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Sheriff Stacey A. Kincaid, Langley graduate, is the first female Sheriff in the history of Fairfax County. She spoke at the Board of Supervisors Public safety committee meeting focusing on cooperation of county police with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Focus on ICE

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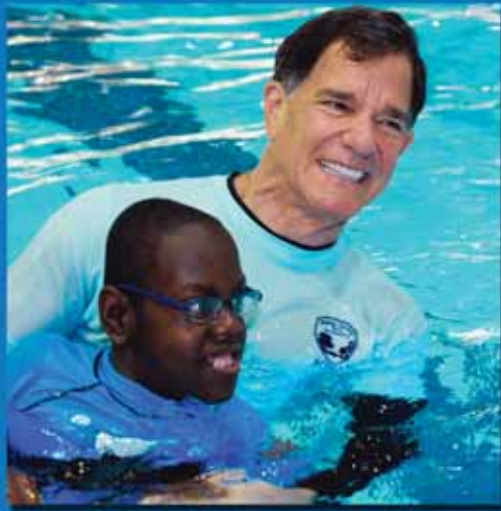
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The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department has announced its Girls Fire and Rescue Academy summer camp, which will take place July 9 – 13, 2018. The Academy is open to female students who will be freshmen, sophomores, or juniors in the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Participants must be a Fairfax County resident.

Academy participants will take part in a five day program full of fun-filled experiences, physical training, classes and Fire/EMS simulations. They will also have an opportunity to visit a Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Station to experience the everyday life of a Firefighter/EMT. Campers will have a chance to interact, ask questions and eat dinner with the on-duty crew.

The program is completely free of charge. The Academy will be limited to 24 applicants, so apply today. All applications must be received by close of business on Friday, April 20, 2018. For more information, and to register, see below. Girls Fire & Rescue Academy 2018 Application Packet <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems/sites/fire-ems/files/assets/documents/pdf/lse/girls%20academy%20packet%202018.pdf>
Girls Fire & Rescue Academy 2018 Flyer

VA-TF1 Seeks Volunteers for Training Exercise

Virginia Task Force 1 (VA-TF1) is holding a full-scale exercise in the area later this month and they are currently seeking volunteers to act as victims. Volunteer victims are needed starting Monday evening, April 23 through Thursday afternoon, April 26.

A minimum shift of 6 hours is expected and overnight volunteers are especially needed.

Volunteers will need to remain awake and be willing to work their entire shift. Victims will need to be able to crawl in and out of rubble piles, don't mind getting dirty and are capable of sitting or lying in place for extended periods of time.

Moulage (make up simulating injuries), food and water will be provided. For additional information or to sign up, email to christopher.yorty@fairfaxcounty.gov

Established in 1986 as a domestic and international disaster response resource sponsored by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Virginia Task Force 1 is rostered by approximately 200 specially trained career and volunteer fire and rescue personnel, with expertise in the rescue of victims from collapsed structures, following a natural or man-made catastrophic event.

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Confusion, Anger, Agenda Difficulties

Public safety committee meeting focuses on ICE, without ICE at the table.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust asked a series of questions to try to elicit an answer from county law enforcement about whether Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers sometimes detain and arrest people on civil warrants when assisting county officers on criminal investigations.

"Fairfax County gang task force does not have a member of ICE participating on it, is that correct?" said Foust.

Chief of Fairfax County Police, Col. Edwin C. Chief Roessler, answered first. "We're part of the Northern Virginia gang task force and there is a criminal element of ICE associated with that task force," he said, "so to answer the question, we do associate with ICE in that task force for criminal investigations."

Foust continued: "My question is, what role does ICE play on the gang task force? If a crime is committed, you don't need ICE there to enforce the law, correct?"

"We can investigate on our own," Roessler said, but "these gang members don't adhere to boundaries, so to conduct an investigation we have to cross boundaries. So, at times it's prudent to use the task force and a criminal investigator from ICE or the FBI or other federal agencies to hunt these criminals down and arrest them."

"If there is an ICE officer on your gang task force, and I understand criminal side, do you have a standing policy that says that they shall not make an arrest for a civil detainee while participating on your task force?" asked Foust.

Roessler said, "It's our goal and our general orders dictate what our police officers in Fairfax County can and can't do for the civil side of that. And it's not my goal as your chief to go out and enforce the civil portion of that."

"That's not the business that we're in," he said.

"That's what I'm trying to get at," said Foust. "Because what I perceive is you're out in the community with one or more ICE agents who are arresting people while participating on your task force for non-criminal conduct."

"And that's what we don't want," said Roessler.

THE BOARD'S PUBLIC SAFETY committee met Tuesday, April 3, to discuss these



Foust



Bulova



Cook



McKay



Kincaid



Herrity



Roessler



Keen

issues together.

"Our board was looking forward to a frank and open discussion with ICE about their enforcement activities in Fairfax County, which is what ICE had agreed to originally. It is unfortunate that this opportunity was derailed," said Chairman Sharon Bulova.

ICE didn't take a seat, although Adonnis T. Smith Sr., Washington Field Office Enforcement and Removal Operations, was listed on the agenda along with Barbara M. Gonzalez, assistant director, Stakeholder Engagement – Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement (VOICE).

