

Last year, Stella Printer's dad, Norman Printer of the Air Force Reserves, escorted his daughter to the first annual DaddyDaughter Dance hosted by the Vienna Woman's Club. This year, Dad was called to active duty and is deployed in Germany; Mom Julie took Daddy's place at the 2017 DaddyDaughter Dance.

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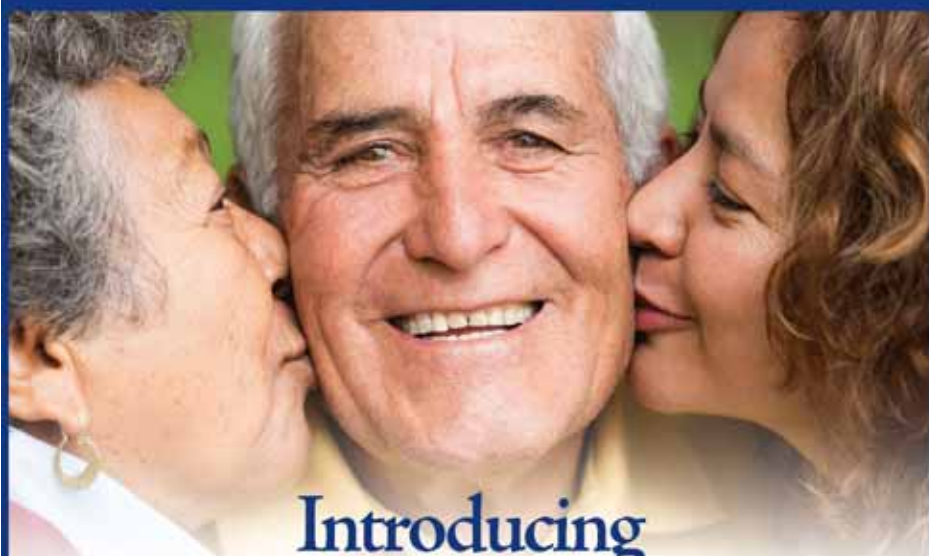
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VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

The following summary contains various incidents of general interest as well as vehicular crashes handled by the Town of Vienna Police Department from Jan. 27 – Feb. 2, 2017. Readers are reminded that an "arrest" is based upon probable cause and does not always mean that someone was physically taken into custody. Furthermore, it does not mean that an individual is automatically guilty of a crime. Judicial outcomes and post-arrest proceedings can be researched through the appropriate court's website.

Incidents

Suspicious Event, 300 Block Maple Avenue, East Between Nov. 1, 2016 at 12 a.m. and Jan. 30 at 7:27 p.m. An employee reported a continuous problem with an unknown person entering the building during the nights and weekends. The person has left litter and caused some damage.

Vandalism, 1000 Block Cottage Street, SW Between Dec. 5, 2016 at 12 p.m. and Jan. 27 at 12 p.m. A resident reported an ongoing problem with someone leaving dog feces on the front of the residence.

Suspicious Event, 900 Block Frederick Street, SW Between Dec. 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. A resident reported suspicious telephone calls she has been receiving that she feels may be a scam.

Domestic Assault, Cedar Lane, SE Jan. 22 11 p.m. A resident reported she and her juvenile son were assaulted by the child's father. No injuries were observed and the resident was advised of the warrant process.

Fraud, 300 Block Lewis Street, NW Between Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m. and Jan. 28 at 10:28 a.m. A resident received a telephone call from someone claiming to be with a police department advising their grandson had been arrested. To bail the grandson out of jail the resident was instructed to purchase Target gift cards. The caller later called the resident back to get the numbers to the gift cards. He then advised the resident he would have to purchase additional cards to cover the grandson's bail. This case is being investigated.

Voyeurism, Giant Food, 359 Maple Avenue, East Jan. 25 6:30 p.m. An employee was in a restroom stall when she noticed someone was holding a cell phone underneath the stall beside her. This case is being investigated.

Juvenile Case, Cedar Lane School, 101 Cedar Lane, SW Jan. 26 2:30 p.m. School officials advised of an incident between students that left one student feeling threatened. The school is following up on this case.

Arrest - Juvenile Case, Cedar Lane School, 101 Cedar Lane, SW Jan. 27 9:02 a.m. Officers responded to assist security with a student who walked away from the school. The student was located and returned to the school. He was found to be in possession of a knife. The juvenile's mother responded and he was released to her custody. Ofc. Post later obtained and served a petition on the juvenile charging Possession of a Weapon on School Grounds.

Fraud, Sandy Springs Bank, 414 Maple Avenue, East Jan. 27 11:50 a.m. An employee reported that a man entered the bank and attempted to cash a fraudulent check. The man did not receive any funds and left the bank. During the officer's interview with the employee the bank received information from another branch that the same man was attempting to cash another fraudulent check in Fairfax County. Fairfax County Police responded and positively identified the man as the same person in this case. This case is being investigated by our department.

