Ava Song, rising fifth grader at Great Falls Elementary School, with her pets, Fluffy the cat and Candy the dog. Fluffy was adopted from an animal shelter and has been the only pet in house for the past four years. Candy joined the family just a few weeks ago. Ava is still helping them to get along, not a very easy task.
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Dulles Chamber, Community Honor Eileen Curtis

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

Back in 1994, Eileen Curtis attended a Herndon Chamber of Commerce mixer wearing a sticky-type name tag that read “Eileen Curtis, Job Seeker.” Her confidence and creativity impressed then-Chamber Board Chairman Bob Gallaway and his colleagues. Shortly thereafter, Curtis’ new, permanent name tag read “Eileen Curtis, Executive Director.”

Twenty-three years later, addressing the sell-out crowd at her retirement dinner at the Hyatt Regency Dulles on July 12, Curtis said she is still amazed and incredibly grateful to have received that job offer. “I still don’t know why they hired me. I had no experience or credentials for the job. But I think it turned out ok.”

“Job-seeker Curtis” brought with her a resume where she served as the Director of Music and Cultural Affairs for WGMS Radio. She had a background in broadcast journalism and special events, helping to produce the event on the Washington Mall to welcome home the Iran hostages. Helm-ing the Chamber may have been a second career for Curtis, but it seems she was the perfect fit for an organization that was also a chamber actually does,” said Curtis. A few admissions, and other tokens of appreciation, Curtis already has plans for “what’s next.”

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Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce (DRCC) mixer wearing a photo by Andrea Worker/The Connection

From left: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, and supervisors Kathy Smith (D-Sully) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield.) “She is a tremendous advocate for business in our area. I am particularly grateful for her partnership in my annual job fairs,” said Herrity.

Chamber of Commerce mixer wearing a photo by Andrea Worker/The Connection

At her retirement celebration, Dulles Regional Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Eileen Curtis was honored with a parade of former Chamber Board Chairpersons, wearing top hats and each presenting the honoree with a rose.

“Eileen has meant so much more to this chamber than being its president,” said DRCC Chairman of the Board James Lawson. “We are all better people for knowing her as both a colleague and a friend.”

AFTER ACCEPTING certificates, and proclamations, and other tokens of appreciation, Curtis took to the podium to make her farewell remarks – and she still had one last surprise in store for her audience. “Bet you didn’t know I used to be a singer,” she said, before breaking into a re-lyricized version of the song “Memories” from the musical “Cats” – and bringing the audience to their feet with her operatic talents and the witticisms of her revised lyrics.

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Mixing business with pleasure, Lawson also oversaw the votes approving the new officers for the coming year, and for the installation of John Boylan as the successor to Curtis. “They are big shoes to fill, but we are looking forward to further success and further community service under John’s leadership, but Eileen, know you will be missed and remembered.”
Every summer, many students have a 12-week break from school and the work that goes along with it. During this time it is possible for children to choose playing over reading a book; therefore, the Great Falls library takes it upon themselves to encourage summer reading.

One of the things Fairfax County public libraries offer is a summer reading challenge. Every year they offer different challenge themes. This year’s challenge theme is “Reading by Design.” The theme is meant to inspire readers to explore their own creativity.

Children can sign up either online or visit the Great Falls library to participate. After signing up, they are given a reading log in which they can either track online or use a hard copy given to them at the library. After they finish the log by Sept. 2, they will receive a coupon book as a prize. The book contains more than 30 coupons for free and discounted things such as ice cream, mini golf, and more.

Each age group is required to read a certain number of books to receive the prize. Babies through third grade are required to read 15 books, fourth through sixth grade children are required to read 10 books, and seventh through 12th graders are required to read five books.

The library also offers events to create and encourage life long learners. The summer programs have been running since June 23 and will continue until Sept. 2. They offer free activities for children of different age groups from birth to 18 years of age. They often fill up fast; therefore, registration is required.

Great Falls Library Encourages Summer Reading for Children

By Maggie Giordano
The Connection

Youth Services Manager, Hallie Jackson, plans the summer events every year.

