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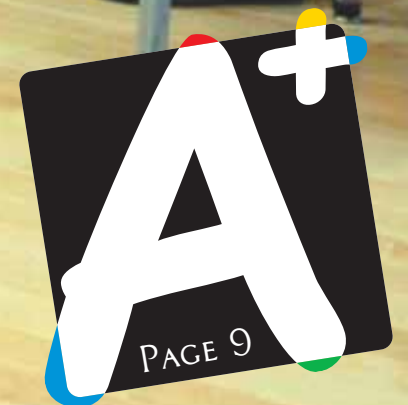


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Monument Drive in Fairfax was clear by mid-morning on March 14 after snow the night before.

Fairfax Weathers Late Winter Snow

Weather Service announces snowfall totals.

Snowpocalypse 3.0 it wasn't. Though Fairfax County was included in a winter storm warning Monday and Tuesday, March 13 and 14, the snow that fell only managed to close schools and cancel trash, recycling and yard waste pickup, but didn't shut down local government.

Unlike Winter Storm Jonas last year, which wreaked havoc on the area by beginning its snowy assault during evening rush hour, snow didn't begin to accumulate in earnest until much later Monday evening.

According to the National Weather Service, these were snowfall totals recorded Tuesday around the region:

- ❖ ESE LINCOLNIA: 4.5 inches, recorded at 9:25 a.m.
- ❖ VIENNA: 3.5 inches, 9:13 a.m.
- ❖ S VIENNA: 3.0 inches, 9:10 a.m.
- ❖ SE CHANTILLY: 3.0 inches, 10 a.m.
- ❖ ENE HERNDON: 3.0 inches, 12 noon
- ❖ ENE WOLF TRAP: 3.0 inches, 2 p.m.
- ❖ N CHANTILLY: 3.0 inches, 9:44 a.m.



- ❖ SE CENTREVILLE: 3.0 inches, 6:08 p.m.
- ❖ SSE DUNN LORING: 3.0 inches, 8:50 a.m.
- ❖ NE BURKE: 3.0 inches, 12:42 p.m.
- ❖ ENE ROSE HILL: 2.2 inches 8:45 a.m.
- ❖ SE FAIRFAX STATION: 2.0 inches, 9 a.m.
- ❖ N NORTH SPRINGFIELD: 2.0 inches, 11:36 a.m.

Fairfax County Public Schools announced they would be opening two hours late on Wednesday March 15, though central and school offices would open on time.

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Fairfax Baptist Temple, at the corner of Fairfax County Parkway and Burke Lake Roads, holds a bible study fellowship at 9 a.m. Sundays followed by a 10 a.m. worship service. Nursery care and children's church also provided. 6401 Missionary Lane, Fairfax Station, 703-323-8100 or www.fbtministries.org.

Grace Presbyterian Church offers Sunday school for all ages at 9:15, and a blended worship service 10:30 a.m. every Sunday morning. Coffee and fellowship follows worship. Nursery care is provided from 9:00-11:45. 7434 Bath Street, Springfield. 703-451-2900 or www.gracepresby.org.

First Baptist Church of Springfield offers Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., followed by both traditional and contemporary worship services at 10:30 a.m. at 7300 Gary St., Springfield. 703-451-1500 or www.fbcsp.org.



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South County senior Narjes Bencheikh helped co-found a Muslim Student Association and International Club at her school.

Committed to Peacemaking

Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County reception honors activists and advocates.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Suraya Sadeed said hearing more than 20 stories of students promoting peace in and out of their schools made her believe “there is still hope for a brighter future.”

Sadeed is a native of Kabul, Afghanistan who made a new home in the United States in 1982, fleeing the aftermath of the Soviet invasion. She founded the non-government organization Help the Afghan Children and is author of “Forbidden Lessons in a Kabul Guesthouse.”

The former owner of a real estate company, Sadeed has risked dangerous situations to deliver humanitarian aid to women and children in war-torn Afghanistan. On Sunday, March 12, she addressed high school students from around Fairfax County being honored at the Student Peace Awards.

Sadeed spoke about the importance of promoting peace through education, as a preventative measure against bullying, hatred and violence later in life.

“The cost of providing peace education to 8 million children in Afghanistan is less,” she said, “than buying one military plane.”

The student peace awards are offered in all Fairfax County public high schools and some private schools. Schools choose their winners based on their work to promote peace as well as prevent causes of violence: poverty, discrimination and injustice.

Each of the individual or groups of students not only took action for peace, but did so with creative, entrepreneurial energy — founding clubs, organizing charity projects, leading training sessions or creating documentary films.

Fairfax County School Board chair Sandy Evans said she was deeply impressed with the work of the students being honored at the Stacy Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax, from anti-bullying to human trafficking awareness to anti-genocide.

“Few goals are more important in the world today,” Evans said, “than promoting peace, acceptance, kindness and tolerance.”

Evans was joined in congratulating the students by fellow board members Ryan McElveen (at-large) and Dalia Palchik (Providence).

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors vice chairman and Mason District representative Penny Gross (D) read a letter of recognition from board chairman Sharon Bulova that thanked the students for their commitment to peacemaking.

All the students have come together, Gross read from Bulova’s letter, “in one goal, strengthening peace and unity.”

Del. Kenneth Plum (D-36) joined the other elected officials in congratulating the award-winners.

The 2017 Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County winners are as follows, bios according to the event program:

Ethan Mirani, junior at the Cedar Lane School in Vienna

Mirani was a member of the school’s Anti-Bullying Committee for two years and worked to grow the group as well as plan activities and keep things organized.

Jasmine Howard, senior at Centreville High School

Howard organized members of the Centreville Key Club to sell 240 wristbands from Guatemala, made out of leather and pieces of coconut shell with colored string, raising \$1,700 in sales and donations that went back to the wristband artisans and disadvantaged foreign youth.

Shaan Chudasama, senior at Chantilly High School

Chudasama co-founded and is vice president of Young at Art, a non-profit organization using art-related activities to improve the quality of life of seniors, less fortunate children and veterans. With his sister, the other co-founder, they’ve partnered with the Special Olympics and Sunrise Assisted Living.

Vanessas Mae Avendano, senior at Falls Church High School

Avendano is vice president of Falls Church’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender club and also founded Falls Church High School United, a group of clubs united to spread peace and acceptance. The group has produced a series of videos dealing with anti-bullying and giving respect.

