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Calvin Follin and Sara Hilgartner read the names of the deceased Great Falls residents who served their country. A personal moment for both, as Follin read the names of his own family members, and Hilgartner rang the bell for all those veterans who have passed, including her husband Pete "High Pockets" Hilgartner, who founded the Great Falls Memorial service.

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Potomac School senior Mike Grimes

Potomac School Student Wins \$10,000 Scholarship in Junior Achievement Essay Competition

Junior Achievement of Greater Washington recently announced the winners of its 2017 Junior Achievement Essay Competition. Potomac School senior Mike Grimes was selected as the second-place winner in Virginia. He will be awarded a \$10,000 scholarship for this accomplishment.

The essay prompt was "Several great entrepreneurs, including Bill Gates and Mark Zuckerberg, dropped out of college before getting their degrees. How important do you think a college degree is to your future success?" More than 1,100 students across the region submitted essays in response. They were judged based on creativity and originality, persuasiveness, grammar and spelling, understanding of the subject matter, and relevance of the response to the topic question.

Grimes, who lives in Washington, D.C., wrote about the "10,000 Hour Rule," cited by Malcolm Gladwell in his book "Outliers," which posits that approximately 10,000 hours of practice is required to become truly expert in any skill or area of endeavor. Grimes asserted his belief that college is a place to begin acquiring this extensive experience – a place that offers "access to teachers, technology, and other resources critical to reach mastery."

This fall, Grimes will be enrolled in the College of Charleston's Honors College. He plans to major in finance and commercial real estate and minor in entrepreneurship. He will reside in the college's Entrepreneurship Living Learning Community, where he will have daily interaction with students with similar interests.

At Potomac, Grimes plays point guard for the varsity basketball team and is involved in peer leadership activities, serving as a mentor and role model for younger students.

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Laying of the memorial wreath. From left: State Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31); Bruce Fein; keynote speaker Rita Stead; boys from Scout Troop 55; and Elwyn Charles “Chip” Comstock, attending on behalf of his wife, U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10).



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Members of Boy Scouts Troop 55 were an integral part of the memorial ceremony, saluting the flag and helping to lead the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, assisting in the laying of the wreath, and Raising the Colors – not to mention setting up and breaking down the seating.

Great Falls Honors the Fallen

Community gathers at Great Falls Freedom Memorial to pay tribute to those who fell in service of their country.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

Attending a candlelight vigil after the terrorist attacks of 9/11 set Retired U.S. Marine Corps Col. Peter “High Pockets” (so named for his lean and lanky 6-foot-6-inch frame) Hilgartner on the path to create a place in Great Falls where remembrances honoring those who fell in service of their country could be held with the respect they deserve. That place, situated behind the Great Falls Public Library, was dedicated in November 2004 and the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, the place and the people who continue to organize ceremonies to pay homage to those veterans was born.

Having passed away in January 2015 at the age of 87, Hilgartner’s was one of the names read on Memorial Day 2018 in the peaceful surroundings that he was instrumental in seeing created by rallying community physical and financial support.

A LARGE STONE, one of several donated by Great Falls resident Glen Sjoblom from his nearby property, forms the centerpiece of the memorial, with the chiselled inscription: “The Community of Great Falls, Virginia, Honors Those Who Have Given of Themselves in Service to the Cause of Liberty and Freedom.” In addition to the flagpoles set behind the stone, six trees, one for each Great Falls resident killed during the 9/11 attacks, stand guard around the memorial.

Another tree, a white oak set off to one



Langley High School senior Cael Shoop, 18, played “Taps” as the memorial wreath was laid at the memorial.

side and seeming to be observing the events that take place within the memorial space, was planted in memory of Hilgartner and carries its own inscribed stone, expressing gratitude to the founder of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial.

Andy Wilson, president of the Great Falls Freedom Memorial, greeted the hundred or so who turned out to pay their respects on “the 150th anniversary of this day of remembrance,” on what was once called Decoration Day and was established originally to honor Northern Civil War veterans.

Wilson said that Memorial Day means different things to different people, from family cookouts to long-weekend trips to the beach, as the day is often regarded as the start of summer. “Whatever you choose to do on this day, let us remember that you are free to do so because of the ultimate sacrifice made by those we honor.”

Rev. Jerry Pokorsky of Saint Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church, gave the invocation, and then the crowd came to its feet for the Presentation of the Colors by the Color Guard Detachment, U.S. Marine Corps. With the flags held high by the servicemen, members of Boy Scout Troop 55 surrounded the inscribed stone and led the

assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance, continuing to salute – along with many of those in attendance – during the singing of the National Anthem by Linda and Meagan Sill.

The keynote speaker, Rita Stead, was introduced by her grandson, Bruce Fein, a veteran of the war in Iraq and a resident of Great Falls for more than 35 years.

Labelled a “civilian veteran” of World War II and every conflict since, Stead was applauded for her “loving support to the armed services as daughter, sister, wife, aunt, great-aunt, sister-in-law, mother-in-law, and grandmother to numerous military members.”

While she certainly paid tribute to all generations of the nation’s military combatants, Stead engaged the crowd with personal recollections of life during World War II.

“What I remember most and best is the way the country worked as one to help our fellow man.”

The names of the 26 Great Falls heroes were read by Calvin Follin, and included two family members of his own. As each name was read aloud into the silence of the assembly, a bell was rung by Hilgartner’s widow Sara.

