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Vienna Metro Access Ramps Fairfax County Design Public Hearing

Wednesday, March 27, 2013, 6 – 8 p.m.
Oakton High School Cafeteria
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Find out about plans to construct a flyover ramp to provide direct access for mass transit buses between the I-66 high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes and the Vienna Metrorail station. This project would improve peak-hour mass transit accessibility and enhance ridership.

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Give your written comments at the meeting, or submit them by **April 11, 2013** to Mr. Leonard Siegel, P.E., Virginia Department of Transportation, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030, or email meeting_comments@VDOT.virginia.gov. Please reference "Vienna Metro Access Ramps" in the subject line.

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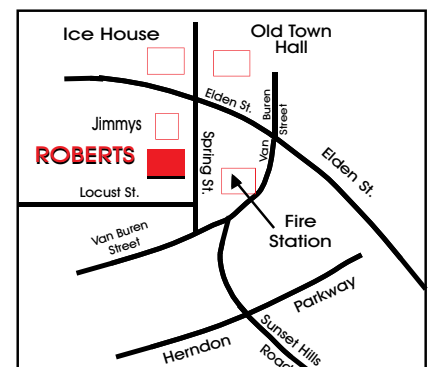


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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova addresses the current state of affairs in Fairfax County, Feb. 20, at the Fairfax County Government Center.



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Bulova Presents State of County

Board chairman discusses Tysons future, effects of sequestration.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova premiered her "State of the County" address Wednesday, Feb. 20. In the 20-minute video, Bulova addressed what promises to be an eventful year in the county, one that will see the opening of five new Metrorail stations in Tysons Corner and Reston.

Bulova pointed to several signs that not only has the county weathered the economic storm over the past few years, the future looks promising.

"The county is home to 10 Fortune 500 companies, five of these have relocated within the last four years. Consumer confidence is rising and the number of foreclosures is falling," she said. "Home sales are up and unemployment is down, well below the national average of nearly eight percent. While we are not yet out of the woods from the impacts of the recession, clearly we're on the right track."

Bulova said that the county's future is tied to the redevelopment efforts going on now and planned for the future, with transportation changes a major part of that development.

"As Fairfax continues to mature, it's important that we accommodate our future growth and existing population in ways that make it easier for our residents and workers to live, work and play without always needing to get behind the wheel of a car," she said. "Aging commercial centers near mass transit, like Tysons, present especially valuable opportunities for attractive, transit-oriented mixed-use revitalization."

Planning principles used in Tysons redevelopment are also being used for other areas undergoing rede-

velopment and revitalization around the county.

But while the Metro and some related development will be opening this year, Bulova mentioned that it would be a number of years before all the changes are in place.

"The transformation of Tysons is going to be an evolutionary process. The transportation plan we have adopted and the finding mechanisms the board adopted are meant to serve the community over the next 20 or 30 years," she said. "You're not going to see the development happen at once, and just as that will happen over time, so will the transportation improvement. Developers are working with the county on establishing a grid of streets, and they are dedicated either a right-of-way or building as part of their application, segments of the grid of streets."

Bulova said by 2050, "but hopefully before," the grid of streets in Tysons would be operational.

In a follow-up to the official State of the County address, Bulova also discussed the county's concern when it comes to federal spending cuts that could be happening as early as March 1 as a result of sequestration.

She said there is an "absolute concern" about sequestration, and the county is already seeing effects in terms of budget

planning and government-related business decisions on things like renting new office space. She said the county is looking at diversifying its economic base.

"One of the things that Fairfax County has been doing is to increase our commercial base in areas that are not necessarily federal or defense related. One thing we were happy to see was the move of the Hilton Headquarters to Fairfax County, which is a new commercial opportunity," she said. "We're also working with the EPA and INVOA Health Systems to restore opportunities for personalized and translational medicine. The name of the game is finding areas that make us more diverse than we've been in the past."

The entirety of Bulova's State of the County address can be found online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/vod.htm>.

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PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

The Optimists of Greater Vienna awarded cash prizes to three area high school students who won the local 2013 Optimists International essay competition. Left to right is Optimist Club of Greater Vienna President Laurie Cole, parent Sandy Le Duc, third-place winner Megan Le Duc, first-place winner Taylor Austin, Education Committee Chair Barbara McHale and Taylor's aunt and uncle, Laura and Carlton Colter. Third-place winner Olivia Hammermaster was unavailable.

The Optimist Club Honors Students

"How do you let your friends know their value?" was essay topic.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The Optimist Club of Greater Vienna awarded three local high school students cash prizes for their winning essays produced for the Optimists International competition, "How do you let your friends know their value?" The presentation took place Wednesday, Feb. 20, at the Optimists' semi-monthly meeting.

First-place winner Taylor Austin and third-place winner Olivia Hammermaster are George C. Marshall High School students. Second-place winner Megan Le Duc is a James Madison High School student.

Forty Vienna-area students submitted blind entries to Greater Vienna Optimists at the local level.

"To me, true friendship is caring about each other and showing it, letting my friends know how important they are," said Taylor, a Marshall freshman who moved to Northern Virginia this year, leaving behind her old friends.

Olivia Hammermaster, a senior, had prior commitments and was unavailable to be at the awards presentation.

Madison senior Megan Le Duc said she takes steps to help

her friends reach their goals. "I believe in my friends," she said. "The people I appreciate are the ones who appreciate me."

