

The pirates are (top row, from left) Raphy Ortiz, Eric South, Jacob Markin and David Fish; (middle row, from left) Erik McIntosh, Jack Goodin, Rob Condas and Ryan Holcombe; and (bottom row, from left) Grant Seastream, Matthew Stabile and Robbie Warrick.

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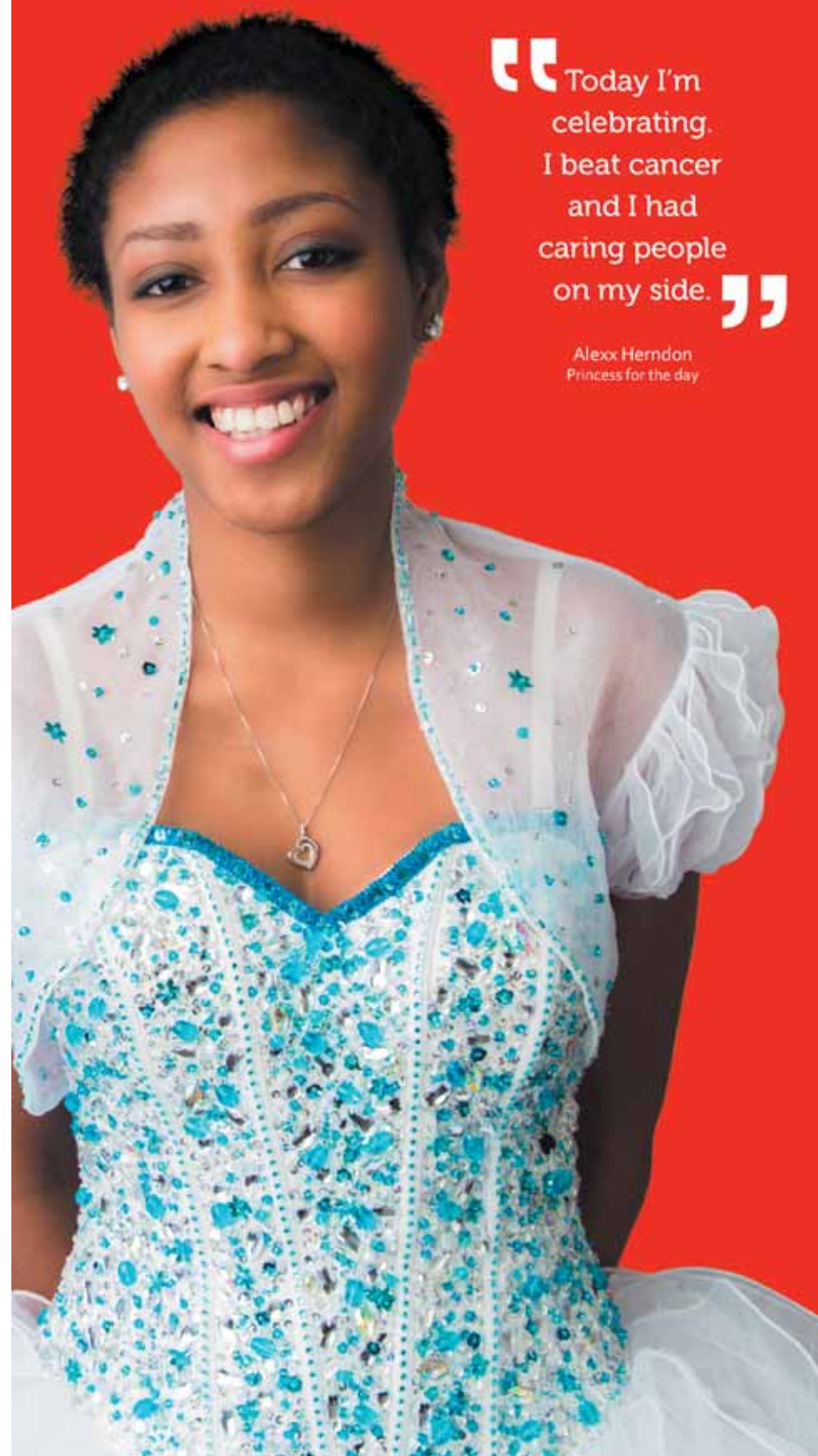
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Families sit on the lawn to listen to the musical entertainment at the children's stage.



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## ViVa! Vienna! Returns Memorial Day Weekend

Rides, food, entertainment, kids' activities and Memorial Day tribute celebrate community spirit.

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

Memorial Day is a time to honor America's fallen and to celebrate life. ViVa! Vienna!, a three-day family-focused festival covering Memorial Day weekend, does both with fun activities and a Memorial Day tribute. ViVa! Vienna!, sponsored and hosted by the Vienna Rotary club, in partnership with the Town of Vienna and Navy Federal Credit Union, opens on Saturday, May 24, with food vendors and amusement rides for all ages. On Sunday and Monday, 350 vendors converge in the historic Church Street corridor and on the Town Green. Church Street closes down and nonstop live entertainment is presented on a children's stage and a main stage. The Rotary Club returns its profit from the festival back to the community. It is awarding more than \$165,000 to local nonprofits and schools in 2014.

"ViVa! is a traditional family and community festival and the funds we raise go right back to local charities, schools and nonprofits," said ViVa! Vienna! co-chair, Kathleen Snisky-Miller of Rotary.

**HERE'S BIG NEWS** for this annual extravaganza. The Food Network is filming a segment there on Saturday and Sunday for its new program "Carnival Eats."

And for anyone familiar with "Frozen," a special guest is coming your way. Stonegate Remodeling is bringing Elsa from "Frozen" to their ViVa! Vienna! booth. Elsa will be available for photos and chatting. Kiddie-rock favorite Rocknoceros rocks both stages at 11a.m. on Monday. At noon, Rotary presents the annual Memorial Day tribute to fallen troops.

Families return to ViVa! Vienna! year after year. Many of the young parents toting their children came to ViVa! Vienna! as children themselves. It's memories like that that inspire Rotary to nurture the community emphasis of the festival. "We're trying to keep everything focused on family and community," said Snisky-Miller. "We have lots of rides and activities for young kids. We're trying to bring in more local businesses and to offer more activities for teens. And

### ViVa! Vienna! Schedule

Saturday, May 24: food, rides and entertainment, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, May 25: food, rides and entertainment 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Vendors 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, May 26: food, rides, entertainment and vendors, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Ride tickets sell for \$1 each and rides take one to three tickets. A strip of 24 tickets is \$20 and a strip of 48 tickets is \$40.

we have lots of food vendors."

The food vendors play a promotional role this year with the Food Network's participation. The television producer interviewed vendor candidates from a list that Snisky-Miller and co-chair Greg Bernhard gave the production team. Throughout Sunday and Monday, tasters will evaluate signature dishes from those vendors.

Cole Shows Amusements operates 24 rides and gives kids an opportunity to earn a free ticket by coloring a print and presenting it at the festival. Free ticket is awarded with purchase of tickets. Ride tickets sell for \$1 each. Kiddie rides take three tickets; major rides take three to five. A strip of 24 tickets is \$20 and a strip of 48 tickets is \$40. Access the link for free ticket from [vivavienna.org](http://vivavienna.org).

Sandy Spring Bank is, once again, children's stage sponsor, and Massage Envy sponsors the main stage. Multiple businesses in Vienna are counted among ViVa! Vienna!'s dozens of sponsors and supporters.

**SCHEDULE** of activities and events for Viva! Vienna! is Saturday, May 24: food, rides and entertainment, 10a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, May 25: food, rides and entertainment 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Vendors 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, May 26: food, rides, entertainment and vendors, 10 .m. to 6 p.m.

While there is dedicated parking for ViVa! Vienna!, it's more traditional for festival-goers to take on the challenge of finding parking around Vienna. Office buildings that are closed for business fill up. Dedicated parking and shuttles are listed at [www.vivavienna.org](http://www.vivavienna.org).

For details, including entertainment schedule, vendor map, and free mobile app, go to [www.vivavienna.org](http://www.vivavienna.org). See <https://www.facebook.com/ViVaVienna> for updates and news.

## Vienna Parents, Son Sentenced in Court

Defrauded IRS on income-tax return.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

It's not every day that a judge sentences a son and his parents together – but that's what happened Friday in federal court to a Vienna family. Ultimately, two family members received probation and the third was sentenced to prison.

In U.S. District Court in Alexandria, on May 9, were Henry Washington Yeh, 32; his father, Jimmy An-Twig Yeh, 56; and mother, Zhi Hua Wang Yeh, 60. On Feb. 26, Henry pleaded guilty to filing false and fraudulent tax returns, and his parents pleaded guilty to helping him do so.

"I've done several things I'm not proud of and I'm devastated that my parents are here today because of me," said Henry Yeh before sentencing. "I apologize to the court and to them. I was blinded by greed."

**IN A STATEMENT OF FACTS** filed with their February plea agreement, he admitted that, from 2004 through 2009, he made \$1 million in cash from selling more than 100 kilograms of marijuana. But he didn't tell the IRS. In 2009, 2010 and 2012, Yeh filed false and fraudulent federal income tax returns with the IRS for taxable years 2005, 2006 and 2007.

