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Oakton High School's girls lacrosse team celebrates victory in the Virginia state championship game.



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**Vienna Woman's Club Scholarship Winners**

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Three area students received a \$1,000 scholarship each from the Vienna Woman's Club at the annual Scholarship Award Ceremony last month. Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman, as well as the last year's award winner Elizabeth Boarders, congratulated this year's awardees. The club has been giving scholarships to area students since 1965. This year's winners, from left, are: David Farney, who is graduating from Oakton High School and will attend Old Dominion University; Daniel Huse, who is graduating from James Madison High School and will attend college in Delaware; and William Ross, who is graduating from James Madison High School and will attend the University of North Carolina.

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Senior and junior girls pose behind an appropriately decorated pool before heading to dinner and the dance.

## Murder Suspect Seeks Bail

Hearing exposes contrasting theories in domestic murder case.

BY KEN MOORE  
THE CONNECTION

**M**arysusan Giguere, who is charged with murdering her husband in their Vienna home on March 3, requested to be released on bond to a battered woman's shelter.

"Jail is not best suited to deal with her medical circumstances," said Peter Greenspun, her defense attorney, during a 40-minute hearing Friday, June 6 in Fairfax County Circuit Court.

"She needs the best and most up-to-date [medical] treatment. Time is of the essence," he said.

Greenspun called his client "a physical disaster," and referred to more than 140 doctors visits in the last couple of years for breast cancer, a double mastectomy, hysterectomy, chemotherapy, fatigue syndrome, spinal fusion, pneumonia, and an irregular heart beat, among other conditions and treatment.

Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kyle Manikas objected to Giguere's bond motion.

"This defendant is a danger to herself, potentially a danger to her family, and because of her delusional thinking could be a risk to others," the prosecutor said. "The charge is murder."

Judge Jonathan C. Thacher rejected Giguere's motion. "Isn't this potentially a disaster waiting to happen?" he said.

But Thacher doesn't want to see Giguere's medical condition deteriorate because of her confinement in jail, he said, and invited Greenspun to reintroduce the motion, if necessary.

"I'm fairly confident that Mr. Greenspun will be back in court," the judge said.

**POLICE FOUND** Ronald Giguere dead in the upstairs bathroom of the Vienna

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## Marshall Prom Highlights Graduates

Night focused on having "the best time possible."

**F**or Marshall students celebrating prom this year, the focus was on sending off the graduating seniors; with a theme of "Kiss, Kiss" and the dance being held just six days before graduation, all eyes were on the near-graduates. Decorated with maroon and silver balloons and streamers and scattered with chocolate kisses, the Waterford at Fair Oaks filled up with more than 350 attendees. Open to current Marshall juniors and seniors and their dates, the dance followed months of planning.

"Something that has been said throughout this whole year, ever since the song 'Kiss, Kiss' [by Chris Brown] first played was 'Kiss a Senior Goodbye.' That's how we got the theme for our prom," said junior class officer Eliot Gehley. As is traditional, the junior class office orchestrated the event by fund-raising, planning, and selling tickets.

"The night went very well, better than we had expected. Music was great and there was never a point in the night where people weren't dancing," said Gehley. For seniors, the night held a nostalgic tone, particularly given the theme's bringing to light the short time they had left together.

"Everyone was really happy to be there

since it was our last big event before graduation, and I think we all just wanted to have a good time," said Hind Hassan, who was pronounced Prom Queen during the dance. "I had the expectation of having fun no matter how good or bad the prom [itself] was, and I think that's why I enjoyed myself." Regardless of their respective grades, however, juniors and seniors both seemed to have a night that lived up to expectations.

"It was relaxed but crazy. The DJ knew what to play and when to play it," said junior Amanda Flynn.

"Everyone had one interest in mind: to have the best time possible. I think we were all generally successful," said senior Clare Bennett.

— JULIA WINKLER

"Isn't this potentially a disaster waiting to happen?"

— Judge Jonathan C. Thacher



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Senior Scott Bugby and junior Diana Fleeter show off color coordinated outfits at a friend's house before the dance.

