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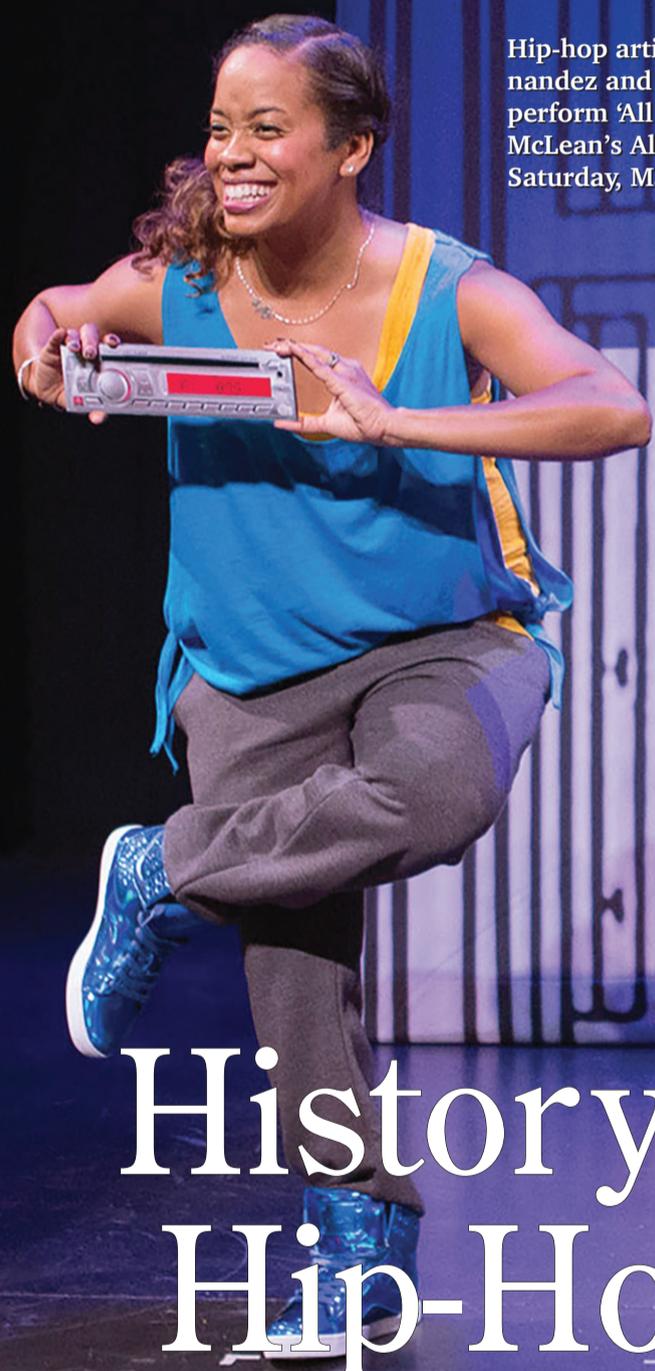
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## Hope in Bloom

BY ANDREA WORKER  
THE CONNECTION

If you have ever wondered what impact local nonprofits really have on social issues in our area or what long-term benefits they provide to the area's most vulnerable, attendance at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual FACETS Breakfast, themed "Hope in Bloom" and held on April 25, would have answered your curiosity in an eloquent and heart-warming way.

Yes, there was a celebrity emcee to guide the event, in the person of NBC News4 Northern Virginia Bureau Chief Julie Carey. Yes, there was a prominent and influential featured speaker in Congressman Gerry Connolly (D-11), with additional remarks by FACETS Executive Director Joe Fay and Board Chair Don Harris. There was even a video presentation showing some of the work being done by the Fairfax-based nonprofit whose mission is to aid those facing or experiencing homelessness, providing emergency shelter and needs, helping them gain safe and permanent housing and "working with them to end the cycle of poverty through education, life skills and career counseling."

But what really hit home and highlighted the lasting good that can be accomplished when community works together, were the "courageous client speakers" who took to the podium to tell their personal stories.

Richard was first up. With his vision lost to glaucoma, Richard was escorted to the stage by caseworkers Ruben Aquino and Candice Stancil of FACETS' Supportive Housing services.

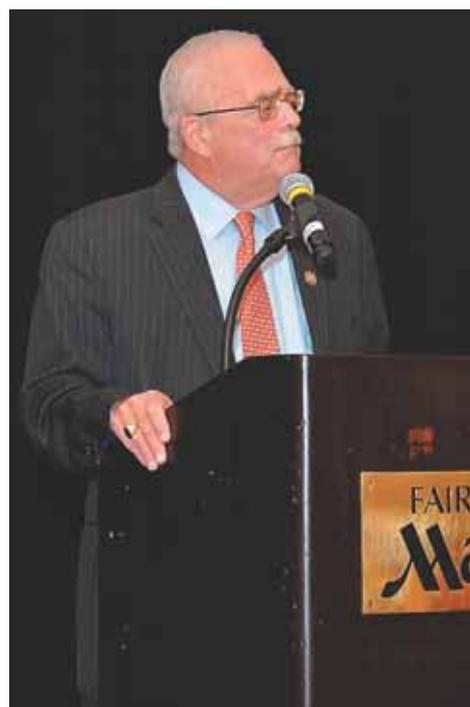
Richard has experienced homelessness more than once, with substance abuse a contributing factor the first time around.

"I came to this area and found help. My sobriety days began on August the 8, 1997," Richard told the audience with quiet pride.

**AFTER FINDING ASSISTANCE** the first time, Richard actually began working with other homeless, initially as a volunteer at the Bailey's Crossroad Community Shelter, and then as an employee of the facility. But as those who work with our neighbors in need well know, stability can be a precarious perch in our expensive hometown. As his sight began to fail, in 2011 Richard had an accident. Hesitant to reach out again for fear of losing what he finally had achieved – employment and his dignity - Richard fell into homelessness once more, seeking shelter in abandoned homes in Annandale.

When his "home" was discovered, Richard had to move out into the unsheltered world again, but found a new path when he visited the Safe Haven drop-in day shelter run by the First Christian Church in Falls Church.

"That's when I engaged with FACETS," he said. With their support and the caring assistance of Aquino and Stancil who worked



**U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) was the featured speaker at the FACETS Benefit Breakfast.**



**From left: Del. Kathleen Murphy (D-34), Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust, and Braddock District Supervisor John Cook join event emcee Julie Carey, Northern Virginia Bureau Chief for NBC News4 before the annual FACETS Benefit Breakfast program got underway.**



**Maria Avila, Program Director of Single Adult Housing Stabilization for FACETS was honored at the event for her work as the coordinator of the Hypothermia Prevention Program.**

with him to secure the resources he needed, Richard has now been living for years in independent housing.

"I thank FACETS for working with me to maintain my independence. I have two of the best case managers standing here beside me today. I thank them and you."



**Norca Calderin was honored for her efforts as FACETS Hypothermia Prevention Site Coordinator and Case Manager. FACETS has been running the annual program during the winter months for 18 years.**

Yvette and case manager Tanner Sigmon were up next.

Yvette, who hails from southern Springfield, described a childhood in a good home in a good neighborhood. She worked full time in law firms and saved enough money to buy her own townhouse when she was

just 23.

She sold that home and moved to Roanoke, "but bad things happened there, and I came back."

With no money, no job, and a different

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# OBITUARY

## Dr. Lawrence Singer

McLean Youth Soccer coach dies at 50.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE CONNECTION

**D**r. Lawrence Singer, a popular coach for McLean Youth Soccer and founder of the DC Smiles Holistic Cosmetic Dentistry practice, died unexpectedly April 10 at the age of 50.

A survivor of childhood cancer, Singer continued to battle medical complications throughout his life.

