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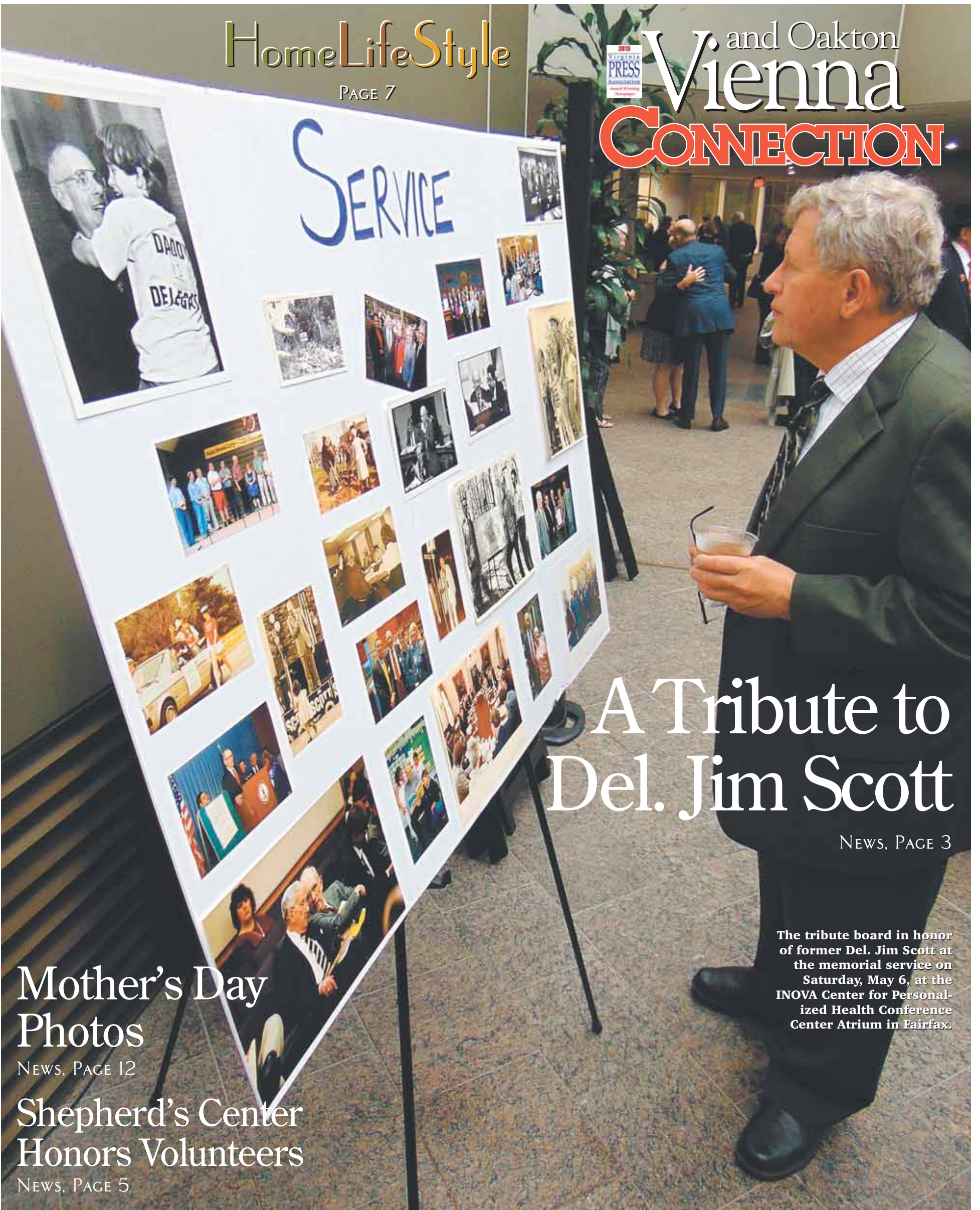
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Several hundred people attended the memorial service on Saturday, May 6, for former Del. Jim Scott (D-53) at the INOVA Center for Personalized Health Conference Center Atrium in Fairfax.



Fairfax Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova chats with Letty Fleetwood, former School Board member, and Janie Strauss, School Board Vice Chair.

## A Tribute to Del. Jim Scott

Fairfax County's elected officials, area residents honor former delegate and supervisor.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE CONNECTION

In a crowd of several hundred, Fairfax County's political elites turned out for the memorial service to honor former Del. James "Jim" Scott, on Saturday, May 6 at the INOVA Center for Personalized Health Conference Center Atrium in Fairfax. Scott died on April 13 at the age of 78 of complications from Alzheimer's Disease.