He didn't truthfully list how much money he made, nor his income source. And his parents – who knew about his illegal income – helped him file a false tax return for 2007.

Yeh also used his drug proceeds to purchase some \$2.1 million worth of assets, either in his name or jointly with others, including real estate in Ashburn and Washington, D.C. But he and his parents have now had to forfeit them all to the federal government, along with an SUV, \$918,166 from an investment brokerage account and \$100,000 in cash.

In court Friday, Judge Gerald Bruce Lee sentenced Jimmy Yeh first. "This was essentially an economic crime," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Karen Taylor. "He filed false tax returns to cover his son's illicit drug proceeds." She

said the Yeh trio realized \$1.1 million from Henry's marijuana distribution and made \$250,000 in rents from the properties they bought with Henry's drug money. Taylor then said Jimmy should receive six months incarceration and a \$10,000 fine.

"He knows he committed a crime, but this is a 56-year-old individual who's never been in trouble in his life – and it may cost him his real-estate license and, therefore, his way of making a living," said defense attorney John Zwerling. "He's kind and gentle, gave to charity, fed the poor and did good things in the community. He's lived an extraordinarily good life until this screw-up, for which he'll live with the consequences."

Standing before the judge, Jimmy Yeh said, "I'm sorry for my conduct in this case and ashamed of the shame I brought on my family."

Because of Jimmy's actions, said Lee, "The Treasury was robbed of the \$10,000 it would have received to support things like schools and roads. Your son cheated the taxpayers and you helped him do it. But this wasn't in character for you, and I don't think I need to put you in prison to prove a point."

"You'll lose your right to vote and you may lose your livelihood," continued Lee. "You'll have to pay \$10,226 in back taxes to the IRS, plus a \$10,000 fine. I'll place you on two years supervised probation and you must notify the Virginia Real Estate Board of your conviction. Any unexpected financial gains you receive will go toward paying your debt, and you will not open any new lines of credit without your probation officer's permission."

Next up was Zhi Hua Wang Yeh. "This defendant was aware ... that [her son] pleaded guilty to drug dealing," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly Pedersen. "Two months later, she helped him prepare his tax return. She knew how he'd earned his money."

But defense attorney Nina Ginsberg said Zhi pleaded guilty to encouraging her husband to get a CPA to help her son. "She knew he was going to file inaccurate returns," said Ginsberg. "Her actual involvement was less than Jimmy's and

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# C-Section Boom in Northern Virginia

Region has some of the highest rates of cesarean-section deliveries for low-risk pregnancies.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

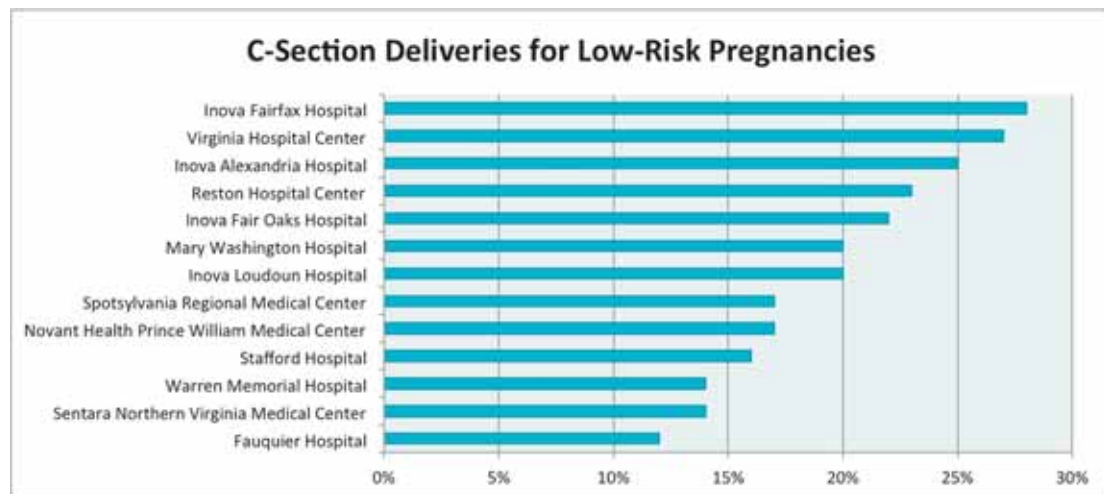
**B**ehind the closed doors at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Falls Church and the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington, a quiet change has been taking shape over the last few decades. Doctors at these two hospitals have been performing cesarean-section deliveries for low-risk pregnancies at a rate that far exceeds what happens at most hospital across America. Last week, the two hospitals landed on Consumer Reports' top 10 list for hospitals with high C-section rates.

"It's an alarming trend," said Dr. Michele Davidson, associate professor and coordinator of the PhD Nursing Program at George Mason University. "You have a much higher maternal mortality and morbidity rate when you perform a C-section versus a normal birth. So you're taking a surgical risk that does not need to be taken."

C-section deliveries have long been used for high-risk pregnancies, when the health of the mother or the baby is at risk. Since the 1960s, though, doctors have increasingly been performing C-section deliveries for low-risk pregnancies. These include women who have never had a C-section before, are not delivering prematurely or are pregnant with a single baby that is properly positioned. Critics say the procedures drive up costs and increase risks for mothers and babies, although hospitals say they are providing options to women.

"We work closely with expectant mothers and physicians to support choice, while providing a safe and personalized birth experience," said Maryanne Boster, director of corporate communications for the Virginia Hospital Center. "We are partnering with our physicians to constantly monitor and balance the needs of the mother and baby while ensuring we work towards the best outcome for both."

**SINCE 1970**, the number of C-sections performed in the U.S. has increased 500 percent. Davidson said a number of reasons are driving the trend. One is fear of litigation, largely driving by high-profile lawsuits



SOURCE: CONSUMER REPORTS

involving women whose uterus ruptured when they tried to induce labor in a pregnancy following a previous C-section delivery. Another trend driving the increased number is that more and more women are electing to have the procedure, a practice known as cesarian-on-demand.

"They're done with such frequency that they are a very safe procedure," said Del. Patrick Hope, who is a lobbyist with the American College of Cardiology. "Of course, what we are seeing is that the health plans are paying it. And so the health plans, which have everything at stake and are looking at the procedures and looking at the guidelines, they are clearly indicating it's appropriate."

Ultimately, though, the higher numbers may be related to money. Doctors can get higher rates of reimbursement when they opt for C-section deliveries. They also free up their schedule, allowing them to see more patients. The average labor time for a first-time baby is 16 to 18 hours, precious moments for doctors whose time is money. Davidson said she once worked at a hospital in Washington, D.C. where one doctor had a 100 percent C-section delivery rate.

"The only way one of his patients would delivery vaginally is if she walked in complete and he wasn't there," said Davidson. "He C-sectioned everyone because he didn't want to wait around for these women to deliver."

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**ANOTHER POSSIBLE** explanation for Northern Virginia having higher rates of C-section deliveries for low-risk pregnancies has to do with the culture in the region. Many professional women want to have a baby on their schedule rather than waiting around for labor. And military families are often under pressure to have babies on a schedule that has a strict deadline related to deployment. In many cases, these women undergo selective induction, a process in which labor is induced on demand.

"When you give someone the medication to start labor when her body is not really ready, you start to see failed inductions

which lead to a C-section," said Davidson. "So that's another factor that we did not have in the 1960s at all."

In March, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine published in new practice guidelines designed to curtail the number of unnecessary C-sections. The two groups acknowledged that, in some cases, the procedure is medically necessary for the health and well-being of the mother or the baby. For example, the groups concluded cesarean delivery is firmly established as the safest route of deliver when when

have conditions such as placenta previa or uterine rupture.

"Childbirth by its very nature carries potential risks for the woman and her baby, regardless of the route of delivery," the women's health organizations reported. "For most pregnancies, which are low-risk, cesarean delivery appears to pose greater risk of maternal morbidity and mortality than vaginal delivery."

**ALTHOUGH MOST** of the increase in C-section deliveries came in the 1970s and 1980s, recent years have seen yet another spike. Since the mid-1990s, C-section deliveries have increased yet again. In 2011, for example, one in three women in the U.S. gave birth by cesarean delivery, a 60 percent increase since 1996. Some are concerned that the rapid increase in cesarean birth rates raises significant concern that cesarean delivery is overused without clear evidence of improved maternal or newborn outcomes. Some leaders in the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists are calling it a "epidemic."

"I like to use that word because it's dramatic," said Aaron B. Caughey, M.D., a member of The College's Committee on Obstetric Practice who helped develop the new recommendations. "I use that word because this is nationwide and worldwide. It's something that's occurring that we need to understand better, and in my opinion it's something that we should work to forestall."

## Communities to Discuss School Start Times

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will hold eight community meetings—one per cluster—in May and June to gather feedback from students, parents, employees, and community members on proposed adjustments to school start times. Participants are welcome to attend the meeting that is most convenient for them.