"He fought hard for most of his life to live another day," said his wife Tonya in announcing Singer's death. "Lawrence loved life more than anything. He often would say, 'Any day you open your eyes is a good day.'"

Born Oct. 31, 1968, Singer earned a bachelor of science in Human Development from Vanderbilt University and a doctor of medical dentistry at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He founded DC Smiles in 1995, which included locations in Alexandria and Washington DC.

At the time of his death, Singer held the title of Assistant Clinical Professor of Surgery at the George Washington University Hospital. His work there included treating facial trauma patients, performing reconstruction surgery on cancer patients and helping other medically compromised patients.

As news of Singer's death spread, tributes poured in on social media.



**Dr. Lawrence Singer died April 10 at the age of 50.**

"Coach. One word. That's how we know him," McLean resident Due Tran said of Singer, who was also known as Laz among his friends. "He truly inspired and changed more girls in any one season than many people do in a lifetime. He coached the all-star team but he was our star. He never gave up. Season after season, he was determined to bring home a trophy and we did! It didn't matter how bad we were losing, Coach hoped his way to win and often did. That's how Coach Laz lived and that's how he will always continue to live in each of the athletes that he touched."

In addition to his practice, Singer was an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, instructing doctoral candidates in restorative and cosmetic dentistry. Since 2000, he was the official cosmetic dentist for the Washington Redskins cheerleaders.

"Laz was such a brave man," said Steven Olmos. "Struggling with his health and dedicated to helping others. Such an intelligent person. The world has lost one of the great ones."

Survivors include his wife Tonya, son Maximilian, 13, and daughter Chloe, 11.

A visitation and Celebration of Life service was held April 27 at Cunningham Turch Funeral Home in Alexandria.

"Coach Singer will be greatly missed by the players and parents in McLean," said Louise Waxler. "We thank him for giving so much to our youngsters. May he rest in peace."



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**From left: Bobbi Longworth, FCPF Executive Director, Janet Tysse, MCF President, Amy Swaak, MCF Trustee, and Supervisor John Foust.**

## McLean Community Foundation Receives Eakin Philanthropy Award

The McLean Community Foundation was recently awarded the 2018 Eakin Philanthropy Award from the Fairfax County Park Foundation at the FCPA Elly Doyle Awards Ceremony. MCF contributions to Clemyjontri Park include grants for the initial construction of the park, the Liberty Swing and, most recently, the Picnic Celebration Area in conjunction with McLean Rotary. The Eakin

Philanthropy Awards are presented annually by the FCPF to individuals and organizations for their support of the county parks and park programs. The McLean Community Foundation is a non-profit formed in 1978 by the McLean Citizen's Association to meet the philanthropic needs of a growing McLean community. The focus is entirely on efforts that benefit the McLean community.

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**Caregivers Support Group.** 10-11:30 a.m. at UUCF Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. For caregivers to adult family members with dementia. First and third Thursdays of every month. Contact facilitator Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838 or jtarr5@verizon.net.

**Memory Cafe.** 2-4 p.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. Helping those with dementia and their caregivers find fun, resources and "family." Email Carol Blackwell at [lovriver@aol.com](mailto:lovriver@aol.com) or call at 571-236-6933.

## SATURDAY/MAY 4

**UUCF Yard Sale.** 7 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. All proceeds benefit - UUCF Social Justice Council; Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna & National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI-Northern Virginia). Call 703-281-4230 [UUCFYardsale@gmail.com](mailto:UUCFYardsale@gmail.com)

**Mindful 365 Meditation.** 10 a.m.-noon at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Monthly. Newcomers welcome. \$10. Visit [www.unityoffairfax.org/events](http://www.unityoffairfax.org/events) Reserve a spot at [sittinggroup-2019.eventbrite.com](http://sittinggroup-2019.eventbrite.com).

**Peripheral Neuropathy Support Group.** 2-4 p.m. at Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Meets the first Saturday of the month. All are welcome. RSVP for available seating. Call 301-263-0616 or visit [www.dcpnsupport.org](http://www.dcpnsupport.org) for more.  
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**22 Proven Processes.** 1-3 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. A class that focuses on abundance processes and based on the book "Ask and It Is Given" by Esther and Jerry Hicks. By donation. Visit [unityoffairfax.org/events](http://unityoffairfax.org/events) or [22-proven-processes.eventbrite.com](http://22-proven-processes.eventbrite.com).

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# OPINION

## Black or Blue: Lessons Learned from How Virginia Democrats Handled the Ralph Northam Debacle

Let's get something straight, this is not a blackface controversy, this is a KKK controversy.

BY KOFI ANNAN  
PRESIDENT, FAIRFAX COUNTY NAACP

During a 1960 speech to a mixed audience in New York City, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "There is a pressing need for a liberalism in the North which is truly liberal." While Virginia is a southern state, it gets bluer with each election, therefore we should take heed to MLK's words, which essentially challenges liberals to fight the gravitational pull to the right on issues of civil rights and equity. It is difficult to see both the election of Ralph Northam, his subsequent actions, and the actions of the party to protect him as anything but the party signaling to the center-right that they have their back and are willing to sacrifice a few black voters if need be.

Liberals have long sought to convince African Americans that they alone can shield us from conservative's intent on rolling back the hands of time. And African Americans normally respond to that message, having never wavered in our loyalty for the last half century. Every election cycle we make or break elections in favor of the Democratic Party, even though for the most part we get marginal improvement in our quality of life overall, and in many measurable ways we actually regress. Our average collective net worth remains a fraction of whites, our employment rate remains half that of whites, our neighborhoods are still gentrified in the name of progress, predominantly black public schools are still underfunded, we still make up 40 percent of the nation's incarcerated, and school administrators still consistently dole out harsher punishments to our kids compared to their white counterparts, even in districts dominated by Democratic Party leadership. A report from the Institute for Policy Studies, released to coincide with what would have been MLK's 90th birthday, demonstrated that over the past few decades, black wealth actually fell by 50%.

On the other hand, Republicans haven't presented a particularly appealing message to African Americans voters at any point during this time period either, and even less so during the Trump Administration, which uses racism and xenophobia to collect votes as effectively as any administration in recent history. However, what's more intriguing is the possibility that Democrats like Northam view Trump's success as a reason to shift focus on securing the white middle-class vote even if that means sacrificing some of the African American vote, or at least taking the black vote for granted. After all, the politics of "fear the racist Republican" is a lot easier to sell today than it was just a few years ago. This might explain why presidential favorite Pete Buttigieg felt comfortable proposing that he would undo decades of work to expand voting rights to those convicted of crimes, who are disproportionately represented

by minorities.

This certainly appears to be the case in Virginia. Most of us are familiar with the controversy surrounding Governor Northam and his possible Ku Klux Klan (KKK) affiliation by now, right? Perhaps I shouldn't assume. Maybe you were one of those that ignored the Klan member in the photograph, and instead saw this incident as a [less harmful] 'blackface' controversy that could be explained by innocent cultural insensitivity. But let's get something straight, this is not a blackface controversy, this is a KKK controversy. A lot of people - including the governor - would rather focus on the person in blackface because it's a slightly more tolerant form of white supremacy, and conveniently ignore the terrorist next to the individual in blackface. But the governor should not be let off the hook that easily. The KKK is America's original domestic terrorist group (despite what the laws say), having killed well over 4,000 Americans that we know of, and our governor either is or was associated with them. Let that sink in, particularly as we still mourn the loss of another group of innocent lives at the hands of other terrorist groups in New Zealand a few weeks ago, Pittsburgh, Charlottesville, and most recently Sri Lanka. The leader of the Democratic Party in Virginia has yet to offer a sensible explanation for why a terrorist was in his yearbook, and the Democratic Party is okay enough with this that they're now openly not only defending him but trotting him out at political fundraisers.

