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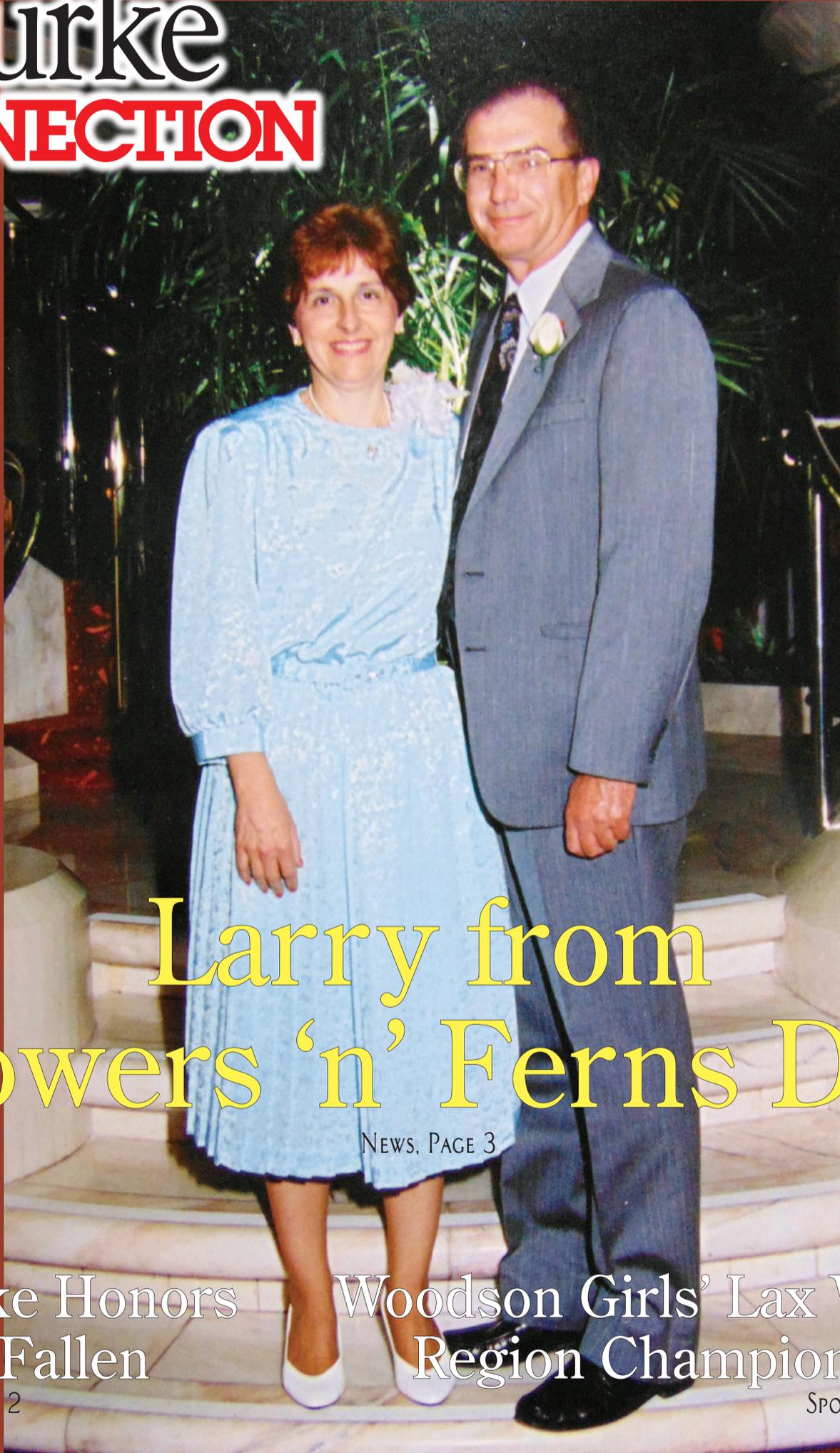
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# Burke CONNECTION



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# Burke Honors the Fallen

Annual Memorial Day Ceremony held on the grounds of the Burke Centre Conservancy.

By Lindsey Smith

Once again, Burke VFW Post 5412 held their annual Memorial Day Ceremony on the grounds of the Burke Centre Conservancy. The weather was better than in past years and Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock District) commented that it was 20 degrees cooler than most years.

The ceremony began with the Presentation of the Colors and raising of the flag by members of VFW Post 5412, Boy Scout Troop 1345, and Girl Scout Troop 1945. After the Invocation by Reverend Stephen Holley of Emmanuel Bible Church and the singing of our National Anthem by Pamela Wilson, a memorial wreath was laid at the foot of the American flag.

The keynote speaker was Air Force Col. Michael Nelson, who spoke of his optimism for the future as younger folks, or millennials, are actually very engaged with protecting the freedom



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and honor of America. Comments by State Sen. David Marsden (D-37), Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41), and Supervisor Cook, echoed those of Col. Nelson and also highlighted the fact that we must never forget those who gave the ultimate sacrifice so that we may all be free. The ceremony concluded with the rendering of Taps by bugler Terry

Bradley and the playing of Amazing Grace by bagpiper Jay Coplan. All in all, it was a beautiful tribute to those who have given their last full measure of devotion to the United States of America.

Lindsey Smith is Chief of Staff at Supervisor John Cook's office as well as Senior master sergeant (ret.) United States Air Force.



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**Speakers at the ceremony included area elected officials: From right — Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock District), State Sen. David Marsden (D-37) and Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41).**



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# Larry from Flowers 'n' Ferns Dies

Was long-time fixture of Burke Town Plaza Shopping Center.

By Steve Hibbard  
The Connection

**L**arry Denholm, who ran the Flowers 'n' Ferns shop located in the Burke Town Plaza Shopping Center in Burke, died on Saturday, May 26, 2018 from lung cancer. He was 78.