All meetings will run from 7 to 9 p.m. with the exception of the meeting at Poe

Middle school on Saturday, June 7, which runs from 10 a.m. to noon. The schedule for community meetings on school start times is as follows:

- Monday, May 19 — Hayfield Secondary School (Cluster 4)
- Tuesday, May 20 — Langley High School (Cluster 1)
- Tuesday, May 27 — South Lakes High School (Cluster 8)
- Wednesday, May 28 — Madison High School (Cluster 2)
- Saturday, June 7 — Poe Middle School (Cluster 3)
- Monday, June 9 — South County High School (Cluster 5)
- Tuesday, June 10 — West Springfield High School (Cluster 6)
- Wednesday, June 11 — Centreville High School (Cluster 7)

The Fairfax County School Board adopted a resolution in April 2012 to seek solutions to establish high school start times at 8 a.m.

or later. In March 2013, the Board awarded a contract to Children's National Medical Center (CNMC) to develop a proposal to achieve this goal. CNMC presented several scenarios to the Board at its April 23 work session. These community meetings are designed to gather input and feedback from stakeholders.

Additional information about the four options being considered is available online.



# Local Man Going to Prison Again

27 months incarceration for cheating the government.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**T** rue, Henry Washington Yeh's parents helped him file a fraudulent tax return. But it was his fault, in the first place, for involving them in his illegal activities. And last week in federal court, he was the only one of the three Vienna residents sentenced to prison – 27 months.

For Yeh, it wasn't the first time a family member ended up in legal trouble because of him. And when he goes to prison, that won't be for the first time, either. In Philadelphia in October 2009, Yeh was convicted of drug distribution and later sentenced to 15 months behind bars.

"He failed to report the income on his tax returns and he asked his cousin, Larry Yeh, to give false statements to investigators in Philadelphia," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Kimberly Pedersen. "Larry got 24 months for money laundering and [Henry's] conduct impeded the government's ability to locate [Henry's] assets."

Then, said Pedersen, one month

after his release from federal prison, Henry Yeh filed a false tax return. He filed fraudulent federal income tax returns with the IRS for several years and, when his parents helped him do so for 2007, they were arrested, too.

**LAST FRIDAY**, May 9, they were all in U.S. District Court in Alexandria for sentencing; the parents received probation and stiff fines and Yeh was ordered to prison. "We ask for 36 months," said Pedersen. "His prior 15 months wasn't enough to impede his further criminal activity."

Judge Gerald Bruce Lee also noted that Yeh's offense occurred while he was still on probation. "It's evident that the defendant used his mother, father, Larry, ex-girlfriend and himself to conceal the money, and he supervised them all," said Lee. "His parents wouldn't have [helped him] without his suggestions."

Pedersen said Yeh bought a home in Washington, D.C. in his name, later putting it in his parents' name so he wouldn't have to forfeit it. "And he didn't disclose his assets to the government. We

had to do a whole, separate investigation about them in Virginia. No one had any idea that \$3.5 million in drug proceeds were put through 20 bank accounts."

"So in Philadelphia, he didn't disclose all his assets," said the judge. "It's relevant to this offense I'm sentencing him for because he had a lot more money than the \$12,000 income he claimed on his

tax return."

Defense attorney Peter Greenspun said Yeh is now married and has an 18-month-old child and another on the way in September. "This is a tax case but, in his mind, the government already had his assets," said Greenspun. "He's working and trying to move forward with his life,

and he's got a lot of support and positive abilities."

**BEFORE SENTENCING**, Yeh told Lee he had lots of time in prison to think about the freedoms and the people he missed. "I'm capable of being more than what

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## Parents on Supervised Probation

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involved discussions before Henry's guilty plea."

Ginsberg said, if incarcerated, her client could lose her job at the post office, where she's worked for 20 years. "She's selfless and is responsible for her elderly parents' health care," said the attorney. "And for a year, she worked during the day in a struggling family restaurant and paid her brother's mortgage when his wife was ill. She

clearly turned a blind eye [to Henry's activities], but I think probation is appropriate."

**VIA A MANDARIN CHINESE INTERPRETER**, Zhi addressed the judge. "I know there's no excuse for my actions and what I did was wrong," she said. Crying, she added, "I raised my son and did not do a good job, and I've grown a lot from this."

"You knew your son was depositing large amounts of money into your account ... and that he made

a lot more than \$12,000 in 2007," said Lee. "I'm sure you taught your children integrity and honesty, but what you did cheated the taxpayers."

However, considering her life as a whole, plus her 20 years' service to the post office, he gave her the same sentence as her husband. In her case, said Lee, "Jail is unnecessary and excessive."

Henry, though, was another matter.

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# Helping Rwandans

A prominent D.C.- area ophthalmologist from Vienna recently returned from a 10-day trip to East Africa where he performed and assisted with hundreds of surgeries on local residents and those from neighboring countries, many of whom traveled two or three days and lined up and waited for another day or two for their turn.

Dr. Alex Melamud of The Retina Group of Washington recently made his third visit to the Kabgayi Eye Hospital in Rwanda, the first facility in the country to provide free retinal care. He and the hospital's one ophthalmologist did as many as 40 surgeries a day, treating trauma injuries resulting from machete wounds and animal attacks, retinal detachments, cataracts and many extremely advanced cases of Diabetic Retinopathy.

According to Melamud, many of the patients he and others treat would lose their sight or have non-functioning vision without surgical intervention. He tells a particularly compelling story of a completely blind elderly grandfather being led into the hospital by his grandchild. Following the removal of the cataract, that grandfather was able to see the grandchild for the very first time.



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**Vienna ophthalmologist Dr. Alex Melamud with a colleague in Rwanda during the mission.**



**Dr. Alex Melamud examines the patient in Rwanda.**

This medical mission is something Melamud does on his own with no funding or support from the Rwandan government or health organizations. There are believed to be no more than two

dozen practicing eye doctors in the entire country of Rwanda. He has made similar trips to India and South America and provided free diagnostic and surgical services at no cost to those in need.

## Wolftrap Elementary Wins Odyssey of the Mind Competition

Students from Wolftrap Elementary School competed at the NoVa North Odyssey of the Mind Region 9 Tournament, which took place at Oakton High School on March 8.

Wolftrap Elementary's Division II Team competing for Problem #3, "It's How We Rule" placed first for the second year in a row, and will advance to the State Tournament in Rocky Mount, Va. on April 26. This was the first year that the sixth grade team participated in Division II where they competed against sixth, seventh and eighth grade teams from across the region. Team members are: Kiran Gowda, Wendy McHone, Ruhi Mehta, Valerie Nayak, Michael Shi, Katarina Stefanik and Lauen Van Stone, coached by Rachelle Stefanik and Tracy McHone.

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem solving program that involves students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their critical thinking, team building and problem solving skills



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**Wolftrap Odyssey of the Mind team in costume.**

to produce an original performance or presentation in a variety of areas including: mechanical/vehicle, technical performance, classics, structure and per-

formance. They then bring their solutions to competition on the local, state, and World level. For more information, visit <http://www.odysseyofthemind.com>.



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**Environmentally friendly fabric is installed on 30 trees in Tysons' Square at the intersection of Gallows and Old Courthouse road.**

## YMM Art Space Beautifies Area

Some amusing trees are blooming in the heart of the Tysons Corner business district. YMM Art Space, a children's art education center, is presenting a public art project by international artists. Environmentally friendly fabric is installed on 30 trees in Tysons' Square at the intersection of Gallows and Old Courthouse road. Oncoming traffic and commuters enjoy vibrant colors of the fabric mixed

in with the budding trees welcoming the early arrival of the spring season.

YMM Art Space hopes to grow the surrounding artist community. Staff at the YMM Art Space have art backgrounds and exhibit their work including collaborations pieces by teachers and students.

YMM Art Space is located at 8216 Old Courthouse Road.



**Moses Wang, founder of YMM Art Space in Tysons Corner, gives a lecture on his organization's early childhood art education philosophy. YMM Art Space has locations around the world, and the first center in the US opened in Tysons Corner last year.**



## Vienna Elects Mayor, Council

It's official: Laurie A. DiRocco was elected Mayor of the Town of Vienna last Tuesday, May 6. She's served in that post since April 8 when the Vienna Town Council appointed her to fulfill the unexpired term of the late Mayor M. Jane Seeman.

Three Council members were also chosen. Incumbent Edythe Kelleher, who's served on the Council since 2002, was re-elected. Also elected were new members Pasha Majdi and Linda Colbert. In the mayoral race, DiRocco received 1,594 votes.

In the Council race, Colbert received 1,023 votes; Kelleher, 1,146; and Majdi, 1,089. Out of 10,996 registered voters, 1,782 voted, for a 16.21-percent turnout. The Mayor and Town Council members will begin their new, two-year terms July 1.

## Vienna Man Pleads Guilty

Michael O' Connor of Vienna pleaded guilty April 28 in U.S. District Court in Alexandria to making a false tax claim and failing to pay withholding taxes. From 2007 through 2012, he owned and operated TyPay Ventures LLC, an accounting and tax-preparation business first located in Vienna and then in Woodbridge.

Court documents state that, for several years, O'Connor prepared and filed with the IRS false tax returns on behalf of himself and his wife, receiving fraudulent refunds as a result. He also failed to pay withholding taxes for TyPay Ventures employees for the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

## Vienna Town Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Vienna Town Council is Monday, May 19, at 8 p.m., at the Town Hall, 127 Center St. S.