A Democrat, Scott served in the Virginia House of Delegates for 22 years and 11 terms, representing the 53rd District, which included the City of Falls Church and Merrifield. He also served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors representing the Providence District for 14 years from 1972 to 1986. And he also worked for INOVA Fairfax Hospital as a community affairs consultant.

He held positions on the Northern Virginia Planning District Commission, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (former chairman), Virginia Association of Counties (former President), and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Some of the politicians in the audience were those who worked alongside him and loved him, including: U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8), U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova, former Board Chairman Kate Hanley, Virginia Del. Ken Plum (D-36) of Reston, and Del. Marcus Simon (D-53) of Falls Church.

"Jim Scott was one of a kind. There was absolutely no difference between the ex-

traordinary public servant that he was and the friend he was to everyone else. He was among the most authentic people I've ever met," said Beyer.

Addressing the crowd, Connolly added, "He changed this community; he took us a long, long way. That's his legacy. He won't be forgotten. What he accomplished is a living memory and we're all better for it." Connolly said he will be giving a testimonial in the Congressional Record honoring the memory of Scott.

Master of Ceremonies Jerry Hopkins

added: "With Jim's death, I lost my best friend ... Jim's commitments, values, demeanor and passing the microphone inspired those around him. And it inspired Democracy. This is the way Jim Scott did Democracy."

Hanley called Scott a visionary. "No one was more politically astute than Jim Scott," she said. "He ran on a record of fairness, honesty, and decency. He was a master at raising issues and getting community support."

Plum, who once worked as a teacher at



U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) recalls Jim Scott.



Casey Laxton remembers her father during the tribute.



Del. Marcus Simon (D-53) of Falls Church with his wife Rachel and Peter Intermaggio at the memorial service for Simon's former boss, Jim Scott.

Edison High School in Alexandria with Scott, called him a very friendly guy. "His leadership was changing the way we do business and how we do government," he said. "Jim believed in progressive ideas; believed in what was right; and believed he could make a difference."

Plum added, "He provided a voice for people who didn't have a voice. He made a difference."

Simon, who worked as legislative aide to Scott before taking over his seat, said: "He's still very much alive in my thoughts. Jim was my first real boss and you learn a lot from your first boss." He added, "I worked for Jim when there were facts and opinions and the facts did matter ... In a lot of ways, Jim was ahead of his time."

Nancy Scott, Jim's wife of 40 years, added, "Jim was an easy man to love. Our family thanks you for being here today. I know Jim would be pleased to be remembered today. All of you have helped remember Jim at his fullest. Jim loved to work and was skilled at it; he was a superb connector of people to people."

During the service, former School Board Representative Ernestine Heastie shared a poem by Robert Frost called "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." And the service ended with family members coming to the stage to sing "Simple Gifts," which was the same song sung at the Scott's wedding 40 years earlier.





Miller Road closure map.

## Miller Road Closures May 16-19

Miller Road (Route 663) between Westhurst Lane and South Erin Drive will be closed to through traffic Tuesday, May 16 through Friday, May 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day in order to replace and upgrade a drainage pipe, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Residents within the closure area, emergency vehicles and school buses will have access to the closed

portion of Miller Road, but will not be able to go beyond the point of pipe replacement in either direction.

Traffic will be detoured via Miller Road, Route 123, Jermantown Road, Oakton Road and Miller Heights Road back to Miller Road.

All work is weather permitting. Follow VDOT Northern Virginia on Twitter: @vadotnova

## Pianist Alex Hassan to Perform for the Shepherd's Center

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's (SCOV) will host Lunch N' Life event on Monday June 12, at noon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Lunch is \$10 per person. Entertainment will be provided by Alex Hassan. Hassan is an accomplished pianist thoroughly immersed in the musical styles and arrangements of the '20s and '30s. With a comprehensive sheet music collection (some 50,000 titles between the world wars), broad classical piano training, and a love of this nebulous, somewhere between classical and jazz, idiom, he recreates the spirited and glorious melodies of the Golden Age of popular music.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALEX HASSAN

**Pianist, Alex Hassan will perform for the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's "Lunch n' Life" on June 12 at noon.**

This event is expected to be sold out and organizers suggest early registration. Prepayment required by Wednesday, June 6. No refunds. To register, call 703-281-0538. To view event flyer, visit [www.scov.org/files/lnl\\_flier\\_2017\\_06.pdf](http://www.scov.org/files/lnl_flier_2017_06.pdf)

Throughout the year SCOV hosts a series of Lunch 'N Life

events for the enjoyment of the mature adult community Lunch N' Life events always include lunch and dessert followed by entertainment. Everyone is welcome.

