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Parents Josh and Kim Westfall of Herndon with their ten-month-old baby Olivia at the season opening Friday Night Live 2017 concert series.

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Ready for Summer

Time to dust-off and spruce up patios for a season of al fresco entertaining.

By Marilyn Campbell

When designing the patio of her McLean home, interior design professor Jean Freeman of Marymount University, relied on the natural surroundings to create a backdrop for her outdoor oasis.

"I have an area in the backyard that has small stones and lounge furniture," she said. "Our backyard is next to Pimmit Run Trail and has lots of trees, some of which I planted. Also, I planted several holly trees so that the area would attract more birds and sometimes the bird chirping gets quite loud and wonderful."

Gentle breezes and mild temperatures are some of the pleasures of spring that beckon many outdoors for parties and family dinners, but turning a winter-worn patio into a space for entertaining can feel daunting. Breathing new life into a landscape dulled by snow and frost or creating an entirely new outdoor space might be easier than it appears.

When considering a patio furniture purchase, avoid the battle against Mother Nature by selecting pieces that can stand up to the elements. "The number one rule in furnishing your patio is to purchase quality furniture," said Anne Walker of Anne Walker Design LLC. "There are a lot of outdoor furnishings that look alike, but they are not all the same. Dedon, based in Germany and Janus et Cie, based in California, make excellent outdoor furnishings that will stand the test of time ... [and] will not fade, warp or degrade even if left outdoors in the elements for years.

Less expensive look-alikes will fall apart after just a few years or months of exposure to the elements, continued Walker. "I can't stress it enough: invest in high-quality outdoor furnishings or you will just be throwing your money away. Buy the best you can afford, and work little by little if need be to complete your outdoor space. You won't be sorry."

When choosing fabrics for that furniture, Todd Martz, co-owner of Home on Cameron in Old Town Alexandria, says, "Accessories like pillows and draperies as well as chairs, sofas and rugs are all available in low maintenance fabrics."

Selecting smaller, easy-to-move pieces of furniture over large sectionals will produce a design plan with versatility. "You'll be happy to have the flexibility to move things around when you entertain or when the sun shifts and you want to get into or away from the direct sun," said Walker.



Photo courtesy of Anne Walker

One design technique that Anne Walker has incorporated into the design of her own patio is choosing smaller, moveable pieces of furniture — like these Dedon Barcelona lounge chairs — over large sectionals to allow for a versatile design plan.

Incorporating potted plants into the landscape design offers versatility. "Mix several sized plants ... very large as well as different types of plants in smaller planters," added Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Proxmire, Inc. "Vary the textures as well as the color of green leaves such as ferns, palms and flowering plants."

Use planters to create architectural features like walls and borders. "The plants will add beautiful visual interest, and the planters are moveable, allowing flexibility in use and design," said Walker.

For those who want to build a stone patio, go for variety, but establish a solid base to avoid costly repairs later. "Combinations of flagstone and brick are elegant and more interesting than use of only one type of materials," said Walker. "Make sure you have a professional set your patio in concrete. It's much less expensive to set the stone in stone dust, but within a year or less the stones will begin to shift and weeds will grow through the gaps."

Lighting matters, says Proxmire, and she suggest that when designing or even sprucing up patio, "Use different sources of light [such as] inside-outdoor lamps, different sizes of lanterns, candlesticks with glass hurricanes," she said. "The candles with batteries are great for using outside because the wind isn't an issue."

Now that summer is on the horizon, Walker has a plan for getting her patio guest-ready. "I will power wash with my personal home power washer, plant a few flowers and boom! Ready to entertain," she said. "We love to entertain on our patio. It's our favorite space."



Photos by Stacy Zarin Goldberg

Kelley Proxmire suggests using plants and planters in a variety of sizes — such as these blue and white ceramic pots to create a light and airy patio space.



Todd Martz of Home on Cameron designed this patio and says that exterior spaces can be treated like an indoor room by using bright, fresh fabrics designed specifically for outdoors.

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Friday Night Live! 2018 Rocks On in Herndon

The outdoor concert series draws a crowd of more than 1,000 spectators on the first night of its 2018 run.