"There was a lot of disagreement about federal participation today," said Public Safety Committee chairman and Braddock District Supervisor John Cook.

ICE officers spoke from the audience to say that they were present and ready to speak at two points during the meeting.

"We appreciate you being here," said Bulova. "There were a lot of organizations that actually asked to have a seat at the table, including ICE and including VOICE. There were others [immigrant advocates] who believed that this was going to be a public forum or a public hearing which it is not. This is a committee meeting of the Board of Supervisors."

Bulova said later on Facebook: "ICE then asked that a representative from the Victims of Immigration Crime Engagement (VOICE) Office be at the table as well. Since VOICE's mission (giving voice to victims of crimes by illegal immigrants), while admirable, was not germane to the subject of this meeting, I asked they not be a part of the discussion. ICE then presented us with an ultimatum — hear from all of us or none of us. ICE representatives chose instead to sit in the audience," Bulova wrote.

"Prior to this meeting my office also heard from pro-immigrant rights groups who wished to have a seat at the table during the meeting. They were told 'sorry' for a similar reason — their issues were off topic and this was a Board Committee Meeting

and not a public forum."

Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity disagreed. "I think they are our law enforcement partners and I think they should be able to participate, but I'll respect the decision of the chairs," said Herrity.

Still, ICE and its partnership with local law enforcement continued as the topic of the meeting.

FOUST QUESTIONED Col. Douglas W. Keen, Chief of Police, City of Manassas, and chairman of the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force.

"Do you allow ICE agents participating on the task force with your officers to make arrests for non-criminal conduct?"

Keen answered: "There are no ICE agents assigned to the task force. It is a local and state task force. We will work with ICE, just as the captain said, as another tool just like the FBI, DEA, Secret Service or any others. There are times we may ask for ICE assistance and they will help us on that criminal investigation."

"I think we're all comfortable with the criminal side," said Foust. "What you seem to be evading is, do they take into custody while participating on your task force persons presumed or assumed to be in violation of non-criminal immigration rules?"

"I don't dictate what ICE does," answered Keen. "That would be their policy. When they are a member of the task force, they are there for criminal apprehension purposes."

"ICE, it would probably be best if they explained, if they had an opportunity, they have two different divisions, they have a criminal division and they have a civil division. The criminal division is working with us," said Keen.

Roessler said: "We don't want the community to be looking at us as if we're using a criminal as a proxy to get into a house and say, 'You, you and you, come with me.'"

"I hope that's exactly accurate because that is not consistent with what I was led to believe, which was that these ICE agents

do indeed take people into custody while on raids with you for violations that are not criminal activities," said Foust.

ICE had been active in Route 1 area, said Roessler, and the FCPD asked ICE to alert them when and where they are conducting raids in the county so that police know if they get a call for example for a home invasion or robbery, they won't respond.

"Obviously, they are federal law enforcement officers and they have absolute right to go into that community, I as a chief cannot override that federal right and that's where the confusion is in the community. It's not your police department in Fairfax County that's conducting the civil raids, it's ICE, and that's their job."

SHERIFF STACEY A. KINCAID informed ICE in January that the Sheriff's Office would terminate its intergovernmental service agreement (IGSA) with ICE on May 23, following the required 120-day notice.

The "Sheriff's Office will no longer hold inmates past their release date unless an ICE administrative request to detain the inmate is accompanied by a criminal detainer issued by a court," according to Kincaid.

The City of Alexandria, on May 23, will be the only one of 123 jurisdictions in Virginia to maintain its intergovernmental service agreement with ICE, said Kincaid.

"Our compliance with Code of Virginia will not be compromised," she said. "Our conclusion to terminate this agreement was done after a thorough very intensive process."

Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay asked if the decision would impact criminal investigations of the gang task force.

"Little to no impact on the gang task force," answered Keen.

"Little to no impact, make sure everybody heard that," said McKay, "because facts matter and facts really matter when you are dealing with people's emotions. And when you're trying to scare people in Fairfax County into believing things that are happening that are not happening."

THE MAJORITY of the board supported Kincaid's decision.

"When you terminated the ISA, it was undoubtedly predictable on your part that there would be those who would try to make a political issue out of this, would try to scare people. I appreciate the courage you showed, you did the right thing," said Foust.

"It was the right decision to make," said McKay.

"I've got to tell you, from all the officers that I've talked to and from my years on this board the number one most powerful tool we have in Fairfax County is a community that can trust and will talk to law enforcement to solve our crimes," said McKay. "What's happening at the federal level and

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OPINION

Expansion of Health Care in Virginia?

After years of hoping, it's possible Medicaid expansion will come on April 11; say a prayer.

The most important, impactful accomplishment of the Virginia General Assembly session for 2018 is set for Wednesday, April 11, after our newspapers' presstime. In agreeing on a budget, assembly members are expected to approve expanding Medicaid which would provide health insurance some 200,000 to 400,000 Virginians who have been living without coverage, and consequently mostly without health care.

More than 10 percent of residents of Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax County do not have health insurance.

The benefits are huge. A celebratory press release goes out any time 10 or more jobs come to any place in Virginia. But estimates are that finally accepting the available federal money

to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act would generate about 30,000 jobs.

It will make all of us who live and work in Virginia healthier by ensuring that our fellow residents have access to healthcare, to medications to treat contagious illnesses, to vaccinations, to preventive and acute care.

