



Wesley Miranda, 6, waves to family from the carousel ride during the Memorial Day Weekend ViVa! Vienna! festival.

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NEWS



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.

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Let the Jury Decide

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

Commonwealth'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



Steve Descano

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 are people deemed not dangerous to them-

selves 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)"

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.



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

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.

❖ 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.

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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.

Forum for Democratic Candidates for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. 7:30-9 p.m. at Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The Greater McLean Chamber

of Commerce will host a forum for the Democratic candidates. Peggy Fox, of CBS News affiliate WUSA9, will serve as moderator. Each candidate will have the opportunity to make a three-minute opening statement and a two-minute closing statement. Questions will come from the Chamber's Legislative Committee and from among those submitted by attendees. Visit www.mcleanchamber.org for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Vienna Quarterly Recycling Day. 8 a.m.-2
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Funnel Force was a popular ride throughout the weekend.



The clouds provided much needed shade on a hot day.

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



The magic carpet ride was a popular feature of this year's ViVa! Vienna!



Rich Ordeman and Ed Wonder, members of the Vienna Optimist Club, mange the caboose for the day.

PHOTOS BY LISA FAY/THE CONNECTION



People mill about in the entertainment section of ViVa! Vienna!



Young adults sit under the shade by the red caboose.

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.

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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 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 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 re-

fused 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

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NEWS



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



Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna recognized ten of their volunteers during the 2019 Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. From left, first row, Lynn Rhoads, Wanda Snugs, Burt Sharp, Kathy Sharp and Rema Smith, SCOV Volunteer Community Manager. Second row: Jean Bastien, Lynn Rafferty, Jayne Young & Scott Schroth, SCOV Board members, Patricia Wood, Bob Abbott, Jerry O'Shaughnessy. Not pictured, volunteer appreciation awardees Marsha Komandt and Kathy Tugendhat. The event was supported by BrightView/Great Falls, Maggiano's Little Italy, Purple Onion Catering Company, Ayr Hill Garden Club.

WEEK IN VIENNA

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.

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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 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

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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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

in the global economy, has the best public schools, and one that is a model for inclusion and diversity.”

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

“Diversify our economy: Promoting international trade, empowering small businesses to create good paying jobs, pursuing smart development and improving transit network to get people out of their cars to reduce traffic congestion and improve the quality of life.

World class education: Giving teachers a pay raise, providing access to universal pre-K and more resources and innovation in our K-12 system, including skill-based training to prepare residents for the workforce of the future.

Diversity and inclusion: Build a welcoming and safe environment for all our 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 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 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.

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.

After more than 20 years of local government service, I still believe that government works best when people are informed and engaged. Passionate about the democratic process and my goal is to allow every voice in the district to be heard.”

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.

Improve/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.

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-

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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 Committees

❖ 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 PTA’s

❖ 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

Smart economic growth: Multi-modal transportation, revitalized neighborhoods and commercial centers, and infrastructure construction.

Quality of Life: School-system excellence, environment and open space protection; climate change.”

Key ways you differ from your opponent(s)?

“My depth and breadth of experience are unmatched.

Not only have I held positions and titles, but have a well-documented record of accomplishments.

I have the experience and vision to govern, and bring results, on day one.”

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Wish Lists for Area Transportation

Spring transportation meeting brings out wish lists, examines smart scale rating system.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

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.

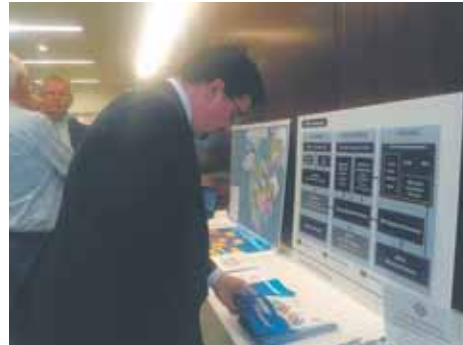
The Smart Scale is a statewide program that distributes funding based on a transparent and objective evaluation of projects that will determine how effectively they help the state achieve its transportation goals, VDOT information stated. This pro-



At the VDOT's Spring Transportation meeting, Shannon Valentine, the Virginia Secretary of Transportation, leads a panel to weigh all of the project benefits using the state's Smart Scale rating system.

gram 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,"



PHOTOS BY MIKE SALMON/THE CONNECTION
Officials examine the project boards in the lobby at the VDOT building.

