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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



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.



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



Casey Laxton remembers her father during the tribute.

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.



## OBITUARY

# Community Remembers Beloved Man, Educator

BY FALLON FORBUSH  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ichael Kane Zook, 64, died on Monday, May 1, at Inova Loudoun Hospital in Leesburg. He will be remembered for his strength, compassion and service to others.

Zook initially went into the hospital to have neck surgery.

"The surgery was very successful," said Cindy Zook, his high school sweetheart and wife since 1973. "He came home and then that night he collapsed."

It turned out that his brain was severely injured and he went into a coma as a result. He never woke up.

Zook's impact on his community as a long-time educator has affected the people he mentored throughout his 26 years in the Fairfax County Public School system. Most recently as assistant principal of McLean High School, he was planning to retire at the end of the school year.

"People from literally all over the world have been emailing us about stories about my husband," she said. "I'm getting letters from students at his school that said, 'I would have never graduated if it wasn't for your husband.' People are coming out of the woodwork talking about how what he did for them has changed their lives."

His death has been a loss for those who knew him — everybody.

**STUDENTS AND TEACHERS** have written letters, but his family even received a note from a cashier at Santini's New York Style Deli on Chain Bridge Road where he frequently ate lunch.

"As the main cashier at lunchtime, I had the pleasure of seeing Mike every day — always a smile and never complaining," the letter said. "When I asked about his summer vacation on Lake Anna with his family, his face lit up. He said it was fantastic and he loved spending so much time with his family. And he told me about his impending surgery and I tried to joke that the next spring he would be on vacation in Italy."



**Michael Kane Zook**

He went out of his way to express the compassion he had for his community and his loved ones.

When his daughter Sarah was having a challenging day as a freshman in college, she called her parents to talk

about her concerns, according to Cindy. Though Sarah's school was a two-hour drive from their home, Zook hopped into his car.

"She had a really hard day and she called that evening in tears," Cindy said. "We were talking about it and he goes, 'I think she needs a hug.' He drove two hours, gave her a hug and turned around and came home."

His family has enjoyed reading the many mementos to the man they knew as a loving husband, father and grandpa, but hearing about how much he was loved by strangers has been a tremendous joy.

"It just has been the most extraordinary week," Cindy said. "Hundreds of these things are just pouring in from people. Every person that knew him, loved him. He was just this amazing man."

In 2014, Zook was honored during "Making a Difference Day" at Virginia Commonwealth University. The day was created as a way for freshmen to recognize teachers and counselors who influenced their lives and started them on a path to succeed at the university.

"He never ever was a person who liked the limelight, but everywhere he goes, he just touches people," Cindy said.

Current students were informed of the sad news of his death the following day in an email from Ellen Reilly, the school's principal.

"It is with deep sadness that I share with



PHOTOS COURTESY OF CINDY ZOOK

**Mike and Cindy Zook and their five grandsons, Brayden, Landon, Reid, Evan and Parker.**

you the news that McLean High School Assistant Principal Mike Zook died yesterday following recent health complications," the email said. "Mr. Zook was a caring and thoughtful person and his friendship, guidance and leadership will be greatly missed ... Those who knew Mr. Zook understood him to be a person of integrity whose life and dedication to his students, staff and community were an inspiration to all of us."

Mike was a servant leader who loved God, his family, his students and teachers, and his friends. He was involved in youth ministry and loved coaching softball and baseball, golfing, camping, and spending time at Lake Anna in Spotsylvania.

Mike was born in Fort Benning, Georgia, on Nov. 2, 1952, and graduated from Annandale High School. He was a journeyman plumber and a professional musician for 27 years. He also owned Masterworks Recording Studio for 12 years before becoming a teacher and then an administrator in the Fairfax County Public School system for 26 years.

He earned his Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts and teaching endorsement from George

Mason University. He taught math at Lanier Middle School and Robinson Middle School before becoming assistant principal at Hughes Middle School and later an assistant principal at McLean High School.

