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Historic Marker at Colvin Run Mill
As part of its 50th anniversary celebration, the Fairfax County History Commission dedicated a historic marker at Colvin Run Mill pointing out the difficulties farmers and millers faced during the War of 1812. From left: Gregory Wilson, Sally Lyons, Barbara Peters, Dranesville Supervisor John Foust, Carole Herrick, Anne Stuntz, and Lynne-Garvey Hodge.
Let the Jury Decide

By Andrea Worker

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

C ommonwealth’s Attorney Ray Morrogh and Steve 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 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.

Name: Steve Descano
Age: 38
Education: Bachelor of Science, United States Military Academy (West Point, NY) 1998 - 2002; Juris Doctor, Temple University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA 2006 - 2010
Family: Byanne, 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, socio-economic 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 are people deemed not dangerous to them-
ViVa!Vienna! Celebrates Community

Children's screams, sticky fingers, local vendors, community and fun are all things that describe Vienna's annual Memorial Day Weekend ViVa! Vienna! event.

"It's a classic. I used to come as a kid and I still come and enjoy it as an adult," said Anne Marie Wonder of the festival. Run by the Rotary Club of Vienna, ViVa celebrates the Vienna community and honors Memorial Day. According to their website, the event serves as a major fundraising opportunity for the Rotary Club so that it may, in turn, provide support for charitable, educational, and community groups the following year.

"This is the 35th anniversary of Viva Vienna and the Rotary Club facilitates this with the Town Of Vienna," said Kurt Sayce, member of Vienna's Rotary Club.

"We are the organizers and managers of it. We make most of our money from sponsorships, ticket sales, and booth sales. We usually raise about $200,000 a year from this event which we give away to charity," said Dough Zimmerman, member of Vienna's Rotary Club. The club donates the money to more than 70 organizations nationally and internationally. Over the course of three days, the community came together and enjoyed 24 rides, numerous vendors selling anything from home improvement services to fashionable items, musical entertainment, and endless amounts of yummy food.

—Lisa Fay

Photos by Lisa Fay/The Connection
Vienna Police: Protect Your Vehicles, Valuables

With the advent of warmer weather, the Town of Vienna Police Department would like to remind all Town of Vienna residents to secure their vehicles and personal belongings. Recently there have been several vehicle tamperings to include stolen vehicles from Vienna and the neighboring jurisdictions.

The Vienna Police Department would like to remind citizens of the following steps to assist in the prevention of your vehicle being tampered with or stolen:

❖ Lock your Car Doors: The majority of the vehicles being entered and/or stolen have been unlocked.
❖ Remove all Valuables: In most cases, the subjects responsible for these acts have been targeting vehicles which contain valuables such as, but not limited to, laptop computers, GPS’s, pocketbooks/purses, loose change, cameras, etc. If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, please be sure to conceal the items, in the trunk, under the seats or use any other means to make them undetectable. Also, make sure to record all serial numbers, and if possible, engrave them or permanently mark the items with easily identifiable markings, in the event the items are recovered.
❖ Remove all Keys: The subjects who commit these crimes are aware that most new vehicles come with valet keys. Most of these keys are kept inside the vehicles, either in the center consoles, or the glove compartments or other areas easily accessible. In some instances the owners have left their keys rings containing their house keys, providing access to their homes.
❖ Report Suspicious Activity: In some cases, the subjects have been observed wearing several layers of clothing, not consistent with the weather conditions. This is used to conceal stolen items and also to make identification difficult as they will shed layers of clothing as they flee the area when they suspect they have been observed committing a crime.

The Town of Vienna Police Department is dedicated to the safety and protection of all persons and property in the Town of Vienna. However, much of our success comes from the assistance of its concerned and observant residents. If you see something suspicious or out of place, call 703-255-6366 for non-emergency or 9-1-1 for an emergency.
Help the Class of 2019 Celebrate Graduation Safely

Opinion

By Supervisor
John C. Cook
Braddock District

The last month of Senior year in high school is an exciting time not only 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.

