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One-year-old Thomas Seal cools off in the sprinkler. Laughter and shrieks of joy rang out across the Vienna town green Wednesday, June 20, as children ran through sprinklers at this summer's first Stories, Songs, and Sprinklers event, hosted by the Town of Vienna and Historic Vienna, Inc.

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SPORTS



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Vienna wins national championship. Front Row: Coach Regis Arnone, Andrew Evan, David Kendig, Reed Heflin, James Gaboriault-Whitcomb, Camden Erickson, Max Rosenberg, Jordan Gowda, Matthew Tonko, Andrew Irisari, Ike Sanderson; Second Row: Coach Matt Andrew, Andrew Udalov, Zach Cash, Nate Souza, Owen Sheeran, Holden Smith, Head Coach Kendall Erickson, Jackson Tankersley, Dylan Liskey, Norman Boykin, Tomas Edmeades, Asher Wentz, Blake Snider, Boston Andrew. Back Row: Coach Randy Tankersley, Mark Lampkin, Luke Dunlop, Burke Carroll, Niko Tounger, Coach Steve Gaboriault-Whitcomb Not Pictured: Brigham DeVore, Coach Paul Mattear

Vienna Wins Middle School Rugby National Championship

A season that began with lofty goals and high expectations culminated with a Middle School National Championship: On June 16 - 17, 2018, in Rock Hill, S.C., the Vienna Youth Inc. Middle School Rugby Team, by virtue of winning the Virginia State Championship, earned the right to compete in the "Ruck in Rock Hill" Middle School National Championship tournament (<http://rugbynit.com/>).

The tournament commenced with Vienna facing Mean Green, a Charlotte, NC Regional All-Star Team and 2017 National Title runner-up. It was a highly contested battle in which Vienna took a 14-7 lead late in the second half. The Mean Green responded with a score tying the match at 14 with less than 2 minutes remaining in the game. The game ended with Vienna attempting a game winning kick that was on target, but which fell just short of the crossbar. Final score: Vienna 14 - Mean Green 14.

Vienna's second match was against Orange Crush, an All-Star Team from South Carolina. Vienna got off to a quick start scoring 5 tries and taking a 35 - 0 halftime lead. Vienna scored 4 more tries in the second half while giving up 2 tries. Eight different players accounted for the 9 tries scored by Vienna. Final score: Vienna 57 - Orange Crush 12.

The next day, Vienna's third match was against the defending National Champion, the Virginia Wild Boars, a team comprising All-Stars from teams throughout Virginia. The week prior, the Wild Boars had handed Vienna its first defeat of the season in a friendly match. This time, the Wild Boars took a 7 - 5 lead into halftime, but Vienna rallied in the second half, scoring 3 tries while holding the Wild Boars

scoreless. Final score: Vienna 22 - Wild Boars 7.

Heading into the fourth and final game, Vienna and Mean Green were tied on the leaderboard with Vienna holding a slight edge in the event of a tie-breaker.

Mean Green's final match immediately preceded Vienna's final match. The score: Mean Green 19 - Wild Boars 19. The Mean Green tie set the stage for an intriguing final game; Vienna vs. Triangle, a Raleigh-Durham Regional All-Star Team. A win or tie by Vienna would result in Vienna winning the National Championship. A loss would result in either Mean Green or Triangle winning the title and Vienna finishing third.

Triangle jumped out to an early 7 - 0 lead. Vienna tied the score at 7 on the final play of the first half. Vienna dominated the second half scoring 5 tries while giving up only 1 try. Final score: Vienna 38 - Triangle 14.

Zach Cash was named Tournament MVP and awarded the Championship Final game ball.

"All 27 players who competed in the tourney contributed to the win. Another two dozen teammates who did not travel to Rock Hill were instrumental in helping prepare the team to achieve the pinnacle of Middle School Rugby success in America" said Vienna head coach Kendall Erickson. "I am very proud of every one of these young men, the coaches, and all who contributed to a goal we have been building toward for years. They have fought a good fight, they have earned the prize, and they will remember this experience with pride for the rest of their lives."

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Deputy Chief Dan Janickey presents the Charles A. Robinson Jr. Respect for Law Award to Vienna MPO Tim Seitz .



Second Lieutenant Brian Gaydos of the Fairfax County Police Department presents the Charles A. Robinson Jr. Respect for Law Award to PFC Jason Mizer (Fair Oaks District).

Respect for Law Awards Presented

PFC Jason Mizer and MPO Tim Seitz win Optimist Club of Greater Vienna annual award for outstanding police officers.

BY CARLYN KRANKING
THE CONNECTION

When Second Lieutenant Brian Gaydos called all his officers in for a mission briefing, one officer, PFC Jason Mizer, hesitated to leave his patrol. He was observing someone who he believed was acting suspiciously.

“Knowing my officer, I said, ‘You do your thing. I trust your abilities,’” Gaydos said. “So we cancelled the briefing and we went right into mission mode.”

Gaydos called additional assets and met Mizer on the scene. Gaydos said it turned out to be “a narcotics case that rolled into a large amount of stolen property.” He praised Mizer’s instinct that allowed him to know that something was wrong.

