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Saxon Girls, Highlander Boys Win

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McLean's Mariane Auza going up against Langley's Rana Azad for a shot. In a double-header at McLean High last Thursday, Saxon girls won 50-43; Highlander boys, 54-51.

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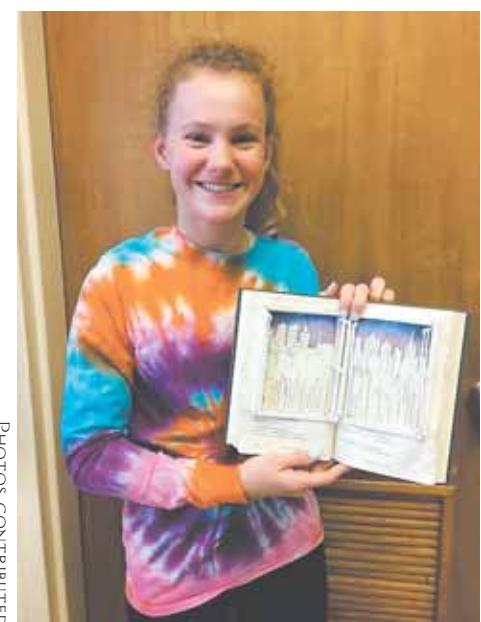
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NEWS



Patty Rojas



Claire Vroom

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Cooper Eighth Graders Win Arts, Science Awards

Cooper Middle School eighth graders Patty Rojas and Claire Vroom received Gold Keys in the Regional Scholastic Art Competition – Patty for her sculpture and photograph; Claire for her sculpture. Their works will be on display at Northern Virginia Community College for the county-wide Scholastic Art Show in February. Their works will then be sent to NYC to be judged nationally.

Science Olympiad Team Participates in Tournament

On Jan. 13, the Cooper Science Olympiad team attended the Lanier Invitational tournament. Many other teams were there, including Longfellow and Kilmer Middle School. This was the chance for newcomers to experience what a real tournament was like. Cooper's team received a first place medal in Disease Detectives and Meteorology, a second place medal in Write it Do it and Hovercraft, and a fifth place medal in Solar System and Optics.

McLean Author Discusses His Novels, Beltway Bureaucracy

In "Patchworks," the new novel from local author B.A. East, patriotic grad student Gabriel Dunne tracks gun violence in America for Washington's Bureau of Government Intelligence and Execution. Originally from Connecticut, East who now lives in McLean, will be on hand to talk about Patchworks and how this novel came about on Saturday, Feb. 3, at 1:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Library.