## Family Skate Nights

Family Skate Nights are held on Friday nights, 6:30-8 p.m. in the gym of the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street S.E. Cost is \$1/person. Participants must bring their own skates and safety equipment; no scooters – roller skates and in-line skates only. Parents are required to stay and are invited to participate.

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The incidents of child sex abuse in our neighborhoods of Vienna, McLean or Great Falls mimics the national statistics. The tragic rates are 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys.

"We are happy to use our resources and get help from colleagues from the medical and dental fields to raise funds and awareness for this worthy cause. This center gives hope for the hopeless," says Dr. Foad Farhoumand.

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# Virginia Proves Elections Matter

Health and economic issues are entwined.

Some people continue to assert, either with their words or by simply abstaining, that voting just doesn't matter. Here in Virginia, nearly every day we prove that is incorrect.

All of Virginia's elected representatives who are elected by the entire state are of the same political party. They are all Democrats: Gov. Terry McAuliffe, Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam, Attorney General Mark Herring and Virginia's two U.S. Senators, Mark Warner and Tim Kaine.

None were elected by a landslide but the trend is undeniable; the results are tangible.

Herring won his race over Mark D. Obenshain (R) by fewer than 200 votes out of more than 2.2 million votes cast. But that slimmest of margins has cleared the way for a new approach on many issues, especially after the previous four years of Gov. Bob McDonnell and Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

In January, Herring announced his office would support legal arguments that Virginia's

ban on same sex marriage is unconstitutional. Judge Arenda Wright Allen on Valentine's Day overturned that ban, and on Tuesday, May 13, the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond begins the process that should result in same sex couples being able to marry in Virginia.

In April, Herring advised that Virginia students who are lawfully present in the United States under the Federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program qualify for in-state tuition, provided they meet Virginia's domicile requirements.

EDITORIAL

This week, Gov. McAuliffe began administrative processes to blunt the effects of restrictive regulations placed on women's health centers that provide abortion, that would essentially have forced most to close by applying onerous standards intended for hospitals.

"I am concerned that the extreme and punitive regulations adopted last year jeopardize the ability of most women's health centers to keep their doors open and place in jeopardy the health and reproductive rights of Virginia women," McAuliffe said. He also began the process of changing the makeup of the Board of Health via appointments, including return-

ing James Edmondson of McLean to the board.

In the meantime, the gerrymandering of district lines for members of the General Assembly maintains the conservative, Republican super majority there.

Those members of the House of Delegates in particular seem prepared to cut off their noses to spite their faces, to do almost anything to deny health care to more than 200,000 very poor Virginians who could be covered by expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Not only would this be fully covered by Federal funds for the first years and covered 90 percent thereafter, but it would bring enormous economic benefits to Virginia. McAuliffe is correct to look for ways to expand Medicaid administratively, bypassing the General Assembly. It has been done elsewhere.

"This is not just a health issue — it's an economic issue," McAuliffe said yesterday in announcing review of the regulations on women's health clinics, but the statement applies also to expanding health care in Virginia. "In order to grow and diversify our economy, Virginia needs to be open and welcoming to all."

— MARY KIMM,

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# No, I'm Not a Parent; I Just Act Like One

BY JOAN BRADY

I'm not a biological mother, an adoptive mother, a stepmother or a foster mother. But I have experienced some of the joys and heartbreaks of motherhood.

More than 12 years ago, I began as a homework tutor at a group home for foster kids. It was there that I met 7-year-old Dontae.

He would tell you that he tricked me into spending more time with him by pretending that he didn't know his letters. I would tell you that I was drawn to him in ways that I think mothers are drawn to their children. He needed someone. Maybe he needed me.

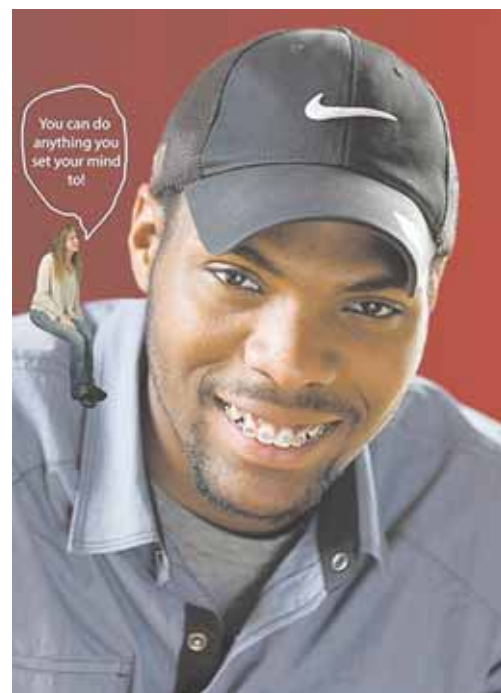
Within months, I began training to become Dontae's Court Appointed Special Advocate or CASA. A CASA is a volunteer who becomes the advocate for a foster child, representing a vulnerable child against the competing priorities of rotating social workers, lawyers and caregivers.

Dontae had 23 placements in just under three years during his time in foster care. With a lack of stability and security, it was no wonder that his behavior was out of control. His anger was often frightening and sometimes put us both in danger.

I quickly learned that he needed consistency and boundaries, but most of all, he needed unconditional, unwavering support.

My friends' kids were much younger than Dontae and social services and court appointed therapists didn't offer any meaningful insights or strategies. I operated on instinct, which sometimes served me well, but often did not.

I told Dontae over and over again what my parents had told me from the time I can remember: "You can do anything you set your mind to." While I might have gotten that per-



Joan Brady to Dontae: "You can do anything you set your mind to!"

sistent and caring motivational support right, there was so much I was getting wrong.

Fortunately, in my second year with Dontae. I met a talented therapist with a young child. In exchange for photographs of her daughter, she promised to meet with me weekly, the day after I saw Dontae.

Each week, I reported on our most recent visit. She would carefully explain where and why my instincts had betrayed me and sent me back out to do better the next time. Her insights were invaluable over the years.

Dontae returned to his mother's home after three years in foster care and she supported

my continuing to be part of their lives. I helped to navigate the frustratingly complex educational system and was there to encourage Dontae. But at 14, Dontae was not really much different than he had been when I met him at 7. He was often filled with rage. The slightest thing could set him off. And one day after battering me with harsh and menacing words, he attempted to jump out of my car as I drove down the highway.

I remember my parents threatening to leave us, four kids at the side of the road, during a particularly bad road trip. I knew just how they felt. But I didn't leave Dontae at the side of the road. And three years later, he started to change.

In the past five years I have gotten to experience some of the joys of parenthood; first job, raises, good grades, school dances, wonderful trips and meals enhanced by interesting conversations. I have also struggled with the frustrating dilemma of trying to keep a kid on track, alternating between nagging, bribing, screaming, negotiating and supporting.

Dontae stayed in school well beyond what should have been his graduation date, cramming 12 years of education into just two. And next month he will graduate.

If you had asked me if I thought this was possible 12 years ago, I would have quietly shaken my head. But come June, I will be loudly cheering Dontae on at his high school graduation and embarrassing him by taking too many pictures.

No, I'm not a parent. I just act like one.

Joan Brady is a professional photographer; mentor and advocate for current and former foster children; volunteer with paws4People, Fairfax Families4Kids, and others; and a resident of Great Falls. Reach her at joan@joanbradyphotography.com

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# WEEK IN VIENNA

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## Want to Join Vienna Police?

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<http://agency.governmentjobs.com/Vienna/default.cfm>.

## Report Any Suspicious Activity

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## Navy FCU Opens Onsite Wellness Centers

Navy Federal Credit Union recently celebrated the opening of onsite wellness centers that offer comprehensive medical services to employees at their three campuses in Winchester and Vienna, Va. and Pensacola, Fla. The clinics, managed by Take Care Health Systems, a Walgreens subsidiary, provide employees and contractors with a range of health and advisory services, many of them at no cost to the individual.

Clinic offerings include episodic and preventive care, diagnosis and treatment for common medical conditions, lab work, and services like wellness coaching, as well as convenient prescription delivery. Staffed by Take Care Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses, and Licensed Practical Nurses, the new Navy Federal Wellness Centers are open full-time during the credit union's normal business hours in each location.

## OBITUARY



## Patricia W. MacVeagh Dies

Patricia W. MacVeagh — beloved wife of Charles "Pete" MacVeagh, sister of J. Wayman Williams, Jr., mother of Chip and Martha, and friend to many — passed into the care of Our Lord on Monday, April 28, 2014. Pat was an avid horsewoman and photographer, and was a charter member of the Vienna Photographic Society. Memorial Service was held on Friday May 9, 2014, at the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Road, Vienna. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to [SaratogaWarHorse.com](http://SaratogaWarHorse.com), Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation ([TRFInc.org](http://TRFInc.org)), or [LiftMeUp.org](http://LiftMeUp.org).

