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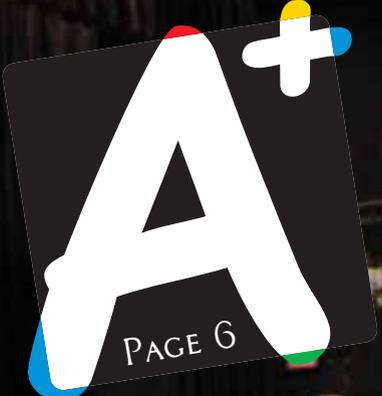
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Lake Braddock senior Josh Lee (left) plays Billy Bigelow, a lead role as carousel barker in the school's musical theatre production of "Carousel." Lake Braddock Secondary School musical theatre director Mary DeMarco of Clifton decided 'it was time to do a classic.'



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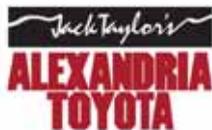
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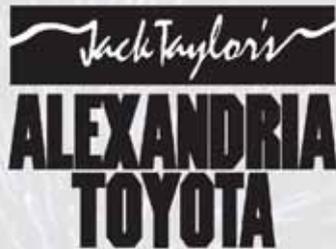
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Senate Panel Cracks Down on Internet Lending

Bill would subject unregulated loans to rules that apply to consumer-finance loans.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE CONNECTION

The Wild West of online lending might be about to become a little tamer. That's because a state Senate panel narrowly approved a bill that would subject internet loans to the same restrictions that currently exist for consumer finance loans, a move that would cramp the anything-goes culture of online loans in Virginia.

"These international companies and Indian tribes shouldn't be able to run around and do things that companies here in Virginia are not allowed to do," said state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36), who introduced Senate Bill 1126. "This bill would basically make it clear that Virginia's Consumer Finance Act does apply to companies who make loans over the internet, and it would make it clear that State Corporation Commission has the authority to license them."

The shadowy world of internet lending allows companies from all over the world to offer loans at interest rates from 600 percent to 5,000 percent. Recent years have seen a proliferation of Indian tribes also getting into the act, taking advantage of the uncertainty of a law that crafted regulations in 1918. Surovell's bill would make the companies apply for the same kind of license that other consumer-finance companies.

"This will provide for a level playing field," said Dave Irvin, manager of the Predatory Lending Unit at the Office of Attorney General. "They will be subject to the same limits on their rates under existing law."

Consumer-finance loans are currently subject to an annual limit on the amount of interest that can be charged, 36 percent for loans that are worth less than \$2,500. A separate bill introduced by Senate Demo-



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE

State Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36) presents his bill regulating internet lending to the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee.

cratic Leader Dick Saslaw increases that threshold to \$4,000, although that has not yet been considered in committee. If successful, that bill would mean all consumer-finance loans offered over the internet would be subject to a 36 percent limit on the annual interest rate if the loan was for less than \$4,000.

"In the absence of action, the internet becomes a lawless place that plays by different rules than traditional commerce," said Kevin Mauer, associate director of the Virginia Catholic Conference. "Without protective regulation, the commonwealth's vulnerable consumers may fall prey to more and more opportunistic lenders."

Nobody spoke in opposition to Surovell's bill, which passed the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee with an eight-to-five vote.

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— Kevin Mauer, Associate Director, Virginia Catholic Conference

"I just think it's helpful to make sure we regulate the internet like we do Virginia companies," said state Sen. Steve Newman (R-23), who made the motion to report the bill out of the committee to the Senate floor.

LAST YEAR, lawmakers considered and ultimately rejected a bill that would have legalized online lending in Virginia. It was

an effort pushed by an Indiana-based company known as OneMain Financial. Company officials approached Del. Terry Kilgore (R-1) about legalizing internet lending in Virginia, and Kilgore agreed and introduced legislation to do just that.

"I don't want to get between somebody and their money and somebody and what they want to do," said Kilgore at the time. "That's something that, as far as payday or title loans, I've not done that. If you want to borrow the money and that's the last person you can borrow it from then, you know, you may be in a position where you can borrow the money."

When Kilgore's bill was considered in House committee, Ken Kinion of OneMain disagreed with the idea that his company should have a physical location in Virginia.

"When you're making loans over the internet for synergy purposes, it's better to be done at a central location because it just comes through a wire in your home," said Kinion. "So it would be prohibitively expensive for us to set up an internet location in each state."

Del. Greg Habeeb (R-8) took issue with that.

"I find it frankly a little bit suspicious that somebody says well we don't want to set up an office in Virginia because man that's cheap to do," said Habeeb.