**ZOOK** is survived by his beloved wife, Cindy, his children, Ryan Zook and Sarah (John) Simek, his grandsons, Brayden, Landon, Reid, Evan and Parker. He is also survived by his siblings, Bill (Debbie) Zook, Jim (Marilynn) Zook, Sharon (Scott) Hubbard, John (Nancy) Zook, Chris (Julie) Zook, his brother-in-law Jeff (Patty) Taylor, 11 nieces, seven nephews and many dear friends. Mike was preceded in death by his parents William Eugene Zook and Betty Kane Zook and his brother Stephen Zook.

Zook's celebration of life service will be on Sunday, May 21, at 4 p.m. at the Cornerstone Chapel in Leesburg. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the DC Dream Center in Washington, D.C. He was involved in supporting the Southeast White House and DC Dream Center for over two decades.

## FAITH NOTES

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [vienna@connectionnews.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnews.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.

**Wesley United Methodist Church** located at 711 Spring Street SE, Vienna, Virginia 22180, at the corner of Spring Street and Moore Avenue. 10:30 a.m. fellowship time in the fellowship hall; 11 a.m. traditional family worship in sanctuary. If you are seeking a church home which encourages: caring and supportive fellowship, an active and devoted prayer life and study of scripture, support for local and world missions, an open, responsive awareness to the presence and power of God's Holy Spirit.

**Youth Activities at Wesley United Methodist Church** Activities are open to all 6th-12th graders. Youth Sunday School meets every Sunday at

10 a.m. in the upper room.

Youth Bible Study will meet every Sunday at 4:30 p.m. off-site. Following bible study we will ride together over to the church for youth group. Email the Youth Ministry Staff for the address.

The Anchor meets every Sunday from 6-8 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Join us for dinner, games, worship, and diving deeper into the Word.

During the summer, Youth Sunday School meets most Sundays at 9 a.m. in the upper room.

To receive the newsletter or for more information contact [youth@wesleyvienna.org](mailto:youth@wesleyvienna.org).

**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church** at the intersection of Lewinsville and Brook Roads in McLean, just a mile west of Tysons, invites you for a casual Saturday Service at 5 p.m., followed by conversation and fellowship or for Sunday Services at 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. Sunday

School for Youth and Children takes place during the 10 a.m. Service. Look for our Pumpkin Patch this October, and check [www.stthomasmcleanva.org](http://www.stthomasmcleanva.org) for Special Events and Services through the year. St. Thomas' Episcopal Church, 8991 Brook Road, McLean, 703-442-0330.

**Church of the Holy Comforter**, 543 Beulah Road, NE, Vienna offers a monthly Healing Eucharist with the Laying on of Hands and Anointing for Healing (first Sunday of the month, 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Chapel. The Healing Ministry is led by the Rev. Valerie Hayes and Alexandra MacCracken and includes a team of lay healers who have gone through intentional training and formation. Contact the Rev. Valerie Hayes at [vhayes@holycorforter.com](mailto:vhayes@holycorforter.com).



## PEOPLE



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**From left: Rusty Payne, Virginia Payne, Jackson Payne, Spencer Johnson, Hillary Johnson, and Luke Johnson**

### McLean High Students Earn Eagle Scout Award

Two McLean High School students were awarded their Eagle Scout award on Sunday, April 30 at a Court of Honor ceremony held at the McLean LDS Stake Center. Jackson Payne, 16, a junior and Spencer Johnson, 18, a senior, earned the highest award in the Boy Scouts of America. Jackson is a member of Boy Scout Troop 822 and Spencer is a member of Boy Scout Troop 821 in McLean.

Payne's Eagle service project involved the refurbishment of the McLean High School Observatory, located in the school's lower courtyard and built in 1967. Johnson's Eagle service project was done in conjunction with Billion Graves, which works to digitize headstones and connect the database to Family Search, which enhances genealogy and family history efforts worldwide.

### Potomac School Teacher Honored for Composition

Russell Nadel, a Middle School music teacher at The Potomac School, has been named the winner of the 2017 Ben Steinberg Young Composer's Award, presented by the Guild of Temple Musicians and the American Conference of Cantors.

The competition is designed to encourage the composition of new Jewish music specifically for worship, says Nadel, who previously won the same award in 2010 for his piece "Shabbat Cycle." Nadel was tasked with writing a choral piece to be performed at the amateur adult level. His piece, "Tov LHodot," which translates as, "It is good to give thanks," contains the Hebrew text of Psalm 92. "There is talk in the psalm about music-making and about instruments, which spoke to me," Nadel says.