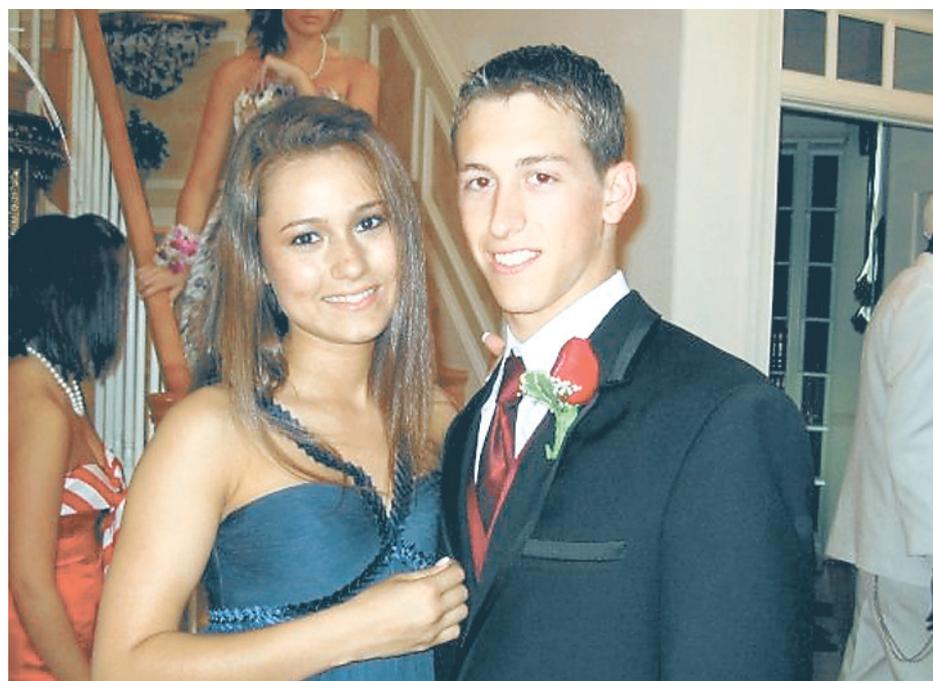


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Junior Dina Finnegan and her date, senior Mike Beaman, pose for a photo.



**Judith Dittman, executive director, Alternative House, and Gina Cocomello, development director, credit broad community support for Alternative House's 2009 funding. Providing emergency shelter for homeless teens, community outreach programs, and residential services to young homeless pregnant and parenting mothers cost Alternative House \$1.5 million a year.**



**Judith Dittman, executive director, Alternative House, notes that not all teens are living the typical suburban life, that some are throwaways, runaways, or abused, or are in conflict with family members.**

## Alternative House Provides Refuge

**Abused or homeless teens find shelter in Vienna.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**A** teen, abused, kicked out of the home, or in conflict with a parent, no place to go ... often finds refuge at Alternative House in Vienna, instead of ending up on the street.

Alternative House, the Abused and Homeless Children's Refuge, gave comfort to 157 teenagers in 2007, and received over 1,800 calls for help. Operated out of a homey split level on Gallows Road, Alternative House

looks like the kind of house these children may have called home. "There are children in our community who are not living the fairytale life, not living the typical suburban community life," said Alternative House Executive Director Judith Dittman. "Some of these kids are runaways, kicked-out, or throwaways. Sometimes, it's overwhelming family issues, such as finances and parental abuse.

"Each child has a completely different story, but each would have been on the streets if it were not for us being here."

Alternative House started out in 1972 as an emergency shelter for teens. Approxi-

mately 15 years ago, it created community outreach programs, focusing on special needs and prevention. Today, the emergency teen shelter is augmented by a mobile outreach van, a teen center in Culmore, a neighborhood-based support program for elementary school-aged children, daytime program for suspended students and a neighborhood center in Annandale.

Alternative House also runs residential programs for homeless pregnant and parenting young mothers and their children.

"There are a lot of young people who need

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**"They need to get into a safe place for a period of time."**

**— Gina Cocomello, Development Director, Alternative House**

## Dulles Rail: Down? Out for 2008?

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Virginia State Supreme Court has thrown yet another monkey wrench into Gov. Tim Kaine's plan to finance the state's portion of the 23-mile construction of a rail to Dulles International Airport and perhaps struck a blow that could delay construction, at least for 2008.

The seven justices unanimously agreed that the Virginia Constitution contains a "self-executing" provision that automatically waives sovereign immunity in constitutional cases. This ruling removes in many cases a major legal obstacle that up to now prevented citizens from suing the government officials without first having to get their permission to sue.

Two lawsuits relating to Dulles Rail now must be heard in Richmond Circuit Court on their merits. Both suits had been blocked under the "sovereign immunity" clause.

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Road commuters Patrick Gray and James Nagle objected to Kaine's transfer of the toll road, a state asset paid for by local taxes, to the unelected board of the Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority without the General Assembly's approval.

A similar suit last April forced the Northern Virginia Transit Authority to give up its plan to collect taxes for road construction and return the money to tax payers. That shift forced the governor to call a special session of the General Assembly for June 23 in the hope it would vote equivalent taxing power so that vital funding for transit and roads in Northern Virginia could go forth.

At the present time, Virginia's roads and bridges are in such disrepair, the Virginia Department of Transportation cannot under the law divert money from repair to other services.