In the end, the committee killed the bill. Democratic Del. Mark Keam was happy the bill died but displeased at

what the episode represented. "This is a classic example of how in Virginia at the state General Assembly unfortunately lobbyists and special interests come up with a business plan for themselves. They come to the government to get the government to endorse and approve their business plan and then they go out and do what they want to do."

IN SESSION

Gun Battle

The celebration of Martin Luther King Day in Richmond is known as "Lobby Day," a time when people use their day off to travel to the Capitol and lobby about everything from education funding to disability awareness. One particular issue always steals the spotlight: guns. Every year, MLK Day provides a backdrop for a pro-gun rally and anti-gun rally.

This year is an election year, though, which means the pro-gun rally included some not-so-subtle politics. Most Republican candidates for statewide office spoke at the pro-gun rally, although there was one conspicuous absence: former Republican National Committee Chairman **Ed Gillespie**. Prince William

County Board of Supervisors Chairman Corey Stewart took the opportunity to go on the offensive.

"You know he's here today. I just saw him up there in the General Assembly Building," Stewart told the crowd. "But did he even bother to show up and address you? He didn't. He sent somebody else, another politician to come and talk to you. The guy's afraid of his own shadow. He doesn't do anything unless his consultants approve of it. Everything is poll driven. Folks, that's not leadership. It's cowardice."

A spokesman for Gillespie says he sent Del. Scott Lingamfelter (R-31) to speak on his behalf because he had a scheduling conflict, a Martin Luther King Memorial Day event at Mount Vernon Baptist

Church in Richmond.

Heart Stopping Moment

Longtime Dominion lobbyist **Bill Thomas** was testifying against a bill introduced by state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) about carbon emissions when a sudden beeping sound flooded the committee room. Thomas stopped speaking and started fiddling with a machine at his side.

"I'm wearing a heart monitor, and it seems to want to tell me that my heart is beating a little rapidly," said Thomas, prompting nervous laughter from the other lobbyists in the room. "Some would say they weren't sure that I had a heart, but we'll blame that on Senator

Petersen."

Day of Tears

Leaders of a new nonprofit group known as Day of Tears persuaded Republican Del. Ben Cline (R-24) to introduce a resolution declaring Jan. 22 a "Day of Tears." That's the anniversary of the day the United States Supreme Court ruled in the Roe v. Wade case legalizing abortion. Nonprofit director Anne Fitzgerald says she would like to see states across the country take similar action.

"It's sad that we even have to have this conversation, that we are mourning 60 million children that are not with us. However, I am excited that we have gotten the ball rolling and that we are just in the beginning phases of a national

movement."

Virginia is the first state that the group has targeted, although it's just a House resolution rather than an actual bill. That means it won't be considered by the Senate or the governor. The resolution asks private flag owners to lower their flags that day, not state buildings. Nevertheless, advocates for women's rights say the resolution is an attempt to shame women who have chosen to have an abortion.

"I think it's inappropriate and a poor use of time by this legislative body to be passing judgment on women who have decided to have an abortion," said Anna Scholl, director of Progress Virginia.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

OPINION

Counting on Our Reps in Congress

Sound the call to action; resist changes that are against the values and beliefs of most Virginia voters.

While most voters in the United States did not vote for Donald Trump for president, it was all the more so here in Northern Virginia. Hillary Clinton won the popular vote nationwide by 2.9 million votes.

In Virginia, Clinton won 49.75 percent to 44.43 percent over Trump; 1,981,473 votes for Clinton to 1,769,443 votes for Trump.

In the City of Alexandria, Clinton won 75.56 percent of the vote, with 17.54 percent voting for Trump; 57,242 to 13,285 votes.

In Arlington, Clinton won 75.83 percent of the vote, with 16.64 percent voting for Trump; 92,016 to 20,186 votes.

In Fairfax County, Clinton won 64.43 percent of the vote, with 28.61 percent voting for Trump; 355,133 to 157,710 votes.

Most people in this area didn't vote for the

kind of changes that might be coming with this change of administration and party. They didn't vote to repeal the Affordable Care Act. They didn't vote to give massive tax breaks to the nation's wealthiest families, in many cases millions of dollars per family. Certainly they didn't vote for broadside attacks on Medicare, or to undo progress on climate change. This list could go on for some time.

EDITORIAL With all of this and much more under consideration, we rely on our members of Congress, including our two U.S. senators, to fight, to stand up and resist changes that are against the values and beliefs of most Virginia voters, to sound the call to action in every case it is needed.

U.S. Rep. Don Beyer says he will not attend the inauguration.

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly and U.S. Sen. Mark Warner rallied with thousands in Alexandria

last weekend to oppose the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.

Even the one Republican member of Congress from the region, U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10), spoke out against Trump during the election.

Comstock could play an important role standing up for the values of voters in her district, and will play an important role in representing the interests of the region.

