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Reading Teacher's Choice Award Winner at Westbriar Elementary, Karina Atkins (right) with her grandmother Dorita Raczynski. Dorita is the heroine of Karina's book, the true story of her escape from East Germany.

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# Fairfax County Public Schools: Go Inside the Classroom with Teachers

Coming in April: Visual and Performing Arts

When was the last time you visited a classroom? You may remember the desks, the chalkboard, or even the heavy copy of the dictionary sitting on top of the bookshelf.

Today's classrooms are dynamic and interactive settings where students learn from teachers who use a wide variety of resources and tools in the classroom to engage and empower students. Whether they are creating unique lesson plans or

## This Just In:

Michelle Henry, health specialist and physical education teacher at Liberty Middle School, has been named the National K-12 Health Teacher of the Year by the American Association for Health Education.

inviting professionals into the classroom to share their experience with students, teachers provide opportunities for students to be curious and stimulate thoughts and ideas.

Sometimes the art of teaching requires the use of unique methods

to engage students. Jeff Lonnett, an art resource teacher at Mosby Woods Elementary School, is doing just that. Mosby Woods in Fairfax is one of 16 schools in the Washington, D.C., area that partners with the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts as part of its Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA) program.

Through CETA, Lonnett works with teachers throughout the school to help them develop knowledge and skills to integrate the arts into other subjects such as history, math, language arts, and science.

"Our sixth graders recently completed a unit on the Revolutionary War and were asked to design propaganda posters promoting a real political position of the Revolutionary War," explained Lonnett.

"Art highlights the importance of learning at every opportunity," said Lonnett. "You can probably get through life without being an artist, but art teaches storytelling, problem solving, and creative thinking that you need for so many other things in life."

Teaching students the skills they need to lead responsible, fulfilling, and respectful lives is one student achievement goal in Fairfax County Public Schools. Tom Harlow works with more than 50 physically disabled students from around the county to help them develop the resilience and self-confidence required to deal effectively with life's challenges. He's the adapted physical education teacher at Falls Church High School.

Harlow started a program to bring general education students into the adapted PE classes to work with his students. It is called the Peer Teaching Program.

"At the beginning of the year, I have my students introduce themselves in front of the whole class and talk about what they can do," said Harlow. "Self-advocacy is an important skill and it makes them more confident."



The peer teachers get to know the other students helping by them participate in activities such as fishing, kite flying, in-line skating, archery, and much more.

"It's a win-win situation," said Harlow. "The students who serve as peer teachers come in to help, but by the time the class is finished, they have learned a lot about each other, especially about the ability of the other students. The physically disabled students enjoy working with their peers and have a lot of fun."

Every year, more and more students ask to be a part of the Peer Teaching Program.

"The Peer Teaching Program helps knock down walls that should never be there," said Harlow.

Knocking down walls on the other side of the county is Linda Martin, a resource teacher for the advanced academic program at Dogwood Elementary School in Reston. She is passionate about fostering interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

"Children are naturally curious and should be given simulated opportunities to innovate, create, and resolve unique problems," said Martin. "That's what we try to do through our clubs, camp, and classes."

Martin sponsors the Girls Excelling in Math and Science (GEMS) club at Dogwood and organizes the GEMS conferences annually.

"I believe very strongly in bringing professionals into the classroom to give us authentic experiences. Our students need to meet people in the field who are doing these things now. Suddenly their work is elevated. It has purpose, relevance, and there is a vision that starts to take shape in their minds."

"I never forget that this is their childhood and I am their teacher and I am creating indelible memories for them. I don't want them to just learn and remember things. I want their learning to be unforgettable."



## Getting To Know Us

### School-Based Technology Specialist Patrick Ledesma

"These are exciting times to be a teacher," says Patrick Ledesma, school-based technology specialist and special education department chair at Holmes Middle School in Alexandria.

"The greatest fulfillment as a teacher is helping students learn. The wide availability of technology tools today, when combined with effective teaching practices, provides almost unlimited ways to inspire students."

Whether students use mobile computing devices such as netbooks, tablets, and iPads in the classroom or teachers use interactive whiteboards and classroom response systems, Ledesma says it will be the technology advances promoting more equitable student access to technology, rather than a specific brand or device, that will allow us to "inspire, enable, and empower all students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship," which are FCPS student achievement goals.

Ledesma says it is critical for students to be able to use technology to prepare for careers.

"Technology is seamlessly integrated into many job procedures and responsibilities today. Walk around any workplace or office, technology is evident somewhere in the background. To prepare students to use technology, we must continue to give students as many opportunities as possible to use technology in the learning process," he said.

"More importantly, we must focus on empowering students to be successful in applying higher level thinking skills. The more students are successful in activities that promote these skills, the more prepared they will be to use any technology available to them in the future."

## Did You Know?

More than 10,000 (70 percent) of FCPS teachers have master's degrees and more than 370 FCPS teachers are certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards, the highest credential a teacher can earn.

## Students Engaged Through Technology

It may sound like something from a James Bond movie, but the Smart Pen is a teaching tool that is helping students of all ages.

The Smart Pen contains a computer that can capture handwriting and simultaneously record audio. The user taps a specially made sticker placed in a Smart Pen notebook to record the writing and audio.

"My students are extremely excited and motivated when they use the Smart Pen," said Courtney Taylor, a kindergarten teacher at Parklawn Elementary School.

Taylor has multiple uses for the Smart Pen in her classroom.

"Recently each student wrote a report about polar animals and recorded themselves reading what they wrote," said Taylor. "Now any student can pick up the reports, use a Smart Pen to tap on the special dot in the notebook and listen to their classmates read their reports. It is a technology that fosters independence and engagement."

Taylor also records herself reading stories so her students can use free time to listen to a story on the Smart Pen and follow along in the book.

"The pens are very user friendly and my students love using them. They are even generating their own ideas on how we can use them!"



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**In-remission cancer patient Lija Lusis hugs good friend Pearl Wilcock, whose hair Lija had just lopped off during the haircut benefit in honor of Lija. This was Pearl's second hair donation in less than a year.**



**A volunteer hair stylist measures and evens-up Megha Karthikeyan's thick long hair as Megha's mom stands ready with a scissors.**

## Showing Love for Classmate

**Thoreau students donate hair in honor of cancer patient.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**T**horeau Middle School students came together in a school-wide benefit on Friday night, girls with long hair having their crowns of glory snipped and donated to be used as wigs for girls undergoing chemotherapy. The event, which featured between 40 and 50 Thoreau girls and a contingent of volunteer hair stylists, honored Thoreau eighth-grader Lija Lusis, who battled Hodgkins lymphoma during the winter months. Lija is in remission now.

"I was scared at first," said Lija, who had a role in Thoreau's spring production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie," a period piece set in the 1920s in which the young women got their hair bobbed.

"I was told I had a mass behind my heart. I thought, 'this can't be happening to me. I'm a normal girl, healthy.'"

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" played a role in the benefit that partnered with the American Cancer Society and Pantene Beautiful Lengths. Drama teacher and play director Bernie DeLeo was inspired by the spirit of one of the actors who had participated in Locks for Love and by the spirit of the play.

"I got the idea from one of the girls in the play who had cut her hair for something like this before, and, I just took the idea and ran with it," said DeLeo. The drama department partnered with the student-run SCA, and PTA. The effort recruited as many volunteer hair stylists as girls. Armed with scissors and blow dryers, the volunteers prettied-up the remaining chopped hair on the girls' heads. Many of the moms were delighted with their daughters' new hair styles.

**PARENTS AND OTHER STUDENTS** lent their support.

DeLeo counted down to the initial in-unison snip. The audience cheered.

Megha Karthikeyan had eight inches of her thick black 16-inch-length hair cut by her mother. She did it to support her friend. "I know my hair means a lot to me," said Megha, 8th grade. "Other girls who lose their hair will appreciate it."

Lija herself lopped off the hair of good friend Pearl Wilcock, who, just last June, had her hair cut on behalf of another good friend who had gotten sick. Pearl's hair was donated to Locks of Love.

Lija noticed swollen lymph nodes in December. Within a couple of days, Dec. 16, the Thoreau thespian was diagnosed with Stage 2A Hodgkins lymphoma. She had a sonogram and a chest X-ray where radiologists discovered a mass behind her heart.

"I went into denial," said Lija's mother, Ingrid. "Each round of chemo got her really sick." Lusis, too, had her hair cut when her daughter was undergoing chemo.

"This is such a fabulous community event. We're all so touched by this."

Lija dropped out of the spring play but still managed to get "A's," in schoolwork while undergoing treatment, her mother said.

**AS SOON AS** the chemotherapy treatments ended, Lija returned to school. "Thoreau has been fabulous working with Lija," said Ingrid Lusis. "The doctors wanted her to lead a normal life."

So, Lija continued to lead a "normal" life when "normal" includes a body port and hospital visits. The youngster underwent four cycles of chemotherapy, each consisting of three consecutive days, eight days apart. She's perky and pretty and exudes self-confidence when speaking.

"I was in the hospital and I said, 'I'm not going to let this bother me. I'm going to be as normal as a kid with cancer can be,'" said Lija. "I just wanted the chemo to end. And I thought, 'it will end one day.'"

And, it did.



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

**If you're a child, the highlight of ViVa! Vienna! are the kids' activities, from amusement rides to children's live entertainment. The annual Memorial Day weekend festival runs three days, starting Saturday, May 26.**

## Spring Flings in Vienna

**Guide to spring activities from egg hunts to Town Green Concerts.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**A**s "they" say, "spring has sprung." With spring comes mild temperatures, farmers' rain to nurture the flowers, and the launch of seasonal activities, from egg hunts to the Windover Walk on the Hill. The U.S. Navy's own "Sea Chanters" kick off the Town Green concert series on May 11. The community's largest and most festive extravaganza, ViVa! Vienna! takes place over the three-day Memorial Day weekend.

### FAMILY FLASHLIGHT EGG HUNT

Friday, March 30; 7 p.m., at Glyndon Park. Egg hunt will be held rain or shine, although it's unlikely the sun would be shining at 7 p.m., anyway.

Tickets were sold March 10 and March 12, so call the Department of Parks and Recreation at 703-255-6360 for availability of unsold tickets. \$3 per family member (under 12 months free) with a maximum of six tickets per family.

### EASTER EGG HUNT AT FREEMAN HOUSE

Saturday, March 31; 10:30-11:30

a.m., on the grounds of historic Freeman House, 131 Church Street, NE.

