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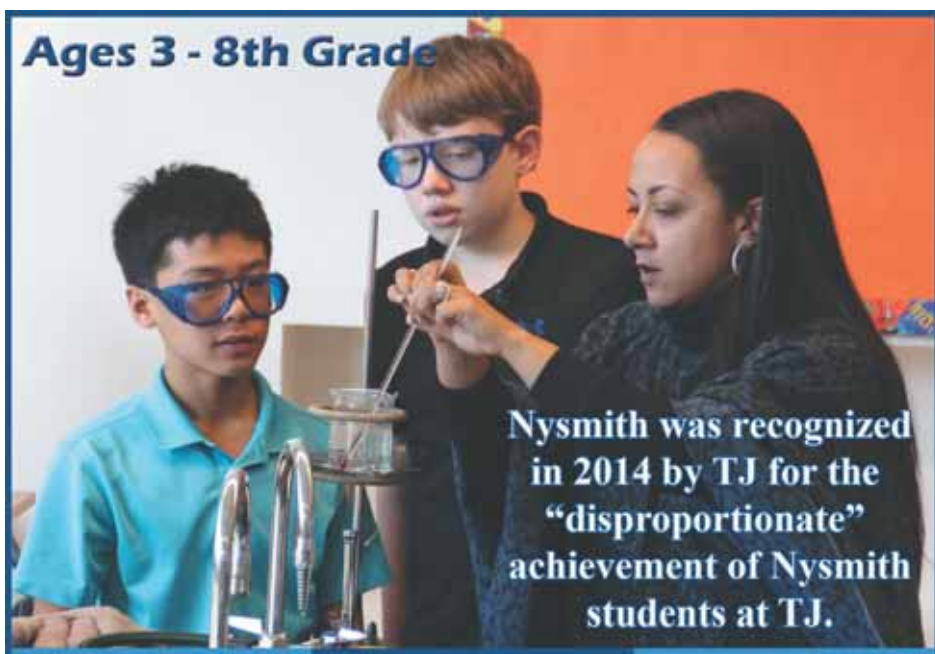
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(From left) Herndon Councilwoman Grace Han Wolf, dancers in the Peace Mission Korean Dance Group, and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova.



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Blowing out the candles on the birthday cake celebrating the one-year anniversary of the Comfort Women Memorial Peace Garden.

A Memorial Honoring Civilians

Celebrating the one-year anniversary of the Comfort Women Memorial Peace Garden.

BY MARISSA LEIGH BEALE
THE CONNECTION

Thursday, May 21, just a day shy of Memorial Day weekend, marked the one-year anniversary of the Comfort Women Memorial Peace Garden (CWMPG) located at the Fairfax County Government Center. The CWMPG acknowledges the thousands of women who were victims of sex trafficking

during World War II. The Garden's creation was a collaborative effort between the Washington Coalition for Comfort Women Issues, Inc. (WCCW) and Fairfax County, under the leadership of Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, "to promote human rights and more specifically to mourn and commemorate the female victims who have been traumatized by the wartime military sex slavery system during WWII."

Mike Collins, representing the office of U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), read a letter from Connolly expressing concerns with Prime Minister Abe's attempts to rewrite history by not directly acknowledging Japan's involvement, despite many personal stories. For example Insook Chung, who attended the event, shared a story about a classmate that she never heard from again. "I was in the fifth grade during the Japanese occupation, and the teacher came to

class and said one person was needed to work in a factory in Japan," Chung said. "We were told we would receive some form of compensation. One girl volunteered, she was 12 or 13, and never came back." "At the end of the day this issue is about human rights," said Mark Keam (D-35). "The importance of this to Fairfax County is that we'll no longer accept history for what it was, but will stand for something righteous. Women's rights are human rights."

Culinary Kids Compete in Cook-off

Culinaria Cooking School debuts competition for young cooking champion.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Calling all culinary kids in Vienna — Culinaria Cooking School premieres its first-ever kids' cook-off competition on June 28. Any youngster between 9 and 12 years old, and 13 to 17 years old, is invited to register and compete for prizes equalling hundreds of dollars in each age group.

"We've thought about this for a while," said Culinaria owner Stephen P. Sands. "The kids love the summer camps; some kids come for several camps. A competition inspires them to take their skills further. It really gets them involved in the cooking experience."