Mental Health Awareness Month

By Kenneth R. “Ken” Plums
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 ranked 40th 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 21st Century, or the Deeds Commission, that includes Senator Janet Howell as a member and has made critically important recommendations 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 ignition 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 requiring local jails to install lockers 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:

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As a senator 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.

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Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for length, grammar, good taste and factual errors.

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Vienna Presbyterian Church Launches ‘Belong!’

Vienna Presbyterian Church will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 5 to celebrate the launch of “Belong!” — a new nonprofit dedicated to helping underserved populations of Vienna. Designed to promote spiritual, physical, and economic well-being, efforts will initially be focused on the Vienna Park/Cunningham Park neighborhoods. Partnerships will be a key aspect of Belong’s success, including relationships with Cunningham Park Elementary School and other area churches, families, and nonprofits. In attendance at the event will be Vienna Mayor, Laurie DiRocco, along with other elected officials, clergy, and business leaders.

Belong! has hired an executive director, Letycia Pastrana, who brings a wealth of experience in coalition-building, organizing, and nonprofit management. Belong! is an independent 501(c)3, and will be operating as a separate entity from Vienna Presbyterian Church.

Shepherd’s Center Honors Volunteers

The Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) had a lineup of special guests for their Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. From left, Del. Mark Keam; Jayne Young, SCOV Board of Directors; Dan P. Janickey, Deputy Chief, Vienna Police Department; Susan d. Garvey, Executive Director, SCOV; John Morrison, Fire Chief, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department; Mayor Laurie DiRocco.


The event was supported by BrightView/Great Falls, Maggiano’s Little Italy, Purple Onion Catering Company, Ayr Hill Garden Club.

Week in Vienna

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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 liaision 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-

**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 11th 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  
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: 65  
Education: John Carroll University (1970-74); Glenn School of Public Policy, the Ohio State University (1977-79)  
Family: Wife Chris, retired airliner 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, Pre-Medical Certificate, 2011  
Tufts University, B.A. Anthropology and French, 2005, Cum Laude  
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  
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 Tius.  
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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Frankel Kelleher
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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 communities becoming more diverse. We should celebrate that diversification and inclusion have played an important role in my life. I believe my experience reflects the rich diversity and potential of Providence District and the United States. I hope to bring my experiences in management consulting, technology innovation, and working with small businesses to the Board of Supervisors to ensure our policies encourage investments in Fairfax businesses and communities.

Niedzielski-Eichner
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Twice-elected Providence District School Board member; selected by peers to be Chairman
Park Authority Board at-large member
Economic Development Advisory and Implementation Committee
Chairman, Master Planning Committee, Laurel Hills (Lorton) Sire Development
PTA President, Rocky Run Middle School and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology
Budget VP, County Council of PTAs

Soccer Coach: Chantilly Youth Association
Why are you running?
“To serve my community and help preserve and protect our quality of life.
Come 2020, five of the ten-member Board of Supervisors will be new to their jobs, including a new Chair.
I am best qualified to step into the role of District Supervisor and will be ready to lead on day one.”
What do you see as the top 3 issues in your district and what solutions do you propose?
“Affordable housing: ensure equality and opportunity for all residents regardless of immigration status and sexual orientation. I intend to end unconstitutional and voluntary collaboration with ICE, provide due process for all residents, and end housing and workplace discrimination based on sexual orientation and identity.”
Key ways you differ from your opponent(s)?
“An an immigrant, a millennial, and LGBTQ person, diversity and inclusion have played an important role in my life. I believe my experience reflects the rich diversity and potential of Providence District and the United States.
I served on the Affordable Housing Resource Panel which recommended many financial tools, as well as dedicated $25 million toward construction of new affordable housing.
Reducing traffic congestion: More affordable housing will help people live nearer work and spend less time driving. Transportation must be multi-modal.
Buses must be easy to ride with GPS for tracking to create sched...
Transportation officials from the Northern Virginia area recently gathered at the Virginia Department of Transportation district headquarters for the Commonwealth Transportation Board meeting to decide what projects will move forward and what to put on hold. The meeting at the VDOT NOVA office was one of nine meetings held statewide this month. The information will be part of The Draft FY 2020-2025 six-year plan that identifies projects proposed for inclusion in the final program, which will be approved at the CTB’s June meeting.

