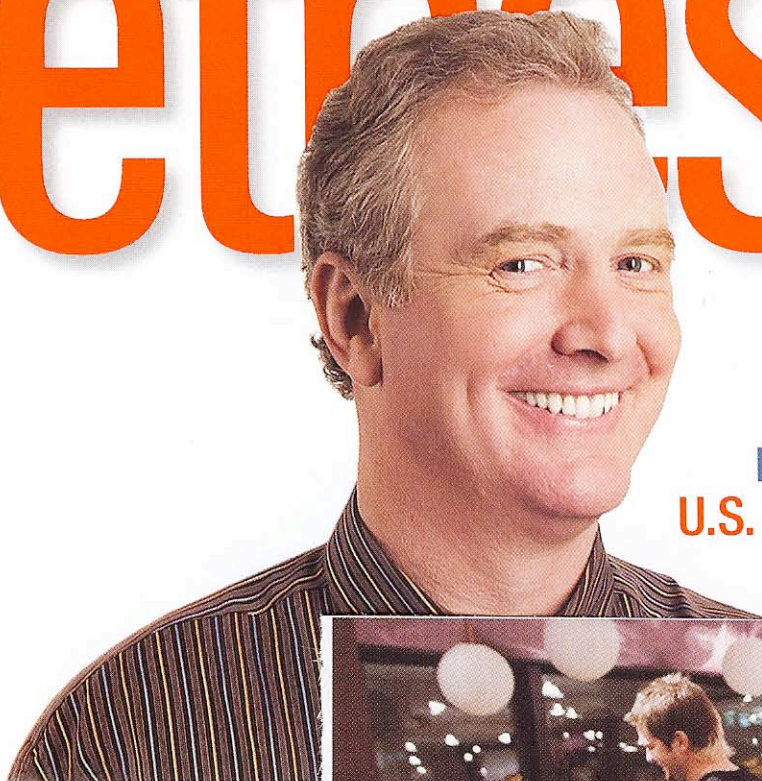


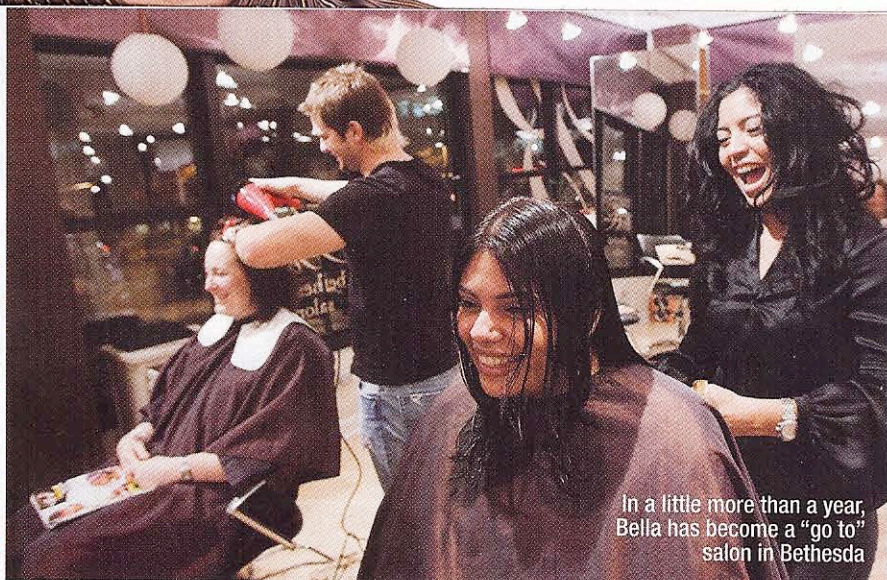
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**Best Elected Official**  
**U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen**

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**Reader picks**



In a little more than a year, Bella has become a "go to" salon in Bethesda

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## **Best Hair Salon in Bethesda** **Bella**

Opened in September 2007 by two Kensington sisters, second-floor salon **Bella** (4733 Elm St., Bethesda, 301-718-9111, [www.bellabethesda.com](http://www.bellabethesda.com)) has quickly become a popular spot for hair, makeup and waxing services. Stacy Dabney, 32, a former teacher, focuses on the business side while Lindsey Dabney, 29, takes care of tresses. "You can't always cater to people when you're behind the chair," says Lindsey, who appreciates being free to focus on styling while her sister handles all the little details of running a shop. "It's all about the client," says Stacy, who's been known to run outside and feed a customer's parking meter. Bella customer Jennifer Cassell of Bethesda loves the cuts Lindsey gives and Bella's spa-like atmosphere. "The salon exudes comfort—the way it's laid out, the furnishings and all the windows," says Cassell. "It's a relaxing experience."

**Other top vote getters:** Salon Nader, Aveda, Aquaticca, Hair by Pablo, Salon A, Lux Studios, Salon Prive, Citrine, Franz Sebastian, EYMA

