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## Five Vie for Providence District Seat

### No shortage of candidates in Providence District Supervisor's race.

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

For sixteen years the Providence District, which includes most of Tysons, Merrifield and the Mosaic, Oakton and the Dunn Loring and Vienna Metro stations, has been represented by Linda Smyth on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Smyth was first seated on the Board in 2003 after winning the Democratic caucus held in May of that year. In 2007 she emerged victorious from a June Democratic primary before running unopposed the following November in the general elections, and then winning two more four-year terms in office.

In December of 2018, Smyth announced that she would not be seeking a fifth term. Five diverse candidates look to take her place.

While all five list a lack of affordable housing in the county as a top priority nearing crisis status, and all agree that transportation woes need to be addressed, with varying backgrounds, experiences and perspectives the quintet seek to differentiate themselves from each other and offer solutions that will appeal to the Providence constituents and ultimately propel them to victory at the polls.

Smyth herself has endorsed candidate Phil Niedzielski-Eichner, currently the district's Planning Commissioner, and one of three candidates who can include public office experience on their resumes.

Niedzielski-Eichner and Smyth have had the opportunity to collaborate as the Commissioner was first elected to the Fairfax County School Board at the same time that Smyth began her tenure as a county Supervisor.

Edythe Frankel Kelleher has also held public office, serving seven two-year terms on the Vienna Town Council. She, too, comes to the race with the backing of a current member of the Board of Supervisors in Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross, for whom Kelleher once served as an aide.

Dalia Palchik is the third candidate who can claim experience as an elected official, having won a seat on the County School Board in 2015, where she chairs the Public Engagement Committee, co-chairs the Women's Leadership Committee and is liaison to the Planning Commission's Schools Committee among her other duties.

Linh Hoang and Erika Yalowitz don't have experience in elected roles, but both foreign-born district residents come to the race armed with significant professional credentials and civic involvement, and like Argen-

tina-born Palchik, an ability to bring a new and diverse voice to the political table.

Whoever wins the day at the primary on June 11, and then in the general election on Nov. 5 will have to handle a full plate at that table. The Providence District is one of the fastest growing in the Commonwealth, with a population of more than 133,000, covering some 27 square miles, and comprising some of the area's most diverse and dynamic landscape, both physically and economically.

To help voters get a better picture of the candidates who are soliciting your voting approval, the Connection asked some basics for background purposes, and for some remarks on their key issues and solutions and how they see themselves as differing from their opponents. Here are their responses, in alphabetical order by last name.

[Some responses have been edited, simply for space purposes and to maintain a balance of allotted space per candidate.]



**Linh D. Hoang**

Age: 36  
Education: Georgetown University, 2004

Native of: Vietnam  
Moved to Fairfax County: 2008  
Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement?

"I work in the private sector as a technology professional to help companies and government agencies use new technologies ... I also help innovate start-ups and small businesses commercialize and pursue federal contracting opportunities.

Political experience?  
"I have served on the boards of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, the 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Democratic Committee and the Democratic Asian Americans of Virginia.

- ❖ Virginia LGBT Caucus board
- ❖ DNC LGBT Caucus to engage more Americans in the political process and ensure that our political institutions are more inclusive, responsive and accountable."

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**Edythe Frankel Kelleher**

Age: 62  
Education: John Hopkins University, B. A. 1977  
George Washington University, MBA. 1981

Family: Husband, Gary. Sons Daniel, Brian and Mitchell.  
Native of: New York State  
Moved to Fairfax County: 2016  
Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement?

- ❖ Current - Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation, Executive Director
- ❖ Bureau of Labor Statistics, Economist/Statistician
- ❖ Legum and Norman, Property Manager
- Political experience:
  - ❖ Elected to seven terms on the Vienna Town Council
  - ❖ Worked on staff of Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross
  - ❖ Elected by peers state-wide to Virginia Municipal League's Board

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**Phil Niedzielski-Eichner**

Age: 66  
Education: John Carroll University (1970-74); Glenn School of Public Policy, the Ohio State University (1977-79)

Family: Wife Chris, retired airline supervisor, two daughters, both of whom are attorneys, three grandchildren.

Native of: Columbus, Ohio  
Moved to Fairfax County: 2001  
Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement:

- ❖ Senior executive in Obama and Clinton administrations
- ❖ Local govt. executive in Columbus, Ohio and Oak Ridge, Tenn.
- Fairfax County Public Service:
  - ❖ Honored in 2017 as Providence District "Lord Fairfax"
  - ❖ Providence District Planning Commissioner
  - ❖ Chairman of the Use of Force Subcommittee of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission

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**Dalia Palchik**

Age: 35  
Education: Johns Hopkins University, Post-Baccalaureate, Pre-Medical Certificate, 2011  
Tufts University, B.A. Anthropology and French, 2005, *Cum Laude*

Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, Alexandria, 2001. National Hispanic Scholar.

Family: Parents Marta and Hector Palchik, siblings Violeta, Martin, Gabriel.

Native of: Argentina  
Moved to Fairfax County: Originally in 1989, returned in 2005, then 2012

Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement:

- ❖ Current Fairfax County School Board member, Providence District Chair, Public Engagement Committee.
- ❖ Liaison, Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee
- ❖ Member, Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce (TRCC)

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**Erika Milena Yalowitz**

Age: 39  
Education: Universidad del Rosario, International Relations, Political Science & Government, 2000-2007

Universidad del Rosario & George Washington University, Graduate Studies, Political Management & Governance 2006

Georgetown University, Professional Certificate, Business Administration, 2009

Family: Husband Neil, daughter Antonia, and dog Titus.

Native of: Bogota, Colombia  
Moved to Fairfax County: 2010  
Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement:

- ❖ Court Officer, Arlington JDR Court, 2014-2019
- ❖ Office for Women and Domestic and Sexual Violence Services, Fairfax County, 2011-2014
- ❖ Hispanic College Fund, 2008-2010

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# 'These Are Our Heroes, and Today We Honor Them'

City of Fairfax remembers the fallen during Memorial Day ceremony.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

For many people, Memorial Day is simply a holiday from work and school, as well as the unofficial start of summer, complete with barbecues and pool parties. But the opportunity to enjoy such happy times was made possible by all those in the American military who died to protect their country's freedom.

It's something Fairfax City Councilman Sang Yi never forgets because, for him, Memorial Day is intensely personal. A friend with whom he attended the Merchant Marine Academy died in Iraq at age 24. He was Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Aaron N. Seesan, and Yi wears a silver bracelet engraved with his name in remembrance.

"He died on May 22, 2005, with burns over 80 percent of his body from an IED," said Yi. "I think about him all the time. I wore his bracelet when I got married; and when I was elected to City Council, I thought, 'Aaron, you're here with me.'"

Yi was also among the residents and dignitaries who gathered Monday morning, May 27, at the Fairfax City Hall portico for the City's annual Memorial Day ceremony. Hosting it were American Legion Post 177 and VFW Post 8469.

"We pray for those who gave the last, full measure of devotion, put the welfare of others before their own and made the ultimate sacrifice for their country," said Chaplain Marcus Keiper, who gave the invocation. "Bless their widows and families and fill their homes with love, strength and peace."