The children enjoyed 123 Andrés’ songs about other countries.
Library Challenges Children

“We do programs every week this summer. Most of the programs in house are run by the librarian in which they do things like crafts, combining technology and books for educational purposes, music programs and Magic shows,” the library Youth Services Manager, Hallie Jackson said.

For younger children they offer activities such as “Baby Lapsit” and “Toddler Time” in which they engage in stories, songs, rhymes and more. For elementary through high school, they offer time for “Pokémon League,” “Playdate Café,” “Crafty Doctors’ and more. There are also teen exclusive programs in which they enjoy learning and engaging about foot painting and henna tattooing.

“The programs are important in terms of getting kids into the library. It is important for kids to be reading over the summer so that they don’t have that summer slump where there’s a big gap in their comprehension skills,” Jackson said.

Latin Grammy winning children’s musician, 123 Andrés, played for children on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 18. André Salguero is currently on his musical tour, Around the Americas with Andres, in which he took children on a musical tour around the world.

“We want to see these kids embrace other cultures and grow because Fairfax County is a very great and diverse area. I sing about being together in this country and understanding others. The program is centered around geography and traveling through music and dance,” Salguero said.

The bilingual singer has been in the country for 16 years and in the area for about six years and plays shows throughout the county and the Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Washington D.C. area. His newest bilingual album, “Arriba Abajo” gave children the chance to interact with others while exploring the sounds of the world.

FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE of programs and more on the summer reading challenge, visit fairfaxcounty.gov/library.
OPINION
Help End Domestic Violence

There were 1,483 calls to the domestic violence hotline in 2016, averaging 124 calls per month.

By John C. Cook
District Supervisor (Braddock-R)

Strong families are held together by love, support, and commitment. They are the very foundation of a strong society. If the core of the family is replaced by violence, then all of society is weakened.

Domestic violence affects one in four Fairfax families and causes nearly 1,600 arrests in Fairfax every year. It is almost guaranteed that anyone reading this knows a victim of domestic violence, even if they are unaware of it. These statistics alone paint a dire picture. However, there is a way you can make a positive difference.

Fairfax County’s Domestic Violence Prevention Council, which I chair, rolled out the “Make the Call” campaign earlier this year. Its purpose is to encourage victims and witnesses of domestic violence to call Fairfax County’s 24-hour domestic and sexual violence hotline at 703-360-7273. This number is completely safe and confidential. The hotline is staffed by experts always ready to offer information, counsel, and resources to victims and concerned citizens. Callers can receive vital information on where to find shelter, legal resources, financial aid, and even a safe haven for their animals. Anyone can call to learn about the signs of domestic violence and even confirm possible incidents.

The hotline is proving to be highly effective and even lifesaving. The Fairfax County Office for Women received 1,483 hotline calls with an average of 124 calls per month in 2016. At least 98 percent of those who called for services said the hotline better prepared them to make a safety plan. This call can mean the difference between life and death for those escaping abuse.

Domestic violence is sometimes difficult to identify for bystanders, as well as victims. Abusers will often convince their victims that everything they can to help secure you and your family’s safety.

For bystanders, it could be a black eye, a passing reference, or even a loud argument overheard next door. You do not have to be sure. If you think domestic violence may be happening, make the call and let professionals help.

For victims, the hotline is available whenever you need it. If you feel threatened, alone, or unsafe in your own home, please make the call. You do not have to go through this difficult time alone. The staff at the hotline is here for you at any hour of the day and will do everything they can to help secure you and your family’s safety.

Again, the number is 703-360-7273. Please, make the call, it could save a life.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
‘Catastrophic Events’ Can Happen to Anyone

To the Editor:

I am a senior citizen and I have read about the situation with health care or lack of it in this county. Your article mentioned many factors that the general public is ignorant of. I personally believe that a country’s strength and greatness is reflected in how they treat the least of their people.

We have failed on an epic level as a people. No person wants to be on welfare, Medicaid, public assistance or food stamps. The prevailing ignorant opinion by the vastly uninformed public is that it is an easy ride and that the individuals on welfare want to live off the state.