THE FIRST-PLACE WINNER received an award for \$300; second-place winner an award of \$200; and third-place an award of \$100. Winning essays go on to the next level, the regional competition, where top prize is \$2,500. The winners gave examples of efforts they make to assure their friends of their value, from listening to other friends' problems to taking an extra step on their behalf.

Requests for submission and rules and explanation were sent to the career counselors at George C. Marshall, James Madison and Oakton high schools. Cover sheets were removed to delete identification of submitter and each essay was assigned a number for identification. Judges based their evaluation on a list of criteria that included essay content, grammar, punctuation and adherence to essay rules. Essays were to be written within 700 to 800 words, and points removed as a penalty for failure to conform to the requirements.

Barbara McHale chairs the education committee and over

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PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Supporters of new gun control regulations march in front of the National Rifle Association Headquarters in Fairfax Friday, Feb. 22.

Alliance Pushes for New Policies

Reston-Herndon Alliance to End Gun Violence holds vigil at NRA headquarters.

By ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Members of the Reston-Herndon Alliance to End Gun Violence gathered at the National Rifle Association headquarters in Fairfax Friday, Feb. 22, to advocate for stricter gun laws. This was the group's second such protest, where more than 30 members carried signs citing statistics about gun-related deaths.

"We're here to remember the victims and recognize that every day there are new victims of gun violence," said Joanna Simon of the alliance.

The group marched around in a loop for more than an hour, each member carrying signs that mentioned massacres such as the ones at Columbine High School, Virginia Tech, the movie theater in Aurora, Colo., and Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn.

They specifically want to pass four policies: closing the gun show loophole, limiting the size of magazines, getting rid of illegal, military-style weapons and getting more support for the mentally ill.

"Military-style weapons and high-capacity magazines need to be out of the hands of the public," said Ellen Bussey, a clinical psychologist from Reston. "If you want to hunt, you can have a rifle, and if you want to protect your home you can have a handgun, but that doesn't mean anybody needs to fire 30, 40, 50 rounds before reloading."

Bussey said she is also a strong advocate for better mental health care to prevent such acts of mass violence, saying there has to be better ways to reach out to those suffering from mental illnesses.

Many of the protesters said they personally didn't have a problem with "reasonable" gun ownership, and had no interest in making guns illegal.

"This isn't guns versus no guns, and events like this help us bring nuance to the discussion, to show that this isn't a black and white issue, we're not against the second amendment, or anything as drastic as that," said Marilyn Adams of McLean, the daughter of a former FBI agent who grew up around law enforcement. "I completely understand the need for guns, but I think this organization [the NRA] is



Members of the Reston-Herndon Alliance to End Gun Violence hold a vigil outside of the National Rifle Association Headquarters in Fairfax Friday, Feb. 22.

completely out of touch with what their membership and this country want, which is to prevent these terrible shootings."

The group was restricted to the sidewalk along Waples Mill Road during their vigil, since it is county-owned property. They were not allowed on NRA property, and when Adams sat briefly on a light post on the property, she was asked to return to the sidewalk.

During their vigil, several cars in traffic honked their approval and waved to the group. Gloria Pan of Moms Rising, a national advocacy nonprofit, said: "This is democracy in action. We live in an age where a lot of talk happens on things like the Internet, but a number of people coming out together shows that there are a lot of voices in favor of reasonable, common-sense policies."

The group plans to gather on the 14th of every month at 9:30 a.m., the day of the month and time of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. In March they plan to print out all signatures from a petition from Moms Rising, of which they currently have about 150,000, and drop the pages off at the headquarters.

PEOPLE & PETS

Best Friends



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Henry Ross, 12, of Vienna plays with his best friend Macintosh, 7, a 110-pound golden retriever, after basketball practice. Henry Ross is a sixth grader at Oakton Elementary School.



Macintosh Ross, 7, a golden retriever, provides a comfortable pillow for his best friend, Henry Ross, 12, of Vienna.



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Neighborhood friends: All of these Oakton dogs live within two blocks of each other and love to hang out. Left to right: Darby, Sammy, Enzo, Tucker and Star.



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"Hey Enzo, I think I'm going to like this summer job!" a picture by Amy Odell of two of Oakton's 3-year-old golden doodles who are best buddies, Enzo (white) and Darby (tan). The friends jumped right in to elementary school teacher Barb Rose's ice cream truck for a lick of one of their favorite sweet treats.

WEEK IN VIENNA

New Vienna Bus Routes to Be Discussed

The next meeting of Vienna at Your Service (VAYS) will be Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St. S.

The program will feature a presentation by representatives from the Virginia Department of Transportation on bus service improvements for the start of the new Silver Line stations in Tysons. The presentation will focus on the proposed Vienna routes only. Anyone interested in this topic is invited to attend to learn about and discuss the proposed routes.

The meeting will also feature a presentation by the Vienna Police Department on recent department happenings and relevant statistics. In addition, representatives from area civic and non-profit organizations will provide updates and information on upcoming events and activities.

Vienna at Your Service is designed to give citizens the opportunity to learn more about their community. This event is free and open to the public; no registration required. For more information, contact the mayor's office at 703-255-6311, at mayor@viennava.gov or visit www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=748.

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High School Students Honored

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sees the high school essay competition. Optimists Anna Ryjik, Kathryn McHale and Mark Goldberg judged the essays.