**U.S. REP. GERRY CONNOLLY (D-11)** said being in battle is "horrific," but America's fighting forces have been courageous and willing to risk their lives. "Throughout our history, more than 1.1 million American men and women have died in combat," he said. "And Memorial Day is to remember all the soldiers who fell, and their families."

"Today we honor the memory of the people who had that heroic courage to face the enemy, and we honor the country for which they died," he continued. "Throughout all our wars, there were people who answered the call so that we could enjoy the freedoms we have today."

"When we pledge allegiance to the flag, we take an oath of allegiance to abstract ideals about freedom – individually and collectively – to think, pray and believe what we want and to express our opinions. We don't always live up to them, but that's what we push toward. May the memory of those who fell always be honored by our country."



VFW Post 8469 Commander Joe Christadore listens while County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid reads names of the fallen.



City Councilman Sang Yi shows the bracelet he wears in memory of Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Aaron N. Seesan.



Fairfax City Councilman Michael DeMarco during the Memorial Day event.



VFW Post 8469 Vice Commander Mac McCarl rings the bell after each name is read.



VFW Post 8469 member Tom Ciarula reads some names.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) recalled the "Bedford Boys" – a group of WWII soldiers from the small town of Bedford, Va. Among the National Guard's 29th Infantry Division's regiments was the 116th Infantry, whose Company A was home to nearly three dozen men from Bedford – all of them volunteers. And on D-Day, June 6, 1944, they landed at Omaha Beach in Normandy and were among those who perished.

"The history of this nation isn't perfect, but it's a great history of striving to be better," said Petersen. "The U.S. has been consistently a positive force for good, and those who died did not die in vain. Their efforts had a great impact on this country."

Noting that next week is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day, Del. David Bulova (D-37) said, "We honor those sacrifices by not only remembering those who gave their lives for

us, but also their wives, husbands, children, parents, sisters and brothers."

Also referring to the "Bedford Boys," he said that, "As they were landing in Normandy and left their landing crafts, most of them were shot down. But the rest kept coming – and they had to be scared and terrified. And most of them didn't make it, so those are the ones we honor today."

Besides large-scale efforts, however, said Bulova, "There were many individual acts of heroism throughout other wars. These are our heroes, and today we honor them by making sure their names are never forgotten."

Speaking next was City Councilman Michael DeMarco. "I would like to recognize all those among us who have served or are currently serving, as well as any here who have lost a loved one in service," he said. "We are humbled by your sacrifice."

"On Memorial Day, we ground ourselves to the reality every Gold Star family knows: Our way of life has been shaped and made possible by those who have served, and by those who were wounded or lost. We're able to be here today, largely thanks to those who are not. Keep our military men and women close to your hearts, not only today, but every day."

Following DeMarco to the podium, Councilman Yi spoke about his own, fallen friend and noted that, to those joining the military, it's not just a job. "It's signing their name on a blank check to 330 million Americans, most of whom they've never met," he said. "And on Memorial Day, we ask why they died – why do people show up to the military and say, 'I'll go where I need to go and do what I need to do?'"

"It's because they love their fellow man and their country," continued Yi. "It's a pledge to serve the people next to them – their fellow soldiers and shipmates. It's also for an ideal of freedom and to preserve the principles of this country. So we honor them for the bravery in their hearts, their patriotism and their love of country."

**FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF** Stacey Kincaid praised those who have had a "willingness to serve." She also said 25 percent of the Sheriff's Office staff are veterans who understand "tight deadlines, limited resources and team playing."

American Legion Post 177 Commander Jeff White explained that, on Memorial Day, "You fly the flag at half-staff, from sunrise until noon. Then you run it up the pole to

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## Help the Class of 2019 Celebrate Graduation Safely

BY SUPERVISOR  
JOHN C. COOK  
BRADDOCK DISTRICT



The last month of Senior year in high school is an exciting time for students and their families. Our children are moving on to a new stage in life after four years of hard work and intensive studies. When one considers the caliber of our schools, graduation is an even more impressive milestone.

Amidst these great achievements, I urge parents to talk to their teens about the dangers of alcohol and to prohibit teens drinking in their own homes.

The Fairfax County Police Department will arrest parents who knowingly host teen parties with alcohol. This may seem harsh to some, but this is a public safety issue. Teens are not yet ready to make good choices about alcohol. When adults serve it to them they send the wrong message and encourage the wrong choices.

It is no secret that teen drinking is wrought with dangerous consequences. Since teens who drink are more likely to binge drink, they are also more likely to make poor choices, such as drunk driving. In fact, the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that every year hundreds of young people get behind the wheel intoxicated and cause deadly accidents: 648 people aged 16-20 were involved in a fatal accident with a BAC higher than .08 in 2017. Furthermore, teen drinking can also lead to sexual assaults and other crimes.

I cannot remember one year without hearing of a tragic local teen death caused by drunk driving. It is up to us as parents to do everything we can to encourage smart choices and safe celebration. That starts with clearly setting the boundary with your children that no alcohol will be served at any parties your family is hosting.

This is a community wide problem and will require community support. If you suspect there is underage drinking happening in your neighborhood, you can call the West Springfield Police Station at 703-644-7377 (or your District station).

Graduation season should be a time of merry making, reveling, and kudos for all the hard work our children have done. It should not include jail cells, ambulances, or coffins. Please join me in promoting a safe environment in our community by keeping alcohol out of teen parties.

## Mental Health Awareness Month

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



Before we tear off the remaining couple of pages on the May calendar, I want to address the important recognition of May as Mental Health Awareness Month. While Virginia is credited with having the first mental health hospital, or asylum as they were called in the eighteenth century, the Commonwealth has had difficulty in recent times coming to grips with the enormity of the need and the provision of funds to respond to those needs. In fact Virginia is ranked 40<sup>th</sup> in the nation in mental health care according to the results of a national study of the issue. It took a state senator's mentally ill son attacking his father with a knife to shock the state to greater action. That father now chairs the Joint Subcommittee on Mental Health Services in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, or the Deeds Commission, that includes Senator Janet Howell as a member and has made critically important recommenda-

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tions on which the state has made significant progress. A special thanks goes to the The Commonwealth Institute (thecommonwealthinstitute.org) for documenting recent progress and remaining opportunities in behavioral health in a recent edition of The Half Sheet. The Institute which is a nonprofit organization focusing mostly on human service needs used the term "behavioral health" to be more comprehensive than "mental health" to include mental health services and supports such as substance abuse treatment. The Institute recognized accomplishments this past year to include a 21 percent increase in Medicaid reimbursement to encourage more licensed mental health professionals to accept Medicaid thus increasing access to services for people with low income. Additional funding for emergency opioid kits will expand the access to and availability of Naloxone which is used to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose. The General Assembly also passed and the Governor signed my bill to expand the health care providers authorized to dispense Naloxone to make it more readily available.

Increased funding was provided to increase

staffing at state mental health facilities that are struggling to keep up with demand. Funding was also approved to replace the aging mental health facility Central State Hospital. In addition, monies have been made available for transportation of persons needing mental health hospitalization from having to be transported by law enforcement.

