connection, Feb. 7-8, 2018). All they did was repeat what has been said before. A person could expect that 69 who had gone through the system might have put their heads together and come up with valid suggestions.

Betty Stacey
McLean

Football Scholarships

To the Editor:

The National Capital Region Chapter of the National Football Foundation is accepting nominations for its 2018 Scholar-Athlete banquet. The Chapter awards five \$1,000 scholarships annually to deserving high school senior scholar athletes who played high school football. Nominees are evaluated on academic and athletic excellence, as well as contributions to their school and community. Nomination packets have

been mailed to each high school head coach in the National Capital Region. Deadline for submission of nomination packets is April 6. The 12th Annual Awards Banquet will be held on April 22 at the Army-Navy Club in Arlington.

The National Football Foundation was founded in 1947 to promote and develop amateur American football on all levels. The National Football Foundation has more than 115 chapters nationwide. The National Capital Region Chapter has awarded over 65 scholarships and honored over 230 deserving student-athletes in the past 10 years.

The National Capital Region Chapter requests and urges participation from all high schools in the National Capital Region.

For additional information, contact your head football coach.

Bob Jarrell
Scholarship Selection
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Styling a Coffee Table

Using décor to make a table pop.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

There's an art to designing a living room coffee table, says local interior designer Susan Tucker. In fact, when she's helping a client create a living room space, she pays particular attention to creating a stylish and functional table.

"It seems like such a small thing, but when designed the right way, a coffee table can become the focal point of a room and really make it pop," she said. "I believe that there's a right way and a wrong way to put together a coffee table, but it's not hard if you keep certain things in mind."

Vary the height and scale so that each item can shine on its own. "If everything is the same height, none of them will be noticed," said Tucker. "Think a pretty vase of flowers behind a small porcelain bowl."

Work to create balance between small and large items, says Alexandria, Virginia-based designer Steven Gambit. "For example, a smattering of small knick-knacks can look cluttered on a coffee table," he said. "Along the same lines, too many large items on a coffee table can be overpowering. Instead select a few items and group them together by size."

Change items as the seasons or holidays



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Books add visual interest and can provide topics of conversation when displayed on a coffee table.

change. "As spring approaches, consider adding a small bouquet of fresh or silk spring flowers," said Tucker. "If you celebrate Easter, consider Easter décor, like a bunny or a basket with eggs. I picked up some elegant Easter items at a local home accessories store last spring. One or two simple items can breathe fresh life in a table design."

Choose items with colors that are found in other places in a room's design. "If you



Consider placing coffee table items on a tray, like this one from the Nest Egg, says Interior Designer Susan Tucker.

have a painting with bright colors, for example, choose one of the colors and find an item in the same color to add to your coffee table. If you have throw pillows in interesting colors, considering using one of those colors on your coffee table."

Consider only decorating one section of the coffee table, especially if the table is large. "It's a good idea to leave some space free, especially if you entertain a lot," said

Gambit. "Your guests will need a place to put a drink. Don't feel compelled to fill every inch of space."

A serving tray can serve two purposes on a coffee table, says Gambit. "An elegant serving tray can make a dramatic statement on a coffee table, and can give a table some structure, especially if it's holding smaller items," he said. "If you need to clear the coffee table quickly, like if you're entertaining, a tray makes it easy."

Think about what the items on the coffee table will look from different places in the room, suggests Tucker. "Stand over your coffee table and get a sense of what the objects look like gazing down at it," she said. "Sit across the room from it. Can the items be seen fully or are the most appealing parts of an item obstructed? I generally discourage clients from putting picture frames on a coffee table because you can't see the main attraction — the photo — from behind."

Be practical and sentimental. "Because people tend to gather around coffee tables, don't put a breakable family heirloom or an expensive pieces on them," said Gambit. "Coffee table books are a good idea because they can be topics of conversation. You can use a coffee table to display things that represent a part of your personality, lifestyle or a hobby."