Nadel's composition will be performed for the first time in June, at the 2017 American Conference of Cantors - Guild of Temple Musicians Convention in Las Vegas. Nadel, who received his bachelor's and master's degrees at The Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, has taught at The Potomac School for the past six years.



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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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**Honored Safety Patrol Members pose with parents and supporters. Far left: Club Education Committee member Kamala Rellan; far right: Woman's Club President Joan Morton.**



**Student musicians pose with 2017-2018 Woman's Club President Kathryn Mackensen (far left) and current Woman's Club President Joan Morton (far right).**

PHOTOS BY LAURA SHERIDAN/WOMAN'S CLUB

# Young Musicians, Safety Patrols Receive Awards

**McLean Woman's Club honors middle- and elementary-school students.**

**T**he musicianship of four students from Cooper and Longfellow middle schools, in McLean, was recognized by the Woman's Club of McLean at a ceremony on Tuesday, May 2, where the students also performed. Claire Fulton and Amanda Yo, of Cooper Middle School, performed on the violin and flute, respectively. Alex Gamboa and Joyce Qi, of Longfellow Middle School, played selections on the xylophone and violin, respectively. The four students each received an award of \$100 from the Woman's Club.

Ten students at Chesterbrook, Churchill Road, Franklin Sherman, Kent Gardens and Spring Hill elementary schools received awards for their contributions as safety patrol members. The honorees were: Mateo Rampoldi and Alena Clark, of Chesterbrook Elementary; Emmeline Hogg and John Williamson, of Churchill Road Elementary; Andrew Evans and Alexandra Reddy, of Franklin Sherman Elementary; Keira Allen and Luke Dettleff, of Kent Gardens Elementary; and Ibrahim Al-Dalli and Gabriella Flamish, of Spring Hill Elementary. In addition to the trophy each student received, the safety patrol program at each school has received an \$80 donation from the Woman's Club for program equipment.

The students' parents and the school principals, music directors and patrol sponsors attended the ceremony, as did Officer John Morris, school resource officer of the Fairfax County Police Department. The award ceremony is an annual event of the Woman's Club of McLean.

— LAURA SHERIDAN



**Claire Fulton, Cooper Middle School**



**Amanda Yo, Cooper Middle School**



**Alex Gamboa, Longfellow Middle School**



**Joyce Qi, Longfellow Middle School**

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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-



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**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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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## ONGOING

**Artists Show.** Various times through May 31 at the Broadway Gallery, 1025-J Seneca Road, Great Falls. "Levels of Abstraction," show featuring the works of Hiromi Ashlin, Genna Gurvich, Sandi Ritchie Miller, and Buck Nelligan. Visit [www.broadwaygallery.net](http://www.broadwaygallery.net) or call 703-450-8005 for more.

**Artists Show.** Various times through May 31 at Katie's Coffee House, Village Center, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Artist Joyce Lee. Call 703-759-2759 for more.

**Free Tai Chi.** Every Saturday, from 7:55-9 a.m., Introduction and Beginners' Practice, meet on the outdoor basketball court located directly behind the Dolley Madison Public Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave. in McLean Central Park, McLean. Call 703-759-9141 or visit [www.FreeTaiChi.org](http://www.FreeTaiChi.org) for more.

**The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia,** a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Any woman over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. Play on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna. Visit [www.goldengirls.org](http://www.goldengirls.org).

**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 [WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM](http://WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM)

## Vote on McLean Day

**McLean Community Center  
Governing Board Elections**

**Saturday, May 20, from 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m.**  
**Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road**

### Your Vote is Your Voice!

All qualified residents of Small District 1A Dranesville are encouraged to vote for members of the 2017-2018 MCC Governing Board.

- You need not be registered to vote in the general election.
- Proof of residence, such as a driver's license, is required.

### Absentee Ballot

*Vote now by absentee ballot and avoid the crowds!*

You can view the candidate statements on the Center's website. Call the Center or send an email to [elections@mcleancenter.org](mailto:elections@mcleancenter.org) to request a ballot package be sent to your home. You may also stop by one of three MCC sites, 6631 Old Dominion Dr. and 6645 Old Dominion Dr. (McLean Square Shopping Center) or the Old Firehouse Teen Center, 1440 Chain Bridge Rd., and pick one up. Completed absentee voting affidavits and ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 17**, to be counted.