Wednesday, Mizer was one of two police officers given the Charles A. Robinson Jr. Respect for Law Award by the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna. The Optimists of Vienna have been giving this award annually for



The Respect for Law Award winners pictured with their plaques after the ceremony. (from left: Deputy Chief Dan Janickey, MPO Tim Seitz, Optimist Club Vice President of Community Anna Ryjik, PFC Jason Mizer, Second Lieutenant Brian Gaydos, Lieutenant David J. White)

more than 20 years to one Fairfax County police officer and one Vienna officer that have been nominated by their command-

ers for doing outstanding work. This year’s award recipients were PFC Jason Mizer from the Fairfax County Police Department

Fair Oaks District and MPO Tim Seitz from the Vienna Police Department.

“Tim was one of the best that we’ve had,” Deputy Chief Dan Janickey said, addressing the Optimists as he presented the award.

Seitz is a 30-year member of the Vienna Police Department; he has been serving since 1988. He spent most of his career in the patrol section, but also worked in the traffic safety program. Seitz has been a fire-arm instructor, a taser instructor, a certified patrol rifleman, a Rape Aggression Defense instructor and a field training officer. Janickey described him as having a “huge commitment to community.”

Mizer was nominated for the award for trusting his instinct in the narcotics case.

“Jason just has that thing... it’s that instinct that a lot of good cops have,” Gaydos said, speaking in front of the Optimists. “Ninety-nine out of 100 times, his instinct is dead on.”

Prior to the handing out of awards, the police officers joined the Optimists for dinner and discussion.

“It was nice to see the officers in a casual kind of social situation and to hear some of their stories,” Optimist Club Vice President of Community Anna Ryjik said. “We know they go through a lot to protect us.”

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 June 15–21, 2018.

INCIDENTS x

Harassing Telephone Calls — 100 Block Elmar Drive, SE Between May 14 at 12 p.m. and June 14 at 3 p.m. A resident has been receiving harassing and profane telephone calls from his estranged wife. Officers advised the resident of the warrant process should he decide to pursue charges.

Stolen Vehicle — 600 Block Frederick Street, SW Between June 12 at 5 p.m.

and June 13 at 11 a.m. A resident reported his vehicle was stolen from his carport.

Counterfeiting — Whole Foods 143 Maple Avenue, East June 13, 11:36 a.m. An employee advised someone passed a counterfeit bill at the store. **Grand Larceny** — Vienna Elementary School 128 Center Street, SW Between June 13 at 3 p.m. and June 14 at 9 a.m. A resident advised his child’s bicycle was left unlocked on the school’s bike rack overnight. When they returned the next morning, the bike had been taken.

Assist EMS — 500 Block Valley Drive, SE June 13, 8:59 p.m. A man requested

a welfare check on his wife. He advised he was talking to her on the phone when he heard a noise, then lost the telephone connection. Officers responded to the residence with rescue personnel and located the woman on the floor. Rescue personnel assessed the woman and determined she did not need further medical treatment. A neighbor stayed with the resident until the husband returned home.

Natural Death — 500 Block Devonshire Drive, NE June 14 between 1 a.m. and 9 a.m. Officers and rescue personnel responded to assist with a resident who was unresponsive. They found an elderly man, who suffered

from known medical issues, was deceased.

Animal Case – Quarantine — 800 Block Shady Drive, SE June 14, 2:30 p.m. A man was jogging on the roadway when a dog came from its yard and bit him on the leg. The owner of the dog was located and advised of the 10-day quarantine procedure.

Natural Death — 300 Block Valeview Court, NW June 14, 8:45 p.m. Officers responded with rescue personnel for the report of an elderly woman who was found deceased in her home. The woman suffered from known medical issues and had been under hospice care.

Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle — 1000 Block Cottage Street, SW June 14, 10:37 p.m. A resident reported that his adult son became upset with him and took his vehicle without permission. Sgt. Tracy spoke to the son who agreed to return the vehicle and leave the residence for the night.

Found Property — 600 Block Meadow Lane, SW June 15, 1:35 p.m. A resident found a child’s bicycle in her front yard.

Grand Larceny — Clarity Restaurant 427 Maple Avenue, East Between June 15 at 8 p.m. and June 18 at 11 a.m. A citizen reported his moped missing from the parking lot.



At the Get on the Air Tent (from left): Pete Hadley, Director of the Vienna Wireless Society; Nancy Wigginton, and Howard Benton, VP of the Vienna Wireless Society.



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John Young of McLean in his mobile ham radio station. Young uses the amateur radio call sign of KM4KMU.

Vienna Wireless Society Holds Field Day

About 50 people take part in the 24-hour national amateur radio event at Burke Lake Park.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

About 50 people took part in a Field Day sponsored by the Vienna Wireless Society, an amateur radio organization, at Burke Lake Park on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Field Day is a 24-hour national amateur radio event where members get points by making contacts with other operators around North America, including the U.S., Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico – either by radio, Morse code or digitally. The operations must be powered by emergency power sources using generators, solar power or batteries; no commercial power is permitted.

In the nationwide competition, they receive points for making contact with participants all over the country via voice modes (speaking through a microphone or digital – one point), for Morse code (two points), for having children or visitors participate, and even for using emergency

power. The event included a community picnic and some people spent the night in tents. At the end, all of the points are tallied to rank the winners.

FIELD DAY is a 24-hour emergency preparedness communication exercise by amateur radio operators, with 4,000 clubs across the country participating, according to Pete Hadley, Director of the Vienna Wireless Society. Using spider beam antennas that send out signals in all directions, the members operate on four different frequencies in tents that do phone and Morse code communications.