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News

Fashion Show, Luncheon To Benefit Fairfax Salvation Army

The Fairfax Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary will hold their 38th Annual Fashion Show/Luncheon Friday, April 13 at the Waterford at Fair Oaks. Four male and five female models will be showcasing the latest spring fashions from Lord & Taylor at Fair Oaks Mall. There will be a silent auction of more than 100 items to bid on to support the fundraiser. A table featuring jewelry and attic treasures will be set up for guests to purchase. Entertainment will be provided by Kyle Carney, a student majoring in musical theatre at The Catholic University of America where she is a member of The University Honors Program. The funds raised will support the programs of the Salvation Army in Fairfax County. The fundraiser helps the auxiliary run its annual stocking stuffer program during Christmas and the back-to-school program of donated supplies and backpacks in August. Funds raised also support the Salvation Army's summer program at Camp Happy Land in Richardsville, Va., where children and young adults from the Fairfax area attend a week-long camp. The funds also help support the after-school program, the music program, and two children's homes in Mexico. Currently there are 38 children enrolled in the



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The 38th Annual Fairfax Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary Fashion Show will be held Friday, April 13 at the Waterford at Fair Oaks. Models shown are Paul Meade and Carolina Hurtado.

Fairfax after-school program.

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Brendan McDonough, of Oakton, a sophomore Intelligence Analysis major at York College of Pennsylvania, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester.

Margaret V. Baule, of Oakton, was named to the dean's academic honor roll for the 2017 fall semester at Baylor University (Waco, Texas).

Adam Joseph Putsch, of Oakton, was named to the dean's academic honor roll for the 2017 fall semester at Baylor University (Waco, Texas).

Blake Prather-Johnson, of Vienna, earned dean's list status for the fall 2017 semester at Lehigh University (Bethlehem, Pa.).

Stephen Yenouskas, of Vienna, earned dean's list status for the fall 2017 semester at Lehigh University (Bethlehem, Pa.).

Tessa Smalley, of Vienna, has been named to the 2017 fall semester dean's list at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Benjamin Le has been named to

the summer 2017 dean's list at University of the Sciences. Le, of Oakton, is a doctor of pharmacy student.

Mary Berset, of Vienna, a student at the University of San Diego, was selected for Mortar Board, a national honor society recognizing students for outstanding achievement in scholarship, leadership, and service. Berset is majoring in English with a minor in political science and expects to graduate in spring 2018. Berset plans to pursue a career in law.

Sahar Salim Al Al Hasani, of Vienna, was named to the Iowa State University dean's list for fall 2017.

Miranda Elizabeth Dietze, of Tysons Corner, was named to the Iowa State University dean's list for fall 2017.

Margaret V. Baule, of Oakton, was named to the Baylor University (Waco, Texas) dean's list for fall 2017.

Adam Joseph Putsch, of Oakton, was named to the Baylor University (Waco, Texas) dean's list for fall 2017.

Justin Wichterman was named to the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester at Grove City College (Pa.). Wichterman is a 2017 graduate of Trinity Christian School and is the son of William and Dana Wichterman from

Oakton.

John Perry was named to the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester at Grove City College (Pa.). Perry is a 2015 graduate of Trinity School At Meadow View and is the son of Deborah and James Perry from Vienna.

Katharine Perry was named to the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester at Grove City College (Pa.). Perry is a 2014 graduate of Dominion Christian School and is the daughter of Deborah and James Perry from Vienna.

Haley Monts was named to the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester at Grove City College (Pa.). Monts is a 2014 graduate of George C. Marshall High School and is the daughter of Ms. Carey Monts from Vienna.

Reese Collins, of Oakton, has made the president's list at Coastal Carolina University (Conway, S.C.) for the fall 2017 semester.

Jordyn Pistilli was named to the dean's list for the fall 2017 semester at Grove City College (Pa.). Pistilli is a 2016 graduate of James Madison High School and is the daughter of Judith and Vincent Pistilli from Vienna.

BULLETIN

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

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Child turning 5 years old by Sept.30? If so, contact your child's school to make arrangements for kindergarten enrollment. Most schools begin getting information together now for parents of incoming kindergartners, and many host an orientation or open house. All kindergarten programs are full-day and located in FCPS elementary schools. Check your school's webpage or contact the school directly for specific enrollment information and dates of orientation or visit www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration.