The truth of the matter is that “catastrophic events” can happen to anyone and it only takes the loss of employment and devastating medical bills to suddenly be forced to be on state assistance. It is a true nightmare. It is a degrading humiliating process and I honestly cannot think of anyone who truly wanted to be on Medicaid or welfare. It puts a person in a negative life-altering position where the judgment by people is harsh and unsympathetic. People make assumptions that those on assistance are no good lazy bums getting a “free ride.”

The truth is that President Johnson and his “great society” brought about the demise of social security. He opened the doors to the looting of the program for non-related financial projects.

I am an independent voter. I am a senior. I used to be an employee of United Airlines. I lost all my benefits and do not have any retirement. I also was a part time teacher. I have no teacher’s pension. I have no savings and no retirement to fall back on and am living on S.S.I. of $735 a month that is my sole income. It is an easy ride and that the individual on welfare should have the same ignorance opinion by the public.

I injured myself in a freak accident at Dulles airport. I lost my job. It was a devastating loss for me. I could not find any work. I was forced out of desperation to apply for Medicaid. I do not like Medicaid because the types of clients I have to associate with and choice of doctors is very limited. Having grown up in a family where my mother was a Democrat and my father a Republican I have had two viewpoints. My maternal grandfather was with the Burlington Northern Railroad 30...
Dear Commissioners:

The Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) has conferred with SunTrust Bank and its attorneys on a frequent basis since February, as we discussed with them the plans for a new bank structure with a drive-through feature. After many months of discussions, public meetings, and a number of significant changes to the structure’s design and size, its landscaping and signage—as well as retention of two large oaks—the GFCA executive board voted on July 18, 2017 to recommend that the Planning Commission agree to the proposed building (and waivers), contingent on the approval of these documents:
❖ Special Exception Plat dated Nov. 8, 2016, and revised through May 10, 2017;  
❖ Architectural elevations prepared by Gensler and dated June 29, 2017;  
❖ Proposed Development Conditions of July 19, 2017, which include clarifications GFCA’s board sought on signage (conditions 6-8), conformance of sidewalks and bicycle racks (condition LI), street light mitigation (condition 9); and  
❖ Adherence to the county’s dark skies policies on lighting.

SunTrust Bank has been a valued member of the Great Falls community for many years and we look forward to continuing a cooperative relationship with them during construction, and in the years ahead, as they serve the residents of this community.

William Canis, President 
Great Falls Citizens Association

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**School Notes**

Kanishk Singh of Great Falls, Probable career field: Diplomatic Service, Langley High graduate, has received College-Sponsored Merit Scholarship from Carleton College. The first private college in the Upper Midwest to have chapters of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, Carleton has been committed to academic excellence since its founding in 1866. The college’s 1,000 acre campus is 35 miles south of Minneapolis-St. Paul in Northfield, where its 1,800 resident students and over 140 full-time faculty are near enough to the city to avoid rural isolation, yet far enough away to enjoy the advantages of small town life in the country.

Great Falls resident, Morgan Brady Wallace, has been named to the dean’s list at James Madison University for the spring 2017 semester. Wallace is scheduled to graduate in 2018 and is majoring in geology.

Madison DiLenge, of Great Falls, was named to the fall and spring dean’s list at The College of William and Mary.

Kyle M. Craver, a resident of Great Falls, was named to the dean’s list for the spring 2017 semester at Alfred University (Alfred, N.Y.). Craver, a mechanical engineering major, is a senior in the Inamori School of Engineering. A graduate of Field School, he is the son of Joseph and Leslie Craver of Great Falls.

Ryan Nunes, of Great Falls, majoring in Political Science, received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio).

Gabrielle Rita Van Volkenburg, of Great Falls, has been named to the dean’s list at Clemson University (Clemson, S.C.) for the spring 2017 semester. Van Volkenburg is majoring in psychology.