To most the case against Northam seemed open and shut, and his resignation seemed inevitable. One would imagine that an elected official who represents the party which prides itself on its diversity, that routinely secures over 90% of the African American vote, and counts on that constituency to win key battleground territories in a purple state that was red just a few elections ago, would certainly recognize that defending the governor is not a hill worth dying on and step aside as quickly and as gracefully as possible.

Well we're now approaching May and not only has Northam refused to step aside, but even more unfortunate the Democratic Party has begun to rally around him in a show of solidarity. First came the slow drip of messages of appreciation from members of the General Assembly for one bill after the other on social media. Then the ridiculous Michael Jackson impersonation story that once seemed straight out of a bad SNL skit became the official party line. As for the "Coonman" nickname in his VMI yearbook that never received a formal explanation from the governor? Well one explanation floated to me by a Democratic member of in the Virginia House of Delegates - who happened to be African American - was an even greater insult to our intelligence, and full of even more racist stereotypes. According to the delegate the governor's nickname stemmed

from the fact that he had a lot of black friends due to his love of basketball.

As if insulting our intelligence wasn't bad enough, many within the Democratic Party felt it necessary to go after those amplifying the call for the governor's resignation. Following a protest led the Fairfax County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) at a Democratic fundraiser where the governor was scheduled to attend, Democratic Party loyalists and leaders alike attacked the NAACP for doing the very thing the organization was founded for - standing up against racism. Its members were described as "troublemakers" and "bullies"; and the nation's oldest and most successful civil rights organization is described as a "fringe element" by one party leader.

One of the talking points coming from Virginia's Democrats is that "the governor isn't going anywhere, so we might as well work with him." This intentionally alleviates the burden of responsibility from the rest of the party leadership, because it makes them seem powerless, when in reality they really don't want to challenge him anyway. As the reaction to the protests demonstrated, real challenges to the governor will not be looked upon favorably by the Democratic Party. If they'll publicly assassinate the NAACP, one could only imagine what private pressure is being placed on African American legislators who dare break ranks. This likely explains the deafening silence and acquiescence from most black elected officials on this issue.

Not enough black leaders (elected and community leaders alike) stand with the black community on principle when it matters most; and if they can't stand on principle when it comes to the KKK, when will they? If they can't break ranks with the party now, when will they? Black leaders stood next to Hillary Clinton when she called our youth "super predators", and they stood next to Bill when he doubled down on Reagan's mass incarceration policies. We're often told that the solution is electing more African American to office; but if this is the best they can do when faced with a such a clear-cut choice in a time of crisis, then their true value to the African American community is questionable.

If these officials don't have what it takes to tackle overt headline-grabbing racism within their own ranks, how can they be trusted to tackle systemic racism that doesn't make headlines. The numbers highlighting African American wealth decline speak for themselves. They can't.

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Free Cinco de Mayo Lyft rides will be offered to deter impaired driving throughout the Washington-metropolitan area beginning Sunday, May 5, 2019.

Offered by the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), the 2019 Cinco de Mayo SoberRide program will be in operation for 12 hours beginning at 4 pm on Sunday, May 5, Cinco de Mayo, and continue until 4 am on Monday, May 6 as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

During this twelve-hour period, area residents age 21 and older celebrating with alcohol may download Lyft to their phones,

then enter a SoberRide code in the app's "Promo" section to receive their no cost (up to \$15) safe transportation home. WRAP's Cinco de Mayo SoberRide® promo code will be posted at 3 pm on Sunday, May 5 on [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com).

Last year, a record 897 persons in the Washington-metropolitan area used WRAP's Cinco de Mayo SoberRide program rather than possibly driving home impaired. The charity also offers its SoberRide program on St. Patrick's Day, Independence Day, Halloween and the winter holidays.

More information about WRAP's SoberRide® initiative can be found at [www.SoberRide.com](http://www.SoberRide.com).

## BULLETIN BOARD

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### WEDNESDAY/MAY 8

**Fairfax County Park Authority Board Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. in the Herry Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 941, Fairfax. Open to the public. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/boardagn2.htm) or call 703-324-8662.

### THURSDAY/MAY 9

**The Opportunity in Opportunity**

**Zones.** 8-10:30 a.m. at Valo Park - Tysons Corner, 7950 Jones Branch Drive. A new community investment tool was created by the 2017 tax law, census tracts that state and federal governments have targeted for economic development; several exist in Northern Virginia. Join the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia and learn about this new investment tool. \$40; includes continental breakfast. Visit [www.cfnova.org](http://www.cfnova.org) to register.

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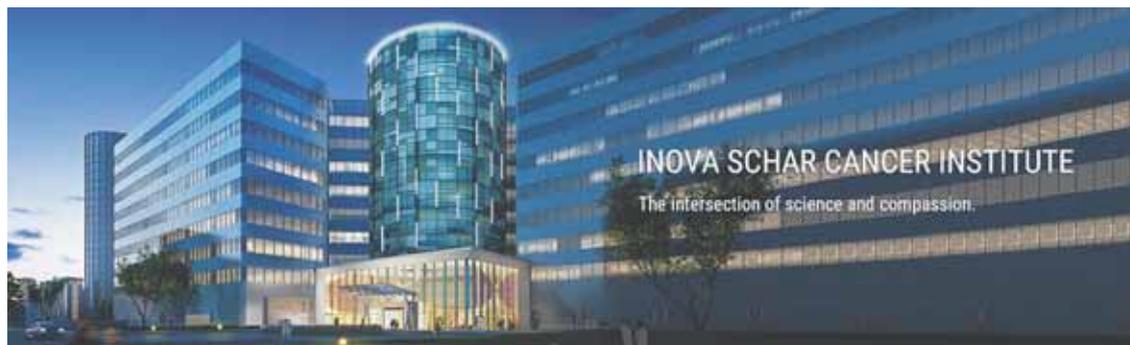
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## WELLBEING



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Schar Cancer Institute rendering.

# Schar Cancer Institute Opens to Patients May 13

Institute becomes a landmark for health care and research in Fairfax County

The Inova Health System will usher in a new level of medical treatment and patient care when the Inova Schar Cancer Institute opens to patients May 13 on its Merrifield campus.

“The Schar Cancer Center raises the already-high level of health-care facilities in Fairfax County,” said Catherine W. Riley, interim president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority. “As part of the Inova Center for Personalized Health it can make Fairfax County a destination for world-class research and clinical work.”

Dedication ceremonies took place Wednesday, April 24, for the \$150 million center for care and research that is anchoring the 117-acre Inova campus, fulfilling a vision that began with the acquisition of the former Exxon Mobil site. The institute was made possible, in part, by a \$50 million contribution from Dwight Schar and wife Martha, whose legacy will extend beyond Fairfax County-based NVR home builders.

**MEMBERS OF THE SCHAR FAMILY** were joined by others, including U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy and wife Marcelle, political commentator Cokie Roberts, and Lara Hopewell, a local hockey mom-turned-crusader for cancer research — all cancer survivors. Also participating in the ceremonies were U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and Inova CEO Dr. Stephen Jones. The ceremonies featured more than 100 cancer patients and their family members, who became the first to walk through the front door of the newly-dedicated facility.

“We are so fortunate in Fairfax County to have access to such world class medical care and treatment,” said Bulova, who presented a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors congratulating Inova. “We have amazing facilities, doctors and cutting-edge technologies that are right here, literally in our own backyard, and that is so incredibly valuable.”

Riley echoed the importance of having a first-class cancer facility in the county, offering residents the highest quality care without requiring them to travel, often hundreds of miles for treatment. She also emphasized the importance of the research that will take place at the facility, creating a new horizon in the

diversification of Fairfax County’s workforce.