Larry was married to wife Fern, now deceased, and the couple had two grown children: daughter Karen Fountain, 51, of Manassas who currently manages Flowers 'n' Ferns; and brother Paul, 48, of Denver. Larry lived in the Winston Knolls neighborhood in Springfield.

"I have been a blessed man with a wonderful family and a career that led me to meet so many friends. When you walk up to someone and hand them flowers and you see their face light up with a smile, well what better moment is that? I've been blessed and fortunate to see years and years of that happiness," said Larry a week before he died.

"As a long-time resident of the Springfield-Burke community, we consider ourselves the community's personal florist. He wanted to thank people for allowing him to serve them for so many years," said daughter Karen.

Larry's visitation will be held at Fairfax Memorial Park on Sunday, June 10 from 4-7 p.m. The address is 9900 Braddock Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032. On Monday, June 11 at noon, there will be a graveside service at Stonewall Memorial Gardens, located at 12004 Lee Hwy., Manassas, VA 20109.

**FIVE WEEKS AGO**, Larry wasn't feeling well and thought it was kidney stones, said his daughter Karen. "Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with cancer. Because of his radiation treatments coming so quickly, he was not able to let his customers know," she said.

"He wanted to be able thank the community for all of the support he's had through the years. A lot of customers have become friends," she said. He technically retired three years ago after 50-plus years in the business and was still involved in various ways, like making flower deliveries, for example.

Karen said what he enjoyed the most was the camaraderie of getting to know the customers on a personal level. "He has some Navy men who like to chit-chat. Those are the type of people you get to know over and over. That's one thing with the floral industry. Our business is an emotional business; you get the ups and downs," she said.

Larry was born in Warren, Ohio, outside of Cleveland and moved to Arlington when he was 8. One of his fondest memories was taking the bus into D.C. for accordion lessons and walking around by himself at the age of 8.

"He had been working since that age and had a newspaper route, and when he became a teen, he worked as an usher in a theater in Arlington; he ended up going into



Larry and Fern Denholm at a 1995 floral convention.



Karen Fountain who runs Flowers 'n' Ferns in Burke Town Plaza Shopping Center.

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**Larry Denholm (right) at the September wedding of Carlton Hobbs and Katie Fountain Hobbs (Larry's granddaughter).**



the Navy out of (Hammond High) school," she said.

After graduation, he went on active duty and was assigned to the navigation department aboard the U.S.S. Boston, a guided missile cruiser as an aerographer's mate. His duties included plotting weather maps and systems for the navigation of the ship. He served during peacetime to places like North Africa, Turkey, Cuba, crossing the Arctic Circle and the Mediterranean Sea.

After the Navy, he used the G.I. Bill to study accounting at Benjamin Franklin University and landed as a bookkeeper in

Conklyn's Florist in 1964, a local flower shop in Arlington, as well as another florist called Elliott's in Arlington.

In 1975, he heard that Springfield Florist on Backlick Road was up for sale and so he and Fern bought it and became the owners. They torn down that shopping center and merged two shops and opened Flowers 'n' Ferns at Burke Town Plaza in 1979 as one of its original tenants. Today the shopping center has a CVS Pharmacy, Safeway and a Glory Days Grill.

"My dad decided when the little kids came in they called him 'Mr. Flowers' and my

mom's name was Fern, so that's how it became 'Flowers 'n' Ferns,'" said Karen.

"My mom and dad tried to be active in the school system. They volunteered with the DECA program at West Springfield High and Lake Braddock Secondary. They worked with the Girl Scouts and gave them classes on flowers to help them do their badges. They were involved in the Burke/Springfield community and the Springfield Chamber of Commerce, where he was a Board member and served on several committees," said Karen.

**THE COUPLE** did floral arrangements for the inaugurations of Presidents Reagan, Bush, and Clinton, and were active in the Cap Center's Washington Garden and Flower Show in the late '70s and early '80s. As a full-service florist, they also did arrangements for birthdays, funerals, anniversaries, proms as well as Mother's Day, Valentine's Day, and Christmas for people in Springfield and Burke. Fern died from cancer in 1997.

Karen said as a mom-and-pop local florist, they get to know their customers on a personal level, talking on the telephone, and getting to know their tastes and needs — like if a customer was allergic to baby's breath, or matching the colors of their prom dresses with the flowers, as an example. "That's the nice thing about being a smaller local florist — you get to know your customers," she said.

# News

## Reyes Brothers Become Eagle Scouts

Two new Eagle Scouts from Troop 1131, at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Burke, are Elias Reyes and his younger brother, Jose Reyes. In the photograph are: Elias Reyes, Gretchen Tackaberry, paternal grandmother, Rowene Kroesen, maternal great grandmother, General Frederick Kroesen, maternal great grandfather, Jose Reyes, Rick Tackaberry, father of the two Eagle Scouts and an Eagle Scout, Nicole Reyes, sister, Col. Kief Tackaberry, paternal grandfather and an Eagle Scout, and Armando Reyes, brother, a rising freshman at Annandale High School. Both new Eagles Scouts live in North Springfield and attend Annandale High School.

Elias plans to join the US Army Infantry next month, after graduating from high school. Jose is a rising senior at Annandale High School. The National Rifle Association (NRA) hosted the ceremony and also gave a tour of the NRA American Heritage Museum.

A reception and dinner, hosted by Col. and Mrs. Tackaberry, grandparents, was held in the NRA Cafeteria.



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# News

## Governor Northam Signs Del. Filler-Corn's Car Seat Safety Bill

On Tuesday, May 29, Governor Ralph Northam signed Del. Eileen Filler-Corn's (D-41) car seat safety bill, HB 708. This law will prohibit child restraint devices (car seats) from being forward-facing until, at least, the child reaches two years of age or until the child reaches the minimum weight limit for a forward-facing child restraint device as prescribed by the manufacturer of the device. The bill will also expand the reasons that a physician may determine when it is impractical for a child to use a rear-facing child restraint system due to the child's height.