Just like "Chopped" on the Food Network, or any of the cook-off shows on television, children in each age group will be given a basket of ingredients that must be used in their dishes. The competition runs over two hours. Basket ingredients will not be revealed until show-time.

Kids who cook – such as these young summer campers – deserve the chance to show off their culinary skills. Culinaria Cooking School's first-ever kids' cook-off competition debuts on June 28 and is open to youngsters 9 through 17 years old. Participants are divided into two age groups. Register for entry by the end of the first week of June.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CULINARIA COOKING SCHOOL

Competitors have access to Culinaria's well-stocked pantry to complete their courses. Applications due the first week of June.

An "open house," to familiarize contestants with kitchen and pantry larder is planned for early June. Culinaria chefs will be on-hand to encourage and inspire the contestants.

"The kids and their parents are so excited about the things they learned in camp, but, we've never given them the chance to show off what they learned, to show off their cooking skills," said Culinaria office manager, Jen Tabbal.

Go to www.culinariacookingschool.com for details and registration information. To

enter, children should e-mail info@culinariacookingschool.com with a subject line that reads, "I want to be the Culinaria Kids Cook-off Champion," explaining their interest in food and cooking, their favorite dishes they prepare, and why they feel they deserve to win. All entrants will be accepted.

Include in email the date of birth of competitor, as well as name and phone number(s) of parents. Competition is to be held Sunday afternoon on June 28. The first-place winner in each age group is awarded a professional knife kit valued at \$150 to \$200 per set. Runners-up receive a professional paring knife. Judges include

Culinaria co-owners Stephen P. Sands and Pete Snaith, as well as local restaurant owner, trade specialists and local cooking aficionados.

"To me, it's important that kids learn to cook," said Sands, whose own son, a professional firefighter, is "chef" at the fire station he works at. "My son grew up cooking. He loved it. He still does. Cooking is a life-skill."

Culinaria Cooking School is a recreational cooking school at 110 Pleasant Street NW, Vienna, founded by professional chefs five years ago. Individuals, couples, and kids may register for individual classes or a series. The school's popular summer camps for kids fill up each year.

The school pulls its students from the Vienna-Oakton area and the greater metropolitan D.C. area. Culinaria Cooking School is offering a special event class, "Cooking Basics for Veterans," on July 2, 7 to 10 p.m. Culinaria CEO Sands is a veteran himself and supports the men and women of the U.S. armed forces. Participation fee of \$25 covers food cost; price is 70 percent off the price of Culinaria's typical class. Veterans will learn basic knife skills and how to prepare a simple meal — an entrée, side dish, and dessert. The class is open to all veterans plus one guest for each.

OPINION

Voting, June 9

No, not for Hillary or Jeb or Carly. Locally, June 9, 2015 is an Election Day that counts.

To listen to the national news, one would think that the next Presidential election is in November. But no. That's November 2016. In the meantime, every year is an Election year in Virginia, and in 2015, virtually every state and local office is on the ballot.

In heavily Democratic districts (or any district that is solidly one party or the other), any real competition comes in the primary.

That's June 9 in parts of Fairfax County in the Mount Vernon magisterial district, and in House of Delegates Districts 44 and 45.

Four Democrats are on the June 9 ballot seeking to be the Democratic nominee to replace retiring Gerry Hyland as the Mount Vernon representative to the Board of Supervisors. Hyland has represented Mount Vernon since 1988.

Two Democrats are seeking to be the party nominee for House of Delegates District 44. Scott Surovell is giving up the seat he has held since 2009 to run for State Senate to replace retiring Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36).

Five Democrats are on the ballot on June 9 for House of Delegates District 45, to replace Del. Rob Krupicka who is stepping down.

If you live in one of the affected districts, you will vote on June 9 at your usual polling place. Be sure to bring photo identification.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, in November, all 10 members of the Board of Supervisors are on the ballot including district members and the chairman.

Also on the ballot: all members of the School Board including district members and three at-

large members.

Fairfax County's Constitutional Officers, Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Commonwealth's Attorney are on the ballot in November, as are three members of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Board Directors.

EDITORIAL Every seat in the Virginia General Assembly will be on the ballot, including all State Senate and House of Delegates seats. So every Fairfax County voter will face a variety of critically important choices in November. But first, consider the options on June 9.