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# OPINION

## Save Our Schools

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM  
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)



Among the many institutions that seem to be under attack these days, the federal Department of Education and public schools are of great concern. Public education predates the federal Department of Education, but the Department has played an important role in raising standards and expanding access for all children. Left to their own devices, state and local school boards would go in many different directions that may leave quality and access more to chance than legal requirements.

I am reminded regularly by my constituents of their support for quality public schools, but last week I was reminded also of the range of controversy surrounding public education. A postcard I received in the mail had a picture of a yellow school bus on it with a caption: "The humanist machine." The card was from a group called Deconstructing the Coliseum whose stated purpose is "to eliminate humanist political policies, eliminate the machine (the civil government school system) that produces humanist politicians." The text of the card goes on to explain that "The civil government is

In this season of teacher appreciation we need to thank the teachers for the exceptional work that they do.

### COMMENTARY

using force and coercion to advance its version of truth (humanism), under the guise of 'public education.' Thus, civil government schools must be abolished." Although this group has a Virginia address, I do not think that it would have many supporters in our community. Their ultraconservative views are likely to get the attention of some downstate legislators.

As concerning are the views that are being espoused by the current federal Secretary of Education. As I understand her plan, public schools would be replaced by charter schools. Charter schools are held up by some as a panacea to cure ills real and concocted about public schools, but their results have been very mixed in the places where they have been opened. The main issue for the proponents seems to be control. Rather than having elected or appointed school boards set school policy there are proposals that groups of parents would control the charter school curriculum,

standards, and requirements without further supervision. There is a real concern that charter schools could lead to renewed segregation of the schools along racial and class lines.

Even with all their critics and those who remember wistfully how schools were when they attended, today's public schools do an excellent job. Open to all students they bring out the best in our children. They attempt to prepare our children for an unknown future. The school boards struggle every year with meeting needs that are greater than the resources available to them.

Whatever the perceived needs are in educating our children, there are none so great that would require the getting rid of "government schools" or replacing them with charter schools. We need to look at paying teachers more to attract the best and the brightest to teaching as a career; the current deficit of \$4,000 under the national average that exists in Virginia is not defensible. And we need in this season of teacher appreciation to thank the teachers for the exceptional work that they do.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Unnecessary Alarm

To the Editor:

Recent rhetoric and editorials dealing with health care policy in the United States lead to confusion and unnecessary alarm by bringing together two topics: health insurance coverage; and pre-existing conditions. Health insurance does two things: reduces cost for the policy holder by means of the discounts insurance companies achieve through volume buying;

and, (like insurance in general) assists the policyholder deal with the financial consequences of something very bad which might, or might not, happen. A pre-existing condition, however, is something bad that has already happened.

For pre-existing conditions the health care policy question should be, how to pay for treatment rather than how to coerce insurance companies to pay. Health insurance policies covering pre-existing conditions (e.g. diabetes, high cholesterol, high blood pressure) are widely available. Paying

for pre-existing catastrophic conditions (e.g. organ transplant; cancer; multiple sclerosis) is another matter. Forcing insurance companies to take on the cost of treatment for all afflictions, regardless of scope, and spreading these costs through the premiums paid by healthier people, plus tucking in a few government subsidies, is one way (as in Obamacare). There are other ways to pay for treating these catastrophic conditions. The recent healthcare bill passed by the House of Representatives offers an alternative way.

Most people in the United States do not suffer from catastrophic health conditions. Those of us whom God made more fortunate in our health have a responsibility to help those less fortunate. I hope your newspaper will avoid partisan rhetoric and instead foster informed discussion leading to a national policy on how to help the minority who can not pay for the treatment of a catastrophic health condition.

**Allan Ruppar**  
Reston



## Sharing the Stories of Success at Madeira

Last Friday, a variety of powerful, successful (many local) women shared stories about how they've succeeded and more as a way to inspire young girls during Madeira's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Co-Curriculum program. Journalist Cokie Roberts headlined the celebration of Madeira's Co-Curriculum program that engages students in community service, career placements, and Capitol Hill internships. The day's theme explored empowering young women.

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## Walk-In Closet Design Ideas

From chandeliers to luxury seating, the options are plentiful.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

When an Old Town Alexandria couple decided to remodel their master bedroom suite, they wanted to pay particular attention to the room's two walk-in closets. Designer Gene Delgado of Hopkins & Porter Construction, Inc., in Potomac, Md. was tasked with overhauling the spaces to give the couple the maximum amount of storage for their clothing and accessories.