“What’s interesting is right here in the middle of the woods, we are able to talk to anybody around the world,” said Hadley. “In the ‘Get on the Air Tent,’ the whole point of this operation is to encourage people who have never been on the air or who have not been on the air recently to come back and see how much fun it is to talk to people worldwide.”



Mike Aimone of Fairfax installs a ground conductor on a portable generator.



Mike Dannhardt, Field Day Coordinator, adjusts some cables to an antenna.

electronics and computers. There’s all facets of it. We have some solar activity going, we have satellite communications going; there’s a lot of different aspects to it and it’s great for children,” said Dannhardt.

“The Amateur Radio Contest is a lot of fun; it is technically challenging. You get to use engineering skills for building the station, selecting the components, making all the cables up, troubleshooting it, and in my case, a lot of design and fabrication and welding. So, a lot of mechanical engineering skills go into it as well to do a mobile rig like this,” said John Young of McLean from his mobile ham radio station built out of his jeep. He has won two national first-place wins in the FM Category.

“When I talk about Field Day, I tell people our goal is to come out, learn some things, try some new things, have a great shared experience and make some points, in that order. So, I would much rather have a new person sit down and learn something than sit there and grind out 50 points myself,” said Doug Reece, Director of the Vienna Wireless Society.

According to Mike Dannhardt, Field Day Coordinator, each of the five tents or operating positions have different operating stations using voice, digital or Morse code. Depending on the antenna length, they have different wavelengths or frequencies that determine how far they can communicate.

“It’s a great STEM activity for children to come out and learn about antennas and

MANY OF THE CLUB MEMBERS are key members of the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and affiliated with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management. Local emergency communications members had booths and conducted communications demonstrations during the event.

News



From left — Emma Valentine, founder and president of SWAP; Donna Ivey, administrator of I-CARE Home Care Services; Yvonne Payne with AARP of Virginia; and Ashley Ivey Askew, clinical manager at I-CARE.

Recipes for Healthier Lives

Seniors with a Purpose (SWAP) a non-profit organization that teaches seniors, vets and others how to live more healthy lives held it's quarterly event in Vienna, this one on how to eat smart at home. The event was held at a 150-year-old church, First Baptist Church of Vienna, the oldest black church in that region. First Baptist Church was founded in 1867 and built by African Americans working on a Vienna farm. A Major Hine, who had served in the Union Army, gave them the plot of land. They succeeded in acquiring lumber through the Freedman's Bureau from a Civil War barracks which was being demolished.

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Ashley Ivey Askew, clinical manager at I-CARE Home Care Services, left, and Donna Ivey, founder and administrator of I-CARE, prepare a vegan Mexican lunch as part of a recent Seniors with a Purpose (SWAP) event in Vienna. Ashley conducts healthy living workshops and seminars throughout the region to demonstrate how to have a more healthy life as part of I-CARE's many home services for seniors.

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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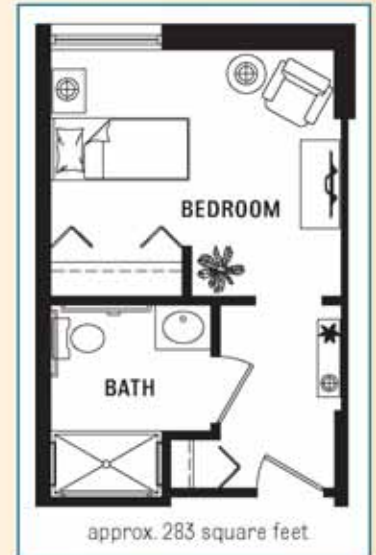
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OPINION

When the Dangerous Unknown Is Preferable

We must recommit ourselves to being steadfast in our compassion for and dedication to assisting those fleeing violence, terror, and oppression.

BY KATHY TRAN
STATE DELEGATE (D-42)



COMMENTARY

Many reports in the last several weeks have brought to light instances of inhumane treatment of immigrants and asylum seekers in our country. National outcry about families being torn apart and children kept in jails, tents, and cages at our southern border led to the end of Trump's "Zero Tolerance" policy. A report from the Associated Press highlighted allegations of abuse at a facility in Staunton, Va.

In 1979, my parents and I were refugees, escaping from Vietnam on a rickety boat for several days. My mother remembers that on the night we left our homeland, there were no stars in the sky; it was so dark that she could not tell where the ocean ended and the sky began. As we left the shores into this watery abyss, she wondered how we would survive.

My parents' decision to leave their family and country was heart wrenching for them. Yet, the unknown of the dangerous, open sea was a

preferable alternative to the oppressive regime at home. My family's journey in search of hope, opportunity, and freedom is similar to ones taken by others before and after us.

Today, there are 65 million displaced people worldwide. Whether on the Mediterranean Sea or at our southern border, people, desperate for a better life for themselves and their children, are risking their lives.

I am outraged by the Trump Administration's "zero tolerance" immigration policy. This inhumane approach is tearing apart families seeking refuge at our southern border, leaving parents frantically searching for their children and children alone and terrified. We must not separate families, and we must not rest until separated families are reunited.

We must not indefinitely detain people seeking refuge in jails, tents, or cages. In 1998, I taught ESL to adult asylum seekers at Elizabeth Detention Center in N.J. These jails are

no place for adults fleeing terror or persecution let alone children or families.