Call your representatives and tell them what matters to you. Every Virginia resident is represented by Virginia's two U.S. senators and one member of Congress. Of course this pertains to those who supported Trump as well.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An Apology to LGBTQ Community

To the Editor:

My community involvement began in 1989 with my opposition to Family Life Education (FLE). Among the reasons I opposed FLE were that it promoted the acceptance of homosexuality and said that gays cannot change. For 25 years I have made public statements that homosexuality was a choice and that it could be "prayed away." I was very wrong.

Feelings are generally not a choice, as is recognized by my church's website, mormonandgay.org. For my past statements, I apologize to the LGBTQ community.

I wish my social conservative friends would be more understand-

ing that probably most gay and transgender persons did not choose to have the feelings they have. Often these feelings begin at a very young age. A family member should be able to acknowledge same-sex attraction or gender preference without fear of rejection, loss of employment or opportunity. When we social conservatives ask gays to live celibate or ask transgender persons to use bathrooms for their biological gender, we should understand that we are asking a lot. We have not walked in their shoes.

I do not believe that most gay and transgender persons want to undermine Christian values; they want to be able to act on powerful feelings they did not ask to have. I do believe though that some who are promoting LGBTQ rights do oppose Christian values and advocate an androgynous society. For example a lawyer for

Gavin Grimm, whose bathroom case is before the Supreme Court, is the Secular Society Women's Rights Legal Fellow at the ACLU.

Eroding the standards of modesty between male and female makes society more dangerous for women. What may now seem to be a casual act for a man may be regarded as rape by a woman. The casualness we have introduced over recent decades I think is responsible for the well-publicized statistic that 20 percent of college coeds are sexually assaulted.

While I therefore believe bathroom use should be based on biological gender, I understand that this imposes a great hardship on transgender persons. I would hope that other social conservatives would understand this too.

Arthur Purves
Vienna

Stopping Gerrymandering in Virginia

To the Editor:

As the new legislative year begins in Richmond, I hope more voters will join the effort to stop gerrymandering in Virginia. An overwhelming majority of us (as well as Presidents Reagan and Kennedy in the past and Clinton, G.H.W. Bush, G. Bush, and Obama now) favor this cause.

To stop gerrymandering, we must change Virginia's constitution. And as long as our legislators can make law in back rooms and with voice votes (that record yea or nay but not individual legislator's votes), that won't happen. We'll all have to step up. To learn how, visit OneVirginia2021.org and look up "Delegate Jerry Mandering" on Facebook.

Dianne Thomas
Fairfax

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Bicycle Advocacy Workshop Feb. 4

Are you interested in making Fairfax County more bike-friendly? On Feb. 4, 2017, Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FABB) is hosting a free workshop that will provide attendees the basic tools and strategies needed to help make bicycling conditions better in Fairfax County. The workshop will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2017, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Rd in Springfield (across the street from the Springfield Golf and Country Club).

There is no charge for the workshop; however, participants are asked to pre-register before Jan. 29, 2017 (www.fabb-bikes.org). Lunch will be provided. Topics include: components of a successful advocacy campaign, developing an advo-

cacy plan, online advocacy tools, and why citizen advocates make a difference. Attendees will have time to develop their own campaigns. Presenters are local citizens with a proven record of leading advocacy campaigns: FABB members Sonya Breehey, Bruce Wright, and Alan Young, and Fionnuala Quinn of The Bureau of Good Roads.

FABB is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization dedicated to improving conditions for bicyclists of all ages, nationalities, and walks of life. Over the past decade FABB has played a key role in advancing bicycling in Fairfax County. More information about the organization and workshop can be found at www.fabb-bikes.org or by contacting Bruce Wright at info@fabb-bikes.org or 703-328-9619.

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Cash registers were stolen from the Crosspointe Market and Steak 'n Things businesses in Fairfax Station early Saturday morning, Jan. 14.

Cash Registers Stolen from Village Shops

Cash registers were stolen from the Crosspointe Market and Steak 'n Things businesses early Saturday morning, Jan. 14, Fairfax County Police said.

Officers responded to a burglary alarm around 2:02 a.m. at the Village Shops off Silverbrook Road in Fairfax Station, in the 8900 block of Village Shops Drive.

Doors to the businesses had been smashed

open and the registers, as well as some additional non-registered money was taken, police spokesperson Officer Megan Hawkins said.

Police did not release the amount of money that was taken.

FCPD said the crimes are under investigation.

—TIM PETERSON

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The Kids4Peace Interfaith Summer Camp is aimed at helping to break down religious stereotypes.

