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Too Late for a Flu Shot?

Flu season may continue longer than usual this year.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
 THE CONNECTION

When Gary and Doris Stein's four-and-a-half year old daughter Jessica contracted a flu virus that was going around her preschool in 2002, like other teachers and students, she missed several days of school, but soon returned to her normal routine. The flu symptoms reappeared a few weeks later however, and led to an emergency room visit. What happened next was every parent's worst nightmare: Jessica died due to an illness that resulted from the flu.

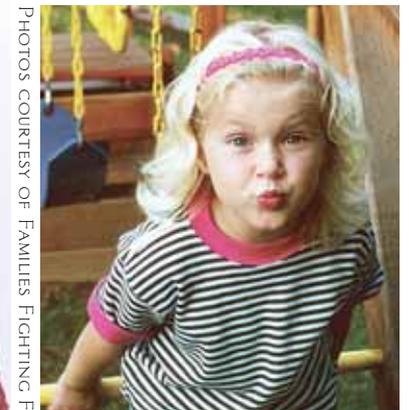
"Obviously it's a life shattering moment and we were dumbstruck at the time," said Gary Stein who lives in Falls Church. "We'd never gotten her a flu shot and we'd never gotten one for ourselves. We thought, like many people, that the flu was very much like a severe cold, and that flu shots were for those who were six months to



Pediatrician Dr. Tanya Altmann says that while the influenza is declining she is still seeing pediatric cases of the flu.

two-and-a-half years old and 75 and older. There wasn't the predominate expectation that everyone got a flu shot."

The Stein's loss led them and a handful of families in similar situations to establish Families Fight-



Four-and-a-half year old Jessica Stein died in 2002 from viral myocarditis, which can result from influenza.

ing Flu, a national, nonprofit, organization based in Arlington, that is dedicated to protecting children, families, and communities against the flu by raising awareness and encouraging flu vaccines to prevent other families from experiencing their tragedy.

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McAuliffe Leads Trump Tax Town Hall Meeting

Panelists offered explanations of how Trump's new tax law will affect Americans.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE CONNECTION

Former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe headlined a Trump Tax Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, in front of George Mason University students with a panel of four local business leaders. The panelists offered explanations of how Trump's new tax law will affect Americans and what they can do about it. McAuliffe, the former Democratic National Committee Chairman, is now a visiting professor at GMU's Schar School for Policy and Government. He also ran Hillary Clinton's 2008 presidential campaign.

McAuliffe said it's the consequences of tax cuts that are the most damaging. "It's going to really wreak havoc on health care, wreak havoc on education, going to affect Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security," he said. "This was the worst piece of legislation I have ever seen passed by Congress and signed into law by the President. It is going to cripple our government going down the road. It is going to starve our vital resources and instead of investing in our future, it's going to hurt our future."

He added: "What they (Congress) did was they rushed this at the end of the day in the middle of the night because they had no legislative successes. Trump had been finishing up a year in office with nothing to show for it. So, this was a political play. But I'll make the argument they are going to pay a political price for this."

Kara Kline, president of the George Mason Democrats, who opened the talks, said: "The Trump tax will be a disaster nationwide. The tax plan recently passed by Congress will cut taxes for our country's wealthiest individuals and corporations while simultaneously ignoring those who need help the most."

She continued: "Instead of helping those of us who are trying to afford an education, Congress is looking out for the millionaires and billionaires of this country and that is wrong. This tax plan raises taxes on 100 million American families, which equals more than half of our entire country. Yet, somehow the top 0.1 percent will receive tax cuts of \$150,000 a year, and that doesn't sound fair to me."



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The panelists for the Trump Tax Town Hall Meeting included (from left): Nicole Gill, Tax March Executive Director; former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe; Muneer Baig, SYSUSA Small Business owner; Anna Chu, National Women's Law Center; and Emanuel Nieves, Prosperity Now Senior Policy Manager.



Former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe



Nicole Gill, moderator and Tax March Executive Director.



Marta Connor of Clifton



Anna Chu, National Women's Law Center



Muneer Baig, SYSUSA Small Business owner



Emmanuel Nieves, Prosperity Now Senior Policy Manager

MODERATOR Nicole Gill, Executive Director of Tax March, said one of the ways the Trump tax harms families is by taking away their health care. She said the Congressional Budget Office estimates that 13 million Americans will lose health care as a result of the tax bill.

Marta Connor of Clifton, whose daughter Caroline, 8, has Rett Syndrome, a neurological condition that requires around-

the-clock care thru Medicaid, added: "She can't walk, talk, or use hands and also has seizures. Her condition requires hours of daily treatments and interventions and costs several hundred thousand dollars per year."

She continued: "The Trump tax bill hurts the Affordable Care Act. The plan was to cut Medicaid to finance the \$1.5 trillion Trump tax bill. So, let me be clear — Republican members of Congress are taking

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— Former Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe

away my daughter's lifeline in order to give tax cuts to big corporations and millionaires. Now, how is that fair?"

Anna Chu, Vice President for Strategy and Policy for the National Women's Law Center, said that by the year 2027, actually 83 percent of the benefits from this bill would go to the very top earners in the U.S., and at the same time, they're increasing the deficit by \$1.5 trillion.

Calling the bill a "trickle-down nightmare," Chu said: "I'm going to posit that what workers actually need and what families need is a wage increase. Our bills are going up every year. Our rent is going up every year. College tuition is going up. I have a kid and childcare is extremely expensive. And that's going up every single year. So, what we need to feel secure is the promise of a wage increase that we will get year after year after year."

Muneer Baig, SYSUSA Small Business owner, added: "Who is benefiting from this [tax bill]? It's not me. ... The system that we are creating out of this tax bill is not helping the middle class. It's not helping the small businesses. It is slowly killing the middle class and small businesses."

TAKING A QUESTION from the audience on "What specific actions can people do now to change or repeal the Trump tax as it's written?" Emmanuel Nieves, Prosperity Now Senior Policy Manager, said: "Attending events like this is one thing; being parts of organizations like Tax March — like the Trump Tax repeal campaign. Holding your elected officials accountable; going to Town Halls. ... And showing up at the polls in November."