The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services indicates that there is a need for 5,000 permanent housing units for those who need supportive housing in the state. This year's funding along with an increase last year will provide 1,300 units of supportive housing. Obviously, there is a severe need to do more in this area with a price tag of about \$47 million. Challenges remain to be addressed in providing greater access to programs and services for those who live in rural areas and to those who have experienced the trauma of having been exposed to the immigration and refugee system. A task force is looking at ways to increase the number of mental health professionals in the state.

Our awareness of mental health needs cannot end with the month of May. More needs to be done!

## Health Insurance Tax: An Attack on Seniors?

To the Editor:

Regarding The Connection's recent article on health disparities in Virginia (March 25, 2019, "Report Shows Geographic Disparities in Health in Virginia,") I want to highlight another threat to care in our region: the Health Insurance Tax.

As a senior who depends on Medicare Advantage for affordable health care to help manage debilitating chronic migraines and back pain, I am appalled by the lack of congressional action on the Health Insurance Tax (HIT).

Medicare Advantage coverage

has helped me get my life and my health back, but the HIT is nothing short of an attack on seniors. It would raise annual costs for more than 22 million Medicare Advantage beneficiaries by as much as \$241 per person annually, imposing a huge burden for those living on fixed incomes. Seniors on Social Security often live on significantly less than the mean income in Appalachia.

Key legislation before Congress (H.R. 1398 and S. 172) would stop the HIT and protect seniors, but Senators Kaine and Warner and Congressman Connolly have refused to sign on

as co-sponsors. It seems like Congress has forgotten we are here.

If Congress allows a tax on my healthcare premiums, I won't be able to afford coverage. If costs go up, I'm out of the game. Senior health isn't a game – and the HIT is a multi-billion-dollar tax on health insurance premiums that will go into effect in 2020 unless Congress acts soon.

It's time for congressional action to stop the HIT and protect our care.

**Carol Frysinger**  
Herndon

## Correction

In the paper of May 23, 2019, in an article and questionnaire about candidates for the Braddock member to the Board of Supervisors, the name of one candidate, Irma Corado, was misspelled. Corado will be on the ballot in the June 11 Democratic primary. We apologise for the error. The corrected version can be seen here [www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2019/may/23/corado-v-walkinshaw-braddock-district-nomination/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2019/may/23/corado-v-walkinshaw-braddock-district-nomination/)





# NEWS

## Pancake Breakfast Helps Children with Cancer Fundraiser for Ellie's Hats, this Saturday, June 1.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

In 2013, teacher Jay Coakley began Ellie's Hats to cheer up one of his students, a then-5-year-old named Ellie, who'd been diagnosed with leukemia. When she lost her hair from her treatments, she wore hats to school every day, so Coakley organized a hat drive to get her more.

Realizing he could bring similar happiness to other young cancer patients – as well as raise awareness about the disease – he founded the nonprofit Ellie's Hats. And this Saturday, June 1, from 8-11 a.m., the fourth annual Ellie's Hats Pancake Breakfast fundraiser will be held at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St. in the City of Fairfax.

An extensive breakfast-buffet menu will be offered, including a pancake bar with toppings such as whipped cream, chocolate chips, blueberries and strawberries. Attendees may also feast on eggs, bacon, sausage, ham, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, fruit, juice and coffee. Cost is \$15, adults; \$5, children, ages 4-12; \$35, family. Tickets are going fast, but they may still be purchased at <https://birdeasepro.com/ElliesHatsPancakeBreakfast>.

Each year, the Sons of the American Legion donate their time and efforts to prepare the meal. The event also features a raffle with a variety of gifts



Siblings Sadie and Travis Jacobs enjoy last year's pancake breakfast.

donated by various businesses and individuals.

The proceeds will enable Ellie's Hats to continue donating hats to children battling cancer. But that's not all it does. Ellie's Hats also finds other ways to help pediatric cancer patients and their families by donating gas cards or gift certificates or even making monetary contributions. And when one child in a family receives hats and toys from Ellie's Hats, so do his or her siblings.

For more information about the organization – plus photos of some of the many children it has helped – go to <https://ellieshats.org/>.

—BONNIE HOBBS

## Lee High Graduate Completes Basic Military Training

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Muhammad U. Khan 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 prin-



Muhammad U. Khan

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ciples and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Khan is the son of Tariq Khan and Sadaf Tariq and brother of Umair and Mahawish Khan of Springfield.

He is a 2013 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, Springfield. He earned an associate degree in 2018 from Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale.

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## Hoang

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Civic/Community involvement?  
“Serving on the Virginia Small Business Financing Authority I helped level the playing field by providing small businesses with access to capital, helping create thousands of new jobs here in Fairfax.”

Why are you running?  
“Because I believe Fairfax County is at an important crossroads. Business is growing and communities becoming more diverse. We should celebrate that growth. The question is what do we want that growth to look like in the next five, ten, twenty years? What kind of leaders should we choose today to get us to the Fairfax of tomorrow? ... I believe in a Fairfax that offers opportunities for all ... one that competes

## Frankel Kelleher

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of Directors

- ❖ Appointed to Virginia’s Real Estate Appraiser Board

- ❖ Volunteered for many Democratic candidates

Civic/Community involvement:  
❖ Appointed to the Fairfax County Economic Advisory Commission, Merrifield Task Force and the Affordable Housing Resource Panel

- ❖ Lions Club, American Legion Auxiliary, Virginia Girls State, Mosaic Homeowners’ Association, Lifelong Girl Scout

- ❖ Participation with several charitable groups, including A Simple Gesture and Good Shepherd Housing

Why are you running?  
“I am running for Providence District Supervisor because I believe our county has amazing potential to be a thriving, prosper-

ous community where people from all backgrounds can live, work, and play.

What do you see as the top 3 issues in your district and what solutions do you propose?  
“Building our tax base: Smart new development ... and the creation of walkable, transit-oriented neighborhoods [to] increase the tax base, keep rates lower, help sustain traditional suburban neighborhoods, fund the excellent school system, public safety, parks, and other services.

Reduce/expand affordable housing: Dense new development offering bonus density to develop-

ers in exchange for affordable units within the projects. Look to vacant office buildings for potential conversion to affordable housing...and consider affordable housing possibilities in every county project. We should make it easier for places of worship and other organizations to provide affordable housing.

Reduce traffic congestion: More affordable housing will help people live nearer work and spend less time driving. Transportation must be multi-modal.

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**Del. Filler-Corn receiving the Dean’s Medal for Legislative Excellence.**

# Del. Filler-Corn Awarded for Legislative Excellence

On Wednesday, May 22, Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) was honored by George Mason University’s Antonin Scalia Law School with the Dean’s Medal for Legislative Excellence at their 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Judicial and Legislative Reception. Since 1998, the Judicial and Legislative Reception (JLR), seeks to honor and recognize those who serve the people of Northern Virginia, whether as a legislator, judge or attorney. Many GMU alumni, attorneys, judges as well as a few elected officials attended the evening event.