And then it was time for the laying of the



Col. Robert A. Shawn, Air Corps retired, served in World War II, the Korean War, and in Vietnam as a pilot. His wife Julia joined him in conversation with Calvin Follin of Great Falls, who was slated to read the names of passed Great Falls service members.

memorial wreath. As Langley High School senior Cael Shoop played “Taps,” the Boy Scouts assisted Mrs. Stead, her grandson Bruce Fein, Virginia Senator Barbara Favola (D-31), and Elwyn Charles Comstock - representing his wife, U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) - in placing the wreath.

SCOUT TROOP 55 then performed the Raising of the Colors, and stood proudly at attention as “God Bless America” echoed around the memorial space as scouts, program participants, and the community in attendance sang as one.

This year’s memorial ended with a benediction by Pokorsky, and closing remarks by Andy Wilson, who urged attendees to “take just a moment for silence and remembrance” at 3 p.m., “wherever they were and whatever they were doing. A small thing to do to honor a very large sacrifice made on behalf of us all.”

The Great Falls Freedom Memorial will see organized action again soon, as the starting point for a 5k Race on July 4. A candlelight vigil will be held on Sept. 11, and a Veterans Day ceremony will take place on Nov. 11. Keep track of events at the website www.gffreedom.org.

Tenth District Candidates Debate in McLean

Economic Equality Caucus hosts 10th Congressional District candidates.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

An invitation to the opening session of the area Economic Equality Caucus at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in McLean on May 23, offered candidates for the 10th Congressional District race a more back-to-the-grassroots venue and vantage than the forums in which they have participated of late.

For starters, the setting was much more intimate than an audience-filled auditorium. Nor was there a traditional moderator, asking questions on wide-ranging topics from the candidates' knowledge of foreign affairs to their stance on the prevention of gun violence and school safety. There wasn't even a time-keeper, holding up countdown signs, or buzzing that a candidate's 30 second rebuttal had come to an end. There wasn't even that rebuttal moment, since the candidates did not appear together.

Instead, candidates and audience members crowded together in the church foyer. In between presentations by a number of local nonprofits and organizations concerned with social justice, Democratic candidates, Dan Helmer, Alison Friedman, Lindsey Davis Stover, Julia Biggins and Paul Pelletier, and Republican contender Shak Hill were afforded the opportunity to provide a more in-depth look into their backgrounds, their "key issue drivers" and their motivations for running for office. Each was a solo act, scheduled at staggered intervals and given about 15 minutes each to talk about their campaigns and answer questions.

True to the nature of the larger purpose of the gathering, the four questioners represented social and economic concerns advocated from the community. They were: Lee Powell, the Economic Equality Caucus Co-Chair; Walter Tejada, president of the Virginia Latino Leaders Council; Megan Malone, Board of Trustees member, Phillips Programs for Children and Families; and Deanna Heier, Social Concerns Committee chair at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

THE SAME QUESTIONS were posed to each candidate.

Acting as host and making the introductions Lee Powell got each candidate started by inquiring about their position regarding "President Trump's trickle-down economic policies," and how "would you support the well-being of American working families?"

The Democrats were unanimous in their disapproval of President Donald Trump's recently enacted Tax Bill. With the same starting point of overturning or significantly modifying the legislation, they offered slightly different approaches to creating "true tax reform, not tax cuts that will bankrupt our future," as candidate Paul Pelletier said. "With 30 years of experience, I can say that history has proven that trickle-down doesn't work."



Quizzing the candidates at the Economic Equality Caucus at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in McLean. From left: Walter Tejada, president Virginia Latino Leaders Council; caucus co-chair Lee Powell; Deanna Heier, Social Concerns Committee chair at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer; Eileen Ellsworth, CEO, Community Foundation of Northern Virginia; and Megan Malone, Board of Trustees member, Phillips Programs for Children and Families.

"Working from the foundation of a tax code that prioritizes people but encourages businesses," was Julia Biggins response. Biggins feels that Democrats are too often seen as anti-business.

Shak Hill, the lone Republican present since Rep. Barbara Comstock had not responded to the invitation, dedicated much of his time to making the case that the President's tax plan was the way to support working families. Without specifics, Hill asserted that companies were repatriating to the United States from overseas to "the tune of \$2 trillion," were reinvesting in their businesses, and thus creating more employment opportunities.

"The President is improving the economy through increased competition."

Hill cited the growth in the stock market and other economic factors that he said indicated the President's policies helping to bring an end to "stifling regulations" was creating wealth.

On the subject of infrastructure investment, Pelletier said that Trump had actually reneged on this often-repeated campaign promise. With his focus more on attacks on minorities and immigrants and "tax bills that create even bigger tax loopholes," Pelletier said "there's no more money" or impetus to work on "our eroding infrastructure."

Walter Tejada asked what policies a candidate would offer to promote economic opportunity for women and minorities. Taking the issue a step further, Tejada also asked that each share their thoughts on the "Dreamers" and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) issues, concerning the status of the children of illegal immigrants.

Again, the Democrats shared one starting point of equality and opportunity for

all, with varying degrees of specifics on how they would address these issues.

Again, Hill was the dissenting voice.