On the Ballot June 9, Democratic Primary, Fairfax County

MORE ON Fairfax County voting: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/upcoming.htm>

Member Board of Supervisors, Mount Vernon District, Democratic Primary

Four Democrats vie to replace retiring Gerry Hyland
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❖ Candice L. Bennett, Email: candice@electcandicebennett.com, Website: <http://www.electcandicebennett.com>

❖ Timothy J. Sargeant, Email: timmtvernon@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.timsargeant.com>

❖ John R. "Jack" Dobbyn Jr., Email: info@jackdobbyn.com, Website: <http://www.jackdobbyn.com>

Mount Vernon Gazette/Connection coverage of the Mount Vernon Supervisor race

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/may/20/mount-vernon-candidates-seek-pri>

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Displeased with the Headline

To the Editor:

I was deeply displeased to read that your newspaper decided to use "The Importance of Including Everyone" as your headline for Tim Peterson's article about the Fairfax County School Board's vote on including gender identity to their nondiscrimination policy. As a journalist, I believe this smacks

of bias and was entirely unnecessary.

The editors could have easily lead with a generic news headline, like "Fairfax County School Board Votes on Gender Identity." Instead, seeing the words they chose gave me the distinct and awkward impression that they were using a news story to not so subtly tell us

the newspaper supports the school board's decision. In truth, the decision was not about including everyone, just those with "gender identity" issues.

While I applaud Peterson for getting comments from parents on both sides of the issue, the article would have benefited from him probing the deep-seated rationales

for each person's conclusion. My guess is that there was much, much more than bathroom and locker room awkwardness that got those hundreds of parents to show up to the school board meeting.

Juliana Erikson
McLean

Putting an End to Slaughter of Horses

To the Editor:

Whether in recreation, work, or war, horses have been a part of America's culture for hundreds of years. After horses' loyal service, sending them to slaughter is a betrayal to them and a dishonor to us.

Every aspect of horse slaughter is nothing but pain and terror for these trusting animals. Whether in

the U.S. or across our borders, it was never and cannot be made humane. When horse slaughter plants operated in the U.S. before being shut down in 2007, horses endured long distance transport and suffered severe injuries in horrific conditions.

Furthermore, the existence of domestic plants didn't prevent horses from being exported to

Mexico and Canada.

If horse slaughter plants are ever allowed to reopen here, it would come at the cost of millions of taxpayer dollars each year. At a time when Congress is focused on fiscal responsibility and the USDA's budget is already stretched thin, taxpayers shouldn't be forced to foot the bill to enable a practice that 80 percent of Americans op-

pose.

I urge U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock and U.S. Senators Warner and Kaine to please co-sponsor the Safeguard American Food Exports Act (H.R. 1942/S.1214) to put an end to the slaughter of American horses once and for all.

Cynthia Longo
Oakton

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<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/apr/16/democrats-debate-district-supervisor/>

Member House of Delegates, 44th District, Democratic Primary

Two Democrats compete for the nomination to replace Scott Surovell who is running for Virginia Senate District 36, to replace retiring Toddy Puller

❖ Paul E. Krizek, Email: paul@paulkrizek.com, Website: <http://www.paulkrizek.com>

❖ Justin M. Brown, Email: justin4va@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.brown4delegate.com>

Member House of Delegates, 45th District, Democratic Primary

Five Democrats vie to replace Rob Krupicka who is stepping down.

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❖ Craig Fifer, Email: craig@fiferfordelegate.com, Website: <http://www.fiferfordelegate.com>

Connection coverage of the race for the 45th
<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2015/may/19/fight-45th/>

Member Board of Supervisors, Mason District, Democratic Primary

Incumbent Penny Gross is facing her first primary challenge

❖ Penelope A. "Penny" Gross, Email: gross.penny@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.pennygross.com>

❖ Jessica M. Swanson, Email: swanson.jessica@gmail.com, Website: <http://www.swansonforfairfax.com>

Republicans, Party Canvass, June 4. Republicans in the 44th and 45th House District and 30th Senate District will choose candidates at a Party Canvass (sometimes called a firehouse primary) on Thursday, June 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m., at Minnie Howard Campus, 3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria.

There are no other Republican canvasses scheduled in any other state or local race in Fairfax County. The Sully district GOP Canvass for member of the Board of Supervisors was held in April. See <http://fairfaxgop.org/>

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SUMMER FUN

Enjoy Vienna Summer

Activities and events abound from June through September.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

VIENNA FARMERS MARKET opened for the season on Saturday, May 2, with seasonal greens, plants, and family entertainment. The market is a producers-only market, and is sponsored by the Optimists of Greater Vienna. The market is open every Saturday through October.