**Del. Filler-Corn speaking**

In her remarks Filler-Corn recounted the impact of a colleague of the school’s namesake had on her own career, saying, “As I sat down to write my remarks for this award, I reflected quite a bit on women who came before me when it came to the study of law. One that immediately came to mind was a long-time friend, colleague and “opera buddy” of the namesake of this law school. Of course, I am talking about Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.” Filler-Corn went on to quote the Justice, saying, “Ginsburg once said, ‘Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you.’ Though Ginsburg only said that just a few years ago, the way she has lived that truth is reflected through her entire career. Her career inspired countless young women and men who went into law or government after her—myself included.”



**Delegates Vivian Watts, Eileen Filler-Corn and Rip Sullivan.**

Filler-Corn, who holds a JD herself from nearby American

University, concluded her speech by remarking how it is this same quote that influences her approach to governing. “It is coming together and finding common ground that truly allows us to get things done. I believe we can solve so many problems in our world if we focus on where we can agree before we focus on where we disagree.”





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## Nativity Catholic School Competes in Rocketry Challenge

Nativity Catholic School from Burke won 15<sup>th</sup> place at the Team America Rocketry Challenge, which took place on Saturday, May 18 in The Plains, Va. The finish comes with an invitation to participate in NASA's Student Launch program. In addition, the team also secured third place in the Aerospace Industries Association/National Association of Rocketry Presentation Competition, earning the team a \$200 prize.



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Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

**Creative Aging Festival.** Through May 31, in locations around Fairfax County. The Creative Aging Festival supports Fairfax County's 50+ Community Action Plan's Arts Initiative to promote arts programming for and by older adults. [bit.ly/FairfaxCreativeAgingFestival](http://bit.ly/FairfaxCreativeAgingFestival).

**Art Exhibit: "Transcend."** Through June 2, Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Artists @ Mosaic Gallery, 2905 District Avenue, #105, Fairfax. Featured work by juried artists from the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Visit [www.torpedofactoryartists.com](http://www.torpedofactoryartists.com) for more.

**Featured Artist: Anne Hollis.** Through June 2, gallery hours at Arches Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton. The whimsical exhibition, titled "Cirque du Plume," is a series of mixed media collage artworks that depict circus acts performed by intrepid birds while dually representing family life. Visit [archesgallery.weebly.com](http://archesgallery.weebly.com) for more.

**Art Exhibit: Somewhere Between You and Me.** Through July 20, Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Olly Olly, 10417 Main St., 2nd Floor, Fairfax. Young nonbinary transgender artists intimately seek to understand and bring understanding. Call 703-789-6144 or visit [ollyollyart.com](http://ollyollyart.com)

**Art Exhibition: Virginia Watercolor Society.** Through Aug. 2, gallery hours in the McGuireWoods Gallery, Workhouse Arts Center, [www.workhousearts.org/](http://www.workhousearts.org/) or [www.virginiawatercoloristsociety.org](http://www.virginiawatercoloristsociety.org) for more.

**Springfield Farmers Market.** Saturdays, through Nov. 23, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit [www.community-foodworks.org](http://www.community-foodworks.org) or call 202-697-7768.

**Burke Farmers Market.** Through Dec. 21, 8 a.m.-noon at the VRE parking lot, 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. All vendors make their own food or grow it locally within 125 miles. Call 703-642-0128 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burke](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burke) for more.

## THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 30-31

**Broadway Pops Concert.** 7:30-10 p.m. at Centreville High School Auditorium, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. The CVHS choir's annual Broadway Pops concert features music from the Broadway musicals "The Lion King," "Mama Mia!" "Guys and Dolls," "Dreamgirls," "Motown," and "On Your Feet!" Free. Email [slsweetman@gmail.com](mailto:slsweetman@gmail.com) or call 703-389-1676.

## FRIDAY/MAY 31

**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](http://www.fairfaxvfd.com) or call 703-273-3638 for more.

**Campfire Fridays.** 7:30-9 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Stop by for nature explorations, animals, a campfire, s'mores and more. Each program features a different topic and different areas of the park. Designed for family members age 3-adult. \$8 per person. Call 703-451-9588 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond).

**Haydn's Nelson Mass.** 8-10 p.m. at Truro Anglican Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Mark Irchai, Washington D.C. based concert pianist, chamber musician, and conductor, presents a program of masterworks from the orchestral and choral literature of the classical era. Joined by soloists Christie Phillips, Rhianna Cockrell, Joe Regan, and Ross Tamaccio. Free. Tickets are available for the Pre-Concert Lecture, beginning at 7 p.m. Visit [markirchai.com/events](http://markirchai.com/events) for tickets.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 1

**Family Mindfulness Workshop.** 10:15-10:45 a.m. at Children's Science Center Lab, Fair Oaks Mall, Fairfax. Mindfulness is an increasingly popular approach for parents, guardians, and schools to allow students to experience calm, positivity, and presence. For children K-5 and their parents or guardians. \$13 per person. Call 703-648-3130 or visit [childsci.org/events-programs/in-the-lab/special-programs-events/](http://childsci.org/events-programs/in-the-lab/special-programs-events/)

**Summer Saturdays.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Join Gunston Hall for a summer of fun. Saturdays in

## Beer in the Burbs on Saturday

Fairfax City's first-ever, craft beer festival, Beer in the Burbs, is slated for this Saturday June 1, from noon-5 p.m., in Old Town Square, 10415 North St. This celebration of suds will toast Virginia craft breweries, including hometown beer-makers Chubby Squirrel and Ornerly brewing companies.<sup>o</sup>

More than 15 breweries will be showcased during this family-friendly event. The festivities will also feature plenty of food trucks and live music. This year's theme will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Woodstock.



## Clifton Caboose Run

A 5K Run and 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk beginning in the turn-of-the-century town of Clifton. A post-race party with refreshments, live music and an awards ceremony will take place at the Red Barn near Clifton's Main Street area. Saturday, June 1, 6-9 p.m. in the Town of Clifton, at the intersection of Clifton Road, Newman Road and Main Street. 5k run, \$21; 1-mile fun run/walk, \$15. Call 703-968-0740 or visit [www.facebook.com/cliftonva.org](http://www.facebook.com/cliftonva.org).

June, July, and August, stop by for a historic adventure on the grounds and in the Visitor Center. Call 703-550-9220 or visit [www.gunstonhall.org/visit/guide/upcoming-events](http://www.gunstonhall.org/visit/guide/upcoming-events).

**Spring Festival.** Noon-4 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, 5936 Rolling Road, Springfield. Fellowship Baptist Church will hold a Spring Festival. Activities will include a petting zoo, moon bounce, obstacle course, remote control race course, games for all ages, kids crafts, cake walk, prizes and refreshments. Free. All are welcome to attend. Visit [www.honoringGod.org](http://www.honoringGod.org).

