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Nabaa Abdel Okhowa, Senior, Herndon High School, pictured with U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), is recipient of the 2020 Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County.



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OPINION

Work Is Not Yet Done

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



The General Assembly is in the final week of its scheduled 60-day annual session—scheduled to adjourn *sine die* on March 7. The session has already made history with the actions that have been taken, and that history will be added to in its last week. Resolution of remaining issues will determine just how historic the session will be and how strong the forces of “we have always done it this way” are.

A majority of both the House and the Senate members agree that the minimum wage should be increased—actually should have been increased years ago. The current minimum of \$7.25 is an embarrassment. But discussions continue to be held on how much the increase should be. Should there be incremental increases over time? Should increases be statewide or regional? What jobs should the increase cover?

Almost every member ran for office with a

promise to clean up the environment. How should we get to a cleaner economy in the state? What should be the timeline on environmental legislation as experts advise us on the impending climate change crisis? Are consumers willing to pay more to get cleaner electricity?

How strict should background checks be for firearm transfers? A slim majority support my bill to require a background check on all firearm transfers. Others are vehement about having background checks for only firearm purchases. Should compromises be made on gun safety measures designed to reduce gun-related violence?

Should public employees be allowed to bargain with local governments on the conditions and compensation for employment? Or should they only be able to meet and discuss their wages and conditions with local governments with no power to bargain? Should all employees be required to pay dues to unions that are representing their interests?

How often should vehicles have a safety inspection? For many years the requirement was twice annually. Most recently it has been once

annually. Most states have dropped the requirement. Would every other year be adequate?

With gasoline tax revenues declining as automobiles get more mileage per gallon, should the gas tax be increased to make up for the loss? Or should cars be taxed on the distance they travel in a year? And what about electric vehicles that do not burn any gas? Should we be making a greater investment in our transportation infrastructure?

Should a constitutional amendment be approved setting up an independent redistricting commission or is there another way to try make sure districts can be drawn fairly without incumbents alone picking their voters?

I have made my views public on these and other issues over the years. In a legislative session all views must be considered: urban, suburban, rural; Democratic, Republican, Socialist (there is one); conservative, moderate, liberal; etc. In most instances a compromise can be reached in conference committees such as those that are now meeting. Other issues will be put off for another year. Regardless of what happens with remaining issues, the 2020 session will go down in history as truly a remarkable one with the many tough issues that have already been resolved.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Coronavirus Update - Message from the Superintendent - March 2

Dear Parents and Staff,

FCPS is working closely with the Fairfax County Health Department to monitor the latest updates about the coronavirus (COVID-19). We are reinforcing the importance of ensuring students are following proper handwashing procedures before eating and after sneezing, coughing, or using the bathroom. We realize that time is a valuable commodity during the school day, and in today's environment, hand washing should be a priority, so we are encouraging staff to provide ample time for

students to wash their hands. We are reinforcing with our custodial teams the importance of following our standard cleaning protocols by using hospital-grade disinfectants on frequently-touched surfaces such as doorknobs, faucet handles, and handrails. Hand sanitizer is available in all schools and if a student is showing signs of a cold or the flu, they should stay home.

As indicated in my message to you last week, FCPS is in the process of reviewing and updating its existing pandemic influenza response plan. The plan addresses the specific activities necessary to

keep schools open and operating while providing a clean and safe environment during an outbreak and the essential functions that must be performed by FCPS if schools are closed. FCPS will continue to work closely with health officials to prepare for various scenarios that could develop.

Our overall goal would be to do all we can to maintain continuity of operations while minimizing student and staff exposure.

As of today, there are no confirmed COVID-19 cases in Fairfax County or the D.C. region. Updated information is being posted

to this webpage: FCPS coronavirus-update and additional information is available from the Fairfax County Health Department.

To date, FCPS has cancelled international field trips and short-term visitations to and from some countries, based on CDC guidelines.

We will continue to provide you regular updates as this situation continues to rapidly evolve.

Sincerely,

Scott Brabrand
Superintendent, Fairfax
County Public Schools

Making Virginia a Climate Leader

To the Editor:

We don't have time to waste in the face of the climate crisis. A recent climate report from the National Audubon Society revealed that two-thirds of North American bird species are vulnerable to extinction from climate change, including nearly 70 species found in Virginia.

