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The Sign of Times

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

The message on the door was “Remember to be a Toys R Us Kid,” but the quiet storefront, the darkened inside and the lonely parking lot in Kingstowne painted a solemn picture that other retail organizations across the country have faced as they closed their doors for the last time. In the final days of March 2018, more than 700 Toys R Us stores across the nation did the same.

Kingstowne resident Shirley Leoncini didn’t believe the news when she first heard about the retail toy giant. “It was my go-to for Christmas,” she said, and scrambled for ideas on what to take its place on Kingstowne Boulevard. A book store? Sporting goods? FAO Schwarz, another toy giant in the industry? She thought about the shopping choices in the area with the shopping centers along Kingstowne Boulevard or at nearby Springfield Town Centre. “Everything is covered here,” she said.

Marcie Connolly, a professional in the retail leasing industry and also a Kingstowne resident, had the same outlook. “I would have another furniture store,” although a Lay Z Boy is right next door. She thought about it again. “Retail is not doing well these days,” Connolly said.

Founder Charles Lazarus opened Toys R Us in 1948 and it once had 64,000 employees, according to information on their website. Financial reasons were cited on the list of Frequently Asked Questions about the closing and it stated that liquidation sales



PHOTOS BY MIKE SALMON/THE CONNECTION

The Toys R Us in Kingstowne is one of many across the nation that closed recently.

began on March 23, 2018. The website closed shortly after that so all sales stopped. “The Company’s www.toysrus.com and www.babiesrus.com web stores were shut down for customer purchases effective March 29, 2018,” it stated. The other two Toys R Us stores in the area were located at Baileys Crossroads and Chantilly.

Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) briefly communicated with the owners of the property, Halle Corporation, to discuss this is-

sue. He brought up the potential for repurposing the building and Halle is looking at options internally.

“Clearly they need to figure out what to do with that building,” McKay said, “they were exploring a residential option.”

McKay knows that Lee District does have a few locations that fall into the big box category. On Loisdale Road and Frontier Drive, the roads on either side of the Springfield Town Center, there are a few big box



On the door was a message to everyone that remembered the aisles of toys, games and bikes that once were the mainstay of kids in the area.

buildings that are occupied by Home Depot, Best Buy, Modell’s Sporting Goods, Office Depot, and Barnes and Noble, and away from the town center in Springfield Plaza, there are a few more.

“I’m trying to get ahead of this,” he said.

Nancy-jo Manney of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce is familiar with the troubles of retail and the big box stores. “Big box property owners are going to have to re-imagine their space,” she said, via email.

Plans for Empty Lot Include Library, Maybe More

Multi-use facility could save the county money.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE CONNECTION

The sign on the vacant lot in Kingstowne reads “Future Site, Fairfax County Public Library,” but over the years, the ink has faded slightly and it’s become part of the streetscape on Silver Lake Boulevard.

Years ago, the land purchase was facilitated by then-Supervisor Dana Kauffman (D-Lee) at bargain prices compared to the real estate market now, and he referred to it as “land banking.” A few years from the initial purchase, a public private partnership was being formed to pay for the library, but that fell through, and planners are now looking at possi-

bly putting a multi-use building there. “A really creative solution came up,” said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), and that solution is to house the regional library, a new police station, and the supervisor’s office all in one building, possibly with a parking garage. “It has a lot of benefits to the county, multiple uses in one location,” McKay said.

A regional library is bigger than the neighborhood libraries, with more computers available, more meeting rooms and a greater appeal to the community. A few years ago, a regional library was built in Burke and is now a central part of the community.

To Charles Acton though, the library does not appeal to him. Currently there are soccer goals on the land and Canadian Geese use the land as a resting place. “They don’t need a library there, a waste of taxpayer money,” Acton said. He’s been a resident of Hayfield Farm for the past 25 years and is now retired and on a fixed income. “How many people read books anymore?” he asked, and thought a playground or soccer



PHOTO BY MIKE SALMON/THE CONNECTION

In Kingstowne, across from the Manchester Lakes Senior Apartments, a vacant lot is slated for county use.

field would be better.

In the rental office of the Manchester Lakes Senior Apartments across the street, soccer fields, a basketball court or even a BMX Motorcross track would be better, staffers thought.