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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@mwco.org](mailto:mgoodman@mwco.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



“Three Amigos” by Coty Dickson.

## ‘All Creatures Great and Small’ on Exhibit at Library

Great Falls Studios presents “All Creatures Great and Small,” a 24-member exhibit at the Great Falls Library in the newly named Marge Toni Gersic Community Room. Creatures, from the smallest bee to the mighty tiger, were created in a variety of media to include, oil, watercolor, pastel, acrylic, mixed media, stoneware, fiber, photography, lithography, jewelry, stained glass mosaic, and gelatin silver print from film. This menagerie will hang for the month of May and consists of 29 wall hangings and 14 smaller items in the display case. Ten percent of all sales are donated to The Friends of the Great Falls Library.

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.

## SATURDAY/JUNE 3

**Flea Market.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Rd, Vienna. Vendors needed. Call 703-281-4411, email [office@oaktonbrethren.org](mailto:office@oaktonbrethren.org) or visit [www.oaktonbrethren.org](http://www.oaktonbrethren.org)

**Riverbend Park Benefit.** 6-9 p.m. at the Riverbend Park Visitors’ Center, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Fundraiser for the benefit of Riverbend Park sponsored by the Friends of Riverbend Park. \$50 for adults, \$25 for children, \$125 for families. Register at [www.forb.wildapricot.org](http://www.forb.wildapricot.org).

## TUESDAY/JUNE 6

**Mini – Golf for Chari-TEE.** 1 p.m. at Oakmarr Recreation Center, 3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton. \$8. Proceeds to benefit the Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna. Call 703-281-0538 for more.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 8

**Griffin House Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at Jammin Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. \$20 or \$25 door. Call 877-987-6487 or visit [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com) for more.



## ‘Vibrant Flowers’

Joyce Lee is exhibiting her “Vibrant Flowers” throughout May at Katie’s Coffee House at Village Centre, 760 Walker Road, Great Falls. Visit [oldbrogue.com/katies-coffee-house/](http://oldbrogue.com/katies-coffee-house/) for more.



## Great Falls Soccer Club

Travel Team Tryout Registration is now open!

For more details and registration information, please visit:

[www.GreatFallsSoccer.com](http://www.GreatFallsSoccer.com)



## Proposed Bicycle/Pedestrian Improvements Project Near Route 123 and I-495 (Capital Beltway)

### Fairfax County

### Public Information Meeting

Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 7-9 p.m.

Westgate Elementary School

7500 Magarity Road, Falls Church, VA 22043

The Virginia Department of Transportation will host a public information meeting to provide a project update and gather input from the public on the evaluation of two options to construct a bicycle/pedestrian facility in the vicinity of Route 123 and I-495 (Capital Beltway) in Tysons.

VDOT is seeking input on evaluation of the following two options:

**Option 1:** Multiuse trail along Route 123, from the Old Meadow Road intersection (east of I-495) to Westpark Drive near the ramp to the Express lanes along I-495

**Option 2:** Multiuse trail along Old Meadow Road, from Route 123 to a bridge crossing over I-495 to Tysons One Place

**Stop by** between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. to learn more about the project and discuss your questions with VDOT staff. VDOT will hold a short presentation beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Provide written comments at the meeting or submit them by May 31, 2017 to Mr. Abi Lerner, Associate Manager of Special Project Development, VDOT Northern Virginia District Office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030. You may also e-mail comments to [meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov). Please reference “Route 123 and I-495 Bike/Ped Improvements” in the subject line.

For more information please visit [www.virginiadot.org/projects](http://www.virginiadot.org/projects).

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## SCHOOLS

From left: Jessica Peros, Jamie Goodson, Mark Bosset, Sean Leech in Langley High School's production of "Gypsy."

PHOTO BY DIANA LIM



## Spectacularly Dynamic 'Gypsy' at Langley stage.

By LYDIA GOMPPER  
GEORGE MASON HIGH SCHOOL

Everyone loves a good child star — the curly hair, the adorable dimple, the wide-eyed innocence. But behind every young performer, tucked away behind the curtain, stands a mother with an endless supply of choreography reminders and spare costume pieces. In Langley High School's production of "Gypsy," the mother of all stage mothers finally takes center stage.