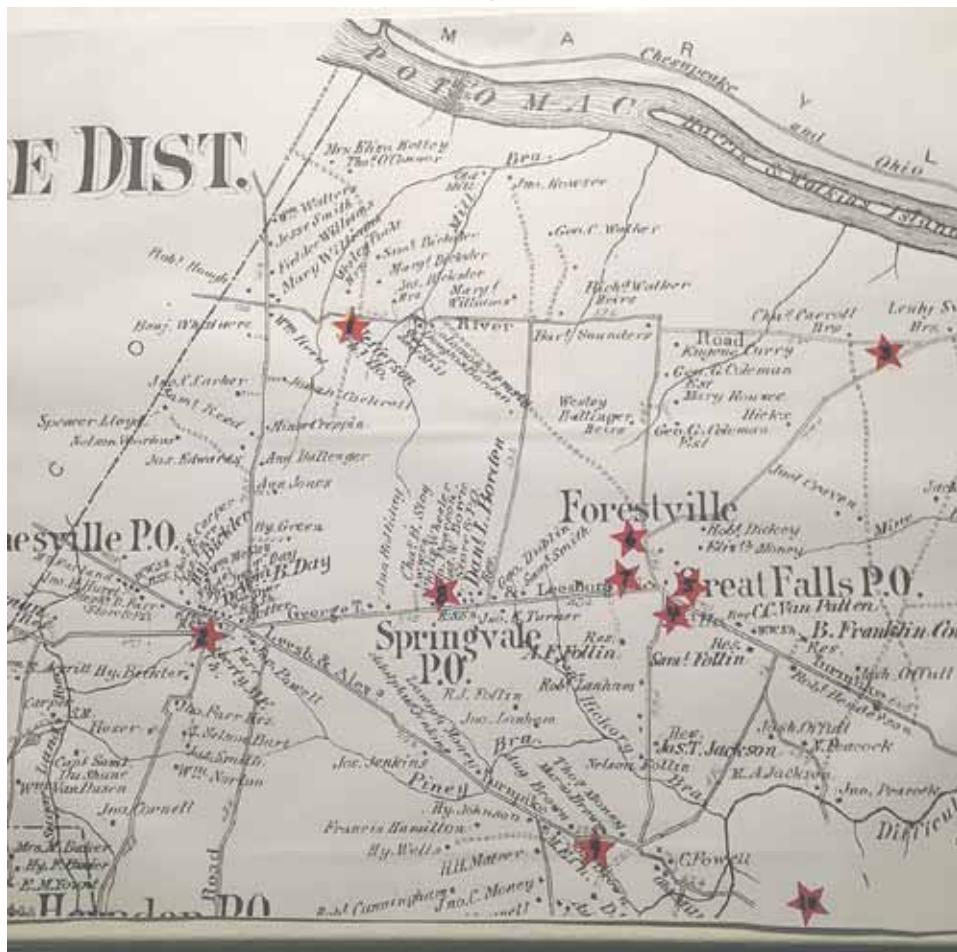
"Not long after the Sandyhook shooting in Connecticut my kindergarten-age son told me about a drill at school," East says. "I felt a chill as he described huddling quietly in back of the room while the teacher pulled the shade on the door. The frightened faces of Sandy Hook victims running across the parking lot became for me the face of us all. 'Patchworks' isn't a solution to the threat of gun violence unique to America. But it begs our leaders to stop ignoring the problem." The novel also features the threat of a government shutdown which is all too timely.

East is a diplomat whose Foreign Service assignments have taken him to



B.A. East's latest novel "Patchworks."

Washington, Mexico, Ghana, Nicaragua, and Saudi Arabia. Prior to that he taught English and composition at the American School of Asuncion in Paraguay; at Brooklyn College Academy in New York; and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Malawi. On Saturday, Feb. 3 at 1:30 p.m. he will discuss his novels about American gun culture, Beltway bureaucracy, and the U.S. response to global terrorism. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Researching Local History: Rural Schools in Great Falls

BY GLEN SJOBLOM AND
CAROLYN MILLER
GREAT FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

There reportedly were 190,000 "one room" schools in rural areas of the United States in 1919. With the advent of motorized school buses in the 1920s, schools began to be consolidated in these areas and less than 400 still are used in America, mostly in the western States like Montana and Wyoming.

Great Falls was once not one community but a series of villages each with one or more schools. These schools also served as centers of community life. The villages of Forestville, Springvale, Colvin Run and Dranesville comprised what we now call Great Falls, and there were several small schools located here. The schools are located on a copy of the GM Hopkins map of 1878 published by the Library of Congress. Each is marked with a star and number.

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1. Perhaps the earliest was Jefferson School House, which was built in 1852 on Beach Mill Road. The Jefferson School House, used by the Methodist Church until after 1890, when Smith's Chapel was constructed, was sold to Norman Beach in 1935, and is currently for sale.



2. The Dranesville School, serving the Village of Dranesville, was built in 1880 on property deeded to Liberty Meeting House on Sept. 14, 1852. Liberty Meeting House became the Dranesville United Methodist Church.



3. The Riverbend School house was built on Arnon Chapel road near Riverbend Road on land deeded from the estate of James Tucker on Oct. 2, 1880.



4. The Grove School was built before 1878 at the southeast corner of the intersection of Walker Road and Georgetown Pike, as shown on the G.M. Hopkins Map of Dranesville District, published in 1878. Although built on property of Samuel Follin, the land was not deeded to the school board. When the property was sold to Benjamin Harvey Corwell on Jan. 22, 1889 a store and post office was built there.