From the coasts of the Chesapeake Bay to the forests of the Blue Ridge Mountains, birds like the Field Sparrow and Cerulean Warbler may lose nearly all of their seasonal habitat range. We need practical, ambitious climate solutions to protect our state's birds.

The Virginia Clean Economy Act

(HB 1526 / SB 851) can help by leading our state on a path to achieve a 100 percent carbon-free economy that will help our birds, our environment, and our communities thrive.

This bill is not the only step Virginia should take to address climate change—but it's a great first step. I urge Senator Barker and the

General Assembly to make cutting carbon emissions a top priority. We must act now to make Virginia a climate leader and prevent another year of inaction.

Nikka De Mesa
National Audubon Society
Springfield

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Family, friends and loved ones pack the community center at the 2020 Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County.



Student Peace Awards Presented

Senior and junior high school students honored.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The 2020 Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County, held Sunday, March 1, recognized high school junior and senior students at 24 public and two private high schools in the county who made a positive contribution to their school or wider community by promoting mutual understanding and respect for all people. Held at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax, sponsors, family and friends celebrated the accomplishments of the recipients at a public reception.

Last fall, organizers asked the schools' principals to nominate one outstanding student or student group for the award, proactively seeking a likely nominee. This year's recipients worked as peacemakers in a variety of settings according to emcee, Margaret Fisher, who during her remarks at Sunday's reception gave a brief overview of each student's accomplishment.

According to Fisher, in **Vienna at Cedar Lane High School**, Senior Sage Quick and Junior Will LaWalt volunteered to serve as peers in a Personal

Development class that taught social skills, decision-making, and coping strategies for difficult or confusing situations. "Peers model communication skills as they listen to students talk about their interests and concerns. They then help the students in the class remain calm and focused," Fisher said.

Sarah Gu is a Senior at McLean High School. When she visited her family in China there the last five summers, she offered the children free lessons in English and current affairs. According to Fisher, Gu eventually grew her program into an organization called "The Windows," which served over 600 children.

At Oakton High School, Fisher said that **Roudah Chaker** put in hundreds of volunteer hours packing meals, participating in back-to-school drives for orphanages, distributing needed items to the homeless, and raising \$3000 for Syrian refugees. "She is also active politically, working to correct policies that directly harm those who want to come to the U.S. for its promise of peace," said Fisher.

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From left: Vice-Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Penny Gross (D-Mason District), Chair of the Fairfax County School Board Karen Corbett Sanders (Mount Vernon), U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), Fairfax County School Board Members Karen Keys-Gamarra (At-Large) and Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill District).



VIEWPOINTS

What Do Award Recipients Say?

PHOTOS BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

Nabaa Abdel Okhowa, Senior, Herndon High School: **I am honored to receive this award and am excited to help implement changes to the lives of those who are not as fortunate as many of us.**



Jena Musmar, Junior, King Abdullah Academy, Herndon: **Being a Palestinian American and knowing what social injustice and constantly being belittled looks like, drives me to fight for equality and justice around the world.**



Lindsey Hirshfeld, Senior, South Lakes High School: **I am honored to be receiving this award among other high school students who also believe that you're never too young to promote peace and do your part in making the world a better place.**





PHOTO BY ADAM WINSOR



PHOTO BY BARBARA GLAKAS

The new telegraph exhibit at the Herndon depot museum includes a telegraph key, sounder, and a computer through which messages are sent.

Herndon Historical Society member, Adam Winsor, sits by the new telegraph exhibit he designed at the Herndon Depot Museum.

Herndon Depot Museum Opens New Exhibits

The Herndon Historical Society reopened its Depot Museum at 717 Lynn Street for the 2020 season on Sunday, March 1, featuring a train show, a silent auction of railroad collectibles, and two fascinating new exhibits. More than 160 people attended the event.

In the depot's Station Master's Room was a new telegraph exhibit. Antique telegraph equipment

worked in concert with a computer so that visitors could tap out Morse code messages on the telegraph key which, in turn, would be "translated" through the computer and displayed on the computer monitor in English. The exhibit was designed by Historical Society member, Adam Winsor, with telegraph and computer equipment donated by Dale Lichtblau and Patrick Walsh.

