

First place winner Deborah Kennedy, who runs Artspeaks, poses next to her picture "Gone" at the Vienna Arts Society photography competition, "The Human Condition" on Saturday, Aug. 19.



and Oakton Vienna CONNECTION

Artist: Deborah Kennedy
Title: "Gone"
Medium: photograph
Price: \$1,200



Gone
She takes gone
as done,
no thought of way
of escape
She's not caught
she's not even
here
She stares down
her nose, crosses
exactly
what air to breathe
when
and who, today,
can wait
It's all but over,
the leaving
Already, she's not
looking back.
She sees, knows
the best and then
and more,
no questions
All she needs
of you,
is a room, a door
and an open window

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CCRM Network opened the Northern Virginia fertility center on July 26 at 8010 Towers Crescent Drive, Vienna. CCRM Northern Virginia is led by board certified reproductive endocrinologists Mark Payson, M.D. and Vasiliki Moragianni, M.D. The new fertility center includes a dedicated on-site physician team, IVF laboratory, procedures area, and comprehensive diagnostic services. Visit www.ccrmivf.com/northernvirginia/.

AREA ROUNDUPS

Emergency Preparedness Class Coming to McLean

The Fairfax County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will offer CERT 129, a basic training class, on seven Tuesday evenings in September and October at the McLean Fire Station, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean on Sept. 12, 19, 26 and Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24 from 7-10:30 p.m. Students are required to attend all seven class sessions and the final. This training does not require any physical strength or agility. This CERT Basic training follows the FEMA curriculum, and is tailored to address potential local disasters and hazards.

CERT Basic Training Class on emergency preparedness is co-sponsored by the Fairfax Co. Fire and Rescue Dept. and the McLean Citizens Association (MCA).

For more information and to apply, visit bit.ly/2tXrP3L

Fundraiser to Support SHARE of McLean

A fundraiser for SHARE, Inc. of McLean has been announced by HBC Group's (Keller Williams Realty) Community Charity Champions. Come to dinner on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Pulcinella Italian Host in McLean to support SHARE. Enjoy dinner and know that approximately 70 percent of the proceeds from food and drink will go to SHARE as long as the diner brings the flyer for the event. Contact HBC Group at 703-734-0192 or visit www.HBCGroupKW.com to receive a flyer.

SHARE, Inc. of McLean is a non-profit, nonsectarian, all-volunteer community relief organization helping people in need in McLean, Great Falls and Pimmit Hills area for more than 45 years. They provide as-

sistance through their food pantry, where people and families in need throughout the community can go for assistance with groceries. SHARE also provides emergency financial assistance, used furniture pick-up and delivery, distributes grocery gift cards at Thanksgiving and the holidays, holiday gifts, and school supplies.

Sponsors of the event are: Karen Briscoe and Lizzy Conroy with the HBC Group of Keller Williams Realty, Marcus Simon with EKKO Title, Kevin Dougherty of Pillar to Post, Kathy and Justin Neal of The Neal Team/SunTrust Mortgage, Jim Harris of BOWA, The McLean Chamber of Commerce, and Moe Jebali with Pulcinella Italian Host.

Used Book Sale To Be Held at Spring Hill Recreation Center

The McLean Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will host its annual Used Book Sale on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6, 7 and 8 at the Spring Hill Recreation Center, 1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean. The sale hours are Friday 9 a.m.-7p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday noon-4 p.m. An added feature this year will be the auction of a signed Washington National Max Scherzer shirt and cap.

For 48 years with Book Sale proceeds, the McLean Area AAUW Branch has raised more than \$550,000 for fellowships, scholarships, and grants and has endowed an American Fellowship, International Fellowship, and two Research & Projects Grants. Nationally AAUW is one of the largest sources of funding for graduate women. For the 2017-2018 academic year AAUW provided more than \$3.7 million for 250 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations.

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LETTER

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turbing. The events in Charlottesville recall the darkest moments in both the history of this country and the Jewish people. What we saw on Friday and Saturday was an assault on our democratic society and the very values this country was founded upon. Yet the President of the United States, the leader of our country, has not once but twice defended those who would march with the Neo-Nazis and their ilk.

Our country at its best has been a beacon of hope and safety for all peoples. Hundreds of thousands gave their lives so that the forces that destroyed Europe would never set foot on American soil. President Trump's reaction to Charlottesville represented a betrayal of that noble legacy and our core American values.