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Fred Took America

By Joan and Jim Brady

Today, Fred prefers to split his time between watching over the Great Falls neighborhood from the couch and napping in the sun. But in his prime, he loved to travel, traversing the United States twice before he was 7. Fred has enjoyed the best of what this country has to offer; national parks, historical sites, kitsch destinations, food-filled city streets and the company of a wide range of citizens.

Now 15, Fred prefers to watch the world from the window.

Fred prepares to eat some tasty Lake Tahoe tourists. Lake Tahoe, Nev.

Fred stares across the narrow stretch of the Rio Grande as he contemplates the challenging issues surrounding illegal immigration. Big Bend National Park, Texas.

Fred wonders the same thing we did: Had the artist never actually seen Bill Clinton? Little Rock, Ark.

Fred sits on the front porch of the home where Dwight D. Eisenhower was born. Denison, Texas.

Fred beneath the Gateway Arch. St. Louis, Mo.


Fred at an overlook at the Antietam Battlefield. Sharpsburg, Md.

Fred in front of the world’s largest beagles at the Dog Bark Park Inn. We chose not to stay there. Cottonwood, Idaho.

A beaded Fred waits patiently for the next intoxicated person to pet him. New Orleans, La.
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You Can Make a Difference
By Joan Brady

The room at the Waterford in Springfield buzzes with happy chatter over a low mix of upbeat tunes. Framing the space are posters that celebrate the uniqueness of each graduate.

Fourteen young people were celebrated last Friday at the annual Fairfax County Department of Family Services High School Graduation Celebration.

For the young people in this room, children who were removed from their biological families due to a range of abuse and neglect and moved between foster and group homes, the challenges that stood between them and a diploma were significant.

Graduation rates for children raised in foster care are 49.6 percent less than the national average and the statistics on college graduates are even lower. Having a high school diploma significantly increases the range of job opportunities and earning potential.

Instead of giving up, you continued to move forward. In spite of all you have been through, you achieved this milestone. Because of your hard work and the support of people both in-and outside of this room, we are able to be here to celebrate you.”

The room cheered at the words of Chauncey Strong, foster care and adoption supervisor.

The event, planned by Natalie Sposato, Fairfax County Department of Family Services, life skills coordinator, is intended to keep this milestone from going unnoticed.

“A high school diploma can never be taken for granted and celebrated,” said Sposato.

Together with the support of the Department of Family Services staff and members of the community, the event included a buffet, giveaways, certificates and speeches. And, at every opportunity, the proceedings were paused to give all of the graduates one more big cheer.

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Cosmetologist Returns To Great Falls

The E.L.E Day Spa opens at 10135 Colvin Run Road.

By Fallon Forbush
The Connection

A new beauty salon opened for business in Great Falls, but the woman running the shop is by no means a novice to her craft or the area.

The E.L.E Day Spa opened on Saturday, July 15, at 10135 Colvin Run Road in office space across the street from Leigh Corners and next to the Great Falls Animal Hospital.

Loyal customers showed up to receive services: Hairdressing, makeup, manicures and pedicures and other cosmetic treatments. The reason they were so eager to support the salon is all in the name: “E,” “L,” “E.”

It’s an acronym for the first names of Lutfiye “Lucy” Yilmaz and her two sons, Erkan Hayiroglu and Emir Hayiroglu.

“We don’t care which order the ‘Es’ are in, but the ‘L’ is bigger,” Erkan said. “She’s the main person and the reason that customers come in.”

Lucy Yilmaz has been a licensed cosmetologist since 1987, according to the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, and has been a nail technician for even longer. She began studying the art and science of decorating people’s fingernails and toenails in Turkey before she immigrated to Virginia in 1980.

After working for years in Vienna, Yilmaz opened her own studio, Nail Studio, on Walker Road in Great Falls in 1989, but closed it down in 1994, before moving and opening another studio, Nail Studio & Day Spa, in Reston in the North Point Village Center.

Her Reston establishment accumulated 28 reviews on Yelp.com, a website that crowdsources reviews about local businesses, before it closed down.

OVERALL, comments, photos and ratings from reviewers were positive.