By Mercia Hobson
The Connection

Herndon's free outdoor concert series, Friday Night Live! (FNL!) is back every Friday now through Aug. 24, 2018. FNL! is held on the Town Green in Herndon, which is located behind the Herndon Municipal Center at 777 Lynn Street and adjacent to W&OD Trail and the town library. Festivities run from 6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

FNL! is produced by the Herndon Chamber of Commerce and presented by Volkswagen Group of America, the title sponsor. FNL will not take place on June 1 due to Herndon Festival.

FNL! features popular local bands from up and down the east coast. They play rock and roll covers, from classic to modern with some country and original music thrown in.

The band '2U + Big Al's Truck' kicked off the FNL! 2018 Schedule as they faithfully recreated a 'U2' live show to a crowd of more than 1,000 patrons.

DOUG DOWNER is founder and chair of the Herndon Friday Night Live! Concert series. "We are looking forward to another great season. We have some new bands that haven't been here in a long time," Downer said. "We also have some new food with Egg Karne joining us, and this month, some new beer, a pale ale called Whale's Tale from Cisco Brewers in Nantucket."

As for food, concertgoers should come hungry. Each week, Domino's Pizza and locally based TurCuisine, a Mediterranean restaurant, will provide an assortment of food possibilities while the local Dairy Queen offers a selection of desserts and the Herndon High School Boosters sell fresh popcorn. Jimmy's Old Town Tavern and Egg Karne will rotate weeks to help diversify menu selections.

Beverage vendors include Bud Light, Devil's Backbone Vienna Lager, and Stella Artois, along with one other specially chosen Beer of the Month. The May 2018 Beer of the Month is Cisco Brewers Whale's Tale Pale Ale. There is also a selection of wines available, as well as Spiked Seltzer. Sodas and water are available at the food vendor stalls. Alcohol sales and concessions end promptly at 9:30 p.m. A portion of tip money from alcohol sales goes to benefit the Herndon High School After-Prom and All-Night alcohol-free Grad Parties.

FNL! Concert organizers have the production of the 4 1/2 hour event down to a science. Entirely volunteer-driven, FNL! is sup-

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Friday Night Live is a family-friendly, outdoor concert series, back every Friday, now through Aug. 24, 2018, except June 1 due to Herndon Festival.



Parents Josh and Kim Westfall of Herndon are mindful not to expose their ten-month-old baby to any sounds that could potentially damage her hearing. To prevent the possibility of a future hearing loss, smiling Olivia wears her baby hearing protectors to the Friday Night Live! Concert.

Storm clouds did bring brief torrential rain to the Friday Night Live! kickoff of its 2018 concert series but not enough to create more than a pause in the music.

Photos by
Mercia Hobson
The Connection

ported each evening by 98 volunteers who do it all, from checking IDs, being trained ABC managers, marshaling and cleaning up the Town Green after each concert. FNL! is family-friendly. All entrances and exits are strictly staffed, and there is a police presence.

As for possible weather cancellations, according to FNL!, a concert "is almost always held unless actual rain forces us to cancel. We almost never cancel based on a forecast. More often than not, the rain forecasted is falling somewhere else, and our concerts are on. In the event of obvious inclement weather (raining all day in Herndon and not predicted to stop), we try to make a call as early as we can be sure, but generally, it is made late in the afternoon... (Visit) Facebook page and Twitter."

Other rules state: "No pets are allowed at Friday Night Live!... and no alcoholic beverages may be taken outside of the Friday Night Live! Concert area... Everyone must present a valid ID and obtain a wristband before purchase and to consume alcoholic beverages. "We card everyone—regardless of age."

UPCOMING on the 2018 Concert Schedule for May 11 is Gonzo's Nose. They will perform a special reunion show playing hits from the '80s. LauraLea & Tripp Fabulous follow on May 18, noted for "her excellent vocals, charming personality."

Opinion

Vote, Vote, Vote

Anyone who was closely watching last November's election in got a demonstration about what difference one vote can make. Control of the Virginia General Assembly came down to a single race that was deemed to be tied, and was decided by a random drawing. Republicans won.

Vote. It's so important to vote. Your vote could actually be the deciding vote.

Your best shot at ensuring you can vote is to vote early.

How To Vote

Every year is election year in Virginia; mechanics and details of voting require attention to detail. For the primary, you will ask for a Democratic or Republican ballot.