It has been designated for a library though, and McKay is following through on that, looking to combine the nearby Kingstowne

Library with it in the future. There is no timeframe for any construction as of yet. A study has been completed by the county and “the library bond still has to get approved,” McKay said, but housing a few agencies in one building made sense economically, he thought. “The county has to get out of the business of building all these separate facilities,” he said.

Do Not Separate Children and Families

What we have learned.

BY SEN. DAVE MARSDEN
STATE SENATOR (D-37)

The cruelty enacted by the Trump Administration in separating minor children from their parents is egregious on its face. What concerns me even more is that the science around the detention of young people is available and widely understood.

The science is clear, unless a child poses an imminent public safety risk or an imminent risk to themselves, alternatives to detention and separation from family should be pursued.

I spent part of my career as a probation officer making decisions around whether to remove young people from their families for their criminal behavior. Fortunately, in 1974, the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act prohibited the detention of status offenders — runaways, truants, incorrigibles — in secure, locked facilities. The rest of my career was spent as superintendent of Fairfax County's Juvenile Detention Center and a 2-and-half-year stint in Richmond as chief deputy and acting director of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) — which operated probation, parole, and confinement for 1,200 incarcerated delinquents convicted of criminal offenses. In the Fairfax Detention Center, I had as many as 137 children and 55 beds. We had to sleep kids on mattresses on the floor. Today we average 30-40 kids in the Fairfax Detention Center and have fewer than 300 in the DJJ. Why has the dramatic drop in populations occurred?

One factor for the dramatic drop in juvenile incarceration is that we now know better and

only detain or incarcerate those who are an imminent public safety risk. We now know that detained kids who are not public safety risks are only made worse by the experience. Children who are unnecessarily detained fall victim to the principle of “the self-fulfilling prophecy.” What this means is that children we thought we were teaching a lesson to were not learning how to behave but were rather having their worst feelings about themselves confirmed by the juvenile justice system — ultimately making them more likely to live a delinquent lifestyle.

In 2001, as acting director of the Department of Juvenile Justice, we initiated a best practice of creating structured decision-making or risk instruments to determine, on a more scientific basis, whether youngsters should be detained in local juvenile detention centers or could be released to their families on outreach detention or electronic monitoring pending their court dates.

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We are making better decisions today because in the past we did not know the impact of our actions on these children and their families. We thought we were helping by teaching them a lesson but we were actually making things worse.

All of this is background for what is happening at the border and the damage that can be done to children in this thoughtless and ill-informed policy of separating these children and their families.

In 1997, the Adverse Child Experience Study (ACE) was completed by Kaiser Permanente and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). What this study demonstrated for us is how critical a decision it is to separate a child from their family and the damage that is perpetrated on that child. All of us have the capacity to overcome a temporary negative experience.

What children often do not have the capacity to overcome is prolonged trauma that this separation inflicts on them. Detention itself can have traumatic impact even if families are together. Younger children who witness or experience abuse, violence, emotional mistreatment, and privation can fundamentally be psychologically rewired in ways that hinder their ability to handle normal life situations. The best example of this is a parable told by a psychiatrist from San Francisco I heard at a conference. She said, “Imagine yourself a child walking alone in the woods and coming across a bear. The child runs from the bear and is terrified but in the normal course of events, with comfort from the family, the frightening episode can be overcome and life can move on without permanent adverse impact. Now, imagine that you live with the bear.” Clearly, it is not only the separation from family itself but the duration of the separation that has dramatic impact on children.

This is the science and what we know about thoughtless interventions that may appear to solve our problems but rather damage others irrevocably. While some children are dangerous and do require confinement and treatment, almost no child taken from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border fits this category.

Whether they are our children or children seeking asylum from another country, our obligations as people who know better, are clear. These children may end up staying in the United States under our asylum laws. Do we want them healthy and capable of contributing to society or traumatized and unable to function appropriately? This is an easy choice no matter how you feel about immigration. The science and our experience tells us not to separate children from their families. The unintended consequences can be serious.

Protect Immigrant Students from ICE

BY DIANE BURKLEY ALEJANDRO

Fairfax County is poised to improve its policy governing law enforcement in schools significantly, but the current draft fails to protect immigrant students, and must be changed.