Arrest, Warrant Service, 800 Block DeSale Street, SW Jan. 27 1:40 p.m. Arlington County Police had an active warrant for a man and requested our officers attempt to locate him at his residence. Ofc. Post arrested the 35 year old man for Failure to Comply With a Court Order and transported him to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where the warrant was served and he was held on a \$1500 bond.

Arrest, Driving While Intoxicated and Refusal, Courthouse Road and Locust Street, SW Jan. 27

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DaddyDaughter Dance Honors Young Girls and Their Special Date

Vienna Woman's Club fundraiser benefits local students.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Vienna-area girls from preschool through sixth grade celebrated Valentine's Day at a DaddyDaughter Dance hosted by the Vienna Woman's Club on Feb. 3. The gym at Marshall Road Elementary School was decorated in Valentine's Day motifs by club members to honor the 160 dads/stand-ins and daughters attending the sold-out dance party.

Some dads and stand-ins came dressed in tuxedos while others wore tailored business suits. One took the timely step of complementing his suit with pink tennis shoes. Another "dad" was a mom wearing a dress.

The girls dressed in their fairytale best, with elegant dresses, little heels, fancy hair adornments, and dressy coats. Some wore corsages. All, however, were accompanied by someone who loves them.

Stella Printer's dad, Norman, could not make it to the dance this year; he is serving his country abroad. Mom, Julie, accompanied her daughter in his place.

About a dozen of the "dads" at the dance were there last year, the first, as well. One was overheard to say, "I have only five or six years that my daughter would want to be my date so I will come every year." An-



Elsa of "Frozen" fame sings "Let It Go," as young guests join the chorus.

other dad said he brought his daughter while his wife took their son out to a nice restaurant, making it a special evening for the whole family.

Highlights of dance included a singing princess, a stencil/glitter table, professional DJ and professional photographer, and a raffle.

"Elsa" from "Frozen" sang "Let it Go," the official princess song of little girls everywhere. Not surprisingly, the young prin-

cesses joined the chorus. Guests who wanted to were photographed with Elsa.

Good-neighbor businesses helped defray costs by donating food and gift cards. Among them were Chick-Fil-A with a contribution of two platters; Cedar Lane Subway who donated a platter of sandwiches and discounted additional platters; and Fresh Market with donations of cookies. Maple Avenue Giant, Safeway, and Vienna Whole Foods donated gift cards to the



Vienna Woman's Club members prepare food array for guests of the second annual DaddyDaughter Dance.

Vienna Woman's Club for the event.

Net proceeds from the event fund college scholarships for Vienna-area high school students, as well as fund supplemental reading resources for students at four Town of Vienna elementary schools.

The Vienna Woman's Club welcomes new members. Serving the community through financial support and volunteer engagement with area youth is the club's mission. With the temporary closure of the Vienna Community Center and the loss of its primary fundraising tool, the fall bazaar, the Vienna Woman's Club created a new annual social event bringing together parents and their daughters.

A dad noted, "this was better than going to Disney World and cheaper, too."

PenFed Credit Union Chairman Ed Cody, PenFed Credit Union Board Member Ron Spear, U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10, PenFed Credit Union President/CEO James Schenck.



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PenFed Credit Union President/CEO James Schenck, former US Air Force Secretary Deborah Lee James, Frank Beatty, Secretary James' spouse; PenFed Credit Union Chairman Ed Cody.

Area Leaders Celebrate PenFed's New Headquarters in Tysons

Several hundred local business, political, community and military leaders joined PenFed Credit Union Tuesday evening, Jan. 24 to inaugurate its new headquarters in Tysons Corner.

The state-of-the-art facility will accom-

modate the country's second-largest federal credit union's rapidly growing business and employee base. PenFed manages \$21.3 billion in assets and employs more than 800 people in the Washington, DC metro area. Last year, PenFed hired 348 people in the

DC area. The \$180 million new headquarters at 7940 Jones Branch Drive will accommodate up to 500 employees and provides PenFed with room to grow over the next 15 years as a major employer in Virginia.

Northern Virginia's 10th district Congress-

woman Barbara Comstock was among those in attendance who spoke at the event.

To learn more about PenFed Credit Union, visit PenFed.org

Gifts for the Heart

Valentine's Day gifts for every member of your family are found in Vienna shops.

DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Valentine's Day ... Some celebrate it as a special moment between beloveds ... for others, it is a family celebration, with children as a central component. For others still, it is just a day ...

In light of the multiple interpretations of Valentine's Day celebrations, the Vienna-Oakton Connection looks at gifts compatible with however you think of the day, from grown-up gifts to kids' gifts. Why, you can give some of these to yourself.