This week, Virginia demonstrated its commitment to compassion and justice. Governor Northam's decisive decision to recall Virginia National Guard members who had been deployed to the southwest border sent a clear message: Virginia will not participate in activities that enable family separation.

I also applaud the Governor's swift leadership to investigate reports of abuse of immigrant children held by the U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement at a juvenile detention facility in Staunton, Va. We need to ensure the safety of every person — adult or child, native-born or immigrant — held in custody in Virginia.

Poignantly, on World Refugee Day, the rising tide of public demand for the humane treatment of families seeking refuge from persecution brought an end to the "Zero Tolerance" policy. We must recommit ourselves to being steadfast in our compassion for and dedication to assisting those fleeing violence, terror, and oppression. For generations, the United States has been a beacon of hope for many, and immigrants and refugees have strengthened the social, economic, and cultural fabric of our country since its founding. Now more than ever, we must continue to demand moral clarity and leadership from our political leaders.

Kathy KL Tran represents the 42nd District in the Virginia House of Delegates.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Clock Is Ticking; Calls for New Approach

To the Editor:

Having lived in Iran from 1977 to 1979 I followed Obama's and Secretary of State Kerry's negotiations to the Iran Nuclear agreement very closely. I am now watching/following Trump's and Secretary of State Pompeo dealing with North Korea regarding a nuclear (hopefully) treaty on the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula with great interest. I read U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly's (D-11) partisan letter ("The Art of a Deal with the Devil," Connection, June 20-26, 2018) with interest and could not disagree with him more.

The little concrete concessions that have been given up to date can easily be reversed by restarting the joint South Korean/U.S. military exercises should North Korea not continue on a path to denuclearization. Regarding the Trump meeting in Singapore with Kim Jong-un and giving him international legitimacy, I am guessing the meeting between former Presi-

dent Bill Clinton and Kim Jong II in August 2009 in Pyongyang, or the meeting between former President Jimmy Carter with the leader of North Korea did not convey any legitimacy to the regime. Additionally, one should remember prior to Trump meeting Kim Jong-un in Singapore the U.S. hostages that were being held in NK were released (good will gesture) without flying a plane load of money to North Korea to ensure their release. Finally, early in the denuclearization negotiation process, the U.S. is working with North Korea for the return of the remains of more than 250 missing U.S. military service members. This announcement was made public in a joint statement by President Trump and Kim Jong Un. This may not mean anything to Connolly, but it will mean a great deal to the family members of the missing soldiers from the 1950's conflict/war. The American people can only hope that a valid treaty (not a useless agreement) comes from these discussions and partisans such as Connolly will actually vote for a treaty if it is good for the American people and the security of the homeland regardless of how Connolly's party leadership tells him to vote.

These negotiations are our last hope to avoid war as NK has a nuclear weapon and the missile delivery system and now only needs to finish developing the re-entry deployment system. The clock is ticking and it is time for a new approach. Obama's North Korea policy of "Strategic Patience" (whatever that meant) along with other methods by both Republicans and Democrats over the years did not stop the North's march to nuclear weapons, and maybe it is time to try something new besides appeasement.

Finally, this rebuttal of Gerry Connolly's letter cannot be closed without addressing some of his errors regarding Obama's nuclear agreement with Iran (JCPOA). That agreement did not stop Iran on their march to a nuclear weapon, it only paused/slowed the development of the bomb while they (Iran) continued their missile development program (delivery system). Once the delivery system was/is fully developed and could reach the U.S, they could then break out of the JCPOA and rush to the development of a nuclear bomb. If the agreement between Obama and Iran was such a solid agreement at stopping Iran's nuclear program it would

have been presented to Congress as a treaty and not an agreement. A treaty would have required addressing missile development, true inspections (to include military) sites, but Obama and Kerry were more interested in their legacy and kicking the can down the road to a future administration. Even as an agreement, 25 House Democrats in Congress voted against a bad Obama/Kerry agreement with Iran. Let us all hope that the Korean talks produce a solid treaty that denuclearization of the Korean peninsula as any other option is not pretty. Give the administration time, stop the partisan politics, and work for the good of all the American people and not just one's party.

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VIEWPOINTS

What do you think of the current immigration border crisis and how is your community reacting to it?

Interviews conducted at Saint Luke Catholic Church in McLean.

—STEVE HIBBARD

Rabbi Gerry Serotta, Executive Director of the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington.

"There are terrible moral issues and all of our 11 faith communities have expressed themselves very strongly in favor of family unification; that's the bottom line. That's one moral issue that we can't overstep the way the policy had been written. We've collected statements from all of the faith communities. Pope Francis made a very powerful statement in the Catholic Church; Catholic Charities is very active in this area in trying to unify families. I would say the religious communities that we represent are unified in support of a moral open-mindedness to those from other societies. We do have to obey the law here. But there's sometimes higher moral issues and certainly the sanctity of the family is at the top of religious moral issues for us."



Dr. Maqsood Chaudhry, President of McLean Islamic Center

"The interfaith community has always been looking forward to help everybody in need – especially refugees; they have a special place with the current circumstances – what is happening in the world. There is so much inequality and injustice in different governments in different parts of the world, which is propelling people out of the comfort of their homes. When they don't see any hope, they look for a place where they can take refuge. ... We have to look at refugees carefully; we should assess them and we should make our best effort in the given circumstances that we don't do injustice to the innocent children, and they should be taken care of properly. It breaks everybody's heart when we see the children separated from their mothers when they cannot see them, and the mothers are in desperate discomfort and their children are as well. So, I think we could do better than that."



Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34)

"What has happened is shameful and it's really, really not the American way. We have never treated people like animals and put them in cages and taken their children from them. This is a disgrace. It's got to change. We've got to fix it."



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"I think it was un-American the way we treated those families who were trying to get asylum in America. I think it's horrendously inappropriate to separate children from their parents for any reason. But to do it to put political pressure and try to get a political advantage is disgusting and I'm really sorry that it happened."



Rabbi Stephanie Bernstein of Temple Rodef Shalom of Falls Church

"The Union for Reform Judaism of which our Synagogue is a part, sent a delegation to McAllen, Texas, this week to bear witness to what is happening and to show our support for the children and families that have been affected. So, it's something about which we care deeply and which we will continue to follow and take action on."



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CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Photography Exhibit: “Nature’s Palette.” Through June 30, at Katie’s Coffee House, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Cindy Dibbs takes every opportunity to enjoy and photograph nature whether hiking in Great Falls National Park, Glacier National Park or strolling along the beach. Her photos reflect the beauty of nature and she hopes the images will inspire others to protect and treasure the valuable gift of nature. Visit www.cindydibbs.com.

Vienna Art Society Exhibition. Through late June at North County Government Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston. Visit viennaartsociety.org.

Art Exhibit: “Exploring Colors & Textures.” Through July 31, gallery hours at IACC, Pars Place, 2236-C Gallows Road, Vienna. A solo painting exhibition by Ramin Abraham. Email info@iacommunitycenter.org or call 703-314-7240 gallery hours.

Art Exhibit: Country Places. Through Aug. 4, gallery hours at Village Green Shopping Center , 513 Maple Ave. NW, Vienna. Artist Libby Eckert’s exhibit Country Places is on display. Free and open to the public. Call 703-319-3971 or visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Art Exhibit: “Too Much of Too Much.” Through Aug. 18, gallery hours in the Bullock | Hitt Gallery at MPA@ChainBridge, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. McLean Project for the Arts will open “Too Much of Too Much: Overstimulated, Overexposed, and Overextended,” featuring works by mid-Atlantic artists whose works explore the ideas of overstimulation, excessiveness and bombardment, be it through too much information, activity, expectation, or by any other means. Visit mpaart.org.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 27

Summer Stories, Songs, and Sprinklers. 1 p.m. on the lawn of the Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. Young children and families are invited to listen to a story, tune into some favorite songs, then have a little casual fun with water sprinklers at 1 p.m. Wednesdays, through Aug. 8 (except July 4). Free and appropriate for all ages. Visit www.viennava.gov.

Wagon Ride. 4:30-6 p.m. at Riverbend Park is located at 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Bring the family for a wagon ride through the woods to Poohsticks Bridge. Listen to Winnie the Pooh’s story and play Poohsticks on the bridge. Age 2-adult. \$7 per person, and children must be accompanied by an adult registered for the program. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/JUNE 27-28

Studio Ghibli: My Neighbor Totoro. Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Japanese with English subtitles); Thursday, 11 a.m. (English dubbed) at Angelika Film Center – Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Angelika Mosaic will feature animated films from the celebrated Studio Ghibli praised for their originality, stunning animation, and ambitious storytelling. All tickets are regular admission. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com.

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The Celebrate Great Falls Foundation’s antique 1960 Peter Pirsch & Sons pumper fire truck rolled down the parade route during the 2017 Independence Day Hometown Celebration.

Celebrate Independence Day

SATURDAY/JUNE 30

Early Celebration for Independence Day. 7 a.m.-fireworks finale at Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Gates open at 7 a.m. Beginning at 10 a.m., splash and slide at the Water Mine water park. From 11 a.m.-3 p.m., rent a boat on Lake Fairfax. Look for food vendors near the park’s main office. Fireworks begin when the sun goes down. Fireworks rain date: Sunday, July 1. Parking: \$10 per car. Call 703-471-5414 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lake-fairfax for more.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

5K, Parade and Hometown Celebration. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Great Falls Village Centre. 5K Walk/Run begins promptly at 8 am. See the registration site for the route map details. INOVA Blood Drive at Great Falls Volunteer Fire Department, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Everyone who completes the donor screening procedure will receive a free Donor T-shirt. Photo ID required. Allow 1 hour for donor visit. Little Patriot Parade at the Gazebo, 9 a.m. Babies and Toddlers up to age 5 are welcome to parade their finest patriotic display around the Green. See the floats, horses, antique cars and pets making a loop in the Main Parade at the Great Falls Village Centre, 10 a.m. Enjoy burgers, dogs and snow-cones along with music, field games and festivities on the Village Centre Green, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade for more.

Sprinklers and Sparklers. Wednesday, July 4, 2-4 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. Children can enjoy a makeshift waterpark on the Vienna Community Center grounds that offers a variety of water-based and other amusements. Water slides, slip ‘n slides, snow cones, balloon twisting, and more are teed up for a good time. Be warned: participants will get wet. Visit viennava.gov for more.

Fireworks & Fun. 6 p.m. at Turner Farm Park, Great Falls. Pack up the family and come tailgate with neighbors at Turner Farm Park. Live music, games, contests and food trucks will entertain until the Big Show gets underway just after dusk. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/4th-of-july-celebration-parade for more.