Editorial

If you want to be sure you get to vote, voting early if you qualify is a good choice. Early voting, called absentee voting in person in Virginia, is already underway for the primary.

There are many valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible: elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html

There are two ways to vote absentee, in-person and by mail. To do either, you should first check your voter registration status to make sure it is up-to-date. Then you will need to apply for an absentee ballot. If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the location.

Voting absentee by mail? You can now apply for an absentee ballot online with the state's new Citizen Portal. You will need your Social Security Number and information on your Virginia Driver's License to complete the application. Information is also provided on how to apply if you do not have a driver's license.

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Letters to the Editor

Making Summer Camp Affordable

To the Editor:

I read with interest Marilyn Campbell's recent article on the difficulty of affording summer camp. As the director of Traveling Players Ensemble, a summer theatre camp, I've been acutely aware of the issues families face in paying for camp for years. I've seen the enormous difference that summer enrichment programs can make in a kid's life. That's why I

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Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has voter identification requirements; plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Primary Election Day.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; Tribal enrollment or other tribal ID issued by one of 11 tribes recognized by the Commonwealth of Virginia; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

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Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don't panic or give up.

You will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered by noon on Friday.

made it my goal to offer the most generous summer scholarships in the area.

We just received a \$10,000 grant from the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation, specifically to underwrite scholarships, and we are actively seeking middle and high schoolers of financial need to participate in our summer camps. Some of our previous scholarship campers have even been able to turn the high-level training they get from us into longer-

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DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY US House of Representatives

District 8

Donald S. Beyer, Jr.
(unopposed in primary)

District 10, Vote for One Winner will Face U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) in November

Lindsey Davis Stover
Jennifer T. Wexton
Paul E. Pelletier
Alison K. Friedman
Dan I. Helmer
Julia E. Biggins

District 11

Gerald Edward Connolly
(incumbent, unopposed in primary)

U.S. Senate

Timothy M. Kaine
(incumbent, unopposed in primary)

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY US House of Representatives

District 10 Vote for One

Shak E. Hill
Barbara J. Comstock (incumbent)

District 11, Jeff A. Dove, Jr. (unopposed)

United States Senate Winner will Face Sen. Tim Kaine (D) in November

Corey A. Stewart (R)
Nick J. Freitas (R)
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PRIMARY: TUESDAY, JUNE 12

❖ Deadline to register to vote, or update registration, for the Tuesday, June 12, General Election is Monday, May 21.

❖ Deadline to request an absentee ballot mailed to you is 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 5.

❖ Deadline to request an absentee ballot by appearing in-person is 5 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Absentee in person voting is already underway.

Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to meet the identification requirement.

term benefit, receiving tens of thousands of dollars in artistic scholarships to attend college.

We hope that we can add our commitment to providing scholarships to the great work that Camp Invention and other summer institutions are doing to provide real, lasting benefits to lower-income children in our community.

Jeanne Harrison

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Letters

Call for Discussion, Not Challenge to Budget

To the Editor:

I am writing to respond to the Connection article of last week regarding the town of Herndon budget ("Two Council Members Challenge the Budget Adoption"). The reporter was not able to speak to me before the Connection went to press.

It is pretty rare that this Town Council has anything adversarial going on because we are able to work collaboratively in the public interest.

The headline "Two Council Members Challenge Herndon Budget Adoption" makes it appear as though there is a lot more going on than there is.

Councilmember Olem and I were hoping to continue the budget for another two weeks to get in some time for discussion before the required budget deadline of June 30. I have seen several councils do this, and was not intending to avoid passing this budget, but to discuss matters my constituents wanted brought forth. My assumption was

that this was a reasonable, indeed admirable, request to make. I appreciate that the main problem was a lack of communication before the meeting, which I thought I had addressed in my opening comment on the matter. I dug into my position out of surprise, but eventually helped the budget pass. I saw no point in continuing my request for the two weeks, and we were able to have the discussion I had requested anyway.

I have loved working with this council, which is composed of smart, positive colleagues who are trying to help this town realize its potential. I would certainly not wish to move our well-run council and town to uncertainty, nor to "challenge the budget adoption".

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Signe Friedrichs
Herndon Town Council

Obituary

Elma Louise Moffett Mankin, 93

Elma Louise Moffett Mankin, 93, of Herndon died on Friday, May 4, 2018. She was born on Aug. 26, 1924 to William Henry and Mary Elizabeth Thompson Moffett. Elma was predeceased by her husband, Wilson Douglas Mankin, her beloved daughter, Nancy Mankin Bland and three brothers.