The Vienna Farmers Market takes place in the back lot of Faith Baptist Church, 301 Center Street South, across the street from Waters Field.

For a list of vendors and to keep apprised of special events, go to <http://www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org/farmersmarket/farmlanding2015.html>

VIENNA TOWN GREEN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES kicked off Friday, May 15.

Concerts include bluegrass, classic pop, kiddie rock, jazz, and prestige bands of the U.S. Armed Forces. Free. Bring a blanket, lawn chairs and a picnic as live music fills the evening air. Little kids move up to the stage area and dance their little feet away. Adults chat with friends and neighbors. It's small-town Vienna at its best.

Friday night concerts are sponsored by Whole Foods Vienna.

Check www.viennava.gov, Parks

and Recreation, for concert times. For updated weather cancellation notices, call the Parks and Rec hotline, 703- 255-7842

AFTERNOON ON CHURCH STREET CELEBRATIONS, monthly, May through October, last Sunday of each month.

From 1 to 5 p.m. the last Sunday of the warm-weather months, Historic Church Street turns into a pedestrian street fair. Free entertainment and open shops, themed activities and neighborly shopkeepers make for a family-focused "fun" day. Church Street Sunday opens on May 31 with the "Avenue of Art," hosted by the Vienna Arts Society. Artwork and artists join the fun. Artists share their perspectives on their works and will present demonstrations of techniques and media. A children's art tent will be set up for children to explore their inner-artist.

Local restaurants plan on bringing dining to the sidewalks.

SUMMER STORIES AND SPRINKLERS, Wednesdays, begins on June 24 and runs through August 5.

On the green behind Freeman House, young kids can listen to a story and, then, run through the sprinklers watering the lawn of the Town Green. Come at 1 p.m. for the story and 1:30 p.m. for sprinkler fun. Sponsored by Historic



Stories and sprinklers on the Town Green draw younger children on hot, steamy days.

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JULY 3 FIREWORKS AND ENTERTAINMENT, Friday, July 3; Yeonas Park for live music; Southside Park hosts the fireworks display.

Although the annual Independence Day festival hosted by the Town of Vienna will not take place this year on the grounds of the Vienna Community Center – center is closing June 1 for a long-term renovation - live entertainment and the fireworks display continue the tradition with the Rockin' Independence Eve Festival. In a twist of circumstance, the 4th of July fireworks display is on the 3rd of July in 2015. Vienna classic pop favorite "Fat Chance" kicks off

the festivities at 7 p.m. at Yeonas Park. Next door, at Southside Park, fireworks go off at 9:15 p.m.

JULY 4 FEATURES A FUN-FAIR ON THE TOWN GREEN sponsored by the Town of Vienna and community businesses and service organizations. Noon to 2 p.m. is primetime for festivities, including live entertainment, kids' activities (bounce house, pie-eating contest), food sales and more.

Optimist Club of Greater Vienna is holding a 50-50 raffle during the "fair."

The Vienna Inn will be selling pizza and chili dogs from noon to 2 p.m. and is hosting the first-ever chili-dog-eating competition, starting at noon. Registration required. Grand prize of \$250 for person



Concerts on the Town Green, sponsored by community businesses and service organizations, bring families and empty-nesters together for evenings of live music.

who eats the most hot dogs in the allotted time window.

Vienna's American Legion Post 180 will be on the Town Green all afternoon, from noon to 6 p.m. hosting the annual 4th of July beer tent. Mill Street shuts down between noon and 6p.m. Antique car show runs until 2 p.m. and prizes awarded to owners.

WOLF TRAP NATIONAL PARK FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, Trap Road, Vienna.