In the Depot's Waiting Room was a new USS Herndon exhibit. The USS Herndon was named after the Town's namesake, Commander William Lewis Herndon. The ship served in WWII and led the armada in the Normandy invasion. The Herndon High School band visited Normandy last summer for the 75th anniversary celebration. They brought back many artifacts from USS Herndon Navy

veterans and/or their families, which are now on display in the Depot Museum.

The Herndon Depot Museum is open every Sunday, 12 noon to 3 p.m., March through December, and by appointment all year long. For more information, contact HerndonHistoricalSociety@gmail.com or facebook.com/HerndonHistory.

—BARBARA GLAKAS

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ONGOING

STEM Professionals Needed. Volunteers are needed to assist K-12 STEM teachers in northern Virginia as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2019-20 school year. Contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488 or donaaldrea@aol.com.

Assistance League of Northern Virginia is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization that feeds, clothes and educates children in need. Assistance League's philanthropic programs touch the lives of thousands of children, including those at 11 Title 1 elementary schools in Fairfax and Prince William counties and the City

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Peace Awards Presented

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South Lakes High School in Reston is where **Lindsey Hirshfeld** goes to school and is a senior. "Hirshfeld feels empathy for classmates who are struggling to overcome a variety of issues that make them feel isolated. She helped raise money for children with brain tumors, organized cultural festivals to showcase diversity, and helped stage a school-wide silent protest against gun violence," said Fisher.

At South County High School in Lorton, Siedeem Ahmed, Senior founded South County's Interfaith Club to provide a safe space for student-led discussions. "She is also the President of Stallions with Refugees. Her goal is to spread the message that all students, including immigrants and refugees, are welcome and valued," said Fisher.

One after another, Fisher read profiles of youth who made a difference, some locally like **Catherine Soto, Senior at Lee High School in Spring-**

field. "Soto helped create the Best Buddies chapter at Lee High School. Soto and her fellow Best Buddies leaders were responsible for recruiting general education students who wished to build a relationship with the special needs students who might not otherwise have had the opportunity to engage with the student community," said Fisher.

Others made differences to world neighbors, like **Betsabe Pardo, Senior at Mountain View High School in Centreville.** Pardo raised money to bring safe drinking water to communities around the world.

Dignitaries acknowledged the achievements of the recipients. U.S. Rep. Gerry Connelly (D-11) said, "I congratulate this year's recipients of the Student Peace Awards. Their leadership and commitment to being peacemakers and fostering mutual respect for our differences are bringing positive change and inclusivity to our community."

Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason District) shared a letter from Chair of the Fairfax County Board



Margaret Fisher emceeds the 2020 Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County held at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, Fairfax, on Sunday, March 1.



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connelly (D-11) offers his congratulations to the recipients of the 2020 Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County.

of Supervisors, Jeffery McKay. She read: "I am always proud to see the level of commitment our students in Fairfax County put toward improving our community. It is this inspiring energy and action, combined with Fairfax County residents' diverse experiences that allow us to consistently strive toward creating a better community

for all."

In her remarks, Guest Speaker Kendyl Crawford, Director of Virginia Interfaith Power & Light addressed the effect of climate change on peace. Crawford said she was amazed at the students' efforts to care not only for their neighbors but to repair relationships

with Mother Earth.

The awardees received \$250, plus another \$100 to be given to any nonprofit organization of their choice that operated in the spirit of the Peace Awards. The students also received the book, *Sweet Fruit from a Bitter Tree* by Mark Andreas.



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The massive crowd assembled at The St. James listens to Sanders.

Bernie Sanders Rallies with Thousands At St. James Sports in Springfield

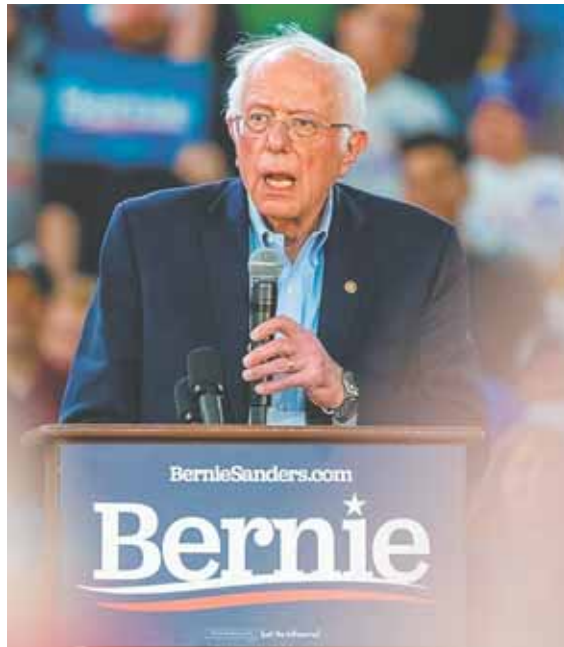
Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) held a rally with U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar (D-MN) in Springfield on Saturday, Feb. 29. Sanders addressed the thousands of supporters packed onto the indoor field at The St. James Sports, Wellness, and Entertainment Complex as he made a final push for votes before the Super Tuesday primaries.