EDITORIAL

We don't want the people who ride with us on the Metro or wait in line at motor vehicles to be sick without a reasonable way to be treated. We want the people around us to be healthy. It makes everyone healthier.

Virginia has bypassed about \$10 billion by not having expanded Medicaid since it was possible.

Now is the time.

So many advocates have pressed for this for

so long, that it seems almost surreal as the possibility approaches. While I don't often pray for particular outcomes, I think a prayer for hundreds of thousands of people to receive life-affirming health care is in order.

Del. Ken Plum of Reston wrote in his weekly column: "By the time you are reading this column I will be back in Richmond for the serious work of the legislature of passing a budget for the next biennium. The outstanding issue to be resolved is the expansion of Medicaid to nearly 400,000 Virginians who do not have health care even though taxes are being collected in Virginia to pay for the program. I support the Governor in his insistence that we approve the expansion. Thanks to all the citizens who have been calling and writing supporting the program. I will be back with details on the budget issue as soon as it is resolved."

Fingers crossed.

— MARY KIMM,

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New Neighbor

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

On a recent early morning walk from my home in the South Lakes area of Reston I met a new neighbor that I learned lately moved into the area weeks ago. I would not call the new neighbor friendly; he seemed to be more disinterested in me although his family acted a bit jittery with me being around. While he may not have been interested in me, hundreds have been interested in and curious about him. A photo I took of him that I posted on social media has elicited nearly 400 reactions. I continue to use the male pronoun, but truthfully I am not sure of the neighbor's gender.

I introduced the new member of our community on social media as being an albino deer, but I was quickly corrected. The almost white deer did not have the pink eyes, pink nose, and pinkish hooves of an albino deer. One neighbor suggested that he was probably a piebald deer. Although I grew up in rural Virginia where there is a lot of wildlife, I had never heard of a piebald deer. That sent me to the internet where I learned that contrary to popular belief, a piebald deer is not a cross between a normal whitetail deer and an albino. The origin of the word "piebald" comes from "pie" meaning "mixed up" and "bald" meaning "having a white spot".

Piebalds have various amounts of white and brown patches similar to a pinto pony, and they have



normal brown eyes and nose with black hooves like a normal whitetail deer. Their coloration is due to a rare inherited genetic defect that fortunately affects less than one percent of the white-tailed deer population because it also may result in the deer having short legs, scoliosis of the spine, internal organ deformities and other health conditions.

At the risk of turning this story into another diatribe on my part about the importance of diversity in our community and the need to welcome all, I will end with an acknowledgement that some people do not want another someone in the community who may eat their flowers. It does make me appreciate our trails and natural areas where we can see our animal neighbors. When you see our piebald deer near Snakeden Branch Trail or wherever else in Reston, take a photo if you can and share it on my Facebook page, Kenneth R. Plum. We want him to feel welcome. You might want to call him by the name I understand Terraset Elementary students have given him: Blanca.

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PHOTO MERRIFIELD GARDEN CENTER

The colors of Camellia blooms can be enjoyed now, says David Watkins of Merrifield Garden Center.



PHOTO AMERICAN PLANT

Preparing a spring garden includes pruning, mulching and fertilizing, says Haynes Davis of American Plant in Bethesda.

Spring in Bloom

Preparing and planning a colorful warm-weather garden.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

One of the most anticipated rites of spring is the vibrancy of the first blooms on flowers and trees. However, this beauty can only be savored after the weeding, pruning and planting are finished. While preparing and planning a spring garden is not an effortless endeavor, local landscaping gurus say that an organized plan can make it more manageable.

"The first thing you need to do is cut back any ornamental grasses like Liriope two to four inches off the ground so the brown, tired-looking leaves are gone before the new leaves start to grow," said David Watkins, general manager of Merrifield Garden Center. "If you wait too long it's tough to separate old from new and you end up getting brown on the new leaves."

Removing all of the leaves and other debris from the flowerbed is the next step, advises Haynes Davis of American Plant in Bethesda. "Cut back any perennials or ornamental grasses that have not already been cut back and prune out any dead branches from existing shrubs," he said. "I fertilize at this point with ... a slow-release, organic fertilizer that works for blooming and evergreen plants. Lastly I put down a fresh layer of mulch and then the beds are ready for spring."

Preparing to have a perfectly manicured lawn for spring begins by raking removing all of the fallen leaves, adds Davis. "Having your PH tested would be a good idea because now would be the time to put down lime to get your soil to the correct acidity level which is 5.8 to 6.5," he said. "This is also the time to put down pre-emergent [herbicides] to keep the weeds from coming up, but you have to remember, if you put down a pre-emergent you cannot over seed for six to 12 weeks, depending on the product you are using."

Cutting away dead or overgrown branches to stimulate new growth comes next, says Watkins. "I would prune any branches on

shrubs and trees that are crisscrossing and rubbing against each other," he said. "Then edge, mulch and fertilize your plants. Remove old mulch first and put down two to three inches of new mulch, but make sure you don't put it too close to the trunk of the plant."