Added Chu: "I think the members of Congress need to hear from us. They need to hear from you that this is an issue that you care about — that you want them to care about. So, call your member of the House; call your Senators to keep on fighting. Keep calling and 'Remember in November.'"

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The Burke Lake Train Station is packed for Easter fun.

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Easter Bunny Mania Takes over at Burke Lake

Sunny Saturday brings out the springtime fun.

BY MIKE SALMON THE CONNECTION

The train station at Burke Lake Park was the place to be on Saturday, March 31, as Kevin Bajlanpour took his place on the engine of the "C.P. Huntington," a 1/3 size replica of an 1863 train. All seats were filled with children and parents enjoying a pre-Easter ride.

"Learning the track, that's the trick," said Bajlanpour. He was referring to the hills and curves on the course at Burke Lake.

Rachel Torcivia waved at her nieces as they pulled out of the station.

"They've been talking about the Easter Bunny the last three days," she said.

The event at Burke Lake had train rides, a bunny photo booth, merry-go-round and egg dying to celebrate the holiday. Certain booths highlighted animals from the area, including a garter snake that



The Easter magician performs card tricks.

can be found at Burke Lake during the warmer months. Max Galuten, 4, eyed one in an aquarium with his father Alex. "He likes it if it's inside the box," his father said.

Farming was the topic in the Frying Pan Park tent, where Laura Mowery was handling the chicks they had raised from Frying Pan, which is located in Herndon. "We promote education about agricultural programs, present and past," she said. Frying Pan Park has a farm that's fashioned from a depression-era farm of the 1930s to teach what farming was like back then. Around here, farming is becoming scarce with the development and scarcity of open space.

"It's a dying art," Mowery said.



Brooklyn Rains and Maggie Deboard, therapeutic recreation majors from George Mason University, hand out bunny ears to all that want to wear them.

WELLBEING

Too Late for a Flu Shot?

FROM PAGE 2

Even as flu season is winding down, vaccinations are still available, but it takes up to two weeks for the body to build immunity after the immunization. Is it worthwhile for those who haven't had a flu shot to get one in early April, when flu season is practically over?

"The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) still recommend flu vaccines," said Dr. Tanya Altmann, pediatrician and spokeswoman for Families Fighting Flu and Clorox. "Some years the flu will increase in the spring and you still want to be protected. Currently, the flu is declining around the country, but we are still seeing pediatric cases of the flu with high fever and sick kids and we know that those who did not receive the flu vaccine are more likely to get serious illness."

"I would say yes as flu is still around ... Even with two weeks for full immunity, flu will likely still be around ...," added Maureen Moriarty DNP, associate professor, graduate chair and director, DNP and RN/BSN programs at Marymount University. "You should not take the vaccine if you are currently ill with the flu. But could still take once you've recovered."

"Flu is still widespread in Virginia but the

level is on the decline," added Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, director of Epidemiology and Population Health for the Fairfax County Health Department. "It's best to get vaccinated before flu begins spreading in the community; however, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to recommend flu vaccination as long as flu viruses are circulating."

"While the CDC reports that this flu season has been more severe than in recent years, the duration of the season is similar to seasons past. "The flu is more severe this year because it is not the typical mild strain we normally experience," said Gary L. Kreps, Ph.D., director, Center for Health and Risk Communication at George Mason University. "It is still worthwhile to get a flu vaccine because the flu season may continue longer than usual this year."

While flu season usually peaks from December through February or early March, and then winds down, timing of those peaks varies from season to season. "Today our message is focused on people protecting themselves," said Stein. "There are a lot of steps that people can take. A vaccine is the most fundamental line of defense that people can have. There's just no reason to take a chance with you and your family and your kids. Even if the vaccine's not fool-proof, there's no reason to take a chance."



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Legislators: County Has Authority To Ban Loaded Rifles on Road

The following letter to all members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors from members of the General Assembly from Fairfax, urges common sense action on guns; the state legislators say Fairfax County has the authority to ban loaded shotguns and rifles on the roads.

Dear Madam Chairman and Hon. Supervisors: Section 15.2-915.2 of the Code of Virginia gives all local governments in Virginia the authority to ban loaded shotguns and loaded rifles on public highways.

§ 15.2-915.2. Regulation of transportation of a loaded rifle or shotgun.

The governing body of any county or city may by ordinance make it unlawful for any person to transport, possess or carry a loaded shotgun or loaded rifle in any vehicle on any public street, road, or highway within such locality.

A similar ordinance has been enacted in the counties of Fauquier, Loudoun, Madison, Albemarle, Chesterfield, Clarke, James City, King George, New Kent, Northumberland, Surry, Warren and the cities of Alexandria, Fredericksburg, Petersburg, Richmond,

Roanoke, Virginia Beach, and Williamsburg.

We, members of the Virginia General Assembly representing Fairfax County, do not believe that there is a need for loaded shotguns or loaded rifles on Fairfax County's public roads. High emotions that come with traffic congestion in our region have led to instances where firearms have been discharged in incidents of road rage. Requiring that shotguns and rifles are not loaded at the beginning of a trip will help to reduce the potential for such split-second, life-changing decisions to occur in a moment of anger. Such an ordinance will also help to protect the driver and passengers, including children, as well as law enforcement from the accidental discharge of one of these weapons. For example, in 2006, Virginia State Trooper Kevin C. Manion was killed after a loaded rifle went off during a wreck cleanup in Clark County.

We recognize that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors considered this issue in 2015.

However given recent events, we believe that it is important at this time for all our localities

to use their existing authority to foster gun safety and protect the driving public.

We hereby ask that you initiate the processes necessary to change Fairfax County's ordinances to prohibit the transportation of loaded shotguns and loaded rifles to the fullest extent possible under Virginia Law.

We look forward to working with you on this important initiative.

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BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
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Our Founding Fathers were brilliant individuals. Not only did they craft a new form of government with the United States Constitution, but they established a government of "we the people" leaving behind monarchies and special privileges. While it created "a more perfect union," it included within its structure mechanisms upon which the union could be further perfected.

While it did take a civil war to bring about the most needed reform that had been debated at the Constitutional Convention and not settled but compromised away, many other reforms and perfections have taken place through constitutional amendments, laws

and judicial decisions.