The matter is urgent because the policy on deployment of armed police School Resource Officers (SROs) to all public middle and high schools in the county is being considered at the School Board working meeting on Monday, July 23 and will be voted on at the Thursday, 7 p.m. Board meeting. It will be implemented with the start of the school year next month.

Those who support making schools off limits to immigration authorities should send emails to their School Board member and, most importantly, attend these upcoming meetings, which are open to the public.

Forced separation of immigrant youth from their families is not just happening at the border. Police in schools throughout the country are feeding information to federal immigration authorities about undocumented students.

Some examples:

❖ In Long Island, N.Y.; SROs sent information to the Immigration and Customs Enforce-

ment (ICE) on undocumented students they couldn't arrest due to lack of evidence, leading to their arrest for deportation.

❖ The Boston school system was sued over its sharing students' info with ICE.

❖ A child in Durham, N.C. was arrested on his way into school.

Immigrant students in Fairfax public schools fear that it can happen to them, too. Students and school counselors have reported that many immigrants avoid reporting crimes against them, or stay away from school altogether.

Unfortunately, the draft agreement between the police and school system does not prevent them from helping ICE. The deficits in this proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the police and public schools are two-fold:

❖ The MOU gives law enforcement access to students and their information if they have a “warrant.” This can be read to include not just warrants issued by judicial authorities but so-called warrants issued administratively by ICE itself.

❖ Police are not prohibited from giving information about students to ICE if it is included in “law enforcement records” created by SROs. These records are not subject to FERPA, the

privacy law protecting student records. Even directory information on students is dangerous, because ICE can use addresses and other contact information to track down students and their families.

To remedy these deficits, ACLU People Power together with National Korean American Service & Education Consortium (NAKASEC) propose that the School Board amend the draft MOU to require that ICE have a criminal warrant or subpoena issued by a court in order to:

- ❖ obtain student information, including non-public directory information that could be used to locate household members
- ❖ interview or search a student, or
- ❖ arrest any student or their household members on school property.

Other progressive school systems across the nation (including New Haven, Philadelphia, Chicago and Los Angeles) have already addressed this concern.

It is time for Fairfax public schools to do so as well. If you agree, please make your voice heard.

Diane Burkley Alejandro is the lead advocate for ACLU People Power Fairfax. She was a member of the SRO Community Review Committee set up to provide input on the new MOU. This column first appeared in The BlueView, blueviewfairfax.com





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Come Meet Bambino

With so many great animals available for adoption at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee District) has begun to sponsor a “Pet of the Month” who — he says — will make a loving addition to your home. This month, the first sponsored pet is Bambino, a 4.5-year-old, terrier-staffordshire mix, who is the life of the party at the shelter. You can learn more here at: <http://www.petango.com/.../Dog-Terrier-American-Staffordshire...>

PET OF THE MONTH

Breed: Terrier, American Staffordshire / Mix
Age: 4y 9m **Gender:** Male
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Size: Medium

Bambino is the life of the party at the shelter! He is all wiggles and smiles and tail wags, and he just wants to play, play, play! And when he's not playing, he is the perfect 70 pound lap dog. He loves getting attention and returns every scratch and pet with a big 'ol kiss. Bambino is a big guy who hasn't really learned how to harness his enthusiasm, so when you first leash him up, you better hold on. When he calms down a bit, he is actually pretty well mannered and knows lots of basic commands. A little training will go a long way with this smart, food motivated boy.

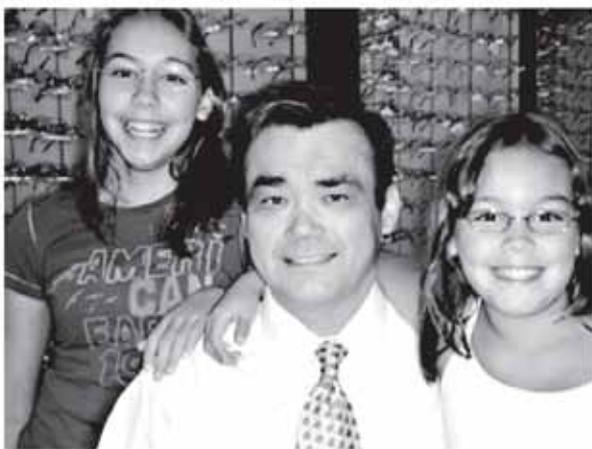
We love Bambino's big personality, and he's always up for entertaining. This is what one of our volunteers noticed about him: “I discovered that he likes to stick his whole head into the water bucket and blow bubbles with his nose. Seriously...whole head, up to his eyes. He'd do that, then come over to me with a soaking wet face and big, goofy grin. He's definitely high energy, but he's funny and sweet!” Are you looking for a little fun in your life? Come meet Bambino!