Sabah Munshi, senior at Hayfield Secondary School

Munshi helped organize a project called Walking for Water and raised both awareness of the world’s water crisis and more than \$2,000 for the Tap Project by UNICEF. She has also volunteered at Virginia Hospital Center in the renal unit.

Surabhi Khanal, senior at Herndon High School

Khanal has been a member of the Herndon Leo Club and founded MedLove, Inc, a non-profit organization with the mission of helping rescue women in the United States and abroad who are human trafficking victims. Through the Key Club, Khanal and other students also organized a benefit gala to raise awareness of local trafficking and \$3,000 for combatting HIV and AIDS in her native Nepal.

Naba Khan and Shafia Tala, juniors at King Abdullah Academy in Herndon

Khan and Talat founded the organization Women of the World (WOW) to promote women’s rights and help women struggling with homelessness, hunger, oppression or abuse. Some of their projects include opening a sewing institute in Nalgona, India and fundraisers involving the whole student body.

Jamie Hunstad, senior at Lake Braddock Secondary School

Hunstad set up a Special Olympics program at Lake Braddock, starting with a basketball team and adding track and field. She coaches both teams, and also helped the Rachel’s Challenge program find a presence

at her school. Rachel’s Challenge deals with stomping out bullying and promoting tolerance and inclusion.

Donya Momenian and Chrissie Ivanova, seniors at Langley High School

The two seniors co-founded a chapter of the Girl Up Club at Langley, growing it from two to 30 members who meet bi-monthly. The national and international club empowers young women in education, fundraising, advocacy and service, as well as runs development programs in Guatemala, India, Liberia, Malawi, Uganda and Ethiopia.

Naomi Soquar, senior at Robert E. Lee High School

Soquar helped found a chapter of the Amnesty International Club at Lee — she currently serves as its president. She led club members and volunteers in writing letters against human rights violations, which in one case contributed to two political prisoners in the Democratic Republic of Congo being released. Soquar also serves with Girls Learn International, the Capital Area Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity.

Sean Doyle, senior at James Madison High School

A member of Madison’s Amnesty International Club Doyle is coordinating activism with others on such issues as abolishing the death penalty, reducing gun violence and police brutality, and convincing the Vienna Town Council to make Vienna a “I Welcome Refugees” town.

Aidan Kemp, senior at George C Marshall High School

Kemp is the lead senior mentor for the Marshall Freshman Transition program and does community service work through St. Thomas Episcopal Church in McLean.

Josh Leong and Sam Gollob, juniors at McLean High School

The two juniors created a 10-minute film documenting the struggles of Herman

Social Justice Network Hosts Richmond Wrap-Up

Some successes, some defeats, and a partisan rallying call for 2017 elections.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

The 2017 Legislative Session of the Virginia General Assembly was adjourned on Saturday, Feb. 15. The Social Action Linking Together (SALT) network allowed the lawmakers two weeks to recover, then hosted its annual Legislative Wrap-Up forum on March 11 at the Virginia International University in Fairfax.

Eleven elected officials were on hand to offer their reports, focusing on the fates of bills and resolutions related to social justice, human services and welfare. Several of the proposed legislations had been requested, inspired, or actively supported by SALT. The faith-based non-profit seeks to advocate for the most vulnerable in the community by educating citizens and policy makers, researching and selecting priority issues for action, and taking their causes directly to the state capital.

Pointing to the panel of speakers, founder John Horejsi, admitted that SALT members, who have grown from eight to around 1,200, have often been seen “prowling the halls in Richmond.”

State Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37) indicated his approval of SALT’s visits. “People like you, and the people in this room, they are the bedrock of our county,” he told them.

State Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31) added “how important it is to see your faces in Richmond,” noting it was too rare to see individuals and concerned citizen groups rather than professional lobbyists. “You study and you recommend, and we are appreciative.”

Favola has been a driving force for assistance to single mothers and children, particularly through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program. The senator told the assembly that lawmakers had tried to secure increases for TANF recipients for 15 years without success. Now, she said, “we have had three increases in three years.”

“The money doesn’t come from our state budget,” said Favola. TANF is funded federally through block grants. With nods of agreement from her colleagues on the panel, Favola said it would be shameful not to utilize the money available “for what it was intended. Helping families in need and moving them toward self-sufficiency.”

\$55 million were still available through the TANF grants, yet Del. Kathleen Murphy’s (D-34) HB 2041 to allocate \$1 million for a TANF Scholarship Pilot Program to allow 200 students to attend community colleges was “recommended to be laid on the table



PHOTOS BY ANDREA WORKER/THE CONNECTION

Members of the Virginia General Assembly offered their views on the recently adjourned session and listened to questions and comments from the audience during the SALT 2017 Legislative Wrap-Up forum.

by voice vote” in subcommittee.

THE FACT that the panel was composed only of Democrats did not go unnoticed. “Where are the Republicans?” asked David Jesse of Reston, who said this was his first time to attend such a forum. “I was hoping to hear some balanced debate.” Horejsi replied that in the past, Republicans like Del. James LeMunyon (R-67) had attended. “We sent out 40 invitations.” The Republican representatives either declined or did not respond to SALT’s request.

With no one from “across the aisle” present to contradict their opinions, several of the lawmakers insisted that many of the issues that were of concern to groups like SALT fall victim to the overwhelming Republican majority in the House of Delegates.

“Left in such-and-such committee or Left on the Table by voice vote” — that just means they killed it,” said Del. Mark Levine (D-45).

Deciding on a proposed piece of legislation by “voice vote” is another tactic to forestall any discussion of an issue, according to Murphy. Republicans control the committee memberships and the schedules. The lawmakers on the panel said it was not uncommon for Democrats to be placed on committees with conflicting schedules. When the time comes for a bill to be voted on in a committee and the question “Move by Motion” is asked, the “silence is deafening,” she said, since any Democrats who might have supported the bill were engaged in another committee.

It’s in the committees and the sub-committees that the “real work gets done,” said Levine. That was when citizen testimony and support would be most valuable, he remarked, but under the current system, “interested parties might get a call at 6 p.m. the night before a bill is to be read and told if they want to be heard, they need to be in Richmond for a 7 a.m. start the next morning.” This just isn’t right, according to Levine. “The public has a right to know and to participate.”

Issues that have captured national atten-

tion were also hotly debated topics in Richmond this year — issues like immigration and voting rights, redrawing electoral districts, and minimum wage rates. Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) was disappointed when her bill, HB 2405, which would have allowed newly-minted American citizens additional time to register to vote, was “left in the Privileges and Elections Committee.”