From left, Mohammad Haider from Alexandria and Usman Sheikh from Herndon. Sheikh became a US citizen last year and is excited to be able to vote in this year's presidential election.



Rep. Ilhan Omar energizes the crowd before introducing Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders.



Sen. Bernie Sanders delivers his speech to the thousands in attendance.

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The Herndon Rotary Names Michael O'Reilly Citizen of the Year

The Herndon Rotary Club has announced this year's Citizen of the Year: Michael O'Reilly. O'Reilly is the 54th recipient of this highest honor, presented annually by the club.

O'Reilly was selected for his many years of tireless service to the town. A former Herndon Mayor and Town Council member, he also served on the Heritage Preservation Review Board. Among his many contributions to the greater community, O'Reilly has worked to prevent and end homelessness in his position as Chairman of the Governing Board of the Fairfax Falls Church Partnership, reducing the homeless population by 46 percent.

O'Reilly is currently working to bring a new Art Center to downtown Herndon, aided by a 1.2 million dollar Fairfax County construction grant that he and the Mayor and Town representatives worked together to obtain. O'Reilly serves as the Chairman of the Board for Arts Herndon.

After he left the elected office, O'Reilly continued his service to the community. He served 5 years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports. At the time he joined the MWAA Board, Dulles was undergoing major renovations and upgrades (spending roughly 2 million dol-



Michael O'Reilly

lars a day) building a new runway, building an underground rail system, expanding the main terminal and reconfiguring the entrance and approach roadways to accommodate expected growth. During his time with MWAA, he was involved in the negotiations for the design, financing and construction of Phase 1 of the Silver Line Metrorail Project and also the procurement and contract award for Phase 2 of that Project.

O'Reilly is the owner of the O'Reilly Law Firm in Herndon, and he serves on the Board of Directors of the Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce, and also chairs the Herndon Committee, which engages and supports Herndon businesses.

He has lived in Herndon for the past 40 years, where he and his wife Annie raised their 4 children.

O'Reilly will be honored at a banquet to be held at the Crown Plaza Dulles Airport, 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon, on Thursday, April 2, beginning with a reception at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in this community event to honor O'Reilly. For sponsorships contact Arthur Nachman at 703-864-2900.

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of Alexandria. There are many volunteer opportunities for community members to contribute to helping those in need through Weekend Food for Kids, tutoring programs and providing new clothing and layettes. To learn more, email: info@alnv.org, or visit www.alnv.org

Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed. Help assist the Department of Family Services' BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil at Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-4547.

RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403- 5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Sunrise at Reston Town Center offers a monthly Caregiver Support Group on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m. Monthly support group offers a safe place for family caregivers, to meet and develop a mutual support system and to exchange practical information and possible solutions. Learn about resources available in the community and how to manage caregiver related stress. Call 703-956- 8930 or email

Reston.ED@sunriseseniorliving.com to RSVP.

Exercise for Parkinson's. Every Monday, 1:15-2:15 p.m. Reston Sport&Health, 11445 Isaac Newton Square, Reston. This program brings together people impacted by Parkinson's Disease to participate in various physical exercises aimed at improving posture, balance and circulation and increasing strength, muscle control and mobility. Free. parkinsonsfoundation.org. Call Natalie McCall nmccall@onelifitness.com 703-904-7600 for more.

Master Gardener Training. The Fairfax County Master Gardener Association offers plant clinics, home turf training or speakers for homeowner's meetings. Fees vary. Visit fairfaxgardening.org or call MG Help Desk at 703-324-8556 for more.

Over-40 Softball League. A Fairfax-based league is looking for enough players to form another team. Players must be at least 40 years of age to be eligible. All games are doubleheaders - played on Sundays at Bready Park in Herndon between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Email skeduman@aol.com for more.