There is no rain date. Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. and the Town of Vienna.

Participation and activities free of charge but bring your own basket for egg collection.

Designed for children 12 and under, the egg hunt, mostly, draws preschoolers and primary-graders. The kids are invited to decorate hard-cooked eggs, too. Your child shaking hands with the Easter Bunny makes a fun photo memory. There's a storyteller if you can get the kids to calm down.

For more information, call Historic Vienna, Inc. at 703-938-5187 or visit [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org).

### PATRICK HENRY LIBRARY MEGA BOOK SALE

Saturday, March 31, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, April 1, 11a.m. to 2 p.m.; Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., E. Book sale is sponsored and supported by the volunteers of the Friends of the Patrick Henry Library. All proceeds benefit Patrick Henry.

Get there early on Saturday before the crowds attack. The volunteers are helpful, the variety vast, and the cause is one that benefits all who use Patrick Henry Library. Hardback books sell for \$2, trade paperbacks for \$1, and pocket paperbacks for 50 cents. Cash only; no credit cards or checks.

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Jim Hyland, on the Vienna BoD for the Boys and Girls Club, helps Sheri Bolouri of Great Falls.



Bargain hunters raced through the Ritz Carlton ballroom searching for deals

PHOTOS BY MEREDITH BILLMAN-MANI/THE CONNECTION

# The World's Fanciest Rummage Sale

**Ritz Carlton draws a crowd to support local charity and bargain hunt.**

BY MEREDITH BILLMAN-MANI  
THE CONNECTION

Shoppers queued up early outside the Ritz Carlton ballroom in McLean on Sunday in the hope of finding the ultimate bargain. Men, woman and children rushed into the ballroom to sift through the clothing and household items being billed as "The World's Fanciest Rummage Sale." As advertised, there were low prices on high end goods throughout the elegant ballroom.

"Oh my God, I can't believe it! This is mine! Yea," exclaimed Reston shopper Anne Severn as she clutched a \$50 wedding dress she hopes to wear in September when she weds her longtime boyfriend.

Steals and deals were the theme of the day at the second annual rummage sale. The sale is hosted by The Ritz Carlton to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington.

"I am mega impressed with this," said Pandit Wright, the President and CEO, of the Boys and Girls Club of Great Washington. "This is a huge joint effort and an amazing effort of the Fairfax County board."

According to Wright, the funds raised from the sale - last year the sale raised \$20,000 - will go directly to the local clubs. "The money goes straight into programs like sending a kid to camp. It really creates new opportunities for these kids," Wright said.

The tables of designer clothing and rows of sporting goods are gone in a few hours but it takes four to five months for the items



Sydney Parker of Herndon enjoyed the toy and children's selection.

to be collected and prepared for the sale.

Helen Kruger, the director of Meetings and Special Events for The Ritz Carlton, is the driving force behind the sale. When she joined the board of directors for the Boys and Girls club of the Fairfax County Region less than two years ago, she knew it was a community organization she wanted to devote herself to.

"We created this event as an anchor activity. This is an outlet for our ladies and gentleman at The Ritz Carlton to get involved in the community," said Kruger.

High-end items, such as clothing, sporting equipment and furniture, are donated from private citizens to the event. Many of



Bargain hunters in training had as much fun as adults at the rummage sale.

the Ritz clients and vendors also donate goods and services to ensure the event lives up to its name.

During the rummage sale, The Palm Restaurant was giving out free lobster salad, DJs were on hand to keep the music flowing, free sodas and coffee and nibbles were available to shoppers at no additional charge.

Sydney Parker, of Herndon, came with her mom to the sale. "This is pretty cool. I like that there is stuff here that I can get myself, with my money. There's actually a lot of stuff here. I haven't seen everything yet," the young Parker said.

Her mother, Stephanie Parker, said, "This is a really great fundraising idea. It was like

a really fun garage sale. Only, it's not like any garage sale I've ever been to. There were Prada shoes and fur coats; you don't normally see that at your typical garage sale."

Kruger knows how important it is to have quality items at the rummage sale and says the people who donate the goods give generously as a way of giving back to the community that has been so good to them.

"For people who live in Fairfax County, people conveniently forget, because the incomes are so high, that there are people here in need. There are kids next door in the middle of gangland. Here at The Ritz we are surrounded by Fendi and Gucci and it's easy to forget there is a real need in our neighborhood. This is all about us, our employees and vendors, getting involved to do something locally. We know we will have a positive impact on at least one kid," said Kruger.

**DOING GOOD** can taste good, too. Shari Bolouri from Great Falls had as much fun evaluating the selection of donated wine as she did going through the clothing racks. "This is really fun. There are so many people here. It's really exciting," said Bolouri.

Roger Grillo, of McLean, wasn't really thrilled about coming to the sale with his wife until he found a set of Calloway golf clubs in the bag for \$25. "I wasn't looking for anything and I guess I don't really need these but at this price, it wouldn't have been right to pass them up," said Grillo.

Kruger applauded that attitude. "If everybody does a little we can change a lot," Kruger said.

Anything not sold during the rummage sale is set aside for the kids at The Boys and Girls Club who will hold their own rummage sale later in the year. Kruger is already planning how to make the event bigger and better next year.

**"It's not like any garage sale I've ever been to."**

— Stephanie Parker



# Del. Keam Holds Town Meeting

Vienna-area residents voice concerns about issues impacting region.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ore than 40 local residents listened to Del. Mark Keam's overview of the General Assembly session at his March 24 Town Hall Meeting at the Vienna Town Hall, and the questions they posed afterward hit hot-button issues. From transportation funding to education funding, from the impact of closing training centers for the disabled to the status of the King's Dominion law, constituents wanted to know where the Commonwealth stands on budget resolution and laws that impact their daily lives. The regular session closed on March 10 and a special session immediately opened to work out the budget for the next two years.

"The good news is that we're back on track to finish the budget in the next week or so," said Keam [D-35]. "The budget is something we take very seriously."

The issue of funding transportation arose from guests, and Keam described the flaw in the gas tax basis. In 1986, then-Governor Gerald Baliles approved an increase of the gas tax from 15 cents to 17.5 cents per gallon of gas. Rather than indexing the gas tax into law, legislators passed the rate increase of 2.5 cents per gallon as a constant. "Two and a half cents in 1986 is not the two and a half cents of today," Keam said. Every indicator of needs, including road usage and number of registered vehicles, has gone up since 1986. "We need to raise the fuel tax to generate new money," said Keam.

**A TEACHER IN THE AUDIENCE** brought up the lack of pay raises for teachers, enquiring about funding mechanisms. "Right now, we're underfunding education and we're not coming up with mechanisms to fund it. There are no plans to increase the pot," said Keam, who is on the education committee in the General Assembly and a vocal supporter of public education. "Education should always be one of the top three issues in people's minds."

Another listener asked about Virginia's ranking as a state with increased risk of corruption. Keam said he does not dwell on a single ranking list. He and his wife chose to live in Virginia, he said, because it's a great state.

Transitioning residents from a Virginia training center to group homes will take money and time. "This issue [closing the Commonwealth's training centers] generated more constituent e-mails than any other single issue in the General Assembly," said Keam.

When asked about the likelihood of overturning the abortion sonogram law, Keam said he does not see it being repealed anytime soon.

Although some elected officials during the regular



**Del. Mark Keam [D-35] speaking with residents at his March 24 Town Hall Meeting held at the Vienna Town Hall.**

session tried to pass a social agenda they did not run on, the vast majority of the Virginia House and Senate wanted to focus on the things voters sent them to Richmond for, primarily the economy, transportation and education, said Keam.

"In this area, we tend to think of politics as something that happens across the Potomac," Keam said, emphasizing that so many jobs are tied to the federal government. "This is a unique environment. Very few people here think of Richmond as something that affects their lives."

"I hope that all of you will really start focusing on what your state government does."

**THE KING'S DOMINION LAW** rules that school systems cannot begin the school year prior to Labor Day without a waiver from the Commonwealth to do so. The original intent – providing high school labor for amusement parks – has been hijacked by the reality that now a "vast number" [Kearm] of amusement park workers are temporary immigrant laborers, not local high school students. What is happening to Virginia students as a result of the law, is that they are behind their national counterparts on testing dates because other states do begin school in August, providing students with time to study that Virginia students lack.

"May is when all school testing is done," said Vienna resident Karen Akers. "We have four weeks of dead time. We start later, our kids are behind."

Keam concurred. "It's really about the best use of school time," he said, a co-sponsor of the bill to repeal the law. There was not enough support in the General Assembly to repeal the law this year; however, Keam noted that the state superintendent of education and her committee are looking at the school calendar.

Keam said it's "up to all of us to work together" to improve things in the state.

"I hope you all take ownership of the Commonwealth," said Keam, acknowledging that the people he represents are active in community affairs. "Change always happens when people lead."



**The Top Award Winners. Brian La, Marie Hur, Samuel Ganten, Karina Atkins (all are 6th graders at Westbriar ES).**

## Author's Tea at Westbriar Students receive book awards.

BY ANDREA WALKER  
THE CONNECTION

**W**ondering where our future NYT Bestseller List authors will come from and what they are writing about today before literary fame finds them? You may have to look no further than Westbriar Elementary School in Vienna. Led by teacher Deborah Alsado, who first coordinated an Author's Tea project during her teaching assignments in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Westbriar's 6th graders embarked on a journey of self-discovery, learning, and creative expression that culminated in the Author's Tea and Award Ceremony catered by Cenan's Bakery. Student-authors, school staff, relatives, and numerous guests made up the more than 150 people gathered in the school's thematically decorated gym on March 15.

The project began in January, with students choosing topics, then gathering frequently to share ideas and brainstorm how best to communicate their works, including the creation of an author's profile, dustcover art, and even their book's back cover "teaser" which each student read aloud in a student-created video that was played during the Tea.

There were certainly some light-hearted adventure and mystery stories produced, but among the 65 entries were tales of heroism, well-researched stories about historical figures and events, cook-

books enlivened with glimpses into the families they came from, personal narratives dealing with bullying, the loss of loved ones, phobias, and current events such as the recent revolution in Egypt. Insights into other countries and cultures were found in the works of some of the school's foreign-born students.