Optimists International focuses on youth and each chapter develops its own outreach; its slogan is "bringing out the best in kids." Optimists International adopted childhood cancer support as its main campaign mission, and the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna partners with "Growing Hope" of Northern Virginia, a resource and support program for families of cancer-stricken children. The Vienna Optimists fundraise on Growing Hope's behalf. The signature cancer-focused fundraiser is the annual walk and family fun day, held in early fall.

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THE OPTIMIST CLUB of Greater Vienna operates Vienna's outdoor farmers' market and maintains the red caboose sitting alongside the W & OD trail intersecting Church Street. The Christmas tree sale raises much of the club's operating revenue.

To learn more about Optimists International and the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, go to <http://www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org/>. The club holds competitions for school-aged children throughout the year.

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OPINION

All's Well That Ends Well

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

Not only did the 2013 session of the General Assembly end on time last Saturday, but it also ended on a high note. Having sat through a couple of decades of failed efforts to pass meaningful legislation addressing our transportation needs, I was not optimistic that we would be successful this year. The governor's proposal to fix a billion dollar problem with a revenue-neutral solution did not give me much hope. I was both amazed and delighted when the House passed a transportation funding bill by a vote of 60 to 40 that provides new revenue to meet road and transit needs. In addition to providing new money, the bill also addresses other problems by switching the gas tax from a per gallon amount to a percentage to help it keep up with future needs. The bill also provides for additional monies to be raised in Northern Virginia and spent in our region. While the bill will not



totally resolve our transportation congestion, it does provide money for mass transit and \$300 million towards the cost of the Silver Line that will help to keep the tolls down.

There are aspects of the omnibus transportation compromise that I do not like. The charging of

a \$100 per year fee for hybrid vehicles—because their fuel efficiency reduces the gas tax collected on them—is in conflict with policies we should be adopting to encourage the use of such cars. The planned reliance on the tax on internet sales that has yet to be passed by the U.S. Congress is open to question although there is a mechanism for making up for lost funds if the tax is not enacted.

Equaling the transportation bill in importance was a compromise approved in the clos-

ing hours of the session that opens the way for the expansion of the Medicaid program in Virginia to provide insurance for about 400,000 individuals. Governor McDonnell had opposed passage of the Affordable Care Act and had refused to go along with accepting an expanded Medicaid program until reforms were put into place. The compromise bill establishes a joint committee of legislators who will approve Virginia's entry into the program as soon as certain reforms are made. It is expected that the state could enter the program as soon as the summer. Thanks to the many persons who called and wrote to the conferees and the governor; your voice did make a difference.

As is the case with most legislation, the final results are compromises. What was reassuring about this session that I had not seen in recent years was a willingness on the part of the majority to compromise with those of us in the minority. That made for an outcome that was better for everyone. I will be writing about other outcomes of the session in future columns and will be holding public meetings to report back to you.

Move in The Right Direction

"This is a great step toward addressing the transportation challenges we face in Fairfax County and the Northern Virginia region.

The Transportation Bill passed yesterday fulfills the call made by mayors and chairs of the Urban Crescent (the Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads areas) for new, sustainable funding to address our critically under-funded transportation needs.

I applaud the efforts of Sen. Richard Saslaw, Sen. Janet Howell, Del. David Albo, Del. Vivian Watts and others for reaching agreement on a funding strategy that moves us in the right direction. I am especially pleased with the commitment of \$300 million for the Silver Line, which will help to keep tolls in the Dulles Toll Road affordable for Northern Virginia motorists.

I appreciate Gov. McDonnell's leadership in making transportation funding the focus of this General Assembly Session. The successful result required compromise on both sides of the political aisle. The stars were aligned this session to make something happen but political courage and leadership were required on many fronts to pull it off."

—FAIRFAX COUNTY BOARD OF
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Creating Safer Environment, Preventing Another Tragedy

BY TIMOTHY D. HUGO
STATE DELEGATE (R-40)

After the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007, I became committed to addressing mental health issues so that many of our young people could receive the help they need in the hopes of preventing another tragedy. Working with my colleagues in 2008, the Virginia General Assembly enacted comprehensive mental health legislation including several pieces of legislation that I co-sponsored. Last year, the governor signed my legislation, HB 1075, which requires community service boards to provide hospitals with informational materials on substance and alcohol abuse services to minors.

During this year's General Assembly session, I introduced HB 1609, which strives to improve the coordination between public four-year higher education institutions, mental health facilities, and local hospitals. I introduced this legislation at the request of Centreville residents, Angel Fund President Lu Ann McNabb and Board Member Greg Richter. Angel Fund (www.angelfundva.org) was established in honor of one of the Virginia Tech victims, Westfield High School graduate Reema Samaha. The fund seeks to create an atmo-



sphere of acceptance where schools and communities have a caring, supportive, and inclusive environment to help young people.

HB 1609 ensures that all four-year public colleges and universities have mechanisms in place in order to expand services available to students seeking treatment. Specifically, it allows universities and community services boards to work together so that there is no-

tification when a student is involuntarily committed, or when a student is discharged from a facility and he consents to such notification.

During the bill's hearings, Virginia's universities unanimously testified in support for HB 1609. As this article goes to print, my legislation, along with Senator Chap Petersen's identical legislation, is before the governor for his signature.