5. The Forestville School was built on Georgetown Pike across from Grove School on land deeded from George and Alice Gunnell on Oct. 7, 1889. The school opened on Nov. 7, 1889. It operated as a school and was subsequently a private residence, a post office and bank until 1983, when it was purchased by the County Park Authority and restored by the Community. It is on the National Register of Historic Places.



6. There was a school for black students along Walker Road across from the current Great Falls Elementary School, in August 1884.



7. This Forestville School was built on land from Lester Oliver in 1916 and closed in 1952, when the Fire Station was built. The Great Falls Elementary School replaced it on Walker Road.

OPINION

Time for Criminal Justice Reform

BY JOHN COOK
BRADDOCK DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (R)



Fairfax County is joining the bipartisan, nationwide movement of Criminal Justice Reform. In 2015 the county introduced its Diversion First program, which provides treatment instead of incarceration for those with mental health challenges or developmental disabilities who come into contact with the criminal justice system for low level offenses. This initiative is just one step in a national movement to make the criminal justice system better serve the American people. Criminal justice reform, broadly speaking,

COMMENTARY is supported by a diverse range of public officials as U.S. Senators Rand Paul and Kamala Harris. It

is well past time for Virginia to dive in as well.

Since ancient times society has recognized five purposes to the criminal justice system. One of these is "deterrence," which is the effort to persuade an offender or potential offender not to commit a crime. Another purpose is retribution, which is society exacting punishment to make up for the pain or damage caused by the crime. Incapacitation means removing a criminal from the rest of society so he or she cannot commit more crimes. Rehabilitation refers to changing an offender so he or she does not commit more crimes. Restitution is the payment for damage caused by crime. All of these purposes must be present and well represented for a fair and effective

criminal justice system.

In the United States, our system has focused on long jail sentences for crimes. Jail serves deterrence, retribution, and incapacitation in cases of violent crime. However, it does not serve rehabilitation or restitution particularly well. And, in the case of mentally ill offenders, jail fails to serve deterrence.

When someone with mental illness engages in crime, it is not due to evil intent, but his or her illness. Retribution does not seem fit for someone who is ill and committing crimes. Incapacitation is accomplished, but what we have done is make our local jails expensive substitutes for psychiatric hospitals.

The expense of jail is no small matter. A year in the Fairfax jail costs the taxpayers about \$82,000. A year of residential psychiatric treatment costs about \$24,000. One year of outpatient treatment costs about \$8,200. When someone with a mental illness, who is often of limited wealth, is arrested, this person often spends up to four months in jail awaiting trial for minor crimes (trespassing, disorderly conduct, petty theft) where the final sentence would generally be far less. Someone with regular income would post bond at \$500 cash and spend no more than two or three nights in

jail. Altogether the government and taxpayers are spending millions of dollars to hold people in jail before they are even convicted. Is this system really helping anyone?

We have learned in the juvenile justice system that incarceration actually creates criminals out of youth who may be only misdirected or who make stupid mistakes. Twenty years ago, our juvenile detention center held 1,509 youth. In 2017 that number fell to 533, which is a 60 percent decrease. In those two decades we learned a great deal about the benefits of jail alternatives for children. Instead of locking these children up, we are reforming, teaching, and mentoring youth and turning them away from crime. And this prevents future crimes from occurring. The same can be said for non-violent crimes by adults. Simply putting people in jail, where they lose their jobs and family contacts, does not necessarily create better citizens when they are released. In the case of mental illness, jail can actually make things worse. There is a better way.

Criminal Justice Reform is not about "going easy" on criminals. It's about finding techniques that stop people from continuing to commit crimes. It's about turning lives around. Oh, and it can save a boatload of money. Violent criminals, murderers, gang members and the like still need long jail sentences. But many other lesser offenders can be turned around into productive, working, self-sufficient citizens. It takes some work, but the payoff is a society with less crime, lower jail costs, and more productive citizens.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rewarding Highest Achievers

To the Editor:

With all due respect, state Sen. Scott Surovell is looking at the wrong end of the horse (Editorial, "What's Wrong with This Picture" – Connection, Jan. 24). The admissions to Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology should be determined solely based on merit. Gender, ethnicity, race and economic status should be totally ignored.