Tim Dempsey of Arlington asked about Minimum Wage increase efforts, unions, and redistricting. Del. Marcus Simon (D-53) and Marsden explained how they couldn’t get traction for their bills. “\$7.25 per hour is not a living wage,” said Simon, who denies that the entry wage rate is primarily applied to students and trainees.

State Sen. George Barker (D-39) was one of the speakers who tackled the issue of redistricting. “Nothing on reworking our electoral districts passed this session.” Barker strongly believes that redistricting is essential to insure real representation of “all the people.” He offered several alternatives that would promote “balanced and competitive” elections and foster diversity in the elected ranks.

Marsden added that a bill had been vetoed that would most certainly have “suppressed votes among lower income and minority voters, particularly in urban areas” by requiring a driver’s license to cast a ballot.

THINGS TURNED a bit emotional for audience members and elected officials alike, when Jisan Zaman of Arlington, came to the microphone with a question. Zaman, a software developer for a company in McLean, apologized several times as he became visibly shaken while asking his questions. “I am sorry. I usually don’t have trouble with public speaking,” he said, “but I am scared. I am Muslim. I am American. But I am scared of a Muslim registry, and of all these hate crimes. What will you do to protect people like me? Will you stand behind me?”

Several members of the audience rushed to hug Zaman in support, and the panel all



“Who will protect people like me?” Jisan Zaman of Arlington was momentarily overcome by emotion as he questioned the lawmakers. “I am Muslim. I am American,” he said, but expressed concern with the rise in hate crimes and the threat of a Muslim registry. Members of the audience rose to support him, and the lawmakers applauded him before tackling the questions.

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Del. Mark Keam (D-35), born in Seoul, South Korea, has been a citizen of the United States for some 25 years, but admitted that in these heated times, “I try to carry my passport more often and keep my Naturalization papers nearer to hand.” Keam said that dialogue about race and ethnicity and all areas of differences between people needs to be honest and open. “Let’s face it. Most of the people in this room won’t be affected by Trump and his administration on this issue. But people like myself, or Mr. Zaman, or others with darker skin tones ... might very well be.” Keam also reminded the audience that it was a Democratic President who signed the orders to allow the imprisonment of Asian Americans in United States during World War II. “We all need to be alert.”

There were other successes to be applauded in the 2017 General Assembly Legislative Session. Del. Jennifer Boysko (D-86) pointed to a bill that now makes prescription Naloxone more available for use in treating heroin drug overdoses. Murphy noted the passage of a bill that would better protect students attending for-profit schools, and another that provides parents with class size information for middle and high school students.

The forum ended with the lawmakers vowing to continue to press for an agenda that includes and protects all Virginians, “but we need you,” said Levine. “When government goes off the rails, we the people are in charge.”

“Elections matter,” added Favola. “Be heard.”

Legislation can be tracked by Patron, by topic, by pass or defeat status, or by browsing the entire list at www.lis.virginia.gov. SALT invites the public to learn more about their education and advocacy efforts at www.S-A-L-T.org.

NEWS

Lake Braddock Secondary Team Wins Real Food for Kids Challenge

The Lake Braddock Secondary School team's chicken shawarma took first place at Real Food for Kids' fifth annual Culinary Challenge and Wellness Expo on March 11 at Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke. There were 15 teams competing from 10 Fairfax County Public Schools, including the three culinary academies at Edison, Chantilly, and Marshall High Schools, for a prized spot on the FCPS cafeteria menu.

"This event highlights the importance we place on our students to help us put delicious, high-quality food on our school menus," FCPS Food and Nutrition Services Director Rodney Taylor said.

The winners, Diana Camcho, Aysha Waraich and Kaitlyn Sam, created the dish incorporating elements that they considered most appealing to their classmates. Judges scored their entry 473 out of a possible 500 points. Dr. Becky Bays, a judge and Loudoun County Public School's Food and Nutrition Services director, asked for their chicken spice blend recipe after declaring "ooh that's good!"

In addition to watching the cooking competition, the audience of nearly 350 participated in a variety of expert-led workshops, including quick and healthful family meals; plant-based diets; how to eat "clean," and food writing and photography. Among the presenters were Six O'Clock Scramble's Aviva Goldfarb, Washington Post Deputy Food Editor Bonnie S. Benwick, Susan Soorenko of Moorenkos Ice Cream; Renee Comet of Rene Comet Photography and Dr. Nimali Fernando, a.k.a. Dr. Yum, of the Dr. Yum Project.



PHOTO BY LAURA GOYER

From left: Kaitlyn Sam; Toshieba Ragland, instructor; Diana Camcho; Aysha Waraich and Thomas Prassa, instructor, reacting to the news of their win. |

"The Expo gives attendees a taste of the kinds of initiatives that Real Food for Kids has been involved in over the past six years," said JoAnne Hammermaster, the non-profit's executive director. "We organize fun and approachable ways to involve our community in nutrition and wellness education and we work collaboratively and creatively with our school partners to help improve the food we serve our students."

Preparing for Citizenship

Hannah Ampong and Lucy Agyekum work diligently at their jobs as custodians at Lake Braddock Secondary School and Belvedere Elementary School, respectively. During their free time, the two women are preparing to become U.S. citizens, learning American history and civics and honing their verbal and written skills in English.

Originally from Ghana, Ampong and Agyekum are taking the Fairfax County Public Schools ACE (Adult and Community Education) Citizenship Exam Preparation Course, which helps them refine their ability to speak, understand, read, and write in English as well as learn critical facts and information about U.S. History and civics.

Ampong, who has worked for FCPS for 13 years and Agyekum, who has worked for FCPS for four months, work full-time and care for their families in addition to taking the citizenship course.

Ampong says that preparing for the interview on her own was difficult. Taking the preparation course has helped her improve her reading and writing skills. She says she appreciates the class



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because her teacher explains concepts she did not understand. Agyekum agrees that parts of the test are difficult. She encourages her fellow FCPS employees to take the citizenship course to build their skills and confidence.

Practice interviews in class have shown that both women's hard work in and outside of class is paying off.

Citizenship classes are held on Saturdays. For information about upcoming courses, contact ACE at ESOL@fcps.edu or call 703-658-2777.