I believe that ensuring the mental health of our children is of the utmost importance. This year's legislation is important as it will strengthen the connection between higher education institutions and mental health facilities. It will also create a safer and more supportive environment for students and may help to prevent future tragedies.

If you would like additional information on this issue, please contact me at 703-815-1201 or delthugo@house.virginia.gov.

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PEOPLE

Vienna Names New Police Chief

Town Manager Mercury Payton has announced the appointment of James "Jim" Morris as Vienna's new chief of police. He will succeed Colonel Robert Carlisle, who retired on Jan. 1, after serving almost 12 years as chief of the Vienna Police Department.

Morris was selected from among 108 candidates. "Jim's reputation as a strong leader with high integrity, his many years of experience as a high level local law enforcement official in the region and his desire to work intimately with the community truly set him apart," said Payton. "He is a highly regarded and respected member of the law enforcement community and is going to be a great addition to Vienna." Morris has been with the Fairfax County Police Department for 24 years and has held numerous positions within the department during that time. He is currently serving as acting chief of police and is deputy chief of investigations and operations. Previously, he served as deputy chief of administration, commander of the Internal Affairs Bureau, station commander, shift supervisor at the county's 911 center, patrol sergeant and police officer. In addition, he served as a school liaison commander with the Fairfax County Public Schools system.

Morris attended the Senior Executive Institute at the University of Virginia, the FBI National Academy and the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania.



James 'Jim' Morris

Morris' starting salary is \$146,331 and he will assume his official duties on Monday, March 25, 2013.

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State Champion

Vienna's Gray Goss, 11, wins state free throw competition.

On Feb. 16, Gray Goss made 20 of 25 shots to be named 2013 Free Throw Champion in Virginia's 11-year-old boys division in the annual state-wide competition organized by the Knights of Columbus.

Gray won the district competition on nine of 10 (shooting 90 percent) at OLCG in Vienna. This earned a trip to the regional competition held in Manassas that Gray also won with a 12 of 15 performance (shooting 80 percent). The state-wide regional champs all headed to Richmond to compete on Saturday, Feb. 16. Gray was the last one to go, and knew that the score to beat was 19 of 25 shots. After starting eight for 13, Gray got



Gray Goss is named 2013 Virginia State Free Throw Champion.

fire hot sinking the last 12 free throws in a row to clinch the championship trophy he is holding.

Gray and his twin brother Zack play in both VYI and OLCG basketball for fifth graders, while younger sister Abby plays third grade girls VYI basketball.

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Jo-Lynn and Rich Westlund, with Seamus, Vienna: Seamus came to the Westlund home from Front Royal. His former family could no longer care for him. Now, he is king of the Westlund home where he reigns from his electric-fenced yard.



Michael Amouri, owner of Caffé Amouri, and his daughter Nicki with “rescue” Othello [aka OD], Vienna.



Preschool teacher Terry Ayotte with daughters Tallie and Amelia Uman and two-and-a-half-year-old family pet Sandy Neck, Vienna.

Pets Are Family in Vienna

Local pet parents share stories of their special family members.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Animals, from dogs and cats to chickens, rabbits and hamsters, come into the lives of humans and complete the family circle. Proud parents that they are, local residents described the attributes of their family’s pets.

♦Jo-Lynn Westlund, Vienna: “We have a 9-year-old soft-coated wheaten terrier. Basically, 50 pounds of fluff. We bought him about four-and-a-half years ago from a woman in Front Royal with two boys ages 3 months and 4 years. Her husband had been killed in a skiing accident about six months earlier and she was struggling to keep life going. Seamus had been her husband’s dog. He took him with him to his store everyday in Middleburg. He was incredibly trained and very people oriented. In fact, he came to us two days before my future daughter-in-law arrived from Sardinia. It was love at first sight. We had him for almost six months before we ever heard him bark. He’s a real love, although we unfortunately have ‘un-trained’ him in many ways. If we are going out of town we have to be careful that he does not hear the zipper on the suitcase or he starts pacing and crying. When we open up the back of the SUV he bolts into the car fearing he will be left behind. Ironically, the only things he has chewed up have zippers. And that’s what he eats ... the zippers. He loves to play with his tug toy with anyone who is willing. Yet he seems to sense how hard he should play even with our 3-year-old grandson, Tristan. When there is a party at our house he senses who loves dogs and will position himself next to those people. Recently, we finished a year-long renovation. We remained living amidst the chaos and Seamus felt the construction crew

and subs were really coming to see him every day. I think they enjoyed him as much as he enjoyed the attention. As a part of the renovation we put in an invisible fence. Seamus loves it. He now goes out on the front porch sitting in his favorite wicker chair presiding over the cul de sac as a king would over his kingdom. In the back yard he sits on the patio and watch as the deer (sometimes as many as 8) feed on our neighbor’s bushes without making a sound. He is a truly wonderful pet in spite of his chronic health issues...allergies, ear infections, sensitive skin and anxiety issues.”

♦Michael Amouri, owner of Caffé Amouri: “Othello [aka OD] came to me just about two years ago. He was a rescue brought into my shop by Dr. [Ashkan] Ghaffari.