**Bunny Yoga.** 1-3 p.m. at Veterinary Holistic Center, 7950-1 Woodruff Court, Springfield. Join Friends of Rabbits for Bunny Yoga with adoptable bunnies. Yoga class suitable for all ages, 12 and over, all levels. Proceeds benefit animal rescue. \$25. Call 703-922-9226 or visit [friendsofrabbits.networkforgood.com/events/13007-bunny-yoga-returns](http://friendsofrabbits.networkforgood.com/events/13007-bunny-yoga-returns)

**Search for Hidden Treasures.** 2-4 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Go on a treasure hunt in the afternoon with the "Geocaching Workshop." Students age 8-adult will learn to use hand-held GPS units to locate hidden treasure caches. Limited number of GPS available at class. \$22 per person. Call 703-323-6600 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/burke-lake).

**Concert: Sounds of Pohick.** 4 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. "The Sounds of Pohick" annual concert will feature the St. Cecelia and St. Alban Children's Choirs, the Pohick Pickers bluegrass group, the Pohick Bell, and the Early Church Music Ensemble. Free admission, and a reception follows. Call the church office at 703-339-6572, or visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org).

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[www.facebook.com/cliftonva.org](http://www.facebook.com/cliftonva.org).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 1-2

### Rose and Photography Competition.

Saturday, 1:30-6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax. Arlington Rose Foundation presents a friendly rose and photography competition, a celebration of roses in more than 50 categories. Ask advice of award-winning exhibitors, vote for best fragrance, bid in a silent auction and plan a rose garden. Free and open to public. Visit [www.arlingtonrose.org/](http://www.arlingtonrose.org/)

## SUNDAY/JUNE 2

**Maker Faire NoVa.** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. at George Mason University, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Maker Faire NoVa is the Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth — a family-friendly showcase of making, invention and creativity. Glimpse the future and get inspired. \$2-\$50. Call 703-437-5780 or visit [nova.makerfaire.com](http://nova.makerfaire.com).

**Celebrating Israeli Innovations.** Noon-4 p.m. at The J, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Performance by the Tzofim Friendship Caravan; hands-on activities; "Masada" rock climbing wall; "Jerusalem Café;" moon bounce; Israeli-style shuk (market); exhibits. No on-site parking. Free shuttle service from NoVa Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Park in B lots or the garage, shuttle pick up by Lot B 17). Email [Laurie.Albert@jccnv.org](mailto:Laurie.Albert@jccnv.org) or call 703-537-3064

**"Memory Lane Day" Tours.** 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Short walking tours (about 45 minutes) of the immediate historic neighborhood around the Museum. Moderate walking. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit [www.fairfaxstation.org](http://www.fairfaxstation.org) or call 703-425-9225.

**Mellifera String Quartet Concert.** 4-5 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Experience Mellifera in their debut season. Come and enjoy this new group as they showcase American favorites and newly-composed works. Free admission. Childcare provided. Reception to follow. Visit

[www.standrews.net](http://www.standrews.net) or call 703-455-2500.

**Heritage Nepal Festival.** 4-8 p.m. at Centreville High School, 6001 Union Mill Road, Clifton. America Nepali Society Heritage Festival will showcase Nepali Heritage, Traditions and Culture. The Cultural Program will be organized by kids from the community which will last approximately one and half hours. Free. Call 571-331-5412 or visit [www.americanepalsociety.org/](http://www.americanepalsociety.org/) for more.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 4

**Totally Turtles at Hidden Pond.** 5-6 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Boulevard, Springfield. Catch the current and come to Hidden Pond Nature Center for the "Totally Turtles" program. Meet and learn about Northern Virginia's native turtles. Give a turtle a bath or feed a turtle its next meal. Learn about turtle behaviors, diet and more. Designed for participants age 3-adult. \$7 per person. Call 703-451-9588 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-pond).

**Visionary Women.** 7-8 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote with a presentation from the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area. Learn about the founding of the League of Women Voters in 1920 as a direct descendant of women's suffrage in America. Light refreshments will be provided. Free. Call 703-644-7333 or visit [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5202429](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5202429) for more.

## TUESDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 4-8

**Transcribe-a-thon.** Various times at Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Help transcribe Library of Congress documents related to the Women's Suffrage movement. Projects include the papers of Clara Barton, Mary Church Terrell and more. Service hours for students. Adults. Teens. Learn more about the By The People project at the Library of Congress <https://crowd.loc.gov/>. Check for times at [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5424792](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/5424792).

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

**Celebrate the '80s with Insight.** 4-6 p.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, #100, Fairfax. Insight was just starting in 1984, in a church basement, offering respite services for families living with memory impairment. Now in 2019, Insight is celebrating 35 years. Come and celebrate in style - or at least come to laugh at everyone else's styles. RSVP at [www.insightmcc.org](http://www.insightmcc.org).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 6

**Silent Sentinel Awards.** 6-9 p.m. at Army Navy Country Club (Arlington), 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington. Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association is bestowing the Silent Sentinel Award upon seven people who exemplify suffragist strength in pursuit of equal rights. The evening's festivities include a cocktail reception, dinner. \$200. [www.eventbrite.com/e/countdown-to-suffrage-centennial-and-silent-sentinel-awards-gala-tickets-59388838615](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/countdown-to-suffrage-centennial-and-silent-sentinel-awards-gala-tickets-59388838615) or email [pwirth@suffragistmemorial.org](mailto:pwirth@suffragistmemorial.org).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 7

**Grand Opening: Stemtree.** 6 p.m. at Stemtree Education Center, 11226A Waples Mill Road, Fairfax. Light refreshments will be served. Visit [www.stemtree.com/fairfax](http://www.stemtree.com/fairfax) for more.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 7-9

**Celebrate Fairfax! Festival.** Northern Virginia's largest community-wide event, the 38th annual Celebrate Fairfax! Festival, is set to take place on the grounds of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Celebrate Fairfax! Festival features 25 acres of concerts, family programs, exhibits, carnival rides and nightly fireworks. Among the festival's highlights are more than 120 performances on seven stages, including Better Than Ezra and Smash Mouth. Call 703-324-3247 or visit [www.celebratefairfax.com](http://www.celebratefairfax.com).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 8

**Summer Saturdays.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Each Saturday in June, July, and August, stop by for a historic adventure. Included with regular admission. Call 703-550-9220 or visit [www.gunstonhall.org/visit/guide/upcoming-events](http://www.gunstonhall.org/visit/guide/upcoming-events).

**Movie Night: Rio.** Dusk. Liberty Lorton, the former prison turned new development, is hosting a series of events that includes barnyard yoga, outdoor movie nights, and the second annual Turkey Trot. Events are open to residents and non-residents of Liberty. Visit [thelibertylife.com](http://thelibertylife.com)



## Frankel Kelleher

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ule certainty.

Continue to explore light rail options along Gallows Road connecting Tysons and Merrifield.

Sidewalk and trail connections and pedestrian improvements to intersections needed."

Key ways you differ from

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Previously:

- ❖ Board member, TRCC
- ❖ Audit Committee and liaison to the Foundation for FCPS
- ❖ Board member, Woodburn Village Condo Association

Why are you running?

"I am running because I care deeply about the future of the community I was raised in, and have lived in, for almost thirty years. As the school board member for the past three years, I realize we need to continue to invest in our county services, while working to grow and diversify our economy and focus on smart growth.