With the massive changes that have taken place in our nation's history, particularly in civil rights, it is amazing that there have been so few changes to our basic structure of government. Building on the ideals of Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence that all persons have inalienable rights of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, the Constitution and its provisions created a way to realize these goals that ensures America's greatness is not in its past but in its future.

Most often mentioned in the guarantees that propel our country into future greatness are the freedoms of speech, press and religion. Less discussed in the past but now seen as a critically impor-



tant right to maintain our free government is the freedom to assemble. If freedoms are to be maintained in the future, it may be our right to assemble that will ensure it happens.

It is somewhat ironic that at a time

when the internet enables advocacy blitzes to fill the electronic mail boxes of public officials to support a cause that the crowds of people filling the streets in various marches may be our greatest safeguard. Many feel it is not enough to simply send a letter or brochure or give or listen to a speech; we need to visibly show the depth and breadth of our cause by assembling supporters by the thousands in the heat, cold, rain or sunshine.

I participate in marches in our

Nation's Capital as well as our State Capital to show support for equality in our society and for an end to gun violence. I find the marches inspirational because of the worthiness of the cause and the wonderful people I meet who have such strong dedication and conviction that they will take part however inconvenient. If you have not taken part in a march, I encourage you to do so. After all, assembling together to support our rights is part of what the Founding Fathers had in mind when they included the right to assemble in our Bill of Rights. The other important day to be sure to exercise your right to assemble is on election day when you have an opportunity to express your right as a citizen. It amplifies your voice when you assemble with others to vote for the persons who most clearly are representing your views on issues.

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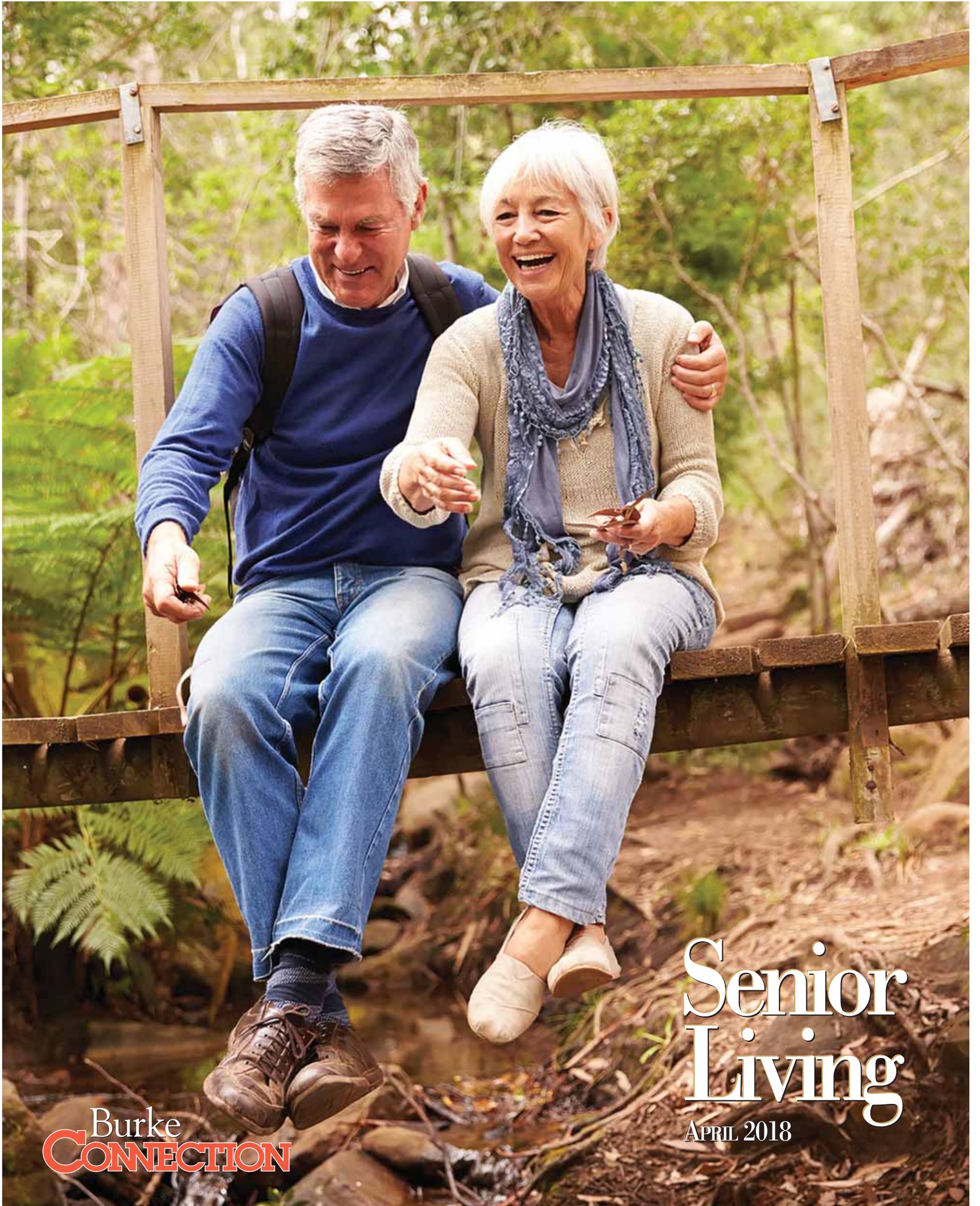
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CONNECTION

Senior Living

APRIL 2018

Preparing for Senior Olympics Is a Way of Life for Some

BY SHIRLEY RUHE
THE CONNECTION

It may seem like a long time until September when the 36th year of the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) kicks off.

But not for 83-year-old Chuck Toftoy from Arlington, who often enters 20 events, and says he practices all year long.

Opening ceremonies for this year's events are scheduled for Sept. 15 at 9 a.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington, and the competition is scheduled to end on Sept. 26.

The NVSO began in 1982 with about 80 people competing; last year there were 752 competitors signed up for one or more of the 70 events offered. The events ranged from tennis, baseball throw, bocce, orienteering, swimming and diving, golf, corn hole toss, volleyball, and pickleball.