"My entire career has been focused on making people's lives safer. This bill achieves that goal and it advocates for a group of vulnerable Virginians who cannot make decisions for themselves, Virginia's infants and toddlers," said Filler-Corn. "If we actually have data and statistics showing that rear-facing car seats can save lives and prevent injury, then as a member of the House of Delegates, I see it as our duty to pass legislation that will help ensure the safety of all our constituents, in this case, our most vulnerable constituents, our children."

HB 708 passed out of the House and Senate with bipartisan support. It has a delayed enactment date of July 1, 2019.

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#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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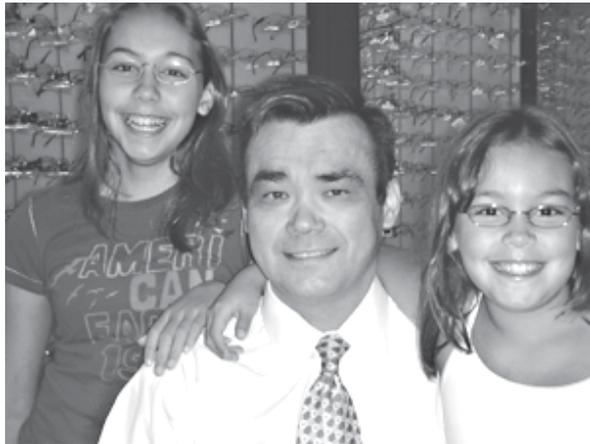
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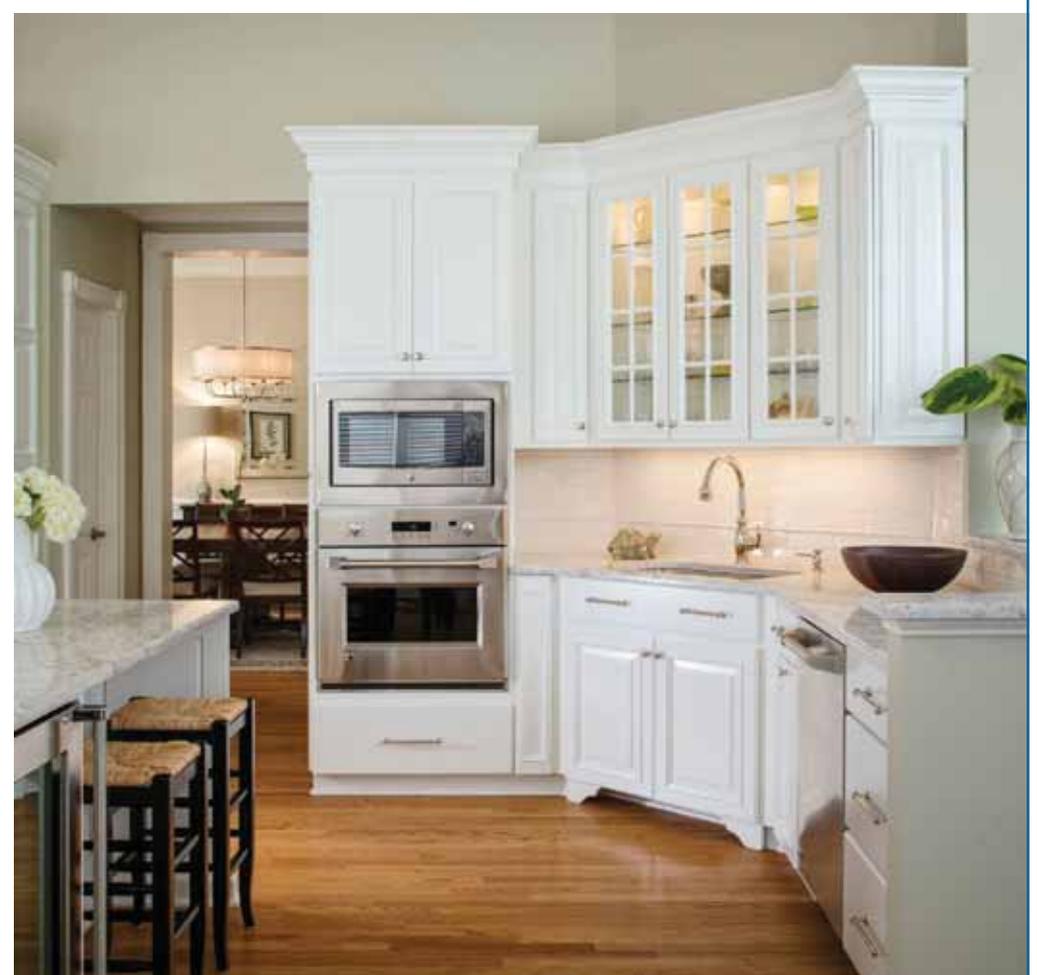
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# Opinion

## Preventing Gang Violence

By Gerald E. Connolly  
U.S. Representative  
(D-11)



**F**amilies through out our community have been shaken by the recent rise in gang activity across the Washington region. This is a serious issue that must be addressed with collaboration and cooperation from all levels of government. We know the problem, and now we must find the right solution.

Fairfax County offers a model for what our country can do to fight gang violence. When I was chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, we worked with local law enforcement, the business community, and the faith and civic communities to reduce gang crime and gang association. We hired the county's first gang prevention coordinator and started tattoo and graffiti removal initiatives. We collaborated with the Boys and Girls Clubs to launch the "Join a Club, Not a Gang" campaign, and expanded after school programs to all 26 of

our middle schools. And we reached out to parents to help them understand the signs of gang involvement. Thanks to this collaboration, the number of teenagers involved in gang activity declined by 50 percent and the crime rate fell to a 32-year low. Fairfax County remains the safest jurisdiction of its size in the United States.