We must ... listen to and engage all stakeholders in the decision-making process. We live in a very diverse district and must include more voices at the table that better represent our residents."

What do you see as the top 3 issues in your district and what solutions do you propose?

"Affordable housing: Finding creative ways to increase afford-

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Civic involvement:

- ❖ Vice President, Providence District Council – local organization of homeowners' associations.
- ❖ Tysons Partnership, Emerging Leaders Council – to build and prepare Tysons to become "America's Next Great City."
- ❖ Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations
- ❖ Rotonda Condominium Unit Association, member, Board of Directors – one of the largest and best managed HOAs in the Washington Metro area, almost 3,000 residents and a myriad of services.
- ❖ Virginia Menstrual Equality Coalition, founding member.
- ❖ BRAWS (Bringing Resources to Aid Women in Shelters) Advisory Board member.
- ❖ Other volunteer activities

Why are you running?

"I want to answer to the needs of my community. We need alternatives to cars, to improve our

your opponent(s)?

"The only candidate who has served on a legislative body. My 14 years of votes are part of the public record.

As a trained economist/MBA who has worked in revitalization and economic development for most of my career – saw Vienna successfully through the recess-

ion while raising bond rating to AAA. Built relationships throughout the county/state that enable me to work collaboratively to make sure Providence District residents get the most for their tax dollars. Strong record of bringing together people of differing opinions, hands-on legislative approach."

able housing must be a priority ... this includes public funding, incentives and land use policies to help preserve and increase market-based housing. Just as Arlington County created a plan and a fund to help reach their goals, I believe we need to work more quickly to address our needs.

The Affordable Housing Resources Panel ... proposed allocation equivalent to one penny on the tax rate ... to support the creation of new homes that are affordable [among other recommendations to spur affordable housing development].

School funding and modernization: We only receive 17 cents to the dollar we send to Richmond and Virginia is top ten for GDP, but bottom ten for funding public education. I will work with partners across the Commonwealth to re-invest in our public schools. In addition, we must look at the possibility of additional bond funding and partnerships with the private sector to help increase capital funds to renovate our schools on time, and get kids out of trailers.

stand on environmental issues - use of plastics, carbon emissions, etc. I have implemented some of those changes in my massive HOA.

I have volunteered for 16 years in these causes and realized that instead of changing one thing for one day, I can bring about meaningful and long term solutions with a seat at the table where local decisions are made."

What do you see as the top 3 issues in your district and what solutions do you propose?

"Growth as a threat: Solution – Smart Growth. Control sprawling, focus density in urban areas, preserve the quality of single family neighborhoods, support land use that requires mixed-use for mixed income residential spaces to help people live near work.

Traffic congestion – diversify our modes of transportation. Widen sidewalks, not roads! Prioritize pedestrian and bike safety. Offer subsidies to students and low income individuals to use bike-share programs and

facilitate access to transit.

Environmental vulnerability – Promoting renewable energy. Equal opportunity to charge an electric vehicle as obtain gasoline. Re-evaluate our waste management system and bring academia, non-profit, public and private sectors together to engineer businesses that work with recyclable waste. We need to cash in on waste, or we will drown in it!"

Key ways you differ from your opponent(s)?

"I am gratified to have started this race a year ago, and pushed a narrative that set the priorities for other campaigns. I am a working mother, an immigrant who uses public transportation – most candidates and decision-makers don't. I have stood from the beginning for the preservation of parks (Blake Lane Park) and finding alternative solutions for schools that don't affect the quality of life in our communities."

Key ways you differ from your opponent(s)?

"It has been my great honor to represent the residents of Providence District as School Board member for the past three years.

I would be the first Latina immigrant to sit on the Board of Supervisors, and I would view that as a tremendous honor and responsibility. I would work hard to ensure that everyone has a seat at the table when decisions are made and that historically underrepresented populations are engaged in policies to make our community better."



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**Chairs and people filled the splash-pad area of Old Town Square.**

## Live Music, Fun Times on a Warm, Spring Night

**F**ood trucks, ice cream, beer, live music by the Rockets, good friends and a warm, spring night – who could ask for more? The first Rock the Block of the Season in Fairfax City was Friday night, May 24, in Old Town Square. The Rockets performed covers of past and current hit songs, and members of the huge crowd sang along to their favorites.



**The Rockets had the crowd singing and dancing.**



**Concert attendees stood, sat and sprawled out on the lawn.**



# Let the Jury Decide

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

**C**ommonwealth's Attorney Raymond (Ray) F. Morrogh is the chief law enforcement officer for Fairfax County, serving a population of more than a million residents in the County, the City of Fairfax, and the Towns of Herndon and Vienna. He left

private practice in 1983 to join the Fairfax County criminal justice system as a prosecutor, then became an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, then Chief Deputy before being elected to the top slot in 2007. He was re-elected to another four-year term in 2011, and again in 2015, when he ran unopposed.

This year, Morrogh is facing a challenger in Steve Descano – one who is determined

Name: **Steve Descano**

Age: 38

Education: Bachelor of Science, United States Military Academy (West Point, NY) 1998 - 2002; Juris Doctor, Temple University – Beasley School of Law (Philadelphia, PA) 2006 - 2010

Family: Ryanne, wife of 16 years, daughter Charlotte, 7 years old

Native of: Philadelphia, Pa.

Moved to Fairfax County: 2010

**Professional Experience:**

❖ COO/General Counsel, Paragon Autism Services, 2016 - present

❖ Federal Prosecutor (Trial Attorney), US Dept. of Justice, 2010 - 2016

❖ Aviation Officer, US Army, 2002 - 2004

**Civic/Community involvement:**

❖ Member, Fairfax County Democratic Committee, 2015 - present

❖ Member, Fairfax County Police Civilian Review Panel, 2017 - 2018

❖ Board of Directors member, NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia, 2016 - 2018

❖ Member, Fairfax County NAACP Criminal Justice Committee, 2016 - 2018

**Why are you running?**

"I am running for Commonwealth's Attorney to create a modern criminal justice system so that no one, no matter how powerful, is above the law. I'll work to ensure that systemic discrimination based on race, wealth, status, and zip code is in the past. I'll take a holistic approach to justice that builds up our communities. Reforming our system means that we will break the cycle of decreased opportunity, increased poverty, and increased crime that is the story of far too many of our neighbors."

**Top 3 issues in your district and what solutions do you propose?**

**"Transparency and accountability"** – Currently there is no publicly available data or measures for holding the elected Commonwealth's Attorney accountable during times of crisis. I will invite an outside organizations that will, for no cost to the taxpayer, generate demographic, socioeconomic and geographic data to compare outcomes of cases. This will help identify sources of systemic discrimination. To improve accountability, I will hold regular in-person and electronic town halls to inform constituents about policies and progress towards goals set by the data collected.

**Cash Bail** – Currently in Fairfax County, 45.9 percent who are eligible for pretrial release have cash bail as a stipulation. These



**Steve Descano**

are people deemed not dangerous to themselves or others, but must sit in jail because they cannot pay a system that unfairly penalizes poor people simply for being poor and increases recidivism.