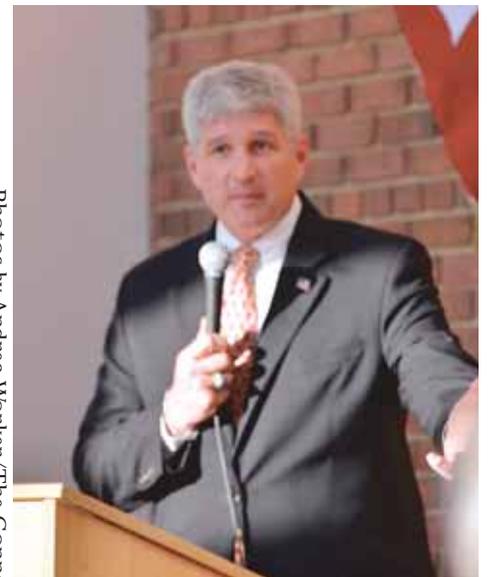
"I heard another candidate say that Trump's position on these issues is from extreme hate. I say his position is from extreme love. Love for Americans."

Acknowledging his own immigrant heritage, and expressing compassion for the immigrant population, Hill still asked "Who should we be taking care of? People who are here outside the law, or our our citizens?"

Hill did not directly respond to Deanna Heier's question "Would you support reforming and improving the basic safety net programs like Obama care?" but the Democratic candidates each outlined their approaches to ensuring quality healthcare through either a single-payer system or some type of opt-in Medicare option open for all. Alison Friedman staunchly defends programs that help provide for children in need. Citing several statistics, she said "Children across this country don't have enough to eat. Those are the federal assistances we need."

TO THE FINAL QUESTION, posed by Megan Malone, regarding public education in the context of the Trump administration and Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos' policies, Hill offered that he did not see that the Federal government "had a mandate to participate in the education of our children - in fact, I prefer the government not be involved."

As a "firm believer in property rights," Hill eyes any government subsidies with a wary eye, including federal funds for education. If the issue was before him, he would prefer to see any funds "follow a child's educa-



Shak Hill was the lone Republican candidate at the forum and offered views and positions sharply contrasting with those of the Democratic contenders. But as caucus co-chair Lee Powell noted, "The audience listened with respect and interest. We can still do that in this country."

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The Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FAAB) heartily approves of the Route 7/Dulles Toll Road improvements. They joined in the celebrations at the official opening. From left: Martin Nohe, Chairman of the NVTIA, FAAB president Jeff Armstrong, Jenifer Joy Madden, VDOT District Construction Engineer for Northern Virginia Bill Cutler, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Del. Kathleen Murphy, Bruce Wright and Keri Hitt.

Something to Celebrate

Latest transportation improvements in Tysons acknowledged with ribbon-cutting ceremony.

By Andrea Worker
The Connection

Cooperation. Collaboration. Alliance. Partnership – words that were repeated throughout the remarks made by the speakers to those gathered on May 22 to celebrate the official opening of several multimodal improvements at Route 7 and the Dulles Toll Road in Tysons.

It took all of those things to bring the \$47.5 million project to completion, “ahead of schedule and under budget,” said Bill Cutler, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)’s District Construction Engineer for Northern Virginia.

Cutler praised the excellent working relationships between VDOT, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTIA), the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and staff, lead construction contractor Wagman Heavy Civil, and members of the community for making the project a success in enhancing connectivity for cyclists, pedestrians and motorists in the area. As he read name after name of agencies, companies, and individuals, Cutler joked that the list was like “the credits at the end of a movie” but that it was a fact that without that additional cast of characters, the complex project, with so many moving and interconnected parts, could never have been real.

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Members of the Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling join Bill Cutler, the Virginia Dept. of Transportation’s District Construction Engineer for Northern Virginia, for a ride on the recently completed pedestrian/cycling path that is a major part of multimodal transportation improvements in the Tysons area.

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Opinion

Preventing Gang Violence

By Gerald E. Connolly
U.S. Representative
(D-11)



Families through out our community have been shaken by the recent rise in gang activity across the Washington region. This is a serious issue that must be addressed with collaboration and cooperation from all levels of government. We know the problem, and now we must find the right solution.

Fairfax County offers a model for what our country can do to fight gang violence.

Commentary When I was chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, we worked with local law enforcement, the business community, and the faith and civic communities to reduce gang crime and gang association. We hired the county's first gang prevention coordinator and started tattoo and graffiti removal initiatives. We collaborated with the Boys and Girls Clubs to launch the "Join a Club, Not a Gang" campaign, and expanded after school programs to all 26 of

our middle schools. And we reached out to parents to help them understand the signs of gang involvement. Thanks to this collaboration, the number of teenagers involved in gang activity declined by 50 percent and the crime rate fell to a 32-year low. Fairfax County remains the safest jurisdiction of its size in the United States.

I brought that local government experience with me to Congress and on a bipartisan basis, I worked with former U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf to secure federal funding for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force (NVRGTF). In fact, I offered the last earmark for the NVRGTF before the House Majority abolished earmarks, stripping the task force of its federal funding.

The best thing we can do is resume funding for regional task forces that focus on gang prevention, intervention, and suppression in our communities. It is not enough to fund programs and organizations that focus solely on prosecuting gang members after their crimes have been committed. We must take a well-rounded, holistic approach to community safety by restoring the federal

government's commitment to preventing these crimes from ever being committed in the first place.

We know that collaborative programs like the Task Force work. Regional task forces provide local governments and law enforcement bodies with unified organizations that span jurisdictional boundaries and allow for streamlined input from various stakeholders across a community. That is why, recently, I introduced the Preventing Gang Violence Act, legislation that will increase funding for competitive and evidence-based programs to reduce gang violence by \$18 million.