I brought that local government experience with me to Congress and on a bipartisan basis, I worked with former U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf to secure federal funding for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force (NVRGTF). In fact, I offered the last earmark for the NVRGTF before the House Majority abolished earmarks, stripping the task force of its federal funding.

The best thing we can do is resume funding for regional task forces that focus on gang prevention, intervention, and suppression in our communities. It is not enough to fund programs and organizations that focus solely on prosecuting gang members after their crimes have been committed. We must take a well-rounded, holistic approach to community safety by restoring the federal

government's commitment to preventing these crimes from ever being committed in the first place.

We know that collaborative programs like the Task Force work. Regional task forces provide local governments and law enforcement bodies with unified organizations that span jurisdictional boundaries and allow for streamlined input from various stakeholders across a community. That is why, recently, I introduced the Preventing Gang Violence Act, legislation that will increase funding for competitive and evidence-based programs to reduce gang violence by \$18 million.

This bipartisan legislation builds upon our success in Fairfax County by providing community-based violence prevention grants to effective regional task forces across the country.

Grant applications would be evaluated based on a number of factors, including an applicant's record of implementing best practices in gang violence prevention, evidence of collaboration between relevant stakeholders, an effective grant implementation plan, and plans for evaluating results.

In addition to its bipartisan support in Congress, this proposal has the support of a diverse set of expert organizations, including the

National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations (NAGIA) and the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ). As NAGIA notes, this legislation "recognizes that communities must be equipped with prevention programs to keep their children from joining gangs." And CJJ makes clear that the bill brings a "community-based approach to bear on our nation's gang violence problem."

Some, most notably the President, would have you think America must shut its borders. That you cannot allow immigrants into our country and maintain security.

We know this is a false choice, and runs contrary to the American and Fairfax experience. I've rejected the ant-immigrant proposals pushed by the Administration, including its unconstitutional travel ban. Our immigrant communities contribute so much to the fabric of life in Northern Virginia. We shouldn't drive them into the shadows.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Fairfax County has made progress, but we need the Federal Government to remain a partner. The Gang Violence Prevention Act is a down payment on making our communities safer.

## One More Time

By Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum  
State Delegate (D-36)



**R**eading another column about the failure of the Virginia General Assembly to expand Medicaid may be as painful for you to read as it is for me to write. I know I have been predicting for months that a biennial budget would be passed for the Commonwealth and

that it would include an expansion of health care coverage for those who are not now eligible for Medicaid. Nervously I stand by that prediction. Even the Majority Leader of the Senate whose members have been holding up the budget in opposition to Medicaid expansion has been quoted in news account that a budget will be passed and that it will include Medicaid expansion. So, what is the problem? And as many constituents ask me, what is the hold up?

Historically, biennial budgets for

the state have passed by near-unanimous numbers. Not everyone has agreed with every number or every provision of the budget; the document is always a bundle of compromises that satisfies as many people as possible when there are always strict limitations on resources. Ironically, the addition of an expanded Medicaid budget brings hundreds of million dollars to the budget and frees up hundreds of millions of dollars that can be used for education and other needs. By not adopting an expanded program of Medicaid, Virginia has foregone about ten billion dollars of federal money that required no state match. The funds coming to Virginia would not add to the national debt because of the tax funding included in the Affordable Care Act to support the program.

But I have explained the economics of the program in many past columns. It is a good deal for the state and a wonderful expansion of health care to those who are most in need. What is the hold

up? Many of you have already figured out that it is the politics of the issue. For many years it was opposition to anything that had to do with Obamacare. The former President has gone on to another career, but there have been many unsuccessful attempts in the Congress to undo his legacy as it relates to health care. For those who were part of the opposition to the expansion for many years there may be a problem pivoting to supporting it even if there are thousands of constituents who would benefit in better health care from it. For an even more conservative constituent waiting in the wings to challenge the legislator in a pri-

mary there is an opportunity to accuse the incumbent of flip-flopping on the issue.

House of Delegates members had a "refreshing" meeting with their voters last November. Some of the strongest incumbent opponents to Medicaid expansion lost their seats. A majority of the newly elected House voted weeks ago to pass the budget with Medicaid expansion in it. A majority of senators support it and should be allowed to vote. Those who do not can explain their position to voters in the next election cycle leading up to the election in November 2019. I hope I do not have to explain this one more time.

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Father's Day is Sunday, June 17, and once again this newspaper will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

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**Kendra Gehringer, Christine Randall, Donna Koch, Candice Bhatia and her dog Buttercup, Eric Newhart and Sheri Virgulak as they stand behind the bake sale table at the VCA Animal Hospital.**

## Animal Hospital Holds “Barke” Sale for Dogs and Kids

### Donations Go To Medical Research for Cancer Patients

Jenneth Dyck  
The Connection

The VCA Animal Hospital hosted a fund-raising “barke” sale on May 26 via the Canines-N-Kids Foundation. The foundation hopes to use the donations to further cancer research for children by studying cancer diseases in canines.

Candice Bhatia, the animal hospital manager and Dr. Donna Koch, the associate veterinarian, both organized the sale after learning about the Canine-N-Kids Foundation.

“The team did a great job putting it together. Dr. Koch was really the driver behind it. She signed up and did everything with the hospital,” said Bhatia.

“Candice does a lot of work. She does a lot of baking, and I liked to bake...” Dr. Koch said.

“We shared the same passion of baking,” Bhatia added with a laugh.

For the first sale in what the staff hopes to be a recurring event, the donation goal was set at \$50. By the end of the day, the bake sale reaped \$65. Dr. Koch donated the goal amount plus \$25 to Canines-N-Kids for a total of \$75, and the remaining \$15 was donated to

Veterans Moving Forward, a local charity devoted to training service dogs for veterans.

During the sale, the founder of Canines-N-Kids, Ulrike Szalay, came to express her thanks for the support of the organization.

“I’m just thrilled that this wonderful VCA family jumped in on this with us,” said Szalay.