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**THURSDAY/MAY 15 – SUNDAY/MAY 17**  
**"The Pirates of Penzance."** 7 p.m.  
Oakton High School. A satiric operetta about a group of inept pirates off the shore of Cornwall, England in the 1880s. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

**FRIDAY/MAY 16**  
**2014 Future Fund Awards Gala.** 8 – 11 p.m. The Cherry Blossom Charter, 105 N Union Street, Alexandria. Join members of the Future Fund, a giving circle of more than 100 young professionals at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, for a celebration of the 2014 Future Fund grantees – Linden Resources, Inc., and Quality of Life Foundation. \$75-\$95. <https://www.cfnova.org/our-programs/future-fund/awards-gala>

**SATURDAY/MAY 17**  
**McLean Day 2014.** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Now in its 99th year the event will feature amusement rides, a trackless train, pony rides, entertainment, field games, fair food, exhibitors, balloon twisting and more.

**Tai-Chi & Stretch.** 8-9 a.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

**Emy Tseng.** 5-7 p.m. The Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.  
**McLean Day 2014: Celebrating our**

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The McLean High School Jazz Ensemble will perform music of the classic big band era as well as contemporary pieces.

## McLean to Celebrate Hometown

Residents of McLean welcome the happy return of fun in the sun each year with a familiar kickoff—their hometown festival, McLean Day. Sponsored by the McLean Community Center, the event is the perfect place for friends, neighbors, local businesses and organizations to come together to enjoy all that makes their community special. McLean Day 2014: Celebrating Our Hometown will be held on Satur-

day, May 17, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road. Admission is free.

For festival updates, driving directions, shuttle bus stop locations and a festival area map, visit: [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events) or call the Center at 703-790-0123/TTY: 711. The Center's telephone will be answered from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the day of the festival.

**Hometown.** 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. A spring carnival for

family and friends to enjoy. [www.mcleancenter.org/special-events](http://www.mcleancenter.org/special-events).

**Kilmer Center Run, Walk & Roll.** 7:30 a.m. Kilmer Center, 8102 Wolftrap Road, Vienna. For children and young adults with significant intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. Activities include a 5K Run, 1 mile Walk and Roll (multi-terrain wheelchair accessible race course), and Wellness Expo/Community Resource Fair. Entry fee of \$20 per participant includes a t-shirt. To register, visit [www.fcps.edu/kilmercenter/](http://www.fcps.edu/kilmercenter/). To volunteer, contact Sarah DiGioia at [sedigioia@fcps.edu](mailto:sedigioia@fcps.edu).

### FAITH NOTES

**The Antioch Christian Church,** 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, will hold their annual Pet Blessing on Sunday, June 1, at 2 p.m. Each pet will receive a certificate and blessing and a small gift charm. For more information go to <http://www.antiochdoc.org/> or call 703-938-6753. The public and all pets and caregivers are invited to attend.

**The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA)** offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. [www.jssa.org/growth-learning](http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning).

**HAVEN of Northern Virginia** offers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org).

**McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness.** Gain balance, energy and strength at 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. [bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org](mailto:bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org).

**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church,** 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

**Vienna Choral Society for Parodies and PDQ Bach.** 7:30 p.m. UUCF, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. An evening of mockery, humor, and some gosh-darn sophisticated singing. Plus a few end-of-surprises that you won't want to miss. Tickets are \$25 (adults) and \$20 (seniors/students) - available through <http://viennachoralsociety.org/events/> and at the door. (Youth 14 and below attend free with a paying adult.)

### SUNDAY/MAY 18

**Breakfast Buffet.** 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vienna's American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street, N, Vienna. Adults \$8, children \$3: omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, etc. Open to the public, proceeds benefit Girls State. For more info, call 703-938-1379.

### THURSDAY/MAY 22

**Great Falls Writer's Group Meeting.** 12-1:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Kemal Kurspahn, editor of the Great Falls Connection, will address the group on "Life on Deadline—From the Frontline Sarajevo Daily to the Great Falls Connection," in which he will talk about his years as a foreign correspondent and international journalist, and his role at The Connection. Potluck lunch will be served. Writers of all levels are welcome, no registration necessary. Call 703-926-7457 for more information.

### FRIDAY/MAY 23

**Patriotic Campfire.** 7 - 8:30 p.m. WNC Campfire Ring - On Soapstone Drive, between Glade Drive and Lawyers Road. All ages. Celebrate Memorial Day by singing patriotic songs around a campfire. Roast a hot dog on a stick and make a yummy marshmallow treat. Play old-fashioned games and get a fun start to your holiday weekend. Reservations required by May 20. Fee: \$7/person RA members, \$9/person non-members. For more information, email [naturecenter@reston.org](mailto:naturecenter@reston.org) or call 703-476-9689 and press 5.

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

**Vienna Christian Healing Rooms** are open, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or [www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com](http://www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com).

**Chesterbrook United Methodist Church** is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. 703-356-7100 or [www.ChesterbrookUMC.org](http://www.ChesterbrookUMC.org).

**Centering Prayer Group meets Fridays,** 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna. The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at [mmthomas211@hotmail.com](mailto:mmthomas211@hotmail.com) or call the church at 703-759-3509.

**The Jewish Federation of Greater Washington** and the Jewish Outreach Institute offer the Mothers'/Parents Circle, an umbrella of free educational events and resources. Jewish rituals, ethics and the creation of a Jewish home, regular meetings and group Shabbats and holidays. Participants include Sha'are Shalom, Congregation Beth Emeth, Temple Rodef Shalom and

a satiric operetta about a group of inept pirates off the shore of Cornwall, England in the 1880s.

**SATURDAY/MAY 24 – SUNDAY/MAY 25**  
**Model Trains at Open House.** 1-5 p.m. 231 Dominion Road NE, Vienna. See and hear model trolleys and steam and diesel trains plus Thomas and some of his friends in the Historic Vienna Train Station along the W&OD trail just past the Caboose. 703-938-5157. [www.nvmr.org](http://www.nvmr.org).

**SATURDAY/MAY 24 – MONDAY/MAY 26**  
**Viva! Vienna!** 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Rides, food, entertainment, kids' activities and Memorial Day tribute celebrate community spirit. [www.vivavienna.org](http://www.vivavienna.org).

### SUNDAY/MAY 25

**Young Soloists Recital.** 3 p.m. Alden Theatre of the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Featuring violinist Kenneth Ryu Naito, 14, and pianists David DiMeglio, 13, Eric Lin, 13, Ann Liu, 16, and Miyabi Saito, 17, in music by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Prokofiev, Franck, Glazunov, Haydn, Grieg, and others. Free. 703-620-9535.

### SATURDAY/JUNE 14

**Memorial Race and Fun Run.** 8:30 a.m. at Franklin Middle School, 3300 Lees Corner Road, Chantilly. First "Born to Run" 5k Memorial Race and Fun Run in honor of the late teacher Jannine Parisi. \$30+ for 5K, \$15+ for 1K goes towards an education fund for Jannine's two daughters. To participate, register at [www.prraces.com](http://www.prraces.com). Volunteers needed, contact Assistant Principal Bryan Holland at [bholland@fcps.edu](mailto:bholland@fcps.edu).

### ONGOING

**Straight Ahead Jazz.** 8 p.m., at the Maplewood Grill, 132 Branch Road, Vienna. Every Monday drummer Karl Anthony hosts a night of straight ahead jazz featuring guest musicians and open to sit-in musicians. [www.maplewoodgrill.com](http://www.maplewoodgrill.com).

the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia. [ShalomDC.org](http://ShalomDC.org).

**St. Francis Episcopal Church,** 9220 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, offers musical, educational, outreach and fellowship ministries in addition to worship services, including a 7:45 a.m. worship service without music; 9 a.m. worship service, children's chapel and children's choirs; 10 a.m. Sunday school and adult forum; and 11 a.m. worship service with adult choir. 703-759-2082.

**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax,** 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, offers the Religious Exploration (RE) program for all children, from pre-K toddlers through high school seniors, emphasizing exploration of all religious traditions while developing a personal spiritual path. The RE program offers classes on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. 703-281-4230.

**Trinity United Methodist Church,** 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sundays at 6 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at noon. 703-356-3312 or [umtrinity.org](http://umtrinity.org).

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## VOTE

## Vote on McLean Day

**McLean Community Center Governing Board Election**  
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# Paladar Brings Latin-inspired Cuisine to Vienna

**Restaurant launches with benefit for Food for Others, plans to be good neighbor in community.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**M**ix innovative Latin “comfort” food with a twist, a rum bar with more than 60 rums from throughout the Caribbean and South America, gracious staff, and a mission to be a friend to the community, and you have Vienna’s newest good neighbor, Paladar Latin Kitchen and Rum Bar. On May 8, Paladar hosted a benefit dinner on behalf of Food for Others, donating the proceeds to the Northern Virginia-area charity. It opened its doors to an enthusiastic public the following evening.

“I came to this community to be part of it,” said General Manager David Earp whose career led him to Paris, O’ahu and on to Tysons. “My mantra is to be part of the community first before marketing

ourselves. All our restaurants are committed to the community; we’re involved. We reach out to support the people who support us. We’re about good food and community.”