Filene Center launched its summer season on May 22 with Garrison Keillor hosting his annual Prairie Home Companion presentation. Counted among the diverse performers are classic rock artists, contemporary pop artists, symphonies, dance, comedy, stage theatre,

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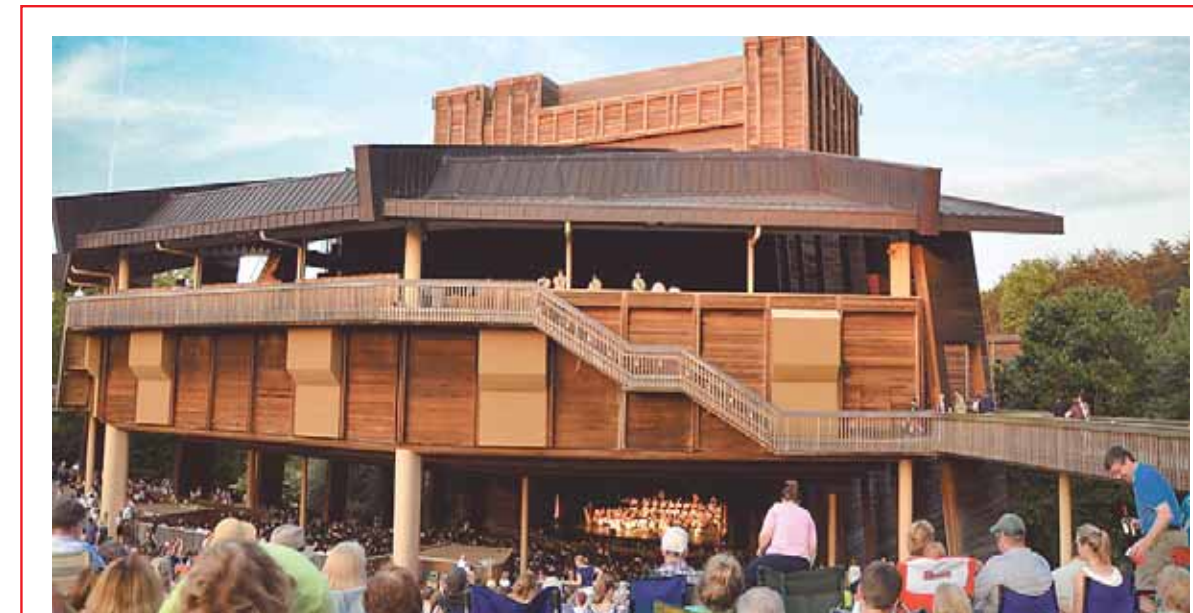
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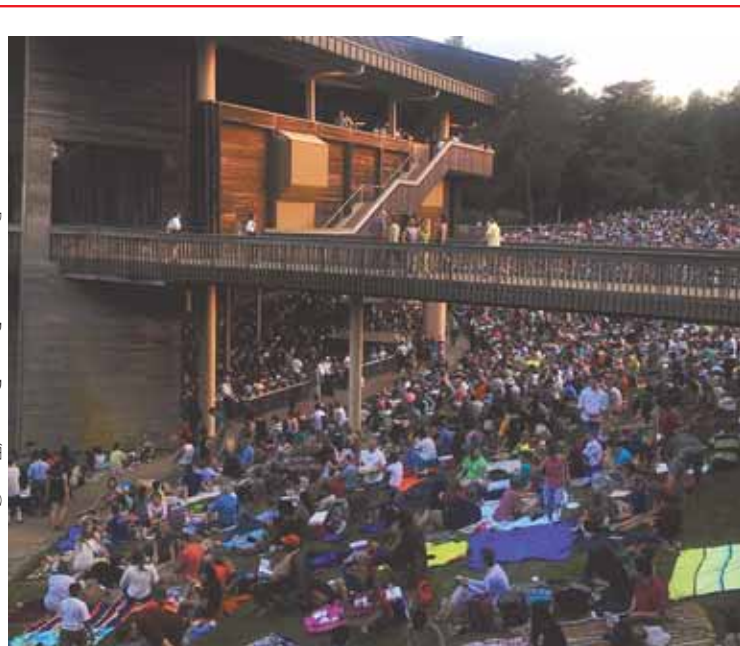
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Summer Season Opens at Wolf Trap

"The President's Own" United States Marine Band launched Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts' summer season with a program of concert band favorites. A fireworks display followed the free concert. In addition to the Filene Center season, Wolf Trap also offers Children's Theatre-in-the-Woods, which runs June 23 through Aug. 8, and performances at The Barns at Wolf Trap by Wolf Trap Opera.



The Wolf Trap's Filene Center season features 72 acts and 39 Wolf Trap debuts, allowing audiences to experience many artists new to Wolf Trap. Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, known locally as Wolf Trap, is a performing arts center located on 130 acres of national park land in Fairfax County.