When whipping a garden into shape for spring, Alexandria-based landscape designer Ruth Tinsley believes in engaging the senses. "If you plant fragrant spring flowers like Honeysuckle, Phlox, Butterfly Bush and roses, they will give you a pleasant aroma when you are walking through your yard or garden," she said. "Plant them in large swaths to get the biggest impact."

Butterfly Bush and Stock are two flowering plants that do double-duty, advises Tinsley. "They not only have a nice fragrance, but they will add beautiful color to your yard or garden. Butterfly bush is relatively hearty and has vibrant pink and purple blooms, and Stock comes in a vivid, dark-red color."

Until temperatures are warm on a consistent basis, Davis offers a caveat about planting flowers. "I would only plant Pansies and Violas for flowers outside," he said. "They will give you good color all the way up to the time to plant summer annuals, which is when we have sustained night time temps around 55 degrees, usually around mid-April. For perennials about the only thing you can plant now would be hellebores."

"Forsythia bushes are blooming now. They're one of the first to bloom," added Watkins. "Shortly Camellias and Azaleas will start to bloom."

Options for plants that can tolerate cooler temperatures are plentiful, advises Watkins. "All of your trees and shrubs can be planted now and it's great to get your garden started early so there's less maintenance in the summer," he said. "All of our ornamental trees like Cherry, Red-bud, Crabapple and Dogwood can be planted now."

"As for shrubs, you can plant anything right now as long as it has been acclimated and does not have new tender growth," added Davis. "We have all of our plants that are tender either in our greenhouses or covered with frost blankets until the temperatures warm up."



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Pansies and Violas can be planted now to offer bright colors to a spring garden, says Haynes Davis of American Plant in Bethesda.

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Batteries Plus Bulbs store owner Zuhair Ibrahim is looking forward to bettering the local community with the presence of the new neighborhood retailer



Batteries Plus Bulbs, located at 6715 Backlick Road Springfield, is now open.

Batteries Plus Bulbs Opens in Springfield

Batteries Plus Bulbs, a specialty store offering more than its name suggests, is now open in Springfield. While the store does, in fact, carry batteries and light bulbs, owner Zuhair Ibrahim says the business does so much more than sell nearly 60,000 different types of products for home and business needs.

The retailer has We Fix It Repair Centers that fix damaged phones and tablets in 60 to 90 minutes. These tech centers also replace watch, keyless entry and phone batteries, and rebuild battery packs. The store also offers free system checks and installation on most auto batteries. While there are plenty of other places to buy batteries or light bulbs, it's Batteries Plus Bulbs' main

focus—and expertise. Store associates use their product knowledge to solve problems like a cordless power tool that won't turn on, for example.

With five years of franchising experience in the dental industry, Zuhair is now venturing into a new space and plans on opening more Batteries Plus Bulbs locations in the coming years. Zuhair emigrated from Sudan in 2000 and is looking forward to bettering his local community with the presence of the new neighborhood retailer.

This is the first store in Springfield, and the third Batteries Plus Bulbs store to open in Fairfax county.

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West Springfield Graduate Completes Basic Military Training

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Barrington L. Bromley II graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen



Barrington L. Bromley II

who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Bromley is the son of Barrington Bromley of Tampa, Fla., and Isabel Brumley of Montgomery Village, Md. He is also the husband of Anna Suzuki-Bromley. The airman is a 2000 graduate of West Springfield High School, Springfield.

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Kiddie Academy Coming to North Springfield

Kiddie Academy, provider of comprehensive education-based child care programs, is coming soon to the North Springfield area.

"We are so thrilled that we will soon open and provide our services to children in the North Springfield area," said Fatana Campbell, who, along with her husband, Louis, owns Kiddie Academy coming to Alexandria.

"This is a really exciting time for us and we look forward to introducing our well-trained, attentive staff to local area parents and their children. In the near future, we look forward to assisting local children in developing the confidence and self-esteem necessary they need to meet the challenges of tomorrow." The 10,200-square-foot academy will have 8 classrooms and will be licensed to serve 137 children ages 6 weeks to 12 years.

Kiddie Academy, founded in 1981, began with the idea to combine learning with child care, and

made a commitment to be a leader in the industry. Kiddie Academy has developed a comprehensive education-based child care program for its academies, which are structured to respond to the increasing demand for child care.

The North Springfield location utilizes a curriculum created to promote each child's intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth. According to Campbell, the programs emphasize continuous, open communication between teachers and parents concerning each child's development.

"We invite children to embark on the Kiddie Academy journey that will enable them to learn and grow socially, physically, emotionally and intellectually," Campbell added.

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ONGOING

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Art Exhibit: Pulp Fiction. Through April 29, gallery hours in Arches Gallery, Building W-9 of the Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Pulp Fiction showcases work by artist Anne Hollis, exploring mixed media art while focusing on moments in time from mythological stories to real life. Visit www.workhousearts.org/.

Second Saturdays. 6-9 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. The Second Saturday Art Walk, nearly 85 Resident and Associate Artists, creating art in the studios or exhibiting in our galleries. Experience performances of dance, cabaret, comedy, big band, jazz, and theater. Enjoy art exhibitions in nine galleries of the region’s finest sculpture, painting, glass, ceramics, and fiber art works. www.workhousearts.org/.