This bipartisan legislation builds upon our success in Fairfax County by providing community-based violence prevention grants to effective regional task forces across the country.

Grant applications would be evaluated based on a number of factors, including an applicant's record of implementing best practices in gang violence prevention, evidence of collaboration between relevant stakeholders, an effective grant implementation plan, and plans for evaluating results.

In addition to its bipartisan support in Congress, this proposal has the support of a diverse set of expert organizations, including the

National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations (NAGIA) and the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ). As NAGIA notes, this legislation "recognizes that communities must be equipped with prevention programs to keep their children from joining gangs." And CJJ makes clear that the bill brings a "community-based approach to bear on our nation's gang violence problem."

Some, most notably the President, would have you think America must shut its borders. That you cannot allow immigrants into our country and maintain security.

We know this is a false choice, and runs contrary to the American and Fairfax experience. I've rejected the ant-immigrant proposals pushed by the Administration, including its unconstitutional travel ban. Our immigrant communities contribute so much to the fabric of life in Northern Virginia. We shouldn't drive them into the shadows.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Fairfax County has made progress, but we need the Federal Government to remain a partner. The Gang Violence Prevention Act is a down payment on making our communities safer.

One More Time

By Kenneth R. "Ken" Plum
State Delegate (D-36)



Reading another column about the failure of the Virginia General Assembly to expand Medicaid may be as painful for you to read as it is for me to write. I know I have been predicting for months that a biennial budget would be passed for the Commonwealth and

Commentary that it would include an expansion of health care coverage for those who are not now eligible for Medicaid. Nervously I stand by that prediction. Even the Majority Leader of the Senate whose members have been holding up the budget in opposition to Medicaid expansion has been quoted in news account that a budget will be passed and that it will include Medicaid expansion. So, what is the problem? And as many constituents ask me, what is the hold up?

Historically, biennial budgets for

the state have passed by near-unanimous numbers. Not everyone has agreed with every number or every provision of the budget; the document is always a bundle of compromises that satisfies as many people as possible when there are always strict limitations on resources. Ironically, the addition of an expanded Medicaid budget brings hundreds of million dollars to the budget and frees up hundreds of millions of dollars that can be used for education and other needs. By not adopting an expanded program of Medicaid, Virginia has foregone about ten billion dollars of federal money that required no state match. The funds coming to Virginia would not add to the national debt because of the tax funding included in the Affordable Care Act to support the program.

But I have explained the economics of the program in many past columns. It is a good deal for the state and a wonderful expansion of health care to those who are most in need. What is the hold

up? Many of you have already figured out that it is the politics of the issue. For many years it was opposition to anything that had to do with Obamacare. The former President has gone on to another career, but there have been many unsuccessful attempts in the Congress to undo his legacy as it relates to health care. For those who were part of the opposition to the expansion for many years there may be a problem pivoting to supporting it even if there are thousands of constituents who would benefit in better health care from it. For an even more conservative constituent waiting in the wings to challenge the legislator in a pri-

mary there is an opportunity to accuse the incumbent of flip-flopping on the issue.

House of Delegates members had a "refreshing" meeting with their voters last November. Some of the strongest incumbent opponents to Medicaid expansion lost their seats. A majority of the newly elected House voted weeks ago to pass the budget with Medicaid expansion in it. A majority of senators support it and should be allowed to vote. Those who do not can explain their position to voters in the next election cycle leading up to the election in November 2019. I hope I do not have to explain this one more time.

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Father's Day is Sunday, June 17, and once again this newspaper will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

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Celebrating Improvements in Tysons

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“A success story in cooperation,” was Martin Nohe’s categorization of the work that rehabilitated the two Route 7 bridges over the Dulles Toll Road, and widened the road from four to six lanes between Tyco Road and Jarrett Valley Drive. Nohe, the Chairman of the NVTa and Prince William County, Coles District Supervisor, added that it wasn’t just people crossing the expanded bridges with less congestion, but “technology and data are flowing across as well,” referring to the inclusion of considerable quantities of new fiber optic lines that were added as the bridges were re-built.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova said it was a real pleasure to “reach this finish line,” calling the project “essential” for the economic health and future of the region.

BULOVA pointed to the window behind her in the meeting room of the Sheraton Tysons Hotel, where the celebration began. “This venue couldn’t be more appropriate,” she declared. “From here we can see all of our transportation efforts coming together.” Almost as if it had been painted for the occasion, the window framed a view of the Silver Line Metro rail, the new pedestrian/cycling trail that crosses the Toll Road, a portion of the widened bridge, and the new ramps leading from the Toll Road onto Route 7.

In addition to widening the bridges, the project earned its designation as a multimodal effort by constructing a bicycle/pedestrian link from the west with almost 6,000 feet of lighted path. Offering a non-motor alternate access to the Spring Hill Metro station in Tysons, the plan is to connect future western trails to the the new pathway.

TUNNELS under, and walkways over, the Dulles Toll Road were also incorporated into the project.

“It’s fantastic, what they’ve done,” said Jenifer Joy Madden, cycling enthusiast and advocate. Madden rode to the event from Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna. “That would have been impossible before these improvements.”