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Stop Bullying Federal Workers

BY U.S. REP. DON BEYER (D-8) AND
U.S. REP. GERRY CONNOLLY (D-11)

Republicans hold control of all three branches of government, and therefore have a responsibility to lead the civil service that employs millions of Americans, and every American relies upon for myriad services. The overwhelming majority of federal workers are hardworking people who devote themselves to public service. They secure borders, keep food safe, advance scientific and medical research, deliver our mail, and provide care to many of us, including our veterans.

Republican leaders have repaid this service with repeated attacks.

In 2013, they shut down the government as a political stunt, and came hours away from doing it again in 2015 at the Department of Homeland Security. They enacted the Budget Control Act, which ultimately led to Sequestration, cutting the budget of every federal agency with the surgical precision of a meat-ax.

But since Republicans acquired total control over government, their treatment of federal workers has been beyond the pale.

On the first day of the new Congress, House Republicans passed a rules package over our loud objections containing a reinstatement of the Holman Rule, which would potentially allow Congress to engage in political retribution against federal workers by reducing any given employee's salary to \$1. Only three Republicans opposed the measure on the floor, none from Virginia or Maryland.

The Holman Rule was especially troubling in light of the new administration's so-called "enemies list" of employees who had worked



Beyer



Connolly

on specific policy areas for the Obama Administration, such as climate policy.

As one of his first actions, President Trump announced a hiring freeze for federal workers. This is terrible policy and a mindless approach to management that dodges hard decisions.

The Government Accountability Office studied past hiring freezes and found them "not effective." The government is more likely to rely on overtime and contract work, which often costs taxpayers more. Meanwhile, tens of thousands of Americans have total uncertainty in their professional lives. Agencies are unable to make efficient, long term plans, driving up costs and hurting morale. Over time, Americans trying to manage social security benefits, travel in airports, or secure healthcare will see the impact of this freeze when benefits are not mailed or airport security lines move much more slowly.

Two other classes of citizen are hit particularly hard: people with disabilities and veterans.

In 2015, due to Obama Administration initiatives, 19 percent of the federal government's new hires were people with disabilities. The federal government has hired

109,000 people with disabilities in the past five years.

Veterans stand to be among those hardest hit by the hiring freeze. The Veterans Administration is one of the largest federal employers, but is also significantly understaffed. Delivering the care promised to those who served in the armed forces depends on having effective staff to deliver that care.

Over 30 percent of the civilian federal workforce is made up of veterans, a number which has grown consistently as agencies prioritized hiring vets. Many of the positions held vacant by the hiring freeze would have gone to vets, and the progress we have made on veteran unemployment will be halted.

Contrary to this administration's claims, the federal workforce is dwindling as a share of the population. And 85 percent of federal workers are located outside the beltway. It is also aging, and over a third of the current feds will be eligible for retirement by September. Federal workers have been treated as a piggy bank by Congress for years now, their pay raises delayed or denied, they've been furloughed and had their benefits cut. Now their morale is hit by politicians who make them a political punching bag. A bill just proposed in Congress would make all federal workers "at-will" employees, exposing them to political retribution and punishment by a hostile administration without recourse.

The federal workforce is not, as Mr. Trump has said, a "swamp." It is a group of committed Americans who serve us, and they deserve better from Congress. The Republican Party has total control over the levers of government. Will any of its leaders have the decency or the courage to fight for the civil service which serves us all?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community Confronts Profiling

To the Editor:

It's extremely disturbing that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement would target a shelter in our community. Rising Hope Mission Church shelter addresses issues of homelessness, hypothermia and providing care to those in needs. Anyone seeking those resources should not be targeted further. In the case that ICE officers targeted specifically Latinos here and restrained them is appalling. Especially since they were detained without cause or allegations of criminal activity. This blatantly violates basic human rights and rights of this country, and to make matters worse, the underprivileged were the victims of these violations.

It does provide little comfort however that members of the

Fairfax community will not stand for this targeting behavior. Religious leaders took to the ICE offices to continue serving and helping those previously at the Rising Hope Mission Churches shelter. This is a testament to the good hearted nature of people in this community. They will not stand for this insinuation of fear and threats of ICE and they are advocating for their rights. If ICE is permitted to continue this profiling and targeting methods it will be a detriment to the community. Innocent Latinos have already been victims of this harassment based on racial prejudices and on appearances. As a community we must encourage ICE to conduct their searches for individuals violating immigration laws in a humane manner.

Drew Sigman
Fairfax
Senior at James Madison University

Letting the People Have a Voice on Policing

To the Editor:

I am writing in regards to the article titled "Fairfax County Names First Independent Police Auditor" by Tim Peterson. To be completely honest, before I read this piece I did not know the police auditor position existed.

Richard Schott, as the first independent individual appointed to the position, has a great deal of power, including the abilities to monitor and review internal investigations where an individual is either seriously injured or killed and request further investigations if he does not believe the internal investigation was thorough enough. It is extremely rational and logical to have an individual that is not personally connected to the department in this position so he (or she) is not restricted by any particular agency or institution and is able to see the situ-

ation for what it is.

One point that I found to be very interesting was the creation of the citizen review panel. I am curious as to how this will actually play out, but in theory it sounds like a very good idea. Fairfax County is letting the people have a voice. By getting people not directly involved in the police force in Fairfax County, but rather directly affected, allows a different perspective when looking at cases regarding abuse of power. This will allow for more transparency of the police force which will be greatly appreciated by the public. However, I am not sure as to how welcoming the police will be of these newcomers. Sometimes it takes fresh eyes to look at a situation for all parts of it to be recognized, rather than only focusing on select aspects. It is very important for there to be transparency of the system; the people have a right to know what is happening.

Jennifer Kirk
James Madison University 2019



NEWS

First Taste of the Working World

Teen Job Fairs begin this weekend.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) said his first job working at a pool over the summer formed a lot of his work ethic.

"First jobs are critical," he said. "I learned what a job was, what working for a living was. We need to provide the opportunity to do that for our kids."

Beginning this weekend will be the third year of teen job fairs for young people in Fairfax County. In 2015, Herrity and Pat Malone came up with the idea to host a fair, meeting an unmet need by bringing together employers and young job-seekers together in a single location to meet face-to-face.

Malone, who lives in the Kingstowne area of Alexandria, said a first job can set the foundation for where you want to go in life.

"Where your mindset is," Malone said, "What you have some energy to wake up for in the morning, to get started, to do for the day, to conduct your life."

Whether young people stay with the job for a long time or move on to something else, the experiences in a first, or even second or third job, are meaningful in building career skills.