Planning for Summer Camp

Local camp fairs help families navigate the maze of summer camp offerings.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

In an effort to confront religious intolerance, a group of local middle school students will attend a camp aimed at bringing together children from different religions and giving them the chance to come together, make new friendships, visit houses of worship, learn about other traditions and practice dialogue to confront Islamophobia and Anti-Semitism.

"Campers will get experiences in synagogues, mosques and churches," said Shoshana Abrams of Kids4Peace. "They'll see how others pray, how they celebrate and what they believe. It's helping to break down stereotypes. A lot of interfaith action is needed to combat Islamophobia and bring together people of different faiths."

Kids4Peace's Interfaith Day Camp is one of a diverse variety of summer camps available to local children. From performing arts, wilderness adventures and sports to language immersion, standardized test prep and community service, the summer offerings in the Washington region are plentiful. Though warm weather is months away, this is the time to start planning for camp and finding the best fit, say child development experts. "You want to include your child from the beginning of the process," said Carolyn Lorente, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "Explore options by following their interests. I like to ask kids 'What problem would you like to solve?' For instance, would they like to learn how to play basketball, how to make a rocket, how to see other galaxies, how to paint with acrylics, how to star in a play? These [questions] will point you in a direction that is good for both

you and your child."

Local camps fairs such as the Northern Virginia Camp & Summer Fun Expo, offer access to a variety of both day and overnight options in one location. "We want parents to know that there are many different options out there, and they're going to find out all the specifics about many camps," said Jacky Dooly, of Northern Virginia Camp & Summer Fun Expo and Washington Parent in Bethesda, Maryland. "There will be specific sports camps like swimming and martial arts. Maybe child has academic issues and they need to get caught up. If so, there are academic programs."

Before attending a camp fair, Dooly suggests that families prepare themselves, and there are questions that she recommends parents ask prospective camp officials. "Does the camp offer early morning care as well as later evening care?" she asks. "Find out information about the food that is offered at the camp. How much activity will your child get during the day? If you're interested in a particular camp, find out if it fits within your budget."

"I'd also want to know how they are going to keep your child safe, how they encourage participation, and the percentage of returning camp counselors and campers," added Lorente. "If you have a camp with high return rates that indicates that it is a place where people want to be."

Mandarin immersion, public speaking and science exploration are among the choices that will be available this summer at BASIS Independent Summer McLean. Noting that this will be the camp's inaugural summer, Asha Bruot, spokeswoman for McLean BASIS, says that there will also be "a traditional day camp for students in first through fifth [grades] with thematically-linked activities, classroom projects, outdoor games, drama, music, and art."

"Summer camp should be a place for your child to explore, play [and] become," said Lorente. "The school year has become so structured. I would want a camp that has embedded in it time for child-directed exploration [and] free-time."

"We want parents to know that there are many different camp options out there."

— Jacky Dooly, Northern Virginia Camp & Summer Fun Expo

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Thursday, January 26, 2017, 6:30 – 8 p.m.
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If the meeting is cancelled due to inclement weather, the alternate date will be **Thursday, February 2, 2017.**

Find out about plans to replace the existing two-lane bridge that carries Backlick Road over CSX Railroad with a bridge that accommodates the addition of a third CSX railroad track. The bridge is located approximately 300 feet east of the intersection of Backlick Road and Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286).

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR 771, a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion was prepared under an agreement between VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration approved on May 1, 2013. In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed bridge replacement on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is included with the environmental document.

Stop by between 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. to view displays and learn about the project. VDOT staff will be on hand to answer questions.

Review project information on the VDOT website (www.virginiadot.org/projects), at the public meeting, or during business hours at VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive in Fairfax. Please call ahead at 703-259-2304, 800-367-7623 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting, submit them by **February 9, 2017** to Shahrar Behboodi, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email meetingcomments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "Backlick Road over CSX Railroad" in the subject line.

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Camp fairs, such as the Northern Virginia Camp & Summer Fun Expo, give families an opportunity to see the variety of summer camps available.

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www.washingtonparent.com/

Kids4Peace Camp: <http://www.k4p.org/chapters/washington-dc/>

Tips on Trips and Camps: (Feb. 12, 1-3:30 p.m.), Walt Whitman High School, 7100 Whittier Blvd. Bethesda, Md., 301-881-0547 or <http://tipsontripsandcamps.com/dc/>



Face painting will be one of the activities available at the Northern Virginia Camp & Summer Fun Expo.

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Fairfax County Public Schools interim superintendent Steve Lockard spoke at the FCPS school board regular business meeting, announcing the budget, on Jan. 12.

Lockard Channels Garza, Proposes \$2.8 Billion FCPS Budget

FY2018 focuses on employee compensation and classroom resources.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Public Schools interim superintendent Steve Lockard is asking for \$130.4 million more for the school system's FY2018 operating budget than the previous year, a 4.9 percent increase, to a total of \$2.8 billion.