The awards committee read every book. "It took awhile, but they were all so wonderful that it was a pleasure, and very hard to choose just a handful to single out," admitted school principal Joanne Goodwin. The Principal's Choice award went to Brian La for "The True Story of Jack and the Giant Beanstalk," his innovative twist on a well-known fairy tale. Brian's grandfather is a novelist and his father a diplomat with the Korean Embassy, so it would seem that the communication gene is a family affair for this winner.

Karina Atkins received the Reading Teacher's award for "Die Flucht, The Escape a True Story," describing her grandmother's early life and escape from East Germany. The heroine of her story was present at the ceremony. Samuel Ganten's book, "Adrian's Chronicles Book One" took the Librarian's Choice Award. Sam has written a previous book about his thoughts on solving America's social ills, but in his words, "this book was better, and combined my political views with a good adventure story." "Korea to America," written by ESOL student Marie Hur, received the ESOL Teacher's Choice Award.

Additional honors were presented for Teachers' Award categories and Student Choice Awards.

# Interrupting Harassment and Bullying

## Empowering bystanders to intervene, students to set boundaries.

With a controversial and much discussed new movie, “Bully,” coming out this week, local school districts continue to wrestle with the issue of bullying in the schools.

And while school officials are still looking at “cyber-bullying” as novel and separate phenomena, it’s fair to say that for students, there is little distinction between the teasing, harass-

ment and worse that happens on school grounds and the school bus and the nastiness, rumors and character assassination that takes place online. The combined effect, including the graphic, lasting, visceral attacks that are possible online, can make school literally unbearable for some, and more than unpleasant for others.

As adults, we can only be thankful that we escaped this environment before the advent of cell phone cameras and videos, instant posting to websites and other technological “ad-

vances.” (I have long believed that middle school, by its very existence, is unconstitutionally cruel and unusual punishment.)

Fairfax County undertakes an annual survey of all students in grades 8, 10 and 12 that gives insight into the lives of teens.

More than 30 percent of Fairfax County students recently surveyed reported being depressed in the past year.

This is probably not unrelated to the fact that 56 percent of students surveyed reported being bullied while 43 percent admitted to bullying others. This is consistent with findings from other areas, with 8th grade as a bullying “hot-spot.” In Fairfax County, 62 percent of 8th graders said they had been bullied and 55 percent admitted to bullying others. Of course there is some overlap in the two groups.

“We’ve seen that over 40 percent of the students who say they have been bullied have themselves bullied someone,” Mary Ann Panarelli, director of Fairfax County Public School’s Intervention and Prevention Services department told Connection reporter Alex McVeigh. “It’s not a matter of punishing it out of the system, it’s a matter of enacting a culture change.”

In seeking that culture change, much of the outreach is dedicated to the bystander, the person witnessing someone being bullied, and their ability to make the bullying behavior less acceptable.

Students who witness bullying can say to the perpetrator: “Why would you say something like that? Why would you do that?”

Panarelli added: “Things like going up to the victim after, saying ‘I saw what happened, and don’t agree with it,’ helps that victim from feeling isolated.”

It’s the sort of lesson that can start very young. We can learn to say: “This is not right,” even in the face of fierce peer pressure. This ability to set boundaries which can begin in preschool will serve our children well later in life when they are resisting being a passenger in a car driven by someone who has been drinking or refusing to participate in rumors and ostracizing.

This starts with learning empathy, to care for animals, people and things who vulnerable and face challenges.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## It’s Discrimination and It’s Wrong

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters was born more than 90 years ago from the long fight to get women the right to vote. Since 1992, when League members studied health care policy, we have worked to ensure access to quality health care for all. The League also has a strong commitment and belief that public policy in a diverse society must affirm the right of all individuals to make their own reproductive choices.

That’s why the League is so deeply concerned about recent proposals that would allow employers and health plans to block contraceptive services and discriminate against women.

By a narrow margin, the U.S. Senate recently defeated an amendment that would limit access to contraception for women if any employer or insurance plan has an undefined “religious or moral objection” to it. A couple’s decision about whether and how to limit the size of their family is a personal one and theirs alone to make. Giving employers the authority to limit available options is an inappropriate intrusion into the private lives of their employees.

We understand that not everyone agrees with the League on this subject. But we strongly believe that

public institutions, including schools and hospitals that receive substantial federal assistance, should not limit the health care choices available to their employees. While no organization should be forced to violate its religious principles, institutions that serve the public at large should show the same respect for their employees’ differing beliefs that they demand the community show for their own principles.

The League of Women Voters believes that all persons, regardless of gender, should be eligible for preventive health services. Allowing employers to exclude contraceptive services is discrimination based on sex, and it’s wrong.

**Jane E. George**

**Julia Jones**

Co-Presidents

League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area

## General Assembly More Productive Than Reported

To the Editor:

If one reads the national and local newspapers, one would have the impression that the General Assembly in Richmond devoted its entire legislative session to debating vaginal sonograms. In reality, over 1600 bills were passed by both the House of Delegates and

the Senate and the session did a great deal to promote jobs and the economy in Virginia. For example, just looking at Delegate Comstock’s record, three bills she introduced and championed passed unanimously or overwhelmingly in both the House and the Senate: a tax exemption for business data centers and extensions of the capital gains exemption for new tech investments and the telework tax credit (that Comstock introduced and passed last year). These bills will encourage the continued growth of Virginia’s technology sector and its data center industry in particular that bring in millions of dollars of revenue. The telework tax credit bill promotes more flexible work situations for working Moms and Dads. Comstock also introduced her Fair and Open Competition in Government Contracting Act that would ensure that the 96 percent of Virginia’s workforce that is non-union has a level playing field in competing for contracts against out-of-state unions while giving the taxpayer more bang for the infrastructure buck. It is important that the public hear about these accomplishments and not be incorrectly left with the impression that the primary focus of the Assembly, or the Republican-controlled House of Delegates, was on social issues.

**Anne Gruner**  
McLean

## More In-state Opportunities

To the Editor:

Virginia has the best schools in the country. Regrettably the admissions process at schools like Virginia Tech, James Madison University, or University of Virginia have become so competitive for in-state students that these top tier schools seem unattainable. As students, we want to earn a phenomenal education from these well renowned schools in order to succeed in the Virginia workforce. To get to where we need to go to be successful, we need degrees from schools like University of Virginia. When we are forced to go to private colleges or out of state universities instead, the costs to obtain our degrees can double or even triple what an in-state college would cost.

Barbara Comstock is in favor of helping us obtain these goals; she is cosponsoring House Bill 1083, More In-State Students in our Virginia Schools. It is exciting to hear that Delegate Comstock is working hard to ensure Virginians succeed in the working world. By attending these institutions we will be able to stay close to home thus ensuring that the Virginia workforce will benefit from these highly educated students.

**Macy Anderson**  
Senior at Langley High School  
McLean



WEEK IN VIENNA

## Spring Walking Group Starts April 13

"Friday Adventure Walkers," sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, will meet from 10 to 11 a.m. each Friday at a different location around Fairfax County.

The first walk will be in Vienna on April 13 (meet at the Vienna Community Center); other walks will include Riverbend Park, Reston South Lakes, South Run/Lake Mercer and Bluemont Park.

The cost for five walks is \$15 for Town of Vienna residents and \$18.75 for out-of-town participants, and includes walking guides and maps. Transportation to each walk destination is on your own. Advanced registration is requested.

For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 and reference class number 442472 A1.

## Monday Morning Neighborhood Walkers

A Monday morning walking group will meet for a three-mile walk each Monday, April 16 through May 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E.

The cost is \$5 for residents and \$6.25 for out-of-town participants and advanced registration is necessary. For information, or to register visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6360 and reference class number 443282 A1.

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# SPRING FUN 2012

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You've got to return on Sunday even if you thought you filled up on Saturday. Sunday is fill-a-bag with books for a flat charge of \$5. For more information, e-mail email FPHL101@gmail. Free parking and admission.

## FREEMAN STORE AND MUSEUM'S LANDMARKS DEDICATION

In fall of 2011, the Commonwealth of Virginia added Freeman Store and Museum to its historic registry. On April 21, at 2 p.m., the Town of Vienna and Historic Vienna, Inc. is dedicating the Freeman Store and Museum's Virginia Landmarks Register plaque at 131 Church Street, NE. The event will feature keynote speakers Mayor M. Jane Seeman, Del. Mark Keam, and state Sen. Chap Peterson. U.S. Representative Gerry Connolly is a special guest, and the Reverend Doctor Kenny Smith will provide the Invocation. The American Legion Color Guard opens the ceremony, and the 17th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Co. D, "Fairfax Rifles" Living History Society Color Guard will provide a closing volley. Musical accompaniment provided by the Vienna Community Band. A celebration follows the ceremony. The Freeman Store, along with the Civil War museum exhibit "Vienna Awakens to War" will be open before and after the ceremony. This event is a Virginia Civil War Sesquicentennial-sponsored event. For more details, e-mail 15JBrady@gmail.com or call 703-200-7806.

## TASTE OF THE TOWN

Saturday, April 28, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.;

400 Center St. S., on the grounds of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Event runs in good weather and rainy weather because this inaugural food and beverage festival is a "GO."

Nearly 30 of the community's most popular and loved restaurants are participating in VVFD Auxiliary's fundraiser. Proceeds benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. Admission is free but "tastes" require tickets that are sold for \$1 each. For more information, including restaurant updates, see [www.tasteofvienna.org](http://www.tasteofvienna.org) or [www.facebook.com/#!/tasteofvienna](http://www.facebook.com/#!/tasteofvienna).

Participating restaurants, to date, include Aditi, Alegria, Bazin's on Church, Brio Tuscan Grille, Caffè Amouri, California Tortilla, Chef Geoff's Tysons Corner, Church Street Pizza, Crepe Amour, Culinaria Cooking School, Famous Dave's BBQ, Kabob Tavern, La Sandia, Maple Ave Restaurant, Maplewood Grill, Noodles and Company, Outback Steakhouse, Panache Tysons, Peking Express of Vienna, Pure Pasty Co., Purple Onion Catering Co., Silva's Patisserie, Sweet City Desserts, Sweetleaf, Tara Thai, Tequila Grande Mexican Café, Vienna Inn, Whole Foods Market, and Yirasai Sushi & Grill.