TJ should provide the most rewarding programs possible to the highest achievers. Senator Surovell should focus on programs to increase the admission scores of African Americans and Latinos. Let's not dilute the potentials of TJ's classes by mandating quotas. The analogy would be to require that a certain percentage of varsity basketball players be white or Asian American, regardless of their abilities. That would be unwise.

David Elmore
Great Falls

Incomplete Picture

To the Editor:

Mary Kimm's editorial ("What's Wrong with This Picture?" - Connection, Jan. 24) about the demographics of the Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (commonly known as TJ) leaves out an important statistic, and that is that 70 percent of its students

are Asian, many of whom are first generation Americans. Many of the remaining 30 percent are also first-generation, and have family backgrounds from Iran, Arab and African countries, Russia, and Eastern Europe, or are biracial.

Is the heavily immigrant nature of TJ what's "wrong with this picture"? State Sen. Scott Surovell's SB787 bill's method to increasing enrollment of black and Hispanic students is to impose quotas on middle schools and by economic background. This is a resentment and punishment approach to trying to achieve that goal, and should be rejected as such.

Cindy Gersony
Great Falls

How to 'Fix' Disparities

To the Editor:

I did not compete in the Olympics, gain admission to Mensa, or play professional sports. Why? Because I didn't qualify for any of those. I understand we cannot qualify for everything. However, Mary Kimm's article, "What's Wrong with This Picture?" (Connection, Jan. 24) presents the idea that non-inclusion in a program "needs to be fixed."

Ms. Kimm indicates that the Fairfax County School System (FCPS) should "fix" its admission policies to its one magnet high school, Thomas Jefferson (TJ), due to "demographic disparities" and we should commend Sen. Scott Surovell for pushing for that change.

The problem with Ms. Kimm's and Sen. Surovell's ideas is they miss the mark on real-

ity for many reasons, some of which are:

♦ Forcing demographic balance at TJ for political correctness is as much nonsense as requiring Julliard to admit everyone.

♦ Identifying that some minorities and low income students are not represented at TJ student population does not logically reflect a prejudice. It means they did not qualify, period.

♦ Ignoring the total admission picture does not represent many non-minority students who apply and also do not achieve admission.

♦ Disregarding the rigorous qualifications for TJ slants the presented view.

Do Ms. Kimm's and Sen. Surovell's ideas support qualified students being turned away just so non-qualified students be admitted, all for demographic balance? How would Ms. Kimm and Sen. Surovell feel if their jobs were replaced by non-qualified employees?

For improvements in demographic representation, Ms. Kimm and Sen. Surovell should explore reasons why some minorities are not represented.

They probably would find, as many teachers know, emphasis on academic excellence begins at home. Therefore, a better solution to change demographic depiction in school programs is to start at the elementary, through all levels, helping all families make education a priority. That would achieve the overall attitude of striving for excellence, which aids all students in the long run.

Shannon Morgan
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Telling the Story of Sally Ride

Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) is welcoming back Mary Ann Jung's interactive shows. This award-winning actress and Smithsonian scholar has been recreating history's most fascinating women for more than 32 years with a style like no other.

Jung researches and writes her own scripts and performs in authentic costumes, accents and attitudes for her characters' eras. She has previously introduced audiences to Rosie the Riveter and Clara Barton. This year, learn the story of Sally Ride, who became the first American woman to go into space when she flew on the space shuttle Challenger on June 18, 1983. She made two shuttle flights, and later became a champion for science education and a role model for generations.

The Feb. 20 event will be held at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes lunch; a donation will be welcomed and appreciated. Reservations are required, email pollyfitz1@verizon.net or call 703-759-4345. Also, pay 2018 membership dues of \$15 per person and receive monthly newsletters. Applications will be at the hospitality table or visit gfseniors.org and pay with PayPal.