“We’re very excited about the research and development aspect of the Schar Institute and the ways in which it will help diversify our local economy,” Riley said. “It will attract new doctors and scientists. In partnership with facilities like the University of Virginia Medical School, those researchers will be applying for new grants and developing the kinds of programs that will make Fairfax County known as a medical research and development center.”

**“We are so fortunate in Fairfax County to have access to such world class medical care and treatment.”**

**Sharon Bulova, Chairman, County Board of Supervisors**

**DURING THE DEDICATION**, Jones announced that Dr. John Deeken, who had been serving as acting president of the Inova Schar Cancer Institute, is named permanently to the president’s role. Deeken said the institute would continue stress its “patient-first” philosophy, building on its ability to provide one-stop care through teams of doctors, nurses, therapists, researchers and specialized counselors.

“The vision and the spirit is that the patient is at the center of everything we do,” said Deeken, who previously served as COO of the Inova Translational Medicine Institute. “Fundamentally, that’s the difference in the model of care at Inova.”

“This is the culmination of years of effort in planning and design and recruiting – to make real what we’d hoped to have for all the patients in Northern Virginia, which is expert care close to home. Nobody in Northern Virginia should think they need to go to Houston, New York or Baltimore to get world-class cancer care. We have it right here.”

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# NEWS

## Volunteers Pack Ramadan Food Boxes To Help People In Need

As the Islamic holy month of Ramadan approaches, Islamic Relief USA, a nonprofit humanitarian and advocacy organization based in Alexandria, helped prepare for the month of fasting by packing boxes with nonperishable foods.

Some 60 volunteers participated in the Saturday, April 27 event, which was split in two shifts. The volunteers helped fold boxes, pack them with food, tape them for shipping, and flatten unpacked boxes. In total, the volunteers assembled 1,500 food boxes.

The food boxes, whose items are intended to last for several days, are all non-perishable. They include cooking oil, a 10 pound bag of basmati rice, canned tuna, beans, sugar, flour, vegetable bouillon, pasta, Ragu sauce, cereal, peanut butter, and, of course, dates.

The boxes will be given to local residents in need, regardless of their race, gender, creed, or religion.

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## Raising Money for McLean Community

The McLean Community Foundation (MCF) was recently recognized as the beneficiary for the McLean Health and Racquet Club's Rally for Our Community Event. This was the fourth annual event that raises money for local beneficiaries. The money raised from this event will benefit projects in the McLean Community funded by the foundation.

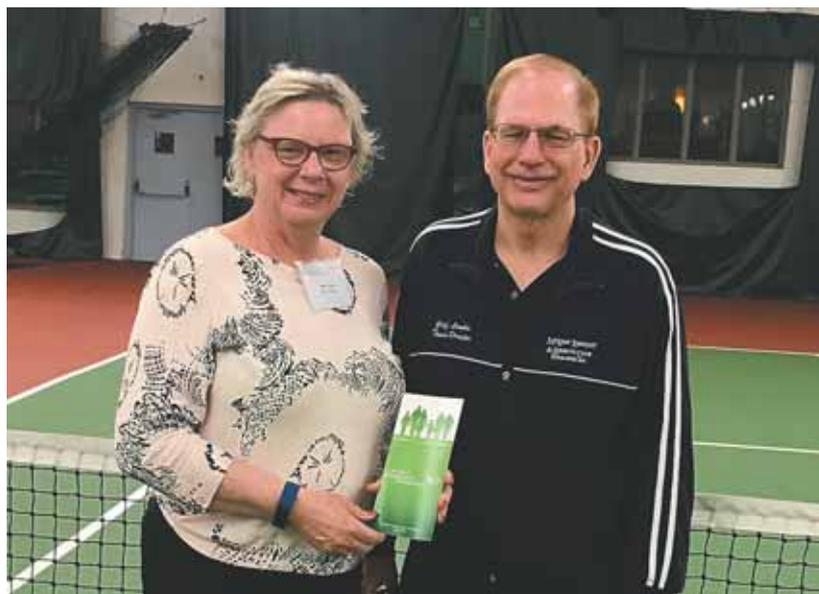


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**Janet Tysse, MCF President and Griff Lamkin, Tennis Director MH&RC**

## Potomac School Freshman Wins Second Place in DNA Day Essay Contest

As part of its celebration of National DNA Day, the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) announced the winners of its 2019 DNA Day Essay Contest, which encourages high school students and teachers worldwide to learn about human genetics concepts and apply them to current scientific and societal issues. ASHG awarded first place to Sophia Chen, a junior at Lakeside School in Seattle, Wash.; second place to Yanna Bravewolf, a freshman at The Potomac School in McLean, and third place to Irene Calderon, a freshman at The Summit Country Day in Cincinnati, Ohio.

ASHG received essays from 1,088 students from 45 U.S. states and 24 non-U.S. countries, who explored an ethical dilemma in human genetics. More than 300 ASHG members evaluated the results for accuracy, creativity, and writing. Since 2006, the Society has led the contest annually and seeks to spark excitement and learning among the next generation of genetics professionals and foster greater genetic literacy among the general public.

This year, students were asked to consider the goals, rights, and duties involved in deciding whether a father's Huntington's disease (HD) diagnosis should be revealed to his adult child. After considering both sides, students chose one argument to defend, using their knowledge of the scientific and medical aspects of HD.

ASHG will award monetary prizes to winning students as well as grants for genetics laboratory equipment to eligible teachers. Chen will receive a \$1000 prize, Bravewolf will receive a \$600 prize, and Calderon will receive a \$400 prize.



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**Second-place essay contest winner Yanna Bravewolf and science teacher Dr. Isabelle Cohen at The Potomac School in McLean. The American Society of Human Genetics received essays from 1,088 high school students from 45 U.S. states and 24 non-U.S. countries. Students were asked to consider the goals, rights, and duties involved in deciding whether a father's Huntington's disease diagnosis should be revealed to his adult child.**

Honorable mentions were awarded to 11 students, each of whom will receive a \$100 monetary prize, including Weston Hicks, a freshman at The Potomac School.

## Three People Arrested at Tysons Corner Center

Three people were arrested at Tysons Corner Center on Thursday after one of them was caught shoplifting from a store. A 22-year-old Annandale woman was caught shoplifting at the Spencer's store. An officer responded and issued her a summons for a future court date. As she left with a group of friends, a 19-year-old Annandale woman threw down her water bottle and dumped her drink all over the store's floor and walked away. When she was approached by an officer, she began screaming and acting disorderly. She was taken back into the store, but attempted to break free from the officer and continued to act disorderly.

To gain control and prevent her from harming herself or others, she was taken to the ground by the arresting officer and finally hand-

cuffed. She was issued a summons for disorderly conduct and obstruction of justice and was also banned from Tysons Corner Center by mall management for one year. During this incident, a 27-year-old man of Fairfax aggressively approached officers, cursing at them and attempting to interfere with their investigation. He was arrested for disorderly conduct and taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and was released on a \$2,000 bond — according to FCPD Media Relations Bureau.

Fairfax County Police are trained in proven de-escalation techniques, and the department provides a 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team Training at its Criminal Justice Academy for other Northern Virginia law enforcement departments as well.

### CRIME REPORT

*The following incidents were reported by the McLean District Police Station.*

#### APRIL 22

**BURGLARY:** 8000 block of Skelton Circle, 4/21/19, 12:57 p.m. Someone entered an unlocked car parked inside an open garage and stole personal items.

#### LARCENIES:

7400 block of Birdwood Avenue, wine from business  
1900 block of Chain Bridge Road, merchandise from business

2300 block of Dale Drive, bicycle from residence

1500 block of Spring Gate Drive, wallet from vehicle

7900 block of Tysons Corner Center, merchandise from business

#### APRIL 23

#### LARCENIES:

6600 block of Arlington Boulevard, wallet from location

#### APRIL 24

**ROBBERY:** 8400 block of Broad Street, 4/23/19, 2:04 p.m. Two employees overheard a commotion in the stairwell and saw two men walking away. The employees were then approached by the men and one of them displayed a black handgun. One employee ran away while the second was assaulted

and his property was taken. The men left the area in a black sedan. They are described as black, about 6' and wearing dark clothing.