## WINDOVER WALK ON THE HILL

Sunday, April 29, Details to be announced by Historic Vienna, Inc. and the Town of Vienna. The azaleas typically bloom on cue for this annual springtime stroll along Windover Avenue. Following 2012's mild winter and warm March, it's possible the flowers will bloom before April 29. No matter, though,



**Free concerts on the Town Green kick off on May 11 and tots to seniors enjoy the music on balmy nights. Bring a blanket or chairs. The ambiance is Norman Rockwell-ish and picnics only enhance the experience.**

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DONNA MANZ/  
THE CONNECTION

because there will be other flowering plants and the Vienna Community Band keeps strollers and listeners entertained. Along the route, volunteers lay out lemonade and cookies. All together, it's a relaxing way to meet up with neighbors you haven't seen since the previous year's Walk on the Hill. Visit [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org) in early April for more details, including time.

## TOWN GREEN CONCERTS

They are free, family-friendly and fun.

"They" are the Town Green concert series, with twice-weekly concerts appealing primarily to adults, weekly Wednesday concerts for kids, and occasional Saturday open mic nights. Concerts usually begin at 6:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise. The U.S. Navy Sea Chanters kick off the Town Green concert season. Bring a blanket, bring a picnic, and bring the kids. Regardless of the genre, the youngsters love to dance across the expansive green lawn. Performances are free to the public; sponsored by local businesses to

benefit the community. May 11 – Sea Chanters; May 12 – Open Mic Night; May 13 – SoHo Down, Country; May 18 – U.S. Navy Commodores; May 20 – Billy Emerson, Bluegrass; June 1 – Four Star Combo, Rockabilly; June 3 – Tommy Lepson Band, Blues; June 8 – To Be Announced; June 10 – The Tonic, Blues/Rock; June 15 – Annapolis, Bluegrass; June 17 – Fat Chance; June 20, the season's first kiddie concert, Rocknoceros.

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For final draft of the concert schedule and information, visit [www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=81](http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=81).

## VIENNA CHORAL SOCIETY SPRING CONCERT

A Live Music Sampler – Concert for a Cause; Saturday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. See <http://viennachoralsociety.org/events/> for performance location and ticketing.

## VIVA! VIENNA!

Vienna's biggest, most festive annual event returns for three days starting on May 26. It's ViVa! Vienna! anchoring the community's Memorial Day weekend events, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Vienna and the Town of Vienna. The footprint seems to grow every year. ViVa! Vienna! takes over historic Church Street from Mill Street to Lawyers' Road, and Mill and Dominion streets. With approximately 300 vendors, selling everything from food to gifts to services, nonstop entertainment on a main stage and a children's stage, and more than 25 amusement rides, the Memorial Day weekend festival pulls in 50,000 people.

Kids' favorite performers include Rockneceros, Banjo Man, Knick Knack, Noland the Magician and Mr. Dave, among a slew of others.

All net proceeds go to charity and nonprofit services, mostly in the Vienna-Oakton area.

Parking is free at James Madison High School and the Vienna Metro Station and shuttles move guests from those parking lots to the festival. A hint,

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The March 31 Easter egg hunt, sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. and the Town of Vienna, features a live Easter "bunny," a storyteller and crafts. Bring your own basket to collect "eggs."

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# Hurtful Exchanges

## VIEWPOINTS

The Connection high school interns – Nikki Cheshire (Langley High), Monika Bapna (Marshall High) and Mary Grace Oakes (Madeira) – asked area high school students:

- ❖ Do you think cyber bullying is more damaging than regular bullying? Does the fact that it's online make it more hurtful or easier to ignore?
- ❖ Have you or your friends experienced cyber bullying? What was it and what was your response?



**Anna Fahlberg,**  
**Grade: 12, Langley High School**

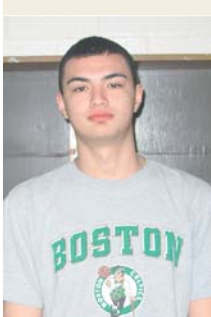
"You can't erase cyber bullying, and it's more hurtful because you see it over and over again. It's easy to ignore if it's a private message, but it becomes worse than regular bullying if it's posted for the whole world to see."

"I've definitely seen people posting sly statuses on Facebook that are clearly directed at certain people. It's definitely not acceptable, but I ... scrolled past it."

**Cody Jones,**  
**Grade: 11, Langley High School**

"Cyber bulling is worse, because you can say meaner things. It's easier to say something rude online than face-to-face. It's harder to ignore since it's much easier to access."

"There were a few cases I heard about, kids making fun of each other and ganging up on groups of five or more kids. I was never involved in any of it, though."



**Thomas Blazon,**  
**Grade: 10, Langley High School**

"Cyber bullying is on the Internet, so everyone can see that. Physical bullying can be kept secret. It's more cowardly to cyber bully, and it's emotionally more hurtful since it's hard to know where to get help for it."

"This guy started cussing at me online a few years ago, but I just unfriended and blocked him."

**Ian Lagoe,**  
**Grade: 9, Langley High School**

"Cyber bullying can be more hurtful since it's so easy to see. Everyone can see Facebook posts, which makes it worse than regular bullying."

"I haven't seen any cyber bullying, but I've heard of it happening."

— NIKKI CHESHIRE



**Michael Orndoff,**  
**Grade: 11, Marshall High School**

"I think that the fact that it's online makes it easier to ignore. With cyber bullying, it's easy to simply block or ignore what someone keeps telling you. But when someone bullies you in person, you actually know them, which makes it hurt more. You can stop someone from

sending texts or posting on your wall on Facebook, but you can't stop someone from talking."

"I've never personally experienced cyber bullying, and I don't know anyone that's experienced it either. Bullying someone in person seems to be more common than cyber bullying."

**Kevin Lam,**  
**Grade: 11, Marshall High School**

"I think cyber bullying is more damaging than regular bullying by a lot. The Internet is a big place that's filled with lots of people you may not know. That element of being "unknown" makes it easier for people to be bullied and be the bully. In a cyber bully's mind, in my opinion, by being unknown on the Internet would allow a cyber bully no restrictions on what the bully would have to say. As for being more hurtful or easier to ignore, it really depends on the means of receiving the cyber bullying."

"Yes, my friends and I have definitely experienced cyber bullying, typically though it would really fall under the title of flame wars, which are basically comment wars between people on a topic. Usually I tend to ignore the whole situation once I feel no need to be part of it or if I don't see an out to it."



## Area high school students discuss cyber bullying.

		Prevalence	Frequency							
			Never	1-2 times	3-5 times	6-9 times	10-19 times	20-29 times	30-39 times	40+ times
Overall		56.2	43.8	24.1	10.9	6.1	4.5	2.8	1.3	6.5
Grade										
8 <sup>th</sup>		61.8	38.2	26.6	12.2	7.2	5.0	3.0	1.5	6.4
10 <sup>th</sup>		55.8	44.2	24.3	10.6	6.1	4.2	2.8	1.4	6.4
12 <sup>th</sup>		50.6	49.4	21.3	9.7	5.1	4.2	2.7	1.0	6.6
Gender										
Female		56.0	44.0	26.4	11.8	6.1	4.0	2.4	1.1	4.2
Male		56.4	43.6	21.8	9.9	6.2	4.9	3.3	1.5	8.7
Race/Ethnicity*										
White		58.9	41.1	24.6	11.6	6.7	4.9	3.2	1.5	6.5
Black		49.8	50.2	20.4	9.6	5.5	4.2	2.3	1.5	6.3
Hispanic		51.7	48.3	24.2	10.5	5.4	3.5	2.1	1.0	5.0
Asian		55.6	44.4	25.0	10.2	5.9	4.2	2.4	1.2	6.8
Other/ Multiple		60.8	39.2	23.5	10.8	6.4	5.6	3.9	1.3	9.3

Notes. All percentages were calculated from valid cases (missing responses were not included). Frequency percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.  
\*Racial categories do not include Hispanic students who are treated as a separate category in this table.

**The 2010 Fairfax County Youth Survey table on the prevalence and frequency of students being bullied, taunted, ridiculed or teased by someone in the past year. Numbers are percentages.**

# County Takes Aim at Bullying

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION  
SECOND IN A THREE PART SERIES.

Monitoring aggressive behavior is a primary concern of Fairfax County when conducting the annual Youth Survey. While fewer than 5 percent of students report gang activity or carrying a weapon, a majority of students have experienced bullying from one side or the other.

According to the survey, 49.4 percent of students reported "bullying, taunting, ridiculing or teasing" someone in the past year. More than 8 percent said they did so 20 or more times.

**THE SURVEY** also shows that 56.2 percent of students reported being bullied, taunted, ridiculed or teased in the past year, and more than 10 percent more than 20 times.

"We've seen that over 40 percent of the students who say they have been bullied have themselves bullied someone," said Mary Ann Panarelli, director of Fairfax County Public School's Intervention and Prevention Services department. "So we're not talking about a clear-cut case of 'good guy-bad guy.' It's not a matter of punishing it out of the system, it's a matter of enacting a culture change."

Since the question is phrased to include "teasing," which isn't regarded as seriously as bullying, the county focuses more on the victims and perpetrators involved in more than 20 incidents per year.

The county currently conducts a variety of awareness programs, and is working on a system-wide bullying intervention and prevention group. Panarelli says much of the outreach is dedicated to the bystander, the person witnessing someone being bullied.

"We've found in talking to students that in the moment, there really isn't a comfortable way to identify what is happening, and try and stop it," Panarelli said. "But things like going up to the victim after, saying 'I saw what happened, and don't agree with it' helps that victim from feeling isolated."