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:

- 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>.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 14

Ash Wednesday. 6:30-8:30 a.m. at The Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist), 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Commuters and area residents are invited to take part in "Drive-Thru Ashes" with Pastor Eric Song administering ashes and distributing copies of the church's 19th annual "Devotions for Lent" publication. Good Shepherd will hold a traditional Ash Wednesday service at the church at 7:30 p.m. Call 703-281-3987 or visit www.GoodShepherdVA.com.

1 Million Cups. 8:30 a.m. networking; 9-10 a.m. program at Make Offices at Tysons, 1751 Pinnacle Drive, Suite 600, McLean. Each week a different business owner gives a brief six-minute presentation about where they are in their business. They then offer up a challenge question about a new idea, product, expansion or something they are facing in their business. The group then masterminds solutions. Free and open to the public. Visit www.1millioncups.com/.

Grant Application Deadline. The Community Investment Funds are the signature grant cycle managed by the Community Foundation in which funds are invested in organizations serving the Northern Virginia community. This year funding will be provided in four areas of focus: Child and Youth Development, Education, Poverty Relief, and Aging. Visit www.cfnova.org/for-grant-seekers/community-investment-funds.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 15

Shape of the Region Conference. 8 a.m.-11:45 p.m. at Valo Park, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. The inaugural Shape of the Region Conference, co-hosted by the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia and the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce, exploring issues facing our region's future as illuminated by data from the Community Foundation's Opportunity Index. \$65. Call 703-879-7636 for more.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I realize that given the growth and evolution of the world most of us live in, and how business is transacted, there are two words, a phrase actually, whose very existence is threatened: "Bill me." "C.O.D.," "Cash on delivery" is likely itself on the precipice of extinction, a dodo bird if there ever was one. However, since "Money makes the world go 'round," – or at least it made the hit musical "Cabaret" go 'round in 1966, credit and one's good name can only stretch the dollar so far. Bills have to be paid or else the world doesn't "go 'round" so far. Moreover, if the money is missing, there's less to sing about.

Ergo an idea/system was devised whereby people/entities to whom you owed money would have semi unfettered access to your money – without having to talk to you/ask permission. Once the consumer/"ower" had signed an authorization granting such access, the game was on and the money withdrawn (debited) regularly, as agreed to.

Occasionally, financial inducements were offered to entice the consumer to subject his money/accounts to such plundering. But eventually, the process became all the rage. Meaning, consumers couldn't transact business any other way, and despite any hesitations or objections (anger) to the contrary, it was either debit or die. And though this system didn't cause a revolution or become a motto on a license plate, it did change how we bank, buy and balance.

Within the last few weeks I've added two more automatic monthly debits. Payments which I was given no other realistic choice/method to pay other than all at once (not happening,) or once a month, automatically from my bank. And not that I felt held up by the process, but I did feel as if the highway awaited if I didn't pay their way.

So now I have six monthly debits drafting on five different but recurring days, save for holidays and weekends of course. In addition, I have granted additional bank access to retailers, service providers, Internet-only companies, Amazon, pharmaceutical warehouses and on and on and on; all of whom have keys – so to speak – to my kingdom, such as it is.

Still, I think I know what's being debited at any given time, but in the context of and conjunction with, all the other transactions that I or my wife make, sometimes I don't know if I do know, actually, whether my money is coming in or going out or finding a new home somewhere – and one not in this country and likely irretrievable, or disappearing altogether with any other money I may have accumulated.

All of those worst case, possibly everyday scenarios, notwithstanding, what can I do? If I don't play and in turn, don't pay, then I am likely having to fend for myself. I may still have plenty places to go to, but what am I going to do when I get there? My wallet (unlike George Costanza's) isn't big enough to hold all the cash I'd need to conclude just a few of my transactions. I don't like ceding control this way, but the joke may already be on me: I don't have any control. It was taken away a long time ago when the first authorization was signed allowing a second/third party to withdraw money – automatically, and regularly, from the "signee's" bank account. From that point on, it was, as we say in New England: "Katie bar the door," meaning: bad news, among a variety of other "unpleasantries."

Regardless of how I fear all of these companies/"withdrawers" having a way into my bank account in order to get my money out, the reality is, there isn't a damn thing I can do about it. I just have to pay attention, literally – and figuratively. Otherwise, I'll be a victim of their circumstance.