Now that she has returned to Great Falls, she intends to run a “family-oriented” and “tight-knit” paradise for her loyal clientele to relax and unwind. She also hopes to meet new customers in need of her skills.

“I love being around people and I cannot be behind a desk,” Yilmaz said. “I have to talk to people and I love making them beautiful.”

Her heritage and her passion for people was on full display during the grand opening as she bounced around the new salon and performed services while pushing complementary Turkish hors d’oeuvres: Borek, a pastry stuffed with spinach and feta cheese, and baklava, a layered pastry filled with chopped walnuts and almonds, soaked in honey and garnished with ground pistachios.

The Turkish food was catered by Borek Homemade Turkish Food in Falls Church. Patrons were also offered other snacks and drinks, along with free eyebrow threading or waxing services during the grand opening.

“It’s going to Vegas,” she said, justifying her more playful “Deep Sea” polish, which transitions from a faded red to a deep blue.

“They let you soak and then the scrub was so good,” Monica Walker of Reston said of her lavender spa pedicure. “They heated the [paraffin] wax. You have the warmth soaking into your bones.”

Walker, an engineer who has been following Yilmaz since 2006, said the treatment helped with her arthritis.

“It had some thermally-conductive properties,” she said.

Jenny Groff of Reston has been seeing Yilmaz for 20 years and was treated to an eyebrow threading during the grand opening.

“This hair-removal technique uses cotton or polyester thread that is doubled, twisted and then rolled over areas of unwanted hair, pulling the hair from the follicle,” Groff said as Yilmaz carefully twisted cotton thread against her skin. Yilmaz pulled the lines of the thread taut with both hands and at another end held in her mouth. This technique is sanitary because the portion of the thread never leaves her mouth during the procedure.

Patrons can also get their hair dressed by Engin Bozkurt, the studio’s master hair stylist, who previously worked at the Toka Salon & Day Spa, which has locations in Washington, D.C., New York, and Alexandria and Great Falls.

HAIRDRESSERS at the salon use the full portfolio of hair color, haircare and styling products from Goldwell, according to Bozkurt.

The salon uses VOESH of New York’s “Pedi in a Box Deluxe 4 Step” aroma spa set for its pedicures, which include ingredients for a sea salt soak, foot scrub, mud masque and massage lotion that are scented in a variety of smells: Lavender, green tea, olive oil, cucumber and more. The products are vegan and paraben-, triclosan- and cruelty-free.

“You grab a flavor and smell and if that’s what you want, we use it,” Yilmaz’s son Erkan Hayiroglu said. “They are individualized for customers and each come with plastic liners.”

To ensure a clean and hygienic experience, employees also sanitize the tubs after each use, in addition to lining the tubs, according to Hayiroglu.

The salon uses OPI, Gelish, DND, LeChat, SNS and other brands for its nail polish, gel and shellac and en Vogue gels for sculpting, according to Yilmaz.

Yilmaz also provides permanent makeup services for her clients and performs a procedure called microblading on eyebrows. The procedure is a meticulous, two-hour process that fills brows out or reshapes them by drawing on thin lines that look like individual hairs with a handheld tool. Numbing and sanitizing ointment is spread over the area before Yilmaz uses the tool to blade pigment into the skin for a semi-permanent tattoo that fades over 18 to 24 months.
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Sunny Days artists exhibition through July 29 at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW. Sunny Days exhibition. Call 703-319-3971 or visit www.ViennaArtsSociety.org for more.

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Senior Center to Host Antique Appraisal Event

“How much do you think it’s worth?” Well, grab your favorite (portable) heirloom or piece of jewelry and join Great Falls Senior Center (GFSC) on Tuesday, Sept. 19, from 10 a.m. to noon as GFSC, in concert with Paradigm Experts, hosts their version of the “Antiques Road Show” at the Colvin Run Historic Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls.