"It's working together with a team of people, working with the public," said Malone. "You want to do a good job, and use it as a springboard."

Nancy-jo Manney, president of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, which is a co-sponsor of the job fair being held April 1 at West Springfield High School, said the fairs are also extremely valuable for businesses to attend.

Getting a diverse group of young potential employees together in one room is much more effective

than placing ads in the newspaper or online, Manney said. It's also free for them to attend, and gives them access to potential workers who are local to their business locations.

"If your company has part-time positions, and or is looking to hire summer employees in Fairfax County," Manney said, "it's a no-brainer to attend."

The first teen job fair in 2015 was held at West Springfield and brought in around 350 students who met with employers and filled out job applications. Last year, the fair expanded to Chantilly High School.

Just at Chantilly, they added a workshop for helping job applicants write and build a resume. With the success of that program, it's being added to all four locations of the 2017 job fair. At each location, there will be two such seminars.

So far this year, Herrity said at least 700 teens are pre-registered across the four job fairs, which also include dates at Oakton High School and South County High School. Pre-registration online isn't a job application and isn't any type of commitment; it just connects the teen with fair updates and resources, and gives employers an idea of how many people.

For teens attending the fair, Manney said first impressions are important, so dress professionally.

It doesn't have to be a suit and tie, or dress, but teens should have on clean, dress clothing: no saggy pants or short tops or skirts.

Herrity expects at least 40 employers at each of the job fairs, offering not just part-time or summer employment, but also full-time, after school, internships and volunteer opportunities.

For more information and to register either as a student or a business, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/teenjobfair.htm.

2017 TEEN JOB FAIR DATES

- ❖ **Saturday, March 18**, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Chantilly High School, 4201 Stringfellow Road in Chantilly.
Co-sponsored by Supervisor Kathy Smith, Chantilly HS STEM Academy, and Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ **Saturday, March 18**, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road in Vienna.
Co-sponsored by Supervisor Linda Smyth and Oakton HS Marketing Department
- ❖ **Saturday, April 1**, 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road in West Springfield.
Co-sponsored by West Springfield HS Student Government Association and Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ **Saturday, April 29**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., South County High School, 8501 Silverbrook Road in Lorton.
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Peace Awards Presented

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Wainggai, a human rights advocate from West Papua who escape political imprisonment by taking a boat to Australia. “Herman Wainggai: A Hidden Genocide” premiered at the Garifuna Indigenous Film Festival in Los Angeles in April, 2016.

Yosaph Boku, senior at Mount Vernon High School

Boku helped create a program that teaches disadvantaged youth and adults in his community computer skills. The senior also gives groups of counselors feedback, suggestions for encouraging more minority students to take advantage of advanced courses.

Roza Al Barznji, senior at Mountain View Alternative High School

Al Barznji came to the United States three years ago as a refugee from Northern Iraq, and works to help her classmates understand her Kurdish heritage using photography. She’s also published seven stories about her own journey becoming a Kurdish American, the people of Syria and refugees in American communities, as well as

made a documentary about American Thanksgiving traditions.

Members of Blossoming Beauties at Quander Road School

Young women in the Blossoming Beauties program work on both becoming more well-rounded and confident, as well as carrying out school and community projects together. In 2016, the group raised money for Bethany House shelter for female victims of domestic abuse; they’ve also also produced fleece blankets for New Hope Housing and their mission to end homelessness. In 2017, Blossoming Beauties is collaborating with A Space of Her Own to target and support fifth grade girls avoiding delinquency.

Narjes Bencheikh, senior at South County High School

The South County senior helped co-found a Muslim Student Association and International Club at her school. The 50-person Muslim Student Association carries out role-playing exercises and discusses issues encountered in the community.

Emily Lockwood, senior at South Lakes High School



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE CONNECTION

The Student Peace Awards are offered in all Fairfax County public high schools and some private schools. Schools choose their winners based on their work to promote peace as well as prevent causes of violence: poverty, discrimination and injustice. This year’s awards were given out March 12 at the Stacy Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax.

Lockwood mentors freshmen transitioning to high school and coaches track for children with special needs. For a school assignment, she worked with the Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C., to find primary and secondary sources looking at improving state and societal relations in Myanmar (Burma).

Maiss Mohamed and Deema Alharthi, juniors at JEB Stuart High School

The Stuart juniors revitalized their school’s Model United Nations Club and have become active with Students in Training for Advocacy and Responsibility. They also participate in Key Club, Girls Up and Interact, and volunteer with groups including the Virginia

Coalition of Latino Organization. Members of TJ Minds Matter, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

The student-led group offers support for handling stress and disappointment, and provides resources for learning how to engage with someone in a crisis and non-crisis situation. TJ Minds Matter hosted a Mental Wellness Week in January this year, including days dedicated to random acts of kindness and stomping out stigma (surrounding mental illness).

Students with Combating Intolerance at West Potomac High School

The Fairfax County class Combating Intolerance was created in

2015 — West Potomac teacher Robert Kerr molds the curriculum around social justice topics, racism, sexism, welcoming immigrant and refugee students, and advocating for the rights of lesbian, gay, transgender and asexual students, staff and other people in the community. The 22-member class raises money to support small local non-profits and sponsored a school-wide Diversity Week.

Rodney Wrice, senior, and Audrey Wever, junior, West Springfield High School

Friends Wrice and Wever started a kindness campaign using candy bars and sticky notes to encourage positive messaging around the time of the 2016 Presidential election.

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Practice Makes Perfect

Local educators share strategies for getting children to practice music.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

When Linda Guly'n's son reached high school age and asked to quit his clarinet lessons, the Arlington mother of four declined his request.

"My son Timmy is an excellent clarinet player. The philosophy I've established in my house is that music is part of your overall education like science or math, so you can't just quit," said Guly'n, saxophonist, former music teacher and professor of psychology at Marymount University.

During the month of March, which is designated as Music in our Schools Month, educators highlight the benefits of quality music education programs. Part of a music education is practice, encouraging that in children can be daunting for some parents.

For children who play a musical instrument, regular practice is not only a path toward proficiency, it helps establish discipline that is useful in other areas of one's life. This habit, however, must be established purposefully says John Kilkenny, assistant professor of music at George Mason University. "Treat practice time like a part of child's daily routine," he said. "They have to have a consistent time for practice. For example, they come home from school each day, have a snack and practice for 30 minutes."