**PALADAR** – the one at Tysons is the fifth Paladar opened – focuses on chef-driven Latin “comfort food,” said Earp. Everything is made from scratch. “We’re inspired by the classical dishes of Latin America but we do not ‘do’ Latin dishes exactly as created. We put our own signature on them. And we take that focus to our bar.”

“Our menu reflects the Latin America mosaic, drawing from the Caribbean, Central America and South America.”

Rum-glazed Cuban pork, a signature Paladar dish, is described as pulled pork in a sweet rum glaze, accompanied by coconut-mango rice and black beans. It’s



**Paladar Latin Kitchen and Rum Bar executive chef Nelson Rodriguez keeps an eye on the food, from preparation to plating, to overseeing the kitchen.**

priced at \$16.95.

Avocados are smashed upon ordering guacamole and the guacamole is served with house made chips of plantain, yucca, malanga and tortilla. There’s three types of guacamole: traditional, spicy, and the chef’s inspiration. Family-style entrees serve eight.



**Paladar Vienna general manager David Earp and Paladar U.S. president Andy Himmel welcome Food for Others guests to the restaurant’s benefit on the charity’s behalf.**

Paladar stocks over 60 rums, from light to spiced to aged and super-aged, including Zacapa 23, one of the world’s greatest rums, aged for 23 years. A customer can order rum straight per glass or in flights. Rum flights [three one-ounce pours] are priced by at-



**Paladar chef de cuisine Joe Tis heads up food preparation in Paladar’s Vienna kitchen and at the April Taste of Vienna.**

tributes. Spiced rum flights are \$14.95; spectrum – from white to gold to aged – flights are \$15.95; aged rum flights are \$16.95; and super-aged rum flights are \$18.95. But here’s the big draw — during happy hour, flights are discounted by \$5.

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# Empty-Nesters Spread Their Wings

A Springfield couple creates a personalized interior custom-suited to support everyday pleasures, using the existing footprint.

By JOHN BYRD

A sunny space; an uplifting view; a generous footprint that includes a sizeable breakfast zone, a food preparation island and easy access to a large back deck.

On the surface, the kitchen of David and Cindy Kunzman's colonial-style home in Springfield had everything to recommend it. On the other hand: when the kids have moved on, transforming a kitchen into your everyday gathering place can become a personal passion. It's largely a matter of thinking creatively; and finding the right resources.

"We'd been thinking about a new kitchen almost from the day we moved in," said David Kunzman who had purchased the circa-1990s four-bedroom home about 10 years ago. "We didn't move quickly, partly, because the



PHOTO BY DIMITRI GANAS

**While staying within the footprint of their existing 18-year old-kitchen, Dave and Cindy Kuntzman gained significant improvements in both function and design. Cindy Kuntzman worked closely with designer Mimi Lee at Foster Remodeling Solutions in developing a warmly textured ambiance that combines selected hardwoods, tumbled marbles and granite. Foster increased storage capacity and introduced a much larger food preparation island without moving walls or adding square footage.**

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original floor plan worked pretty well. Fundamentally, we were developing our wish-list, going to home shows and waiting for the right opportunity."

That opportunity was meeting David Foster at a home his firm, Foster Remodeling Solutions, had recently renovated. Kunzman liked what he saw and heard. Shortly afterward, Cindy Kunzman was introduced to Foster's designer, Mimi Lee.

"That's when the project took off," Kunzman said. "Mimi really helped us shape our ideas."

**THE FIRST STEP** was a thoughtful re-examination with Foster of the existing floor plan: what worked and what could be improved upon.

The cooktop and clean-up were in the right place, the Kunzmans

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## A Space Reflecting Who You Are

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decided. The food prep island — while small — was a critical leg in effective work triangles. The breakfast nook was appropriately positioned, and there was lots of natural light. The main issues were in performance: more functional storage, some personal-use items begging for custom design, and, of course, ambiance.

It wasn't just that the existing interior was dated, or that it evoked qualities unquestionably associated with a suburban production house. The couple's larger goal was finding a design style that appropriately expressed their evolving tastes.

"The more we talked," Lee said, "the more we seemed to be naturally exploring ideas associated with transitional-style interior design."

Transitional style, Lee said, introduces traditional, often formal touches into an open floor plan. The style objective, thus, guided the selection process — cultivating a warmly textured feel appropriate for rooms often bathed in natural light.

**THE STARTING POINT**, however, was modifying the floor plan to gain useful square footage without moving walls.

Deleting a pantry tucked in an interior wall, for instance, enabled the Foster team to pick up just enough floor space to introduce a substantially larger food preparation island, and dining counter — which now accommodates seating for three. Moreover, while finding the square footage needed for a much larger refrigerator, a stacked double oven and even an Advantium range, the makeover still manages to provide more usable storage than the previous kitchen.

"This is David working some kind of magic," Kunzman said.

"We designed deeper cabinets with roll-out trays," Foster said. "The cabinets and drawers are designed for specific items, and positioned to facilitate a whole series of



PHOTOS BY DIMITRI GANAS

**The custom-designed wet bar — which is positioned for easy access to the back deck — includes a 40-bottle wine/beer refrigerator, a clean-up sink and an icemaker. The glass-faced cabinets display David Kunzman's collection of beer mugs from favorite micro-breweries.**

interlinked work triangles. It's a plan that emphasizes convenience and efficiency."

Naturally, in such a world, one expects cabinets custom-sized for large pots; roll-out spice racks; a side drawer for hand towels; and a dedicated spot for the espresso coffeemaker.

But this plan also introduces such originals as a pull-out drawer with his-and-her iPad charging stations; a slot to hold the RF Universal remote; and a TV mounted so that the screen points in any direction desired.

Carrying integrated home entertainment a step further, Foster positioned audio speakers above the cabinets and mounted the sound system in the basement.

The most personal built-in, however, is the 8-foot-by-8-foot-by-3.5-foot wet bar on the interior wall of the breakfast nook. With a 40-bottle wine/beer refrigerator, a clean-up sink and an ice maker, the console is convenient to the breakfast table and, more importantly, to the deck and outdoor play area just beyond the double French doors.

"The wet bar is a real step-saver that makes entertaining on the deck much easier," Kunzman said.

On the interior design front, Cindy Kunzman made full-use of Mimi Lee's talents and advice, often visiting Foster Remodeling's Lorton showroom to look at cabinets facings, marble samples or ideas for flooring.

What evolved was an interior that makes use of color-contrasted natural materials, decorative elements and finish work detailing: a cooktop hood faced in cherrywood that tapers upward to ceiling-flush crown moulding; a Giallo Oatmeal granite surface mounted on the food prep island's espresso-stained cabinetry base; and a backsplash of tumbled marble that incorporates glass tile inserts as art deco-styled accents.

"You build this kind of interior one detail at a time; that's how you achieve distinction," Kunzman said. "But more importantly, it's satisfying to be in a space that so completely expresses who you are. It's comfortable; it feels like home."



**The surface to the new food prep island/dining counter is more than twice the width of its predecessor and accommodates place settings for three. The design team choose granite in a hue known as Giallo Oatmeal, complementing a tumbled marble backsplash that incorporates glass tile accents.**

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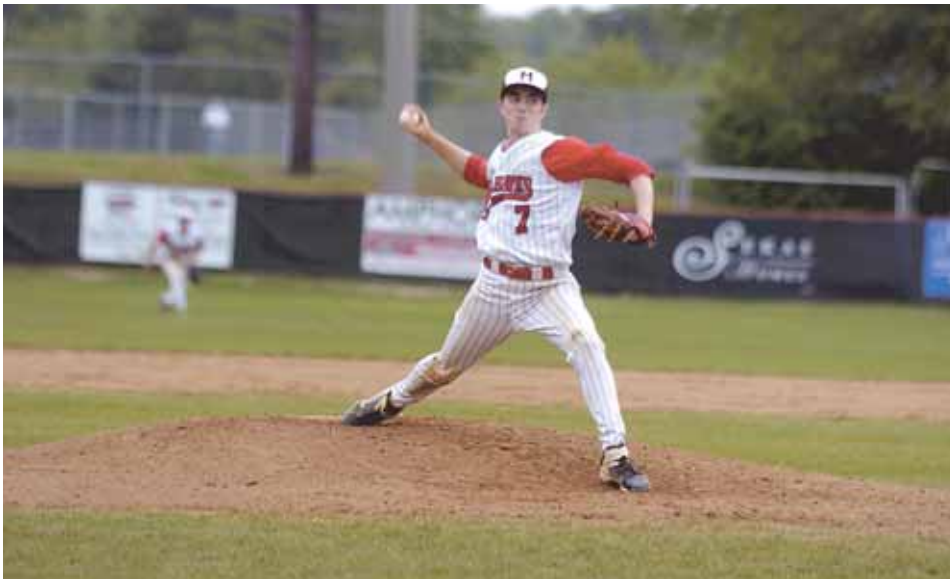
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Madison pitcher John DeFazio struck out 10 in six innings while earning the win against McLean on May 9.



McLean catcher Caleb Beatty finished 3-for-4 with a double and a solo home run against Madison on May 9.

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# Madison Pitcher DeFazio Shuts Down McLean

Warhawks junior strikes out 10 against Highlanders.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE CONNECTION

Friday's Madison-McLean matchup figured to be a pitching duel between a pair of future Virginia Tech right-handers. By the end of the second inning, however, Madison junior John DeFazio was the only ace left standing.