Karin's Florist expanded its floral line to include home accessories, from themed ceramics to the bespoke luxuries. Any kid up for a Disney theme tea party? A large authentic teapot is \$50; flowers can be added to the decorated teapot. In fact, many of Karin's accessories can incorporate floral arrangements.

There are Disney-themed ceramics and gourmet accoutrements for kids and adult collectors. Brazilian artist Britto designed a line of Disney collectibles and Karin's stocks these.

For the wine-and-dog lover, there are dog-centric wine glasses and figurines. The wine glasses are whimsically-decorated, as lively as the pet in your life. A portion of the proceeds of Pet Line purchases are donated to the Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Karin's is also the only local outlet for Lampe Berger Paris home fragrance diffusers.

Karin's Florist, 527 Maple Ave E, Vienna; Phone: 703-667-4790.

Now that you have that fancy dog-friendly wine glass, why not put something human-friendly in it?

Vienna Vintner has all the wines you've heard of and the wines you have not, all at a competitive price. Vienna Vintner owner Victor Mendes says that sales of sparkling wines – including DOC Prosecco and Spanish Cavas - are up about 30 to 35 percent over the past three to five years. Sparkling wines are no longer just for special occasions; people have discovered they tickle the palate any time. Mendes recommends the

\$14 Gasparini Prosecco and the Canals & Munne' brut Cava at \$15 as very good values.

For a Valentine's Day gift that is unique, give a bottle of Mendes's personalized California blend, Hug, a blend of 54 percent Sirah, and 46 percent Grenache. Vienna Vintner offers daily tastings of Hug, selling at about \$30 a bottle.

Victor or Jackie are the wine experts here; ask for personalized suggestions. The staff knows their regular customers by name and what their interests are.

Vienna Vintner, 233 Maple Ave E, Vienna; Phone 703-242-9463.

Coffee lover in your life? Earnest coffee aficionados love their French presses and Caffe Amouri has both the press and the coffee to go along with it. Featured beans run from about \$12 a bag to \$18, and the shop's preferred French press sells for \$40.

One of the reasons that Caffe Amouri is supported so loyally by the community is because very few businesses give back to the community as much as Caffe Amouri does. The green beans are roasted in small batches on-site. Owner Michael Amouri is a bean connoisseur and trains his baristas to be well-informed about the shop's coffee products. The staff knows their coffee.

Caffe Amouri, 107 Church St NE, Vienna; Phone: 703-938-1623.

Chocolate and Valentine's Day are a match made in heaven if chocolate-lovers and Cocoa Vienna are the bar. Chocolate, unlike wine and coffee, is appropriate for any age.

At Cocoa Vienna, the chocolate masterpieces are made by hand, using a highest-quality blend of Central American and Western Africa cacao. Their seasonal pieces, from chocolate-filled chocolate boxes to chocolate-drenched lollipops and Oreo cookies, are works of art. The chocolate is tempered in the shop and all centers are made in-house, as well.

Expect to pay \$2.50 for a decorated Oreo, and up to about \$70 for large handcrafted chocolate boxes.

Cocoa Vienna, 120 Church Street NE, Vienna; Phone: 703-865-8881.



Playful Disney accessories, from "Frozen" drinking cups with swirling glitter to a large Anna and Elsa teapot, call to kids at Karin's Florist. Fill the cup or teapot with "conversational" candies for the kids in your lives. Cup sells for \$7.99.



Here is a wine you will not find anywhere but at Vienna Vintner – Hug. Personally blended by Vienna Vintner owner Victor Mendes, Hug is California-produced, and sells at Vienna Vintner for \$30 a bottle. Give someone a "Hug" today.



The "Madrid" coffee and tea press made by Grosche sells for about \$40 at Caffe Amouri, Vienna's own small-batch, in-house coffee bean roaster.

PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION



Karin's Florist offers much more than simply elegant floral arrangements. Whimsical "I-love-my-dog" wine glasses turn serious wine-drinking into not-so-serious wine-drinking.



Now that you have the perfect wine glass, pick up the perfect bottle of wine to give to your Valentine, direct from Vienna Vintner. Sparkling wines – including contemporary darlings Prosecco and Cava - make any occasion a special occasion.



A large intricately-crafted chocolate "box," hiding individual chocolate pieces, sells for \$47.50 at Cocoa Vienna.



Caffe Amouri roasts its beans in-house and packages them fresh. Featured coffees sell for \$12.25 to \$17.95 a bag.



Small gift pieces of decorated chocolate start at approximately \$2.50 at Cocoa Vienna.

WEEK IN VIENNA

Caffe Amouri, BRAWS Supporting Homeless Women, Girls

BRAWS is partnering with Caffe Amouri on Valentine's Day to spread "love" to women and girls in the community. BRAWS is a Vienna-based, volunteer-driven 501c3 nonprofit organization that supports homeless women and girls by providing them with overlooked basic needs. They will receive the new bras, underwear, and feminine hygiene products that will be donated by the Caffe Amouri community/

"Most of all, businesses like Caffe Amouri are key to raising awareness in our community about this critical need for homeless women and girls - and we are incredibly grateful for their support," said Holly Seibold - Executive Director of BRAWS.