“You know how competitive this process can be,” said Shannon Valentine, the Virginia Secretary of Transportation. There were lots of projects mentioned and lots of comments about the Smart Scale method that is used to rank them.

The Smart Scale is a statewide program that distributes funding based on a transparent and objective evaluation of projects that will determine how effectively they help the state achieve its transportation goals, VDOT information stated. This program is administered by the VDOT, the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, and the Office of Intermodal Planning and Investment.

Projects are ranked on their score using a formula considering the safety, congestion, accessibility, economic development, environmental quality and land use. In 2017, for example, the I-66 toll lanes outside the beltway, a project known as “Transform 66,” had a score of 60.687 which was the highest rating of all the projects on the Smart Scale list for that year.

In 2018, a railroad project called “the VRE Fredericksburg Line Capacity Expansion,” had the highest score of 64.25. A majority of the scores for both 2017 and 2018 were in the single digits.

The Congestion Analysis part of the Smart scale equation leaves room for speculation to some. “With transportation dollars always in short supply, having a funding process based on cost-benefit analysis rather than political deal-making just makes sense, and we should reward projects that help reduce the solo driving that clogs our roads and pollutes our air,” said Trip Pollard, Director of the Land and Community Program with the Southern Environmental Law Center, in a letter to Secretary Valentine.

“Smart scale does a cost-benefit analysis,” said Kelsey Crane, Conservation Program Coordinator, Sierra Club Virginia Chapter who favors funding for commuting methods other than road building. “There needs to be more options for commuting,” she said.

“The process is really good but it needs some refining,” said Jason Stanford, the executive director of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance.

Adding Up the Dollars

The meeting in Fairfax was to narrow the projects down, talk about the money available, and come up with a list of projects.
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**Frankel Kelleher**

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.”

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 affordable 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.”

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 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.

Invest in multi-modal transportation options: In Providence District, we have six Metro stops and two major economic retail centers. I will work with county and state (and public-private partnerships) to increase support for more efficient bus, rail, trails and connectivity. We must review our street grids and continue to invest in non-car transportation options. I will prioritize making streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists … focus on traffic calming measures.”

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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**Palchik**

Why are you running?

“I am running because I care about our community. I want to answer to the needs of my community. We need alter- natives to cars, to improve our communities.”

Looking west along I-66, the toll lane project is underway, a project that got high ratings on the state’s Smart Scale rating in the past.

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**Yelowitz**

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.
- BAWRS (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 conditions 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.”

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**Franekel Kelleher**

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“Walking, biking and transit are the most important transportation methods in our county,” said Dorsey. He stressed that VDOT does not track the numbers when it comes to bicycling, particularly in Arlington, and should start a monitoring program to get an idea.

LaRock heard the arguments for multimodal transportation methods and transit, but questioned the limited funding. “Where’s the money going to come from to fix the roads?” he asked. The bike and pedestrian projects have “such a small effect on the region as a whole,” LaRock said.

Bill Cutler, VDOT’s Assistant District Engineer for Construction, called the road or trails dilemma “an interesting dynamic.” If Cutler had his way, they’d all be built, but again, “it’s a matter of funding,” he said.

Then others had items on their wish list as well, each with their own list of viable reasons. The mayors of Alexandria and Herndon had particular roads on their agenda, while Supervisor John Foust, (D-Dranesville) had his funding concerns. Although Chairman Sharon Bulova, the Fairfax County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors was not at the meeting, a staffer handed out a letter with her wish list on it that included a bus rapid transit system on Richmond Highway, a Connected Autonomous Vehicle shuttle in Merrifield, bridge rehabilitation, commuter services and mowing and trash clean up.