Survivors include her daughter, Gayle Mankin Fulcher (Tom); her son-in-law, Tom Bland (Beth); six grandchildren and their spouses, Todd Fulcher (Tina), Mark Fulcher (Kerry), Robin Fulcher Jones (Jason), Kurt Bland (Meredith), Lisa Fulcher Jordan (Kevin) and Matt Bland (Beth); eight great-grandchildren, Logan and Ryan Fulcher, Zoe Jones, Hank Fulcher, Caris and Emerson Bland, and Cora and Alex Jordan; four sisters, Betty Tavenner, Mary Ellen Judd, Ginny Bernstorff and Beverly Landymore; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Mankin was an active member of Herndon United Methodist Church and the Herndon Woman's Club. She was involved in many civic organizations and was honored in 2001 as Herndon Rotary Club Citizen of the Year.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS may be made to Herndon Woman's Club PO Box 231 Herndon, VA 20172 for a scholarship to be established in Elma's memory.

Mankin's father operated the Moffett Blacksmith Shop, circa 1917, was originally located in the town of Herndon. Now the blacksmith shop stands at the farm entrance at Frying Pan Historic site at West Ox Road in Herndon. Joseph Moffett and his son Henry operated the Moffett Blacksmith Shop in Herndon from 1904 to 1955. The shop was moved to Frying Pan Farm Park in 1975 and contains much of the

blacksmith's original equipment. The shop is open to the public during special events.

Elma Mankin spent much of life dedicated to making the community a better place. She spent countless hours volunteering in Herndon's many historical sites. She was involved with the Herndon Historical Society, the Herndon Women's Club, Reston Hospital, Herndon United Methodist Church, the Council for the Arts in Herndon, and other local organizations.

Mankin began her career as a secretary at Herndon High School and eventually moved to be the secretary of Herndon Elementary School.

Elma Mankin has earned numerous accolades for her community service receiving the Herndon Mayor's Distinguished Service Award in 1997.

She was the Herndon Rotary Club "Citizen of the Year" in 2001 where she was crowned Queen of Herndon, and was recognized at the Mayor's Volunteer Appreciation Night for her countless years of service to the community.



In August, 2014, then-Delegate Tom Rust (R-86) presents a resolution recognizing lifelong Herndon resident Elma Mankin, who turned 90 that month.

10th Congressional Campaign Forum in McLean

May 23, Wednesday, 5 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

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Key Speakers are 10th Congressional District candidates of both parties.

- Alison Friedman, Democrat, (confirmed)
- Dan Helmer, Democrat, (confirmed)
- Shak Hill, Republican, (confirmed)
- Paul Pelletier, Democrat, (confirmed)
- Lindsey Davis Stover, Democrat, (confirmed)
- State Sen. Jennifer Wexton, Democrat, (invited)
- US Rep. Barbara Comstock, Republican incumbent in the 10th District (invited)

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5:45 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. - Forum for 10th Congressional candidates from both parties

The Virginia EEC committee is a nonpartisan coalition of nonprofits, faith-based entities and grassroots leaders in Virginia. As a strictly optional suggestion, a charitable donation can be made to the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer Social Concerns Committee for their work for needy people in the area.

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Photos contributed

Nysmith School Debate Team Wins Tournament

The Nysmith School Debate team recorded yet another victory in Maret Invitational Public Forum Tournament for both middle and high schools.

Debating the topic of "The U.S. Federal Government should increase its quota of H-1B visas," the individual members/teams to achieve top results were:

Varsity: First place - Sarang Arun, eighth grader from Fairfax & Cami Hiek (Great Falls/seventh); Fourth place - Emma Bennett (Oakton/seventh) & Ava Ghods (Sterling/seventh).

Novice: First place — Amal Woodbridge (Ashburn/sixth) & Emma Pan (Fairfax/sixth); Second place — Dishaa Bhat (Sterling/sixth) & Kinnari Chaubal (Oak Hill/sixth); Third place - Esha Madamalla/Maverick (Chantilly/fourth)

Junior varsity: Second place — Eesha Somasunder (South Riding/sixth) & Ayana Ahuja (Chantilly/seventh).