Kaine is now planning a "town meeting" in Leesburg on Wednesday, as he wends his way around the state trying to raise sup-

port for his \$1 billion tax and fees plan, but Ben Marchi, state chairman of Americans for Prosperity Virginia which has been at every meeting thinks the governor is losing ground the more he talks about its impact on individual tax payers.

Bob Chase of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance and others feel his chances grow dimmer by the day. The rising unemployment figures — 5.5 percent nationwide — and the cost of gasoline — \$4 a gallon — make it unlikely the legislature will vote a tax hike. The Republicans oppose it. When the court upset the taxing authority of the NVTVA, it did not address the sale of \$3 billion worth of transportation bonds to finance various projects, including Dulles Rail.

The legislature had called them "subject to appropriation bonds," and implied they were not enforceable debt. But Richmond lawyer Patrick McSweeney said in his suit that the debt is unconstitutional and now the court may have to decide.

## Town Picks Up Storm Debris

The Town of Vienna Department of Public Works will collect brush and trees downed in the June 4 storm at no charge to town residents. Residents are requested to have all storm-damaged brush and trees — no more than 8 feet in length, if possible — at the curb no later than June 16. Pickup will begin in the northeast quadrant of town and continue clockwise through the southeast, southwest, and northwest quadrants. For more information, call 703-255-6380.

## Commander Discusses Iraq

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc., invites all veterans, friends, and the general public to attend the June 19 chapter meeting at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262 Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Ronald Silverman, a civilian dentist, will discuss his completed command of the 3rd Task Force Medical Command in Iraq. The command has more than 30 units and 3,000 soldiers and airmen. He is a major general in the army reserves and a Vietnam War veteran.

The general public is invited, and the admission is free. For information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit [www.vva227.org](http://www.vva227.org).

## Police Seek Help

On June 7, at approximately 11:30 p.m., units from the Town of Vienna Police Department were investigating a report of suspicious activity on Johnson Street SW. During the investigation, officers encountered a subject with a laceration. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue was summoned and transported the individual to Inova Fairfax Hospital. The injury was determined to be non-life threatening.

While on the scene, the Vienna Police Department received several calls reporting a fight involving a large group of young adults and juveniles at nearby Meadow Lane Park. When officers arrived on the scene of the fight, they discovered another individual with a non-life threatening laceration. Again, the individual was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital. Both subjects have since been treated and released.

The case is still under investigation due to the large number of witnesses and involved parties, however several subjects have been positively identified. The Vienna Police are interested in speaking with anyone that might have any information regarding this case. Those with any information about this incident are asked to call Detective Scott Leroux at 703-255-6332.

“Each child has a completely different story ...”

— Judith Dittman, Executive Director, Alternative House

# Shelter for Abused Teens

FROM PAGE 4

our services,” said Development Director Gina Cocomello. “They need to get into a safe place for a period of time.” Cocomello, who joined Alternative House in April, says she is concentrating on forging relationships in the community for now, networking and planning special events. Anyone or any business or civic group interested in donating to Alternative House can contact Cocomello.

**THE FRAGILE STATE** of the local economy threatened 2009 funding of the shelter and its outreach programs, until Dittman and several Alternative House board members presented their case to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board had proposed cutting Alternative House’s funding in half, from \$150,000 to \$75,000.

“Basically, we rallied public support and talked to the Board of Supervisors, emphasizing that funding us costs less than not funding us.

“We know that Fairfax County would not want young people

## Giving Teens Shelter

Alternative House, the Abused and Homeless Children’s Refuge, is located at 2100 Gallows Road, near Tysons Corner. It maintains a crisis hotline, 703-356-6360, or 1-800-say-teen. Services include the emergency shelter, community outreach programs, and residential programs for homeless pregnant and parenting mothers. Call Gina Cocomello, development director, at 703-506-9191 to contribute or volunteer.

sleeping in the woods and under bridges. Our shelter here is a less-costly alternative to juvenile detention or foster care.”

The emergency teen shelters in Loudoun and Alexandria are gone now, says Dittman, victims of funding crises.

Seventy percent of the Alternative House budget comes from local, county and federal funds; the remainder is made up of non-government contributions, from business, civic groups, faith communities, and individuals.

“Our wide community support is what keeps us going,” said Dittman, whose budget for Alternative House services is \$1.5 million. Dittman says that dinner is donated about five times a week by a myriad of entities as the Vienna Inn, the McLean Rotary Club, the Tysons Rotary Club, faith

organizations, and volunteers from the community. Saturday night is movie and pizza night, paid for by donations.

The basement storage room is filled with stuff for teens who come with no clothes or toiletries. In 2001, the Northern Virginia building industry donated an addition to the original structure.

“These kids all have their strengths, they have talents,” Dittman said. “There’s some really wonderful, talented children who come through here who need some help.”