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 pro-

cess 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

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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

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 reces-

sion 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.”

Palchik

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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-

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.

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.”

Yalowitz

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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

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.”



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.

Transportation: Road or Trails

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that are to be put on the upcoming six-year plan, and this will be compiled by mid-June.

As in transportation planning efforts in the past, the areas in the outer suburbs favor road building while the places closer to the metro area want more emphasis on transit, biking and pedestrian facilities as a method of transportation.

Christian Dorsey, the chair of the Arlington County Board, pleaded his case for transit and biking, and Virginia Delegate David LaRock (R-33) was thinking about the roads. It’s an argument that has gone on for years and it’s based on the constituent needs.

“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 Cuttler, VDOT’s Assistant District Engineer for Construction, called the road or trails dilemma “an interesting dynamic.” If Cuttler 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.

Recommended for Funding

FY2020 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 Transitway 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/Telegraph
- ❖ Alexandria City West End Transitway Corridor Investments
- ❖ Fairfax County Richmond Highway-Bus Rapid Transit
- ❖ Arlington Transit Crystal City Metro East Entrance

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

Art Exhibit: “Taking Territory.” Through June 1, gallery hours at MPA@ChainBridge, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Taking Territory: New Works by Susan Goldman, Barbara Kerne, Eve Stockton and Patricia Underwood, features pieces that mine many of the techniques employed by artists working in printmaking today. An opening reception is set for April 11, 7-9 p.m. Visit mpaart.org for more.

The Member of the Wedding. Extended through June 16 at 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Adapted from the beloved novel of the same name, this evocative, poetic coming of age drama explores the pains of youth and the meaning of family. The Member of the Wedding will run Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; 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.1ststage.org or call 703-854-1856 for tickets.

Oak Marr Farmers’ Market. 8 a.m.-noon at Oak Marr RECenter, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Every Wednesday through Nov. 13, rain or shine. Vendors include produce, meats, eggs, cheeses, pies, cured and smoked meats, popsicles, sorbet, bread, croissants, falafel sandwiches, humus, and pesto. Call 703-281-6501 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/oak-marr for more.

McLean Farmers Market Opens. Fridays, through Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. 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. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Music, 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 kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org for more.

THURSDAY/MAY 30

Mah Jongg Lessons. 2-5 p.m. at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church. Mah Jongg classes. \$85, includes needed Mah Jongg Card. Call Renee Andrews, 703-532-2217, for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 31

Film Screening: Plastic Paradise. 6:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF) Chapel in the Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Join the Climate Action Group of (UUCF) 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.unityoffairfax.org for more.

Family Movie Night. 7-9 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Gather the whole family and bring your blankets, pillows and camp chairs for our indoor, picnic-style family movie night. Participants will enjoy unlimited free popcorn, watch the movie on our huge projection screen and have a chance to win a door prize. \$3 per person; pre-registration recommended. Call 703-448-8336 or visit www.mcleancenter.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 31-SUNDAY/JUNE 2

Tysons Library Book Sale. Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4 p.m. at Tysons Pimmit Regional Library, 7585 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Tysons Library Friends hosts their Quarterly Book Sale with a large selection of books and media for all ages and interests. Sunday: half price or \$10 per bag sale. Email tysonslibraryfriends@gmail.com or call 703-790-4031 or 703-338-3307 for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Dead Run Stream Restoration Ribbon Cutting. Noon near the tennis courts behind



Piano Concert

Thomas Pandolfi ,ationally 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, 2-3:30 p.m. at Great Falls United Methodist Church, 10100 Georgetown Pike ,Great Falls. \$40 Purchase tickets at www.greatfallsumc.org.

the McLean Community Center at 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. The Dead Run stream restoration project includes approximately 3,200 linear feet of stream within McLean Central Park and the Dead Run Stream Valley Park 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 Pandolfi ,ationally 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.greatfallsumc.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.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 7-9

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Northern Virginia's largest community-wide event, the 38 th 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.