I had had dogs pretty much my whole life. About a year before I opened the shop, my German shepherd Dutchess—who our espresso blend is named after because she was ‘Sweet and Mellow’—died at the age of 13. I decided that I shouldn’t have a dog while I was trying to open up a new place. After a year and a half, I thought that it would be great to think about getting one. I happened to mention it to Doc G. who I knew was active in dog rescue. Well, he started parading dogs into the shop. Most of them, however, were those little guys. Cute, but I was used to bigger dogs... German shepherds, golden retrievers, etc.

One day, Dr. G came in with OD. I still wasn’t sure if I was ready for the responsibility of a dog so I asked if I could take him home for a bit of a ‘trial run,’ both to see if he liked it and if I was ready. The first night he was there, I was lying on the couch and he was standing there, looking at me... and then he decided to jump on my chest. This from a 60 pound dog. So, I was sold. He is a big goofball, so I guess we’re a perfect match.

My understanding is that he was a couple of days away from being put to sleep in a shelter down in, I think, Charlottesville, and Dr. G. rescued him. I can’t imagine this guy being in that situation. He’s sweet, has the goofy personality and is all around a good guy.”

♦Cindy Stewart, Vienna: “Buzz and I adopted ‘Tacitus’ from the Fairfax County Shelter four-and-a-half years ago, a little white cat with a large and feisty personality. He loves to sit out on our deck and sun himself, a habit we discovered was not in his best interest, health-wise, when we started to notice little black spots on the bridge of his nose that were later diagnosed as a type of skin cancer. We now understand that human companions of white cats and dogs need to limit the time their white-furred friends are exposed to direct sun.

Gratefully, there is a veterinary practice in the greater-metropolitan area that holds a license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to administer a specialized radiation treatment that has virtually no side effects, except for loss of fur in the area treated. Cost is moderate, and Tacitus displayed no discomfort afterwards. Tacitus has had two treatments, with great success.

Shelters and rescues have wonderful animals like Tacitus and our other cat, Jake, whose lives can be saved by state-of-the-art veterinary care.”

♦Preschool teacher Terry Ayotte, Vienna: “He was just a little peanut when we got him. We looked at cats online at HART’s [Homeless Animal Rescue Team] website. He was being fostered. He was orphaned and being bottle-fed which is why he was so small. When we saw him at HART’s location, we knew he was the one.”

Amelia Uman, 12 years old: “He’s pretty smart. I have allergies so he’s not supposed to be in my room. But he sneaks in and climbs the

ladder to the top of my bunk bed and naps there. He likes it there because he likes being up high and there are things hanging from the ceiling.

He’ll jump up and bite you when he wants to play. If you want a pet, you should get a rescue animal instead of buying one because they need homes.”

Tallie Uman, nearly 10 years old: “I like his playful personality. He tries to reach doorknobs to open doors. He can reach underneath and pull it open. His color makes him special and he likes to bite and hide under his own chair. I would tell people to adopt a pet rather than buy one.”

♦Kathleen Miller: “Gracie is a black lab mix who was adopted when she was only 7 months old from the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. She is now 10 years old. Gracie and her siblings were left in a cage in a field in West Virginia and the Welfare League rescued them and brought them to Arlington. Gracie is the leader of the pack. The other dogs know not to play with the stuffed animal Gracie has carried around since she was a puppy or to sleep in the spare bedroom where Gracie sleeps at night.

Emily is also a black lab mix who was adopted from the Washington D.C. Humane Society when she was 1 year old. She turns 10 years old this year. Emily and Gracie quickly became playmates and sisters. Emily enjoys going running with Kathleen as well as playing fetch when it involves swimming in the water to bring the stick back. She has been Kathleen’s side-kick since she was a puppy and still follows her around the house no matter what. Emily also chooses not to take commands from anyone except Kathleen.

Olie is a collie mix who was adopted when he was 1 year old from a high-kill shelter in South Carolina. He was named after Olie Kolzig of the Washington Capitals because his parents are season ticket holders and Kolzig is his dad’s favorite player. He is turning 5 years old this year.

He was transported by train to Northern Virginia where Kathleen and Kelly picked him up and brought him home. A few months prior to finding Olie, Kelly had to make the decision to say goodbye to his childhood dog of 15 years.



Buzz Burrus adopted shelter cats Tacitus and Jake, Vienna.

This prompted him to begin looking for a dog of his own. Olie was turned in by his owner because they were welcoming a new baby to the family. Upon bringing Olie home, it was quite evident Kelly and Kathleen saved him from an abusive home. It has taken much time to get Olie to trust them and the people around him. Every day when Kelly comes home from work, Olie knows it is time for him to accompany Kelly to the mail box down the street and will wait impatiently by the front door to do his daily run.”

♦Sandy Gerner and horse-companion Candya, Tucson: “Our largest pet is 1,000 pounds, Candya, the almost 33-year-old horse I have loved for the 28 years she has been a part of our family. She taught me to ride, taught our children to ride, and now lets our grandsons sit on her back.

We got her from a woman who was moving out of state. She wanted Candya to be a barrel horse... not a good idea, and her initial owner fell off when she spooked at something. Candya never did like cows, by the way.

It was a spur of the moment decision; we had a barn and I had always wanted a horse... never had ridden before.”



Rescues Gracie, Olie and Emily Miller; pet parents Kathleen and Kelly Miller, Centreville.



Sandy Gerner and horse-companion Candya, Tucson, Ariz.