Three new sports have been

added to the competition this year including canasta, croquet and beach ball wallyball. Herb Levitan, a member of the NVSO Board, explains beach ball wallyball is like volleyball but played on a racquetball court with a beachball which is bigger and softer than a volleyball. Levitan is currently preparing for the Virginia senior games coming up soon where he swims four freestyle events.

Alease Brooks, 85, has been competing for 14 years and participated in 13 different sports in 2017. But her favorite is pickleball. Her children have bought her T-shirts in different colors for her games and often come to watch her and cheer her on.

Toftoy says this year he plans to reduce the number of sports he enters so that he can concentrate on pickleball since he plans to enter singles, doubles and mixed competition this year.

Last year, 93-year old Henry Coletto from Oakton was one of

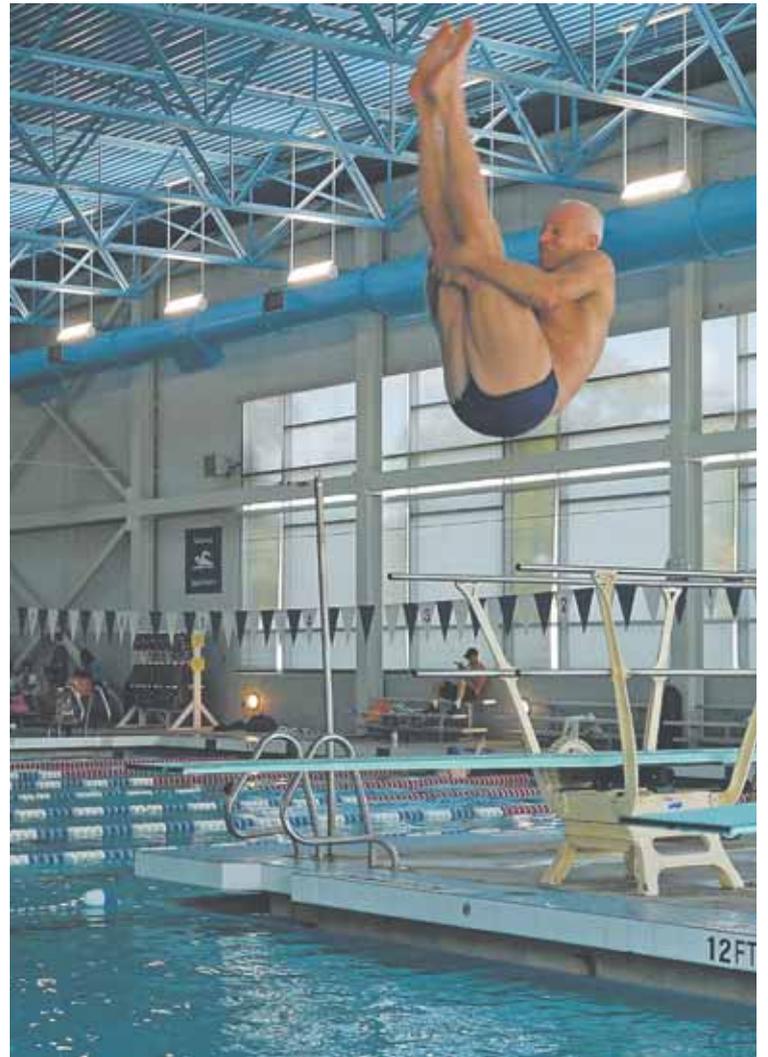
19 bocce competitors. But for the last several years he has been guaranteed a win because there was no one else in his age group competing.

Last year's oldest competitor was 101 years old with her sport of choice was duplicate bridge.

Seniors participate for many reasons — some because they like to stay busy and fit, others because they are returning to a high school or college sport, some because they like the community of friends they see every year and others because they still “like to dream big.”

This year's games are expected to be held in 29 venues including community centers, parks, high schools and other locations across Northern Virginia.

Registration for this year's NVSO will open June 1. This year NVSO is hoping to bring back the 5k run and looking for an event director for that event. Those interested in volunteering can call 703-403-5360.



Kim Aderman competes in last year's diving match.

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Living with Alzheimer's: For Middle-Stage Caregivers. 10 a.m.-noon at Ravensworth Baptist Church, 5100 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Part one of three-part series. Join the Alzheimer's Association for this free three-part series; helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care. Call 800-272-3900. Other times offered.

MONDAYS/APRIL 9-MAY 14

Adventures 'N Learning. 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. Join the Shepherd's Center of Fairfax every Monday for 6 weeks. Start with gentle exercise, followed

by speakers on topics such as health, history, community, personal development, finance, and more. Afternoon breakouts are book club, bridge or canasta. Bring a brown bag lunch. \$30. Register at 703-426-2824, or visit www.scfbva.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 10

Dementia Caregiver Support Groups. Noon-1:30 p.m. Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke sponsors a monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month for caregivers to learn and to share with others experiencing similar challenges. Before attending, contact the facilitator, Eileen Thompson at 703-451-8626 or Eileen.thompson1@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/APRIL 14

Community Shredding Event. 8 a.m.-noon at I-95 Landfill, 9850 Furnace Road, Lorton. Shred event is open to Fairfax County residents along with residents of the towns and cities. Documents from businesses will not be accepted. All cars must be in line by noon. Residents will be asked to remain in their vehicles. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mountvernon/secure-document-shredding-event.

FRIDAY/APRIL 20

Ms. Virginia Senior America Pageant Orientation. Meeting held in Falls Church. Free orientation for senior women interested in joining the program. Presentation will explain how to enroll and prepare for the pageant. The pageant is in Falls Church on July 7, 2018. Contact State Director Rebecca Tebbis Nunn at 804-435-3704.