The Madison baseball team led 5-0 after one inning, 7-0 after two and cruised to an 11-3 victory over McLean on May 9 at Madison High School. DeFazio, a junior who is orally committed to the Hokies, earned the win, allowing two runs and seven hits over six innings. He struck out 10 and did not walk a batter, helping the Warhawks improve to 16-2.

"I felt great tonight with all my pitches," DeFazio said. "My curveball, especially, has been as consistent as it's ever been this year. I was able to put my fastball wherever I wanted it — especially on the inside part [of the plate]."

DeFazio, who pitched a perfect game against Washington-Lee on April 26, held McLean scoreless until the fifth inning, when reserve Billy Gerhardt and catcher Caleb Beatty led off the frame with back-to-back solo home runs. Madison head coach Mark Gjormand said a 10-run lead contributed to DeFazio allowing the long balls. "I thought he was outstanding," Gjormand said. "I thought his offspeed stuff was better than on his perfect-game day two weeks ago. ... When you're up 10-0, you're really throwing in the middle of the plate and you're just trying to get out of here, so we got him off the corners and that's on [the coaches]. John understands the game and he did a great job pitching to a 10-run lead in that situation."

Trey Ramsey pitched the seventh inning for Madison, allowing one run and two hits.

## Langley's McSteen K's 18

Langley pitcher Jake McSteen struck out 18 batters during an 11-2 victory against Hayfield on May 10.

McSteen threw a complete game, allowing four hits and a pair of unearned runs while earning his sixth win of the season. McSteen, a senior left-hander,

will play baseball for the University of Nebraska.

The win improved Langley's record to 11-7. The Saxons concluded the regular season against Madison on Tuesday, after The Connection's deadline. The Conference 6 tournament will begin Friday, May 16.

He walked one and struck out three.

While DeFazio was dealing, McLean starter Joey Sullivan struggled. The senior lasted just 1 1/3 innings, allowing seven runs — four earned — and five hits while walking two and hitting one batter. The Virginia Tech signee threw a first-pitch ball to seven of 13 batters faced before moving to shortstop.

McLean head coach John Dowling said Sullivan, who threw a five-inning perfect game against Langley on April 5, didn't have his best stuff against Madison.

"[Sullivan's] fastball command was lacking," Dowling said. "His biggest asset is that when he commands his fastball down in the zone, he becomes very, very difficult [to hit]. Like any pitcher, when he doesn't do that and he has to pitch from behind, he becomes a lot more hittable."

**MADISON TOOK CONTROL** early, batting around in the first inning while building a 5-0 lead. A sacrifice fly by shortstop Pete Nielsen, a Sullivan balk and an RBI

single by first baseman Jimmy Goldsmith gave the Warhawks a 3-0 advantage before designated hitter Matt Favero delivered a two-run double.

DeFazio drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the second inning and Nielsen produced an RBI single.

In the third inning, a wild pitch, another DeFazio sacrifice fly and another Nielsen RBI single put Madison up 10-0. Nielsen finished 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

"Joey's going to Virginia Tech, he threw a no-hitter this season, we're very well aware,"

Gjormand said. "... Our kids actually like seeing a live fastball better than soft lefty or soft righty."

While Madison built a double-digit lead, McLean didn't have a runner reach third base until the fourth inning and didn't score until the fifth, when home runs by Gerhardt and Beatty kept the Highlanders from suffering a five-inning, run-rule defeat.

"The whole team has been used to slow pitching," Beatty said, "and [DeFazio] came in with a little heat."

Gerhardt, who started early in the season before suffering an elbow injury, peppered the scoreboard in left field. Beatty followed with an opposite-field homer to left. The home runs seemed to fire up the Highlanders, but it was too little too late.

"That right there is what we need [Gerhardt] to be able to do, is when he is able to get in the lineup, take advantage of those opportunities," Dowling said. "That's exhibit A of what we're trying to get some of these guys to do because we, at times, don't go out there and play with that aggression that we need to be successful."

Beatty finished 3-for-4 with a double. Right fielder Colin Morse had an RBI single in the seventh inning.

McLean won its first five games and improved to 8-2 with a 16-3 victory over Edison on April 14. However, the Highlanders dropped seven of their next eight, including a 1-0 loss to Washington-Lee on May 10. "Some guys are starting to get it," Dowling said after the Madison loss. "Some guys are starting to go out there and they realize that they are skilled enough as a group that if they compete and they do it without any fear of failure, that they can be pretty darn good. Today, it took us 15 outs to get there, which is far too many against a team as good as Madison."

**WHILE MCLEAN HAS STRUGGLED**, Madison has thrived, winning 16 of 17 after opening the season with a 3-0 loss to Stone Bridge on March 21. The Warhawks are looking to make a deep postseason run after an early playoff exit last season. Madison won 22 straight games in 2013 before losing to eventual region champion Lake Braddock in the region quarterfinals.

"We feel like we're capable every year," Gjormand said. "Last year, it was a tough break because we ran into Lake Braddock. They weren't even supposed to be on that side of the bracket. We win 22 in a row and it was bound to happen that we weren't going to play well. We played our worst game of the year in our last game."

The Conference 6 tournament begins Friday, May 16.





Jeremy Schottler bought The Italian Gourmet in 1998, shortly after graduating from James Madison University.

The Italian Gourmet opened in Vienna in 1974.

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## The Italian Gourmet Celebrates 40 Years

On Monday Dec. 9, 1974, The Italian Gourmet opened in Vienna. With its gourmet Italian prepared foods and specialty hard goods, The Italian Gourmet drew customers from all over the D.C. area.

Today Jeremy and Margaret Schottler own the store, and their two children can often be found “helping” in the store as well. Six days a week (the deli is closed on Sunday for family time), The Italian Gourmet serves as a deli, gourmet food shop and caterer to the Vienna community.

After working as a part time high school and college employee, Jeremy bought The Italian Gourmet in 1998, shortly after graduating from James Madison University. Jeremy combined his love of food and cooking with his business degree to this Vienna mainstay.

The Italian Gourmet sandwich menu lists over 20 choices, some of which have been on the menu since the beginning and some, like the tomato mozzarella, have been added recently. Countless regular customers come in and ask for their “usual” and Jeremy

knows exactly what they want. Jeremy is always happy to meet new customers too and enjoys showing them around the store.

The kitchen at The Italian Gourmet stays busy preparing entrees and sauces for the shop. “We don’t make the pasta or bread, but we make pretty much everything else you see in the store,” says Schottler.

When asked about the store’s direction over the next 40 years, Schottler said, “I see more customers buying pre-made meals.”

Many busy Vienna families take home the refrigerated or frozen entrees for easy, but delicious meals. The lasagna is a long time favorite, as are the pepperoni rolls. The Italian Gourmet also carries a wide selection of gourmet hard goods, including wines, olive oils, vinegars and sweet treats.

The Schottlers enjoy being part of the Vienna community and keeping this small business successful. “It’s hard work, but it’s rewarding. Our friends and regular customers make it worthwhile. I wouldn’t want to do anything else,” Jeremy said.

## Paladar

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Paladar does not use mixes for its drinks. They muddle and puree the fruits and herbs used in the bar drinks. Drink prices are on par with other local restaurants. A traditional muddled-lime caipirinha made with Brazilian cachaca is \$7.95.

**THE BAR** serves up mojitos and coladas, as well.

While the staff is a diverse mix of ethnic cultures, executive chef Nelson Rodriguez comes from El Salvador and catering manager Alvaro Quiroga is Bolivian-American. Their Latin American heritages bring “authenticity” to the restaurant. Rodriguez came to Paladar from Cuba Libre where he worked for six years.

“These are traditional Latin dishes with a twist of my own,” said Rodriguez. “It’s good food made the best I can. I want customers to see the food is cooked with love.”

Every 28 days, new menu items appear, from appetizers to entrée, desserts and drink. Most entrees are priced under \$20 and Paladar’s happy hour of drink and food runs 4 to 7 p.m. daily.

Karen Mahach and Sheila and Ken Meyd, of Dunn Loring, were guests at the Food for Others benefit dinner. They agreed that Paladar’s food is “fantastic.”

“We needed a Cuban-style restaurant here and now we have one,” Ken Meyd said.

“Everything we’ve had is pretty perfect,” said



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**Karen Mahach and Sheila and Ken Meyd, of Dunn Loring, agreed that Paladar’s food is “fantastic.” “We needed a Cuban-style restaurant here and now we have one,” Ken Meyd said.**

Potomac School senior Ella Caplin as she and her father finished up a meal of diverse dishes. “It’s fantastic. Everything we tried made me want to order more.”

“Part of the sense of community is that the staff treats you like family as soon as you sit down,” Caplin said.

Paladar Latin Kitchen and Rum Bar is located at 1934 Old Gallows Road, Suite 110, Vienna, 22182, at the intersection of Old Gallows Road and Leesburg Pike. Call 703-854-1728 for reservations. To learn more about Paladar and view the menu, go to [www.PaladarLatinKitchen.com](http://www.PaladarLatinKitchen.com).