Paradigm Experts is a network of accredited appraisal experts helping clients make informed decisions regarding their personal items. There is a limit to 40 items (20 jewelry/gem/watch/coin related and 20 “all other categories”) being appraised. Anyone wishing an item to be evaluated must send a picture and a description of the provenance (how long has it been in your family? What do you know about it already?) ahead of time. Deadline for submitting pictures and descriptions is Aug. 31. First come, first served.

Send electronic copy to Yasha Arant at yasha_arant@yahoo.com or mail hardcopy to: Yasha Arant, 104 Sue Ann Court, Sterling, VA 20164. Those submitting an item for appraisal are requested to arrive at the venue at 9 a.m. so items can be reviewed prior to the 10 a.m. show. Audience members don’t have to be having an item appraised in order to attend this event. Contact Karen Emami at karen.emami@globalinfotek.com or call 703-938-6471.

This event is sponsored by TD Bank, www.td bank.com.

Faith Notes

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday at noon.

Wesley United Methodist Church located at 711 Spring St., 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.
Military Hiring Fair Held in Herndon

Career event created to help job seekers find meaningful employment opportunities.

By Mercia Hobson
The Connection

Hiring Our Heroes — The United States Chamber of Commerce Foundation and The American Legion Department of Virginia State Convention conducted a Military Hiring Event on Thursday, July 13 at the Hilton Washington Dulles Airport Hotel in Herndon. Fifty top-tier local and national employers and service organizations participated in the daylong event.

Jobs opportunities were available to transitioning service members, veterans, and military spouses.

Dave Wallace, Media and Communications Chair, Dyer-Gunnel Post 180, The American Legion Department of Virginia said, “This hiring event is the first of its kind for the American Legion Department of Virginia. It’s giving back to our veterans. It is an opportunity to show their skills sets to all these employers; a chance to prove how they will be an asset to the companies.”

LEAVING THE MILITARY can be daunting for many, and seeking employment a new venture. Before the hiring fair began, Hiring Our Heroes, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation offered attendees a unique employment workshop, one that concisely covered a variety of topics.

Cara Cooke, USAF Senior Manager, Hiring Our Heroes taught the seminar. Cooke focused the discussion on how best to create three essential personal branding tools: an effective resume, the 20-second elevator pitch, and have it ready to distribute to potential employers upstairs.

Next, Cooke described how to build a personal brand statement, the brief 20-second elevator pitch. "State who you are, what your background is, and what you want. Ask what they can offer you, and stop. Stop. Let them talk," Cooke instructed. She reminded attendees that when they are talking to prospective employers: "Give eye contact and don’t look at the ground. Talk to everybody. Contact is so important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Cooke added: “Today is your day. They see important.” Coke
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time of the railroad union so my mother
was very workers rights oriented and my
father's family were bankers. My paternal
grandfather was vice president of National
Boulevard Bank in Chicago. So I get an
interesting perspective.

It does not make sense to me that they
are going after this failsafe program for
the most disadvantaged of our country. This
is a safety net. There are so many other pro-
grams that need to be examined. But I can-
not understand this assault on the human
condition of our citizens. There are black
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Valerie Benson
Burke

The dentist has referred me to an oral sur-
gen (since the teeth were both "unresto-
rable"/not root canal candidates) who will
extract two teeth in my mouth and hundreds
more from my bank account/probably credit
card – again, but no doubt get me back on a
counting exercise.

The pancreatic enzymes, the most expen-
sive bottle of pills I buy I consume upwards of
55 pills per day. This is an expense I incur every
three months and does something to help my
immune system keep the lung cancer in-check,
a priority if there ever was one.

I guess what I'm realizing that I have two
lives, sort of, the usual and customary life:
work, play, day-to-day stuff and the cancer life:
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11144 RICH MEADOW DR, GREAT FALLS, VA 22066 $1,788,000
Stunning and completely updated. This 4-sided, brick country manor provides a new, elegant screened porch with fireplace and a expansive, low-maintenance deck. The interior offers a Carrara marble chef’s kitchen, 5 fireplaces, a luxurious master suite, 5 additional spacious bedrooms and an inviting walk-out lower level.

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Gorgeous screened porch with park-like private setting

Great Falls $2,399,000
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