Area residents who bring any of the items listed below will receive \$1 off their order: Brand new (tag on) bras; unopened boxes of tampons, pads and pantyliners for all ages and sizes; unopened packages of underwear.

Instead of the standard 12, 16 or 20 oz. cups, the drinks on Valentine's Day will be

A - B - and C Cups!

VIENNA POLICE HIGHLIGHTS

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10:24 p.m. MPO Borja observed a driver commit several traffic violations and initiated a traffic stop. Upon her interaction with the driver she detected signs of possible impairment. After failing to complete a series of field sobriety tests she arrested the 60-year-old female from Beau Lane in Fairfax for Driving While Intoxicated. The driver was transported to the Vienna Police Station

where she was given the opportunity to provide a sample of her breath for analysis, which she refused. She was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center where she was charged with 2nd Driving While Intoxicated, 2nd Refusal and held on a \$6000 secured bond. Police Service, Old Courthouse Road, NE January 28 6:11 a.m. A resident requested assistance with her elderly husband who suffers from vari-

ous medical conditions and had walked away from home. Our officers and officers from Fairfax County Police located the man and requested rescue personnel respond to evaluate him. The man was transported by rescue to an area hospital for further treatment.

Domestic Dispute, Park Street, NE January 28 2:11 p.m. Officers responded to assist with two couples who were having a verbal domestic dispute.

Balancing STEM and Liberal Arts

The Vienna Area Branch of The American Association of University Women (AAUW), will host a free event on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, 10 a.m. at the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive Fairfax. The public is cordially invited.

Robert Matz, English professor and senior associate dean in George Mason's College of Humanities and Social Sciences, will present "Sometimes There's No App for That: STEM and the Liberal Arts." His talk offers a perspective that strikes a balance between STEM and the liberal arts.

For more information: Viennaauw@gmail.com

Breakfast Buffet at American Legion Post 180

A Breakfast Buffet will be offered Sunday, Feb. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon at the

American Legion Post 180, at 330 Center St. N. Vienna. Adults \$9, children 12 and under \$3. Get omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, etc. For more information call 703-938-6580.

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OPINION

First Amendment Is Alive and Well

BY RONALD GOLDFARB

"Congress shall make no law ... abridging ... the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Having worked in D.C. and lived in Alexandria since 1961 when I came to work for Robert Kennedy in the Justice Department, I've experienced the First Amendment in real time action, by assembling and petitioning my government for redress of grievances.

In 1963 my wife and I stood near the Lincoln Memorial where Martin Luther King, Jr. pleaded to the world for civil rights for all people, and delivered his immortal "I Have a Dream" speech. About 250,000 people — black and white — peacefully gathered in the nation's capital to plead for President Kennedy to provide 19 million Afro-American descendants the right to vote, travel, and work.

Fears abounded. The D.C. police and FBI were present on the streets. There were altogether over 8,000 guardians of the peace. The federal government and many businesses were closed. Hospitals canceled elective surgery so all beds would be available for riot-related emergencies. Jails were emptied to provide room for predicted arrests. Judges were on around-the-clock standby.

These precautions were not necessary. The assembly was non-violent. People arrived from all over the world and marched with dignity. Many swarmed around the Reflecting Pool in

a field of humanity that ran all the way to the Washington Monument.

On that day we listened to the greatest orator of his time pleading for racial justice, claiming that the time had come "to lift our nation from the quicksand of racial injustice to the solid rock of brotherhood," calling for "the fierce urgency of now," then urged on by Mahalia Jackson, departed from his prepared text and segued into his immortal plea, "I have a dream," that reverberates still in the hearts and minds of all decent people.

The New York Times called the event "the most impressive assembly for a redress of grievances in America's history." The Washington Post reported that the assembly was a happy combination of prayer meeting, picnic, and political rally, a crowd "united in a sense of brotherhood and common humanity." The next year, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 was passed.

Unfortunately, many of the social injustices deplored on that summer day in Washington, D.C., have not yet been overcome. But Aug. 28, 1963, was a seminal moment in American history. It demonstrated the power and dignity of democracy in action.

In 1971, the scene was more fractious when my wife and I joined Vietnam War protests on the streets of Washington D.C., a gathering which was rougher and more proactive than the 1963 event. We were gassed, with many others, near Dupont Circle by police overreacting to the noisy protests. Eventually the public demonstrations worked. The war was ended, too late, but it might not have ended when it did without these public pro-

tests. Critics of the war hastened the end of it, and resulted in a president leaving politics.