TUESDAY/APRIL 24

Home & Garden Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour four homes and gardens in

Great Falls, Vienna and McLean – from a “quilt garden” at a 1750 home to a garden and cottage designed for retirement. Advance tickets are \$40 by April 17; tickets on day of tour are \$50 at Meadowlark Gardens. Tickets sold at tour homes and the Great Falls Library. Contact Garden Club of Fairfax at fairfax@vagardenweek.org. Visit www.vagardenweek.org.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 25

A Matter of Balance. 10 a.m.-noon at Oakton Church of the Brethren, Fellowship Hall, 10025 Courthouse Road, Vienna. An award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. 8 weeks. Free. Class size limited to 14 participants. To register, contact Casey Tarr at 703-850-4131 or eileentarr1@verizon.com.

SATURDAY/APRIL 28

Scam Jam and Shred Event. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Free fraud fighting event. AARP Virginia and Fairfax County Government's Silver Shield task force are bringing together top experts to present at a free informational Scam Jam. Free shred truck will be on-site from 8 a.m.-noon. Light refreshments and lunch will be served. Registration is required at aarp.cvent.com/OSSFairfax or call 1-877-926-8300.

Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at all Fairfax County Police Stations. Drop off medications (pills or liquids only, no pressurized canisters or needles). Disposal is free, convenient, confidential, and safe handling of unused or expired medications. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/community-services-board/



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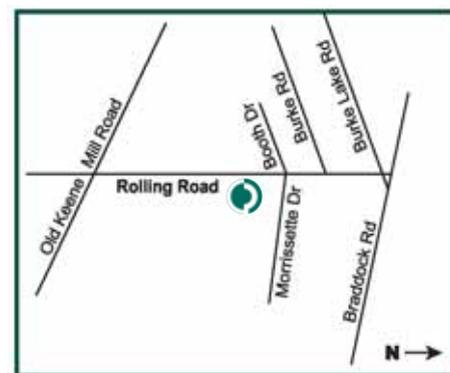
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Each Senior Center Without Walls program is a community/volunteer-run program with support from the Neighborhood and Community Services.

Burke/West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls

❖ Programming focuses primarily on exercise and fitness for older adults, including Tai Chi and Zumba classes.

❖ For information about registration and programming, call 703-250-9181, TTY 711 or Email burkewestspringfieldcwow@fairfaxcounty.gov

@fairfaxcounty.gov.

❖ For activity details and schedules, visit the community-based website at www.scwow.org.

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❖ Programming focuses primarily on social gatherings and continuing education for older adults, including technology workshops, trips, current events discussions and guest speakers/lecturers on a variety of topics.

❖ For information about registration and programming, please call 703-787-4962, TTY 711.

❖ For activity details and schedules, visit the community-based website at www.gfseniors.org.

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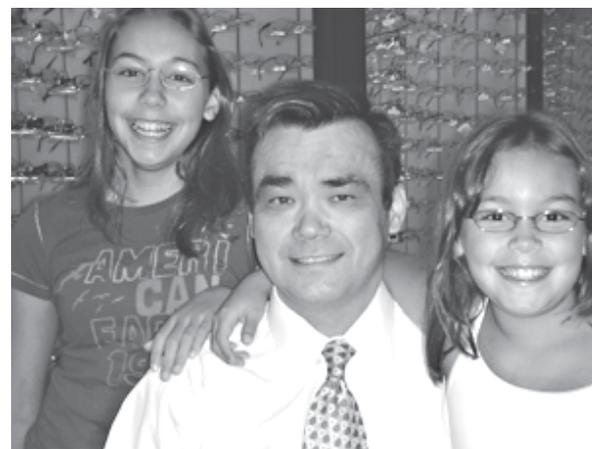


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www.thehubtheatre.org.

Art Exhibit: Pulp Fiction. Through April 29, gallery hours in Arches Gallery, Building W-9 of the Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Pulp Fiction showcases work by artist Anne Hollis, exploring mixed media art while focusing on moments in time from mythological stories to real life. Visit www.workhousearts.org/.

Second Saturdays. 6-9 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. The Second Saturday Art Walk is the perfect time to meet nearly 85 Resident and Associate Artists. Experience performances of dance, cabaret, comedy, big band, jazz, and theater. Indulge in classes in the art of mixology or cuisines from around the globe. Enjoy art exhibitions in nine galleries of the region's finest sculpture, painting, glass, ceramics, and fiber art works. Visit www.workhousearts.org/.

Senior Line Dancing. Mondays, 1 p.m.; Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m. at Little River Glen Senior Center, 4001 Barker Court, 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 per 8-week session. Email barbriba@hotmail.com or call 703-524-3739.

English Conversation Groups weekly at George Mason, Burke Centre, and Lorton Libraries Practice and improve your English. Day and start times vary. Visit: va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventcalendar.asp

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 5-8

Mason Theater Performance. Thursday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, 2 p.m. at George Mason University Harris Theatre, 4373 Mason Pond Drive, Fairfax. 19th Century writer Henry David Thoreau's imprisonment for his refusal to pay a poll tax designed to support an unpopular war. \$30 general admission; \$15 students, staff, seniors and groups. Call 703-993-8888 or visit cfa.gmu.edu.

FRIDAY/APRIL 6

B-I-N-G-O. 7 p.m. at Fire Station 3, 4081 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy free coffee, entertaining callers, a friendly atmosphere, \$1,000 guaranteed jackpot, treasure chest progressive raffles, and good food available for purchase. All proceeds go to purchasing fire and rescue equipment. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638 for more.

APRIL 6-21

“The Front Page.” Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at The James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Set in a Chicago press room in the 1920s. Classic comedy packs a wallop of nostalgic Americana. Visit www.providenceplayers.org

SATURDAY/APRIL 7

ECHO Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-noon in the Gymnasium of St. Bernadette Catholic Church and School, 7600



“The Front Page”

Set in a Chicago press room in the 1920s, reporter Hildy Johnson wants to break away from journalism and get married. All that changes when an escaped convict, Earl Williams, breaks out of jail and suddenly falls into the reporter's hands. Fast-paced and filled with crisp dialog and sharp humor, this classic comedy packs a wallop of nostalgic Americana. April 6-21; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at The James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Visit www.providenceplayers.org for tickets.

Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Join the hunt for treasures at ECHO's semi-annual yard sale. Toys, fashion accessories, collectibles, and more. Proceeds benefit Ecumenical Community Helping Others in Springfield. Free admission. Email cefrabee@verizon.net.