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



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Here's What's Happening at MCC

Presented by The Alden The Unruly Theatre Project



Thursday, Feb. 15, 7 p.m.
MPA@ChainBridge Gallery
1446 Chain Bridge Rd.
Free admission

Presented by The Alden

BRIDESMAIDS

Galentine's Day
Quote-Along Movie

Friday, Feb. 16, 8 p.m.
The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd.
Admission and popcorn are free.
Prop bags are \$5 each.
* Must be 17 years old or older to attend.

The Old Firehouse Friday Night Trips Washington Wizards vs Charlotte Hornets

Friday, Feb. 23, 4:30-11 p.m.
The Old Firehouse
1440 Chain Bridge Rd.
\$50/\$40 MCC district residents



Presented by The Alden Intro to Djembe Drumming and Drum Circle (OFC)



Friday, March 2, 7-8:30 p.m.
The Old Firehouse
1440 Chain Bridge Rd.
\$15/\$10 MCC district residents

Presented by The Alden Doktor Kaboom: "It's Just Rocket Science"

Sunday, March 4, 2 p.m.
The Old Firehouse
1440 Chain Bridge Rd.
\$15/\$10 MCC district residents



McLean Traveler 2018 Philadelphia Flower Show, Philadelphia, Pa.



Monday, March 5
\$137 per person
\$132 MCC district residents



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CALENDAR

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ONGOING

"Jazz It Up!" Through March 3,
Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at
Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St.,
NW, Vienna. Art exhibit. Free and
open to the public. Call 703-319-
3971 or visit ViennaArtsSociety.org.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 15

Penny University. 7-8 p.m. at Caffè
Amouri, 107 Church St. NE, Vienna.
A Penny University about
international and adventure travel
basics hosted by REI at Caffè Amouri.
Free. Call 703-938-1623 or visit
www.caffeamouri.com.

FEB. 15-MARCH 11

"The Farnsworth Invention."
Thursdays-Sundays, various times at
1st Stage in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill
Road, Tysons Corner. Writer Aaron
Sorkin's signature style lends itself to
the story of the invention that
changed our lives. In 1929, two
ambitious visionaries race against
each other to invent a device called
"television." Who will unlock the key to
the greatest innovation of the 20th
century: the ruthless media mogul, or
the self-taught Idaho farm boy? \$33
general admission, \$30 seniors
(65+), \$15 students and military.
Purchase at www.1ststage.org or
703-854-1856.

FRIDAY/FEB. 16

"Bridesmaids." 8 p.m. at The Old
Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road,
McLean. Join The Alden staff as they
quote along with the dialogue from
"Bridesmaids" (R), recreating scenes
with the help of props, onscreen
subtitles and cues. There will be
plenty of fun, including an ugly
bridesmaid dress contest. Call 703-
448-8336 or visit
www.mcleancenter.org/teens.

SATURDAY/FEB. 17

Model Railroaders Open House. 1-
5 p.m. at the Vienna Depot, 231
Dominion Road NE. Northern
Virginia Model Railroaders hold an
open house at the Vienna Depot each
month and on Vienna celebration
days, including Viva! Vienna and the
Vienna Holiday Stroll. Free
admission. Call 703-938-5157 or visit
www.nvmr.org.

Eya: Marian Meditation. 7:30-8:30
p.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church,
3022 Woodlawn Ave., Falls Church.
Award-winning early music vocal
ensemble Eya will perform A Marian
Meditation, a restorative, soul-filled
musical program featuring a wide-
range of medieval chant and
polyphony from England, France, Italy
and Spain. Free. Visit
www.holytrinityfallschurch.org/music/

SUNDAY/FEB. 18

Breakfast Buffet. 8 a.m.-noon at
Vienna American Legion Post 180,
330 Center St., N. Vienna. Get
omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry
pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and
gravy and more. Adults \$9, children
12 and under \$3. Call 703-938-6580.

Winter Traditional Celtic

Concerts. 4 and 6 p.m. at The Old
Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker
Road, Great Falls. Moch Pryderi,
together for 19 years, the band
performs traditional Celtic music
from Wales, Ireland, Scotland,
Brittany and Galicia as well as
Appalachia, performs fireside. Tickets
must be purchased in advance
through the link at oldbrogue.com:
\$18 general admission/\$12 children

**The show will
be held at The
Stage at Holy
Trinity Church,
850 Balls Hill
Road in
McLean.**

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Oakcrest Presents 'Little Women'

Oakcrest School in Vienna Upper School production of Louisa
May Alcott's novel, "Little Women," reminds us all of the true
beauty of love and family. For those who enjoy watching and sup-
porting local theatre, tickets to Oakcrest's dramatization are on
sale now with three performance times.