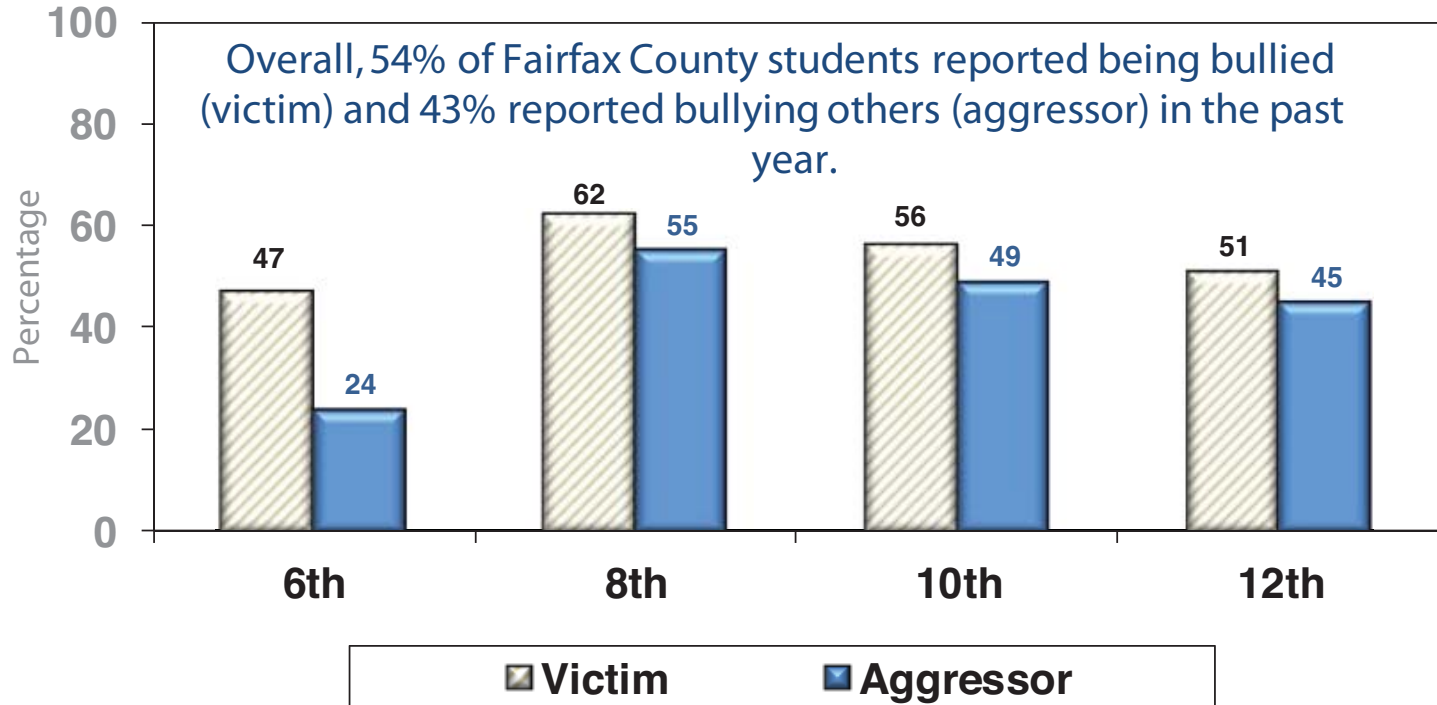
With the emergence of social media, bully-

ing hasn't been limited to school hours. With access to fellow students' profiles and information online, bullying can happen online too. Cyberbullying is defined by the survey as "bullying through email, chat rooms, instant messaging, websites or text messaging."

Almost one in seven, 14.1 percent, of students said they were cyberbullied over the last year, with 12.5 percent saying it was someone from their school. One third of students said they knew someone who has been "really hurt" by cyber bullying.

While cyber bullying most often stems from interactions at school, Fairfax County Public Schools has a limited authority over what happens off school grounds. But when it becomes harassment or worse, that's where the Fairfax County Police become involved.

"It used to be you only had to worry about this happening at school, but now it follows people home on their computers," said Capt. Bruce Ferguson, commander of the county's Community Resources Division. "While we're a little behind, we're working hard to get our officers trained on identifying who is being bullied, and to find out if there are any criminal aspects to it."



	Prevalence	Frequency							
		Never	1-2 times	3-5 times	6-9 times	10-19 times	20-29 times	30-39 times	40+ times
Overall	49.4	50.6	24.9	8.5	4.2	3.4	2.0	0.9	5.4
Grade									
8 <sup>th</sup>	54.5	45.5	28.9	9.5	4.9	3.5	2.0	1.0	4.6
10 <sup>th</sup>	48.8	51.2	25.0	8.2	3.9	3.5	1.9	0.9	5.4
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Race/Ethnicity <sup>a</sup>									
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Black	51.0	49.0	23.0	8.4	4.6	3.9	2.9	1.1	7.0
Hispanic	49.5	50.5	24.3	8.9	4.5	3.4	1.9	1.0	5.5
Asian	46.9	53.1	23.6	8.2	3.7	3.1	1.6	0.8	6.0
Other/ Multiple	55.3	44.7	25.5	8.9	5.6	4.7	2.6	1.2	6.8

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**The 2010 Fairfax County Youth Survey's table on the number of students who have admitted to bullying, taunting, ridiculing or teasing someone in the past year. Numbers are percentages.**

High School in Ohio, or Columbine.

"We can't be scouring everyone's Facebook page to see what's happening, we need the kids who are going through this to come to us," Ferguson said. "Any enforcement is simply trying to put someone on notice, we're not concerned with punishment as much as we are with changing the destructive behavior."

More than 70 percent of students said they would report cyber bullying incidents if it could be done anonymously.

**"It used to be you only had to worry about this happening at school, but now it follows people home on their computers."**  
— Capt. Bruce Ferguson

## VIEWPOINTS



**Ash Abbas,**  
**Grade: 11, Marshall High School**

"I think cyber bullying isn't more damaging than regular bullying. Since it is online, I feel as if it is easier to ignore because it's indirect unlike regular bullying."

"Obviously, playing online games consists of a lot of cyber bullying. After playing many games, it just gets me irritated sometimes. But, most of the times I just ignore it."

— MONIKA BAPNA

**Jennifer Oler,**  
**Grade: 12, McLean High School**

"I think it makes it a lot easier to ignore because you could delete the Facebook wall post for instance or delete your entire Facebook account for that matter. If someone came up to you and started bullying you in person, it is definitely a lot harder to not say anything but over the computer through any sort of social network or email or text message, you just don't have to respond."



**Annie Wattenmaker,**  
**Grade: 12, The Madeira School**



"I'd say cyber bullying is more damaging because it can be done in sneaky and mean ways. When someone is cyber bullied, others can often see it online, which makes it way more harmful. If a bully confronts you directly, their words aren't as planned out and they're likely to say something less hurtful. With cyber bullying, kids have time to plan out what they're going to say and plan a systematic way to hurt others. Also, cyber bullying can go viral. One post or video can be sent to thousands of people within a minute, unlike face-to-face confrontation, which only lasts for a certain amount of time."

"No I haven't experienced cyber bullying myself but I've watched girls say horrible things about other girls on Facebook."

**Kristen Bilowus,**  
**Grade: 12, The Madeira School**

"I think cyber bullying can be more dangerous because it is more public than in-person bullying. If it happens online, the whole world can access it and perpetuate the abuse. It is harder to ignore something that you are reading in front of you than something that you experience that you can block out of your mind."

"I have not, but I have heard stories of how negatively it can affect kids. I would delete my social networking sites and move on from the incident if I were cyber bullied."

**Makenzie Parent,**  
**Grade: 12, The Madeira School**

"Cyber bullying is more damaging because its on display for a wider audience, can last for a longer time, and can take a lot more forms, such as online posts, photos, etc."

— MARY GRACE OAKES





# Spring Fest

**Saturday, April 7** 10 a.m.-Noon

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### THURSDAY/MARCH 29

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**"A View from the Bridge."** 7 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Tragedy by Arthur Miller. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. [mcleantheatrecompany@gmail.com](mailto:mcleantheatrecompany@gmail.com).

### FRIDAY/MARCH 30

#### Family Flashlight Egg Hunt.

7 p.m. Glyndon Park, 300 Glyndon St. N.E., Vienna. Visit with the Easter Bunny and jump in the moon bounce. \$3, free for children under 12 months. Maximum six tickets per family. Tickets available at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, S.E. beginning March 10. 703-255-6360.

**"Side Man."** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. Turmoil in a jazz musician's family as his career crumbles at the dawn of rock-and-roll. \$25. 703-854-1856 or [www.1ststage Tyson's.org](http://www.1ststage Tyson's.org).

**March Into Spring with Native Run and Friends.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

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**Secret Agent 23 Skidoo** will perform two family concerts on Saturday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East in Vienna. Co-presented by the Smithsonian Institution, Secret Agent 23 Skidoo introduces kids to hip hop without compromising lyrics or stories. The band includes DJ, Mr. Strange and Santos, with stories about dragons, mermaids, whalephants and the Annual Cloud Shaping Championship. Tickets are \$10. 703-255-1566, [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com) or [www.secretagent23skidoo.com](http://www.secretagent23skidoo.com).





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# ENTERTAINMENT

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**The Come Ups.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. A rapper from Pittsburgh, Pa. Tickets \$25-\$35 at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities at 703-993-3035. [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

**Children's Shows: The Smithsonian and Jammin Java present Secret Agent 23 Skidoo.** 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**March Into Spring with Native Run and Marcus Hummon.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Used Book Sale.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Free parking and admission. [FPHL101@gmail.com](mailto:FPHL101@gmail.com) or 703/938-0405.

**"Side Man."** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. Turmoil in a jazz musician's family as his career crumbles at the dawn of rock-and-roll. \$25. 703-854-1856 or [www.1ststageysons.org](http://www.1ststageysons.org).

**Old Fashioned Easter Egg Roll.** 10:30 a.m. Freeman Store, 131 Church St. N.E., Vienna. For age 12 and under with parents. Includes an Egg Roll, the Easter Bunny and a storyteller. Sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. Free. 703-938-5187 or [www.historicviennainc.com](http://www.historicviennainc.com).

**Mega Match-a-thon Adoption Event.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. All cats and dogs will receive a free spay/neuter prior to being adopted. Dog adoptions for the event will cost \$40 and cat adoption \$20. Sponsored by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. 703-830-1100.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 1

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**Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Adoption Event.** 1-4 p.m. PetSmart, 8204 Leesburg Pike, Tysons Corner. Adoption events every Sunday. <http://lostdogrescue.org/> and click on Adoptions.

**Used Book Sale.** 12 a.m.-2 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Free parking and admission. [FPHL101@gmail.com](mailto:FPHL101@gmail.com) or 703/938-0405.

**TBS and Mercury Rising** at 1:30 p.m.; **An Evening With Willy Porter** at 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Mega Match-a-thon Adoption Event.** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. All cats and dogs will receive a free spay/neuter prior to being adopted. Dog adoptions for the event will cost \$40 and cat adoption \$20. Sponsored by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. 703-830-1100.

**Young Soloists Recital.** 3 p.m. Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. With violinist Jehshua Karunakaran, cellist Nicolette Cho and pianists Faith Ellen Lam and Clara Guo. Presented by the Music Friends of the Fairfax County Public Library. Free. 703-620-9535 or 703-324-8344.