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**Recommended for Funding**

PY2020 Smart Scale Projects Recommended for Funding in Northern Virginia District
- Falls Church City S Washington Multimodal Improvements
- Loudoun County Route 50 Corridor Improvements
- Fairfax City Fairfax Blvd/Warwick Ave Intersection Improvements
- Arlington Transit Crystal City Potomac Yard Transway Southern Extension
- DASH Alexandria Transit Company Citywide TSP on Major Corridors
- Fairfax City Pickett Trail Connector
- Alexandria City Access Improvements to the Landmark Transit Hub
- Alexandria City Safety & Capacity Enhancements at Duke/Taylor Run/Telegaph
- Alexandria City West End Transway Corridor Improvements
- Fairfax County Richmond Highway-Bus Rapid Transit
- Arlington Transit Crystal City Metro East Entrance

Vienna/Oakton Connection ▶ May 29 - June 4, 2019
Piano Concert

Thomas Pandolfini, nationally and internationally renowned piano virtuoso, performs in a fundraiser concert sponsored by the Great Falls UMC United Methodist Women. Meet and greet reception to follow. Sunday, June 2, 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. $40 Purchase tickets at www.goldensufl.org. 

THURSDAY/MAY 30

The Member of the Wedding. 6:30 p.m. at Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. The Member of the Wedding will run Thursdays, Fridays, 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m. The run time is approximately 2 hours with one 15-minute intermission. Captions and audio description will be offered for select performances. $15-$39. Visit www.1stage.org or call 703-854-1856 for reservations.

Oak Marr Farmers’ Market. 8 a.m.-noon at Oak Marr Community Center, 3200 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. Every Wednesday through Nov. 13, rain or shine. Visit www.farmersmarkets/oak-marr for more.

McLean Farmers Market Opens. Fridays, through Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon at Linwood Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia. Sixteen local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits, meats, breads and pastries, jams, dairy products and eggs; herbs, flowers, coffee, and more. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean

Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 7900 Fallstream Road, Great Falls. More than 30 vendors, fresh produce, fresh prepared food, delightful bakery, spices from around the world, wild-caught fish, grass-fed, free-range meats, organic-fed poultry and eggs. Email dflood1706@gmail.com for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 6

Mah Jongg Lessons. 2-5 p.m. at Temple Rodef Shalom, 7900 Leesburg Pike, McLean. Mah Jongg classes. $85, includes included Mah Jongg Card. Call Renee Andrews, 703-532-2217, for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 21

Film Screening: Plastic Paradise. 6:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUFF) Community Center, 4021 Huntington Mill Road, Oakton. Join the Climate Action Group of UUFF and Faith Alliance For Climate Solutions (FACS) for Plastic Paradise — every single piece of plastic that has ever been created since the 19th century is still somewhere on our planet. Visit www.unitary Fairfax.org for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 31- SATURDAY/JUNE 2

Lyons Library Book Sale. Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays at the Library, 5711-77th Street, Fairfax. Friends host their Quarterly Book Sale with a large selection of books and media for all ages and interests. Early-bird shopping available. Call 703-988-0636 or visit www.mcleancenter.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Dead Run Stream Restoration Ribbon Cutting. 9 a.m. near the tennis courts behind the McLean Community Center at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. The Dead Run stream restoration project includes approximately 1,200 linear feet of stream within McLean Central Park and the Dead Run Stream Valley between Old Dominion and Churchill Roads. Invasive and nonnative plants were removed, and native plants were installed to enhance stream bank stability and improve water quality and wildlife habitat within the floodplain adjacent to the stream. Open to the public.

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

Piano Concert. 2-3:30 p.m. at Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Thomas Pandolfini, nationally and internationally renowned piano virtuoso, performs in a fundraiser concert sponsored by the Great Falls UMC United Methodist Women. Meet and greet reception to follow. $40 Purchase tickets at www.goldensufl.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 7

Summer on the Green: Vienna Idol. 6:30 p.m. on Vienna's Town Green. The Summer on the Green concert series returns to Vienna's Town Green Friday nights through Aug. 23. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997.

SUNDAY/JUNE 9

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on the grounds of the Great Falls Community 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.