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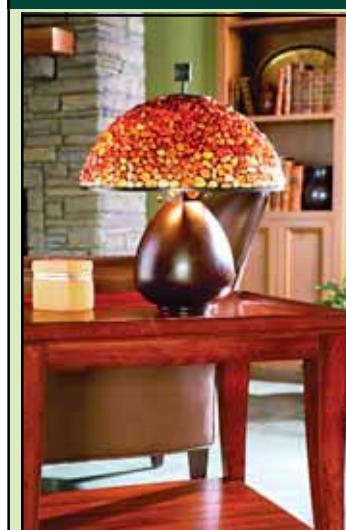
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SPORTS



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Junior guard Matias Prock lead McLean with 15 points for the night.



The McLean Highlanders boys' team holding the trophy and celebrating with fans the 54-51 win over the Saxons.

Saxon Girls, Highlander Boys Win

The atmosphere inside McLean High School's gymnasium Thursday night was electric for the second rivalry game of the season between Langley High School and McLean High School's boys' and girls' basketball teams. With the two rival schools separated by less than three miles, and the McLean girls and boys looking to beat Langley after losing earlier this month, both student sections were packed. The girls played first, and Langley started off strong in the first quarter leading McLean 14-7. The Highlander girls bounced back though in the second quarter, and it was a back and forth between the two teams until the end of the game. With 49.8 seconds left in the game, Langley tied the score and the girls went into overtime. Langley's defense did not allow McLean to get a single shot in and the Saxons went on to win 50-43.

With one win for the night, Langley students and fans were eager for the second game and cheering "This is our house." It looked like the Saxons would win both games, with the McLean boys trailing by 13 points at the half. The Highlanders managed to find new life though during the third quarter, and the Saxon's lead was cut down to only six points. The student sections for both schools exploded with 2:26 left in the game as McLean Forward, Brian Aka, was fouled on a lay up. Aka's lay up went in, and he proceeded to make his foul shot. The three point play tied the game 45-45. The two teams continued answering each others shots, but in the end it was fouls by Langley that gave McLean the lead. The Highlanders pulled away and won 54-51 and McLean students stormed the court. Overall it was a fantastic night of basketball with each school taking home a win.

— JENNIFER KAYE

Langley point guard, Jordyn Callaghan, scored the high score Thursday night with 18 points for the Saxons.



Battle of the 3's, as Junior guard Tre Vasiliadis from Langley goes up against Senior forward Sean Senft from McLean.



Exciting evening of basketball at McLean High.



McLean's Mariane Auza going up against Langley's Rana Azad for a shot.



Langley guard, Colter Carton, taking a shot against McLean forward, Aaron Hale.

NEWS



8. In the Village of Springvale, school was reportedly held in the Pearson House.

Rural Schools In Great Falls



9. The Colvin Run School was built in 1884, burned in 1900, rebuilt, and is now the Colvin Run Dance Hall.



10. The second Andrew Chapel School, which was built in 1914, offered primary and secondary classes, near Towlston Road. After the school was closed it was sold in 1942, and currently is owned by E. E. Lyons.

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FRIDAY/FEB. 2

Family Fun Bingo. 7-9 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Every member of the family can enjoy this game of skill and luck. Players can win a variety of kid-friendly prizes and enjoy light refreshments. Register online or at the Center, using Activity No. 4703.318. \$10/\$5 MCC district residents. Preregistration is recommended. Call 703-448-8336 or visit www.mcleancenter.org/teens.

SUNDAY/FEB. 4

Lecture: Wolf Trap. 1-3 p.m. at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Performing Arts, Partnerships, and Public Lands: The Story of Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts. Join Ken Bigley, Deputy Superintendent, Wolf Trap National Park for a presentation on the history of Wolf Trap, Mrs. Shouse



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THURSDAY/FEB. 8

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FRIDAY/FEB. 9

Improv Competition. 7 p.m. at The Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Join the Unruly Theatre Project for its first improv competition for high school students. Six teams will compete in four rounds of improv games and short-form styles for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place bragging rights as well as prizes. Free admission. Call 703-448-8336 or visit www.mcleancenter.org/teens.

Marcia Ball Concert. 8 p.m. at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Blues and R&B singer Marcia Ball will perform. Ticket price is \$35-\$45. Call 703-255-1900 or visit wolftap.org.