Sixth grader Ishnoor Bakshi, from Herndon, earned the only Honorable Mention award at the Thomas Jefferson High School Invitational Science Fair. Her project, "Spare the Air—The Effect of Chemicals on Air Quality"—was well received by judges and other students alike.



Nysmith School sixth grade student Ishnoor Bakshi holds the Honorable Mention award she received at Thomas Jefferson HS Invitational Science Fair.

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Bulletin

Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers Needed for Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. At Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. Greater Reston Art Center's (GRACE's) largest annual fundraiser. Draws up to 30,000 visitors and there is free garage parking all weekend. Over 500 volunteers are needed. Volunteers perform a variety of roles including setting up with the logistics crew, welcoming and booth sitting for participating artists as part of the Artist Hospitality entourage, welcoming visitors and accepting donations for GRACE as a Festival Ambassador, or helping young artists with their creations in the Family Art Park. Visit restonarts.org/fineartsfestival.

The Herndon High School PTSA is in need of a treasurer, but anyone interested in serving on the board is welcome. The HHS PTSA works to provide connections between students, teacher and parents. They offer mini-grants to teachers, scholarships and achievement awards to students as well as appreciation events for staff. Email HerndonHSPTSA.Treasurer@gmail.com to learn more.

STEM Professionals Needed. Help assist K-12 STEM teachers as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2018-19 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, there are 85 volunteers in six Northern Virginia school districts. Contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488, or donaldrea@aol.com.

Volunteer Adult Mentors Needed. Help assist the Department of Family Services' BeFriendA-Child mentoring program. The mentors provide opportunities for companionship, guidance and support to children who have been abused and neglected, or who are at risk of abuse and neglect. Contact Ibrahim Khalil at Ibrahim.khalil@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-324-4547.

PARENTS HELPING PARENTS

Parent Support Partners, a service of the Healthy Minds Fairfax initiative, are all parents who have received training and are qualified to offer education, support and assistance at no cost to families or caregivers. They provide reliable information that families can use in decision-making and are familiar with services and resources that can help families in distress. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/healthymindsfairfax or www.nam-northernvirginia.org/parent-peer-support.html.

THURSDAY/MAY 10

Open House and Public Hearing. 5:30 p.m. at NVTA Office, 3040 Williams Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority has released 60 candidate projects and related information for its inaugural FY 2018-2023 Six Year Program for public comment. The open house will start at 5:30 p.m. and the public hearing will commence following a 7 p.m. presentation on the six year program. Pre-registration is open for those who would like to speak at the public hearing. Pre-register to speak in one of three ways: e-mail: TheAuthority@TheNoVaAuthority.org; phone: 703-642-4652 or in person on May 10, 2018 from 5:30-7 p.m. Visit www.TheNoVaAuthority.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 12

Community Yard Sale. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at 1900 Campus Commons Drive (Corner of Sunrise Valley Drive and Wiehle Avenue). Eighty-five families will be selling a variety of items so this event is a great opportunity to find things for a new home or a college dorm. Cancelled in the event of rain.

Nomination Deadline. The MCA is sponsoring the annual Outstanding Teen Character Award at this year's McLean Day. The award recognizes teens for their service and commitment to their community. To be eligible, the student must live in either McLean zip code 22101 or 22102, a neighborhood that feeds into McLean or Langley High School, or an area served by the MCA. Nominate teens who should be recognized for their accomplishments and dedication to the community. Email MCA.CharacterAward@gmail.com for nomination information.

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Still Haven't Seen the Light



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Wow!. I just saved "Up to \$504 ** " (not including the two asterisks), and all I did was buy a six pack of LED light bulbs. So it says on the package anyway.

Maybe I should buy another six-pack and save even more money? There are only two problems (just two?) with this plan. First, I don't see a rebate-type form to complete and return and; in lieu there of, neither is there a guarantee, considering my health situation, that I'll even live long enough ("Lasts 13+ Years") to realize the benefit/savings of not spending additional money on light bulbs. (Are they even called light bulbs any more? I don't see it printed on the package anywhere.)