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

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

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

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

Funday Monday 10:30 a.m., every Monday at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. There will be music, movement, storytelling, performances, crafts, and more. It is open to children of all ages, however especially for those who haven’t yet started school. Programs are free and open to the public, donations are gratefully appreciated. There is ample free parking in the downtown area, and stroller access at the rear of Old Town Hall on Main St. 703-385-7858 www.fairfaxva.gov/culturalarts.

THURSDAY/APRIL 12

Fairfax Art League - Art and Lunch. 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Bring lunch and enjoy the company of other artists. Free and

Dinnerstein to Perform a Concerto Written for Her

Fairfax Symphony performs D.C. area premiere of Philip Glass’ new “Piano Concerto No. 3” with acclaimed pianist Simone Dinnerstein.

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Northern Virginia audiences will strike music gold with the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra (FSO) as it continues to celebrate its 60th anniversary season. “We are thrilled to be giving the D.C. area premiere of Philip Glass’ new piano concerto,” said Christopher Zimmerman, FSO Music Director. “Philip Glass is one of the most significant, renowned living American composers.

“And, we look forward to collaborating again with Simone Dinnerstein, for whom this concerto was specifically written, and bringing it to life for our FSO audience,”

For acclaimed pianist Dinnerstein it will be a return to perform with the FSO. This time to perform Glass’ “Piano Concerto No. 3” written specifically for Dinnerstein and co-commissioned by FSO.

“Commissioning new work is central to our mission,” said Jonathan Kerr, Executive Director, Fairfax Symphony Orchestra. “We are honored to be the first orchestra in the D.C. metro



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Pianist Simone Dinnerstein

Where and When

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra presents program featuring Philip Glass, Bach, Vaughn Williams, and Elgar at George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance: Saturday, April 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets \$39, \$53 and \$65. (Students: \$15) Visit www.fairfaxsymphony.org or by phone at 888-945-2468. Note: Join Music Director Christopher Zimmerman and Pianist Simone Dinnerstein for a pre-concert discussion on April 21 at 7 p.m. at GMU Concert Hall.

area to premiere this important work and collaborate with Simone Dinnerstein on such a milestone. This is another example of how the arts in Fairfax County are creating connections for the community and the world.”

The FSO’s April 21 program also includes Vaughan Williams’ “Fan-

tasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis,” as well as Elgar’s “Introduction and Allegro for Strings” and “Bach: Keyboard Concerto in G minor, BWV 1058.”

“The idea for this commission first germinated in Philip Glass’s garden, where we met for breakfast one beautiful morning,” said

Dinnerstein. “There are almost no concertos written for piano and strings since Bach’s time. Both Glass and I have a strong interest in the music of Bach and how it impacts us today.” The pairing aims to create bridges between the old and the new.

“Several years ago, Simone Dinnerstein visited me at my home in New York City and played a short program of Schubert and Glass. She played with a complete mastery of technique, depth of emotion, and understanding. Right away I knew I would someday compose music for her,” said Philip Glass.

With three movements, the new Glass concerto is scored for piano and strings. It is Romantic in nature. “It’s as if the piano grows out of the orchestra,” said Dinnerstein.

Dinnerstein has brought a number of projects to Fairfax County. One was to provide Fairfax County Public School students with access to classical music called “Bachpacking.” Dinnerstein took a digital keyboard into individual elementary school classrooms, helping young children to get closer to the music.

open to the public. New members welcome. Visit the Fairfax Art League at www.fairfaxartleague.net or call 703-587-9481.

Coffee House Night - Art & Poetry. 7-9 p.m. at Haveabite Eatery, 10416 Main St., Fairfax. Fairfax Art League All are welcome to read their own poetry, a poem that they love, a short story, sing or play a song. Share a painting. Enjoy poetry and prose readings, coffees and cookies, artist talk, and performances. Free and open to the public. Visit www.fairfaxartleague.net or call 703-587-9481.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 12-15

“Follow Your Heart.” At EagleBank Arena, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Disney On Ice presents “Follow Your Heart” is an ice skating extravaganza featuring Disney-Pixar’s Finding Dory, Disney-Pixar’s Inside Out, Disney’s Frozen and other beloved Disney stories. Tickets start at \$15. All seats are reserved, and tickets are available at 800-745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com, and the EagleBank Arena box office.

FRIDAY/APRIL 13

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a friendly atmosphere, \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot, treasure chest progressive raffles, and good food available for purchase. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638 for more.

“Pershing’s Own” Chamber Players. 8 p.m. in Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. The Bonita Lestina Performance Series concludes April 13 with the U.S. Army Band “Pershing’s Own” Chamber Players performing Through Darkness: Music by Victims and Survivors of the Holocaust. Free. Call 703-352-ARTS.

SATURDAY/APRIL 14

Burke Farmers Market. Open Saturdays, through Dec. 22, 8 a.m.-noon at 5671 Roberts Pkwy., Burke. Fairfax County Park Authority markets are strictly producer-only meaning that vendors must grow or make from scratch everything they bring to market. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

Art Lessons for Youth Classes. 9:15-10:30 a.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Drawing and watercolor for 8 years and older. Instructor Carol Zeitlin. Visit www.czartlessons.com or call 703-250-6930.