One key to keeping children motivated to practice is setting goals, be they long-term or for the current practice session. "Goal-oriented practice for younger kids, like a recital to work toward, for example is a good motivator," said Kilkenny. "The biggest thing is consistency, practicing at or near the same time every day just like everything else they do so that it becomes part of their routine."

For practice sessions to be effective, they must be organized and purposeful. This is another area where goal setting can be useful says, Ann McCoy, who teaches piano and violin in her Bethesda, Md. home. "Maybe a goal for a child who is working on a particularly difficult piece of music could

be to spend their practice time perfecting three or four measures," she said. "Rather than focusing on practicing for a set amount of time, they could practice until they can play the three measures perfectly and then they're finished for the day. That is more effective than saying sitting for 30 minutes without accomplishing something specific."

Adding a light-hearted element to practice, which can be seen by some children as laborious, also en-



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LINDA GULYN

Fifteen-year-old Timothy Guly'n plays Christmas music with fellow clarinetists. His teacher brings together all her clarinet students to perform with each other several times a year.

courages students to practice. "There should be some sense that playing the instrument is supposed to be fun and students should ... have some flexibility beyond a rigid experiences," said Kilkenny. "It shouldn't feel like it's a negative experience."

For parents who have trouble getting a child to start a practice session, McCoy recommends trying different times of the day. "For example, I had one mother who had screaming matches with her children to get them to practice after they'd finished their homework in the evening," she said. "She changed their practice time to the mornings after breakfast, but before they left for school. That made a huge difference in their willingness to practice because they were rested and in a better mood."

Parents should be realistic about their child's temperament and musical talent said Guly'n. "A child is only going to enjoy playing an instrument if they're good at it and parents have to be realistic about that," said Guly'n. "Music isn't easy for everyone."

Choosing a teacher who is a good fit for one's child can have an effect on their desire to practice.

"Ask around for recommendations, but find a teacher who inspires their students," said Guly'n.

"It's important to make sure the teacher is somebody who is credentialed and has degrees in music and also that they're continuing to be engaged professionally as teachers and performers," added Kilkenny. "Usually in terms of choosing a teacher, parents and children should have an opportunity to try a sample private lesson."



Twelve-year-old Christopher Guly'n prepares for an audition with the Arlington Junior Honors Orchestra.

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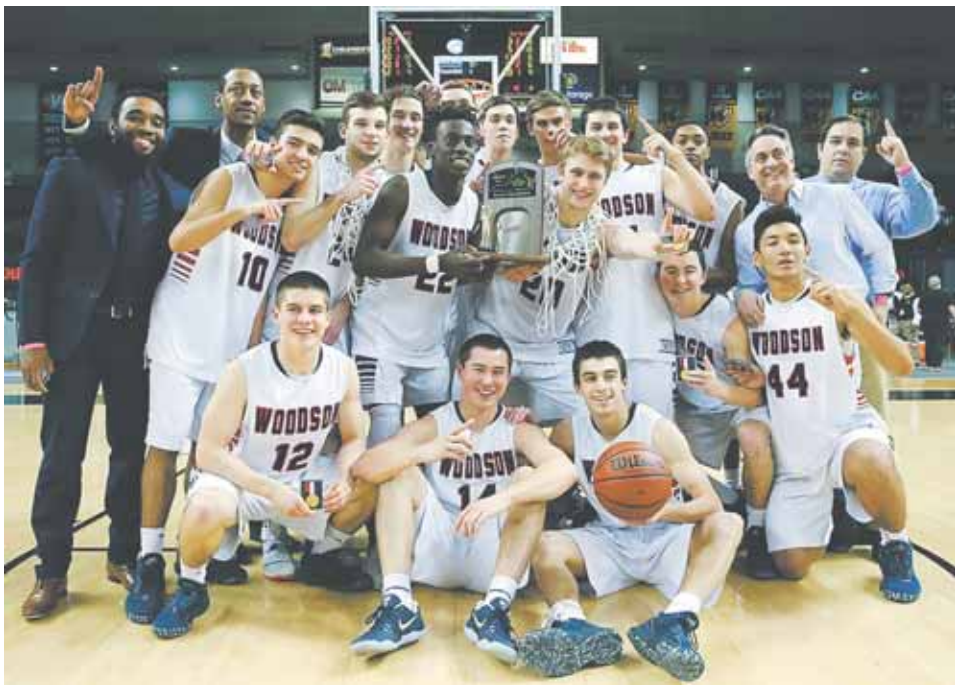
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SPORTS



The WT Woodson Cavaliers are the 2016-17 Virginia 6A State Champions.



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A college-like atmosphere is a common sight of the Woodson faithful, as they watch the final 1.7 seconds of their school's victory over Hylton.

Woodson Defeats Hylton in State Championship

BY WILL PALENSCAR
THE CONNECTION

C.D. Hylton Bulldogs (21-9) and W.T. Woodson Cavaliers (25-6) are separated by less than 30 miles by the Capital Beltway, yet they faced one another in their team's most important game of the year for the Virginia 6A State Championship in Richmond, at the Siegel Center, home to Virginia Commonwealth University. Both teams were making their first appearance in the state tournament.

Woodson advanced to the final after defeating Franklin County 75-46, and Landstown 45-43. Hylton advanced after defeating Madison 65-60 and Western Branch 71-64.

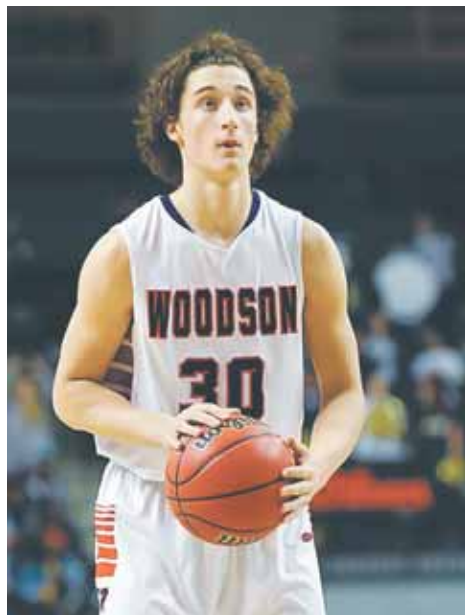
In the first quarter, Woodson came out fast, establishing an early 16-10 advantage, with Jason Aigner scoring 5 of those points and Simon Mulaa adding 4. For the quarter, Woodson shot 7-11 from the field for 63 percent.