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 an 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.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 9

Live Music: Matt Andersen. 7 p.m. at Jammin’ Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Canadian 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 Costelo will open at Jammin’ Java. \$15. Call 703-255-1566 or visit www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 11

McLean Historical Society. 7:30-9 p.m. at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The McLean Historical Society program will feature noted historian Mary Lipsey who will discuss “Honoring Those Who Died While Serving During the Civil War.” 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, 8133 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.

SATURDAY/JUNE 15

Spring Fair. 10 am.-2 p.m. at Pleasant Grove, 8641 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Pleasant Grove is holding its community fair, featuring “attic treasures” quality yard sale and antiques, a homemade bake sale, lunch, an artisan-made quilt raffle, and a Tom Sawyer clean-up day. All proceeds are donated to Pleasant Grove. Stop by Friday to drop off donated “attic treasures.” For information, visit www.HistoricPleasantGrove.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 16

Summer Concerts: Alphabet Rockers. 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.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 19

Live Music: Lily Neill & Clive Carroll. 7:30 p.m. at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Harpist Lily Neill and guitarist Clive Carroll make their debut concert as a duo at Jammin Java. \$20-\$25. Visit www.jamminjava.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

White Elephant Bingo & Ice Cream Social. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 129 Cherry St SE, Vienna. Adults 50+ meet up for an afternoon of White Elephant Bingo and an Ice Cream Social. Enjoy a traditional bingo game in a friendly atmosphere and win white elephant prizes. Bingo cards are \$2 for 2. Pay at door. Please bring a white elephant item in good condition to donate to the prize table. Call the Shepherd’s Center at 703-281-0538 to register or with questions.

Summer on the Green: Chillin’ on Church: The Deja Gruv Band (R&B, funk, and soul). 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: 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 28

Summer 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 30

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.

Live Music: Lily Neill & Clive Carroll

Harpist Lily Neill and guitarist Clive Carroll make their debut concert as a duo at Jammin Java. Between them, harpist 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 Ragtime 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. Wednesday, June 19, 7:30 p.m. at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$20-\$25. Visit www.jamminjava.com.



SATURDAY/JULY 13

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

ONGOING

Camp Grow Registration Open. Camp Grow at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, in Vienna, invites children to explore nature through hands-on activities, gardening, discovery walks, crafts, music, storytelling, and animal programs. Camp Grow is designed to engage, challenge, educate and encourage a sense of community. Camp Grow values and encourages inclusion of all campers in every activity. Visit www.novaparks.com/things-to-do/camps/

The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia, a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. Games are on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna, April-October. Other activities during the year. Visit www.goldengirls.org.

Great Falls Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Music, 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 kathleen@greatfallsfarmersmarket.org for more.

Oakton Farmers Market. Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Year-round weekly farmers market in Oakton. Local produce, meats/eggs, dairy, baked goods, and more. Admission is free. Visit community-foodworks.org.

Free Tai Chi. Saturdays through March 30, from 7:55-9 a.m., Introduction and Beginners' Practice, meet in the Langley Hall at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. All are welcome. Call 703-759-9141 or visit www.FreeTaiChi.org for more.

Trivia Night. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. at Lost Dog Cafe - McLean, 1690 Anderson Road, McLean. Trivia featuring multiple winners and fun door prizes. Free to play. Visit www.facebook.com/EarthTriviaDe/ for more.

The Freeman Store & Museum Wednesday through Sunday noon-4 p.m. 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. The Freeman Store & Museum is dedicated to Preserving and promoting Vienna's heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of history significant places, events, and persons. Historicviennainc.org

Bingo Night. Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. www.vvfd.org/bingo.html.

Gentle Yoga. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase flexibility, improve breathing and health, reduce stress. \$15 per session. www.edimprovement.org. 571-213-3192.

Colvin Run Mill open 11-4 p.m. daily, closed Tuesday. 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Fairfax County's operational 19th century water powered gristmill, offers recreational and educational activities for all ages through daily tours, school programs and special events. Fees: \$7/adult, \$6 students 16+ with ID, \$5 children & seniors. Admission to park is free except for some special events.