**Children's Spring Festival.** 2-4:30 p.m. Great Falls Village Centre. Hay ride, games, bounces and more. Egg Hunt at 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Great Falls Optimist Club and Adeler Jewelers. [www.greatfallsoptimist.org](http://www.greatfallsoptimist.org).



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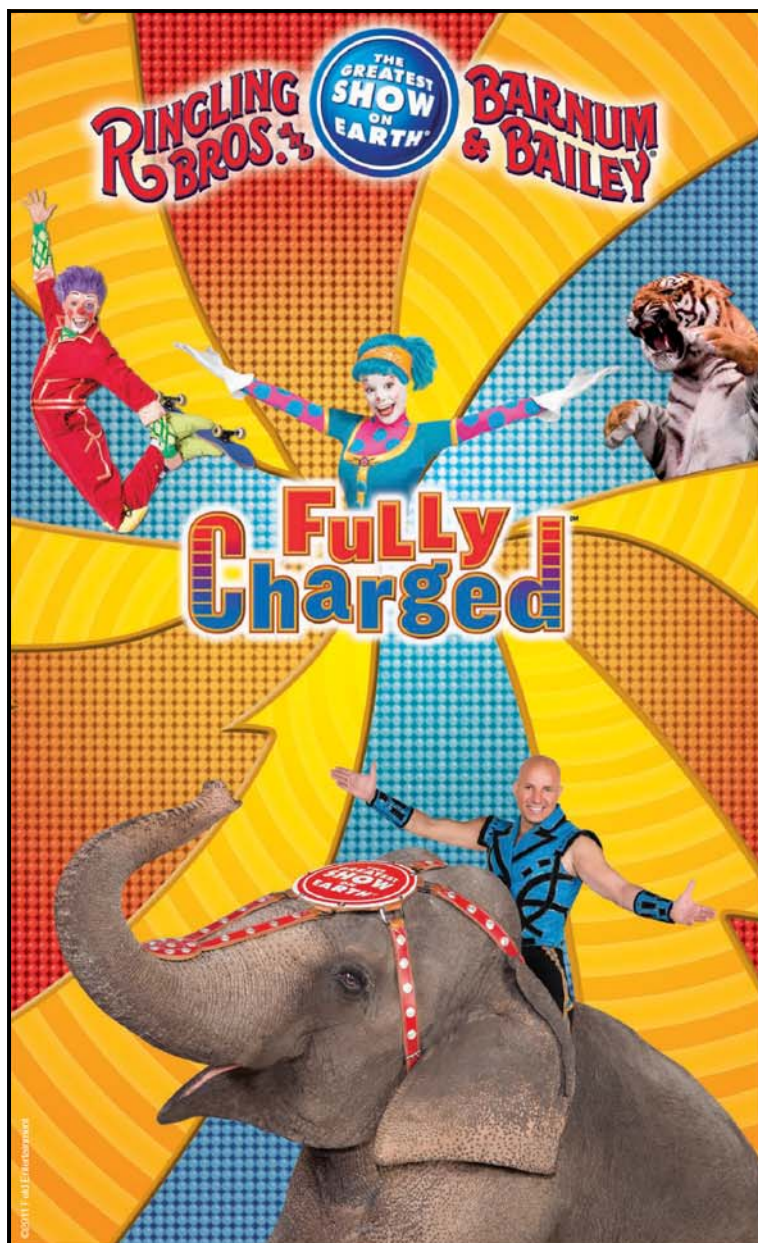
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### Centreville

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1760 Wainwright Dr.....\$370,000..Sun 1-4.....Todd Cerino.....RE/MAX..703-318-0067  
1308 Pavilion Club Way.....\$769,000..Sun 2-4.....Tena Nauheim.....Long & Foster..703-873-3500  
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47560 Anchorage Cir.....\$559,000..Sun 1-4.....Michael Foley.....Foley..703-433-9534  
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116 Cherry Cir., SW.....\$1,325,000..Sun 1-4.....Susan Fadoul.....Long & Foster..703-402-1717  
205 Tapawingo Rd., SW.....\$549,999..Sun 1-3.....Jenny Robles.....NBI..703-597-9771  
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In February 2012, 51 homes sold between \$1,786,175-\$172,000 in the Vienna and Oakton area.

Address .....	BR	FB	HB	....	Postal	City	....	Sold Price	....	Type	.....	Lot AC	..	PostalCode	.....	Subdivision
1671 HUNTING CREST WAY .....	5	..	5	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$1,786,175	....	Detached	.....	1.81	....	22182	.....	BACHMAN PROPERTY
207 MCHENRY ST SE .....	5	..	5	..	2	.....	VIENNA	\$1,550,000	....	Detached	.....	0.46	....	22180	.....	MC HENRY HEIGHTS
122 KINGSLEY RD NE .....	5	..	4	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$1,528,705	....	Detached	.....	0.63	....	22180	.....	VIENNA ACRES
3359 V LN .....	6	..	5	..	1	.....	OAKTON	\$1,500,000	....	Detached	.....	0.83	....	22124	.....	WESTOAKS
520 PARK ST SE .....	5	..	4	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$1,329,642	....	Detached	.....	0.40	....	22180	.....	VIENNA
600 KINGSLEY RD SW .....	5	..	4	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$1,285,000	....	Detached	.....	0.34	....	22180	.....	VIENNA WOODS
2009 SPRING BRANCH DR .....	6	..	4	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$1,250,000	....	Detached	.....	0.76	....	22181	.....	WENDOVER
9870 PALACE GREEN WAY .....	4	..	4	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$1,150,000	....	Detached	.....	0.11	....	22181	...	WILLIAMSBURG COMMONS
305 LOCUST ST SE .....	5	..	4	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$1,145,000	....	Detached	.....	0.26	....	22180	.....	VIENNA
1488 BROADSTONE PL .....	5	..	4	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$1,129,000	....	Detached	.....	0.22	....	22182	.....	CARRINGTON
801 COTTAGE ST SW .....	5	..	4	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$1,120,000	....	Detached	.....	0.25	....	22180	.....	WEST VIENNA WOODS
8424 TYSONS TRACE CT .....	5	..	5	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$1,015,000	....	Detached	.....	0.17	....	22182	.....	TYSONS TRACE
11734 SADDLE CRESCENT CIR .....	5	..	4	..	1	.....	OAKTON	\$950,000	....	Detached	.....	0.94	....	22124	.....	FAIRWINDS
2217 WOODFORD RD .....	5	..	4	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$941,000	....	Detached	.....	0.17	....	22182	.....	WILLIAMS HILL
105 FARDALE ST SE .....	4	..	3	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$927,700	....	Detached	.....	0.24	....	22180	.....	VIENNA WOODS
1500 LAUREL HILL RD .....	5	..	3	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$770,000	....	Detached	.....	0.35	....	22182	.....	WOLF TRAP WOODS
2820 MORADA CT .....	4	..	4	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$760,000	....	Detached	.....	0.15	....	22180	.....	MORADA RIDGE
8701 COLDSTREAM PL .....	5	..	3	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$754,000	....	Detached	.....	0.25	....	22182	.....	WESTWOOD FOREST
8815 SKOKIE LN .....	6	..	3	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$752,500	....	Detached	.....	0.36	....	22182	.....	TYSONS WEST
513 COUNCIL COURT CT NE .....	4	..	3	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$695,000	....	Townhouse	.....	0.18	....	22180	.....	COUNCIL SQUARE 2
3109 MILLER HEIGHTS RD .....	4	..	2	..	1	.....	OAKTON	\$690,000	....	Detached	.....	0.49	....	22124	.....	CINNAMON RIDGE
10002 MCDUFF CT .....	5	..	2	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$680,000	....	Detached	.....	0.56	....	22181	.....	GLENCANNON
8841 ASHGROVE HOUSE LN .....	3	..	3	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$649,900	....	Townhouse	.....	0.03	....	22182	.....	TYSONS VILLAGE
2431 FLINT HILL RD .....	3	..	2	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$630,000	....	Detached	.....	0.67	....	22181	.....	ORCHARD VIEW
1003 WESTBRIAR DR NE .....	4	..	3	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$629,990	....	Detached	.....	0.29	....	22180	.....	WESTBRIAR CC ESTATES
903 FAIRWAY DR .....	5	..	3	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$623,000	....	Detached	.....	0.29	....	22180	.....	WESTWOOD MANOR
9626 COUNSELLOR DR .....	5	..	2	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$590,000	....	Detached	.....	0.33	....	22181	.....	BARRISTERS PLACE
602 KEARNEY CT SW .....	4	..	2	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$566,500	....	Detached	.....	0.24	....	22180	.....	PICKETT ESTATES
2002 GALLOWES TREE CT .....	3	..	2	..	2	.....	VIENNA	\$545,000	....	Townhouse	.....	0.04	....	22182	.....	HAHN PROPERTY
1711 JUMPER CT .....	4	..	3	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$515,500	....	Detached	.....	0.49	....	22182	.....	WAYSIDE
311 CHARLES ST SE .....	3	..	3	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$491,000	....	Detached	.....	0.24	....	22180	.....	EAST VIENNA WOODS
926 COTTAGE ST SW .....	3	..	2	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$475,100	....	Detached	.....	0.43	....	22180	.....	VIENNA WOODS
3140 BRADFORD WOOD CT .....	4	..	3	..	1	.....	OAKTON	\$469,000	....	Townhouse	.....	0.05	....	22124	.....	CONCORD VILLAGE
10142 TURNBERRY PL .....	4	..	3	..	1	.....	OAKTON	\$460,000	....	Townhouse	.....	0.06	....	22124	.....	TREEBROOKE
11304 VALLEY RD .....	4	..	3	..	0	.....	OAKTON	\$459,000	....	Detached	.....	0.93	....	22124	.....	ALLANS FAIRFAX FARMS
9652 COUNCH HAVEN DR .....	3	..	2	..	2	.....	VIENNA	\$453,000	....	Townhouse	.....	0.04	....	22181	.....	COUNTRY CREEK
506 ORRIN ST SE .....	3	..	2	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$452,000	....	Detached	.....	0.24	....	22180	.....	EAST VIENNA WOODS
2927 CASHLE LN .....	3	..	2	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$422,000	....	Townhouse	.....	0.03	....	22181	.....	WATERFORD
9814 BRIGHTLEA DR .....	3	..	2	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$410,000	....	Detached	.....	0.20	....	22181	.....	EDGELEA WOODS
8223 GOLDSTREAM CT .....	3	..	2	..	2	.....	VIENNA	\$410,000	....	Townhouse	.....	0.04	....	22182	.....	CEDARS OF TYSONS
1420 DESALE ST SW .....	3	..	2	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$387,500	....	Detached	.....	0.23	....	22180	.....	VIENNA WOODS
2663 MANHATTAN PL #01/309 .....	2	..	2	..	1	.....	VIENNA	\$365,000	....	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	....	22180	.....	WESTBRIAR PLAZA
7895 TYSON OAKS CIR .....	2	..	2	..	2	.....	VIENNA	\$350,000	....	Townhouse	.....	0.04	....	22182	.....	COURTS OF TYSONS
9490 VIRGINIA CENTER BLVD #226 .....	2	..	2	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$323,000	....	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	....	22181	...	MARQUIS AT VIENNA STATN
2765 CENTERBORO DR #363 .....	2	..	2	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$317,000	....	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	.....	.....	....	22181	...	MARQUIS AT VIENNA STATN
2791 CENTERBORO DR #386 .....	2	..	2	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$285,000	....	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	.....	....	22181	...	MARQUIS AT VIENNA STATN
9480 VIRGINIA CENTER BLVD #331 .....	2	..	2	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$278,100	....	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	....	22181	.....	ACADIA
9486 VIRGINIA CENTER BLVD #7 .....	2	..	2	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$275,000	....	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	....	22181	...	MARQUIS AT VIENNA STATN
10049 OAKTON TERRACE RD #10049 .....	2	..	1	..	0	.....	OAKTON	\$235,000	....	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	....	22124	.....	THE OAKTON
3175 SUMMIT SQUARE DR #C1 .....	2	..	2	..	0	.....	OAKTON	\$220,000	....	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	.....	.....	....	22124	.....	FOUR WINDS AT OAKTON
204 PARK TERRACE CT #23 .....	2	..	1	..	0	.....	VIENNA	\$172,000	....	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	....	22180	.....	PARK TERRACE