The Canines-N-Kids Foundation, established in 2016, is a nonprofit organization that works to raise funds and awareness for needed children’s cancer research. According to Szalay and the Canine-N-Kids website, cancers such as osteosarcoma, lymphoma and leukemia are virtually indistinguishable between children and dogs.

While the foundation claims that approximately 16,000 US children and over six million pet dogs are diagnosed with cancer yearly, only four medications have been approved for children’s cancer in the past two decades, and research funding is limited.

“I thought, ‘What if we leverage the much larger number of canine patients in which these cancers occur to help us potentially accelerate new discoveries for kids?’ It’s a beautiful story: one helping another,” said Szalay.

“We’re already planning next year,” said Bhatia. “We can have [the sale] more of an event. Get some more presence from the street, that kind of thing.”

The VCA Commonwealth Animal Hospital is located at 10860 Main Street, Fairfax, and can be reached at 571-403-9667 or through [vcahospitals.com](http://vcahospitals.com).

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### Art Exhibit: House, Sky and Abyss.

Through June 24, gallery hours at Workhouse Arts Center's Vulcan Muse Gallery, 1st Floor, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. House, Sky and Abyss is a solo exhibition featuring Gerardo Camargo chronicling the relationship between natural environment and social constructs. Visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

### Art Exhibit: Candy for the Eye,

**Food for the Soul.** Through July 8, gallery hours at Workhouse Arts Center's Warrior Way Gallery, 1st Floor, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. Gene Moty, a retired Air Force officer, creates contemplative, whimsical paintings using traditional materials. Visit [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

### The Sunday Farmers' Market.

Through Oct. 21, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax — one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Visit [www.fairfaxsundaymarket.com](http://www.fairfaxsundaymarket.com).

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Through Oct. 27, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax — one block from West and Main streets behind the Wells Fargo Bank and adjacent to the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Visit [www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com](http://www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com).

### Farmers Market.

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit [www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFoodworks/](http://www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFoodworks/).

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### Carolina Shag.

Wednesdays, 6:30-10 p.m. at Arlington/Fairfax Elks Lodge, 8421 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Free lessons at 7:30 p.m. No partners needed. Dinner menu. \$8. Under 21 free. [nvshag.org](http://nvshag.org).

### FUN-Exercise

Thursdays, noon-12:50 p.m. at Grace Presbyterian Church Family Room, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Inova certified exercise

# Masterful Comedy Providence Players to present Neil Simon's 'California Suite.'

By David Siegel  
The Connection

Comedy concludes the Providence Players' 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary season with Neil Simon's "California Suite."

"Our audiences will love the four playlet variety of 'California Suite.' It is full of Simon's effortless banter and keen eye for the human condition," said Jayne Victor, Board President, Providence Players.

What connects the four short plays is this: four couples from different cities travel to California over the course of a year. They stay in the same Beverly Hills Hotel suite. Each couple brings their problems, anxieties and comic marital dilemmas with them.

"I was drawn to directing 'California Suites,'" said Beth Gilles-Whitehead. "I wanted to do this relationship play with its personal scenes, physical comedy and verbal wit."

"California Suite" consists of "The Visitor From New York," in which Hannah loves living in New York, while her ex-husband, Billy, loves L.A. Can the two happily divorced parents raise their only daughter while



From left — Mario Font, Laura Champe Mitchell, Lou Lehrman and Allison Turkel are the visitors from Chicago in Neil Simon's comedy "California Suite."

living 3,000 miles apart? "The Visitor from Philadelphia" finds Marvin waking up in the suite with both a hangover and a young woman he doesn't know beside him. Then his wife arrives.

In "The Visitors from London," actress Diana loses the Oscar to another woman, and her husband to another man on the same night. And finally, four best friends are enjoying a dream vacation to-

gether in "The Visitors from Chicago." That is until a highly competitive tennis match turns friend to enemy.

Ia Ioannidou portrays Hannah Warren in "The Visitor From New York." For Ioannidou, the character Hannah is "a tough lady, navigating the male dominated world. It is difficult for her to allow herself to enjoy motherhood or even the thought of becoming a grand-

## Where and When

Providence Players present "California Suites" at The James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road Falls Church. Performances: June 1—16, 2018. Thursday, Friday and Saturday 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Matinees 2 p.m., June 3 and 10. Tickets \$20 Adults, \$17 Students/Seniors. All Seating is reserved. Call 703-425-6782 or go to [www.providenceplayers.org/tickets/](http://www.providenceplayers.org/tickets/)

parent one day. She had to choose between her professional career and motherhood."

Chris Persil plays Billy Warren, Hannah's ex-husband. "Billy, a divorced 45-year old writer living in LA meets up with his ex-wife after 9 years and quarrels about custody of their 17-year-old daughter."

Liz Mykiety plays Millie Michaels in "The Visitor from Philadelphia." "Millie is a loving wife and mom who doesn't get much time alone with her husband whom she adores; never mind a trip to Beverly Hills. For this trip to go "BAD" on her is sad." As for husband, Marvin portrayed by Dave Wright, "basically, Marvin is a good man who made a really bad decision."

Join the Providence Players at "California Suite" to laugh; perhaps even have sniffle or two.

instructor leads a moderate level exercise class with music and current events conversation. Muscle, Balance, Strength Training using stretch bands and weights both standing and seated exercises. Instructor donation is \$5. [moorefitt@yahoo.com](mailto:moorefitt@yahoo.com) or 703-499-6133.