In 1986, my wife, daughter and two human rights activist friends, the late Pat Derian and Rose Styron and their daughters marched on a sunny day near Congress in a sea of women who came from across the country to support the ERA. But this time their pleas were not successful in terms of reaching the goal that gave rise to that march. But peace prevailed and eventually the goals they asserted then have been advanced in major ways.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, an estimated half million Americans filled the streets of Washington, as did huge crowds in other cities in America and around the world to claim rights they felt were disparaged by the Trump campaign and election. The Saturday crowds far surpassed Friday's relatively insignificant inaugural crowds. President Trump now argues about the relative size of his crowds — those applauding his election, and those crying out against it.

My children who attended here in D.C. and other locations reported a cheering good spirit, upbeat communal behavior, welcoming friendly law enforcement officials, filled bleachers, and an upbeat camaraderie.

Now what remains after people returned to their homes away from Washington, D.C. is the question: how does this experience change the future? Will the energy become harnessed into a movement that changes politics? We all ponder that question, bravo to the people who are trying.

COMMENTARY

Crossing Guard Appreciation Day Feb. 8

BY JOHN C. COOK
SUPERVISOR (R-BRADDOCK DISTRICT)

If you have lived in Fairfax County for any amount of time, you are surely familiar with the traffic situation here. Congested roads and long travel times lead to frustrated and fatigued motorists, who may not always yield to pedestrians at a crosswalk. In the morning and afternoon, the situation is compounded by school children going to and from school. To help keep us all safe, and keep traffic moving in an orderly fashion, the County hires crossing guards to assist students and pedestrians in crossing the street at appropriate intersections. The service these workers provide plays an instrumental role in promoting student safety, and we should be thankful for their service to our children and the community. Crossing Guard Appreciation Day is Feb. 8, and I hope everyone will go out of their way to thank a crossing guard. (In fact, you can thank them every day!) Our students and pedestrians depend on them, and the County would not be as safe without them.

Safety at intersections, and roadway safety as a whole, is one of my priorities both as your supervisor and as Chair of the Board's Public Safety Committee. In that regard, I have

launched and participated in several safety initiatives. First, to improve safety for both motorists and pedestrians, I developed the "Slow Down" safe driving campaign. This campaign aimed to reduce neighborhood speeding through extensive community outreach efforts, and part of that outreach involved assistance from residents. If you are interested in spreading the word, my office still has available for free the yellow "slow down" signs, which you can place on your lawn to get the message out.

Second, to combat the issue of distracted driving, I joined Kirk Cousins (Washington Redskins Quarterback) in support of the "Phones Down Touchdown" campaign sponsored by Transurban. This campaign raises awareness of distracted driving, primarily by discouraging texting on the road. A significant number of accidents are attributable to texting while driving, and other forms of distracted driving. By keeping people focused on the road, and not their phone, we can improve everyone's roadway safety.

Recently, the Board joined my call to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to increase from three to six times per year its mowing of roadway median strips. This high grass is not only unsightly, but creates visibil-

ity problems for motorists.

These initiatives are great ways to promote community engagement and safe driving awareness, but, are not enough on their own. You can join with us by focusing on your own driving, speed, and attentiveness behind the wheel. Encourage your neighbors to do the same. And thank your local crossing guards. They are out there every day- rain, snow, or shine- working to keep our neighborhoods safe. Thank you!

Write

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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 8

Penny University Event 7 - 8 p.m. Caffe Amouri 107 Church St. NE, Vienna. "Why Are We Here?" "Heart-Opening Meditation" with Mental Health Counselor and Professor Cathy Trenary. Space is limited. To RSVP email nicki@caffeamouri.com. Cost: Free. www.caffeamouri.com

THURSDAY/FEB. 9

"Adjust the Heat" 10:30 a.m. Vienna Arts Society, 115 Pleasant Street, NW, Vienna. Nationally acclaimed watercolorist Catherine Hillis will explain the importance of observation in art and, particularly, the need to develop the warm and cool colors in a painting. Hillis will demonstrate how artists can bring their paintings to a new level by creating color temperature in their work. Cost: Free and open to the public. 703-319-3971 www.ViennaArtsSociety.org

FRIDAY/FEB. 10

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SUNDAY/FEB. 19

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Edgy, Unconventional Dark Comedy

1st Stage at Tysons presents 'Trevor.'

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

A rewarding tale about miscommunications in a family generating plenty of laughs before a heart-wrenching turn of events makes "Trevor" at 1st Stage a moving exploration of one family's unusual bonds.

Inspired by true events, "Trevor" was written by Nick Jones, who wrote for the initial season of the vanguard television series, "Orange is the New Black." Directed by Alex Levy, "Trevor" is a sharp production opening layers of sentiments. Levy has a keen touch with the boisterous, then to steer the production into taut, tense events.