Spring Cleaning in the Parks. 9-11:30 a.m. at 10 different Fairfax County parks: Cub Run RECenter, Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, Hidden Oaks Nature Center at Roundtree Park, Hidden Pond Nature Center, Huntley Meadows Park, Lake Accotink Park, Lake Fairfax Park, Riverbend Park, Scott's Run Nature Preserve, and Sully Historic Site. More than 750 volunteers will join the Fairfax County Park Authority and The Nature Conservancy for annual “spring cleaning” efforts to kickoff Earth Month. The volunteers will remove trash and debris, while also assisting scientists and conservationists by recording data about what they remove. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/.

Rose Care Seminar. 10 a.m.-noon at Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Award-winning Consulting Rosarian Pam Powers shares the basics about rose selection, how to plant and grow beautiful blooms from May to November. Free. Light refreshments. Door prizes. Hosted by Arlington Rose Foundation. Call 703-371-9351 for more.

Fairfax City Fishing Derby. 9:30, 10:15 and 11 a.m. at Ashby Pond Conservation, 9817 Ashby Road, Fairfax. Bring a fishing rod, bucket, plastic bag and ice. A limited quantity of fishing rods will be on site to borrow. Bait will be supplied. \$5 per participant. Pre-registration required at www.fairfaxva.gov/specialevents or in person at Sherwood Center, Green Acres Center and City Hall P&R Office. For more information email parksrec@fairfaxva.gov.

SUNDAY/APRIL 8

T-TRAK Scale Model Train Show. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Northern Virginia NTRAK members

will hold a N gauge T-TRAK model train show. Ages 16 and older, \$4; 5-15, \$2; 4 and under, free. Visit www.fairfax-station.org, www.facebook.com/FFXSRR, or call 703-425-9225.

Ready to Serve: Nurses in World War I. 2 p.m. at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Learn about nurses from Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. Storyteller Ellouise Schoettler performs three monologues based on letters written by the nurses, who served in the U.S. Army in France during World War I. Call 703-385-8414.

Rock Creek Trio Concert. 4-5 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Enjoy a violin, cello, and piano trio playing dramatic and colorful music by Beethoven and Ravel. Reception to follow. Childcare provided. Free admission. Call 703-455-2500 or visit www.standrews.net.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 11

Lunchen: Springfield Christian Women's Connection. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Springfield Golf And Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Spring Fling Fashion Show featuring styles from Urban Posh. Owners, Pam and Angie Behbahani, will show selections from their boutique located in Qccoquan. \$20 per person, all-inclusive. Reservations requested by Friday, April 6 at 703-922-6438 or Springwmconn@yahoo.com.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 12-15

“Follow Your Heart.” At EagleBank Arena, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Disney On Ice presents “Follow Your Heart” is an ice skating extravaganza featuring Disney-Pixar's Finding Dory, Disney-Pixar's Inside Out, Disney's Frozen and other beloved Disney stories. Tickets start at \$15. All seats are reserved, and tickets are available at 800-745-3000, www.ticketmaster.com, and the EagleBank Arena box office.



Gilbert Glenn Brown (portrays Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.) and Karen Malina White (portrays Camae) in L.A. Theatre Works “The Mountaintop.”

“The Mountaintop” Comes to GMU

Award-winning play based upon the last day of Dr. Martin Luther King coming to Center for the Arts

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Where and When

On April 3, 1968, after delivering his famous speech with the words, “I’ve seen the promised land ... I’ve been to the mountaintop,” in support of Memphis, Tenn. sanitation workers on strike for better wages and working conditions, Martin Luther King Jr. went to his room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. The next day, Dr. King was assassinated. He was 39.

From these facts, playwright Katori Hall penned her award-winning play, “The Mountaintop.” It imagines conversations between Dr. King and Camae, a fictional hotel maid on the night before his assassination. Outside in the night air, a rainstorm rages.

L.A. Theatre Works will bring “The Mountaintop” to the Center for the Arts. “We wanted to tour ‘The Mountaintop’ on the occasion of the anniversary of Dr. King’s assassination,” said L.A. Theatre Works producing director Susan Loewenberg. “We wanted to honor Dr. King’s memory.

“Katori Hall’s ‘The Mountaintop’ is imaginative, funny, heart wrenching and a highly revealing work about King,” said Loewenberg. “It will remind audiences and ourselves that great leaders are not perfect and not infallible but do stand the test of time.”

The production uses L.A. Theatre Works signature radio drama style with the actors delivering their line in front of microphones with projections on screens and sound effects

L.A. Theatre Works presents “The Mountaintop” at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Performance: April 14 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$44, \$37, \$26. Call 703-993-2787 or visit www.cfa.gmu.edu. **Note:** Contains mature language. There will be a pre-performance discussion about 45 minutes before the play begins.

“This is a role and play of a lifetime,” said Gilbert Glenn Brown who portrays Dr. King. “Having an opportunity to travel the country honoring and sharing Dr. King’s message of love and change for the better for all, especially now, when we all so desperately need it, is truly humbling and empowering.”

Brown described “The Mountaintop” as “transformational theater that speaks to one’s humanity, to one’s ‘perfect’ imperfectness. We all falter at times, but we all have the ability to love, to stand and speak against injustice trying to make this world better for all.”

In the role of Camae is Karen Malina White. “Camae is smart, sharp and witty. She challenges Dr. King on his non-violence methods, on sexism and on the future of the movement. She’s the voice of the young people in 1968. She’s the voice of the poor and working class. I’m honored for the opportunity to be in ‘The Mountaintop.’

“I hope our audiences will come away with hope and a renewed sense of personal commitment to move our country continually towards equality and deep respect for the lives of all Americans,” said White.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Revisiting Chicago Journalism of 1920s

Providence Players to present 'The Front Page.'

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

Continuing their 20th anniversary season, the Providence Players are producing a classic comedy set in a 1920s Chicago newsroom. It is "The Front Page" by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur.

Directed by Providence Players veteran Michael Donahue, "The Front Page" is a fast-paced, happy nostalgic snapshot of the rough-and-tumble world of Chicago journalism in the 1920s. The production centers on reporter Hildy Johnson who wants to break away from his journalism career and get married. But, the world intrudes when a jailbreak and an escaped convict change Johnson's plans.