Madden joined Fairfax Alliance for Better Bicycling (FAAB) president Jeff Anderson, and fellow FAAB members Bruce Wright and wife Keri Hitt in the pedal-power cheering section at the event. After the official ribbon-cutting, the



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What it’s all about - safe, efficient, alternate options for transport to and from the thriving and growing Tysons area, connecting to all its offerings and to the Spring Hill Silver Line Metro station.

four were later joined by Cutler for a celebratory bike ride along the trail. And what were the findings after the inaugural spin? According to Anderson, “First class! Looks like a lot of fun! This should be an example for others to follow.”

“We usually get only complaints or pointed suggestions” about transportation from our constituents,” acknowledged Virginia Del.

Kathleen Murphy (D-34), whose district includes Vienna, McLean and Wolf Trap. A project that helps ease congestion, contributes to data and technology flow, offers multimodal transportation options and is deemed “fun” by a member of the public, must be music to the ears of all who participated in the “cooperation, collaboration, alliance, and partnership.”

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Vienna Art Society Exhibition.

Through late June at North County Government Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston. Visit viennaartsociety.org.

Oakton Farmers Market.

9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Year-round weekly farmers market in Oakton. Local produce, meats/eggs, dairy, baked goods, and more. Admission is free. Visit community-foodworks.org.

Great Falls Farmers Market.

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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 for more.

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

Bingo Night.

Sundays, 4 p.m. Flame Room, Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S, Vienna. \$10. 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. 571-213-3192.

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Fishing Rod Rentals.

Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Rentals available during visitor center hours. Fishing tackle and live bait are available for purchase.



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MAY 31-JUNE 24

"Swimming with Whales."

Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 2 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. This world premiere production invites audiences into a world of healing, compassion, and renewal. While visiting his family's secluded cottage on the shores of the Atlantic ocean, Owen, a typically urban 15-year-old boy, and his fisherman father clash until an unlikely and healing communion with an injured whale awakens in Owen a forgotten boyhood and connection with the sea. General admission, \$33; senior (65+), \$30; student and military, \$15. Closed captions and audio description will be offered for select performances. Purchase tickets at www.1ststage.org or 703-854-1856.

FRIDAY/JUNE 1

Summer on the Green: U.S. Navy Band - Country Current. 6:30 p.m. area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin' on Church. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

Tyson's Concert Series: Mat

Kearney. 6:30-8 p.m. on the Plaza at Tysons Corner Center. Tysons Corner Center's 5th annual free Summer Concert Series offers a variety of musical guests and has proven to be a popular event for families, couples and teenagers. The Plaza is located off of The Tysons Corner Metro Station of the Silver Line. Guests are encouraged to arrive early. Visit www.tysonscornercenter.com/events/SummerConcertSeries2018 for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 1-3

Tyson's-Pimmit Book Sale. Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday 1-4 p.m. Large selection of books and media for all ages and interests. Half price/\$10 per bag sale on Sunday. Call 703-790-4031 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/friends-of-tysons-

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SUNDAY/JUNE 10

Northern Virginia FARE Food Allergy Heroes Walk. 9 a.m. at Nottoway Park, 9601 Courthouse Road, Vienna. Registration and activities will go from 9-10:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 10:45. There will be mission driven arts and crafts, a DJ, face and nail painting, engaging activities, allergy friendly vendors, superheroes, games, silent auction, photo booth, and of course, a walk around the park. Registration is free, but required to participate. Visit fare.foodallergy.org.

Max and Zach's Lemonade Stand.

Noon-3:30 p.m. at Chesterbrook Elementary School, 1753 Kirby Road, McLean. Each year since 2014, Max (a leukemia survivor) and his brother Zach hold a charity lemonade stand in support of childhood cancer research. They will have lemonade, treats, snow cones, spin art and more. All proceeds benefit Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. Free. Donations accepted. Email weinstockmr@yahoo.com or visit www.alexlemonade.org/mypage/1438237.

Concerts on the Green: Scott Kurt and Memphis 59.

6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Sundays throughout the summer, bring a picnic and chairs for an evening of free, live music. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org for more.

TUESDAY/JUNE 12

McLean Historical Society

Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the temporary office of the McLean Community Center, 6631 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. The program will feature Carole Herrick presenting "A Walk Along the C&O Towpath." Free, all are welcome. Call 703-356-8223 for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 13

Summer on the Green:

Rocknocerous. 6:30 p.m. area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin' on Church. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. Sponsored by Vienna Moms, Inc. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 15

Chillin' on Church with The

Rockits. 6:30 p.m. area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin' on Church. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

Tyson's Concert Series: Ryan

Cabrera. 6:30-8 p.m. on the Plaza at Tysons Corner Center. Tysons Corner Center's 5th annual free Summer Concert Series offers a variety of musical guests and has proven to be a popular event for families, couples and teenagers.

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SUNDAY/JUNE 17

Concerts on the Green: Wes

Tucker and The Skillets. 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Sundays throughout the summer, bring a picnic and chairs for an evening of free, live music. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org for more.

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TUESDAY/JUNE 5

The C&O Canal. 12:30-2 p.m. at 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Learn about the C&O Canal, its history, its beauty and its uses. Presented by Carole Herrick. One lesson for 1 hour, 30 minutes. Cost is \$7/\$5 MCC district residents.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 6

Forestville Elementary Open

House. 4-5 p.m. at Forestville Elementary School, 1085 Utterback Store Road, Great Falls. Join the Forestville Elementary teachers, staff and PTA members to see the newly renovated building and the unveiling of the "Tile Wall." All members of the community are welcome to see the "new" school and enjoy refreshments. Free. Call 703-404-6000 or visit www.Forestville.edu for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 7

Benefit of Chocolate.