**Treatment, not incarceration** – People who are addicted to drugs are ill and need our help we need to help them overcome their addiction and come out the other side without the type of criminal record that limits their opportunities in the future. To do this, I will overhaul our diversion programs which currently only address the first part of the equation.

I have written a 20-page plan for reform called "Progressive Justice" that goes further into depth about specific policies and procedures I will implement while in office. (The Plan is available on the candidate's website at [www.stevedescano.com](http://www.stevedescano.com))"

Key ways you differ from your opponent(s)?

"There are many differences, but I will offer two here.

First, I am committed to ending a two-tiered system of justice that disproportionately affects people based on race, wealth, and zip code. My opponent signed on in 2016 to the Republican lawsuit to stop then-Gov. Terry McAuliffe from restoring voting rights of nearly 200,000 people who had finished their sentences. He has since altered his reason, but earlier he noted that he did not want 'those people' on his juries.

Second, I have been a leader on criminal justice system reform as a member of the Fairfax County NAACP's Criminal Justice and Legal Redress Committees, and as a member of the county Police Civilian Review Panel. On the other hand, my opponent, in 2014, as the Executive Director of the conservative National District Attorneys Association testified against the Obama Administration's plan to reduce mandatory minimum sentences and curtail the War on Drugs."

## Incumbent Morrogh and challenger Descano make their cases to serve as Fairfax County Commonwealth Attorney.

to unseat him and vocal in his criticism of an incumbent and an office that he says "lacks transparency and accountability" and that has become distanced from the people that they serve.

The two men have squared off on several occasions to make their cases before the "jury" of Fairfax County voters.

The Connection invited both to respond to an identical questionnaire.

**Note:** Morrogh did not respond despite repeated requests, so information has been summarized from his campaign website. [www.RayMorrogh.com](http://www.RayMorrogh.com).



**Ray Morrogh**

Name: **Ray Morrogh**

Age: 61

Education: Juris Doctor, George Mason University School of Law, 1982

Bachelor of Science, George Mason University, 1979

West Springfield High School, 1975

Family: Married

Resident of Fairfax County since 1974

Prior and current professional, political and civic experiences, community involvement:

**Professional Experience:**

❖ Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney, 2007 - present

❖ Fairfax County Assistant/Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, 1988 - 2007

❖ Prosecutor, Fairfax County, 1983 – 1988

**Civic/Community involvement:**

❖ Chairman, Fairfax County Alcohol Safety Action Program

❖ Board of Directors – Fairfax County Bar Association and Bar Foundation

❖ Member – Fairfax Criminal Justice Advisory Board

❖ Faculty – Virginia State Bar's Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Course

❖ Adjunct Professor – George Mason University

❖ Board of Directors & President – Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys

❖ 2018 & 2004 Robert F. Horan Award – Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys

❖ 2004 Director's Award – U. S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, for the prosecution of sniper Lee Boyd Malvo.

According to his campaign website, Morrogh lists continuing improvement to diversion programs for drug offense individuals, Veterans Treatment in the Fairfax County court system to help veterans get treatment for substance abuse or mental illness rather than be incarcerated, continuing support for the Diversion First Program, support of Supervised Release Programs for pre-trial defendants who are not deemed dangerous, protection of seniors from abuse and crime, and continuation of SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County that provides a safe community for child victims of sexual and physical abuse.

**Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney Candidate Forum.** Monday/June 3. 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Vienna, 450 Orchard St., NW, Vienna. Meet the Fairfax, Va., Democratic candidates for Commonwealth's Attorney and find out where they stand on key criminal justice issues. This is an opportunity to ask the candidates what they will do to reduce mass incarceration, reduce racial disparities, and de-criminalize poverty. The event is co-sponsored by the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy, the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, the ACLU of Virginia, and the Fairfax County NAACP. Free and open to the public. RSVP at [tinyurl.com/fairfaxcandidates](http://tinyurl.com/fairfaxcandidates).

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#### THURSDAY/MAY 30

**Interfaith Ramadan Dinner.** 7:30 p.m. (registration); 8 p.m. (program starts) at Fairfax County Government Center – Cafeteria, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Join for an Interfaith Ramadan Dinner hosted by Fairfax County Chairwoman Sharon Bulova. Call to prayer and dinner are at 8:30 p.m. Register at [bit.ly/fxcounty2019](http://bit.ly/fxcounty2019).

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the top, above all other flags. It's a metaphor for what we do on Memorial Day – we feel sad for a while, and then, later on, we drink a toast to those we've lost. So don't feel bad about your barbecues today – they'd want you have enjoy them."

Joe Christadore, commander of VFW Post 8469, asked attendees to pause at 3 p.m. for a moment of silence in memory of the fallen. And, he added, "Do something small to better your fellow man, every day. You can give them a smile, hold open a door or

even try to change the world."

Then, one by one, people took turns reading the names of Fairfax City and County's war dead, from 1917 to the present, and a bell was rung after each name. Hank Roeder of Post 8469 played "Taps" on the bugle to close the ceremony. But before he did, Keiper gave the benediction, praying, "Dear God, we are comforted by the fact that we know you have welcomed them all home. Give us the same strength to guide, lift and inspire us to remember them every day."



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## SATURDAY/JUNE 1

**Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Care Seminar.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, #100, Fairfax. Take the path to certification as a Certified Dementia Practitioner through the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners. All health care professionals and front line staff who work in the healthcare industry are encouraged to attend. \$200. Register online at [www.insightmcc.org](http://www.insightmcc.org), or contact Lindsey Vajpeyi at 703-204-4664 or [lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org](mailto:lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org).

**Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group.** 2-4 p.m. at Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. The Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group for greater Washington meets the first Saturday of the month. All are welcome. RSVP for available seating. Call 301-263-0616 or visit [www.dcpnsupport.org](http://www.dcpnsupport.org) for more.

## MONDAY/JUNE 3

**Mind and Body Workshop: Travelogue Session.** 4:15-6:30 p.m. at Insight Memory Care Center, 3953 Pender Drive, #100, Fairfax. A new session of the Mind and Body Workshop, runs Mondays, June 3-24. The workshop is a multi-session program series for both the caregiver and the recently diagnosed individual to participate, promoting social engagement and peer support, while adjusting to life with a new diagnosis. Register online at [www.insightmcc.org](http://www.insightmcc.org), or contact Lindsey Vajpeyi at 703-204-4664 or [lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org](mailto:lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org).

**Phillips Right Response.** 6-8 p.m. at Phillips' Annandale Campus, 7010 Braddock Road, Annandale. Phillips Programs for Children and Families, a nonprofit helping youth with behavioral challenges and their families. Right Response is a proactive and evidence-based approach for de-escalation, intervention, prevention and positive behavior support. \$25 per session or \$40 for two. Email [Carrie.Clark@phillipsprograms.org](mailto:Carrie.Clark@phillipsprograms.org) or visit [www.phillipsprograms.org/right-response-training-for-parents](http://www.phillipsprograms.org/right-response-training-for-parents).