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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 27

Celtic Crossroads. 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Foot-stomping Irish beats and literal step dancing under dramatic lighting at a bluegrass-gypsy-jazz performance. \$27. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/FEB. 28

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FRIDAY/MARCH 1

Essay Contest: What freedom do I enjoy most? The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 accepts submissions from third through 12th graders through March 1; call for rules, prize amounts and info. 703-242-7082.

Smith Chapel Coffee House. 7-8:30 p.m., at Smith Chapel, 11321 Beach Mill Road, Great Falls. Smith Chapel will hold a Coffee House evening of music in their fellowship hall, featuring Chrissie and Clint Dalton. www.SmithChapelUMC.com.

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka. 7:30 p.m., at Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Roald Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and comes to life in this stage adaptation of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. \$10 for adults; \$5 for students. www.oakcrest.org/student-life/fine-arts/upper-school-show/index.aspx.

Parker String Quartet. 8 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The Grammy Award-winning quartet plays Mozart, Britten and Dvorak. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 2

McLean Symphony Orchestra. 3 p.m., at McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Songs from the latest generation of Broadway musicals and Hollywood hits presented with student compositions arranged for full orchestra in cooperation with the Northern Virginia Music Teachers Association. 703-790-0123 or www.mclean-symphony.org.

Buskin & Batteau. 7:30 p.m., at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The humorous folk-pop duo debuts tracks from their recently released album Love Remembered, Love Forgot. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/MARCH 3

Golden Calidore String Quartet. 4 p.m., at St. Francis Episcopal Church, 9220 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. A concert of masterpiece quartets including Haydn's Op. 76 No.1 and Mendelssohn's Op. 13 No. 2. \$30; free for students 17 and under. www.amadeusconcerts.com.

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THURSDAY/ MARCH 7

Helen Reddy. 8 p.m., at The Barns at



Great Falls Columns, watercolor, by Jeff Gorrell, 24 X 30.

Great Falls State of Mind

On display with other original artworks of the Vienna Arts Society are Jeff Gorrell's large and small paintings featuring panoramas and close-ups of the nuances of Great Falls; open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through March 2, at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery, 513 Maple Ave. W., Vienna. 703-319-3220 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. The "Queen of '70s Pop" revives her legacy at The Barns at Wolf Trap by singing her favorite uncharted tracks. \$45. 877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/MARCH 8

Virginia's American Legion Irish Dinner. 5:30-8 p.m., at he Vienna American Legion, 330 Center St., N., Vienna. Corned beef, cabbage and potatoes. 703-938-9535.

SATURDAY/MARCH 9

Annual Spring Craft Bazaar. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department in the Flame Room, 400 Center St. S., Vienna. A bazaar with crafts from home-based businesses offering holiday decorations, home decor, gifts and other wares; lunch, baked goods and cookbooks available. 703-309-3468 or Dancers1023@aol.com.

Enter the Haggis. 7:30 p.m., at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1635 Trap Road Vienna. Indie-Americana rockers Enter The Haggis bring their popular Celtic sounds to The Barns at Wolf Trap. \$22. 1-877-WOLFTRAP or www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/MARCH 10

Tropicals! Opening Reception. 2-4 p.m., at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. An exhibition of original works by local artists featuring flora, fauna and scenes of sun and heat; tropical drinks provided. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Capitol Steps. 4 p.m., at James Madison High School Auditorium, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. A quick-witted, multi-faceted congressional staffer-acted musical political satire benefits the Class of 2013's drug and alcohol-free All-Night Grad Party. \$25-30. madisoncapitolsteps2013@gmail.com.

TUESDAY/MARCH 12

Vienna Arts Society's Children's Printmaking Workshop. 4-5 p.m., at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Children ages 7-12 will print a fish, create reliefs,

mono-prints, and other prints with the help of a dozen local artists. 703-938-0405.

THURSDAY/MARCH 14

Paint with Paper! 10 a.m.-noon, at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Collage artist Megan Coyle demonstrates her mixed media method of creating landscapes and portraits with paper. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

FRIDAY/ MARCH 15

Johnnie Walker Whisky Night. 6:30 p.m., at Wildfire, Tysons Galleria, third floor, McLean. Join for a special evening at Wildfire, when we explore and enjoy the most widely distributed brand of scotch whisky in the world, Johnnie Walker; featuring Ewan Morgan. \$90. 703-442-9110.

FRIDAY/MARCH 22

"Never the Sinner." 8 p.m., at 1st Stage in Tysons, 524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner, McLean. Playwright John Logan's riveting first play about the 1924 "crime of the century." General: \$25; students: \$15. or 703-854-1856 or www.1ststage Tysonson.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 12

MoveMENT: Christopher K. Morgan and Artists. 8 p.m., at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. As part of the Artist-in-Residence at the Alden program, choreographers and dancers bring athletic, contemporary dance; a collaboration between male choreographer sand composer/cellist Ignacio Alcover perform with special guests. \$25; \$18, MCC residents. www.aldentheatre.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 13

Tylan. 7 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Tylan, previously of folk-pop group Girlyman, tours with her debut solo record, made in the year after losing her 16-year partner and fellow Girlyman member Doris Muramatsu to leukemia. www.jamminjava.com.