Fireworks Celebration. Wednesday, July 4, 6:30 p.m. at Churchill Road Elementary School, 7100 Churchill Road, McLean. The McLean Community Center (MCC) will present its 4th of July Fireworks and Independence Day Celebration. Fireworks show begins at sunset, approximately 9:15 p.m. There will be musical entertainment and food trucks. Parking is not available at Churchill Road Elementary or Cooper Middle School. Beginning at 6:25 p.m., free shuttle buses will run to and from three satellite parking sites. Admission is free. Call 703-790-0123, TTY 711, or visit www.mcleancenter.org/special-events.

Fireworks and Festivities. Wednesday, July 4, 7:15 p.m. at Yeonas Park, 1319 Ross Drive SW, Vienna. Celebrate with live music by Mars Rodeo. The Vienna Little League concession stand will be open for business. Fireworks blast off at approximately 9:30 p.m. Bring chairs and blankets to enjoy the show, but no alcohol or pets please. Visit viennava.gov for more.

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CALENDAR

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FRIDAY/JUNE 29

River Fishing by Boat. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Get an introduction to boating and fishing basics. Fish for smallmouth bass and sunfish from a canoe or jon boat. Previous experience rowing or paddling is not required. Boats, personal floatation devices (PFDs), fishing rods and bait are provided. \$16 per person, ages 5-adult. Maximum of three people per boat, one of whom must be age 16 or older. Everyone must register. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend.

Tyson's Concert Series: A Great Big World. 6:30-8 p.m. on the Plaza at Tysons Corner Center. Tysons Corner Center's 5th annual free Summer Concert Series offers a variety of musical guests and has proven to be a popular event for families, couples and teenagers. The Plaza is located off of The Tysons Corner Metro Station of the Silver Line. Guests are encouraged to arrive early. Visit www.tysonscornercenter.com/events/SummerConcertSeries2018.

Summer on the Green: Shenandoah Run. 6:30 p.m. area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin' on Church. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. Visit www.viennava.gov.

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SUNDAY/JULY 1

Concert: City Choir of Washington. 4:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Catholic Church McLean, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Concert of repertoire to be performed on July tour of England, including Faure Requiem, two works by Sir John Tavener and two by director Robert Shafer. Free. Call 571-206-8525 or visit www.citychoir.org.

Alden Summer Concerts: Black Masala. 5 p.m. in McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Free parking at Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. The Alden's 2018 Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park expand this year to include a "welcome, summer" concert on Sunday, June 3, and then seven concerts from July 1 through Aug. 12. Visit www.aldentheatre.org.

Concerts on the Green: Emma Bailey. 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Sundays throughout the summer, bring a picnic and chairs for an evening of free, live music. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

TUESDAY & THURSDAY/JULY 3 & 5

Studio Ghibli: Porco Rosso. Tuesday, 7 p.m. (Japanese with English subtitles); Thursday, 11 a.m. (English dubbed) at Angelika Film Center - Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Angelika Mosaic will feature animated films from the celebrated Studio Ghibli praised for



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For the pie eating contest at Yeonas Park in Vienna on the 2017 Fourth of July celebration, contestants had to eat a piece of cherry pie the fastest without using their hands.

their originality, stunning animation, and ambitious storytelling. All tickets are regular admission. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

Holiday Closing: Oakmarr Farmers Market. Normally held Wednesdays at 3200 Jermentown Road, Oakton, the Farmers Market will not occur on Wednesday, July 4. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets or call 703-642-0128.

Journey to the Potomac River. 10:30 a.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. This 90-minute program includes a wagon ride through the woods and along the river. Learn about Riverbend Park's wildlife and the American Indians who once lived there. \$7 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult registered for the program. Call 703-759-9018 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend to register.

FRIDAY/JULY 6

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Summer on the Green: The Earls of Kent. 6:30 p.m. area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin' on Church. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. Visit www.viennava.gov.

Contest Entry Deadline. 11:59 p.m. Singers are invited to submit an acapella video singing The National Anthem to tysonsmallinfo@macerich.com. The top three submissions will be invited to perform in front of a panel of industry judges and live audience at the Ocean Park Standoff concert on Tysons Corner Center Plaza, Friday, July 20. The winner will perform the

National Anthem at Nationals Stadium prior to the Sept. 3 game versus the St. Louis Cardinals. Visit www.tysonscornercenter.com/Events/NationalAnthemComp.

SUNDAY/JULY 8

Concert for Everytown. 1-3 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Join local high schoolers for a fun concert, while also supporting an important movement. Help break the cycle of gun violence. All proceeds will go to Everytown for Gun Safety. \$15. Email leanalily123@yahoo.com.

Alden Summer Concerts: Backtrack (Family Friendly). 5 p.m. in McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd. Free parking at Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. The Alden's 2018 Summer Sunday Concerts in the Park expand this year to include a "welcome, summer" concert on Sunday, June 3, and then seven concerts from July 1 through Aug. 12. Visit www.aldentheatre.org.

Concerts on the Green: Oxymorons. 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Sundays throughout the summer, bring a picnic and chairs for an evening of free, live music. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org.