6-8:30 p.m. at Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave., Vienna. The Stroke Comeback Center is hosting the Benefit of Chocolate cocktail reception to support its programs for survivors of stroke and brain trauma. Guests will enjoy a delicious hors d'oeuvres buffet, wine, artisan chocolate and an opportunity to bid on auction items. \$100. Visit strokecomebackcenter.org for more.

Author Event: Joseph Esposito.

7:30-9 p.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Meet Joseph A. Esposito, the author of "Dinner in Camelot." Enjoy a glimpse into a long-gone era of politics and cultural activity at the Kennedy White House. Books available for sale and signing. Free admission. Call 703-938-0405 or visit librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/3931227 for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 8

Summer on the Green: Vienna

Idol Finale. 6:30 p.m. area residents can catch a new and diverse musical act at the Town Green or at Chillin' on Church. Bring blankets and chairs, but please leave Fido and any other pets at home. The concerts are free and open to the public. Rain date is June 9. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

Tyson's Concert Series: The

Legwarmers. 6:30-8 p.m. on the Plaza at Tysons Corner Center. Tysons Corner Center's 5th annual free Summer Concert Series offers a variety of musical guests and has proven to be a popular event for families, couples and teenagers. The Plaza is located off of The Tysons Corner Metro Station of the Silver Line. Guests are encouraged to arrive early. Visit www.tysonscornercenter.com/events/SummerConcertSeries2018 for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 8-9

Used Book Sale.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Pre-sale open to members of the Friends of the Library Thursday, June 7, 6-8 p.m. Membership purchased at the door for the pre-sale-night-only, \$15. Thousands of lightly-used donated books, CDs, DVDs in every category. Many like new. Great for care packages, beach house, building home library, literacy programs, traveling companions. Free admission. Email friendsofthegreatfallslibrary@gmail.com

JUNE 1-30

Photography Exhibit: "Nature's

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SATURDAY/JUNE 2

Used Book Collection. 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at SunTrust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. E, Vienna. Used books, CDs, DVDs, software, children's books, records, and recent books will be accepted. No encyclopedias, VHS or audiotapes. The Book Sale will be held on Aug. 31-Sept. 2 at the Spring Hill Recreation Center. The sale proceeds benefit scholarships for women. Questions: aauwbookfair@gmail.com or 703-527-4206.

Spring Fair.

10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Pleasant Grove historic site and museum, at 8641 Lewinsville Road, McLean. Free community fair will feature "attic treasures" quality yard sale and antiques, a homemade bake sale, lunch, an artisan-made quilt raffle, and a Tom Sawyer clean-up day. All proceeds are donated to Pleasant Grove. Stop by Friday to drop off donated "attic treasures." Visit www.HistoricPleasantGrove.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 3

Concerts on the Green: Mike

Terpak Blues Explosion. 6-8 p.m. on the Great Falls Village Centre Green. Sundays throughout the summer, bring a picnic and chairs for an evening of free, live music. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org for more.

MONDAYS/JUNE 4, 11 & 18

Mah Jongg Lessons.

1-4 p.m. at Temple Rodef Shalom, 2100 Westmoreland St., Falls Church. A three-session Mah Jongg class for beginners. Do not register unless you are prepared to play at least once a week the first few months. Enrollment is limited. Plan to attend all three sessions. Cost for 9 hours of lessons with your Mah Jongg Card is \$85. To register, send a check made out to WoTRS (Women of Temple Rodef Shalom) - to Marion Jacknow, 8110 Timber Valley Ct., Dunn Loring, VA 22027. Include your e-mail

First Friday Art Walk to Be Held June 1

The First Friday Art Walk will be held on Friday, June 1, in Great Falls Village Centre.

The area residents will be able to enjoy the warm weather while visiting three working artist studios and galleries for this free community event from 6-8 p.m. Stroll through the Village Green and enjoy an exhibit in The Arts of Great Falls Gallery with original paintings, photography, fiber and mixed media art created by Atelier artists. TD Bank's Petite Gallery showcases Jim Dietrich's photography exhibition "Portraits of Birds."

Start the tour at Artists on the Green (776B Walker Road), Artists' Loft (766 Walker Road), Artists' Atelier and The Arts of Great Falls Gallery (756 Walker Road) or TD Bank (9101 Georgetown Pike). See live painting demonstrations and talk with the artists about their process and inspirations.

Make a night of it with dinner on the green at The Old Brogue, Pio Pio Pollo, Wild Ginger or grab ice cream at Great Falls Creamery. Live music begins at The Brogue at 9 p.m. Family friendly and free to the public. Details at www.greatfallsart.org/ArtWalk. Sponsored by The Arts of Great Falls.



Enjoy the Village Centre's art studios, galleries and restaurants at the monthly Art Walk.

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From left: Potomac School students Ellen Oskoui, Sarah Raman, and Kat Plaza will attend Governor's Foreign Language Academies this summer.