#### LARCENIES:

1900 block of Chain Bridge Road, merchandise from business

8200 block of Greensboro Drive, medication from business

2700 block of Pleasantdale Road, laptop computer from location

2900 block of Telestar Court, wallet from vehicle

3000 block of Williams Drive, license plate from vehicle

#### APRIL 25

#### LARCENIES:

7300 block of Dartford Drive, cell phone from location

1600 block of Silver Hill Drive, tools from vehicle

#### APRIL 26

#### LARCENIES:

8100 block of Tysons Corner Center, merchandise from business

7300 block of Lee Highway, money from business

2900 block of Gallows Road, clothes from a business

8100 block of Strawberry Lane, ring from business

1900 block of Chain Bridge Road, merchandise from business

#### STOLEN VEHICLES:

8500 block of Leesburg Pike, 2015 Infiniti Q40

# FACETS Hosts Benefit Breakfast

FROM PAGE 3

family relationship than before, Yvette called a tent in the woods her home. Eventually she met Tanner at the Lamb Center, a day shelter in Fairfax offering meals, laundry service, access to general healthcare, counselling, job search help, and more.

Yvette advises that others like her have to be prepared to “self help” and do the work, actively participating in improving their lives, but you “should ask for help, and offer it when you can.”

After 12 years of homelessness, Yvette now has a safe place of her own to call home and feels that with Tanner and FACETS’ help, her life is “moving forward.”

Printice, who also came to FACETS through the Lamb Center was the final “Courageous Client Speaker,” accompanied by his case manager Robert Tindall.

“A very bad divorce” and health issues contributed to his homeless state, during which time he suffered several heart attacks. At the benefit breakfast, Printice did not so much tell his own story in detail, as take the opportunity to thank the many people who have helped him into safe housing and better health.

**FACETS** was founded in 1988 by Linda Wimpey, starting as a three-nights-a-week outreach program in partnership with a few area churches to tend to the needs of homeless families.

“When I was the Providence District Supervisor, I delivered hot meals with Linda,” recalled Connolly.

“I will never forget seeing people come out of the woods wearing suits on their way to work.”

Connolly credits Wimpey and FACETS with being instrumental in developing the county’s Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, adopted when he was Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and with playing “a big role” in the “penny on the tax rate” budget item that puts money toward affordable housing in the county.

What FACETS is and what they do has grown significantly over the years. Dozens of area faith communities and businesses now partner with FACETS and a network of nonprofit and county service agencies to continue the battle against homelessness and poverty.

**AT THE BREAKFAST**, FACETS also celebrated 15 years of operating the annual Hypothermia Prevention and Response Program for the county’s Human Services Region 4 - Western County/Fairfax and Centreville areas. During the cold months from November through March, the homeless are offered shelter, meals and services at partnering area churches, with each faith community taking on a seven-day stretch of overnight hospitality.

This winter season FACETS and partners took 302 people out of the cold each night. Thirty-eight of those experiencing homeless then now have places of their own to call home with the help of FACETS case managers and resources that the FACETS folks have worked to find for their clients. The breakfast gathering was the perfect time and place to honor Maria Avila and Norca Calderin who direct the Hy-



**Richard tells his story as a client of FACETS, accompanied by his case managers, Ruben Aquino (left) and Candice Stancil (right). With the help of FACETS, Richard, who lost his sight to glaucoma, has now enjoyed stable, independent living for many years.**

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**Yvette experienced 12 years of homelessness. One of three “courageous client speakers” at the FACETS Benefit Breakfast, Yvette spoke matter-of-factly of her situation, grateful for the assistance and guidance of FACETS staff, but advising that “self help and honesty” are needed to move forward and improve your life.**

pothemia Prevention program.

Before sending the attendees on their way, FACETS Board Chair Don Harris challenged them to “sign the pledge of financial support” available at each table, so that “we can continue to do this work together.”

In Fairfax County, organizations like FACETS have helped reduce the number of homeless by 47 percent between 2008 and 2018, but the goal to end that state is still in the distance. Estimates are that an additional 15,000 affordable housing units will be needed as the county continues to grow, and that’s on top of the current shortage of more than 31,000 units, as reported by Joe Fay.

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Monday, May 20, 2019, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Presentation starts at 7 p.m.  
Cooper Middle School  
977 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101

Learn about the Virginia Department of Transportation’s environmental study regarding plans to extend the I-495 Express Lanes by approximately three miles from the Dulles Toll Road interchange towards the Maryland line, in the vicinity of the American Legion Bridge.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 23 CFR Part 771, an Environmental Assessment (EA) will be prepared. VDOT is currently conducting environmental analyses and coordinating with regulatory agencies to obtain information about environmental resources in the vicinity of the project. When approved by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the EA will be made available for review and comment at a future public meeting.

Stop by between 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to learn more about the project and discuss your questions with VDOT staff. A short presentation will begin at 7 p.m.

Review study information on the project website (495northernextension.org), at the public information meeting, or during business hours at VDOT’s Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. Please call ahead at 703-691-6715 or TTY/TDD 711 to ensure appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

Give your written comments at the meeting or submit them by **June 10, 2019** to Abi Lerner, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email [495NorthernExtension@VDOT.virginia.gov](mailto:495NorthernExtension@VDOT.virginia.gov). Please reference “I-495 Express Lanes Northern Extension Study” in the subject line.

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# CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/). The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## ONGOING

**Student Art Exhibit.** Through Wednesday, May 8 at Starbucks, 9863 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Currently exhibited at the Great Falls Starbucks are 15 examples of students at Colvin Run Elementary. Call 703-438-8389.

**Art Exhibit: "Taking Territory."** Through June 1, gallery hours at MPA@ChainBridge, 1446 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Taking Territory: New Works by Susan Goldman, Barbara Kerne, Eve Stockton and Patricia Underwood. Visit [mpaart.org](http://mpaart.org) for more.

## THURSDAY/MAY 2

**Business Leadership Luncheon: Mental Health in the Workplace.** 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Hyatt Regency Tysons, 7901 Tysons One Place, Tysons. CEOs, managers, HR and other professionals will take away ideas for developing and strengthening workplace mental health initiatives. Attendance is open to anyone with an interest in mental health in the workplace. Visit [www.NAMI-NorthernVirginia.org](http://www.NAMI-NorthernVirginia.org).

## FRIDAY/MAY 3

**McLean Farmers Market Opens.** Fridays, through Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-noon at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Sixteen local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce; meats; breads, pastries; jams; dairy products and eggs; herbs; flowers, coffee, more. The Market will be closed on May 17 for McLean Day setup. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mclean).

**Intro to Djembe Drumming and Drum Circle.** 7-8:30 p.m. at McLean Community Center's Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Join The Alden for a creative (and de-stressing) Friday evening master class for families. Participants will learn the elements of Djembe Drumming from artist Kofi Dennis and then use those skills in a group drum circle. \$12/\$8 MCC district residents, includes admission and drum rental. Call 703-790-0123 or visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org) for more.

**Old Firehouse 5th and 6th Grader Parties: Luau.** 7-9 p.m. at the Old Firehouse, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Participants will enjoy free catered food and beverages, an open dance floor with music played by a popular DJ and a variety of party attractions. \$35/\$25 MCC district residents; preregistration is highly recommended. Call 703-790-0123 or visit [www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org) for more.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 3-5

**"Ripcord."** Friday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE, Vienna. The Vienna Theatre Company's production of Ripcord centers on retirement home roommates, Abby and Marilyn, who mix together about as well as oil and water, getting into Odd Couple-esque situations. Tickets are \$14 at [viennava.gov/webtrac](http://viennava.gov/webtrac) or in person at the Vienna Community Center.