TUESDAY/JULY 10

Author Event: Michelle Fondin. 7:30-9 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Learn from Vedic and Author Michelle Fondin how to improve energy and vitality with "Chakra Healing for Vibrant Energy" practices and meditations. Books for sale and signing. Free. Email librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/4023585 or call 703-938-0405.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 11

Summer Stories, Songs, and Sprinklers. 1 p.m. on the lawn of the Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. Young children and families are invited to listen to a story, tune into some favorite songs, then have a little casual fun with water sprinklers at 1 p.m. Wednesdays, through Aug. 8. Free and appropriate for all ages. Visit www.viennava.gov.



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SUMMER Sunday CONCERTS in the park

Free Concerts

Select Sundays this summer at 5 p.m. in McLean Central Park Gazebo. 1468 Dolley Madison Boulevard, McLean, Va.

June 24

Tim Kubart & the Space Cadets
A "Welcome Summer" indie pop dance party for all ages!

July 01

Black Masala
Balkan and funk-music inspired brass band.

July 08

Backtrack
Impressive a cappella, creating covers of pop music for all ages.

July 15

Oh He Dead
Classic R&B influences with poignant lyrics to move your soul.

July 22

Hip-Hop Meets the Music of India
Hindustani classical music and acoustic hip-hop and D.C.'s go-go.

July 29

The English Channel
The British invasion tribute band.

August 05

Kara & Matty D
An acoustic duo making beautiful, top-notch vocal harmonies just for the kids.

August 12

Morgan Taylor's "Music of Gustafer Yellowgold"
Tasteful, smart and FUN songs for families.










Interested in fun for everyone? Come to our family friendly concerts this summer!

Presented by The Alden at the McLean Community Center in McLean Central Park, located at the corner of Old Dominion Dr. and Dolley Madison Blvd. (Route 123), in cooperation with the Fairfax County Park Authority and Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust. Schedule subject to change.

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FCPS provides complementary summer BBQ to children 18 years old and younger at 13 locations throughout the county. Adults can purchase their own meal for \$2.

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A FCPS staff member grills burgers during the kickoff event.

County Schools Launch Summer Meals Program

Fairfax County Public Schools kicked off its summer meals program last week at Hutchison Elementary School with a free farmer's market, nutritional seminars, cooking demonstrations, giveaways and games for local families. The June 20 event connected the community with free or low-cost resources available in Fairfax County, while encouraging healthy eating and physical activity.

Families can take advantage of FCPS' free barbeque program at 13 sites across the county until Aug. 27. Lunches are free for children 18 and under. The cost for adults is \$2. The barbeques feature items like hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, turkey sausages or grilled chicken. All meals include sides of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86) spoke at the event about the importance of the summer meals program. Boysko was joined by Rodney Taylor, Director of Food and Nutrition Services at Fairfax County Public Schools, who helped create the BBQ program three years ago.

Fairfax County Public Schools recently received a \$10,000 No Kid Hungry Virginia grant for its summer meals program. The funds support enrichment and physical activities at the sites.

More than 54,000 FCPS students (29 percent of total population) are eligible for free and reduced-price meals, but the summer meals program is open to all.

Only about 15 percent of Virginia children who rely on free or reduced-price school lunches are also getting free meals through summer programs. No Kid Hungry Virginia and its partners focus on summer meals as a critical way to end childhood hunger in the Commonwealth.

The summer meals are open to all. No application or registration is required at sites. For details about Fairfax County Public Schools' summer meals program, go to <https://www.fcps.edu/feeds>.

To find the nearest summer meal site, families can text FOOD or COMIDA to 877-877 and type in a zip code. This information populates during the first few weeks of summer.

Northern Virginia Handcrafters Award Two Scholarships

The Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild awarded two scholarships to local high school seniors who plan to study art or craft design following their graduations from high school.

The Margaret Dellert Scholarship was presented to Halley Conrad, a graduate of North Stafford High School (Stafford County Public Schools). The Kay Singleton Scholarship was awarded to Jacqueline Gottschalk, a graduate of Battlefield High School (Prince William County Public Schools). The scholarships were presented at the NVHG Awards Dinner on June 11, 2018, in Falls Church.

For the past 36 years, NVHG has awarded scholarships each spring to deserving high school seniors who wish to pursue art or crafts study at the university or college level. Announcements about the scholarship program and applications are sent to area school division art supervisors and teachers, and are posted on the NVHG website at



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Scholarship recipients Halley Conrad (left) and Jacqueline Gottschalk.

www.nvhg.org. Awards are announced in June.

During the scholarship presentations, Conrad and Gottschalk displayed and discussed samples of their artwork and responded to questions posed by members of NVHG. Each recipient was honored with a scholarship certificate and flowers. Their scholarship awards will be placed in school accounts at their respective universities to be used in support of their program of study in art or crafts.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynniesb517@verizon.net.

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.

THURSDAY/JUNE 28

Community Meeting. 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Cooper Middle School, 977 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Supervisor John Foust and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold a public meeting regarding the proposed realignment of the Balls Hill Road and Old Dominion Drive intersection and improved traffic signal operations. The project also includes roadway reconstruction, drainage improvements, and the addition of bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Review project plans and display boards at 7 p.m.; presentation at 7:15 p.m. with a question and answer period after. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/balls-hill-road for more.