PEOPLE AND PETS

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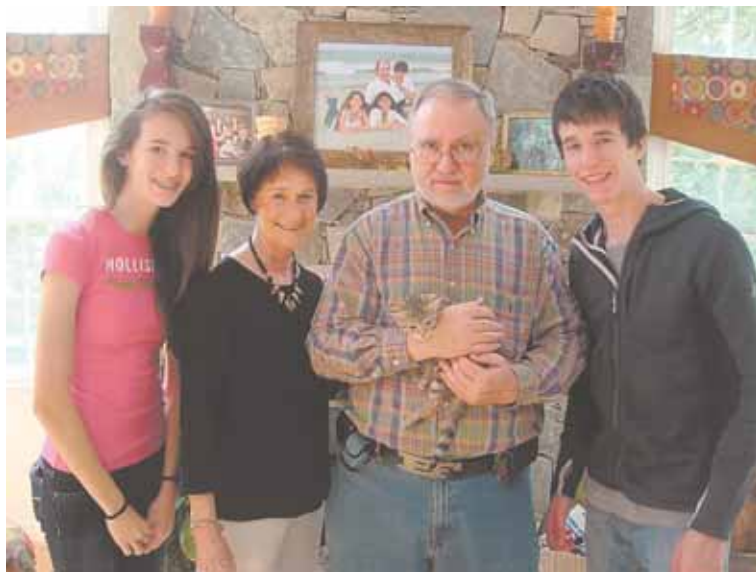


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Halle Kaufax, Sharon Bulova, Lou DeFalaise and Sam, Matthew Kaufax.



Sam and Frodo



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAREN KOWKABI
Zaul (an ancient Persian warrior) is the 12-year-old doberman companion of Karen Kowkabi, of Vienna. His birthday was last Friday, Feb. 22, but one can't easily see his 12 years by looking at him, says Kowkabi.

Henry, a bichon frise, of Oakton and his best friend Ashley Wilkins, who walks Amy Odell's dog Henry every day during the week after school in rain, snow, sleet—whatever the weather. The pair knows every dog in the neighborhood, of which there are many, says Odell.



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SPORTS



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Marshall senior Grant Leibow scored 24 points against McLean in the Liberty District championship game on Feb. 15. Leibow was awarded the MVP of the tournament.

Marshall Boys' Basketball Wins Liberty District Title

Statesmen hold off defending champion Highlanders at South Lakes High.

BY ALEX VAN REES
FOR THE CONNECTION

The Marshall boys' basketball team captured the first Liberty District championship in program history on Feb. 15 when the Statesmen defeated the McLean Highlanders 60-45 in the district tournament championship game at South Lakes High School.

Right out of the gates, the No. 4 Highlanders picked up the early lead within five seconds by driving down the court and getting on the board first, 2-0.

However, that lead would not last for long.

"We didn't come out the way we wanted to tonight," said McLean junior guard Joey Sullivan, who finished with five points. "We turned the ball over too much. I think we just let the hype of the game get into our heads and that's not the way we wanted to come out. We tried to adjust after the half and made it to within eight points, but they held on."

THE FIRST PERIOD went back-and-forth the entire eight minutes with little scoring taking place; it was a great testament to how well these teams can play defensively.

"I think we proved a lot of people wrong this season," said Sullivan. "If you were to ask some of the coaches around the league, I don't think many of them would have said that we would be back in the district championship. Just getting here, we accomplished many goals and proved people wrong."

At the end of the first period, the No. 2 Statesmen took a 9-7 lead, and that was the closest the Highlanders would come to the title. As the game progressed, Marshall continued to build its lead and by the end of the half, the Statesmen had pulled away by 11 points, 26-15.

"All tournament I think we played really well," said

Marshall senior guard Grant Leibow, who led the team with 24 points. "We definitely turned it up this tournament. We had a couple down points in the season when we lost a couple of games in the row, and that just motivated us to do better. We knew we had a chance to win."

The Statesmen burst out of the gates and were ready to get the second half underway; they posted 18 points in the third period, the most in a single period the entire game. Not to mention, they only allowed the Highlanders to tally 13. After three periods, Marshall held a 16-point lead, 44-28.

Heading into the final period, the Highlanders had one last chance for a comeback, and they outscored the Statesmen 17-16. However, that was not enough as Marshall defeated the defending Liberty District champs 60-5.

"It feels great to win the championship finally because the last two years, we were eliminated in the first game of the tournament," said Marshall head coach Dan Hale, who was named the coach of the year for the Liberty District boys. "For them, it's a real testament to them about how much work they have put in, both in the off-season and throughout the year on and off the court. Everyone has a role and they each filled that tonight. They are a very dedicated bunch."

Leibow was awarded the MVP of the tournament and was named to the second-team all-district. Senior forward Doug Turpin and junior guard Towner Hale both finished second on the team with nine points.

"Even though we were the higher seed, I think that took pressure off of us," said Leibow. "No one expected us to win, and I think we proved a lot of people wrong. We had never been here before, so we didn't know what to expect."

SENIOR CENTER JOHN PASCOE, who was named to the first-team all-district, led McLean, the defending district champion, with 17 points and seven rebounds. He and senior guard Samer Abdelmoty, who posted 11 points, each made the all-tournament team.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL

Oakton girls' basketball coach Fred Priester talks to the Cougars during a game against Centreville on Jan. 18.