"We ordered a storage system from Poliform, an Italian luxury modern furniture brand, that does exquisite closet systems," said Delgado. "The closet spaces are very modern with lots of built-in lighting. Because of the angled ceilings ... we are designing a cabinet for shoe storage and some shelving for purses and luggage. I'm doing a chandelier for the wife's closet to make it warmer and more feminine."

With available accessories ranging from elaborate lighting to luxury seating areas, there's no need to settle for a closet that

looks like a cross between a laundry room and a landfill. When it comes to walk-in closets, the options for creating a dream space are plentiful say designers.

"Closets are no longer utilitarian spaces for your clothes. People want their closets to be beautiful," said Delgado. "The trend is that they are bigger, more beautiful and more luxurious. Those with large spaces can have everything from coffee makers to seating areas."

When beginning the design of a closet space, Julia Walter, showroom manager at Italian design firm Boffi, advises clients to make an inventory list of items that will go inside such as long-hanging clothing foldable clothing and shoes.

"What plays into the inventory list is how the client prefers to use their closets," she said. "For example, do they mostly hang or do they fold clothes. It's helpful to see what the client's closet looks like currently [and] works and what doesn't."

A combination of small and large drawers is important for the different items to store, says Walter. For example, small drawers can hold items like jewelry, underwear and socks while larger drawers can hold items like scarves or exercise clothes."

"I like to use the upper most shelves in closets for bulky storage like luggage, hat

cases [and] for items that are either not used too much or are seasonal," said Walter. "Open shelves are great for display of shoes and handbags."

Invest in a full-length mirror and install it behind the door or on an open space that won't take away from storage, advises Allie Mann, designer, senior interiors specialist with Case Design/Remodeling, Inc.

"Use every inch of a closet space for storage. There may be small niches that are perfect for scarves, handbags [and] belts," she said. "Build in shoe shelving if possible. Keeping shoes off the floor gives a more organized look to the space. If you want to keep shoe boxes, be sure to label them with photos of the shoes inside so you don't have to open every box to find the pair you're looking for."

For those with a generous budget, Interior Designer Todd Martz, co-owner of Home on Cameron in Old Town Alexandria advises investing in a lighting system for viewing clothing and distinguishing colors.

"Add pullout shelves and rods to organize outfits. [Add] drawers with glass inserts to see contents," he said. "Group accessories [like] belts and purses by color for easy access."

Accessories that Walter recommends adding to a walk-in closet include belt hang-



PHOTO ANGIE SECKINGER/BOFFI GEORGETOWN

**Open shelving for storing shoes and handbags are among the features that designer Julia Walter recommends for walk-in closets.**

ers, tie hangers, jewelry drawers and safes. "If space allows, a center island is a great feature for getting dressed and showcasing certain items," she said. "Before a night out, [for example] a gown and shoes can be displayed."

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**First Sunday Jazz Brunch** 11-2 p.m. Recurring monthly on the 1st Sunday at Bazin's on Church 111 Church St N.W., Vienna. Enjoy brunch accompanied by the soft jazz sounds of Virginia Music Adventure. Visit [www.fxva.com/listing/bazins-on-church/1686/](http://www.fxva.com/listing/bazins-on-church/1686/)

**The Freeman Store & Museum** Wednesday through Sunday noon-4 p.m. 131 Church St. NE, Vienna. The Freeman Store & Museum is dedicated to Preserving and promoting Vienna's heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of history significant places, events, and persons. [Historicviennainc.org](http://Historicviennainc.org)

**Weekly Storytime.** Wednesday and Saturday. 11 a.m. Barnes & Noble, 7851 L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. Themes and titles vary. Free admission.

**Bingo Night.** Sundays. 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. [www.vvfd.org/bingo.html](http://www.vvfd.org/bingo.html).

**Gentle Yoga.** Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Emmaus United Church of Christ, 900 E Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Gentle Kundalini Yoga, one free introductory session, senior discounts. Increase flexibility, improve breathing and health, reduce stress. Ravi Kaur has 15 years experience teaching yoga. \$15 per session. [www.edimprovement.org](http://www.edimprovement.org). 571-213-3192.

**Fishing Rod Rentals** 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Rentals available during visitor center hours. Fishing tackle and live bait are available for purchase. Reservations required for group rentals. \$6/rental (2 hour max). Valid driver's license required. Rod/reel combinations are perfect for beginners and children. A Virginia or Maryland freshwater fishing license is required for those 16 years or older. The park does not sell fishing licenses. [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend-park/)

**Colvin Run Mill** open 11 - 4 p.m. daily, closed Tuesday. 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Fairfax County's operational 19th century water powered gristmill, offers recreational and educational



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**Furia Flamenca dancers will be on the main stage, Saturday at 1:30.**

## Celebrating McLean Day 2017

A variety of performers are coming to perform at McLean Day 2017 Saturday, May 20, at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Admission is free and includes all onstage entertainment. The festival will be held rain or shine. For more information, call 703-790-0123/TTY: 711, or visit [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events).