## SATURDAY/MAY 4

**Native Plant Sale.** 8-11 a.m. at the Riverbend Park Outdoor Classroom picnic shelter, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Native plant sale from the Friends of Riverbend Park supports Riverbend Park. These plants thrive in Northern Virginia because they are native to the area, which means they're good for the plants and wildlife around them, too. Call 703-759-9018 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend).

**World Vision Global 6K for Water.** 8:30-10 a.m. at W&OD Trail (Vienna West), Ayr Hill Road, Vienna. Vienna Presbyterian Church partners with World Vision to provide children in developing countries access to clean water in their villages. Food, face-painting, educational tent, music and information about World Vision. Walk, run, or stroll this 6K and invite family, neighbors, and friends. \$50 Race registration fee. TeamVienna by registering at [www.teamworldvision.org/team/10917](http://www.teamworldvision.org/team/10917).

**Ribbon Cutting and Open House.** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Oak Marr Golf Complex, 3136 Jermantown Road, Oakton. Discover the new and improved double-decker driving range, learn more about offerings and instruction and then help officials cut the ribbon at Oak Marr Golf Complex. The Burger Shack food truck will be on-site for lunch. Call 703-324-8662 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/oak-marr](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/oak-marr).

**Live Music: James Fernando.** 1 p.m. (doors at noon) at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. James Fernando is a pianist and



## 'I've Got a Little Twist'

New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players present "I've Got a Little Twist," a cabaret evening featuring rewritten lyrics for G&S tunes, G&S numbers that are juxtaposed with more modern musical theatre and sometimes, classic Gilbert and Sullivan that is left intact and allowed to speak for itself. Saturday, May 4, 7 p.m. at The Alden Theatre at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. \$40/\$30 MCC tax district residents; running time: 120 minutes (all ages). Visit [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org) for more.



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## Plant and Yard Sale

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composer whose music lies at the intersection of jazz, classical, and electronic music. All ages. \$15-\$20. Call 703-255-1566 or visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com) for more.

**New York Gilbert and Sullivan Players.** 7 p.m. at The Alden Theatre at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. "I've Got a Little Twist." See above, Visit [www.aldentheatre.org](http://www.aldentheatre.org) for more.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 4-5

**Book Sale.** Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Featuring thousands of quality used books, CDs, DVDs, and audiobooks. Prices remain the same: hardbacks \$2, trade paperbacks \$1, pocket paperbacks 50 cents, children's books 25 and 50 cents. CDs and videos \$1-\$2. Credit cards accepted. All proceeds benefit the library.

## SUNDAY/MAY 5

**Visit Colvin Run Mill.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Don't miss the chance to see, hear and taste history with a Sunday visit to Colvin Run Mill. Stop by the mill for a grinding demonstration

from noon-3 p.m. See 19th century technology at work as the miller grinds wheat or corn into flour and meal that can be purchased at the park's General Store. Call the site to confirm grinding is on. \$8 for adults, \$7 for students 16 and up with ID, and \$6 for children and seniors. No reservations are required. Call 703-759-2771 [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/colvin-run-mill).

**Gardening With Kids.** 1-4 p.m. at the Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. The Ayr Hill Garden Club, in celebration of 90 years of gardening in Vienna, presents Gardening With Kids. Free and open to the public. RSVP to [Monica.anschel@hotmail.com](mailto:Monica.anschel@hotmail.com).

**Teen Acting Audition.** 2-5 p.m. at Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Audition for Traveling Troupe, a pre-professional summer theatre program for 9th - 12th graders. Perform Shakespeare's Twelfth Night on tour throughout Virginia. Prepare a Shakespearean monologue (min. 14 lines). \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Call 703-987-1712 or visit [www.travelingplayers.org](http://www.travelingplayers.org).

## TUESDAY/MAY 7

**Historical Society Presentation.** 7-9 p.m. at Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Join the Great Falls Historical

Society to hear local historian and award-winning author, Greg Wilson, discuss "Conflict and Rebellion in Fairfax County, 1860-1861." Free and open to the public. Visit [gfhs.org](http://gfhs.org)

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 8

**Bike to School Day.** Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will participate in Bike to School Day to promote physical activity and reduce traffic congestion and pollution near schools. Parents are encouraged to work with their school and PTA or PTO to assemble bike trains or walking groups for the event. Visit [www.walkbiketoschool.org/](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/).

**Movie Series: New Disney Classics.** 12:30 p.m. at The Alden Community Hall, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The Alden is kicking off a new film series with "new Disney Classics" - those that were loved during the 1990s. The films will be shown at 12:30 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of the month through June. Free admission. Visit [mcleancenter.org/performing-arts](http://mcleancenter.org/performing-arts) for more.

## THURSDAY/MAY 9

**Historian William Connery.** 7:30-9 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Meet the author of Civil War Northern Virginia 1861 as he recounts the notable events and battles that occurred in Northern Virginia after the firing on Fort Sumter in 1861. Books available for sale and signing. Free. [librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/4878628](http://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/4878628) or call 703-938-0405

## FRIDAY/MAY 10

**6th Annual Casino Night.** 6-10 p.m. at Volkswagen Group of America Headquarters, 2200 Ferdinand Porsche Drive, Herndon. 6th Annual Casino Night fundraiser supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington/Fairfax County Region. Hosted By LaVar Arrington with special guest "Secretary of Defense" Dexter Manley. Visit [one.bidpal.net/casinonight2019](http://one.bidpal.net/casinonight2019) for tickets.

**Movie: Instant Family.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Join Unity of Fairfax on the second Friday of the month for mindful movies. "Instant Family" A couple adopts three young children. Free, donations welcome. call 703-281-1767 [www.unityoffairfax.org/events](http://www.unityoffairfax.org/events)

## SATURDAY/MAY 11

**Plant Sale.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. The Ayr Hill Garden Club will host its annual spring plant sale with a focus on plants native to Virginia. Plants available include those that thrive in sun or shade, are deer resistant, and tolerate drought. Native plants attract beneficial birds and insects to your garden. Proceeds help maintain five Vienna area gardens. Free admission. Email [monica.anschel@hotmail.com](mailto:monica.anschel@hotmail.com).

**Learn About Pollinators & Build a Bat House.** 9-10:30 a.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Pollinators power food production. Bats help eat mosquitoes, as well as pollinate plants, but they are having a hard time. Help these animals thrive by building a bat house to hang at home. For participants 3-adult. \$8 per person, and everyone must register. A fee of \$15 per bat house should be paid to the instructor Call 703-759-9018 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend).

**"All the Way Live."** 1 p.m. at The Alden, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. In this interactive show, world-renowned hip-hop artists collaborate on the spot to "remix" everything from the alphabet to folktales. \$15/\$10 MCC district residents. Visit [mcleancenter.org](http://mcleancenter.org).

**Mad Hatter Tea Party.** 2-4 p.m. at Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Calling all children age 4 through grade 6. Bring a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or some other significant adult to the Mad Hatter Tea Party. Reservations are required and space is limited. Reservations close May 8. Visit [www.lewinsville.org/event-items/mad-hatter-tea-party](http://www.lewinsville.org/event-items/mad-hatter-tea-party).

**PRS' Springtopia.** 6-9:30 p.m. at Hyatt Regency Tysons Corner, 7901 Tysons One Place, McLean. PRS, Inc., a nonprofit helping those living with serious mental illness or facing life crises, is hosting its 2nd annual Springtopia: A Season of Hope. \$175. Call 703-531-6321 or visit [prsinc.org/springtopia](http://prsinc.org/springtopia) for more.