Oakton Girls' Basketball Loses in Region Semifinals

Standout Manner forced to watch with fractured thumb.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

The Oakton girls' basketball team trailed by nine points midway through the fourth quarter of its regional semifinal matchup with South Lakes on Feb. 21. Meanwhile, Oakton senior Elizabeth Manner, a first-team all-region selection, sat on the bench with her fractured left thumb in a cast, unable to help while the Cougars' season was slipping away.

South Lakes had opened the final quarter on a 9-0 run. Oakton responded by showing the resiliency of a defending state champion.

Karlle Cronin scored the Cougars' first bucket of the quarter with 3:52 remaining. Then, Lindsey Abed converted a three-point play, cutting South Lakes' lead to four with 2:49 on the clock.

Oakton would have a chance to tie with less than 20 seconds remaining, but the Cougars' quest for a second consecutive state title would fall short of reaching the state tournament.

Oakton lost to South Lakes 48-46 in the semifinals of the Northern Region tournament at Robinson Secondary School. Down by three, Abed made a two-point bucket with about five seconds remaining, cutting the Seahawks lead to one. South Lakes added a free throw with 3.2 seconds on the clock and the Cougars' ensuing half-court heave was off the mark.

Oakton led 28-24 midway through the third quarter despite the absence of 6-foot-1 center Manner, who fractured her left thumb against McLean in the opening round of regionals on Feb. 18, but the

Cougars couldn't hold on.

"We expect everybody to do their job and sometimes their job changes," Oakton head coach Fred Priester said. "It changed the last couple games because Elizabeth wasn't there. Everybody did what they had to do. It was a game where we played pretty well and they just played two free throws better."

Oakton, which finished runner-up to Centreville in the Concorde District, ending a streak of eight consecutive district titles, defeated McLean 42-33 in its regional opener. The victory was costly, however, as the Cougars lost Manner to injury. Without their standout center, the Cougars defeated T.C. Williams 46-36 in the quarterfinals on Feb. 19, but fell short against South Lakes.

"As every athlete knows, it's obviously hard [and] it sucks," Manner said about watching from the bench as the Cougars lost to the Seahawks. "I'm extremely proud of them."

Abed, a sophomore who was named to the all-tournament team, finished with 17 points against South Lakes. Freshman Alex Marquis scored 11 points, senior Angela Sickels and sophomore Cronin each had eight and senior Helen Roberts added two.

Oakton finished the season with a 22-5 record.

"It's been a great year for us and it really shows the heart of this team," Sickels said about Oakton competing without Manner. "... [I'll remember the] girls on the team, how much they helped me grow as a person and as a leader, and what I learned about teamwork and determination. I'm going to take that with me the rest of my life."

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That is my question. And though I can't quite quote Shakespeare the way I can quote The Three Stooges: "Moe, Larry, the cheese. Moe, Larry, the cheese," "tis nobler" to ask it nonetheless. Still, if Hamlet had been diagnosed with a terminal form of cancer, as I have, perhaps he wouldn't have been contemplating suicide but rather allocating his monthly budget – as I do every day, with nearly every purchase. That's my dream, "perchance" or otherwise.

Given that I'm not heir to a fortune, but rather fortunate to still be here, what dollars I earn – and in turn spend, are dollars whose expenditure has to make sense (at least add up, anyway). As a result, I'm always thinking "what if," as in "what if" I'm spending money now on relative incidentals, money that I might need later for more important health and welfare-type costs? And I'm not discussing comfort foods, either. I'm discussing in-home care and/or miscellaneous other cancer-related expenses that can't exactly be paid out of petty cash. Expenses that generally don't take care of themselves any more than cancer takes care of itself. Moreover, though little I know about health and fitness and subsequent complications, I do know my medical ABCs: Anything But Cancer.

However, cancer has become the name of my game and living with it the greatest challenge of my life. Do I ignore it? Do I give in to it? Do I adjust to it? As much as I want to "live long and prosper," and live as normally with my diagnosis as I would live without it, that compromised life expectancy/mortality thing tends to rear its ugly, uncontrollable head. The subconscious control it exerts over me is not so much scary as it is uncomfortable – and somewhat uncharacteristic of who I am and how I want to be. Unfortunately, I can't change the way I think now/how I'm influenced any more than this life-long member of Red Sox Nation can become a New York Yankee fan. It's almost as if your personality profile/tendencies are genetically transformed because of the mutations in your cells brought about by the cancer being triggered somehow. You know what you're doing. You think you know why you're doing it. But you still can't stop yourself from doing it. This preoccupation seems to manifest itself most when I am spending money. I always ask myself if I really need that item now. And if I do need it now, how long might I actually need it for. And how long I might need it for determines the level of financial commitment I'm willing to make. After all, are we talking days, weeks, months or years?

A few decisions that have consumed me of late, involving value versus actual need:

Eight pack of soap. Yes, I need to be clean, but at what cost and for how long?

A 150-count "Mega" pack of tall kitchen bags. We use a bag a week, approximately. This purchase counts for three years. Who benefits from that?

Pills/supplements I buy. Do I supply myself with one-month, two-month, three-month, or longer? Yes, the unit cost goes down but my true cost may go up because my time might be up.

My AARP membership. One-, three- or five-year renewal. Again, the more years I prepay, the less the cost. But at what cost? Who's the beneficiary? Me or my beneficiary?

What to do? Live like having cancer matters or live like it doesn't? Either way, "I'm a victim of soicumstance."

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