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Summer Drama Camp. Through Aug. 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Lanier Middle School, 3801 Jermantown Road, Fairfax. City of Fairfax Theater Company offers its Traditional Summer Drama Camp with week long sessions in July and August. The Summer Drama Camp teaches children to create a staged performance at the end of each week. \$170 per camper for any one-week session, \$600 per camper for all four sessions. Visit www.fairfaxcitytheatre.org for weekly themes and registration.

ONGOING

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.

Saturday Community Farmers' Market. 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.

Farmers Market. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Springfield Town Center, 6699 Spring Mall Drive, Springfield. Visit www.facebook.com/SpringfieldFoodworks/.

THURSDAY/JULY 26

Evenings on the Ellipse with Tartan Terrors. 5:30-7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. The Evenings on the Ellipse summer concert series is a family-friendly event featuring a wide range of musical genres. Paradise Springs Winery and The Winery at Bull Run will be providing complimentary tastings; glasses of wine and full bottles available for purchase. A Farmers Market (2:30-6:30 p.m.) will also be on site selling fresh fruit and savory snacks. Rain or shine. Free. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

FRIDAY/JULY 27

Rock the Block: My Hero Zero. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Old Town Square, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Family-friendly free concert series, which features live bands, beer garden, and city restaurant vendor booths. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. Free. Call 703-385-7858 or visit www.fairfaxva.gov/rocktheblock.

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



'Good Dogs'

Class Act Players Theatre Company is staging a new play, "Good Dogs," written by Morgan Smalley and directed by Maxwell Snyder (both of whom are students at George Mason University). Friday-Sunday, July 27-29, 7:30 p.m. at the Lorton Workhouse, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton. The show is rated PG-13 for language and subject matter. Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$10 for students with ID. Visit www.workhousearts.org/ for more.

equipment. Visit www.fairfaxvfd.com or call 703-273-3638.

SpiritMind. 7-9 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Cost is \$20. SpiritMind is a quarterly mind-body-heart-spirit experience involving chanting, singing, meditating, drumming, and mindful movement. Contact Rebecca Whitecotton at comms@unityoffairfax.org. Visit the website at: <https://www.unityoffairfax.org/spiritmind-sa>

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 27-29

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SATURDAY/JULY 28

Artist's Talk: Illuminated 'Scapes. 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Arches Gallery, Bldg. W-9, Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Featuring new work by Kathleen Best Gillmann. The first artist presentation will be at 11:30 a.m. with a repeat of the talk at 6 p.m. This is an opportunity to meet the artist and learn about Ms. Gillmann's materials, techniques and inspiration. Visit online at VeryBestFineArt.com and on FB at "Kathleen Best Gillmann - Very Best Fine Art".

SUNDAY/JULY 29

WVMGRS G-Scale Trains. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. The Washington, Virginia & Maryland Garden Railway Society (WVMGRS) members will have a G-Scale train display running at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. 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.

Everything Fairfax. 3:30-5 p.m. at Pohick Regional Library, 6540 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Susan Gray of the Fairfax Museum recounts the history of other places named Fairfax, along with a look at collectibles and ephemera from some of these places. Free. Visit www.burkehistoricalsociety.org.

Peter Kater Concert. 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Cost is \$20. See Grammy-winning pianist/composer, Peter Kater, in a rare and intimate live concert performance. Peter will play a 75-90 minute set with no intermission. Contact Rebecca Whitecotton at comms@unityoffairfax.org. Visit the website at <https://www.unityoffairfax.org/peter-kater-concert-s>

TUESDAY/JULY 31

Farm to Fairfax Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. The market, will be producers-only — meaning that all vendors at the market may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch using local ingredients as much as possible. May-September, weather permitting. Call 703-385-7893.