"Trevor" examines how a family of two individuals living in a small town can depend on each other mightily. They have many misunderstandings since they don't fully understand one another's language.

After all, Trevor is a 200-pound chimpanzee (played with a rambunctious, rowdy gusto by Doug Wilder). When younger the audience listens in as he remembers being a celebrity performing with Morgan Fairchild (appearing as an apparition from a come-hither Amanda Forster). Trevor's owner is the middle-aged, widowed Sandra (Leigh Jameson completely losing herself into the role as a resolute, protective, conflicted woman). As Trevor's owner, Sandra presents as a forgiving "mommy." When Trevor acts out early on, she forgives him saying "he is just having a bad day." Later, just having a bad day is an understatement for Trevor's behavior.

Beyond Sandra and Trevor, the show's characters include a terrified neighbor who fears for her baby's life, as well as one of Sandra's few human friends and a local animal control officer. Each tests the tight connections between Trevor and



PHOTO BY TERESA CASTRACANE/COURTESY 1ST STAGE
Doug Wilder and Amanda Forster in "Trevor" at 1st Stage in Tysons.

Where and When

1st Stage presents "Trevor" at 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Performances through Feb. 26. Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Friday at 8 p.m. Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15-\$30. Call 703-854-1856 or visit www.1ststagetysons.org Note: Venue is wheelchair accessible

Sandra. And Trevor also has a jaunty Chimp imaginary friend to commiserate with who appears from time-to-time named Oliver (Aaron Bliden).

The production take place in a set designed by Kathryn Kaweck with a worn, rustic look and well-used props from Cindy Landrum Jacobs. Collin Ranney's costume design also gives off a worn-down essence.

"Trevor's" sound design by Sarah O'Halloran is mood-setting beginning with preshow music with melancholy banjo tunes from Abigail Washburn and Bela Fleck. Titles included "Nobody's Fault But Mine," "What's You Gonna Do."

For those open to it, 1st Stage's "Trevor" is an empathetic production about human and animal intersections. It will test an audience for their sympathies with its final heartbreaking images and words. Who bears responsibility is left to the audience.

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Fireplace as Focal Point

A hearth is in demand for cold weather.

BY JOHN BYRD

“Fireplaces have never fallen out of favor,” said David Foster, president of Foster Remodeling Solutions. “We may be seeing a preference for gas over a traditional wood-burner, but the hearth itself is hugely popular — with homeowners continually seeking distinctions in style, building materials and, even, where it will be located.”

Foster says he’s currently working on several home remodeling projects that feature a fireplace as an interior focal point.

“A fireplace offers aesthetic and functional benefits at one price,” he said, “so it’s an attractive option.”

Fireplace-desire can also be a spur to creative thinking that stimulates a more engaging and original remodeling project.

Case in point, the new formal dining room created for Burke

homeowners Dennis Perzanowski and Jack Ellison. The goal: convert a three season-room into a year-around dining room complete with a gas-fueled hearth on one elevation.

“We were looking for a mix of old and new styles,” said Perzanowski. “We wanted to feature a traditional dining room set with sideboards, but there are modern touches such as an industrial-style chandelier.”

In this context, a gas fireplace with an brushed steel frame was a perfect offset. Mounted on the east wall elevation and with an oil painting just above, the stacked geometrical shapes lend balance and symmetry to an otherwise blank wall between two floor-to-ceiling windows.

Chris Arnold, a Foster partner who managed the project, knew there would be challenges in adding a hearth in a somewhat restricted available space, but with a little research found a 42” x



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The Grems decide on a formal and traditional look for the fireplace in the family room. The half-brick floor-to-ceiling backwall was replaced by symmetrical built-ins, crown molding and an elevated hearth with a marble surround and an Edwardian-style mantle.

38”gas insert that perfectly suits the spot allocated for an eye-catching focal point.

“This is something of a formal dining room,” Arnold notes, “yet the fireplace design is so understated it’s visually compatible the rest of the décor.”

RAISE THE ROOF

Meanwhile, not far away, the interior design solution to a Vienna great room also depended on profiling a new hearth.

Ted and Wanda Rogers had asked had Foster to renovate the circa-1960’s ranch they had occupied for 30 years.

The remodeler added more than 1,000 square feet of additional living space. But the question that generated really serious discussion was how best to introduce a new hearth.

Wanda Rogers wanted to eliminate the original builder-grade brick-facing fireplace, which was situated in the middle of the house and too drafty and cold.

Ted Rogers agreed in principal, but was attracted to a gas-fueled fireplace alternative, which offers considerable heating efficiencies.

As all soon learned, the existing 8-ft ceiling to the Rogers home was too low to yield much design ben-

efit. That’s when Foster proposed re-working the entire mid-house interior by opening sightlines out and up.

To implement changes that now called for connecting the new kitchen to a front-facing family room, the remodeler replaced an obstructive bearing wall with concealed structural supports.