**Children from the Joy of Dance will be on the Children's Stage at 11 a.m.**

activities for all ages through daily tours, school programs and special events. Fees: \$7/adult, \$6 students 16+ with ID, \$5 children & seniors. Admission to park is free except for some special events.

**Fundamentals of Watercolors.** Mondays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Artist Lorrie Herman will help students get comfortable working with watercolors and understanding this medium. Visit [www.greatfallsart.org](http://www.greatfallsart.org) for more.

**Still Life Painting.** Tuesdays 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Still life provides a great tool to hone skills. Recommended for students of all levels. Visit [www.greatfallsart.org](http://www.greatfallsart.org) for more.

**Evening Painting.** Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. Jill Banks focuses on oil painting fundamentals with two sessions each of still life, landscapes, and portrait/clothed figure from a live model. Visit [www.greatfallsart.org](http://www.greatfallsart.org) for more.

**Intro to Jewelry Design.** Tuesdays 9 a.m.-noon at The Arts of Great Falls, 756 Walker Road, Great Falls. JJ Singh teaches a class for anyone interested in exploring the world of metal clay and its design possibilities. Visit [www.greatfallsart.org](http://www.greatfallsart.org) for more.

### THURSDAY/MAY 11

**Breakfast Lecture.** 8-10:30 a.m. at Valo Park, 7950 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. Breakfast series "Community Wealth Building – A New, Inclusive Systems Approach to Economic Development." [www.cfnova.org/innovationbreakfast](http://www.cfnova.org/innovationbreakfast).

### FRIDAY, MAY 12

**Road to Independence Gala.** 6-10 p.m. at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. The Road to Independence Gala celebrates Northern Virginia Family Service as the leading resource for Northern Virginia families in need. This prestigious event features live and silent auctions, and draws 600 business and community leaders invested in local families. This year's honorees are Karen Cleveland and former U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf. \$300. Call 571-748-2502, or email [scrosley@nvfs.org](mailto:scrosley@nvfs.org) for more.

**Artists Reception.** 7-9 p.m. at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW. Artist of the Year Ken Frye with the "Trees," exhibition. Visit [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) or call 703-319-3971 for more.

**Big Screen on the Green.** 8 p.m. at the Town Green, 144 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Officials will inflate the

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# ENTERTAINMENT

“walk-in” theater on the Town Green for a viewing of Disney-Pixar’s “Cars.” In addition, the Town will be serve cake and award giveaways in celebration of the 10-year anniversary of the Town Green’s dedication at approximately 7:30. For more call parks and recreation at 703-255-6360.

## SATURDAY/MAY 13

**Love Your Baby Day.** 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at Beloved Yoga, 1137 Walker Road, Suite 2, Great Falls. Learn about the many aspects of the prenatal and postnatal journey and support available to have a healthy pregnancy, and raise a healthy and happy baby and family. Visit [www.belovedyoga.com](http://www.belovedyoga.com) for more.

**Teens on the Green.** 11 a.m. at the Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Town officials will host of local talent will perform on the Town Green stage. For more call parks and recreation at 703-255-6360.

## THURSDAY/MAY 18

**MPA Spring Art Benefit.** The McLean Project for the Arts will host its annual Spring Benefit at the private residence of Pat and Matthew Bullock. Dr. Dorothy Kosinski, director, The Phillips Collection, will serve as the evening’s guest of honor. Event chairs for this year’s Spring Benefit are Jane A. Imperatore and Neda Yazdani. Visit [www.mpaart.org](http://www.mpaart.org) or call 703-790-1953 for details.

**Meet the Author.** 7:30-9 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Meet local author Britt Alan whose political thriller warns of the threat of unchecked Chinese regional aggression. Books available for sale and signing. Adults. Call 703-938-0405 for more.

## FRIDAY/MAY 19

**Bike to Work Day 2017.** Registration — now open — is free and open to anyone who commutes in the region, from first timers to daily cyclists. All registrants will be entered in a regional bicycle raffle, and the first 16,000 to

register and attend will receive a free t-shirt at one of more than 85 pit-stops throughout Northern Virginia. Participants can register online at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org). Email Megan Goodman at [mgoodman@mwcog.org](mailto:mgoodman@mwcog.org), or call 202-962-3209 for more.