Hypothermia Prevention: An Emergency Program for the Homeless To help our vulnerable neighbors survive the winter, we provide overnight shelter with a "no turn-away" policy at all emergency homeless shelters during freezing weather. Through the coldest months of the winter, we also provide the Hypothermia Prevention Program, a countywide community network of 45 overnight shelters. Through this program last winter, our nonprofit and faith-based community partners served almost 1,000 men and women with a safe, warm place to sleep. If you see someone at night who is unsheltered and you think could be at risk of hypothermia, call the county's non-emergency phone line at 703-691-2131, TTY 711.

Passages DivorceCare. For those experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, the caring community at Vienna Presbyterian Church offers Passages DivorceCare. This 15-week program offers a path toward healing. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna. Cost to cover materials is \$20, scholarships available. For more information or to register call 703-938-9050, go to www.viennapres.org, or send an email to Passages@ViennaPres.org.

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Money For What, Exactly?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Kenny is currently out of the office. Please enjoy this previously written article from July 2019:

Presumably, most of you readers are aware that many supermarkets have a rack located somewhere near the rear of the store that is stocked with off-price merchandise: discontinued items, items with damaged packaging, out of season products, etc. Over the years, I have been a regular checker of this rack looking for such bargains. I have purchased breakfast cereal, soup, cookies, candy, and miscellaneous other non-perishables. I've even purchased two bags of Kingsford charcoal. In addition, I've seen household products, health and beauty, school supplies; and everything else you can imagine, running the gamut from "A" to "Z," for sale. Recently however, in this rack I saw a product I'm not sure I even thought was available to the general public, and if it was, would not have thought buying it from the discontinued merchandise rack at the supermarket would not have been the way to go. But what do I know? As has been proven many times: not much.

The item? A DNA Paternity Test Kit. I guess I thought, if this test was necessary, it would involve a physician or at least be administered by a health care professional and/or involve witnesses/legal representation (at least a notary). Going to the supermarket or even the drug store? And then testing yourself without necessarily knowing the precautions and proper procedures appropriate for the task at hand? There seems as if there's a bit more at stake here than an at-home pregnancy test, a test with which many of us are familiar. But DNA testing at home? What is this, the Maury Povich Show?

Having not traveled down this particular road myself, perhaps I'm unaware of the realities. All I know is what I've seen on television or read about in the papers. I guess I just assumed (generally a bad thing), that the steps one takes to verify/confirm/resolve paternity-type issues were a bit more involved than a visit to the supermarket. Apparently, this subject is just another where I know very little about, like tools and how to use them, automobile repair, home maintenance, lawn and garden, cooking, and on and on and on. But enough about me.

What about those wanting answers to extraordinarily important questions: Who's the father? And is that my child? Looks can be deceiving so a professional, or so I thought, incorrectly, is brought in to oversee the process. Nope. No professional need apply. Just go to your local "chemist," as they say in England. No need to visit "the surgery," as they also say over there. Just find a box with the right letters on it and go back to your home/work and swab, stick, pin-prick or whatever and the results will be known soon enough if you or someone else is whomever they claim to be or not to be. That is the question which begs an answer. Shakespeare notwithstanding

It seems only fair that one's birthright should be gotten wrong. And not that home-testing can't be trusted. Just the opposite. Nevertheless, some things, like circumcisions, though they can be performed at home (see "Shaky the mohel" from a long ago Seinfeld episode). I would have thought, a DNA Paternity test, given the need/want of a resolution/clarification which could possibly impact multiple individuals/families over generations, be similarly performed in the most careful of conditions. This kind of test has no margin for error - or humor. "Bought the kit in the discount rack at my local supermarket." Is that the answer you want to give when all eyes are on you? And saying how much you saved over regular price is unlikely to endear you to any and all of the interested parties on hand. After all, money really isn't the issue.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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

ONGOING

AARP Tax-Aide Program. Feb. 1 to April 14. At RCC Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.; Thursdays: 4:30 p.m./– 8:30 p.m.; and Saturdays: 9 a.m./– 3 p.m. Free. For taxpayers with low and moderate incomes with special attention to those 60 and older. AARP's Tax-Aide program was created nearly 40 years ago to assist older adults as well as persons with low and middle incomes in successfully navigating the tax code. All tax preparation is free and confidential. For more information, contact the Lifelong Learning Program Director, Casmera Lebron at 703-390-6157.