Giving sightlines free-reign, likewise, meant removing the living room ceiling and shelling-in previously concealed roofing rafters.

An ascending vertical accent was now introduced: a floor-to-ceiling hearth constructed of dry stacked Ledgesones.

The new hearth is designed for a gas-fueled insert equipped with blowers and remote control. Vents draw air in from the outside. The couple can adjust a thermostat for the desired temperature. This is a useful since, at full speed, the unit can generate 55,000 BTUs of heat — enough to keep the entire great room toasty and warm even during the dead of winter.

Foster’s architect proposed a wood-trimmed ledge above the fireplace, a simple motif that draws the eye upwards to the accent-lighted vaulted ceiling.

As a housewarming gesture, Foster fashioned a rustic mantle from

the rough-sawn oak previously deployed in the rafters of the original structure. It’s a little keepsake of the old place.

Though higher interior ceilings, theoretically, make a room harder to heat, the remodeler re-insulated the ceiling and installed an e-slate roofing, dramatically improving the thermal efficiency of the entire residence.

The new fireplace is flanked by arches: a recess for shelving and cabinetry on the left; a sympathetically curvilinear entry to the new master suite on the right.

“The effect in all directions is exciting,” Wanda Rogers said. “Looking in from the kitchen, the room opens out and up; it feels really warm.”

The new vaulted wall expanse also doubles as display space for her private art collection, which is now illuminated by tract lights.

FAMILY-GATHERING PLACE

In nearby McLean, a Foster client was looking for a floorplan re-configuration that would include a front-facing family-gathering niche — with a window wall and a fireplace.

“We all saw the aesthetic oppor-

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tunity,” Foster said. “There would be larger windows on all sides. But also a new front-facing family room — with an 11' cathedral ceiling dominated by an extensive window wall, and an appropriately post-modern hearth as the central interior focal point.”

The window wall would help to contextualize a more symmetrical front elevation — one defined by a processional entrance way with double French glass doors and sidelights.

Taken as a whole, however, the floor plan is functionally a “great room” formed by clever variances in room width and ceiling height differentiated as clearly identified “use” spaces.

“The slightly narrower width confers a degree of intimacy on the family room that suits its purpose,” Foster observes.

“The hearth, in particular, really defines this.”

FROM BRICK TO ELEVATED HEARTH

Ed and Kelly Grems of Vienna have worked with Foster on a

number of projects over a decade, but held off on upgrading the family room because the family’s design process was gestating slowly.

“We’re particular; we let the look come to us piece by piece,” Kelly Grems said.

One notable piece, was deciding on a formal and traditional look for the fireplace in the family room. In the end, FRS designers created interior elevations that bear no resemblance to the excess of brick that came with the original circa-1990s house.

The earlier half-brick floor-to-ceiling backwall was replaced by symmetrical built-ins, crown molding and an elevated hearth with a marble surround and an Edwardian-style mantle.

“It’s an entirely different mood from the sun room,” Grems said, “and perfectly satisfies another dimension of our lifestyle.”

Foster Remodeling Solutions periodically offers workshops on home remodeling topics. For information call: 703-550-1371, or www.fosterremodeling.com

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Building Size: 2,640 SF
Year Built: 1964
2016 Assessed Value: \$299,000
New HVAC System
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Completely Off Topic



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

That topic not being cancer. The topic being candy, or rather the disappearance of candy, from my hiding place at home. The reason I'm even discussing/dulging this publicly is that I've been forced by circumstances beyond my control to already involve my wife, Dina, in the disappearance of said topic: my post-holiday purchase of 75-percent-off-the-regular-price of snack-size type candy, typically available the day after a holiday.

Before I proceed, let me provide a bit of context for some of you irregular readers: I love chocolate. I don't just have a sweet tooth, I have sweet teeth. However, given certain realities/habits in my life, I almost always (unless times/circumstances are desperate) only buy these delicacies when the items are on sale and even more so when the items are both on sale and I have coupons. Now add into that mix an extra \$5 off a \$15 purchase — or a percentage off \$20 or \$30 store-specific coupon, and I'm spending pennies (almost literally) on the dollar. On these occasions — and Rebecca, you should probably stop reading — I load up. ('Load up' for a typical person might mean months. For yours truly, honestly, it means weeks, sometimes even days.)

Now when I bring this much volume into the house, my wife, Dina, need not know anything about it. Generally, I will stash the non-cash in places where I'll doubt she'll look (and I'm not saying the oven; that's an old Henny Youngman joke), and when I do indulge, it won't be in her presence, nor will there be any sign that I've unwrapped anything.