### Exercise Program

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

### Cafe Ivrit (Hebrew Cafe).

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

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## THURSDAY/MAY 31-SATURDAY/JUNE 2

**Summer Book Sale.** Thursday, 1-3 p.m. (Friends' members only - join at the door), 3 - 9 p.m. open to all; Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Get books for summer reading at bargain prices. Thousands of like new books. Funds raised support adult and children's programming at the Richard Byrd Library. Admission is free. Call 703-451-8055 or mail [rbfriends@gmail.com](mailto:rbfriends@gmail.com)

## FRIDAY/JUNE 1

**Old Town Village Performances:**  
**Fairfax Saxophone Quartet.** 7-8 p.m. at Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. The weekend starts here - Friday night on the Old Town Village Plaza - music and dance to relax by. Fridays, June-September, weather permitting. Performances are free. Call 703-385-7858 or visit [www.oldtownplazafairfax.com](http://www.oldtownplazafairfax.com) for more.

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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](http://www.fairfaxvfd.com) or call 703-273-3638 for more.

## JUNE 1-16

**"California Suite."** Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. The Providence players conclude their 20th anniversary season with the Neil Simon comedy, "California Suite," Simon's humorous confection in four separate comedy playlets with one common thread. Four couples from different cities travel to California over the course of a year and stay in the same Beverly Hills Hotel suite, bringing their problems, anxieties and comic marital dilemmas with them. Adults, \$20; students/seniors, \$17. All seating is reserved. Call 703-425-6782 or visit [www.providenceplayers.org](http://www.providenceplayers.org) for more.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 2

**Springfield Days.** Springfield Days, a community-wide weekend-long celebration has been the unofficial kick-off to summer. This year's free events begin with a 5K fun run and conclude with the traditional cardboard boat regatta at Lake Accotink Park. In between there's a car show, craft and fun fair, and book sale. In addition, this year's

Springfield Days features a Taste of Springfield. Visit [www.springfielddays.com](http://www.springfielddays.com).

❖ **5K fun run and 1-mile walk.** 8:30 a.m. — leave from and return to Metro Run & Walk at 7261 Commerce Street, Springfield.

❖ **Craft & Fun Fair.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road. In addition to 45 crafters and vendors, there are activities for children, musical entertainment, and food and ice cream trucks.

❖ **Car Show.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield.

Registration starts at 8 a.m.; no charge to show a car. All makes and models welcome including antiques, classics street rods, muscle cars, customs and exotics. Multiple trophies for different classes will be awarded.

❖ **Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Book sale proceeds support the Friends of Richard Byrd Library, its children's programs, periodicals and more.

❖ **Taste of Springfield.** Noon-6 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, Frontier Drive.

**Spring Festival 2018.** Noon-4 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, 5936 Rolling Road, Springfield. Spring Festival activities will include a petting zoo, moon bounce, obstacle course, remote control race course, games for all ages, crafts, cake walk, prizes and refreshments. Free; all are welcome to attend. Call 703 569-5151 or visit

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# Sports



Video screenshot by Jon Roetman/The Connection

Woodson senior Logan Dougherty, left, scored nine goals and had three assists against West Potomac on Tuesday.

## Woodson Girls' Lax Wins Region Championship

Senior attacker Logan Dougherty scores nine goals in victory.

By Jon Roetman  
The Connection

When asked about Logan Dougherty, Woodson girls' lacrosse coach Bill Lewis said the senior attacker is a "player that doesn't need to score goals for us to win games."

Dougherty, the 2018 Patriot District Player of the Year, is Woodson's all-time leading point scorer. This season, she's done most of her damage as a distributor, dishing out assists while the Cavaliers captured a district title and went undefeated against public school competition en route to Tuesday's Region 6C championship game matchup against West Potomac.

Woodson is hard enough to beat with Dougherty passing to her teammates. So, when No. 5 lit up West Potomac for nine goals on Tuesday night, the Cavaliers were pretty much invincible.

Woodson dominated the final 28 minutes and captured the Region 6C championship with a 26-9 victory over West Potomac on May 29 at Woodson High School.

Dougherty, who will play college lacrosse at West Point, added three assists as the Cavaliers steamrolled their way to their 15th win in their last 16 games.

"[Dougherty] is amazing," said Lewis, who is in his third season as Woodson head coach. "I can't say enough of what she does for us. ... She comes up big in big games. Since I've been here, she's always been huge in big moments."

Dougherty scored six goals in the first half, helping Woodson build a 13-7 lead at the midway point. Her ninth goal gave the Cavaliers a 22-8 advantage with less than 13 minutes remaining.

"I just do whatever the team needs me to do," Dougherty said. "If that's assists, it's

assists. If it's goals, it's goals. I just see what the defense is giving me, take what they give me and make adjustments based on what they're giving me."

While the game ended in a blowout, West Potomac made things tough on Woodson early. The Wolverines twice held one-goal leads in the opening minutes and trailed by just one late in the first half, when a goal by Clare Madden cut the West Potomac deficit to 8-7 with 3:10 on the clock.

That's when Woodson took over, closing the half on a 5-0 run. Sophomore midfielder Margaret Stephan scored the Cavaliers' final goal of the half with one second remaining after catching a long pass from senior defender Rachel Williams.

Woodson dominated the second half, outscoring West Potomac 13-2.

Lewis said the Cavaliers switched from an aggressive, double-teaming defense to man-to-man and made an adjustment with the draw. The result was Woodson scoring 18 of the game's final 20 goals.

"Once we got those things going," he said, "the offense just [followed]."

Stephan finished with six goals for the Cavaliers. Senior midfielder Natalie Gates totaled five goals and junior attacker Carlie Hartung had three.

Woodson secured a state tournament berth with a 23-2 win over T.C. Williams in the region semifinals on May 25. It's the Cavaliers' second trip to states in three seasons under Lewis. Woodson reached the state final in 2016, losing to undefeated Robinson 13-9.

"A lot of us have been there before and we know how it feels to come up short," Gates said, "so it's just all-in for the next two weeks to try and ... be (one of) the last two (teams) playing."

Next up for Woodson is a matchup with Herndon in the state quarterfinals either Friday or Saturday. For now, the Cavaliers can enjoy their region championship.

"It's pretty awesome," Gates said. "... [T]o finally do it, it's just overcoming all the obstacles for the past couple years."