Lockard spoke at the school board's regular business meeting, announcing the budget, on Jan. 12.

"This really is a basic needs budget," Lockard said in an interview. He stressed that two key priorities of the proposed budget are employee compensation and classroom resources.

"Our programs are what separate Fairfax County from other school systems," he said. "We're only as good as the people we have leading them."

Fairfax County Public Schools' population has eclipsed 188,000 students at around 200 schools and centers. The staff is nearly 28,000 employees, 90 percent based in the schools.

In 2016, former superintendent Dr. Karen Garza led a charge for increasing teacher salaries, which she said have been lagging behind the market average and are causing Fairfax County to lose teachers to surrounding jurisdictions as well as fail to attract high quality new instructors.

Last year's approved budget managed a step increase for employees and began a four-year plan for bringing salaries to

the market average.

"We really started in earnest last year," Lockard said, "the biggest part of the budget proposal continues that work."

The FY2018 proposed budget includes \$44 million for an average step increase of 2.5 percent for all eligible employees, including teachers and non-teachers. As part of that multi-year market average-matching plan, there's also a \$33.2 million investment for teacher pay.

Another \$41.2 million covers "anticipated increases in health insurance and contributions to the retirement systems," according to a release from FCPS.

Kimberly Adams is president of the Fairfax County Council of PTAs. She's also a librarian at Mantua Elementary School.

"The most encouraging thing is the superintendent kept class size and teacher compensation at the forefront," she said.

But getting a 5.7 percent raise over FY2017 in the transfer from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors "is going to be a struggle," said Adams.

Lockard said the FCPS budget requires 72.2 percent of the total revenue from the county.

"We're so appreciative of our funding partners at the Board of Supervisors for the collaborative work last year," he said. "We wanted to advocate for the needs that we have, but we need to be prepared should the funding not occur. We recognize the challenging fiscal times."

Pre-empting the school board's adop

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NEWS

Brewery Changes on Tap

Planning drafts zoning amendment.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

There is increasing interest in Fairfax County in opening breweries for craft beer that might also serve beer and food.

For example, Scott Adams, of Maguire Woods, has a client interested in potentially expanding and operating a craft-brew pub and tasting room out of former cell blocks or buildings of the D.C. Department of Corrections' Lorton Prison.

The county is currently stirring the perfect mix for its new proposed zoning ordinance amendment on craft beverage production establishments; debating such issues as whether 15,000 or 20,000 barrels of beer can be brewed on site, or whether on-site tasting rooms can be included to production activities or whether "production activities shall be the accessory to the onsite tasting room."

Because of increased interest from businesses seeking opportu-

nities in Fairfax County, the Board of Supervisors directed planning staff to research and prepared the zoning amendment that "adds food and beverage manufacturing, production and processing establishments" as a by right use in industrial zoning districts.

The Planning Commission will hold a decision-only hearing on the amendment on Jan. 26.

"The amendment itself is rather easy," said At-large Planning Commissioner James Hart. "The decisions on the options are more difficult."

The Board of Supervisors is currently scheduled to hold a public hearing on Feb. 28 at 4 p.m.

"Despite the relatively low number of existing breweries within the county, staff has received inquiries from small-scale breweries considering locations within the county," said Andrew Hashour of the Department of Planning and Zoning, who prepared the report for the commission's public hearing on Jan. 12.

"According to the ABC's license

database, there are currently seven establishments with active brewery licenses within the county. Three of these are operating as eating establishments with accessory brewing.

"Of the four breweries that are not associated with an eating establishment, one is operating at the lowest level production license from the ABC (a maximum of 500 barrels annually) and three are operating at the mid-level license (501-10,000 barrels annually)."

Adams' client believes it needs to operate at the highest producing license in the long-run to be successful.

LORTON PRISON was rezoned so the reformatory portion (buildings, dormitories) can be used for the development of 352-364 dwelling units.

The former penitentiary portion, 15.99 acres, was rezoned to use up to 110,000 square feet for new and adaptive reuse development, according to Planning Commission documents.

"The penitentiary portion in

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THURSDAY/JAN. 19

Classical Concert noon - 1 p.m. Old Town Hall 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy a classical music performance by the Friday Morning Music Club featuring works by various composers. Cost: Free fmmc@fmmc.org 703-352-2787 <http://www.fmmc.org/event/old-town-hall-concert-series-12/>

SUNDAY/JAN. 22

Nutrition Workshop 12:30 - 3 p.m. Fairfax Presbyterian Church 10723 Main Street, Fairfax. "Nutrition WS "Recovery, Restoration & Food." Presented by Deb Fitzgerald O'Connell BS in Human Nutrition and Food and an MS in Human Nutrition and Public Health. Tickets include lunch and childcare up to age 8. Multi Purpose Room, Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main Street, Fairfax. Take Presbyterian Way off of Main Street. Cost: \$10.00 includes lunch. nutrition@fairfaxpresby.com 703-766-5657. For online registration through January 15: fairfaxpresbyterian.org.