**Meet the Artist.** 7 p.m. at the McLean Art Society, Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. Gavin Glakis, a portrait artist, will be the featured speaker. Call 703 356-0770 for more.

## SATURDAY/MAY 20

**McLean Day.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Features live entertainment, carnival rides large and small, activities for children such as pony rides and face-painting, great music, food. Visit [www.fairsandfestivals.net](http://www.fairsandfestivals.net) for more.

## SUNDAY/MAY 21

**Amadeus Orchestra.** 4 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Amadeus Orchestra with Jonathan Carney, violin. \$30. Visit [www.amadeusconcerts.com](http://www.amadeusconcerts.com) for more.

## MONDAY/MAY 22

**Charitable Golf Tournament.** noon at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. Proceeds benefit Great Falls, Forestville and Colvin Run Elementary schools. Call 703-437-5222 or visit [www.greatfallsgolf.org](http://www.greatfallsgolf.org).

**Dine and Donate.** 11 a.m.-10 p.m. at Ledo’s Pizza, 141 Park Street, SE, Vienna. Ledo’s will donate 20 percent of total sales to the Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna. Call 703-281-0538.

## SUNDAY/MAY 28

**Weekend Brunch and Cookie Class.** 9-11 a.m. at Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, McLean. Breakfast buffet, cookie decorating class and face painting. \$20. Call 703-442-9110 for more.

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## CAPPIES

# Family Classic Brought to Life

## Flint Hill School's production of "Mary Poppins."

BY ERIN MAXWELL  
HERNDON HIGH SCHOOL

With a spoonful of sugar and a dash of magic, Flint Hill School brought the fantastical family classic, "Mary Poppins," to life.

Based upon the award-winning 1964 movie musical starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke, the musical came to the Broadway stage in 2006, produced by Cameron Mackintosh and Thomas Schumacher, entertaining audiences of all ages.

An enchanting tale of two misbehaving children, Jane Banks (Whitney McDonnell) and Michael Banks (Liliana Suzuki), and their rigid, weary parents, George Banks (Joshua Nkenchor) and Winifred Banks (Claudia Wood), they encounter a mystical nanny, Mary Poppins (Olivia Hernandez), and her friend, Bert (Henry Jeanneret), who lead the group through a series of wondrous adventures. This show of love, family, and life brings perspective and a sunny attitude to 17 Cherry Tree Lane.

As the audience was transported to Edwardian London in 1910, a cohesive and dynamic ensemble of chimney sweeps proved Flint Hill's level of consistency. The additional ensembles — namely the bankers and house servants — added vitality and contrast to their respective scenes. Their consistent vocals and practiced dancing abilities shined in "Step in Time" and "Jolly Holiday." Standouts in the ensemble included the hysterical servant duo of Robertson Ay (Mohammed Badawi) and Mrs. Brill (Claire Briggs) whose comedic antics gained uproarious laughter.

The Banks family — who conveyed a consistently compelling story with standout character portrayals — carried the show with ease. A particularly engaging narrative was the relationship between Mr. and Mrs. Banks. Mrs. Banks (Claudia Wood) produced a



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**From left: Whitney McDonald, Liliana Suzuki, Olivia Hernandez in Flint Hill School's production of "Mary Poppins."**

believable and raw portrait of an anxious mother and developed an emotional connection through her advanced vocals during "Being Mrs. Banks." Her stern counterpart, Mr. Banks (Joshua Nkenchor), successfully showed his transformation from a distant and militant father to a loving family member. The parents were beautifully contrasted by their children, Jane Banks (Whitney McDonnell) and Michael Banks (Liliana Suzuki), who both depicted consistent, convincing caricatures of mischievous children, highlighted in songs such as "Practically Perfect (Reprise)."

Leading the show were the delightful duo of Mary Poppins (Olivia Hernandez) and the charming Bert (Henry Jeanneret). Mary Poppins brought energy and poise to the stage, impressing both with her vocal maturity and sophisticated choices and movement. Hernandez created a timeless character highlighted in "A Spoonful of Sugar." Yet, her counterpart, Jeanneret as Bert, stood out among the ensemble, captivating the audience with ease during both his solo and group numbers, such as "Chim Chim Cher-ee," with consistent charm and lovable quirks that made him unforgettable. He smoothly led his group of chimney sweeps with distinguished vocals and persistent energy.

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Tysons Corner, 8008 Westpark Drive, McLean. Fairfax County is offering a free Chronic Disease Self-Management program. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/chronic-disease.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/chronic-disease.htm) or call 703-324-5489, TTY 711.