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Marshall Boys' Lacrosse Wins First Conference Championship

Statesmen defeat Mount Vernon in Conference 13 tournament final.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Victory was a rare experience in recent seasons for the Marshall boys' lacrosse program.

From 2008 through 2014, the Statesmen totaled just 13 wins, according to laxpower.com. Marshall experienced a pair of winless seasons during the seven-year stretch and labored through a 29-game losing streak.

In 2012, when current Marshall senior Owen Crizer was a ninth-grader, the Statesmen finished 1-14.

"When I was a freshman," Crizer said, "the team was kind of the joke of Marshall High School."

Times were hard for the Statesmen, but players continued to work. Three years later, after a coaching change and two more losing seasons, things started to turn around.

On Thursday night, the Statesmen completed their transition from "joke" to champion.

MARSHALL defeated Mount Vernon 17-10 in the Conference 13 tournament championship game at Mount Vernon High School. The Statesmen led 8-5 at halftime and pulled away in the second half, earning the first championship banner in program history.

"It's incredible," said Crizer, the 2015 Conference 13 Player of the Year. "My sophomore year, we had a new coach and so there was a whole different feel."

That new coach was Kevin Curtin, who took over the Marshall program in 2013. The Statesmen finished 0-14 in Curtin's first season, and improved to 4-9 the following year. Marshall ended the 2015 regular season with a 6-5 record before beating Tho-



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

The Marshall boys' lacrosse team won the Conference 13 championship on May 21, beating Mount Vernon 17-10.

Madison Girls' Lacrosse Wins Conference 6 Title

After crushing Hayfield (25-1) and Yorktown (26-3), the Madison girls' lacrosse team fought a tougher match against the Langley Saxons but prevailed 14-9 to win the Conference 6 championship on May 22.

Scoring for the Warhawks over the course of the tournament were Allison Krisko, Shannon Condon, Zoe Dyer, Anya

Saponja, Maddie Roberts, Hailey Swaak, Andie Battin, Carly Rogers, Lia Cooley, Kierra Sweeney, Katie Sciandra, Caroline Kurtz, Ashley Go, Diana Lowther, and Annabel Bentley.

Sigourney Heerink and Ellie Socher shared goalie duties, with Heerink blocking six Langley attempts in the final.

mas Jefferson, Stuart and Mount Vernon in the conference tournament.

How did the Statesmen turn things around?

"The boys," said Curtin, who received 2015 Conference 13 Coach of the Year honors. "It's as simple as that. It's the guys who bought into being dedicated to lacrosse, playing year-round and making a commitment to each other."

What kind of a coach is Curtin?

"He takes his job very seriously," junior midfielder Chase Barrand said. "He always pushes us to work hard and then he knows the perfect times when to relax and give us the day off. He just always pushes us to the limit and always makes us the best we want to be."

On Thursday, Marshall received clutch offensive performances from a trio of first-

team all-conference selections. Barrand scored a team-high five goals and added two assists. Crizer totaled four goals and five assists, and junior attackman Andrew McDonald added four goals and three assists.

"The first few years we started off with a lot of young kids on varsity," Barrand said, "and then this was kind of our year to shine because we had the upperclassmen as leaders and the juniors were stepping up big ..."

Junior midfielder Mikey Briody, senior midfielder Mick McGuire, sophomore attackman Ben Winicour and senior midfielder Sean Hoffman each scored one goal for the Statesmen.

Marshall senior defenseman Jackson Lee was also a first-team all-conference selection.

After Mount Vernon tied the score at 4 with 8:53 remaining in the second quarter, Marshall responded with an 8-1 run, taking a 12-5 lead when Crizer scored with 1:21 left in the third quarter.

Mount Vernon attackman Justin Fees scored with 40 seconds remaining in the third quarter, cutting Marshall's lead to six while ending a 14-minute, 45-second scoring drought for the Majors.

The Statesmen led by as many as nine goals in the fourth quarter.

"It's pretty surreal," Curtin said. "[There has been] a lot of work over the last couple years that really seems to be paying off today. It's pretty fantastic."

NEXT UP for Marshall is the 5A North region tournament. On Thursday night, however, the Statesmen celebrated their accomplishment.

"It's huge," Barrand said. "It's our first-ever conference championship, first-ever banner for lacrosse. This is really, I feel like, the starting point and the turning point for Marshall lacrosse."