TUESDAY/JAN. 24

Documentary Film, "Thank You For Your Service" 7:30 p.m. at the Angelika Film Center Mosaic District, 2911 District Ave, Fairfax. Dealing with the mental health issues confronting many recently returning veterans, this is described as one of the best films of the year. It won best film at the 2016 G.I. Film Festival. Tickets are on sale at: <http://gathr.us/screening/18521>. There are no box office sales. Access the movie trailer at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNJrXxHCGDU.

THURSDAY/JAN. 26

Lake Braddock Secondary School's production of Carousel 7:30 p.m. 9200 Burke Lake Rd, Burke. This classic musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein was once named "the musical of the century" by Time magazine. Opening night is January 26 and the cast will have a dress rehearsal on Jan. 21st if you would like to get some photos of students in costumes. Cost: Tickets start at \$12 and are available from www.brownpapertickets.com.

FRIDAY/JAN. 27

Lake Braddock Secondary School's production of Carousel 7:30 p.m. 9200 Burke Lake Rd, Burke.

SATURDAY/JAN. 28

Lake Braddock Secondary School's production of Carousel shows at 2 p.m. & 8 p.m. 9200 Burke Lake Rd, Burke.

History Lecture on Parson Mason Locke Weems 1 - 2 p.m. at Pohick Episcopal Church 9301 Richmond Highway in Lorton, on U.S. Route 1 between Telegraph Road and Pohick Road. The staff of the Weems-Botts Museum in Dumfries will be giving a lecture on the colorful and controversial figure of Parson Mason Locke Weems. Weems served as temporary Minister at Pohick Church from about 1800 to 1817. He was the writer of the biography of George Washington that contains the famous "Cherry Tree Story." 703-928-8184 or dickhamly@aol.com or www.pohick.org.



'Murder on the Nile' on GMU Stage

Aquila Theatre presents Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Nile" at George Mason University, Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017 at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$26, \$37 and \$44. Call 888-945-2468 or visit www.cfa.gme.edu Note: There will be a pre-performance discussion 45 minutes before the show.



Mystery at Workhouse

Jason Krage, featured in the mystery 'Solitary Confinement' at the Workhouse Arts Center, W-3 Theatre, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Performances: Through Feb. 12, 2017. Friday & Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$20 (students/seniors) - \$30 (general admission). Call 703-584-2900 or visit www.workhousearts.org

SUNDAY/JAN. 29

Lake Braddock Secondary School's production of Carousel 3 p.m. 9200 Burke Lake Rd, Burke.

Virginia Dance Coalition Dance Festival 10 - 8 p.m. Ernst Cultural Center on the Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The program includes three Master Classes (Ballet, Modern, and African) along with dancer wellness and career seminars. There are two performances - an Informal Showcase for emerging companies and artists, and a Gala Evening Performance for the professional and pre-professional groups. Registration info at www.VirginiaDanceCoalition.org 703-409-7988.

1898 Looting of Burke 4:30 - 6 Abiding Presence Lutheran Church 6304 Lee Chapel Rd, Burke. Cindy Bennett, BHS Treasurer, will speak on the 1898 looting of Burke by troops from Camp Alger during the Spanish-American War. Cost: Free. slawski_brian@yahoo.com www.burkehistoricalsociety.org