## THURSDAY/MAY 18

**Membership Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S. The North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA) will hold a general membership meeting, and Dr. Gerald Gordon, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, will speak about issues related to Tysons and future plans. Visit [NEVCA.org](http://NEVCA.org) for more.

## FRIDAY/MAY 19

**Great Decisions Discussion Group.** 9-11 a.m. at the Vienna Seventh-day Adventist Church, 344 Courthouse

## SATURDAY/MAY 20

**Scream Free Saturday.** 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. Screamfree Parenting gives you the tools to stay cool during life's challenging moments. Lunch will be provided. Free Screamfree Parenting book to the first 25 registrants. Learn strategies to become a cool, calm and connected parent. Call 703-204-3941 for more.

## THURSDAYS/MAY 25-JUNE 29

**Chronic Disease Self-Management.** 9-11:30 a.m. at Kaiser Permanente -

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Shepherd's Center of McLean-Arlington-Falls Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean** continues to have an urgent need for new volunteers to help area senior citizens get to and from their medical and therapy appointments. To find out more about the Shepherd's Center and how you can volunteer to provide transportation and other services, call the Center at 703-506-2199 or e-mail the Center at [info@scmafc.org](mailto:info@scmafc.org). The Center's website is [www.scmafc.org](http://www.scmafc.org)



## WEEK IN VIENNA

### Sienicki, Springsteen, Voigt re-elected

Carey Sienicki, Howard Springsteen, and Tara Voigt were re-elected to Vienna Town Council. The three candidates, all incumbents, were unopposed.

Unofficial vote totals, as reported by the Fairfax County Office of Elections, are below:

Carey Sienciki ..... 374  
Howard Springsteen ..... 374  
Tara Voigt ..... 367  
Write-ins ..... 25  
The Councilmembers' new two-year terms begin July 1.

### Drug Take Back Initiative Nets 427 Pounds of Drugs

On April 29, 2017, the Town of Vienna Police Department in conjunction with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, (D.E.A.), participated in the 13th National Drug Take Back Initiative. As a result of that initiative, the Town of Vienna Police Department collected and safely disposed of 427 pounds of expired or no longer needed medications from area citizens. This amount was almost double that of the last Drug Take Back. The April initiative collected approximately 26,975 pounds of medications statewide. The Vienna Police Department plans to continue its participation with the United States D.E.A. for future initiatives.

### FAITH NOTES

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday at noon.*

**Trinity United Methodist Church**, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for young adults follows the 10:30 a.m. worship services and for children at 9:30 a.m. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sundays at 5 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at noon. 703-356-3312 or [umtrinity.org](http://umtrinity.org).

**Passages DivorceCare** If you are experiencing the pain of separation or divorce, the caring community at Vienna Presbyterian Church invites you to attend Passages DivorceCare. This program offers a path toward healing. The next 15-week DivorceCare series will be held Tuesdays from 6:45 to 9 p.m. beginning on Feb. 21. Vienna Presbyterian Church is located on the corner of Maple Avenue (Rt. 123) and Park Street in Vienna. Cost to cover materials is \$20, scholarships available. For more information or to register call 703-938-9050, go to [www.viennapres.org](http://www.viennapres.org), or send an email to [Passages@ViennaPres.org](mailto:Passages@ViennaPres.org).

**The S.P.O.T for Youth Wednesday's at 7 p.m.** A place where youth can come together and pray, ask questions about the faith and receive mentorship. The spot is a ministry of First Baptist Church of Vienna located at 450 Orchard Street, NW Vienna.

**First Baptist Church of Vienna** located at 450 Orchard Street, NW Vienna. Sunday services are held at 7:45 and 10 a.m. weekly. Wednesday Night with the Family service is held at 6 p.m. followed by corporate singing at 7 p.m. Bible studies take place Tuesday's at noon.

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### "Bulky Boy"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Is the nickname I gave Andrew, one of our male cats. It's because he's a bit portly, like his father, yours truly. However, Andrew's nickname is not the impetus for this particular column. The impetus for this column is my tendency, as the primary (almost exclusive) buyer of miscellaneous household goods and to a lesser extent, services, to buy in bulk/quantity, not necessarily quality; although that's a subject of a long-ago column and perhaps a future one as well — dare I cross that Rubicon again, and one that has earned me this identical nickname to Andrew.

As a cancer patient originally diagnosed as "terminal" — at age 54 and a half, eight-plus years ago, time becomes an integral/essential part of your life; what there is of it presently, what you have been told you have left of it and what you — in your wildest dreams, every day and every night, hope you actually get to do: live a relatively "normal" life expectancy.