Erin's Epic Stories. 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square at the pergola, Tuesdays June-August. Weather permitting. Free. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/old-town-square.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 1

Springfield Nights. 7 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Featuring: Ruthie & the Wranglers (American Roots). Bring a picnic dinner, blankets, your dog, and lawn chairs and relax with friends and family. Beer and food will be available for purchase. Call 703-451-8873.

Kings Park Concert Band. 7:30-8:30

p.m. at Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Kings Park Concert Band; program of marches, band classics, Broadway and movie show tunes. Seating provided in the amphitheater or bring your lawn chair. Free. Call 703-569-3090 or visit kingsparkband.org.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY/AUG. 1-2

Studio Ghibli: The Tale of Princess Kaguya. Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Japanese with English subtitles); Thursday, 11 a.m. (English dubbed) at Angelika Film Center — Mosaic, 2911 District Ave., Fairfax. The Angelika Mosaic will feature animated films from the celebrated Studio Ghibli praised for their originality, stunning animation, and ambitious storytelling. All tickets are regular admission. Visit www.AngleikaFilmCenter.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 2

Bocce Picnic and Play. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Featuring a free Bocce Picnic and Play event. Green Acres is the host site for the 2018 NVSO bocce competition scheduled on Thursday, Sept. 20. Medalists from past NVSO bocce competitions are expected to be on hand at the picnic Aug. 2 to help introduce bocce to those who might be new to the sport. Participants may also register for the NVSO at the picnic. All registration for the senior games ends Aug. 24. You must be at least 50-years-old by Dec. 31, 2018, to compete in the NVSO. To register for the free RSVP picnic or to become a NVSO volunteer, call volunteer specialist Carly Hubicki at 703-403-5360 or visit www.rsvpnova.org.

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SATURDAY/AUG. 4

Workhouse Brewfest. 1-8 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. More than 30 Virginia craft breweries, artisan distilleries, and Virginia wineries will be on tap at the third annual Workhouse Brewfest, which will also feature live performances by 12 bands, food trucks, access to 12 air-conditioned art galleries and 65 artist studios. Visit workhousebrewfest.org for tickets.

AUG. 4-SEPT. 2

Art Exhibit: Free Beer (and other lies). At Arches Gallery at Workhouse Arts Center, Building 9, 9518 Workhouse Way., Lorton. Featuring works by John Hartt, who is known for his quirky oil paintings which have been described as strangely comforting. His latest kooky collection, "Free Beer (and other lies)," explores some of the concepts and stories surrounding beer, drunkenness and lies as only Hartt can interpret them. Visit www.workhousearts.org. For more information about John Hartt, visit www.jortt.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 5

History Challenge Day. 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. Choose from a selection of quizzes on a variety of topics for a chance to win a prize. Different versions will be available for all ages and groups and interests. 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.

Ballet "Precedence." 2 p.m. at Ernst Community Cultural Center, NVCC Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Virginia Ballet Company and School will present a program that includes modern dance, ballet, and flamenco. All seats are reserved, and tickets are priced by location, with orchestra center \$30, orchestra sides \$20, and Balcony \$15 (all plus a \$3 processing fee). Tickets may be purchased at www.vaballet.org or at the door. Call 703 249-8227.

TUESDAY/AUG. 7

Farm to Fairfax Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. The market, will be producers-only — meaning that all vendors at the market may only sell what they raise on their farms or make from scratch using local ingredients as much as possible. May-September, weather permitting. Call 703-385-7893.

Erin's Epic Stories. 10:30 a.m. at Old Town Square, 10415 North St., Fairfax. A variety of children's activities and entertainment in Old Town Square at the pergola, Tuesdays June-August. Weather permitting. Free. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/government/parks-recreation/old-town-square.

PET CONNECTION

Our 'Almost' Office Pet

BY SHARON
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An adorable gray and white cat showed up at my doorstep recently. My husband and I brought him inside. He gobbled down two big bowls of cat food and made himself at home.

We fell in love, bought him a collar and named him Pippin. Unfortunately our other two cats, Sam and Frodo, were not amused (an understatement).