Three Potomac School Students To Attend Governor's Foreign Language Academies

Three students from The Potomac School have been honored with invitations to attend Governor's Foreign Language Academies, sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education. This summer, junior Ellen Oskoui, sophomore Kat Plaza, and sophomore Sarah Raman will attend the Latin Academy, the French Academy, and the Spanish Academy, respectively. The Governor's Foreign Lan-

guage Academies are summer residential programs for students who have distinguished themselves as being talented, motivated, and passionate language learners. All candidates must take a language test and place among the top scorers in the state in order to participate. More than 8,750 students have completed these programs since VDOE began sponsoring them in 1987.

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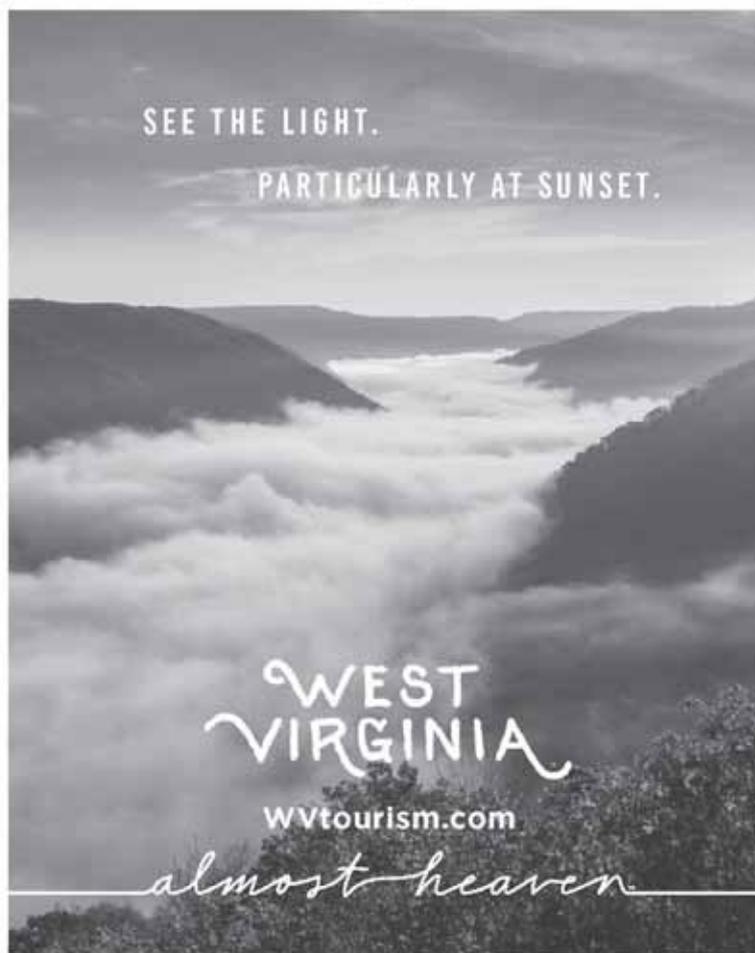
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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Child turning 5 years old by Sept. 30? If so, contact your child's school to make arrangements for kindergarten enrollment. Most schools begin getting information together now for parents of incoming kindergartners, and many host an orientation or open house. All kindergarten programs are full-day and located in FCPS elementary schools. Check your school's webpage or contact the school directly for specific enrollment information and dates of orientation or visit www.fcps.edu/registration/kindergarten-registration.

THURSDAY/MAY 31

Meet with Virginia WMATA Representatives. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. Virginia's representatives to the board of directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will meet the public in a forum sponsored by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. The event will include a presentation focused on funding, governance and safety, followed by a question-and-answer session. The facility is within walking distance of the Vienna Metro station. Visit www.novatransit.org.

THURSDAYS/MAY 31-JUNE 14

Adventures in Learning. Times vary, at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Sample of classes include: tai chi, intermediate/advanced bridge, "Over the Air Television," world affairs, and Socrates cafe. Visit www.scov.org/files/ail/ail_schedule_2018_spring_040918.pdf details.

FRIDAY/JUNE 1

Help Children Navigate Adolescence in the Digital Age. 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. What else can parents do to keep their teenager safe on the internet? Join Richard Stegman, FCPS Educational Specialist, to learn the top internet dangers for teens and seven steps for good digital parenting. Free. Call 703-204-3941 or visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center.

MONDAY/JUNE 4

Community Workshop. 7-9 p.m. in the McLean High School cafeteria, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. The study focuses on the 230-acre area that's called the McLean Community Business Center in the county's Comprehensive Plan. More commonly called downtown McLean, this is the area centered around the intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Old Dominion Drive. This workshop will focus on market influences and development decision

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making. Residents who plan to attend are encouraged to RSVP, visit eventbrite.com, search McLean CBC.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 6

Grow Your Business. 6-8 p.m. at American Prime, 1420 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Join Tysons McLean Orchestra to network with the tech, telecom, real estate and financial services execs and the professional business community at American Prime. Live music, raffles, discounted drinks tickets and a buffet. \$30 online; \$40 at the door. Visit www.eventbrite.com and search "Instrumental to Business" for tickets.

MONDAY/JUNE 11

Lunch N' Life: Estate Planning. Noon at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna. Join the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna's (SCOV) Lunch N' Life event with guest speaker Collins Law Firm's Phillip J. Kenny, JD, CFP, an experienced estate planner. Prepayment of \$15 per person required by Wednesday June 6. No refunds. To register, call 703-281-0538. To view event flyer, visit www.scov.org/announcements.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 13

Community Workshop. 7-9 p.m. in the McLean High School cafeteria, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. The study focuses on the 230-acre area that's called the McLean Community Business Center in the county's Comprehensive Plan. More commonly called downtown McLean, this is the area centered around the intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Old Dominion Drive. This workshop will focus on planning, design and placemaking. Residents who plan to attend are encouraged to RSVP, visit eventbrite.com, search McLean CBC.