JULY 2-AUG. 3

Public Comment Period. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority is hosting three public hearings to inform and solicit comments from the community about proposed toll rate increases along the Dulles Toll Road. An "online open house" will be available at www.dullestollroad.com/toll/toll-setting-process throughout the comment period. It will contain an explanation of the informational exhibits and a comment form. Comments may also be submitted at the public hearings, via email to dtcomments@hntb.com or mailed during the comment period to: MWAA Public Comment Period, c/o HNTB, 2900 South Quincy St., Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22206.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

Free Sober Rides. Wednesday, July 4, 7 p.m. through Thursday, July 5, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Independence Day SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on July 4 on www.SoberRide.com. The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

TUESDAY/JULY 10

Story Time: Focus and Self-Control. 10-11 a.m. at The Parent Resource Center Library, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 105, Dunn Loring. This Story Time will highlight books and activities to support focus and self-control in young children. Focus and self-control is an evidence-based executive functioning skill that involves paying attention, following the rules, thinking flexibly, and exercising self control. Registration is limited and required for children ages 4-6 and their parents. Visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center for more.

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What Are Friends For (Not a Question)



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Other than my wife, Dina, and my brother, Richard, there are few people with whom I regularly discuss – in more excruciating detail than weekly I do so with you, the world in which yours truly, a non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV "diagnossee" inhabits.

It just so happens that in this past week, I interacted with three of the other most main confidants, a rarity: my oldest, best friend from high school, Cary, with whom I spoke on the phone for nearly an hour (he lives in Massachusetts), a bi-weekly occurrence generally; my oldest, best friend from college, Rita, who I finally met for lunch (even though she lives in Alexandria and has been local ever since college), a much rarer occurrence (though we email regularly), a lunch that lasted four hours; and Veronica, my hair stylist, who I see every eight to 12 weeks – as I have for almost 20 years, whether I need to or not. (That's a joke. I have a full head of hair so needing a haircut is never the question, needing it is the answer.)

Over these many years, these three have heard everything I have to say; good, bad or indifferent, and yet despite having heard it all, still remain interested in hearing more and judging less. Together, we share stories and confidences, laughter and sorrow. Their support and encouragement has been above and beyond the call of duty.

Interacting with all three in the course of one night and two days reminded me of the actor George Peppard because this is my "A" Team." When I want to, they're who I go to, whenever the need arises or when the opportunity presents itself. And though they may not solve every problem, listening to as many of them as they have certainly has provided the kind of comfort and joy that has helped sustain me through thick and thin (not talking about my weight) and most importantly, during the past nine-plus years as a cancer survivor. There's not a "B.A." (bad attitude) among them, though they all wear jewelry. I hope I'm not speaking out of turn here but, there are some subjects which are best left for friends – and the professionals, more so than family. Some topics which might betray a confidence or touch a nerve that when spoken of aloud might exacerbate a familial situation rarely discussed.

Sometimes, sorting through these pros and cons with friends, who likely suffer no consequences in the outcome, might present options that otherwise might not be heard. From the mouths of babes, so to speak. A fresh, unbiased perspective can be a welcome addition to any discussion of facts, especially when feelings are involved; and as often concerns family-oriented subjects, feelings are most definitely involved.

Not that there aren't feelings involved with friends; of course there are, it's more that old friends knew you when and know you now, and the passage of that much time, separate and apart from family, can often enlighten and inspire. Who wouldn't benefit from friends who've been there and seen you do that?

It's particularly important to have independent forces in your corner because like so many cancer patients, myself included, occasionally you exhibit signs of "chemotherapy-related cognitive impairment" otherwise known as "chemo brain," a side effect/condition of treatment which can blur a memory or two – or more. You may not even realize it when it disappears, and you may need someone to remind you of it. Hopefully it's not a memory gone forever, but just one gone until a friend helps retrieve it for you. And who better to retrieve these foggy memories than friends you've known for 49, 45 and 20 years, respectively?

And I do respect them, and appreciate them, and cherish them, as they are three of my pillars. Without them, the foundation of who I am and what I know, would likely crumble.

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Four-year-old Jai Anand Singh shields his face from the sprinkler, laughing.

Stories, Songs, and Sprinklers on the Green

Children and parents enjoy the first of this weekly summer event.

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Laughter and shrieks of joy rang out across the Vienna town green Wednesday as children ran through sprinklers at this summer's first Stories, Songs, and Sprinklers event, hosted by the Town of Vienna and Historic Vienna, Inc. This week, children could cool off in sprinklers, and in future weeks, that playtime will be preceded by songs and stories.

"I just love seeing the kids come together and play and laugh," Town of Vienna Special Events Coordinator Lily Widman said. "I think there's nothing better than watch-

ing families and kids really enjoy a good event every time."

The Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department will host many other events this summer, ranging from free Friday night concerts on the town green to Chillin' on Church, a block party the third Friday of each month. On Tuesday mornings, a program called Kids on the Green brings music, puppet shows, live animal shows and more to the town green.

The first Stories, Songs, and Sprinklers event proved to be a success, according to five-year-old Emerson Walker, who enthusiastically declared that the event was "awesome" because of "the sprinklers."



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Julia Russell, 6, slides through a sprinkler, making a splash.



Lucas Seal, 1, and Thomas Seal, 1, play together in a fire hydrant sprinkler.

As the kids splashed around in the water, parents remained nearby, sitting on blankets or standing in the shade, watching the children play.

"It's so much fun," parent Lori Russell

said. "There's something for older kids and something for younger kids, and they can all play together."

For more information on these events, go to viennava.gov/events.



Emerson Walker, 5, holds her breath as she walks into the water.



Connor Pollak, 2, plays with a flower sprinkler.