In the second quarter it would be a reversal of the opening period and Hylton would outscore Woodson 16-8 to take a 26-24 halftime advantage in large part to their defense holding Woodson to 25 percent shooting for the quarter and shooting 50 percent.

In the third quarter, both teams scored 10 points and both teams limited much offensive production, and Hylton would narrowly hold on to the lead 36-34.

In the fourth quarter, Woodson would rally scoring 12 points while holding Hylton to just 10 points again. Woodson's Matt Urbach made one of two free throws which tied the game at 46, with 11.5 seconds to play in regulation. A desperation shot by Dwayne Hill was unsuccessful as time expired, sending the game to overtime.

In OT the Cavaliers would make crucial



Matthew Urbach scored 12 points including 7 FT's.

free throws and a Hylton timeout with no timeouts remaining, resulted in a technical foul, securing the winning margin 55-50 and Woodson's first state title.

Woodson was led by Jason Aigner's 26 points, including 3-8 from 3 point range and 11-11 from the charity stripe. Matt Urbach added 11 points including 7 which came from the free throw line, including the one that allowed Woodson to get to OT. For the game, Woodson shot 21-30 from the line as a team, while Hylton converted 6-8. Hylton was led by Dwayne Hills 18 points and 4 rebounds. Chris Mansker added 9 points and 3 rebounds.

Woodson Coach Doug Craig thanked the alumni and players as well as Red Jenkins who he said "built this place," adding "it's been a culmination of 54 years of being really close, knocking on the door and finally kicking it open."



Hylton's Nicholas Peterson #4 is defended by Woodson's Matthew Urbach #30.

CALENDAR

Send notes to the Connection at connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/ or call 703-778-9416. The deadline is the Friday prior to the next paper's publication at noon. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

ONGOING

"Her Story" Art Exhibition. Through April 2, gallery hours are Mon.-Fri: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun: 12-5 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Show focuses on how women have a role in inspiring and shaping our society. Visit www.workhousearts.org/ for more.

Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe).

Wednesdays. 8:15-9:15 a.m. Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Shalom (hello) Did you always want to converse in Hebrew? Join Na'ama each week for conversational Hebrew. You will learn and practice Hebrew in a fun and interactive way while learning more about Israel. Free, however we ask that you try to attend regularly. RSVP Naama.Gold@jccnv.org.

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FRIDAY/MARCH 17

Local Nature Film. 6:30 p.m. at Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10215 Lakehaven Court, Burke. "Hometown Habitat-Stories of Bringing Nature Home" profiles stories of community commitment to conservation landscaping. For two years, producer/director Catherine Zimmerman and film crew traveled around the country to visit hometown habitat heroes and film their inspiring stories. Free. Call 703-503-4579 or email administrator@accotinkuu.org for more.

SATURDAY/MARCH 18

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AAUW 2017 Spring Fling. 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. The American Association of University Women provides advocacy for women through education, philanthropy and research. Molly Smith will be the guest speaker. \$40. Email SpringFlingAAUW@gmail.com or call 703-973-3783 for more.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner. 6-8 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. This is a fundraising event to support the many Christian outreach programs sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Men's Group of Pohick Episcopal Church. \$15 for adults, \$40 for a family, and children under 12 are free. www.pohick.org or call 703-680-1664 for more.

THURSDAY/MARCH 23

Artist Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. Meet the featured artist and be a part of the local artist community. Free. Visit www.fairfaxartleague.net or call 703-587-9481 for more.

Greendale Women's Golf League.

1:30-3:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre Drive. The Greendale Women's Golf Association is an 18-hole league that plays once a week on Thursday mornings at the Greendale Golf Course on Telegraph Road. The league is open to experienced golfers of all abilities. Please join us as we discuss the upcoming golf season. Call 703-399-6496 or visit gwgl.wordpress.com for more.

FRIDAY/MARCH 24

Bingo. 7 p.m. at the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/ for more.

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SATURDAY/MARCH 25

Women Entrepreneurs. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at JCC of Northern Virginia, 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. 2017 Women's Conference is a day of presentations, networking, empowerment, from five engaging and experienced women entrepreneurs. \$55 includes lunch. Visit jccnv.org/womensconference or call 703-323-0880 for more.

Senior Center Appraisal Event. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Receive verbal appraisals from a certified appraiser on items such as jewelry, clocks, coins and more. Call 703-273-6090 for more.

Art and Lunch. noon-3 p.m. at Village Gallery, 3950 University Drive, Fairfax. The Fairfax Art League will be hosting an Art & Lunch event at the Village Gallery. Bring lunch and enjoy the company of other artists. Free and open to the public. New members welcome. Visit www.fairfaxartleague.net or call 703-587-9481 for more.

"Harriet Tubman: Move or Die." 2 p.m. at Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Actress Gwendolyn Briley-Strand will perform a presentation as Ms. Tubman followed, by a question and answer session. Ms. Briley-Strand will bring an exhibit, "The Portals through Time," about Miss Tubman's life on Maryland's Eastern shore and later in Auburn, N.Y. Call 703-591-6728 for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 26

Hands On Activity Day. 1-4 p.m. at The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Railroad and/or historical crafts and activities will be offered for all ages although most are suited for ages 8 and above. Museum members and children 4 and under, free; ages 5-15, \$2; ages 16 and older, \$4. Visit www.fairfaxstation.org or call 703-425-9225 for more.

Burke Historical Society. 3:30 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, at 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Mary Lipsey will present a talk on "Anna Maria Fitzhugh" highlighting the life of Anna Maria Fitzhugh of Ravensworth, one of Fairfax and Stafford Counties' most prominent landowners from her widowhood in 1830 to her death in 1874. Visit burkehistoricalsociety.org or Brian Slawski at slawski_brian@yahoo.com for more.

"Barber, Bernstein, and Broadway." 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Joining the band to sing a variety of Broadway showstoppers will be the Mason Cabaret of the George Mason University School of Theater. Visit fairfaxband.org or a call 571-336-CFBA (2322) for more.

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A bit of attitude. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors poses after their appearance at the Leadership Fairfax Breakfast with the Board.



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Patricia Harrison, Fairfax County Deputy Executive, (middle) receives the Katherine K. Hanley Award for Public Service from Rodney Lusk, and award namesake Katherine Hanley.