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## SPRING FUN 2012

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though. It's usually not hard finding parking near the festival if you don't mind walking a block or two. ViVa! Vienna! is one of Vienna's most anticipated yearly events. For more exhaustive details and the entertainment schedule, go to <http://vivavienna.org/>.

### HISTORIC VIENNA, INC. USED BOOK SALE

Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10; opens Saturday at 9 a.m.

This mega book sale is so big, so good, that dealers come from throughout the metro area for great values and one-of-a-kind books. It's Historic Vienna's primary fundraiser. The book bins are under tents so the event runs in any kind of weather. Behind Freeman House is the children's patio where kids and parents can browse and read together. Sunday is fill-a-bag-for-\$5 day. Go to [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org) for time and details.

## FAITH NOTES

*Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.*

**Antioch Christian Church**, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, will hold three Easter services on Sunday April 8. Children's activities will be held during the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services. 703-938-6753 or [www.antiochdoc.org](http://www.antiochdoc.org).

❖ **Outdoor Casual Sunrise Worship Service.** 7 a.m. In the wooded "Groves" next to the church. Bring lawn chairs. Stay for a continental breakfast.



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**The area's largest used book fair is produced by Historic Vienna, Inc. to help support its programming and Freeman House. The two-day book sale, on June 9 and 10, features thousands of categorized books.**

❖ **Contemporary Acoustic Worship.** 9:30 a.m. "Starting Point", led by local recording artist Jon Cresswell.

❖ **Traditional Easter Worship Service.** 11 a.m. With the Antioch Church Choir providing music and Pastor Randy Beeman on the issue of what it means to be a Skeptic.

**Great Falls United Methodist Church**, 10100 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, has announced their sermon series for the Feb. 26-April 8 10 a.m. services will be "Journey to Hope." 703-759-3705 or [office@greatfallsumc.org](mailto:office@greatfallsumc.org).

❖ **Sunday, April 1.** Would we have

started this journey, if we had realized the pain along the way?

❖ **Thursday, April 5.** Maundy Thursday. As we remember this important gathering, we too share the cup and break bread in an experiential Lord's Supper.

❖ **Friday, April 6.** Good Friday services. Recognize our shortcomings and the message that in the darkest of times, God's light still beckons us to Hope.

❖ **Sunday, April 8.** Easter services. When all hope feels lost, it has truly just begun.

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## THURSDAY/MARCH 29

**ESL, Citizenship, and Computer Class Registration.** 7 p.m. St. Mark Christian Formation Center, 9972 Vale Road, Vienna. All students must be registered and tested. Classes begin Tuesday, April 10 and meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. Basic Computer Skills Lab available for intermediate and advanced ESL students. Citizenship Preparation Class available to those with at least intermediate English proficiency. For English or Spanish, contact 703-300-3936 or [st.mark.esl@gmail.com](mailto:st.mark.esl@gmail.com). For Korean, contact 703-994-8510.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 31

**Community Meeting on the Fiscal Year 2013 Budget.** 11 a.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. With Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill), Hunter Mill District School Member Pat Hynes, members of the Hunter Mill District Citizen Budget Review Committee and staff from Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools. Representatives from the Department Tax Administration's Tax Relief Program will be available to assist senior and disabled residents. 703-478-0283.

**Faith and Public Policy Breakfast.** 8:30 a.m. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. "1% and 99% and all the Numbers in Between: Trends in US Income Inequality and Why We Should be Concerned," with Adam Wasserman of the Social Justice Network of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax. 703-356-

7200, 703-534-9729 or [pechurch@yahoo.com](mailto:pechurch@yahoo.com).

**SALT (Social Action Linking Together) Meeting.** 9 a.m. American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180, 330 Center St. North, Vienna. With Michael Cassidy, CEO of the Commonwealth Institute, on "Time to Invest in a Virginia that Works for Everyone." Free and open to the public. [www.S-A-L-T.org](http://www.S-A-L-T.org) or 703-938-9535.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 1

**Gospel music for atheists.** 12:45 p.m. Fairfax Unitarian Church, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. With Stephen Baird and The Galapagos Mountain Boys.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 3

**Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce TIPS Luncheon.** 12:15 p.m. Shula's Steakhouse, 8028 Leesburg Pike, in the Tysons Corner Marriott. Every Tuesday. 703-862-4895.

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# Remembering 'Freddie'

## Frederick M. Crabtree, Sr. dies.

By LARRY K. BLAKELY

One of Vienna's greatest retired to the dugout for the last time: Frederick Crabtree, Sr., known to all simply as "Freddie," passed away on March 11. In leaving us he left as he lived, with baseball. Freddie worked tirelessly to promote baseball in not just Northern Virginia but everywhere. Many of the parks and fields in this area are a direct result of his efforts. The Vienna Little League park includes a field dedicated to him as well as an entire park in Reston. But he never asked for that recognition. He only asked that kids be given a chance to play baseball.

I first met Freddie when I moved to the area in 1997, he was already past when many people have retired to an easier daily schedule. Not Freddie, he was a fixture at Vienna Little League still actively coaching, participating on the board of directors and being an ambassador for baseball, specifically Little League. He was always quick with a smile and support.

Freddie loved to tell stories about building

baseball fields around

the world during his service years. Sadly, you don't hear much these days about our service men and women longing to play our "national pastime." But because of Freddie's efforts many were able to enjoy a part of home while serving our country. Returning stateside he applied those same efforts to focus on building support for Little League baseball. Thousands of players have benefited and will continue to benefit from his efforts.

Freddie also introduced me and others to the Little League Challenger Division. This is a division of Little League that extends the sport to players with physical challenges. The inclusion of the Challenger Division at Vienna Little League helped everyone learn perspective and deeper respect for the joy of the game of baseball. I will forever be grateful for the lessons I learned and shared with my sons and their teammates through the Challenger Division.

I was not able to personally attend services but I understand they were closed fittingly with John Fogerty's "Centerfield." I'm sure Freddie is already saying "put me in coach, I'm ready to play."

I will forever pause and reflect on his accomplishments as I step on a baseball field. Play ball!

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**Providence “Side Man” rehearsal – left to right: John Coscia (Gene), Ari Post (Clifford) and Andra Whitt (Terry).**

## A Jazz Life

### “Side Man” comes to James Lee Center.

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE CONNECTION

An award-winning drama, “Side Man” is next up for the Providence Players. It is a memory play that captures the beat and rhythms of the New York City jazz scene from the 1950s until the late ’70s. “With rich characters and a cadence of sharp dialogue that is simply marvelous this is a show with many layers, all underscored with jazz music,” Director Jimmy Hertzog said.

“Side Man” centers around Clifford (Ari Post) who narrates the story of his mother (Andra Whitt) and father Gene (John Coscia), a talented trumpet player whose career fades with the downturn in the jazz scene with the ascendancy of rock-and-roll and other music forms. “It is about life on the edge, with the charismatic centerpiece of a talented musician father,” Coscia said.

The show chronicles “someone more dedicated to his music and band mates than to his own family. It is an account of a group of people in a time and place that existed for about 30 years after WWII and is no more, and yet speaks to us still,” according to Coscia.

For Post, his role is of a son “with many struggles as he looks back-and-forth on his own life caring for the adults in his life.” Often he

### When & Where

James Lee Community Center Theater, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA 22042. Performances through April 7. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 7:30 p.m. March 29, 30, 31, April 5, 6 & 7, Sunday Matinee 2 p.m. April 1. Tickets: \$15-\$18. Call: 703-425-6782 or visit [www.providenceplayers.thundertix.com](http://www.providenceplayers.thundertix.com). Note: Side Man is not for young audiences. It contains mature themes and graphic language.

“turns and speaks directly to the audience to narrate what he remembers and then steps back into the action.” For Whitt, her role is an opportunity “to play a very complex, beautifully written character living a chaotic life. One moment she is fuming and the next working to make her marriage work as a loving couple.”

The play, written by Warren Leight, was the winner of the 1999 Tony Award for Best Play and a Pulitzer Prize nominee. “Side Man” ran for more than 500 performances on Broadway. The title comes from jazz parlance; a sideman is a free lance musician taking gigs when opportunities arise able to perform solos when called.

Featuring a seven member cast, the show will include plenty of “wry” humor and jazz music underscoring through out to add the flavor of the now vanished time and place according to Hertzog. The set by Raedun Knutsen will place the audience into the action both in a bar as well as the home turf of the family. Through set decoration by Kathy White and props by Susan Kaplan the audience will have visual clues matching the dialogue.