Concert by the Havenwood Trio 6

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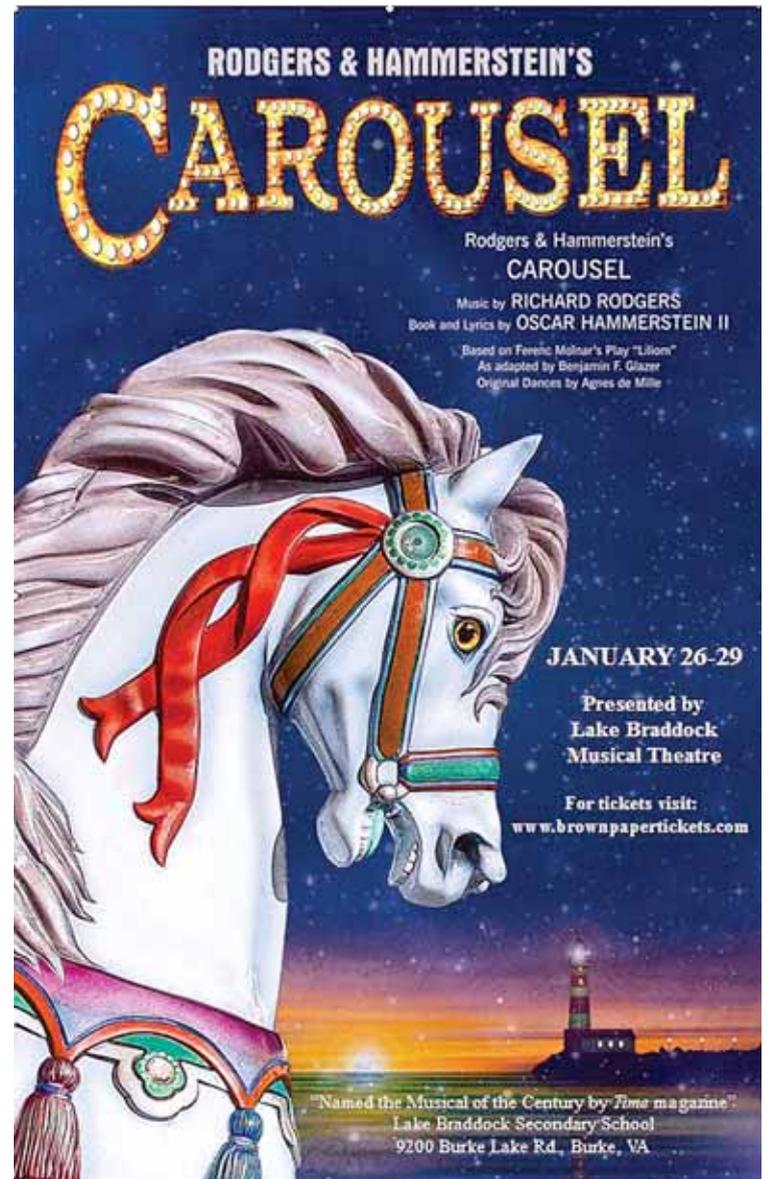
Writer Liane Kupferberg Carter at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia 7 p.m. 8900 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. The insightful author will speak about her memoir, Ketchup is My Favorite Vegetable: A Family Grows Up with Autism, an unflinching portrait of family life, and a look at what has really gone on in the two decades after her son's diagnosis. Tickets: \$11 General Admission, \$8 for JCCNV members, persons 65+ and under 30. Tickets are available at <http://bpt.me/2740223>. 703-323-0880 jccnv.org.

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Senior Line Dancing 1 - 2 p.m. Little River Glen Senior Center 4001 Barker Ct, Fairfax. Line Dancing is a gentle, social form of aerobic activity. Studies have shown it aids in warding off Alzheimer's disease. No previous experience needed. Cost: \$5

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Lake Braddock Secondary School's production of Carousel kicks off Thursday Jan. 26 and will have showings through Sunday Jan. 29. This classic musical by Rodgers and Hammerstein was once named "the musical of the century" by Time magazine. Tickets start at \$12 and are available from www.brownpapertickets.com.

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EXERCISE PROGRAM Mondays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. year-round at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd. Fairfax. The exercises are for strength, balance and maintaining limberness. Contact SCFB office at 703-426-2824 for more information.

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Great Falls resident Kim Karanik navigated a three-and-a-half-year obstacle course to make riding activities and equestrian lessons more accessible and available to county children.

"I stand by the strength children gain from riding," she testified before the Planning Commission on Thursday, Jan. 12.

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust served as a course judge of sorts, Karanik said, helping her navigate county policy along the way. The county created an Equestrian Task Force which published a report in March 2012 that claimed "zoning regulations act as obstacles in providing equestrian opportunities for private horse owners as well as commercial equestrian-related providers."

The Planning Commission held a public hearing Thursday, Jan. 12, to discuss a change to zoning ordinance that will allow "small scale horseback riding lessons as a home occupation subject to specific limitations designed to minimize the impact of the lessons on surrounding properties," according to Planning Commission documents.

THE BOARD of Supervisors will hold its public hearing on Feb. 14.

Specifically, the proposed ordinance would allow residents to conduct riding lessons at home like piano lessons, tutoring, or other private instruction activities.

According to Planning Commission documents, hours of operation would be limited from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to minimize impact on surrounding neighbors; and all horses for riding must be kept on the property and can't be transported or ridden to the property for lessons. On lots between two and five acres, the maximum amount of instruction is eight students in one day and no more than two students can be given lessons at any given time. On lots five acres or more, a maximum of four students can be taught at any given time.

"This has garnered so much support from the riding and equestrian community," said at-large Planning Commissioner Janyce Hedetniemi. "It has been encouraging to those of us who love horses here in Fairfax County."

About six equestrian supporters testified in support after another Great Falls resident highlighted impacts that the proposed ordinance could have on surrounding neighbors.