SATURDAY/FEB. 10

Chinese New Year Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. The 11th Annual Chinese New Year Festival, presented by the Asian Community Service Center, will feature live performances, including DRAGON and LION dances, Han costume fashion show, Asian food, the writing of Chinese names, language, craft and business booths, children world, and also a lunar new year dragon parade. Call 703-868-1509 or visit www.ChineseNewYearFestival.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 11

Amadeus Orchestra. 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Amadeus Orchestra with Silver-Garburg Piano Duo. Pre-concert lecture by Music Director A. Scott Wood will begin at 3:15 p.m., 45 minutes prior to the start of the concert. A reception will follow the concert, at which attendees may meet and chat with the performers and fellow music lovers. \$35 at the door or www.amadeusconcerts.com. Students 17 and under and active military admitted free.

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Capitol Steps. 7:30 p.m. at Langley High School Auditorium, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. The DC-based comedy troupe, the Capitol Steps, will perform a show based on songs from their current album "Orange Is the New Barack." Proceeds from the show benefit the Class of 2018 All-Night Grad Party. The show is open to the public. Tickets are \$35 at the door, online at lhs18capitolsteps fundraiser.brownpapertickets.com or www.ptsalangley.org/all-night-grad-party. Email annette.bellino@verizon.net.

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VALENTINE'S DAY



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Accessories like Moon Melt Lotion Bars by Moon Valley Organics at The Picket Fence in Burke might appeal to those who want to create a spa at home.



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A bouquet of felt flowers in assorted colors like these that were handmade in Nepal, is a gift with a charitable flair from Home on Cameron in Alexandria.

Gifts for Valentine's Day

Local tastemakers offer thoughtful giving suggestions.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

One of the most heavily gifted holidays is Valentine's Day. In fact, much of the fun is the anticipation. In preparation for Cupid's Day, a few local style aficionados offer up ideas to sweeten the celebration.

For those deserving some pampering, create a spa experience at home with NW Rainforest Body Cream, advises Isabel Chiotti of Sonoran Rose in Potomac.

"Soaps and candles also make great gifts," she said.

"It can also be fun to think outside the box," said Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. "Surprise your Valentine with a gift certificate for a spa day or a shopping spree at her favorite store. Put together a basket of a few of her favorite things."

Among the things that Thomas suggests are Moon Melt Lotion Bars by Moon Valley Organics. Decadent and indulgent, these scented moisturizers combine herbs and beeswax to help fight dry skin, she says.

For the romantics, Susan Nelson and Todd Martz of Home on Cameron in Alexandria suggest a bouquet of felt flowers in assorted colors, handmade in Nepal. These eye-catching, fair trade buds offer bursts of color and benefit women artisans who are heads of households.

For the bedhead, Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Old Town Alexandria recommends silk charmeuse pillowcases by Branche. "These won-

derful pillowcases help preserve one's hairdo and help to keep away wrinkles," she said.

For the stylish, a fur neck warmer is a cozy suggestion that Mertins offers. And for the traditionalists, "Flowers are always welcome and, of course, the color red being very popular as it conveys deep emotion," she said. "Don't be afraid to give varieties other than roses."

For the nostalgic, Kevin Sweitzer of Thos. Moser, Handmade American Furniture, believes that an heirloom quality beacon box to hold keepsakes would be ideal. "[It's] meant to be passed down from generation to generation," he said. "A really nice and memorable Valentine's gift."

For the entertainers, Nelson and Martz suggest all natural, hand blown glass candles, while Mertins says bar accessories work as gifts for mixologists.

For those with a sweet tooth, Chiotti recommends hot cocoa by the Cocoa Company, brown sugar toffee by Gearharts Fine Chocolates or caramels by Big Picture Farm.

For almost everyone, Suzie Clayton of Dalton Brody suggests picture frames. "From wood to Lucite to silver, there's something for everyone," she said. "It's more about finding the right thing for the right person."

"Some of the most meaningful gifts are those which are handmade including cards and a home-cooked romantic dinner," added Mertins. "Don't forget the bubbly and always lots and lots of chocolate."

"It can be fun to think outside the box."