SATURDAY/JUNE 8

Tinner Hill Music Festival. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. in Cherry Hill Park in the City of Falls Church. The 26th Annual Tinner Hill Music Festival will have Northern Virginia rocking with music and fun festivities. Festival-goers will be treated to a array of “villages” throughout the park, including the Artist Village showcasing painters, photographers and jewelers selling their works. Family fun is assured in the Kids’ Village, with water play, an musical petting zoo, face painting, puppy petting party, and more. Find tickets and information at www.tinnerhill.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 9

Live Music: Matt Andersen. 7 p.m. at Jammin’ Java, 257 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Matt Andersen, Soul Bluesman Matt Andersen has released a new album called Halfway Home by Morning and has embarked on a solo acoustic international tour. He will also appear as an opening act for the Steve Miller Band/Marty Stuart tour this Summer. Erin Costello will open at Jammin’ Java, 703-255-1666 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 11

McLean Historical Society. 7-9 p.m. at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The McLean Historical Society program will feature noted historian Mary Lipary who will discuss “Honoring Those Who Died While Serving.” Everyone is welcome. Contact Carole Herrick at 703-356-8223.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 12

Movie Series: New Disney Classics. 12:30 p.m. at The Alden Community Hall, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean. The Alden is kicking off a new film series with “New Disney Classics” — those that were loved during the 1990s. The films will be shown at 12:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month through June. Free admission. Visit mcleancenter.org/performing-arts for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 14

Dining with Dorothy. 12:30 p.m. at Olive Garden, 8333 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. – A program of the Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna. Join with friends or make new ones. Newcomers are always welcome. To reserve a space contact event chair, Dorothy Flood at dflood1706@gmail.com.

Summer on the Green: Nowhere Man (acoustic Beatles tribute band). 6:30 p.m. on Vienna’s Town Green. The Summer on the Green concert series returns to Vienna’s Town Green Friday nights through Aug. 23. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997.

SUNDAY/JUNE 15

Summer Concerts: Jazzy Ash and the Leaping Lizards. 5 p.m. in the gazebo of McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The Alden at the McLean Community Center is again sponsoring free summer concerts in the gazebo of McLean Central Park featuring a mix of musical genres. Get moving to music that moves you. Call 703-790-0123 or visit www.aldentheatre.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

Summers on the Green: Sarah Bennet Swanner (country and blues covers). 6:30 p.m. on Vienna’s Town Green. The Summer on the Green concert series returns to Vienna’s Town Green Friday nights through Aug. 23. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997.

SUNDAY/JUNE 23

Summer Concerts: Sonia de Los Santos. 5 p.m. in the gazebo of McLean Central Park, 1468 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The Alden at the McLean Community Center is again sponsoring free summer concerts in the gazebo of McLean Central Park featuring a mix of musical genres. Get moving to music that moves you. Call 703-790-0123 or visit www.aldentheatre.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 5

Summer on the Green: U.S. Navy Band Commodores (big band jazz). 6:30 p.m. on Vienna’s Town Green. The Summer on the Green concert series returns to Vienna’s Town Green Friday nights through Aug. 23. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997.

FRIDAY/JULY 12

Summer on the Green: Fat Chance (rock). 6:30 p.m. on Vienna’s Town Green. The Summer on the Green concert series returns to Vienna’s Town Green Friday nights through Aug. 23. Bring chairs and/or blankets. No alcoholic beverages are permitted. Consider leaving pets at home. In the event of rain, check the weather line at 703-255-7842. Learn more at www.viennava.gov/DocumentCenter/View/3997.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 19

Live Music: Lily Neill & Clive Carroll

Harpsit Lily Neill and guitarist Clive Carroll make their debut concert as a duo at Jammin Java. Between them, harpsit Lily Neill and guitarist Clive Carroll have performed around the world, from North America to the Far East and everywhere in between. Primarily known as soloists, their musical union extends from their love of a vast array of musical styles—from eat-your-heart-out blues, to fiery dances from Eastern Europe, beguiling Irish airs, jaunty folk numbers, and Elizabethan lute classics. To their duo they bring all the intensity of their solo performances and more, conjuring a genre-bending orchestra from two modest plucked-string instruments.