For Pippin's safety, I brought him to my office at the Fairfax County Government Center. For a day, he enjoyed exploring the office furniture (he is definitely a climber) and bonded with my staff. We wanted to keep Pippin at the office, but figured he would get lonely on the weekends and might surprise our custodial staff.

Plus my Chief of Staff is allergic.



Pippin the climber is helpful around the office.

Pippin is now in the capable hands of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter, where I know he will soon meet the perfect family. If you are interested in adopting this sweet, playful and affectionate kitty who spent a day in the Chairman's Office, he is currently at 4500 West Ox Road, but hopefully not for long!

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Hayfield Secondary Wins Voter Registration Challenge

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) congratulates Hayfield Secondary School for winning the FCPS High School Voter Registration Challenge. LWVFA, the Fairfax County Council of PTAs, and Inspire Virginia partnered together to run this Challenge.

More than 5,000 students registered to vote in 2018, a 300 percent increase over 2017.

Lee District School Board Representative, Tammy Derenak Kaufax, presented the award at Hayfield's high school graduation ceremony. Hayfield Principal, Marin Grimm, dedicated the trophy to Doug Zwyiol, the Hayfield Social Studies Chair, and the Class of 2018 graduates.

"We want to recognize and thank the Fairfax County Office of Elections, Fairfax County Public Schools' Social Studies' Specialist, Craig Perrier, and the leadership of Beth Tudan, our ex-



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From left — Beth Henson Tudan, LWV Fairfax Executive Director; Doug Zwyiol, Hayfield Social Studies Chair; Martin Grimm, Hayfield Principal.

of voters.

For more information about the challenge, go to: www.lwv-fairfax.org/hschallenge.

ecutive director," said Judy Helein, LWVFA co-president. LWVFA also acknowledges Centreville, Fairfax, Falls Church, Thomas Jefferson, Robinson, West Potomac, and Woodson High Schools, which also did very well in the Challenge.

"We hope this is just the beginning," said Wendy Fox-Grage, LWVFA co-president. "We hope the students will vote in the upcoming election as well as elections throughout their lifetimes."

If you are interested in registering next year's high school seniors, go to www.lwv-fairfax.org/join. There is always a need for volunteers to help empower the next generation

Lee High Teacher Awarded Fellowship

Lauren Jensen, an English teacher at Lee High School, has been awarded a Lowell Milken Center Fellowship that will enable her to gain knowledge, learn about educational resources, and receive ongoing support to enhance her classroom. Jensen, who has 13 years of experience as a teacher, teaches English language arts courses ranging from college preparatory to advanced level International Baccalaureate (IB) at Lee High. She provides her students with engaging writing experiences, focusing on providing students with an authentic audience and purpose for their writing. The Fellowship, awarded on the basis of merit to educators who have distinguished themselves in teaching respect and understanding through project-based learning or who have the potential for this distinction, provides recipients with the opportunity to collaborate on projects that discover, develop, and communicate the stories of unsung heroes in history. Fellows gain knowledge, educational resources, and ongoing support to enhance their classrooms and help students cultivate a passion for learning by creating projects that initiate positive change. Fellows emerge prepared to develop unsung heroes projects with their students as they apply and evaluate the stories of role models who



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Lauren Jensen

have changed the world. Before returning to Lee High School in 2016 (where she previously taught from 2002-11), Jensen spent three years teaching at Glen Cove (New York) High School. She served as a writing coach for the Glen Cove School District, conducting professional development for the teaching of writing to members of the teaching community, with a special focus on vertically aligning writing instruction in the district. A recipient of the Milken Educator Award in 2015, Jensen holds a master's degree from Columbia University and completed a research fellowship at New York University in 2013, during which she conducted research focused on the most successful models for professional development for the teaching of writing, as well as the efficacy of think aloud protocols (TAP) for writing instruction. She is a teacher consultant for two National Writing Project sites: the Northern Virginia Writing Project and the Long Island Writing Project. Jensen has presented at local, state, and national teaching conferences, with a focus on real-world genre writing instruction and its effects on student motivation. Contact the FCPS Office of Communication and Community Relations at 571-423-1200.

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynnieb517@verizon.net.

SATURDAY/JULY 28

Journey Through Grief. 2-4 p.m. at Haven, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale. Registration requested for Journey Through Grief workshop. Free. Call 703-941-7000, email Haven at havenofnova@verizon.net, or visit www.havenofnova.org.