"Ordinary Days." Now thru March 15. At NextStop Theatre, 269 Sunset Park Drive, Herndon. "Ordinary Days" is an intimate musical about four young New Yorkers searching for love, beauty, and purpose in a big and unforgiving world. Performances are Thursday-Sunday and tickets start at \$40. This production is directed by Jay Brock, who previously directed Eurydice and Assassins for NextStop, and features Bobby Libby, Sarah Anne Sillers, Carl Williams, and Anna Phillips-Brown. Visit the website www.NextStopTheatre.org

SUNDAYS IN MARCH (BEGINNING MARCH 1)

Sunday Fun-Day. 1-4 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Drop by the Children's desk on any Sunday for a fun independent activity. Perhaps you will create a flannel board, or play Book Bingo, or explore the library with a scavenger hunt. We will have a new activity each month. Age 5-11.

THURSDAY/MARCH 5

Millennial's Book Club. 7 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah. Check out a library copy or pick up a copy of your own. Adults from early 20s to early 30s.

FRIDAY/MARCH 6

Baby & Me Yoga. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Bring your baby for a nurturing yoga workshop designed for the two of you. No experience needed. Bring a mat or blanket. Cosponsored FRRL. Age 6 weeks—16 months with adult.

MARCH 6, 14, 21, 27

Explore Dr. Seuss and S'Mores. 7-9 p.m. At Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston. Enjoy both of these things by a crackling fire at a "Dr. Seuss Campfire and S'mores" evening at Lake Fairfax Park. Bring family members of all ages along for an evening of outdoor fun. Nibble on s'mores while enjoying story time with books by Dr. Seuss. These special campfire programs will be taking place on four nights on Fridays, March 6 and March 27, and Saturdays, March 14 and March 21. Cost is \$9 per person. Call 703-471-5414.

SATURDAY/MARCH 7

Ukulele Junior Jam Session. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Join us for an exciting musical performance by the Northern Virginia Ukulele Society! All ages.

Zumba Fitness. 12 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Join us for an exciting new dance fitness class. Lose yourself in the music and find yourself in shape! Adults, Teens.

Harry Potter Trivia. 1:15 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Calling all Potterheads! Join us and show off your Quidditch knowledge, or just find other Hufflepuffs to study with. Snacks provided. Age 12-18.

HHS Gym Goodbye. 5-8 p.m. At Herndon High School, 700 Bennett Street, Herndon. HHS School renovation crews are taking over the gym at the end of basketball season. The event will



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include a silent disco and silent auction. The Boosters Club is accepting donations for the silent auction. All proceeds go to fund equipment for the newly renovated athletic facilities. Check out the Sports Boosters social channels for more details @hornetboosters @herndonsportsboosters. Cost is \$20 in Advance, \$25 at the door. Visit the website: <https://www.memberplanet.com/s/herndonsportsboosters/hhsgoodbyeegym>

SUNDAY/MARCH 8

Master Singers of Virginia. 4 p.m. At Epiphany Episcopal Church, 3301 Hidden Meadow Drive, Oak Hill. The Master Singers of Virginia (MSVA), Northern Virginia's premier mixed a cappella ensemble under the direction of Dr. Erik Reid Jones will present Civil War: The Human Journey. For this program, the MSVA will immerse the audience in a choral and dramatic presentation of the Civil War written by MSVA singer and author, Mary Ellen Connelly. Tickets are \$25 for Adults, \$20 for Seniors (65+) and \$15 for Students. The Take 4 package provides 4 tickets for \$60 or \$15 each. Visit the website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/master-singers-of-virginia-8547780534>

Women's Choral Festival. 4-6 p.m. At Community of Faith United Methodist Church, 13224 Franklin Farm Road, Herndon. Join in an afternoon celebrating International Women's Day featuring the voices of Capital Harmonia and Freedom High School Bella Voce. Premiering local composer Lee Larson's "A Winter Dawn. Free. Visit the website Capitalharmonia.org.

Reston Choral. 4-6 p.m. At St. Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The Reston Choral presents Mendelssohn's "Elijah" featuring Baritone James Martin and Organ Virtuoso Adam Brakel. Cost: \$0-\$30. Tickets/information at restonchorale.org.