Gymnasium by Trevor Young

Strictly Painting to Open in McLean

McLean Project for the Arts (MPA) will open Strictly Painting 12 with a free Opening Exhibition Reception on Saturday, June 8, 2019 from 5-7 p.m. at MPA@ChainBridge, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean.

Now in its twelfth iteration, Strictly Painting is one of the region's most important painting exhibitions, celebrating the depth and breadth of painters working throughout the mid-Atlantic.

"We are delighted to once again honor

and showcase the astounding wealth of talented painters working in the mid-Atlantic region today," said MPA Exhibitions Director Nancy Sausser.

Adah Rose Bitterbaum, owner and director of the Adah Rose Gallery in Kensington, Md., served as juror for Strictly Painting 12.

Strictly Painting 12 runs June 8 through July 13, 2019 at MPA@ChainBridge. Visit www.mpaart.org for a complete list of artists featured in Strictly Painting 12.

'Taking Territory'

Taking Territory: New Works by Susan Goldman, Barbara Kerne, Eve Stockton and Patricia Underwood, features pieces that mine many of the techniques employed by artists working in printmaking today. The exhibit runs through June 1, gallery hours at MPA@ChainBridge, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Visit mpaart.org for more.

Squaring Circle A by Susan Goldman.



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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-luncheon 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 pro-



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Kathryn Jackson, president of the Northern Virginia chapter of Assistance League, emceed the event.

vided 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 Photo 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.

BULLETIN

FROM PAGE 3

p.m. at the Northside Property Yard. In addition to the usual auto waste products and electronics accepted at the Town's Quarterly Recycling Day, metal will be accepted at the Town's next recycling event. Metal products, such as steel, copper, and aluminum, may be brought to the Northside Property Yard. No TVs or computer monitors of any kind will be accepted. E-mail christine.horner@viennava.gov or call 703-255-8630.

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 for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 2

EarthCare Sunday. 10-11 a.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Earlier this year, Lewinsville Presbyterian was certified as an Earth Care Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). On Sunday, June 2, the 10 a.m. worship service will focus on the theme of stewardship of the earth. Free. Call 703-356-7200 or visit www.lewinsville.org/events/earth-care-sunday/.

Solar Array - Home Display. 2-3:30 p.m. A McLean resident is opening his family's solar array to the public to view his solar panels at his home. The homeowner and solar experts from Mountain View Solar, the local solar business which installed his solar array, will be on hand to show his solar power system as well as answer any questions attendees may have. Appetizers and refreshments will be provided. Free and open to the public. RSVP at bit.ly/mcleanvasolaropenhouse or 304-886-3389.

Jefferson Obama Dinner. VIP reception, 5:30-6:30 p.m.; silent auction, 6-7:15 p.m.; dinner, 7-9 p.m. at Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Confirmed speakers include former Gov. Terry McAuliffe; U.S. Rep. Don Beyer; and U.S. Rep. Jennifer Wexton. Fairfax Democrats will be presenting their award winners and honoring elected officials who are retiring. Visit rfaxdemocrats.org/2019/02/19/2019-jefferson-obama-dinner.

MONDAY/JUNE 3

Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney Candidate Forum. 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.

SATURDAY/JUNE 4

SCOV Driver's Coffee Chat. 10-11:30 a.m. at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road, SW, Vienna. Drivers are the front line volunteer working directly with SCOV clients. Their impressions and opinions are invaluable. New to SCOV? Learn about becoming a driver. RSVP by May 29 at 703-281-0538.

Park Authority Summer Jobs. 5-8 p.m. at Oakton Elementary School, 3000 Chain Bridge Road, Oakton. This year the Fairfax County Park Authority's Rec-PAC summer camp program will operate at 45 elementary school locations around Fairfax County on weekdays from July 1-Aug. 8, 8:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Applicants are required to bring an original Social Security Card and a DMV photo ID. Only those who are 18 years of age and older will be considered. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec-pac/jobs or email Recpac@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Climate Change in Virginia. 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Dr. Jim Kinter from GMU will describe research about where, when, and by how much climate will change in Virginia in the future. No registration required. Free. Email michelle.biwer@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-242-4020 for more.

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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.

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

A Call For Peace

By Nick Soto



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

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 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.