Filled with crisp dialog and sharp humor about Big-City America, Providence Players director Michael Donahue "knew I had to direct this play. I was captivated and could not wait to bring to life the world, relationships and rhythm of Chicago in the Roaring 20s ... and the people and the world of 1920 tabloid journalism.

"I want the audience to experience a snapshot in time ... a valentine to a time when crime reporters existed equally alongside corrupt politicians and prison wardens, police, gangsters and the characters that populate the world of 1920s Chicago."

The central character, Hildy Johnson, is played by Chuck O'Toole who happens to be a journalist and even went to journalism school in Chicago. "The Hecht and MacArthur script captures the energy of a press room so well; the way it flips from boredom to frenzy in a second when something unexpected breaks. As a performer, too, I liked the challenge of a 1920s period piece. People experienced the world so differently back then."

O'Toole added: "'The Front Page' is a classic of the American theatre and a heck of a lot of fun. It's cynical and sweet-tempered at the same time. It also reminds us that nothing's new about today's media controversies - bias and fake news were always with us. But it's not a history lesson, it's a full-speed-ahead farce, and you'll be laughing every bit of the way.

Long-time Providence Players performer David Whitehead plays the character Walter Burns. "Burns is a hard driving, single-focused, no holds barred, newspaper editor who will do almost anything to get the best story. Being able to explore and portray



From left — David Whitehead as Walter Burns, Jaelyn Robertson as Peggy Grant and Chuck O'Toole as Hildy Johnson in the Providence Players production of 'The Front Page' at the James Lee Community Center Theater

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"A winning hand in the Criminal Court's press room" with the cast of the Providence Players production of "The Front Page" at the James Lee Community Center Theater.

Where and When

Providence Players present "The Front Page" at the James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road Falls Church. Performances April 6 to April 21, 2018. Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m. and April 8 and 15, Sunday Matinees 2 p.m. Tickets \$20 Adults and \$17 Students/Seniors (Seating is Reserved). Call 703-425-6782 or visit www.providenceplayers.org/

this hard-nosed, make-it-happen newspaper man has been so fun and a real privilege.

"The Front Page' plot is hilarious, the dialog fast-paced and funny, and the characters so interesting and hilarious," added Whitehead. It will be an "incredible evening" of theater.

CALENDAR

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FRIDAY/APRIL 13

"Pershing's Own" Chamber Players. 8 p.m. in Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. The Bonita Lestina Performance Series concludes April 13 with the U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own" Chamber Players performing Through Darkness: Music by Victims and Survivors of the Holocaust. Free. Call 703-352-ARTS.

SATURDAY/APRIL 14

Burke Farmers Market. Open Saturdays, through Dec. 22, 8 a.m.-noon at 5671 Roberts Pkwy., Burke. Fairfax County Park Authority markets are strictly

producer-only meaning that vendors must grow or make from scratch everything they bring to market. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

Art Lessons for Youth Classes.

9:15-10:30 a.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Drawing and watercolor for 8 years and older. Instructor Carol Zeitlin. Visit www.czartlessons.com or call 703-250-6930.

Art Workshop for Teens/Adults.

10:30-12:30 p.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Drawing, watercolor, Chinese brush and portfolio development for teens and adults. Instructor Carol Zeitlin. Visit www.czartlessons.com or call 703-

250-6930.

Drawing Plus Color Class. 6:15-7 p.m. at Woods Community Centre, 10100 Wards Grove Circle, Burke. Drawing and watercolor for 5-8 year olds. Instructor Carol Zeitlin. Visit www.czartlessons.com or call 703-250-6930.

Northern Virginia Ceili.

6:30-9:30 p.m. at **Green Acres Center**, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. The Ancient Order of the Hibernians presents the Northern Virginia Ceili ("Irish Country Dancing"). The second Saturday each month. Admission: adults, \$15; families, \$25 (includes all children under 16, and uncles, aunts, and grandparents); children under 16, free; GMU students (with ID), \$5. Call 703-273-6090.

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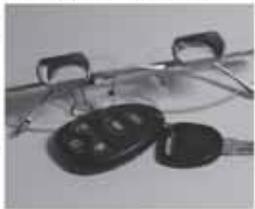
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'Collect for Kids' Seeks Help

Donations and help from organizations is requested.

BY MERCIA HOBSON
THE CONNECTION

The Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools announced their community partners are preparing for the 2018 "Collect for Kids" school supplies and backpacks drive for students in Fairfax County Public Schools. In 2017, the drive helped more than 39,000 of the 55,000 students who receive free or reduced-price meals in Fairfax County Schools. The goal for 2018 is to provide 40,000 of these children and youth with school supplies and backpacks.

"Collect for Kids" is seeking monetary contributions and help from organizations. Their online donation form states: "100 percent of your donation will be allocated for school supplies for FCPS students in need." Even though a robust and connected group of partners make "Collect for Kids" work, the organization is also seeking help from new organizations to support their effort. Currently, more than 20 businesses, government agencies and community organization work together on the campaign, among them Apple Federal Credit Union, Britepaths, Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, Cornerstones, and Kids R First.

According to "Collect for Kids," "Every school in Fairfax County is touched by need. Some schools have



PHOTO BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE CONNECTION

The Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools announced their community partners are getting ready for the 2018 "Collect for Kids" school supplies and backpack drive as they seek monetary donations and help from organizations.

as few as 1 percent of students living in poverty and some schools have over 90 percent of students living in poverty."

In the Oak Hill/ Herndon area, supporting partners of "Collect for Kids" serve students at Coates, Dranesville, Herndon, Floris and Hutchison Elementary Schools, Herndon and Rachel Carson Middle Schools, and Herndon High School.

For more information on how to donate or help with the effort visit collectforkids.org.

Canines Trained for Rope Operations

Units from Fire and Rescue Station 14, Burke, A-Shift recently assisted K9 handlers from Virginia Task Force -1 and the Prince William Police Department on a drill regarding rope operations. It is important to expose the canines to heights so that during actual deployments the K9 team is familiar with how to work during this type of operation. All the canines end the training with a fun "find" on the rubble pile.