Leadership Fairfax Hosts Breakfast with Supervisors

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE CONNECTION

On Friday, March 10, Leadership Fairfax (LFI) held its annual Breakfast with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for the 26th time. The county's governing elected officials are usually only captured on film in their professional personas, but this time each supervisor was announced in the style of a college hoops star a la March Madness. One after the other they high-fived, fist-bumped and attitude-gestured with an LFI partner as they made their way to the dais.

There were more laughs during the "Ask the Supervisors" portion of the program, particularly when the speakers were asked to name their favorite childhood snack food. Supervisor Kathy Smith, Sully District, confessed to something with white bread and sugar to looks of horror from some of her colleagues.

Moderator Casey Veatch, principal of Veatch Commercial Real Estate, balanced humorous interludes with serious questions. The supervisors were called upon to highlight some of the county's successes in 2016, as well as the obstacles that were faced and that may still lie ahead. "We're going to get news you can use today. No fake news here," he said.

CHAIRMAN SHARON BULOVA rose to the challenge of presenting a State of the County address in less than three minutes. The establishment of a civilian Police Review Panel, whose nine members were recently announced, was one of the year's high notes, according to Bulova. The panel "will act as an independent portal for residents to submit concerns or complaints and will promote further transparency in our community policing," she said.

Bulova also spoke of the success of the Diversion First program, which kept 375 people from potential arrest in 2016. Diversion First is designed to seek alternatives



Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill) gets into the swing of things during her introduction.

to incarceration for persons with mental illness or developmental disabilities who come into contact with the criminal justice system for low-level offenses. "It's the right thing to do," she said, "to get people assistance instead of jail time where possible," and it also saves county dollars and police resources.

After Bulova's remarks, Veatch called for a "speed round," with each supervisor commenting on an important project, event, or challenge. Some of their responses included:

❖ John Cook (Braddock) – Continuing the work of the Diversion First program.

❖ John Foust (Dranesville) – Economic Growth Fund. Foust supports providing start-up and entrepreneurial funds and "maker spaces" to make Fairfax a leader in diverse economic innovation. He encouraged everyone to read the county's eco-

nomics success strategic plan.

❖ Penny Gross (Mason) – Environmental protection and energy efficiency are critical, particularly with threatened cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency and similar organizations.

❖ Pat Herry (Springfield) – The growing opioid abuse and deaths crisis. "It's in your neighbourhood. A partnership for awareness, prevention and treatment" is needed.

❖ Cathy Hudgins (Hunter Mill) – Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) improvements. "We need to remember that 1.1 million services were provided during the Inauguration and the Women's March in January without incident," but there are no federal funds for maintenance and operations for Metro, although 45 percent of its riders are government workers. "We need everyone involved

in the funding."

❖ Jeff McKay (Lee) – "One Fairfax is one of the most important things we've done." In a joint resolution with the Fairfax County Public Schools Board, the supervisors passed the written policy that demands all policies and decisions be put to the test, using a "lens of equity." "A zip code shouldn't determine your potential," McKay insisted.

❖ Kathy Smith (Sully) – Working on the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance, which hasn't been amended since 1978. "There are processes to make changes, but it takes too long and inhibits growth." And, she noted, "We're getting a Wegman's in Sully District,"

❖ Linda Smythe (Providence) – Continue efforts to revitalize communities like Merrifield. "Has anyone been to Mosaic? That's what can be done."

❖ Daniel Storck (Mount Vernon) – Promoting public/private partnerships that are having significant success in his district with "gateway projects" and school innovations.

IN ADDITION to putting the Board of Supervisors on the hot seat, this annual event is also the time when the Katherine K. Hanley Award for Public Service is presented. The award's namesake, former Fairfax County Board Chair and Secretary of the Commonwealth Katherine Hanley, was on hand to bestow this year's honor on Patricia Harrison, Fairfax County deputy executive.

With 30 years of service in Fairfax County, Harrison, who oversees the county's human services agencies and programs, "has played an integral role in improving the lives of families in our community," said co-presenter Rodney Lusk of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority and an LFI alum.

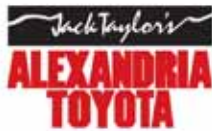
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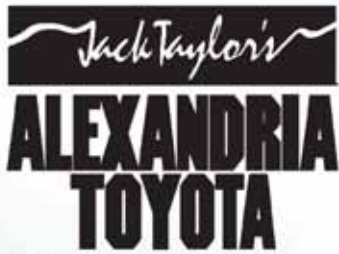
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Springfield Community Business Center Commuter Parking Garage
Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services

Thursday, April 20, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Key Center Cafeteria, 6404 Franconia Road, Springfield, VA

The Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services will conduct an open forum public hearing on the design of the Springfield Community Business Center (CBC) Commuter Parking Garage project. The proposed project would include 6 parking levels with about 1,100 parking spaces, a bus transit center with 7 bus bays, 12 commuter spaces, and a short term parking area for drop off and pick up. A pedestrian bridge connecting Springfield Plaza to the parking garage is also proposed. Other features include bicycle storage, passenger waiting areas, a community area on the ground floor and on the roof top. Project schedule information will be discussed at the public hearing.

Preview the project information, environmental documents, and preliminary plans prior to the public hearing at the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 449, Fairfax, VA 22035, (tel. 703-324-5800). Please call ahead for staff availability.

Give your written comments at the hearing or submit them by May 4, 2017 to Mr. Deepak Bhinge, Project

Manager, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, at the same address. You may also email your comments to Deepak.Bhinge@fairfaxcounty.gov. Please reference "Springfield CBC Parking Garage Comments" in the subject heading.

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Kindergarten Orientation. 2 p.m. at Rolling Valley Elementary School, 6703 Barnack Drive, Springfield. Call 703-923-2700 or email the registrar, Mary Beth Vaughn, at mevaughn@fcps.edu.

SUNDAY/MARCH 26
A United Response to Hate Speech and Crime. 3-5:30 p.m. in the Ernst Room at Northern Virginia Community College - Annandale, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Brief presentations by experts who specialize in preventing hate rhetoric and hate crimes, followed by a discussion between the audience and a panel comprised of diverse religious leaders. Email ncsinterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-3453.

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Domestic Violence Workshop. 11:30 a.m. at Kings Lutheran Church, 4025 Kings Way, Fairfax. This workshop is presented by Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood & Community Services and The FCIA Interfaith Domestic Violence Prevention Committee. Registration deadline is Monday, March 27, 2017. Visit tinyurl.com/fairfaxcountycic, email ncsinterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-3453.

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