Chantilly Baseball Beats Oakton for Conference 5 Championship

DiCesare drives in winning run, earns victory on mound.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

After driving in the go-ahead run in the bottom of the fifth inning, Chantilly's Jared DiCesare stepped on the mound and ensured there would be no three-peat for the Oakton baseball team.

DiCesare gave the Chargers the lead with an RBI single down the third-base line and the junior right-hander pitched three innings of scoreless relief as

Oakton sophomore pitcher Toma Shigaki-Tham suffered a tough-luck loss against Chantilly in the Conference 5 championship game on May 22, allowing two runs on four hits in six innings.



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

Chantilly defeated Oakton 2-1 in the Conference 5 championship game on May 22 at Westfield High School.

Facing the Cougars in the conference/district final for the third straight year, the Chargers fell behind 1-0 after Oakton short-stop Joe Rizzo blasted a solo homer in the third inning. The Cougars remained in front

Oakton short-stop Joe Rizzo touches home plate after hitting a solo home run in the third inning of the Conference 5 championship game on May 22.

until the bottom of the fifth, when Chantilly senior Kordell Hutzell tied the score with an RBI double off Oakton pitcher Toma Shigaki-Tham. Three batters later, DiCesare snuck a grounder down the third-base line, giving the Chargers a 2-1 lead.

"[Shigaki-Tham] located [the pitch] perfectly, but I know I just didn't want to get

behind in the count, so I wanted to see if I could drive something," DiCesare said. "Thankfully, I found a little hole down third-base line."

DiCesare, who came on in relief in the top of the fifth inning, retired six of the final seven batters he faced to secure the win.

"Payback," DiCesare said, "feels great."

DiCesare allowed two hits, walked one and struck out one in three shutout innings. Oakton defeated Chantilly in the 2013 and 2014 conference/district championship games. Last year, the Chargers won both regular-season matchups before losing to the Cougars 5-1 in the conference final. Chantilly would bounce back, however, winning the region championship and advancing to the state championship game.

CALENDAR

Send announcements to north@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

THROUGH SATURDAY/JUNE 13

4 Artists Spring Show. The Frame Factory Gallery, 212 Dominion Road, NE, Vienna. 703-281-2350. www.theframefactory1.com

WEDNESDAY/MAY 27

A.R. Rahman. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. From Bollywood to Hollywood, this Grammy and Academy Award-winning musician is one of the world's most prolific film composers and he mixes genres spanning Eastern classical, pop, world music, and rap to create his astonishing compositions. Tickets: \$45-\$175.

THURSDAY/MAY 28

Book Publishing Talk. 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue, Vienna. You can publish a book these days at the touch of a button, but will anybody read it? Join Northern Virginia author, blogger, and digital journalist Jenifer Joy Madden who shares tips and tricks from her sometimes painful path to successful book publishing.

Tyson's Thursday Music in the Park Series. 4:30-7:30 p.m. Greensboro Green. Food trucks and live music.

Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna. The Light Between Oceans by M.L. Steadman. Adults.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 28-29

"A Disney Spectacular." 7 p.m. McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. The show will feature songs and medleys from several Disney productions, including Frozen, Beauty and the Beast, The Little Mermaid, Jungle Book, Pocahontas, and Aladdin. Tickets are available at the door for \$10 for adults and \$5 for students up to 8th grade.

FRIDAY/MAY 29

Langley High School Band Spring Concert. 7 p.m. McLean High School, 1633 Davidson Road, McLean. Three bands will perform under the direction of Doug Martin including the Jazz Band, the Symphonic Band, and the Wind Symphony. One highlight of the program is the Wind Symphony playing a piece called Eternity's Sunrise that Langley High School commissioned composer Scott Lindroth to create for its upcoming 50th anniversary. Free.

FRIDAY MAY 29-JUNE 5

"The Good Counselor." Fridays: 8



Visit Vienna's Avenue of Art on May 30. Church Street becomes a pedestrian plaza with dozens of artists selling their original art and jewelry. There will be free art demonstrations, children's projects, face painting, caricatures, photo opportunities, food and wine.

p.m. Saturdays: 2 & 8 p.m. Sundays: 2 & 7 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons. Vincent seeks truth, not only for his client, a mother accused of killing her 3-week-old son, but also for himself and his haunted past with his own neglectful mother. <http://www.1ststage.com/tysons.org/upcoming.html>

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 29-SEPT. 27

Vienna Summer on the Green Concerts. 6:30 p.m. Vienna Town Green, 144 Maple Avenue E, Vienna. A series of free musical performances. www.viennava.gov.