Donald Trump is the leader of your party. Your refusal to speak out against him is a colossal failure of leadership, a moral abdication, and deeply troubling to Virginia's Jewish community. We urge you to break your silence and immediately denounce Donald Trump's hateful and inadequate response to the Charlottesville attack.

We are living through a moral reckoning, a time when all citizens of our great commonwealth and nation are called to defend the most fundamental values of our democracy. We ask you to immediately stand up, loudly and clearly, against those who would condone violence and hatred.

As Americans, Jews, and Virginians, we urge you to join us and immediately condemn the President's dog-whistle defense of Nazism.

Senate Democratic Leader **Dick Saslaw**, Sen. **Adam Ebbin**, Del. **Eileen Filler-Corn**, Del. **Marcus Simon**, and Del. **Mark Levine**

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THURSDAY/AUG. 31

LGBTQ Students Information. 7-8 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Program called "Resources for Supporting LGBTQ Students and their Families." Visit FCPS.edu for more.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 2

Open House. 10 a.m.-noon at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. The Vienna branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will hold a free, informational open house. AAUW is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Membership dues discount. Refreshments. Visit www.aauw.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 7

Shepherd's Center Caregivers Support Group. 10-11:30 a.m. at UUCF Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. This support group is designed for caregivers of adult family members. For more info contact Jack Tarr, 703-821-6838, jtarr5@verizon.net.

Adventures In Learning. 10 a.m.-noon at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Open House to see what's on the Shepherd's Center's fall semester of Adventures in Learning. Call 703-281-0538 or visit www.scov.org.

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Bathroom Humor



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I write this column in all sincerity, but what are you asking me for? A rhetorical question if there ever was one. To what I refer is the question I was asked earlier this morning by one of the home-improvement tradesman working on my upstairs bathroom. Having made significant progress on the bathroom in the five weeks or so since I published "And So It Begins," a column detailing the few facts I retained about the demolition/renovation and the anxiety I felt about it, today's task was waterproofing the shower enclosure/bathroom floor in preparation for the tile, if I understand correctly. Now, as further context, I know very little about home improvement (car repairs, computer technology, lawn and garden; shall I go on?). Moreover, I know very little Spanish. Combine the two, as happened this morning, and you are asking (literally) for trouble.

The waterproofing man arrived at 8:45 a.m. The day before, his boss/presumably the owner, had stopped for a walk-through and to drop off materials for the job. I thought I would see him again, I was wrong. The only person on the job is the person whose English is better than my Spanish and the only Spanish I know, I know from a cartoon character, "Speedy Gonzales, the fastest mouse in all of Mexico." I grew up watching on Saturday-morning television. After directing him to the upstairs bathroom, within a few minutes, the man walked downstairs and asked/motioned for me to follow him back upstairs, I figured there was likely a question that needed answering so immediately I got off the couch to assist.

Once we were both inside the bathroom, he started pointing to the walls (front, back and sides), ceiling, niche and planned-for bench within the enclosure, to ask for - so far as I could understand, what needed to be waterproofed (I'll spare you any details about the process since I'm unlikely to do so accurately). Now, other than asking the project manager Simple-Simon-type questions about what is going on, what has gone on (literally and figuratively) and what is planned to be going on, I am out of any kind of loop. The workmen come in. I point them upstairs. Then I go into my office and mind my own business. I rarely check their progress. Generally speaking, I only look to see what's been done after they've left. I am not in anybody's way and I don't serve as any kind of resource other than answering the most basic questions: "Is that the basement door?" "Do you mind if we shut off the water?" "Is there a hardware store nearby?" As such, I am the least-bit helpful.

The man working today is new to me/the project. He's not been here before. But I did open the door to let him in and I did direct him to the upstairs bathroom. For all he knows/has experienced so far, I seem to be somewhat helpful. Ergo, after a bit, rather than calling his boss, he came back downstairs to solicit my help. Limited though I knew it would be, I was happy to try. As the conversation began, it became clear to me that not only did I not know what he was talking about (job wise), I couldn't even understand what it was that he was saying. I was lost in translation and lost in intention. As I attempted to answer/explain/guess what he was asking while we were both pointing/gesturing/talking, I quickly realized that this was a language match not made in heaven. Nevertheless, we eventually came to some sort of an understanding of the task at hand and back downstairs I went.