Spring Arts and Crafts Show. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Springfield Town Center in the parking lot between Frontier Drive and Spring Mall Road adjacent to Target. Spend a day shopping vendors with music from local street musicians. This two-day event showcases a juried exhibition of 80-100 local and regional artisans and crafters. Free admission. Visit www.troyppromotions.com/spring-for-spring-arts-&-crafts-show.

Art Workshop for Teens/Adults. 10:30-12:30 p.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Drawing, watercolor, Chinese brush and portfolio development for teens and adults. Instructor Carol Zeitlin. Visit www.czartlessons.com or call 703-250-6930.

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Drawing Plus Color Class. 6:15-7 p.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Drawing and watercolor for 5-8 year olds. Instructor Carol Zeitlin. Visit www.czartlessons.com or call 703-250-6930.

Northern Virginia Ceili. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at **Green Acres Center**, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. The Ancient Order of the Hibernians presents the Northern Virginia Ceili (“Irish Country Dancing”). The second Saturday each month. Free coffee, tea, and refreshments. Admission: adults, \$15; families, \$25 (includes all children under 16, and uncles, aunts, and grandparents); children under 16, free; GMU students (with ID), \$5. Call 703-273-6090.

Celebrate Leonard Bernstein’s 100th Birthday. 8 p.m. at St. Mark’s Church, 5800 Backlick Road, Springfield. The Northern Virginia Chorale, celebrates Leonard Bernstein’s 100th Birthday with a program including the West Side Story Suite and music from Candide. The Chorale also performs Whitacre’s Five Hebrew Love Songs and Ralph Manuel’s Alleluia. A free reception will follow the concert. Adults, \$20-\$25; students (12-24 years), \$10; children under 12 years are free. Order Tickets online at: www.northernvirginiachorale.org or call 703-455-1074.

SUNDAY/APRIL 15

Spring Arts and Crafts Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Springfield Town Center in the parking lot between Frontier Drive and Spring Mall Road by Target. See listing April 14

Railroad Technology Exhibit. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. A special exhibit highlighting the impact of technology improvements in railroading, including advances introduced by area residents. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

MONDAY/APRIL 16

Funday Monday: Kids Zumba. 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Music, movement, story telling.

NEWS

Small Victory Against Gun Violence

New state license plate bill calls motorists to action and “Stop Gun Violence.”

BY MARTI MOORE
THE CONNECTION



Graphic image of the new state license plate.

Although proponents of tighter gun control legislation are disappointed by the 70-plus firearms safety bills that died recently at the Virginia General Assembly, they celebrate one small victory: House Bill 287, a special state license plate that says “Stop Gun Violence.”

Chief patron of this measure that helps promote their cause is Del. Marcus B. Simon (D-53) of Fairfax County and the City of Falls Church. He and his co-sponsors introduced this bill January in Richmond. It met both House and Senate approval last month and was authorized April 5 by Gov. Ralph Northam.

THE NEW LAW, effective July 1, states motorists can purchase a standard \$10 tag or a \$25 revenue-sharing license plate. The extra \$15 will benefit a fund to help Virginians receive treatment for mental health, developmental and substance abuse issues. The \$10 vehicle tag expires July 1, 2020 the same day the \$25 revenue-sharing plate becomes effective. The Department of Motor Vehicles budgeted \$9,376 for tag production, Simon confirmed.

He credits Falls Church activist Carol P. Luten of the Coalition to Stop Gun Violence as the “driving force” behind this bill. She started the project two years ago and collected more than the required 450 prepaid applications needed to introduce the legislation at this year’s General Assembly. Luten said last fall the license plate is designed as a “moving billboard from city-to-city and state-to-state to help create awareness and a movement for change.”

She said Virginia motorists can buy the tag February 2019 at their Department of Motor Vehicles. Luten received help from other grassroots activists to educate nearly 6,000 Virginians throughout the Commonwealth from Fairfax to Roanoke, and Winchester to Williamsburg about gun violence prevention. She says former Falls Church resident Robin Bray is the professional artist who designed the graphic image a broken heart held in the palm of a hand displayed on the new specialty license plate.

Learn more about their effort online at www.stopgunviolence.info.

Virginia Sen. Janet D. Howell (D-32), who represents parts of Arlington and Fairfax counties, supported Luten’s effort March 14 at a monthly protest in front of the National Rifle Association headquarters in Fairfax at the same time students nationwide walked out of their classes for at least 17 minutes in memory the 14 teenagers and 3 adults slain Valentine’s Day at the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

“Get your license plate,” Howell shouts to more than 160 adults who line the sidewalks along Waples Mill Road in near freezing temperatures and 19 mile-an-hour winds on a cold Wednesday morning to stand up to the nation’s largest gun rights lobby for the countless lives lost to gun violence.

“Let everyone know where you stand,” she exclaims. It’s the 63rd such gathering at the NRA since Dec. 14, 2012 when a 20-year-old gunman fatally shot 20 school children and 6 adults in Newtown, Conn., with firepower online reports say included a Bushmaster AR-15 rifle.

HOWELL says her father-in-law was murdered with a handgun in the 1990s. Since then, the state senator has tried to introduce at least one gun safety bill each year at the Virginia General Assembly. Howell authored two this year Senate Bill 797 that keeps people with protective orders from possessing firearms and SB 442 that prevents gun owners from leaving loaded, unsecured firearms in a reckless manner within easy access to people ages 18 and younger. Both measures were requested by the governor, “who has seen firsthand the damage guns have done to kids.” Del. Kenneth R. Plum (D-36) of Reston was chief patron of four firearms bills he has tried to push through General Assembly four years in a row all of which have been killed in committee. Plum is a retired educator who remains steadfast in his effort to prevent more deaths from gun violence.