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McLean Rotary Provides Funding for Literacy Council of Northern Virginia

McLean Rotary President Gene Durman and member Jan Auerbach attended the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia Board Meeting on May 20 to present a check for $1250 which coupled with another check for $1250 earlier in the year was a grant to support a class which is conducted onsite in cooperation with Doubletree Hilton of Tysons to improve the English of the hotel’s banquet and housekeeping employees.

Assistance League of Northern Virginia: Fundraising to Support Low-Income Children

Assistance League® of Northern Virginia, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, held its annual Spring Fundraiser on April 26 at the Country Club of Fairfax to raise funds for its programs that serve the needs of low-income children in 11 Title I elementary schools in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. During the pre-lunch reception, the 145 guests in attendance had an opportunity to bid on an array of silent auction items donated by local businesses.

Kathryn Jackson, president of the Northern Virginia chapter of Assistance League, emceed the event and described the positive impact the organization’s ongoing programs, including Weekend Food for Kids, New Clothing for Kids, Literacy for Kids and Hugs Pillows, have in the community. Attendees were treated to a slide show that provided a visual portrayal of the nonprofit’s programs and activities.

During the current school year, Weekend Food for Kids will deliver 18,000 bags of nonperishable food items to students at risk of hunger to take home on weekends when school meals are not available. The New Clothing for Kids initiative provides essential clothing items, and personal grooming products to improve the well-being of students, and layettes to help new mothers in need. Literacy for Kids delivers individualized tutoring to first graders and supplies books to support summer school reading programs, in addition to providing books to allow individual students to build their home libraries. Hugs Pillows distributes hand-made pillows to comfort children undergoing treatment at a local clinic.

Key sponsors of the charity luncheon were recognized for their support: Quadrant, Inc., Panda Stone-wall, Bob’s Discount Furniture Charitable Foundation, Marines Plumbing, and Spine Care of Manassas Chiropractic Center. Several partners that have provided support for the organization’s food program, including Dominion Energy, Allstate, Intelsat and Sandy Spring Bank, also received praise. A special thank-you was extended to principals and other representatives from the schools served.

For the ninth year, Auctioneer Daniel Sanders, with Four Sales Ltd., donated his services to help raise funds during the live auction and special appeal segment of the program. Two luxury South African Safari packages were just some of the items available for bid this year.

Christopher Baity, a veteran Marine Corps dog trainer and Founder and Executive Director of Semper K9 Assistance Dogs, delivered the keynote address.

For further information, visit: www.alnv.org.
**Bio**

**The Weak That Was**

By KENNETH L. LOUIE

All’s well that ends well.

The fortuit or so from you-know-where has fi-
tally ended and I am here to write that my warrant-
ily has been granted and I am out of jail for another six months.

The CT scan showed no tumor growth or movement.

Throughout my extremely fortunate cancer experience, I have left reasonably well and manifested the symptoms of 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 remained stable. It is not until my oncologist 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 the palm of his hand – or more specifically, in the words that he chooses and the language he uses. It’s not exactly “Rath Fitter,” but “The reveal” is imminent.

It never gets easy, but it does get easier to en-
dure the 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 down and all around, as we articu-
late the words we are about to hear.

During most of these post-scan visits, we’ve expe-
trienced disappointment, but we have had our share of disappointment.

On one occasion, back in late July 2013, I was hospitalized for a week on a diagnosis of pleural effusion.

That being said, we’re the lucky ones. There are incre-
ments which I’m grateful to have. It may not be ideal, but it’s a living, and it sure beats a dying. Increments which I’m grateful to have. It may not

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A Call For Peace  By Nick Soto

WASHINGTON, 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 300 citizens from the D.C. metropolitan area and representing 21 countries walked for peace in conjunction with 32 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.

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.

“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 (UNESC), 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.