"This type of applicant needs to be given public scrutiny. There's a huge difference between indoor piano lessons and outdoor horseback riding instruction," she said, asking who will monitor care of the horses

and the amount of activity that takes place.

No special events will be permitted. "Good luck enforcing that," said the Great Falls resident.

The zoning ordinance passed unanimously, but Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan urged all to stay involved so the county can monitor the effectiveness of the ordinance, if passed by the supervisors, as well as "fine-tune" necessary specifications.

CURRENTLY, A SPECIAL PERMIT to teach riding lessons requires a \$8,180 application fee, just to start the process.

"While evidence is anecdotal, the equestrian community has seen a long-term decline in the number of riding programs available in Fairfax County, as property owners and horse trainers are concerned about the consequences of potential zoning violations associated with the board of more than three horses or with offering any riding lessons," according to the staff reports.

Before last week's zoning ordinance hearing, Karanik said zoning regulations go "against one group of children that don't always fit into the soccer group or the basketball group.

"Every other sport, you're allowed to do at your home," said Karanik.

FCPS Budget

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tion of this budget and an advertised transfer from the supervisors, Lockard has already reconvened a budget task force that spent six months combing through the budget last year looking for inefficiencies and opportunities to trim.

"The group will examine work from last year, but also, any additional things we haven't considered," Lockard said, adding that the group is already at work.

One added stress contributing to what Lockard anticipates will be a \$90 million shortfall is a change in the schedule for paying into the Virginia Retirement System. An earlier plan had the school system paying a \$25 million obligation in FY2019, however that has been pushed up to FY2018.

"We've been actively lobbying to see if there's any way that can get moved back," Lockard said.

FCPS had also hoped to benefit from a meals tax that was on the ballot last November and could have contributed an estimated \$70 million to the school system. The measure was voted down, much

to the dismay of teachers like Precious Crabtree, who teaches K-6 art at Deer Park Elementary School in Centreville.

"I was devastated as an employee," Crabtree said. And looking at the FY2018 budget, she acknowledged, "the reality is we're not going to get all of it."

But Crabtree added that she and other teachers are still hopeful, encouraged by the ambitious proposal.

"If you don't ask, say what you need, you don't get anything," she said.

Lockard is continuing Garza's work, she said, though the school board hopes to have a new superintendent in place by the end of the current school year.

"We need someone who is strong," Crabtree said, "who isn't going to back down. It's frustrating that every year is a struggle, that you have to fight."

Lockard said since 2008, FCPS has cut half a billion dollars from the operating budget, including 2,200 positions.

"We're constantly peeling back the layers of the onion to try to continue to become as efficient as possible," he said. "There comes a point where you begin to impact services you can provide."

Part of the proposed budget includes pre-

liminary changes to the ERSC local retirement fund. Though perhaps not as visceral of a threat as cutting fourth grade strings, Fairfax Education Association president Kevin Hickerson said that potential change stops short of providing more competitive compensation overall.

"We cannot provide the level of education our students deserve if we are short staffed, stretched thin and losing employees to surrounding areas," Hickerson said in a statement.

Lockard emphasized that this proposed budget is just the beginning of a long budget process, and that the Commonwealth of Virginia has yet to sign into law its budget, which will have an impact on that FCPS shortfall.

"We remain hopeful and recognize the challenge," he said. "We're preparing ourselves to roll up our sleeves, figure out how to best meet our budgetary needs and continue to provide excellent services students deserve and have come to expect in FCPS."

A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for Jan. 30. For more information, visit www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/budget/FY2018.

BULLETIN BOARD

TUESDAY/JAN. 24

Springfield and Braddock District Biking Improvements. Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host a community meeting to discuss two proposed bicycle improvements in Springfield and Braddock Districts, 6:30-8 p.m., in the cafeteria of Irving

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

Middle School, 8100 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. As part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's (VDOT) 2017 repaving program, bicycle infrastructure improvements are proposed for the following areas:
♦ Greeley Boulevard from Carleigh Parkway to Old

Keene Mill Road.
♦ Hillside Road from Rolling Road to Old Keene Mill Road.
To view a map of the proposed project areas, visit: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/bike/springfield-braddockbikelanes.htm>.



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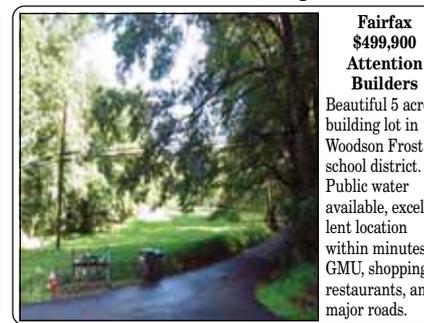
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