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 11-12

**Relay for Life.** At Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Relay for Life of Langley McLean will have its 2019 relay, an all night event to raise money for the American Cancer Society. Planned by students from McLean and Langley but open to the entire community. Free registration. Call 703-213-5386 or visit [secure.ascevents.org](http://secure.ascevents.org).



## Final Weekend of Langley's 'Mamma Mia!'

Don't miss the final weekend to see Langley High School's smash musical, 'Mamma Mia!' Performances on May 2 - May 4 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday May 5 at 2 p.m. For more info see <https://www.saxonstagemammamia.com/> For tickets see <https://www.itickets.com/events/422146.htm>

# Children See History Through Hip-Hop Lenses

The Alden presents B-Fly Entertainment's "All the Way Live!" for one performance at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 11. Written and performed by Washington, D.C. hip-hop artists Baye Harrell and Paige Hernandez, this interactive show for children is "all the way live" as history is revived through hip-hop lenses. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for McLean Community Center district residents. The theater is located at 1234 Ingleside Ave.

Creativity. Respect. Understanding. Cooperation. Effort. Self-care. "All the Way Live!" seeks to teach these qualities in a relatable and catchy way, much like a song on the radio. Using rhythm and rhyme, the show aims to tune children to the frequency of positive thoughts and feelings. Its opportunity for audience participation gives young people a chance to broadcast their best selves to the world. "Paige Hernandez is the complete performer package personified. She has a lot of energy and possesses a million-dollar smile...Her rapping and rhyming skills match Harrell's, making them a winning team," as reported in Broadway World.

For more information or to purchase tickets online, visit:



Hip-hop artists Paige Hernandez and Baye Harrell will perform 'All the Way Live!' at McLean's Alden Theatre on Saturday, May 11.

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Services Manager Evelyn Hill at [evelyn.hill@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:evelyn.hill@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 571-296-8385.

## LETTERS

### Community Questions Davidson Road Project

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, April 24, I, along with 500 of my McLean neighbors attended the community meeting at McLean High School regarding the three residential properties Newport Academies purchased on Davison Road. The community comments were passionate and when the meeting ended at 11 p.m., there were still more than 100 people advocating for our community. I am writing to express my concern about how Newport Academy has conducted itself in the acquisition of these properties and the initial response from our elected leaders.

My family moved to McLean in 2008, and other than a few years away in the Midwest, my children consider McLean "home." Our eldest will start at McLean High School in the fall, with our youngest following in three years.

I approached Wednesday's meeting with an open mind, ready to listen to Newport Academy explain why and how they selected the Davidson Road properties. However, not long into their power-point presentation, I had serious concerns.

I am not opposed to community-based treatment for mental health issues. Having experienced first-hand family in treatment, I am a strong supporter of community-based treatment. My concern is about how

privately-held, for-profit Newport Academy approached its business dealings with the community that has raised my ire at the company and concerns about their honesty in being a "good neighbor."

Let's do the math. Newport Academy purchased three adjacent properties on Davidson Road. Newport Academy claims there will be on average 7 to 9 cars per house at all times - that's 21 to 27 cars parked on Davidson Road. The CEO of Newport Academy, Jameson Monroe, also stated that along with psychologists and therapists, family is an integral part of recovery treatment. In my experience, a successful treatment program does have strong family involvement. That also means an increase in traffic during visiting hours for the up to 24 patients who will reside

in these three properties for 6-10 weeks (according to CEO Monroe).

Additionally, there will be the day-to-day delivery vehicles coming and going from a commercial property. To support the parking required for the vehicular traffic, Newport Academy has paved over much, if not all, of the green space in front of the Davidson Road properties. I am also

concerned about rainwater runoff - the water will go where gravity takes it, meaning into the neighboring properties or right down onto Davidson Road.

As the current President of the McLean Swim and Tennis Club (MSTA), that sits 1/8 mile away, I'm concerned about the increase in traffic on this tiny road used by hundreds of kids who walk and bike to the pool. Many of the MSTA families enjoy the club because it is a community club, one

where kids and families can walk or bike to enjoy. My concern is that this increase in traffic will put our families and children at risk.

As I stated, I am not opposed to community-based treatment, far from it. I have been the benefits and support efforts to provide treatment that families can fully be a part of. No, my concern (even anger) is how Newport Academy is flouting a "loophole" in the law. Our elected

officials at the local and State level eluded that Newport Academy may be exploiting such a loophole here.

My challenge to our elected leadership is this - don't be passive, engage and question what is going on here. The Federal housing law has a legitimate purpose in protecting against housing discrimination on account of disability, which include addition and mental illness. This does not negate the state and local authorities duties to enforce

existing regulations.

Query, whether this is actually a congregate living facility under Fairfax County law, a designation that allows for short-term care services for minors. If so, then why hasn't Newport Academy applied under this law. Has a traffic study been done to look at the impact

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on the community and high school? Davidson Road is the main access point for students and drop-offs at the school; what will the impact of three group homes be on this narrow two-lane road?

Finally, has there been any study or paperwork submitted to show the impact of paving over all green space in front of these homes been

done?

I implore the community and our elected leaders to engage on this issue.

Yes, mental health issues are the silent killer in our society today. Many people, of all ages, suffer. Treatment options are few and far between for many families. Something like Newport Academy may be an option. Community-based

treatment may be an option. McLean is happy and willing to be a good neighbor. We expect the same level of

transparency and honesty from those who wish to do business in our community. Newport Academy has not done that here.

**Jennifer Longmeyer-Wood**  
McLean

## Waiting for Leadership from Elected Officials

To the Editor:

McLean is a neighborhood with many selling-points, ideal proximity to DC and all of the benefits of suburbia: a sense of community, good schools, access to community parks and a walkable neighborhood feel. Like Dorothy said, "there's no place like home" and McLean is an ideal place to raise a family. Unfortunately, this could all change overnight with the addition of Newport Academy as our new "neighbor".

A common misconception is that the community is outraged over the patients that Newport will treat. That's because rather than listen to what residents are really saying and the questions for which they are seeking answers, Newport and our own elected representatives are playing the "discrimination" card.

Newport purchased three homes on one road. ... When local residents learned of these purchases, they started to ask questions: had a traffic survey been done? No. Had anyone on the street or at the high school or local elected officials been notified of their purchases of all of the homes? No. On Davidson Road, which is a poorly maintained, narrow main thor-

oughfare for McLean High School, Newport Academy will add approximately 80 or more cars per day in-and-out, including at peak shift-change/dismissal around 3 p.m. Students have already been the victims of car accidents on Westmoreland Street. There are no crosswalks on Davidson, no crossing guards and traffic at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. and at evening events already backs up down the street past the proposed site of the Newport compound.

All of this is peanuts compared to the elephant in the room: how can anyone purchase all of the homes on a cul-de-sac operate and claim that it is a residential use? On that point, residents started to call their representative and ask questions. We were all told that this was a facility of right under federal housing laws so there was nothing that could be done, a "loophole." This, however, is nothing more than a politically correct soundbite designed to absolve the zoning representatives of their sworn duties.

Federal housing law has a legitimate interest in protecting against housing discrimination on account of disability (including addiction and mental illness). However, that

does not negate the state's duty to residents to enforce existing regulations.

This is under Fairfax County law a Congregate Living Facility, a designation that allows for short-term care services to minors. But it also insists on a number of requirements to protect the neighborhood and the minors at the facility; including a traffic study. Why hasn't Newport Academy applied under this law? It costs money and involves accountability to our local government, neighborhood residence and Newport's patients.

Just because Newport Academy says they are the same as any family in any home in Fairfax County does not mean they are. I ask that the Fair Housing Act be applied here, we protect our most vulnerable, we do not allow big business to pervert our laws to avoid compliance and safety regulations that are meant to protect all involved. I'm awaiting leadership from Supervisor John Foust, Delegate Rip Sullivan, the Fairfax zoning board and attorney on how they intend to protect children from Newport Academy's aggressive bottom line.