In celebration of 40 years of theatre, Oakcrest is offering free
tickets to the matinee performance on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 11
a.m. "We have much to be grateful for, especially this past year as
we settled into our new permanent home in Vienna. We felt there
was no better way to show our gratitude than to give back to the
families in our community," said Dr. Mary T. Ortiz, Head of School.
Ages 13 and under can experience the magic of live theatre for
free.

Opening Performance is Friday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. Closing
performance is Saturday, Feb. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available
online or at the door: \$15 general admission, flat rate of \$50 for
families of six or more; Patrons of the Arts sponsorships avail-
able. Free for 13 and under at the Saturday matinee are only
available online at oakcrestslittlewomen.eventbrite.com. (*Ticket
reservations online only.) The show will be held at The Stage at
Holy Trinity Church, 850 Balls Hill Road in McLean.

under 12. Season ticket: \$96/\$60
children. Call 703-759-3309.

event/3756858.

TUESDAY/FEB. 20

Sally Ride History Event. 10 a.m. to
1 p.m. at the St. Francis Episcopal
Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike,
Great Falls. Mary Ann Jung will
recreate Sally Ride The event is
hosted by the Great Falls Senior
Center. Email Polly Fitzgerald at
pollyfitz1@verizon.net, call 703-759-
4345, or visit gfseniors.org.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 21

Art Reception. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at
Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown
Pike. Featured artists include Linda
Jones, exhibiting 40 watercolors,
acrylics and mixed media paintings
titled "Evolving Landscapes," and the
pottery of Laura Nichols of Pig Pen
Pottery, and her students.
Refreshments included. There will be
an artists' talk at 7:30 p.m. Contact
Linda Jones at 703-442-9251.

Film Screening: Just Eat It. 7-9 p.m.
at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven
Place, Oakton. Filmmakers and food
lovers Grant and Jen explore the
topic of food waste (from farm to
retail to fridge) as they pledge to
survive on discarded food for a year.
Free. Contact Susan Weltz at
sweltz@yahoo.com or visit
virginia2.sierraclub.org/greatfalls/.

THURSDAY/FEB. 22

Successful Writing Collaborations.
7:30-9 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library,
101 Maple Ave., E., Vienna. Learn
from experienced mystery short story
writer and anthology collaborator,
Josh Pachter. Find out about this
growing trend and how the
collaboration process works. James
Patterson, Clive Cussler and
Catherine Coulter, among others, are
now working with lesser known
authors in collaborations that extend
their reach and give "a leg up" to
new talent. Adults. Free. Call 703-
938-0405 or visit
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THURSDAY-SUNDAY/FEB. 22-25

**Captioned Performances of "The
Farnsworth Invention."** See
detailed schedule online. 1st Stage in
Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road,
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SUNDAY/FEB. 25

Yoga for Dogs. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
at SourceCore Studio, 144 Church St
NW #102, Vienna. SourceCore
Studio is hosting a "Donations for
Dogs" yoga fundraiser for the Lost
Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation. "Paws
and reflect" in this all-levels class
dedicated to functional movement
and wellness. Free, the event is
donation-based. Call 703-755-0891
or visit www.sourcecorestudio.com/workshops for more.

Artist Reception. 5-7 p.m. at 1st Stage
in Tysons, 1524 Spring Hill Road,
Tysons Corner. Artist reception with
featured 10th Anniversary gallery
artists. All are welcome. \$33 general
admission, \$30 seniors (65+), \$15
students and military. Purchase at
www.1ststage.org or 703-854-1856.

MONDAY/FEB. 26

Garden Club Meeting. 12:45
refreshments, 1 p.m. program at
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589
Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. The Ayr
Hill Garden Club (AHGC) presents
"How To Choose And Prune Roses."
Guests are encouraged to attend.
Learn more at www.facebook.com/ayrhillgardenclub/.

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