— Courtney Thomas, The Picket Fence



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A basket of spa items like NW Rainforest Body Cream from Sonoran Rose in Potomac is an indulgent Valentine's Day gift.

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Susan Nelson and Todd Martz of Home on Cameron suggest all natural, hand blown glass candles.

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An Evening with Eva Schloss

Presented by the Chabad centers of Northern Virginia.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, Eva Schloss will share her experiences as the childhood friend and step sister of Anne Frank, including accounts of the publishing of Anne's diary.

The presentation will take place at the George Mason University Center For The Arts at 7 p.m. and will be suitable for people of all ages including teenagers. Families of all faiths are invited to attend. This is an opportunity to hear a first-hand account from someone whose life intersected with a historical figure.

Chabad of Reston-Herndon is a sponsor for the event. Partners for the evening include:

- ❖ The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington
- ❖ JCC of Northern Virginia
- ❖ George Mason University
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In 1938, Germany invaded Austria, causing many Jewish families to flee Austria to avoid persecution. Among the emigrants was 8-year-old Eva Geiringer, who with her mother, brother, and father moved first to Belgium and then to Holland, where one of her neighbors was a German Jewish girl of the same age.

The two girls became friends and playmates

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday at noon.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. www.jssa.org/growth-learning.

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(though, as Eva would say many years later, the girl was "much more grown-up and mature than me"). They passed the time by skipping, playing hopscotch and marbles, and drinking lemonade that the girl's mother prepared.

Ultimately, both girls and their families were deported to the Auschwitz concentration camp. Later they would become step sisters.

Eva survived her concentration camp experience and made her way to England, where she married Zvi Schloss and raised three daughters. She worked as a studio photographer and ran an antique shop.

Her step-sister did not survive Auschwitz, but kept a diary that did. Her name was Anne Frank.

Since 1985, Eva Schloss has devoted herself to holocaust education and global peace. She has recounted her wartime experiences in more than one thousand speaking engagements. She has written two books and has had a play written about her life. In 1999 she signed the Anne Frank Peace Declaration along with United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan and the niece of Raoul Wallenberg, who rescued thousands of Jews in Budapest.

Tickets for students are free, \$10 for adults and \$360 for VIP which includes two tickets to a VIP reception and reserved seating. Reservations can be made at www.chabadrh.org.

Wednesday at noon. 703-356-3312 or umrtrinity.org.

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

The S.P.O.T for Youth, Wednesday's at 7 p.m. A place where youth can come together and pray, ask questions about the faith and receive mentorship. The spot is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Vienna, 450 Orchard Street, NW Vienna.

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Child turning 5 years old by Sept. 30? If so, contact your child's school to make arrangements for kindergarten enrollment. Most schools begin getting information together now for parents of incoming kindergartners, and many host an orientation or open house. All kindergarten programs are full-day and located in FCPS elementary schools. Check your school's webpage or contact the school directly for specific enrollment information and dates of orientation or visit www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration.

THURSDAY/FEB. 1

Caregivers Support Group. 10-11:30 a.m. at UUCF Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. For caregivers to adult family members with dementia. First and third Thursdays of every month. Hosted by Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, scov.org. Call 703-821-6838 or email jtar5@verizon.net.

Award Nomination Deadline. 5 p.m. Nominate a volunteer or volunteer group that has made a positive impact on the Fairfax County community at www.volunteerfairfax.org. The Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards is a community-wide celebration of volunteerism. For a complete list of categories and guidelines, visit www.volunteerfairfax.org or call Kristen Moore at Volunteer Fairfax at 703-246-3531.

Old Courthouse Road Realignment Meeting. 7 p.m. at Wolf Trap Elementary School, 1903 Beulah Road, Vienna. Supervisor Hudgins and the Fairfax Department of Transportation will host a community information meeting to discuss the design updates on the Old Courthouse Road Realignment Project. Information will be on display in an open house format beginning at 7, with a presentation at 7:30, and Q&A at 7:45. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/projects/old-courthouse-realignment for more.