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**World War I Quilts.** 2 p.m. at Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main St., Fairfax. Sue Reich, quilt historian, collector, and appraiser, will discuss the symbolism and designs of World War I era quilts and textiles. Following the talk, she will lead a gallery tour of the exhibition: Ode to Flanders Field: World War I Quilts and Textiles. Free. Call 703-385-8414.

**Kidz Korner: Fit Foodie.** 10:30 a.m. in Old Town Square at the pergola, Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square, Saturdays June-September. Free show. Visit [www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/old-town-square](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/old-town-square).

**"The Sounds of Pohick."** 4 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The annual concert at Historic Pohick Church will feature St. Cecelia and St. Alban Children's Choirs, the Pohick Pickers, the Pohick Bell Choir, and the Pohick Early Church Music Ensemble. Admission is free, and a reception follows in the parish hall. Call 703-339-6572 or visit [www.pohick.org](http://www.pohick.org).

**Rolling Valley Elementary 50th Anniversary Party.** 5-7:30 p.m. at Rolling Valley Elementary School, 6703 Barnack Drive, Springfield. All parents, students, teachers and administrators who have been part of the Rolling Valley Elementary family are welcome. RVES is celebrating it's 50th anniversary with a party. Come for food, fun, dancing and other festivities. Food sales (pizza, snacks and Kona ice). Call 703-923-2700 or visit [www2.fcps.edu/RollingValleyES/](http://www2.fcps.edu/RollingValleyES/).

**Freshly Shaken Not Stirred.** 7:30 p.m. at W-3 Theater Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Workhouse Residency artists Next Reflex Dance Collective, present Freshly Shaken Not Stirred, a one-night dance event. \$15, student; \$25, general admission. Call 703-927-0073 or visit [www.nextreflex.org](http://www.nextreflex.org) for more.

### SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 2-3

**Living History Weekend.** Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. at Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Museum will host its third annual Living History Weekend with a Civil War Encampment. Civil War re-enactors will be in full attire with drills, musket shooting demo and camp life demonstrations. In addition, ladies in Civil War period costume will hold a Victorian Tea Party and give presentations on their Civil War costumes. Sunday's events include a Ball run by the Victorian Dance Ensemble and the performing troupe of the Civil War Dance Foundation.

Museum members and 4 and under, free; 5-15, \$2; 16 and older, \$5. Visit [www.fairfax-station.org](http://www.fairfax-station.org), [www.facebook.com/FFXSRR](http://www.facebook.com/FFXSRR) or call 703-425-9225.

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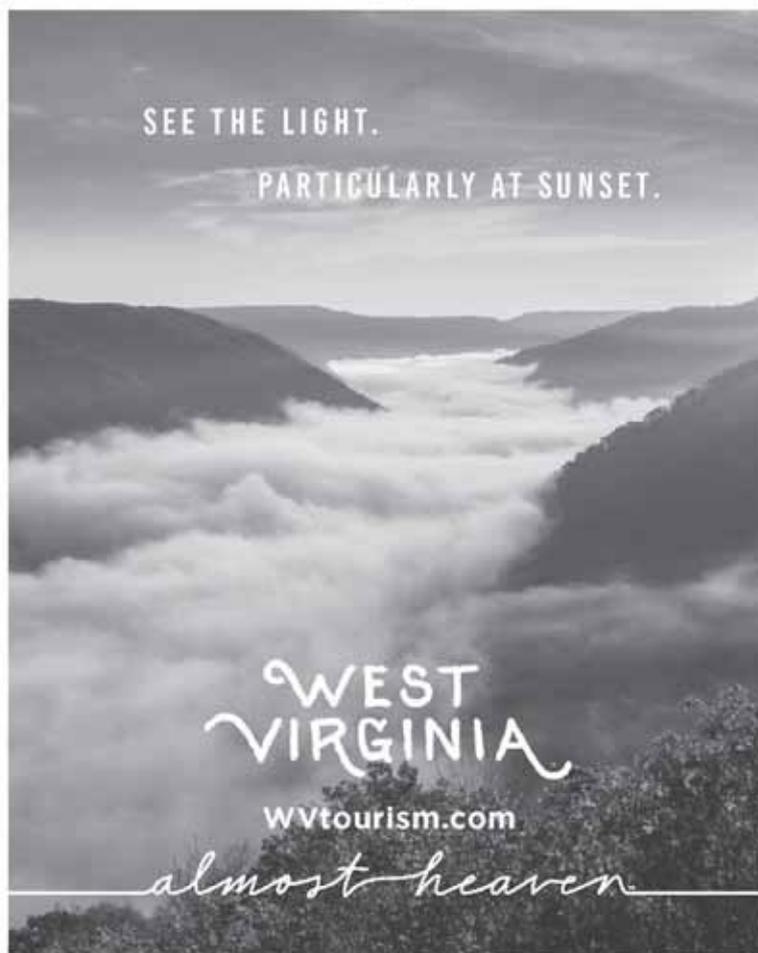
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kindergartners, and many host an orientation or open house. All kindergarten programs are full-day and located in FCPS elementary schools. Check your school's webpage or contact the school directly for specific enrollment information and dates of orientation or visit [www.fcps.edu/registration/registration](http://www.fcps.edu/registration/registration).

## THURSDAY/MAY 31

### Meet with Virginia WMATA

**Representatives.** 7-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. Virginia's representatives to the board of directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will meet the public in a forum sponsored by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. The event will include a presentation focused on funding, governance and safety, followed by a question-and-answer session. The facility is within walking distance of the Vienna Metro station. Visit [www.novatransit.org](http://www.novatransit.org).