TUESDAY/AUG. 7

Lions Dinner Meeting. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax. Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Guests are welcome to learn about the mission of the Lions Clubs "We Serve," meet club members and learn to help serve the community. Free to first time guests. Email fairfaxlions@cox.net or visit www.fairfaxlions.org for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 12

Spiritual Prosperity Workshop. 1:30-4 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Learn how to make changes in life using spiritual laws of abundance in this workshop with nationally-known author and speaker Edwene Gaines. Workshop is offered on a love offering (donation) basis. Call 703-281-1767 or visit www.unityoffairfax.org/four-spiritual-laws-prosperity-workshop-s for more.

AUG. 13-SEPT. 9

Pool Closure: South Run RECenter. Four Fairfax County Park Authority RECenter pools will be closing for regular, periodic cleaning and maintenance next month. Consider trying out another county pool during the temporary shutdown. RECenter passes are valid at all nine Park Authority RECenters. Dates are subject to change. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/recenter for more.

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Phoning It In



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

For my next post-scan, face-to-face appointment with my oncologist, we won't in fact be seeing him face to face. Instead, we will be speaking with him phone to phone. This bothers or concerns me not in the least. "I only mention this in passing," ("The Exorcist," 1973) and as a topic for this week's column since I'm being CT-Scanned on Wednesday, July 25.

Typically, we would meet my oncologist in person a week or so after my scan to allow for proper reporting/interpreting of the scan. This appointment would have been made — or attempted to have been made, during the previous face-to-face appointment, three months prior. However, sometimes the computer program managing such scheduling doesn't provide the doctor's schedule so far in advance.

When this happens, the doctor/staff makes a note in the computer's margins, so to speak, to schedule me automatically when the appointments become available. Well, for some reason, that didn't happen this cycle. That became clear to me when, a few weeks before my presumptive appointment, I went online to see when my it had been "computerized." I noticed it hadn't. I immediately called oncology to make inquiries and to schedule this kind-of-important, post-scan appointment.

I spoke with one of the nurses — with whom I'm familiar, and explained my circumstances. She went on the computer, entered my member number and, if I understand the process correctly, typed in something like "next available appointment."

"Aug. 31," she said.

I said "What?! I usually see the doctor the week after my scan."

"That's the next available appointment," she repeated. (I'd mutter "incredible" to myself but I have some prior experience with such blips.)

Stammering as I gathered my thoughts, the nurse casually offered up the chance of a phone appointment. "Sure!," I said, (having received a similar offer once before).

The nurse said "How about Aug. 6?" 12 days post scan and much sooner than Aug. 31. (Normally we try to schedule the follow-up in-office appointment for the following Friday, 10 days after the Wednesday scan which ideally would have been Aug. 3).

"Perfect," I said, since I'm home on Mondays and my wife, Dina, coincidentally had already scheduled that day off from work. (The phone-appointment process involves putting the phone on speaker — so that all parties can participate, and exercising some patience. It's a little awkward but given the appointment unavailability, it's what we have to do.) Not stressing too much about this unexpected set of circumstances, I am now prepared to move forward and hope for the best — results.

The only semi concern I do have is what if the conversation, different than the previous phone-appointment conversation, involves some significant decision-making/discussing about Kenny's life treating forward. If the conversation is potentially life-altering, I'd rather look my oncologist in the eyes rather than hear his voice over the phone.

And, of course, being that there are very few guarantees in the cancer business, there is absolutely no assumption to be presumed that since I'm having a phone appointment that somehow that means all is well with yours truly. Hardly. I haven't even had my scan yet. It simply means that the doctor is already double-booked for the time frame in consideration.

However, on the totally-plus side: There's no 45 minute drive to and from. Once on site, there's no 15- to 20-minute wait in the reception area. Then there's no 10- to 20-minute wait/getting vitals in the examining room until my oncologist comes in. And finally, there's no 30- to 45-minute appointment with my oncologist since there's no physical examination and no ability as well to computer-review the actual scan. It's simply questions and answers. This all works perfectly well when the scan shows "stable."

But, what if?