One of my hiding places, which will now be changed, was downstairs in our cellar in a top drawer of an old bureau I use for collecting miscellaneous bank statements, credit card bills, insurance forms, etc., and for years, my candy and previously unmentioned consumables. On the particular day in question — a day now seared into my memory — as I am habitually wont to do, I went to my downstairs drawer to replenish my upstairs drawer (in yet another hiding place) and was shocked and awed to find my two remaining bags of Kisses and Rolos empty, both gutted like a fish, ripped along their sides with nary a wrapper to be seen, 40-50 bite-size pieces gone.

My first reaction was of course to accuse my wife. Doing so however, would have exposed my secret: I buy candy and hide it (although, she probably knows it, and since I'm not exactly losing any weight ...). But what other cause/culprit could be behind such a dastardly deed? A break-in? No. A ghost who loves chocolate? (We do live in a 250-year-old house.) Mice? Squirrels? It's possible. There are some animal-friendly access points under our foundation. And even though the bureau is flush up against a retaining wall/crawl space for critters, I did notice that the bureau drawer was open an inch or two. Barely enough access. Otherwise, there is no entry. But if critters were responsible, where are all the wrappers and/or feces or any other evidence of their transgression? There weren't any. If the candy was indeed pilfered, it was "The Great Escape" of candy heists. Forced with this dilemma and daring-do, I was forced to confront my wife with these facts and ask if she in fact was responsible. She denied everything and blamed either a ghost or an animal. She was surprised, or so she claimed, at where I had hid the candy, not that I hid candy, so we weren't breaking any new ground, but apparently, my secret had been safe.

It's been a few weeks since this non-insurance loss, and there's been no sign or evidence to indicate what happened to my chocolate. My wife seems to have forgotten the incident. As for me, I bought a 3.4-pound container of Kirkland-brand chocolate-covered raisins from Costco so my inventory is back where I want it to be. I just wish my Kisses and Rolos were back as well.

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

SPORTS

Oakton Girls Defeat Chantilly

The Chantilly and Oakton girls' varsity basketball teams battled each other for first place in the conference on Feb. 3 with Oakton triumphant 53-51.

Oakton would open the 1st quarter with an early 14-11 advantage.

In the 2nd quarter the Chargers would outscore the Cougars 10-7, to knot things up at halftime at 21.

Although the Cougars would allow 16 points in the 3rd quarter they would score 20 points to take a 41-37 advantage going into the 4th quarter.

The 4th quarter saw the Chargers score 14 and hold the home team Cougars to 12, but any chance of a Charger upset was extinguished by the Cougar trio of Delaney Connolly, Maddie Royle and Kaitlyn Fee. The trio combined to score 45 of Oakton's 53 points, led by Connolly's 19 points.

With the 53-51 win, Oakton improved to (19-2) (7-2) and will host Centreville in their regular season finale on Feb. 7.

Chantilly falls to (15-4) (6-3). The Chargers were led by Mary Clougherty's 27. Hannah Reeves added 9 points and Claire Roberts added 7. Chantilly will play at Westfield on Feb. 7 in their finale.

— WILL PALENSCAR

Oakton's Maddie Royle shoots a free throw against Chantilly.



Delaney Connolly #44 scored 19 points to lead Oakton in a win over Chantilly 53-51.



Oakton's Kaitlyn Fee #30 goes airborne to avoid Chantilly defenders.



Two of the area's best players wear #44: Chantilly's Mary Clougherty and Oakton's Delaney Connolly.

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WILL PALENSCAR

Vienna Church Plans First "Drive-Thru Ashes" for Ash Wednesday

Commuters and area residents are invited to take part in the first "Drive-Thru Ashes" event on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at The Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist) in Vienna. Pastor Eric Song will be available from 6:30 to 8 a.m. in the parking lot of the church at 2351 Hunter Mill Road to administer ashes and distribute copies of the church's 18th annual "Devotions for Lent" publication.

"Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent, is a day when we remember our humanness by the mark of a cross on our foreheads," said Song, in his first

year at Good Shepherd. "We want to provide this opportunity for morning commuters. All are invited to drive through and receive ashes and a cup of coffee for the road!"

Members of the church, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in Vienna in 2017, also will be on hand to distribute a Lenten devotional booklet written by its members and friends.

Good Shepherd will hold a traditional Ash Wednesday service at the church at 7:30 p.m.

The 18th annual "Devotions for Lent" will be available on the church's website at

www.GoodShepherdVA.com. The church also will post each day's devotion on its Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/goodshepherdvienna. Printed copies will be mailed to neighborhoods surrounding the church, and a limited number of copies will be available at the church.

"This devotional is filled with words from the hearts of our church members, families and friends," said Song in a letter in the booklet. "We invite you to read through these pages and be blessed by the inspired words."

The Church of the Good Shepherd's Sun-

day worship service is at 10:15 a.m. and Sunday school for children and adults is at 9 a.m.

For more information, call the church office at 703-281-3987 or visit the church website at www.GoodShepherdVA.com or its Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/goodshepherdvienna.

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