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## Still Curious, But Maybe Not Dying



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Although one never knows, especially if that one is living in "cancerville." And by "cancerville" I mean, euphemistically speaking, anywhere where one of us diagnosed with cancer is living. Living being the operative word. Still, as my column from a few weeks ago entitled, "Dying With Curiosity" discussed, cancer patients are often besieged by their subconscious, changing fact into fiction and manipulating feelings into inevitabilities. If only there was a switch to turn off the mind games that don't exactly mind their "man-ners" or "women-ers" for that fact, I'd flick it in a second. Cancer creates physical problems – as we all know, but I have to tell you, it's the mental problems that can be just as deadly.

It was in this column that I attempted to flesh out why I was – at this particular point in my cancer career – thanking people, people I had never previously thanked and people who quite frankly needed thanking. But was I thanking them ("I Thought You Were a Goner" and "Thanks, Coach") because it was the proper thing to do, or was it my subconscious cashing a check that I had not realized needed to be written – if you know what I mean? And if you don't, to clarify: did my subconscious know something that my conscious mind had yet to find out? Was I in fact getting things in order before it was too late?

Conversely (oddly enough), my columns published over the most recent two weeks were what we call non-cancer columns: "Father and Son 'Twogether'" and "A Tale of Two Seasons," as if a didn't have a cancer thought on my mind, subconsciously or otherwise, that needed to be written. No feelings – or facts for that matter, about cancer that one might interpret as creepy or curiously prophetic, given the terminal diagnosis with which I live every day. No. Just normal, everyday-type minutiae that those familiar with my first 10 years of columns published in this space (I guess we'll call them pre-cancer columns now), are likely familiar. Topics ranging from the mundane to the ridiculous, as if I didn't have a care in the world; certainly not a cancer care, that's for sure.

And so it dawned on me: were these two columns ("Father and Son 'Twogether'" and "A Tale of Two Seasons") examples of my subconscious mind once again exerting its power over my conscious mind and providing fodder for non-cancer columns because it could? Or was this my subconscious mind telling me to relax and not think so much, especially about the two "thank-you" columns: "I Thought You Were A Goner" and "Thanks, Coach"? Either way, it seemed to me an odd juxtaposition of material over a 4-week period: two columns that contemplated death (sort of) and two other columns which contemplated nothing, really, certainly not death, anyway.

The upshot of which has been to unburden me a little bit, to make me a little less focused on the presumptive path that lies ahead and instead direct me onto an alternative route, one that features more future and less past. I'd like to think I can live like that; I just hope my subconscious mind has no more to say about it.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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# Hilarious Comedy in 19th-Century England

Oakton High presents  
'The Pirates of Penzance.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**A**hoy, mateys! There are pirates on the horizon – but this bunch sings, dances and makes people laugh. And they're all in Oakton High's production of "The Pirates of Penzance."

It's a satiric operetta about a group of inept pirates off the shore of Cornwall, England in the 1880s. And they'll commandeer the stage, this Thursday-Saturday, May 15-17, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

The story's about Frederic, who was accidentally placed on a pirate ship as a little boy and becomes one of the pirates. He's freed on his 21st birthday and meets and falls in love with a woman named Mabel. But he then has to decide who'll have his allegiance – her or the pirates.

Senior Eric South portrays the Pirate King, who leads the pirates. "He's a romantic and not very good at being a pirate," said South. "He's burly and tries to be menacing, but he can't pull it off. He's too much of a goof and a hopeless romantic. I love playing him because the role's so physical and he's big and blustery. I get to lunge and move all over the place."

His favorite number is "The Pirate King," which he sings. "I'm moving and jumping around and it's a vocally demanding song," he said. "It's a good way to jump-start the show and energize the audience. They'll enjoy the show because it's lighthearted and jokes about the time period. They'll have a good time escaping from everything and laughing about what's happening onstage. And at the same time, there's really beautiful music."



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**The pirates are (top row, from left) Raphy Ortiz, Eric South, Jacob Markin and David Fish; (middle row, from left) Erik McIntosh, Jack Goodin, Rob Condas and Ryan Holcombe; and (bottom row, from left) Grant Seastream, Matthew Stabile and Robbie Warrick.**



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**The major general's daughters (back row, from left) are Callie Carlstrom, Katie Juliana, Lauren Frautschi, Megan Griggs, Simone Plater, Sarah Woolf and Olivia Frankel; (middle row, from left) Olivia Hinkle, Connie Phung, Christine Cox and Savannah Hemmig; and (front row, from left) Katie Pierce and Laura Wichin.**

**PLAYING MABEL** is sophomore Megan Griggs, one of 13 daughters of a major general. The pirates want to marry all the girls, but their father objects. "Mabel's self-centered and likes showing off," said Griggs. "She always wanted to fall in love and, when Frederic arrives, she's like, 'Finally, somebody for me.' Most of the time, her sisters are annoyed with her, but they love her anyway."

Griggs is enjoying her part because "Mabel's not me, and that's why I act – to be someone else – and her songs are just wonderful. My favorite is 'Poor Wandering One,' which I sing. It's really funny and the vocals are difficult and challenging. Mabel's sympathizing with Frederic's situation and sets up the rest of the show. All the music's great and the cast is so wonderful that it's a terrific show, overall. It's hilarious, British humor that everyone can appreciate; there are lots of puns and physical humor, too – it's fantastic."

Senior Thomas Hinds portrays Frederic. "He's been at sea constantly since age 8, so he's naïve; all he knows is the pirate life," said Hinds. "He's never seen a woman until he comes to Cornwall. He's a bit shy, at first, but excited when he meets Mabel. Then the pirates tell him he was born in a leap year and is really only 5, so he still owes them his service. He's upset about it because he loves Mabel, but he feels honor bound by his duty to the pirates."

Frederic's fun to play, said Hinds, because "he's really passionate and invested in everything he's doing. He's sincere, makes big motions and his singing is over-the-top. He has a really big range and pretty ridiculous notes and chords."

Hinds likes singing, "Away, Away, My Heart's on Fire," with South (the Pirate King) and Savannah Hard (Frederic's former nanny). "It's ominous because we're planning to kill the major general for lying to the pirates," said Hinds. "It's got a real mix of emotions and is very intense." On the whole, he said, "The

show's witty, the music's catchy and our set's fantastic – it looks like we're in 19th-century England and on a pirate ship."

**SOME 15 STUDENTS** designed and built the set. "We created the pirate ship, rocky shore and exterior of the major-general's house," said sophomore Cait Spiegel. It's 6x30-feet, and classmate Caroline Brogan said the ship's "sheer size" was daunting. "But it was great seeing our vision come to life," said senior Grace Yoder, stage manager and construction-crew member.

"I liked building the slide best," said Brogan. "It goes from one deck of the ship to the other and will surprise the audience." Senior Ann Sperow liked attaching the ship's steering wheel to the boat because "the pirates can control it and it makes the ship [become real]."

Regarding costumes, women will wear long dresses, bustles, corsets and hats; the Pirate King sports a brocade jacket and vest, while younger pirates wear burlap pants. And a fight choreographer taught swordplay to the pirates.

There'll be a 24-person pit orchestra, and the cast and crew of 60 have rehearsed since February under Director Vanessa Gelinis and Vocal Director Tiffany Powell. "They're doing really well because we have the caliber students who can do this vocally, as well as act," said Powell. "They've risen to the occasion, but people will also enjoy this show because it's so funny."

"Tiffany and I collaborated and shared some of our students; and adding the orchestra and band kids, we became a strong performing-arts family," said Gelinis. "That's what makes this show so successful. And the audience will love the energy and beautiful music. They may have heard of this show, but have no idea what it is. Gilbert and Sullivan wrote the music and book and are so smart and witty. So it's an opportunity for people to fall in love with their work, and we're the first in Fairfax County to do this show in the last decade."

## BRIEF

### Budget, Tax Rate Adopted

The Vienna Town Council on Monday night adopted the FY 2014-15 Town budget totaling \$32,359,620. The Council also officially set the real-estate tax rate at \$0.2288 per \$100 assessed valuation. Vice-Mayor Carey Sienicki thanked Town Manager Mercury Payton for his efforts, plus all town departments "who worked hard to take out 1 percent from their budgets so we could get to this figure."

## Sentenced

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your see," he said. "I'm now 32 and I want to be a good father to my kids."

But the judge had the last word. "You knew full and well what your income was and the full extent of your assets," he said. "Your drug dealing affected your whole family; you brought [your parents] here today because of your actions, so I can't brush this aside."

"Tax money supports public schools, military defense, health care, etc.," continued Lee. "So it's not a small matter to me that you lied. You have a degree in economics and had to know better." He then sentenced Yeh to two years, 3 months in prison, followed by a year's supervised release.

Yeh must provide his probation officer with all his financial information and open no new lines of credit without the officer's approval. He must also undergo substance-abuse treatment and enter a gambling-addiction program.

Lee ordered him to pay more than \$210,000 in restitution, but Greenspun contended that amount should be \$153,000, so Lee gave each attorney a week to return briefs to him supporting their positions. He also told Yeh he'd recommend incarceration in federal prison in Cumberland, Md., "so you can be close to your family."