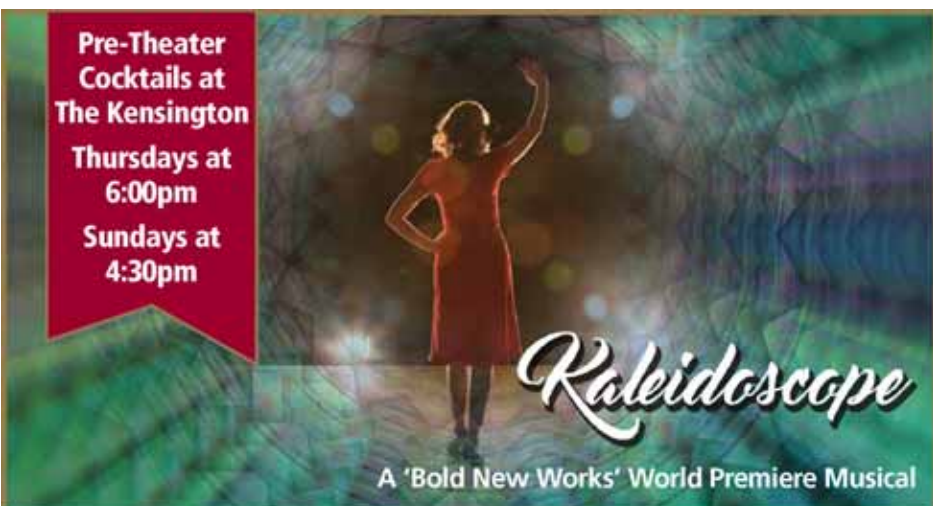
Even though life has gone on years past my original "13-month to two-year" prognosis, I still struggle with the emotional yin and yang of whether I'm closer to the end or further from the beginning (date of diagnosis). And is so struggling, everyday decisions that might have a time element/time-sensitivity to them are complicated. Is it necessary to do it/buy it/obligate myself to it now when the benefit might be later? A later I might never see? If I'm trying to enjoy life in the present as much as possible to fend off the inevitable and relentless stress that a "terminal" cancer diagnosis imposes, then how does a future benefit help me now?

As a few examples and finally to the point of this column: buying in bulk. 240 dryer sheets — for two adults, one of whom works at home and doesn't exactly get dressed for it; 90 tall kitchen trash bags — we use one bag a week, and that includes bagging the cat litter for five indoor cats; paper towels — enough quantity that we could likely wrap them around our entire house if we had to; toilet paper — is sacrosanct, one can never have enough in stock; and tissues/Kleenex — given how frequently my eight-years-of-post-chemotherapy nose runs — constantly, is also sacrosanct (although I can always use toilet paper, paper napkins or paper towels in the pinch; not exactly the same pinch as if the toilet paper inventory runs out, however). Naturally, these items are all non-perishable so their life expectancy is not a consideration. But since mine is, sometimes I think I need to buy them or else, because when I do need them it will be too late.

As for perishables, obviously it makes little sense to overbuy (expiration dates notwithstanding, except mine). I can't eat all the food quickly enough anyway (another point of contention from a previous column), although I may try. But even I know, in my cancer-induced haze, that spending money now on an unpredictable future though penny-wise and beneficial in some emotional ways, might be pound-foolish. I need to feel good today - period, not feel good today about something I might benefit from tomorrow. I mean, how else am I even going to get to tomorrow? Don't I need to filter out potentially harmful/debilitating mental and physical images/impacts and try to live as unencumbered as possible (to invoke one of my deceased father's favorite words)? Cancer is already an uphill battle. If I don't want to live the legendary life of Sisyphus, pushing a figurative rock up a hill, only to have it fall back down time and again, I need to find a way/strategy to both manage my budget and control my mind. Obviously, I want to live like I have a future, but not at the expense of my present. You can call me "Bulky Boy" all you want, but "crazy-kookie" not so much.

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## ME & MY MOM



### Moms, Daughters: Years of Friendship

This group of mothers and daughters — all Great Falls residents — have been friends since the girls were in early elementary school. This past weekend was their last hurrah before the girls graduate and all go to college. Pictured, from left: Lanie and Barb Conzone, Malia and Lilly Kishore, Heather and Ainsley Jacobs, Sophie and Lara Holsinger, Kaitlin and Tracy West, Kylie and Leslie Smith, Claire Poisson. Not pictured: Suzanne and Hailey McGrath



### Three Generations

From left: Caity Comstock Roller, Hailey and U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock.



### Visiting from Seattle

Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova shares a photo of her daughter, Karin Bulova Johansson with grandchild, Mac visiting from Seattle for Christmas.