“We don’t give up. We don’t go away,” he said on March 14.

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WEDNESDAY/APRIL 11

Public Safety Preparedness Program. 7 p.m. at American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Topics include "Keeping Doors open after a Disaster," "Resilience: At Home and Work" and "Ready NOVA: Preparedness planning for businesses in the Northern Virginia." Presented by The McLean Citizens Association along with the Greater McLean Chamber of Commerce, the Great Falls Citizens Association, and the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations. Free. Contact MCA Public Safety Liaison Patrick Smaldore at patricksmaldore@live.com or 703-528-3935. Thursday/April 12

Adventures in Learning Open House. 10 a.m.-noon at UUCF, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Bounce into Spring with a new revved up brain. Cost is \$45. Classes begin April 19-June 14 (no class May 3). Visit www.scov.org.

FY 2019 Budget Meetings. 1 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center (Board Auditorium), 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The advertised budget plan can be found at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/advertised-budget-plan. Sign up to speak at the public hearings on the FY 2019 budget at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bosclerk/speakers-form or call 703-324-3151.

FRIDAY/APRIL 13

Collaborative IEP Meetings: Parents as Partners. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Parents are essential partners in the special education process. Join us for this important workshop to learn more about the IEP process and it's components, your role in the IEP meeting, responsibilities of the IEP team members, and planning for your child's IEP meeting. Visit www.fcps.edu/node/28279.

SATURDAY/APRIL 14

Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. Also cleanups throughout the entire month of April. To find a location, visit fergusonfoundation.org/trash-free-potomac-watershed-initiative/potomac-river-watershed-cleanup.

TUESDAY/APRIL 17

NARFE Chapter Meeting. 1 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE, Vienna. National Active and Retired Federal Employees. Speaker will be Timothy Brown, Regional Manager, Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired. Call 703-938-9757.

Falls Church. Sponsored by the Women of Temple Rodef Shalom. Women of all ages, sizes, and fitness levels are invited to participate in a hands-on workshop taught by Fairfax County Sheriff's Office deputies. A discussion about domestic violence is included.

Wear comfortable clothes and sneakers for this interactive program. Light refreshments. \$5, WoTRS; \$7, nonmembers. RSVP at wotrselfdefense.eventbrite.com.

MCC Governing Board Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at MCC Administrative Office, 6631 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. All Governing Board meetings are open to the public. Tax district residents (Small District One A-Dranesville) who wish to speak during the "Citizen Comment" portion of the meeting are asked to call the Center at 703-790-0123, TTY: 711 to be placed on the agenda. Visit the website, www.mcleancenter.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 26

Introduction to Special Education. 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring.

SATURDAY/APRIL 28

Church Rummage Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at United Methodist Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. Jewelry, linens, toys, housewares, clothing and more. Donations welcome April 23-27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission. Call 703-281-3987 or visit www.goodshepherdva.com.

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at McLean District Station, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Drop off medications (pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles). Disposal is free, convenient, confidential, and safe handling of unused or expired medications. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/.

A Community Conversation about the Opioid Crisis. 1-5 p.m. at Epiphany Episcopal Church, 3301 Hidden Meadow Drive, Herndon. For students in 7th-12th grades and their parents. Register online at epiphanyes.org/occc. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/news/2018/battling-opioid-crisis.

MONDAY/APRIL 30

50+ Employment Expo. 10 a.m.-noon at Fair Oaks Marriott Hotel, 11787 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax. The Jewish Council for the Aging and Fairfax County are partnering to sponsor a 50+ Employment Expo for seniors 50+ in the community. The Expo is free to all employers, community resources, and jobseekers. Registration is not required for jobseekers. Visit www.accessjca.org/programs/senior-employment/ for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 5

Workshop for Siblings of Children with Special Needs. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Key Middle School, 6402 Franconia Road, Springfield. This Sibshop workshop is for 8-13-year-old siblings of children with special needs enrolled in Fairfax County Public Schools. A pizza lunch will be provided. Visit www.fcps.edu/spedconference2018.

SUNDAY/MAY 6

Jefferson Obama Dinner. 5 p.m.-9 p.m. at Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Annual fundraiser for the Fairfax Democrats. VIP reception, 5-6 p.m.; silent auction and straw poll, 6-7 p.m.; and dinner 7-9 p.m. Silent auction will begin online prior to the event at 501auctions.com/fcdc/itemdonor. Visit bit.ly/21lxrg7 for tickets.

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SATURDAY/MAY 12

PRS' Springtopia. 6-10 p.m. at Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner, 7901 Tysons One Place, McLean. PRS, Inc., a nonprofit helping those living with serious mental illness or facing life crises, is hosting its inaugural Springtopia: A Season of Hope. Bid on auction items, food and cocktail stations, meet business and civic leaders, and enjoy music and a photo booth. Event benefits PRS' mental health and suicide prevention services in Northern Virginia. \$175. Call 703-531-6321 or visit prsinc.org/springtopia/.