And while I'll definitely enjoy not spending money on light bulbs - or whatever they're called, I won't enjoy wondering if I've now spent money on light bulbs that I don't actually need and/or likely will never even use. I mean, I have previously - because as a country/consumer we've had no other choice, given that the incandescent light bulb ship has sailed - bought replacement light bulbs. I don't remember however, if the bulbs were LED, Halogen, Incandescent, CFL, Fluorescent or who knows what? Literally. Certainly not me.

My only light-bulb-related talent is screwing them into the fixture as I've written about previously. (Do you remember I called myself "Taurus Bulba"?) In fact, I may very well have already installed light bulbs that are going to last for years so it's possible there isn't even a need to allocate dollars and sense to bulb inventory - or even to write this column.

I suppose that if I'm serious and/or inclined to shine a light on this problem, I need to get organized, either on my computer or in pen in a notebook (Sort of like how my wife's Italian grandfather, Cesare, did regarding Christmas cards. He had years of notebooks with names listed with boxes alongside, checked or not, for cards sent and/or received) to identify which lights/fixtures have which kind of light bulbs so I'll know whether it's likely I'll actually need to spend money on replacement light bulbs.

If the light bulbs really are going to "Last 13+ years," (as is also printed on the package) then I might not need to buy them any more, for awhile, anyway. As a result, light bulbs will no longer be a regular purchase like toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, etc. Instead, they will become an irregular purchase like batteries, sponges and the like.

Now, if I really can stop this unnecessary light-bulb-redundancy, I should have a few extra dollars that I can allocate elsewhere on real necessities - like candy, cookies and ice cream.

Having sorted out the light bulb task ahead of me; in addition to saving money, I will have saved time as well. And who wouldn't want to save time and money? Everybody. However, saving it in this excruciatingly boring/mundane manner has limited appeal, I would guess.

But, we're not just saving pennies here; potentially, according to the light bulb's packaging, we are apparently saving hundreds of dollars, and hundreds are worth saving.

Unfortunately, the dollars saved are not exactly in-pocket. They're more dollars which won't be spent out-of-pocket. Not as direct as a rebate, but more like an indirect benefit such as money saved from the installation of energy-efficient windows or placing insulation in your attic.

Either way, it's money not in somebody else's pocket. I just wish the manufacturers could figure out a way to pay me today, especially since I paid them yesterday.

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

Entertainment

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Craig Moran: Spaced Out. Through May 29 at GRACE at Signature, 11850 Freedom Drive, Reston. A D.C.-based painter known for his boldly patterned canvases, Moran's newest body of work is a whirl-wind of exuberant colors and energetic shapes. Call 703-471-9242 or visit www.restonarts.org.

Reston Farmers Market. Open Saturdays, through Dec. 1, 8 a.m.-noon at 1609 Washington Plaza N., Reston. Fairfax County Park Authority markets are strictly producer-only meaning that vendors must grow or make from scratch everything they bring to market. Call 703-642-0128 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

FRIDAY/MAY 11

Reading Club. 5 p.m. at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. The South Lakes High School Reading Club hosts Young Adult author Jessica Spotswood for a discussion of her novel, *Born Wicked*. The event is free and open to the public. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 12

Spring Farm Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Frying Pan Farm Park, 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Milk a cow or goat, hear the antique farm equipment putter, play old timey games, and enjoy crafts in a family-friendly atmosphere. Call 703-437-9101 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/frying-pan-park.

British Invasion: The Beatles & Beyond. 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston. Rock out with The Reston Chorale and friends from the Piedmont Symphony and Rock Band to musical hits from across the pond. \$25/Adults; \$20/Seniors; Free/Youth and Active Duty Military. Tickets at www.restonchorale.org and 703-476-4500, ext. 3.

Mother's Day Craft. All day at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Stop by Scrawl Books to make a card and craft for mom. They will have supplies and staff on hand to help children of all ages make something special for Mother's Day. Visit www.scrawlbooks.com.

MONDAY/MAY 14

Golf Tournament. 1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start at Hidden Creek Country Club, 1711 Clubhouse Road, Reston. The 2018 Celebrate Great Falls Foundation Golf Tournament. Proceeds benefit Great Falls, Forestville and Colvin Run Elementary schools. Afternoon registration 12:15-1:15 p.m. Foursome - \$600; Single Golfer - \$175. Visit www.greatfallsgolf.org.