Public Safety Program. 7:30 p.m. at McLean Governmental Center Community Rooms, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. The June McLean Citizens Association Public Safety Program will focus on the Fairfax County Independent Police Auditor. The Auditor, Richard G. Schott, will provide a presentation to explain his responsibilities and to answer questions. Visit mcleancitizens.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 16

FCCPTA Leadership Training Summit. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. The Spring 2018 PTA Leadership Training Summit will provide training and leadership development for PTA officers, committee chairs and leaders in preparation for the 2018-19 school year. Visit www.fccpta.org.

Examined Life Workshop. 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Twenty-one steps of self-inquiry and growth for those who have found themselves at a crossroads in their lives will be the topic of a workshop by Jungian analyst and author James Hollis, Ph.D. The half-day workshop is based on Hollis' book, *Living An Examined Life: Wisdom for the Second Half of the Journey*. Suggested donation is \$20. To register, visit unityoffairfax.org/events. Call 703-281-1767 or visit www.unityoffairfax.org/events for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 20

2018 Annual Meeting. St Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road, McLean. Highlights will feature reports on the financial condition of the Tysons McLean Orchestra, a summary of artistic achievements, administrative developments, challenges addressed and those faced, and a vision for the future. The agenda will include election of Officers and Trustees and recognition of those who have provided vital support. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP by June 18, at info@tysonsmcleanorchestra.org or 703-893-8646.

SATURDAY/JUNE 23

Community Workshop. 9 a.m.-noon in the McLean High School cafeteria, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. The study focuses on the 230-acre area that's called the McLean Community Business Center in the county's Comprehensive Plan. More commonly called downtown McLean, this is the area centered around the intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Old Dominion Drive. This workshop will focus on community immersion and understanding. Residents who plan to attend are encouraged to RSVP, visit eventbrite.com, search McLean CBC.

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I watch a little bit of television. Okay, maybe I watch a lot of television (probably too much if truth be told). And in the curse of watching that television, like it or not, fast-forwarding or not, commercials will be seen and unfortunately heard. Sometimes, what I see and hear causes me to interact with my television, verbally. And even though this verbalization is rarely responded to (other than by my wife, Dina), these outbursts (again if truth be accurately characterized) make me feel so much better.

What irritated me today – which led to this column being written, was a television commercial for a cellular phone company, an ("Approved AARP provider since 2008") providing "exclusive benefits for AARP members" which, as I consider my age, and associations which have value, I would have to say, to quote my late father: "The idea has merit." The commercial featured – among other facts and figures – endorsements from a half a dozen or so satisfied customers. The praise was typical of what you might expect/hear; all good about everything: price, service, reliability, value, etc. One woman's comments however caught my attention. I believe I heard her correctly when she said: "Wild horses couldn't drag me away from" And then off I went.

Really? Are you kidding me? Rather than change your cellular service, you'd consent to being dragged behind a team of wild horses? Do you actually mean to say that if you had your hands and feet bound and you risked being ripped to shreds, you still wouldn't change carriers? You can't be serious? As Minnie Driver asked Matt Damon in a scene from the 1997 movie "Good Will Hunting" discussing his having studied organic chemistry "a bit": "Are you mad? Have you completely lost your mind?" This customer appeared to be of sound mind but, her comments were so ridiculous that it diminished her value as a "spokes-customer."

I suppose however, if one were to analyze this amazingly, incredibly loyal comment (and take it at face value), one would have to be impressed. Who wouldn't want the kind of service whose reliability, service, value, cost, etc. was worth dying for? For me, if the choice was between being dragged behind a team of wild horses – and being torn to pieces/possibly even dying in the process, or changing cellular service companies, I'd change in a minute or as quickly as I could (given the phone calls required) to avoid this Western-era torture. This woman can't be telling the truth, can she? I mean, it is television where hyperbole and coercion go hand and hand with the remote, and I imagine there was a script involved. Nevertheless, her comments started at the top and went up from there. Apparently, being reasonable isn't part of this commercial's equation. Their "spokes-customers" haven't just drunk the Kool-Aid, they've invited the Kool-Aid Man, pitcher and all, into their homes and offered us viewers a drink.

The problem for me, other than I spend too much time watching television, is that when what I'm watching tests the bounds of believability, be it content or especially commercials/advertisements, it inevitably turns a positive message into a negative one. Subsequently, my take-away: don't bother me with nonsense; I'm not interested. The exact opposite of the intended effect. If truth be told (yet again), I'm likely over-reacting (really?) but, when a line is crossed, sometimes I can't go back, like Burt Lancaster/"Moonlight Graham" couldn't in the 1989 movie, "Field of Dreams."

To invoke/extrapolate Capt. Woodrow F. Call from the epic, 1989 mini-series, "Lonesome Dove": "I hate rude behavior in a man. Won't tolerate it." Well, neither can I tolerate commercials which take me for a dope. Can't handle it.

I may not be the sharpest knife in the drawer, but I do have a little intellect and substance to draw upon even when I'm sitting on the couch watching television. I haven't completely lost my mind, yet.

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