**Pictured, from left, Col. Robert A. Carlisle, Chief of Police and Detective Sergeant Jim Wickes shown with his presentation shadowbox.**



## Sergeant Jimmy Wickes to Retire from Vienna Police Department

On May 1, 2012 Sergeant James “Jimmy” Wickes will end his career with the Town of Vienna Police Department after 26 years of service. During his career Sergeant Wickes has served in several different capacities. He started out, as all officers do, in the Patrol Division and handled routine assignments and calls. He was then promoted to the rank of Police Officer First Class then to Sergeant, where he supervised a patrol squad of officers for several years.

Sergeant Wickes has most recently served as the

Detective Sergeant for the Criminal Investigations Section. In this capacity he supervised the daily duties of detectives and staff assigned to that section, investigated police applicants, and handled numerous investigations. He was also a bicycle officer and a CPR/ AED instructor for the Town.

Sergeant Wickes will now begin a new career in another area of law enforcement with the Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office. He is to be assigned as a bailiff overseeing the safety and security of individuals inside various courtrooms in Fairfax County.

**From left: Madalyn Stephens, Willow Jahnke and Fadumo Alquani with their 4th grade teacher, Cindy Campbell. The students were discussing in detail the large works of art they were observing and writing down their thoughts.**



## Presenting Arts and Music at Mosby Woods

One of the highlights of the year, the annual School Site Visit, continues to attract art supervisors, principals, and their art and music teachers to see exemplary arts education and arts integration programs in a local school. Council members and Principals’ Arts Education Forum members joined Mahri Aste, principal at Mosby Woods Elementary School in Oakton, and her staff on a guided tour of Mosby Woods’ art education and arts integration programs. They had an opportunity to

visit classrooms to observe arts-integrated lessons, tour the school and courtyard, examine documentation of student learning through the arts, and hear how Mosby Woods integrates the arts in their school from a panel of their teachers.

They saw evidence of strong visual arts and music programs at the school, including a performance and school murals. Mosby Woods is involved with the Kennedy Center-sponsored CETA program (Changing Education Through the Arts.)



## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

**The Vienna Div. 1 eighth grade boys' basketball team** came from behind to beat McLean, 46-40, in the finals of the Fairfax County Youth Basketball League (FCYBL) Tournament Championship. The title game victory capped a perfect 17-0 season for the Vienna team, under head coach Dean Marsden.

It marks the first time in more than a dozen years that there has been an undefeated champion in the Div. 1, eighth grade league. Vienna, prior to the postseason tournament, captured the regular season championship with a 14-0 record. As a result, Marsden's squad entered the playoffs as the No. 1 seed.

In its quarterfinals round postseason game, Vienna, nicknamed the Warhawks, beat Chantilly, 56-49. That was followed by a 61-45 triumph over Gainesville in a semi-finals game to put Vienna into the championship game versus No. 3-seed McLean.

There, the Warhawks put together a strong second half to overcome a five-point halftime deficit to pull out the victory. Ben Christenson led the team in scoring and was selected tournament MVP. Marsden was named Most Valuable Coach by the FCYBL, and the team also had two All-League selections in Jelani Murray and Tyler White.

The key to the Warhawks' perfect unbeaten season was their ability to defend. Vienna allowed fewer points than any team in the league during the regular season, a differential of more than 200 points. In the tournament, Vienna kept all three of its opponents under 50 points. As the opposition got better, so did Vienna's defensive effort. The Warhawks held McLean, the highest scoring team in the league, to only 40 points, 26 points below their average.

"There was a lot of pressure, as the season progressed, to go undefeated," said Marsden. "The players really responded and saved their best for last."

Other players on the Vienna Warhawks are: Mikey Briody, Khalid Darab, Kyle Hayes, Theo Stamatis, Daniel Ungerleider, Taiga Walker, Daniel Wheeler, and Oak Zoom. The team's assistant coaches are Ryan Flaherty and Mark Magellan.

Vienna Team Awards winners were: Kyle Hayes (Highlight Award); Jelani Murray (Charge Award); and Taiga Walker (Man of Steal Award).

**The Madison High boys' tennis team**, in a Liberty District match versus cross-town rival Marshall last Friday, defeated the Statesmen, 6-3. The competition took place at Jefferson District Park, Marshall's home playing site this season.

Madison No. 1-singles player John Adam won his highly competitive match over Adam Ghazzawi, 11-10 (7-3 tie-breaker). It marked the second consecutive match in which Adam, a senior, has won by tie-breaker.

Madison's other singles winners on Friday were: No. 4 Matt Bosco; No. 5 Albert Chang; and No. 6 Alex Russell.

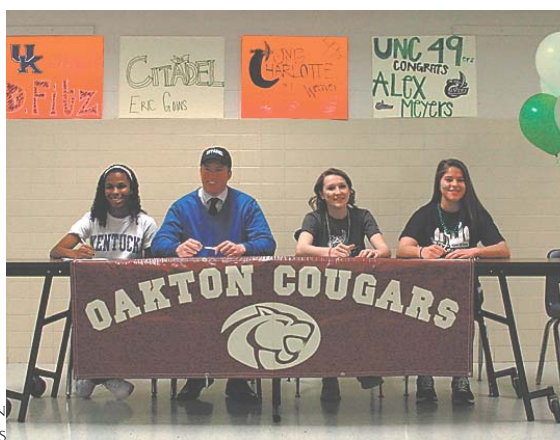
In doubles, Madison's No. 1 team of John Adam and Gunnar Baskin was victorious, as was the Warhawks' No. 3 team of Alex Russell and Alex Dondershine.



**The Vienna Warhawks' eighth grade boys' basketball team finished a perfect 17-0 and captured the Fairfax County Youth Basketball League title with a tournament finals win over McLean.**

**Four Oakton High School student-athletes celebrated their National Letters of Intent at a reception in their honor last month. From left: Danielle Fitzgerald, who will play soccer at Kentucky; Eric Goins, set to play football at The Citadel; and Alex Weaver and Alex Meyers, both of whom will play soccer at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte.**

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## NOVA Women Capture State Basketball Crown

**Vienna's Carlie Zirkle earns MVP honors.**

**T**he Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) women's basketball team won the 2012 Virginia Community College System (VCCS) Championship by defeating Southside Virginia Community College, 48-26. The tournament was held March 2-4 in Chesapeake.

Former Marshall High standout Carlie Zirkle (Vienna) received the most valuable player honor and was named to the All-Tournament team, along with Halley Cummins (Vienna) and Yvette Gilliam (Woodbridge).

During the championship game, Zirkle was the leading scorer with 17 points. Cummins netted 15 points, all in the second half to help NOVA pull away from

the top-seeded Panthers. Kasee Hilliard (Richmond) scored 14 points, Hoda Nasser (Springfield) added 13, and Gilliam contributed 11 points.

"This season was exciting for our basketball program," said NOVA head coach Wayne Vincent. "Our team endured injuries but we stayed together and our student athletes believed they could win the VCCS if we got healthy."

In Saturday's semifinals, NOVA defeated Thomas Nelson Community College (Tidewater area), 92-61. Zirkle led all scorers with 27 points. Cummins connected on six three-point baskets to score 22 points. Nasser scored 14 points, Gilliam added 13, and Hilliard had 12 points.

The championship will be the final VCCS title for NOVA, as the college will now compete in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) starting in the fall of 2012.

Marshall's two singles match winners were Nick Koludrovic at No. 2 and Ryan Feenick at No. 3. In doubles, the Statesmen got a victory from its No. 2 team of Feenick and Dan Bleykhman.

Madison, under head coach Glenn Adams, improved to 2-1 on the season. Marshall is 1-2.

**Spring Break** is still a couple weeks away, but the Madison High girls' softball team got an early start in Spring Break tournament play with the first game of its own Madison Spring Tournament last Thursday, March 22 versus Mount Vernon High.

Even with Madison being the tournament host, Thursday's game took place at Mount Vernon High. There, just off the Route 1 corridor in Alexandria, Madison defeated the home team Majors, 4-1. Mount Vernon gave Madison all it could handle, but the Warhawks were able to escape with the victory over Mount Vernon, a member of the National District.

Madison's bats accounted for seven hits throughout the game. Tori Lipnicky (2 RBIs), Elizabeth Fallas, and Kelsey Ross each had two hits to lead the attack, with Fallas hitting a double and a triple, and Ross contributing a triple. Kristyn Buscemi and Jackie Yahner each had an RBI for the Warhawks.

Ross started the game in the pitching circle and earned the win, giving up one hit and striking out two in four innings of work. Fallas pitched the final three innings, also giving up only one hit while striking out four. Mount Vernon's lone run was unearned.

Two days earlier, on Tuesday, March 20, Madison defeated Fairfax High, 9-1, in both teams' Liberty District opener. Madison, in the game at Fairfax, jumped out to an early lead, plating six runs in the second inning. Fallas, a sophomore, earned the win by pitching four strong innings, giving up three hits while striking out four and walking one. Ross pitched the last three innings, giving up two hits with five strikeouts and three walks.

Madison senior Ally Grasso led the offense, reaching base five times, the result of three hits and two base-on-balls. She also drove in three runs. Also for the Warhawks, junior Brittany Powers went 2-for-4 with an RBI; Lipnicky knocked in a pair of runs; and both Kristyn Buscemi and Jackie Yahner had a base hit and RBI.

**The All-Virginia State Girls' Basketball Team** was named recently. Caroline Coyer, the Oakton High senior guard who helped the Cougars capture their first-ever state AAA title this past season, was named Co-Player of the Year, along with Woodside's Adrienne Motley. Katherine Coyer, meanwhile, was named to the Second Team, as was West Springfield High's Logan Battle. Katherine Coyer, twin sister of Caroline, was this year's Northern Region Tournament MVP. Two other Northern Region players made the All-State Team - Fairfax High's Liz McNaughton (Honorable Mention) and Edison High's Ruth Sherrill (Honorable Mention). In all, seven players made first team, five made second team, and eight made honorable mention.



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VIRGIN GRAND VILLAS - ST. JOHN )  
CONDOMINIUM OWNERS )  
ASSOCIATION, ) **ST - 11 - CV - 544**  
)  
)  
Plaintiff, ) **ACTION FOR DEBT**  
) **FORECLOSURE OF**  
vs. ) **LIEN AND BREACH OF**  
) **CONTRACT**  
CRYSTAL A. DENUNZIO, )  
Defendant. )

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HON. MICHAEL C. DUNSTON  
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