## THROUGH MAY 31

**Solarize Fairfax.** Join the growing number of city homeowners who harness the power of the sun to provide electricity to their homes by participating in the city's third Solarize Fairfax campaign. Solarize Fairfax helps residents and businesses learn how they can install and use solar power. Call 703-517-7251 or visit [www.SolarizeCityofFairfax.org](http://www.SolarizeCityofFairfax.org).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 1

### Help Children Navigate Adolescence in the

**Digital Age.** 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. What else can parents do to keep their teenager safe on the internet? Join Richard Stegman, FCPS Educational Specialist, to learn the top internet dangers for teens and seven steps for good digital parenting. Free. Call 703-204-3941 or visit [www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center](http://www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center).

## SATURDAY/JUNE 2

**Community Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at The Pines Community at Pine Meadows and Pine Crossing Lane in Burke. Multiple location sale, across from Lord of Life Lutheran Church. Contact Diane Larrick at [diane.larrick@verizon.net](mailto:diane.larrick@verizon.net).

## MONDAY/JUNE 4

**Proposed Zoning Changes Community Meetings.** 7-9 p.m. at South County High School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. The Department of Planning and Zoning will hold provide information about upcoming Zoning Ordinance Amendments and staff will speak one-on-one about zoning issues. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicaffairs/learn-about-proposed-zoning-changes-may-affect-your-neighborhood-2018-zoning-open-houses](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicaffairs/learn-about-proposed-zoning-changes-may-affect-your-neighborhood-2018-zoning-open-houses).

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 6

**Rec-PAC Summer Hiring.** 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. This summer, the Fairfax County Park Authority's Rec-PAC summer camp program will operate at more than three dozen elementary school locations around Fairfax County on weekdays July 2-Aug. 9, 8:15 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Applicants are required to bring an original Social Security Card and a DMV photo ID. Must be 18 years of age or older. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec-pac/jobs](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec-pac/jobs).

**Rotary Club of Fairfax Meeting.** 12:15 p.m. at American Legion Hall, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. The Rotary Club of Fairfax, founded in the City of Fairfax in 1931, is one of more than 33,000 Rotary clubs worldwide. Rotary International's motto is "Service above Self." Rotary Club of Fairfax meets weekly. Visit [www.fairfaxrotary.org](http://www.fairfaxrotary.org) or email [ihollans@earthlink.net](mailto:ihollans@earthlink.net).

## FRIDAY/JUNE 8

**Application Deadline.** Leadership Fairfax announces the second round of applications for the Emerging Leaders Institute & Leadership Fairfax Institute Classes of 2019. Learn more at an informational webinar on June 6, at noon. Applications and webinars are available at [leadershipfairfax.org](http://leadershipfairfax.org) or call 703-752-7555.

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By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

I watch a little bit of television. Okay, maybe I watch a lot of television (probably too much if truth be told). And in the course of watching that television, like it or not, fast-forwarding or not, commercials will be seen and unfortunately heard. Sometimes, what I see and hear causes me to interact with my television, verbally. And even though this verbalization is rarely responded to (other than by my wife, Dina), these outbursts (again if truth be accurately characterized) make me feel so much better.

What irritated me today – which led to this column being written, was a television commercial for a cellular phone company, an (“Approved AARP provider since 2008”) providing “exclusive benefits for AARP members” which, as I consider my age, and associations which have value, I would have to say, to quote my late father: “The idea has merit.” The commercial featured – among other facts and figures – endorsements from a half a dozen or so satisfied customers. The praise was typical of what you might expect/hear; all good about everything: price, service, reliability, value, etc. One woman’s comments however caught my attention. I believe I heard her correctly when she said: “Wild horses couldn’t drag me away from ... .” And then off I went.

Really? Are you kidding me? Rather than change your cellular service, you’d consent to being dragged behind a team of wild horses? Do you actually mean to say that if you had your hands and feet bound and you risked being ripped to shreds, you still wouldn’t change carriers? You can’t be serious? As Minnie Driver asked Matt Damon in a scene from the 1997 movie “Good Will Hunting” discussing his having studied organic chemistry “a bit”: “Are you mad? Have you completely lost your mind?” This customer appeared to be of sound mind but, her comments were so ridiculous that it diminished her value as a “spokes-customer.”

I suppose however, if one were to analyze this amazingly, incredibly loyal comment (and take it at face value), one would have to be impressed. Who wouldn’t want the kind of service whose reliability, service, value, cost, etc. was worth dying for? For me, if the choice was between being dragged behind a team of wild horses – and being torn to pieces/possibly even dying in the process, or changing cellular service companies, I’d change in a minute or as quickly as I could (given the phone calls required) to avoid this Western-era torture. This woman can’t be telling the truth, can she? I mean, it is television where hyperbole and coercion go hand and hand with the remote, and I imagine there was a script involved. Nevertheless, her comments started at the top and went up from there. Apparently, being reasonable isn’t part of this commercial’s equation. Their “spokes-customers” haven’t just drunk the Kool-Aid, they’ve invited the Kool-Aid Man, pitcher and all, into their homes and offered us viewers a drink.

The problem for me, other than I spend too much time watching television, is that when what I’m watching tests the bounds of believability, be it content or especially commercials/advertisements, it inevitably turns a positive message into a negative one. Subsequently, my take-away: don’t bother me with nonsense; I’m not interested. The exact opposite of the intended effect. If truth be told (yet again), I’m likely over-reacting (really?) but, when a line is crossed, sometimes I can’t go back, like Burt Lancaster/“Moonlight Graham” couldn’t in the 1989 movie, “Field of Dreams.”

To invoke/extrapolate Capt. Woodrow F. Call from the epic, 1989 mini-series, “Lonesome Dove:” “I hate rude behavior in a man. Won’t tolerate it.” Well, neither can I tolerate commercials which take me for a dope. Can’t handle it.

I may not be the sharpest knife in the drawer, but I do have a little intellect and substance to draw upon even when I’m sitting on the couch watching television. I haven’t completely lost my mind, yet.

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

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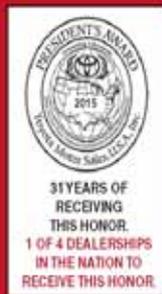
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