SATURDAY/MAY 30

Succulent and Cactus Plant Sale. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Garden, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Succulent and cactus plants are known for being low maintenance and deer resistant, a great combination. This sale offers a great variety of plants.

Kool & the Gang Chaka Khan. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Get down with the pop funk party-starters whose arrangements have made them the most sampled band of all time; then dance it up with the international music icon widely-regarded as the "Queen of

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SUNDAY/MAY 31

Avenue of Art. 1-5 p.m. Church Street in Vienna. Church Street becomes a pedestrian plaza with dozens of artists selling their original art and jewelry. There will be free art demonstrations, children's projects, face painting, caricatures, photo opportunities, food and wine. www.ViennaArtsSociety.org

Specimen Plants for Your Garden. 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Garden, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. What makes a great specimen plant—its appearance, origin, culture or culture life cycle? Join Meadowlark Manager Keith Tomlinson on a walk to learn about many of these plants that you can grow in your own garden. There is no program fee, but regular Garden admission applies (\$2.50-\$5). 703-255-3631.

TUESDAY/JUNE 2-SATURDAY/JUNE 27

"Happiness Is ?" 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tuesdays - Saturdays, June 2 - 27. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street, NW, Vienna. Members of the Vienna Arts Society exhibit and sell original artworks in several continuing shows in the area.

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Mad Man



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Really, Matthew Weiner; on the penultimate episode of "Mad Men," Betty Draper/Francis had to be diagnosed with lung cancer with her life expectancy said to be "nine months," with nothing more than "palliative care" available? Weren't there any other suitable diseases appropriate from which to choose? I realize it was the 70s, but...? Was her diagnosis for dramatic effect because lung cancer has been and is such a scourge and its mere mention will elicit the desired viewer reaction? Or were you trying to draw attention to a terrible disease, the research for which is woefully underfunded while it continues to kill more people than the next four cancer diagnoses combined, including breast cancer?

As a lung cancer survivor, I get tired of lung cancer being the go-to disease when entertainment writers want to gasp their audience into emotional submission. When in doubt...actually, you're never in doubt if a character is diagnosed with lung cancer. That diagnosis will definitely shake up your audience. Everyone knows that a diagnosis of lung cancer is not for the faint of heart (and weak of mind) and that its indication, confirmation and association will strike the kind of fear and loathing Hunter S. Thompson never really addressed.

It's a fine line between hope and prayer, and living and enduring for those of us afflicted with this very-often terminal disease. Ergo, we don't need any negative publicity, especially when the context is one that heightens the severity of the diagnosis and increases the anxiety and inevitability of its presumptive outcome. Certainly, increasing awareness helps, but I'd rather it not always be in a negative light to make people feel bad – or is it badly, or both? It's bad enough already; it doesn't need to be made worse, just for ratings.

Granted, in the time frame of these last episodes (the late 60s, Richard Nixon has just been elected), when Betty was diagnosed, palliative care apparently was all that was available for late-stage lung cancer (did they even have stages then?), so her prognosis was pretty grim. And I realize her diagnosis was one of many story lines that had to be wrapped up – or not, in the final episodes, and wasn't necessarily a main focus. But that's not the point I'm addressing. Hearing the words "lung cancer" in yet another tear-jerking semi send-off scene with Henry Francis crying into Sally's lap in her dorm room after telling her about her mother's condition, and later showing Sally – the former brat, home unexpectedly from boarding school, dutifully hand-washing the dishes in the kitchen sink, while her mother sits wistfully at the kitchen table, was almost too much: showing a family uncharacteristically coping – and not coping, because of this death-sentence diagnosis/prognosis.

It's almost as if lung cancer is a prop; to be used whenever news needs to be shockingly, horribly bad. Well, a diagnosis of lung cancer isn't so bad, not so bad as it used to be, anyway. Sure, "lung cancer" are not exactly words you want said in your direction, but six-plus years later, I'm living proof that indeed it's not as bad as Mad Men dramatized. Cancer is hardly a chronic-type disease yet, but its patients are not without many treatment options. Moreover, research and clinical studies across the world show great promise and continue to evolve. I only wish the writers who continue to invoke lung cancer in their scripts might evolve a little bit too.

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