MONDAYS/MARCH 9

Baby Storytime. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Enjoy nursery rhymes and songs while building early literacy skills for your child. Age Birth to 17 months with adult.

Preschool Storytime — Making Music. 2 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. This month we will foster your little one's love of all things noisy with stories, songs, and crafts focused on music. Age 3-5 with adult.

TUESDAY/MARCH 10

Yoga with Rupa. 2 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Local yoga and wellness coach Rupa Shah will discuss the benefits and practice of yoga, and we will also practice these techniques. Please bring a mat or towel. Adults.

Bollywood Dance Fitness. 6:30 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. A fun Bollywood dance fitness class inspired by music and movies of India. No experience necessary. Adults, Teens.

Read To The Dog. 7 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Read aloud to a trained therapy dog. Bring your own book or choose one from the Library. First come, first served - one 15 minute session per child. Age 5-11.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 11

Memory Depot Orientation. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Memory Depot station is a do-it-yourself location for scanning your slides, negatives and photos and to transfer your VHS or audio cassettes to digital formats!

Wednesday Morning Book Club. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston.

March's title is "Defending Jacob" by William Landay and some copies are reserved at the circulation desk for checkout.

Digital Literacy: Keeping Up with Your Smart Home. 6:30 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. The Fairfax County Department of Cable and Consumer Services will help you stay smarter than your home by exploring Smart Home devices and services, including their history and the policy concerns.

THURSDAY/MARCH 12

All Ages Storytime—Painting On Ice. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Come enjoy the classic tale, A Snowy Day, and engage your artistic abilities by painting with soft watercolors. All ages.

Teen Advisory Board (TAB). 7 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Join TAB to gain leadership and volunteer experience and share your ideas about how to make the library a wonderful place for teens! Volunteer hours granted. Age 13-18.

FRIDAY/MARCH 13

Gymboree Music I. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Discover melody pitch and rhythm while building a repertoire of joyful songs. Cosponsored by FRRL. Age 6-18 months with adult.

Gymboree Music II. 11:15 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Dance and sing to a new musical style each month, including Latin, Rock 'n' Roll and Classical. Cosponsored by FRRL. Age 18-24 months with adult.

DIY Club: Glass Magnet. 2 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Make and take home glass magnets of your own design. Adults.

SATURDAY/MARCH 14

Sing! Books With Miss Emily. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Join Miss Emily for singing storytime with illustrated songs. Cosponsored by the FRRL Age 2-5 with adult.

St. Patrick's Day Irish Dance Performance. 12 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Dancers from the Foley Academy of Irish Dance will perform the teach an Irish dancing lesson. All ages.

Learn How to Read Braille. 2 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Our Access Services staff will teach an elementary class in Braille. Adults, Teens.

SUNDAY/MARCH 15.

Chess Club For Kids. 2 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Learn openings, tactics and end game strategies. Players will be able to play against players at their strength. All Ages.

MONDAY/MARCH 16

Nose To Toes Yoga. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Explore yoga poses and movement while enjoying books and songs with a children's yoga instructor. No experience needed. Cosponsored by FRRL. Age 3-5 years with adult.

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Game On! For Readers. 6:30 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Join other readers for fun, book-related games. Age 9-11

TUESDAYS/MARCH 17

Toddler Storytime. 10:30 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. An interactive, tot-tailored storytime for you and your child. Age 18 months to 2 years with adult.

Baby & Toddler Playtime. 11 a.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Join us for an hour of unstructured play and social time for babies. Cosponsored by Friends of the Reston Regional Library (FRRL). Age birth-23 months with adult.

Sam's Book Club. 7 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. Join former FCPL library director Sam Clay for a lively book discussion. This month's title is "City of Girls" by Elizabeth Gilbert. Adults.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 18

Podcast Club. 6:30 p.m. At Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Dr., Reston. If you enjoy bite-size stories that you can listen to, come discuss a monthly selection of podcasts. Podcasts are growing across the globe. With selections of non-fiction, politics and poetry, there is much to talk about.

You can listen on a computer or a mobile device through any of several free apps. Every month listen to at least four episodes of your choosing of the podcast. This month's podcast is The History Chicks - Discussion of famous women throughout history. Required listening: Introduction to the History Chicks. Recommended listening: Ella Fitzgerald, Alice in Wonderland, Frida Kahlo. Adults.