First premiering on Broadway in 1959, "Gypsy" can easily be counted among the most iconic pieces of American theater, with four subsequent Broadway revivals and more popular musical standards than can be counted on one jazz hand. The story follows extreme stage mom Rose — a brash, domineering

woman with an insatiable passion for show business — as she pushes her daughters June and Louise to have the life of vaudeville stardom she never had. But with the talkies slowly replacing vaudeville theater, the life of a performer just isn't what it used to be — and neither is Rose's relationship with her girls.

Langley High School has delivered a spectacularly dynamic, emotionally powerful production of "Gypsy." Every member of the sizable cast was visibly committed. From June's captivating ensemble of "newsboys" to the trio of sensual, self-confident burlesque dancers, each and every performer held enough flair to get the audience thoroughly excited.

The production found its most obvious star in senior Jamie Goodson, who played the driven, startlingly complex Rose. Carrying the weight of the show's narrative and emotional core on her shoulder

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From left: Rusty Payne, Virginia Payne, Jackson Payne, Spencer Johnson, Hillary Johnson, and Luke Johnson

## McLean High Students Earn Eagle Scout Award

Two McLean High School students were awarded their Eagle Scout award on Sunday, April 30 at a Court of Honor ceremony held at the McLean LDS Stake Center. Jackson Payne, 16, a junior and Spencer Johnson, 18, a senior, earned the highest award in the Boy Scouts of America. Jackson is a member of Boy Scout Troop 822 and Spencer is a member of Boy Scout Troop 821 in McLean.

Payne's Eagle service project involved the refurbishment of the McLean High School Observatory, located in the school's lower courtyard and built in 1967. Johnson's Eagle service project was done in conjunction with Billion Graves, which works to digitize headstones and connect the database to Family Search, which enhances genealogy and family history efforts worldwide.

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# ME & MY MOM

## Moms, Daughters of Great Falls: 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 left to right: 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.





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# 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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### 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.

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The McLean Community Foundation (MCF) is a nonprofit formed in 1978 by the McLean Citizens Association to meet the philanthropic needs of a growing McLean community. The focus is entirely on efforts that benefit the McLean community.

## CAPPIES REVIEW

### 'Gypsy'

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ders, Goodson wowed with her maturity and nuance. The teen believably fell into the role of an older woman, weighed down by years of hardships but still pressing forwards. From her sweeter maternal moments with her daughters to her ultimate emotional break, Goodson's interpretation of Rose was heart-stoppingly realistic; even her smallest gestures carried a well of meaning. Her vocals, meanwhile, held a strength to match her character, with an expressiveness and range that thrilled in such magnetic musical numbers as "Rose's Turn."

Goodson also formed a poignant relationship with daughter Louise, played by Jessica Peros. The pair accurately portrayed the complexities of Louise and Rose's bond, showing the many layers of love, manipulation, and frustration. Peros herself showed a lovely transition in her character, moving from a timid, self-critical girl to an elegant, self-assured performer. Similarly skilled in the art of character development was sophomore Mark Bosset, who performed the role of Rose's longtime beau and manager Herbie. When his devotion to Rose finally shattered — when her desperation for showbiz success finally became too much — his rejection of her left audience members gasping.

Another onstage standout was junior Cuinn Casey, who literally leaped into the crowd's hearts in his role as Tulsa, a dancer in Rose's act with big dreams of his own. Casey's dancing was truly extraordinary — clean and sharp, reaching fantastic heights with every jump — and his facial expressiveness was delightful even in scenes when the focus lay elsewhere.

The students of Langley High School also found success with many of their technical elements. The onstage world was brought to vivid life through detailed sets and props, from the jumble of the backstage of a burlesque show to the era-appropriate telephones the actors handled. Lighting and special effects, meanwhile, helped to create some of the most astounding moments of the show, such as when, surrounded by strobe lights, the child actors were suddenly — seemingly magically — replaced by teenagers.

Langley High School created a production of "Gypsy" worthy of a hundred standing ovations — though the audience could only give them one. Even the high standards of Mama Rose would be satisfied.

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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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