**Kristin Weithas-Furth**  
McLean

## Invitation to Visit ArtFest

To the Editor:

It is that time of year when Great Falls Studios holds its annual Spring ArtFest so please accept this invitation to come out and see what the local art community has to offer.

I will be in my studio at the Artists' Atelier located in the Village Centre with my ever-growing collection of images of the Great Falls area and even a few from other parts of the country. The Atelier studio spaces and the gallery area will be filled with work.

The attached image, titled Seas of Tranquility, was taken at the Outer Banks which depicts a distant sailboat on a very tranquil sea as an October moon rises in the sky. This summer on July 20 will be the 50 year anniversary when the Apollo 11 astronauts landed on the moon in an area called the Sea of Tranquility. If you are 60 or older, as I am, I'm sure you can remember where they were and who you were with on that day, I certainly will never forget it. I have the image printed on a 20 x 30 canvas.

Please stop by and say hello, I look forward to seeing you.

**Walt Lawrence**  
Great Falls



**Seas of Tranquility, by Walt Lawrence**

# BULLETIN

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## FRIDAY/MAY 10

**Digital Citizenship: Tips for Parents.** 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. As parents in the digital age, being aware, alert and involved in a child's use of the internet is crucial. Digital Citizenship can be described as the norms of appropriate, responsible behavior, its positive and negative impact on self and others, with regard to technology use. Free to parents, educators and community members. 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)

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 10-11

**District 29 Toastmasters Conference.** At Capital One Headquarters, 1680 Capital One Drive, McLean. District 29 Toastmasters are having their annual conference (theme: "Embracing Change"). All are welcome. The conference includes speakers, leadership and education sessions, speech contests, food, networking, and more. You do not need to be a current member. \$0-\$124. Visit [tmd29.org/2019ConfTMD29/](http://tmd29.org/2019ConfTMD29/) to register.

## SATURDAY/MAY 11

**Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive.** Letter carriers will pick up donated food. Leave donations before your typical mail delivery time. All food stays in the local community. The top requested non-perishable food items are: cereal, pasta, pasta sauce or spaghetti sauce, rice, canned fruits and vegetables, canned meals (such as soups, chili and pasta), 100 percent juice, peanut butter, macaroni & cheese, canned protein (tuna, chicken and turkey), beans (canned or dry), oatmeal, canola or olive oil. Specific questions regarding the Food Drive should be directed to 202-662-2489.

**Family Caregiver Expo.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center at Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus. Capital Caring will host its first Caregiver Expo in partnership with AARP and Virginia Hospital Center. The expo is free and will feature information highlighting resources and support programs available to family caregivers, including home care services, financial and estate planning, elder law, and information sessions on topics as Alzheimer's and Dementia, Preservation of Assets, Caring for the Caregiver. Free health screenings and massages. Contact Amy Shields at [ashields@capitalcaring.org](mailto:ashields@capitalcaring.org) or call 703-531-6095

**Fairfax Board of Supervisors Chair Candidate Forum.** 3-5 p.m. at Heritage Fellowship Church, 2501 Fox Mill Road, Reston. Join the Fairfax NAACP for an engaging, moderated panel discussion with candidates for Fairfax County Board of Supervisor's Chair. Candidates are Alicia Plerhoples, Tim Chapman, Ryan McElveen and Jeff McKay. Free. RSVP at [www.eventbrite.com/o/naacp-fairfax-county-12397167937](http://www.eventbrite.com/o/naacp-fairfax-county-12397167937).

## TUESDAY/MAY 14

**Professional Networking Breakfast.** 8-10 a.m. at Sunrise of McLean, 8315 Turning Leaf Lane, McLean. Held the second Tuesday of every month to network and hear more about key health topics for seniors. RSVP at 703-734-1600 or at [mcLean.DOS@sunriseseniorliving.com](mailto:mcLean.DOS@sunriseseniorliving.com).

**NARFE Meeting.** 1 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE, Vienna. Meeting for National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, Chapter 1116 (Vienna-Oakton). The guest speakers will be Virginia State Co-Service Officers Arlene and Johnny Arthur. Enjoy an ice cream social. Free. Members and guests welcome. Call 703-205-9041.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 15

**Vienna Woman's Club Meeting.** 7-9 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna. Vienna Woman's Club invites prospective members to its open membership meeting with a guest speaker on a common interest subject. Visit [www.ViennaWomansClub.org](http://www.ViennaWomansClub.org) for more.

## THURSDAY/MAY 16

**Caregivers Support Group.** 10-11:30 a.m. at UUCF Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax - Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. For caregivers to adult family members with dementia. First and third Thursdays of every month. Hosted by Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, [scov.org](http://scov.org). Contact facilitator Jack Tarr at 703-821-6838 or [jtarr5@verizon.net](mailto:jtarr5@verizon.net).

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## As Luck Has Had It



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Aside from the fatigue I experienced a few columns ago, this immunotherapy infusion is, and has been, quite manageable.

My biggest take away so far is that I've had no real quality of life issues, as had been the case with my previous chemotherapy/alimta infusions. With that drug, I had post-infusion eating challenges and for nearly a week after the fact, felt less than mediocre.

Moreover, I wouldn't say I felt like I had cancer, but I certainly was reminded of it — if that makes any sense.

And even though I do have some minor side effects from my current immunotherapy infusion, I am reminded nevertheless, that I have cancer. Not because of how I feel, as was the case previously, but because of how I look — and because of what I feel.

I am referring to my "Adam's apple" tumor. Not only can/do I 'look' it all the time but quite often, depending on how I move my head: forward/downward, I can feel it too.

I have to tell you, feeling it as I do, and looking at it as often as I do: every day, is unsettling.

My whole approach to this living-with-cancer life has been to compartmentalize it a la Jerry Seinfeld and "the vault." Out of sight has helped keep some things out of mind. And when things are out of mind, it's much easier to make believe.

And making believe has been one of my methods of "operandi" since Feb. 20, 2009. That's the date (you bet I remember) when my internal medicine doctor called me at work with the results of my previous week's biopsy: "malignant," he said.

Up until that call, the previous six weeks' diagnostic pursuit had been interesting in a curious kind of way wondering what all the goings on were about and when all these inconveniences would end. And not for a minute during this entire process did I ever think I'd be diagnosed with a "terminal" disease: non-small cell lung cancer, stage IV. I figured, to the extent I figured at all, that the process would result in much having been done about nothing.

Boy was I wrong!

I still remember — and laugh when I recall the phone conversation I had with my thoracic surgeon after he had received the results of my PET scan: "You lit that thing up like a Christmas tree," he said.

Presuming that wasn't good news, I replied: "I hear there are false positives all the time which is why these scans aren't used a lot." (A perfect example of a little knowledge in the wrong mouth.)

I can't recall if the doctor snickered before he said the following: "Well, then your scan was a world record false positive." I don't know if I grasped the obvious at that point but soon a surgical biopsy was ordered and the rest is Kenny-with-cancer history, a history with which many of you regular readers are all too familiar.

And that's a familiarity which I hope has not bred contempt. Because even though it's my life — and I'm stuck with it (as the old saying says), it need not be yours. I can well imagine and appreciate how living with and/or seeking out negativity is not likely to improve any one's lot in life. (I try to avoid it every day.)

To that end, I have always tried to tread lightly and write with a soft touch since I've been cancer-centric beginning June 10, 2009, when I published my first column on the subject: "Dying To Tell You, Sort Of." And in so doing, I've tried to see the light amid the darkness and be thankful for any in between.

I can't say it's been fun, but it's funny how things have turned out: alive and reasonably well, 10-plus years later.

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