Comment Period Closes. The public is invited to share their perspectives on the proposals with the Park Authority Board either at the meeting, via correspondence or by email. Information outlining all proposed fee changes is now available for review online, at the Park Authority's main office in the Herrity Building and at staffed park facilities, including RECenters, golf courses, nature centers and historic sites. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/feemeeting for more.

Registration Opens: Two-way and Immersion Programs. Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) online registration for the county-wide lottery. Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, for the first grade immersion program and by 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, for the kindergarten immersion program. Visit www.fcps.edu/registration/world-language-immersion-programs-registration.

SATURDAY/FEB. 3

Focus Group. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the MCC Administrative Office conference room, 6631 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. The Alden is holding focus groups just for McLean Community Center (MCC) tax district residents. Comments and suggestions will be presented to The Alden managers and the MCC Governing Board. Register to attend by emailing Elizabeth Katz at elizabeth.katz@fairfaxcounty.gov.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 7

Group Coffee. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the Tysons/Pimmit Regional Library (Room #1), 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. McLean Newcomers and Neighbors will host a coffee for members and those who might be interested in joining. Visit www.McLeanNewcomers.org.

SATURDAY/FEB. 10

Funeral Arrangements. 10-11:30 a.m. at Charles Wesley United Methodist Church, The Hunger Church, 6817 Dean Drive, McLean. Local professional speakers to walk participants through the process of putting affairs in order and to answer questions. Free. Visit www.TheHungerChurch.org.

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Space In Which I Wouldn't Get Lost



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a follow up to last week's column titled "Lost in Space," I have a few recommendations for the medical profession, oncologists particularly, as it relates to their comings and goings and the effect it might have on their patients, many of whom have been characterized as "terminal," as I was.

Respecting and appreciating the fact that on a good day, our anxiety level is likely off the chart, we need you to work with us, not against us.

And though I can certainly recall how I was encouraged to reach out – either by phone or electronically, whenever we had questions or concerns, I believe there needs to be an upgrade to that advisory. That 'encouragement' works fine when you're here/on site. However, based on my most recent experience, I need that 'advisory' to work equally fine when you're not here.

Ergo: I want to meet and develop some kind of relationship with the oncologist who will be covering for you when you're absent. I want that oncologist's name, email address and phone number (none of which I had during this most recent experience). I want some assurance/acknowledgment that this oncologist knows who I am, how I'm treated and is familiar with any special circumstances pertaining to my care and feeding. Moreover, I want "t.l.c.", because I definitely deserve it.

As for the oncologist's goings; on the occasions when, for whatever reason, you're away from your office. I want to know before, not after. I don't want to learn about it by reading a default email saying you're out of the office. Though I appreciate knowing after, it's not good enough. I want to know all the time. In fact, every time you're away, I want to know. Whether or not I have any medical activities (lab work, infusion, scans) planned, I want to know, just in case something unexpected – or even expected, happens.

This would help me to prepare, anticipate, assimilate and coordinate any and all future medical activities so that I could determine in advance, if necessary, an action plan. One that would proactively solve/prevent a problem rather than reacting to one as most recently happened to me. I don't want any more surprises. I don't want to experience any lack of communication at any time. I don't care about how or why. I simply want to know ahead of any potentially complicating circumstances, not behind. I'm already feeling some relief just writing about it.

How can this be implemented? Electronically of course. I don't need any calls. A don't-reply email is fine. I know that system/process works when I want to communicate with you and/or review information which has been posted online. What I want to know next is the doctor's schedule, not hourly, maybe not even daily (although I wouldn't be averse to it), but weekly for sure, electronically in my inbox first thing Monday morning.

Knowing the doctor's availability will help me manage my expectations and minimize my stress. As a cancer patient, I never know what I'll want or when I'll want it. But finding out the easy way (in advance) is certainly preferable to finding out the hard way (during/after).

Medically speaking, I don't want to miss anything nor do I, living forward, want anything to be missed. If you can email an after-appointment summary, you can certainly email me a pre-appointment schedule of when and where my primary care physicians (oncologist and internal medicine) will be. Because out of sight unfortunately doesn't mean out of mind, unless I know otherwise.

And that's my goal: to mind my own business and not have to worry about yours.

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