—TRISH DANULA



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AREA ROUNDUPS

Assistance League of Northern Virginia to Hold Fundraiser

The annual Spring Fundraiser is Assistance League of Northern Virginia's most important fundraiser of the year with money raised benefiting the nonprofit's 2018-19 programs which feed, clothe and educate children in need in our communities.

Set for April 27, the event will take place from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, in

Fairfax. This year's luncheon and silent auction is sponsored by: Quadrant, Inc. - \$6,000 Super Star; Joyce Koons Honda Buick GMC - \$1,000 Gold Star; Spine Care of Manassas Chiropractic Center - \$1,000 Gold Star; Manassas Honda Kawasaki Suzuki - \$250 Bronze Star; NOVEC - \$250 Bronze Star.

The attendees will be able to bid on gifts donated by more than 90 local

businesses. The program will also include a live auction and special appeal segment led by Auctioneer Daniel Sanders with Four Sales Ltd. The event will also feature Keynote Speaker Tony Perkins, Anchor, FOX 5 News and Co-host, MAJIC 102.3. Cost per ticket \$65, \$30 is tax deductible. To purchase tickets, contact ALNorthernVA@gmail.com. www.northernvirginia.assistanceleague.org

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Parent Support Partners, a service of the Healthy Minds Fairfax initiative, are all parents who have received training and are qualified to offer education, support and assistance at no cost to families or caregivers. They provide reliable information that families can use in decision-making and are familiar with services and resources that can help families in distress. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax or www.nami-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

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.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Fairfax Station Railroad Museum needs volunteer docents on Sunday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. Greet museum visitors and tell them about the exhibits, the Museum and the its railroad and Civil War history. Training and orientation provided. Other volunteer opportunities are gardening, publicity and exhibit planning. The Museum is located at 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Call Michael at 703-945-7483 for more information.

THURSDAY/APRIL 5

Autism 101: An Introduction to Understanding Autism. 10-11:30 a.m. at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Join the **Autism Society of Northern Virginia** to learn accurate, important, basic information at this workshop highlighting Autism Acceptance Month. Open to all who want to learn more about autism. Visit www.fcps.edu/node/28279.

Public Meeting: Painting and Restriping. 7 p.m. in the Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, West Springfield. The Virginia Department of Transportation and the Fairfax County Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting on 2018 paving and restriping efforts in the Springfield District. Information will be on display in an open house format, with a presentation at 7:15 p.m. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/2018-paving-and-restriping.

APRIL 5-MAY 24

Neighborhood College Returns. The eight-week course teaches how the county works and how you can make it work for your community. Course sessions include "Code Compliance and Zoning," "Family Services and Mental Health," "Police and Emergency Management," "Storm Water Management and Solid Waste Management." Opportunity to ask County staff questions and hear how they make our county run. Classes will be held Thursday evenings at a location to be determined. Contact Ann Sharp at 703-425-9300 or ann.sharp@fairfaxcounty.gov to register.

FRIDAY/APRIL 6

Strategies to Support Elementary School Students. 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. A Closer Look at Stress and Anxiety: Strategies to Support Elementary School Students will explore strategies and resources to support children experiencing stress and anxiety in elementary school. Highlights will include recognizing and validating a child's worry, managing anxiety in the school setting, helping a child remain calm, and using stress reduction tools. Visit www.fcps.edu/node/28279.

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Label Me Presumptuous



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I have not been collecting return-address labels for years. I have however, been receiving them for years. Either as thank yous for charitable contributions made or as inducements for charitable contributions yet to be made. Regardless of the reason, I have had an ample supply until recently. And they have served me well as both a reminder of what I have and have not done. And over time, they have most definitely served their purpose. Amazingly though, the pages of return-address labels in inventory has been shrinking of late. Due to some combination of my lack of charitableness as well as a reduction in the numbers of unsolicited charitable quid pro quos (there may be a relationship there).

Let me be clear: I am under no delusion or pressure to respond to these letters/requests for money. Just because I receive them doesn't mean I must adhere to them. They're hardly a subpoena nor are they payment for services rendered. They are merely a pre-approach-type solicitation mailed to me at my home offering goods (the labels) for services (my contribution) not yet rendered. Opening an envelope and reading its contents doesn't make me a partner in their pursuit of my dollars.

But what exactly is the protocol here? Certainly I can understand keeping and/or using the return-address labels if I make a contribution, but what if I don't make a contribution? Do I have to throw these perfectly good return-address labels away? Don't some of these labels, by their design/content - and ultimately by their use by yours truly, indirectly support the original sender's cause? Isn't their use some kind of tacit paying-it-forward-type approval/contribution on my part? I realize money and/or in-kind contributions likely help more, but is there use by a non-contributor not abuse at all? After all, I'm sort of passing the word/keeping their chain going, aren't I?

If all is fair in love and war, certainly there's a little wiggle room in the world of mailing unsolicited inducements to unsuspecting recipients? I mean, I'm not asking for trouble here, am I? I'm merely asking for some understanding and clarification. If what was sent to me - not at my request and not as part of a phone conversation securing a commitment, was not my doing, then why am I responsible for it being done?

Obviously the labels are a convenience for me, and that is worth some amount of money and time that now I'm not having to spend. Still, it feels like an intrusion of sorts, a method to their madness - presumably, but to me a presumption, nevertheless. And that's just a few letters away from an assumption, and you all know what is said about assuming?

I suppose if you cast a wide enough net you're going to catch a few contributors who don't find anything fishy about this direct mail process and who feel compelled to respond favorably - so to speak, because a good deed has been for them. And if a good deed (or a "solid," to quote Detective Andy Sipowitz/Dennis Franz from NYPD Blue) deserves another then contributions will be made and address labels will be affixed.

But after years of receiving these return-address-labels-masquerading-as-solicitations-for-contributions - to a variety of charities, some more well known than others, I don't feel the least bit stuck in my decision to use these return address labels as I see fit. In a way, I am the beneficiary of their largess and in turn, they are the beneficiary of my non-cash contribution. It's sort of a win-win. But I don't suppose that was their intention. I suppose they wanted more, not less.

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