THURSDAY/MAY 10

"Changing the Frame on Green Energy." 8-10:30 a.m. at Valo Park, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Register for the Innovation Breakfast Series event "Changing the Frame on Green Energy." Cities and regions around the country are taking local action to promote and grow the scope of green energy. Green energy levels in Virginia fall far below levels in neighboring states. What immediate, tangible steps can this region take towards a greener future? Registration is \$35 and includes a continental breakfast. Call 703-879-7637 or email tara.nadel@cfnova.org.

TUESDAY/MAY 15

Discussion on Genomics. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Christ the King Lutheran Church, 10550 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Carla L. Easter, Ph.D., chief of the Education and Community Involvement Branch at the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), played a major role in the development of the NIH/NIH/Smithsonian exhibition, Unlocking Life's Code, and its accompanying website, and serves as a liaison to the K-12, and university community as a speaker on genome science and career preparation and pathways. Includes lunch for those who have made reservations with Polly Fitzgerald at pollyfitz1@verizon.net or call 703-759-4345.

Focus on ICE

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the misinformation that's being put out ... about the decision the Sheriff made is making that a lot harder.

"We're one of the safest jurisdictions in the country because our people trust, believe, and speak to us and help us solve crimes," McKay said. "And if we scare people that's not going to happen."

Bulova commented that it is very confusing to the immigrant community and damaging to the trust in county police that ICE agents are conducting raids in the county wearing uniforms that say "POLICE" in large letters across the back.

"It confuses and scares people when they see a uniform that says police and it's not police at all. It's ICE," said Bulova. "It may say ICE somewhere on that uniform but people see police and think it's our Fairfax County police who are actually serving as members of ICE."

HERRITY SPOKE for the minority. He was not in support of Sheriff Kincaid's decision to terminate the agreement with ICE.

"I think we need to continue cooperating with ICE to the fullest extent possible," he said.

"This is about protecting our immigrant community," said Herrity. "It's human trafficking, it's drugs, it's murders, it's crime and we ought to be doing everything we can to get them off the street," he said.

"I'm very disappointed that we invited them here, we have them on the agenda, and they're not able to speak," said Herrity.

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It's A Miracle (Not a Cancer Column) ...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

... that the green, cotton, chino-type casual-Friday pants I often wear on -in-the-office-Thursdays, lasted as long as they did. Given the number of years I've been stuffing myself into them (not every Thursday mind you, but very regularly), and the weight I've gained, especially since the ultra low point during heavy duty chemotherapy nine years ago, the miracle is that these pants hadn't split wide open on any number of previous occasions.

As it actually happened yesterday, the split was gradual, not along a seam and not offensive to anybody, least of all, me.

And though the tear was understandable, given the psi (pounds per square inch) of pressure they were under, the loss however expected was sad nonetheless. For someone who exults in a limited wardrobe as much as I do, the reduction in available garments I choose to wear - repeatedly, is impactful.

Hardly do I have too many other go-to-pants in the closet. Considering my lack of interest, lack of need and lack of properly fitting alternatives hanging in the balance, when a split occurs, such as the one I've described "heretofore," (Ben Affleck in "Good Will Hunting"), not only is the loss palpable, it is downright inconvenient. Now what? Not that my appearance is ever a priority, but I'd rather not dress for failure.

The problem is, when your clothing options can be characterized as "either or," you're in a bind which, given the pounds that have been added over the winter (let's be honest; more like the preceding fall, summer, spring, winter and fall), you're constantly challenged, especially when attempting to zip up your fly and/or button your pants. Talk about a pointless effort.

If there was a cash reward for such failure, I'd be basking somewhere warm, in semi retirement - with an elastic waistband to do my bidding.

"But alas, poor Yurick." No such reward exists, but thankfully, elastic waistbands do, and not just on underwear, bathing suits, shorts and sweatpants. The question becomes then: How committed do I want to become to such elasticity? Isn't it kind of a slippery slope to rubberize my waistline? My fear is, once I go elastic, I may never go back, and in never going back, I'm also afraid there may be no stopping me, if you know what I mean? And if I'm not to be stopped then am I prepared to live with myself, my ever-expanding self, that is?

I imagine my oncologist wouldn't approve. And I know my internal medicine doctor wouldn't approve (I've already received some electronic advisories to that effect); and I know with 100 percent certainty that my wife, Dina wouldn't approve. She might have married me "in sickness and health, and thick and thin," but she'd much rather I be thin than thick.

Granted, I may be mixing metaphors here, but I trust you get my point. She liked me the way I was, and sort of likes me the way I am, but I'm doubtful she would like me nearly as much if I were to morph into another being.

Ergo, the future is now. Do I continue to pack on the pounds and have less and less clothing that fits - and fewer and fewer excuses as to why that old thing seems to be that same old thing, again; buy new clothes that reflect and lock in my girth, or bite the bullet - not the Entenmann's Pop'ems, Hostess CupCakes, Oreo Mega Stuf cookies or M&M's plain/peanut butter candy and try to lose weight and save some face, literally?

I believe I know the answer. I'm just not sure of the start date. It better be soon because the underwear I bought myself for Christmas is beginning to lose its shape and I'm pretty sure I know the reason; and it's not a manufacturer's defect.

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