"FIX," an Original Work. 7 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Church of Reston, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston. Dodgeball Theatre's Teen Ensemble 18 presents: "Fix," an original work. Dodgeball Theatre's Teen Ensemble, now in its 10th year, will be premiering "FIX," written, developed, and performed by the Ensemble. "FIX" considers the nature and intention of trying to fix the world around us and ultimately asks the question when is it enough? \$10, tickets available at the door. Visit www.dodgeballtheatre.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 15

The Eddie Cantor Story. 1-3 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon. "The Eddie Cantor Story: A Jewish Life in



Teen Ensemble members developing a scene. From left: Sarah Janson, Jack Colligan, Kelly Brown, Katie Adler, Gwyneth Murphy, Timothy Hutchinson, Emma Choi, Abby Cortez, and Delia Alcorn.

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The Eddie Cantor Story

Historian David Weinstein will share a multi-media presentation "The Eddie Cantor Story: A Jewish Life in Performance and Politics," featuring many rare photos, songs, and film clips. Tuesday, May 15, 1-3 p.m. at Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon. Free. Visit bethemeth.org/hazak.

Performance and Politics." Historian David Weinstein will share a multi-media presentation featuring many rare photos, songs, and film clips. Free. Visit bethemeth.org/hazak.

Live Music: The Matchsellers. 7:15 p.m. at Amphora's Diner Deluxe, 1151 Elden St., Herndon. The Matchsellers are Warsaw, Indiana native Andrew Morris and Julie Bates of Kansas City, Missouri. Their stage show has been developed over half a decade of constant touring across the US and Europe. Call 703-435-2402 or www.restonherndonfolkclub.com.

Encore Chorale Concert. 7:30-9 p.m. at United Christian Parish Reston, 11508 North Shore Drive, Reston. Combined Encore Chorales from Reston, Fairfax, and Lansdowne Woods sing music from Broadway, the Great American Songbook, and traditional Spirituals. Free and open



David Weinstein

to the public. Visit www.EncoreCreativity.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 18-20

Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day at Reston Town Center, 11900 Market St., Reston. More than 200 artists will show off their works. Presented by GRACE - Greater Reston Arts Center. Admission \$5/adults. Free garage parking. Visit northernvirginiafineartsfestival.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 19

Kids in the Park. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Claude Moore Recreation & Community Center, 46105 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling; Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling; and Heritage Farm Museum, 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling. Celebrate National Kids to Park Day,



Photos by Robert Maxwell

Some Call it 'the Best Production Ever'

Herndon High's recent production of Sondheim's 'Into the Woods' involved a huge cast, tech/crew, and pit orchestra plus hundreds of volunteer hours. 'Into the Woods' is known for its difficulty, and the students and community knocked it out of the park. Some are saying it was the best production ever at Herndon High. Pictured here, seniors Vaheed Talebian and Isabel Bustamante played the Baker and his Wife.



Along their journey to collect items for a potion that will break the Witch's curse, the Baker and his wife meet Cinderella (Erin Maxwell, Junior), who holds a needed ingredient "the

In trying to break a curse, the Witch (Allie Lytle, Senior) tragically loses her daughter, Rapunzel. Allie will be studying musical theatre in college.



a fun-filled day including a scavenger hunt at all three sites, farm tour, moonbounces, arts and crafts, games, food trucks and more. Free admission. Call 571-258-3600

SUNDAY/MAY 20

Red Shoe 5K Run & Walk. at Dulles Station in Herndon. The family-friendly event will feature a timed 5K course suited for both runners and walkers, and a Kid's Fun Run for kids 8 years and younger. Registration fees are \$35 for Adult 5K registration, and \$25 for Kid's Fun Run (8 and under); \$40 on race day. Visit www.RedShoe5k.org.

Sunday Spring Tea Fundraiser. 2-4 p.m. at Crowne Plaza, 2200 Centreville Road, Herndon. Arts Herndon Fundraiser to Benefit Arts Herndon's scholarships and programming. Silent Auction Baskets from local businesses, guest artist Mary Sears, special guest speaker, live music, door prizes and more. Register at artspaceherndon.org.

Author Event. 2 p.m. at Scrawl Books, Reston Town Center, 11911 Freedom Drive, Reston. Author Kara Arundel reads from and discusses her novel, "Raising America's Zoo: How Two Gorillas Helped Transform the National Zoo."