**Deadline Extended.** 11:59 p.m. The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) has posted Frequently Asked Questions about the Fairfax County & Franconia-Springfield Parkways Alternatives Analysis and Long Term Planning Study, and has extended the deadline for the online survey. The survey was developed based on community input from first round survey results last year. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 4

**Safe Walking Summit.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at NVRC Offices, 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax. Learn from America Walks, local staff, Virginia DOT, and DMV on tools and initiatives that improve walking and reduce crashes. Event and registration details can be found at: [www.novaregion.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=686](http://www.novaregion.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=686).

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 5

**New Volunteer Orientation.** 7:30-9 p.m. at Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. Join Fairfax Pets on Wheels, Inc. Learn about volunteering to make a difference in the community by visiting residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities with a pet dog, cat or bunny. Visit [www.fpow.org](http://www.fpow.org).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 7-9

**White Elephant Sale.** Friday, 5-8 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. St Mary's White Elephant sale will feature furniture, antiques, household, garden, toys, books, jewelry, china and more. Admission: Friday, \$5; Saturday-Sunday, free. Call 703-978-4141.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 8

**Caregiver Workshop.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Join this Caregiver Workshop with Pete Shrock, nationally known grief and crisis responder, focusing on building resilience through caregiving challenges. Free. Caregivers and family members are invited to attend. Lunch will be provided. Visit [insightmcc.org](http://insightmcc.org), to register or contact Lindsey Vajpeyi at 703-204-4664 or [lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org](mailto:lindsey.vajpeyi@insightmcc.org).

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## The Weak That Was



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

All's well that ends well.

The fortnight or so from you-know-where has finally ended and I am here to write that my warranty has been extended for another two months. The CT scan showed no tumor growth or movement. The "promise" of immunotherapy so far is keeping its 'promise' - keeping the tumors stable.

Throughout my extremely fortunate cancer experience, I have felt reasonably well and manifested few symptoms/side effects; at least the kind of symptoms/side effects: shortness of breath, coughing, expectorating blood, mind-numbing neuropathy and headaches, among others, about which my oncologist regularly inquires.

Generally speaking then, my health status has always been about the tale of the tape - to invoke a boxing reference - meaning the diagnostic scans: brain MRI, CT scan of the neck/lower abdomen, PET scan and the initial X-Ray which started the whole adventure, to determine my fitness for duty, so to speak.

It is not until my oncologist shares/summarizes the radiologist's findings - and occasionally shows us the actual computer images themselves, that yours truly/Team Lourie knows where we stand.

And, where we stand typically is where we are sitting, in a cramped exam room, face to face with the man who holds my life in the palm of his hand - or more specifically, in the words that he chooses and the gesture/body language he exhibits. It's not exactly "Bath Fitter," but "the reveal" is imminent.

It never gets easy, but it does get easier to endure this kind of potentially life-altering/life-ending moment. Though the familiarity of it hasn't dulled the pain, it has enabled us to balance the pros and cons, up and downs and all-arounds, as we anticipate the words we are about to hear.

During most of these post-scan visits, we've exhaled in relief, but we have had our share of disappointment.

On one occasion, back in late July 2013, I was hospitalized for a week when my lungs accumulated 4.5 liters of fluid, among more significant internal problems (lung collapsing).

Externally, I was unable to speak more than a few words before needing to regroup. As a matter of humorous fact, when my long-time oncology nurse, Ron, saw me that infusion day, he thought I "was a goner," since my oxygen level was so low.

Within a few hours, I was a 'goner' in an ambulance to Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md. where I was eventually admitted. Two days later, a thoracic surgeon operated, and a day or two after that, my lung amazingly reinflated.

As a result, in my head and in my gut, (though I'm no Jethro Gibbs from NCIS), when I show up for my infusions and for my post-scan appointments, there's always a part of me that thinks I might not be spending that evening in my own bed.

When you're a cancer patient/survivor, and this kind of whisking off not to Buffalo but instead to the local hospital affiliated with your HMO has happened once, it's only a matter of time (it's impossible not to believe it's inevitable when you've been staged a IV) before it will happen again. I'm not being negative, I'm just saying.

As we sit and wait at home for my oncologist to email us the scan results, or whether we sit and wait in the on-site exam room, I wouldn't say our respective lives pass before us, but I will certainly admit to the total unpleasantness of it.

That being said, we're the lucky ones. There are nearly 160,000 lung cancer patients who succumb to this terrible disease every year who aren't nearly so lucky.

So when I hear the words "stable" from my oncologist, I am humbled as much as I am relieved, that I have lived to fight another eight weeks until my next scan is scheduled and my next fortnight is fought.

And that's how I live my life: in increments. Increments which I'm grateful to have. It may not be ideal, but it's a living, and it sure beats a dying.

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# A Call For Peace By Nick Soto



HWPL Volunteers outside of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C.

**W**ashington, D.C. - Hundreds gathered at U.S. Capitol on Saturday, May 25 to mark the 6th Annual Commemoration of the Declaration of World Peace. The anniversary was marked by a peace walk that began outside the U.S. Capitol, where participants urged heads of state from 193 countries, political leaders, and community leaders to support the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War, or, the DPCW.

A diverse group of over 500 citizens from the D.C. metropolitan area and representing 21 countries walked for peace in conjunction with 52 other major cities including Boston and Atlanta. Volunteers from the D.C. Heavenly Culture, World Peace and Restoration of Light (HWPL) have also been working in various countries within the Caribbean such as Haiti, Belize, Guyana and Grenada to help host local peace walks in each respective country.



Peace Walks were held in major cities like Busan, South Korea

Many participants wore traditional clothing to display their cultural differences and to convey that many countries, cultures, and ideologies are actively working together to achieve peace through the DPCW. Individuals from countries such as Madagascar, Guatemala, and India held large, colorful peace signs and props, and chanted, "The people, united, will never be divided!"

Sara Fawn, an HWPL volunteer, said she attended the event to ensure she could be part of a movement that is bigger than herself. "That's why we have all come together today to urge our elected officials — the public servants that have been put in position by the people and for the people — to support the DPCW. We all want the same thing."

The DPCW serves as the solution for worldwide peace and conflict resolution, and is a legal framework for spreading the culture of peace on a local, national and international level.



Citizens outside of the U.S. Supreme Court urging the enactment of the DPCW

**"I think our differences are what unite us - it's our strength. There is no religion, no nation that doesn't want peace" says local Woodbridge native, Michael Sarpong.**

The DPCW has already been enacted as a National Declaration in various countries around the world including Antigua, eSwatini, and Seychelles. It is currently being presented to pass as law through the United Nations, and citizens around the world are urging their legislators to support the DPCW on a local and national level.

The group sponsoring the event is the "Heavenly Culture, World Peace and Restoration of Light (HWPL)". The organization was founded in 2013 to build a worldwide network of people dedicated to achieving global peace in communities around the world.

HWPL is a peace NGO associated with the United Nation's Economic and Social Council (UNESCO), as well as the UN Department of Global Communications. Amidst rising global tensions, HWPL is engaging political and community leaders, journalists, and young people draw attention to its cause.