Sitting on the couch, I began to feel uncomfortable about the instructions I think I had just given/agreed to. As a result, I considered calling my project manager at home on a Saturday morning to get some clarity/confirmation about what I think had just transpired upstairs. Not at all bothered by my weekend intrusion, and after listening to a condensed version of this column, Stefan assured me that what seemed to be happening here was supposed to be happening.

And here I thought outliving my lung cancer prognosis by six-plus years was a miracle.

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

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

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

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

SEPT. 2-3

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TUESDAY/SEPT. 5

Lecture on Downton Abbey. 12:15 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The McLean Woman's Club presents food and travel writer CiCi Williamson describing the food and its preparation on the 6-year show, along with the history of Highclere Castle, where the filming took place. Free. visit www.mcleanwomansclub.org or call 703-556-0197.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 6

McLean Newcomers and Neighbors. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Community Room, Regency at McLean, 1800 Old Meadow Road, McLean. Visit www.McLeanNewcomers.org.

SEPT. 7-9

Quarterly Book Sale. 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Tyson's Library, 7700 and 7704 Leesburg Pike. Large selection of books and media for all ages and interests. Visit tysonslibraryfriends@gmail.com or 703-338-3307.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 8

Dave & Buster's Adventure. 3:30-10 p.m. leaving from The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. 7th- through 9th-graders, teens will have all access to Dave & Buster's private dinner buffet and a \$25 game card with unlimited arcade game play is included in the trip fee. \$55/\$45 MCC district residents. Visit www.mcleancenter.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 9

Virginia Indian Festival. 10 a.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Activities include hands-on activities and live demonstrations such as American Indian storytelling, shooting bow and arrows, throwing spears and making stone tools. Additional activities include building a dugout canoe, and a visit to a marketplace of American Indian crafts, pottery and jewelry. \$8. Call 703-759-9018 or visit online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park.

SEPT. 9-20

Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Various times and locations, more than 50 different events taking place at more than 25 venues across Northern Virginia. Call 703-403-5360 or visit www.nvso.us.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 10

The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society. 2:30 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. A discussion and demonstration on preparing and presenting Mums for a flower show. Free. Call 703-560-8776 or visit www.odscmums.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 13

Riverboat Cruise. 10-11:30 a.m. at Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV) 541 Marshall Road SW, Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna hosts day trip to Georgetown Harbor via riverboat cruise from Alexandria to Georgetown for shopping, exploring and lunch. Will return by



Catching Eyes with Watercolor and Glass with Carole Choucair Oueijan, Oct. 6-9 at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW.

riverboat to Alexandria, then the bus trip home to Vienna. \$85 includes transportation and riverboat cruise. Call 703-281-0538 or visit www.scov.org.

Live after Five. 6-9 p.m. at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Hors d'oeuvres and local musicians highlight the tour. Visit www.jamminjava.com.

SEPT. 14-16

Fall Book Sale. Various times at Oakton Community Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/friends/ok/ or call 703-281-0300.

FRIDAY/SEPT. 15

Chillin' on Church. 6:30 p.m. at Church St., Vienna. Water games, Chump Change band playing rock. Visit www.viennava.gov or call 703-255-6360.

Family Fun Bingo. 7-9 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Players can win prizes, play guessing games and enjoy light refreshments. Advance registration is required. Visit www.mcleancenter.org.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 16

McLean Community Fall Garage Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the parking lot, 1420 Beverly Road, McLean. This year's sale features a Kids' Corner area where children will sell their toys, clothes, games and other items. The deadline to register is Wednesday, Sept. 13. Visit www.mcleancenter.org.

John Eaton in Concert. 2 p.m. at Vinson Hall Auditorium, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. Jazz pianist, brilliant historian and local legend John Eaton will perform a concert of Great American Songbook tunes. \$20/\$14 MCC district residents. Visit www.mcleancenter.org.

Food Art Festival. noon- 4 p.m. at Halstead Square Dunn Loring Metro, 2750 Gallows Road, Vienna. The Second Annual Halstead Square Dunn Loring Metro Food, Wine & Art Festival combines wine tastings, culinary treats, pop up art exhibits, and free kids activities for an afternoon of family fun. Free. Visit eventsathalsteadsquare.com.

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