I don't do "what-ifs." I do what I do until I'm told otherwise (that's why I'm a good husband). Moreover, I don't worry about things I can't control. My scan is in 10 days and it will show what it shows.

In the interim, I will hope for the best and await further instructions.

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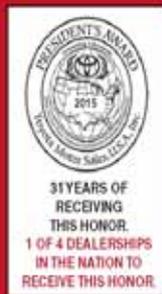
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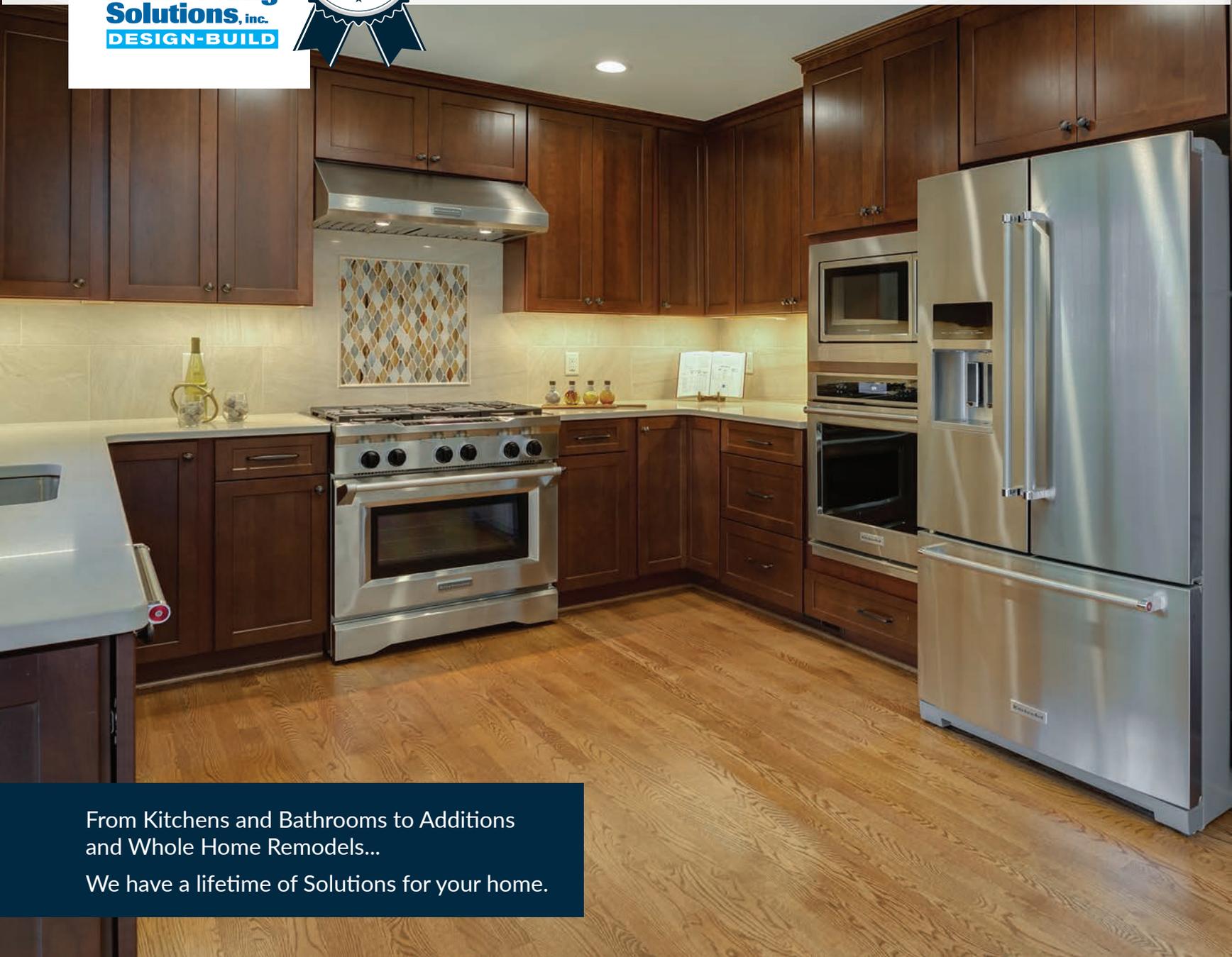
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