The Vienna shelter has a permanent staff of 10-11 professionals, including a licensed clinical director, residential services director, program coordinator, and two therapists focusing on the indi-

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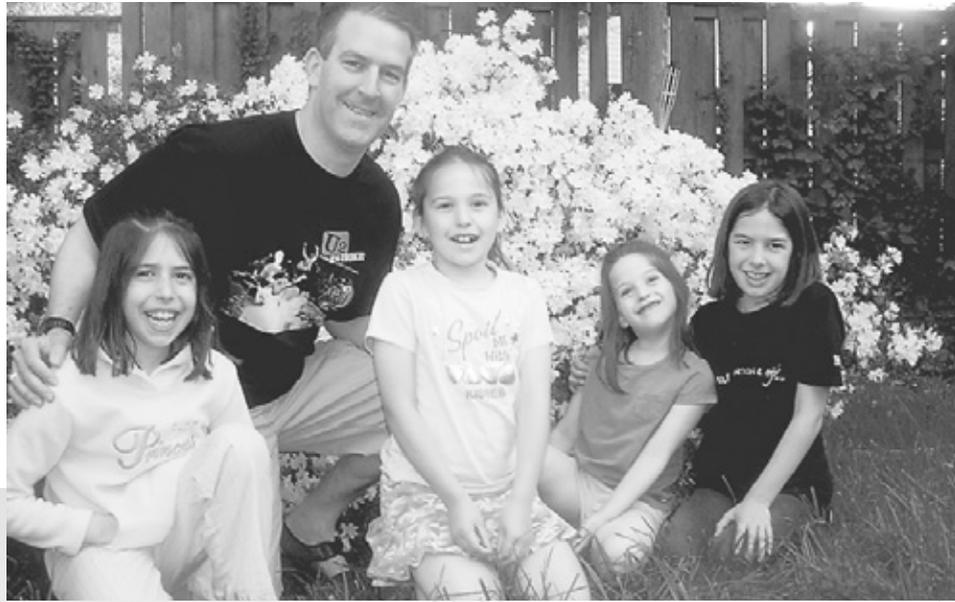


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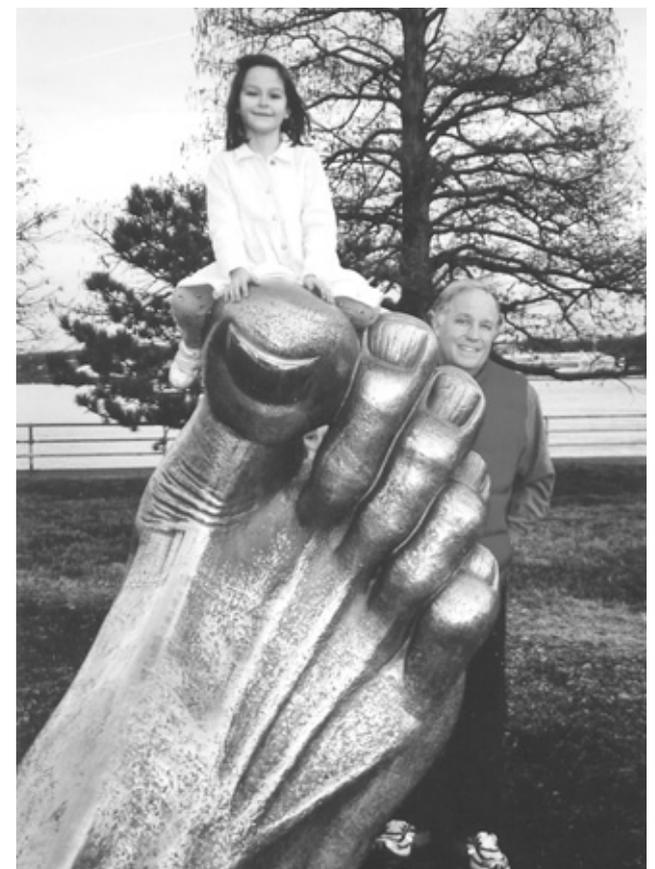
**Dad Stan Smith of Vienna with his four girls: Sarah, Hannah, Emma and Lena.**

**Tim Canedo and his daughter, Avery (2 1/2), of Oakton, walking on the beach while on vacation in Bald Head Island, N.C.**



**Lee Chichester of Vienna with his sons, Carson (3) and Brody (2) and dog Rosco, pictured at Riverbend Park.**

**Soccer Dads James Kleifges with Luke (3 years) and Geoffrey Hendricks with Samantha (3 years) practicing soccer at the Vienna Community Center.**



**The Feeney's of Vienna at Hains Point, days before the giant sculpture (The Awakening) was relocated to the National Harbor. Dad, Brian, gets a good whiff with daughter, Quinn, and son Neil (hiding between the toes).**



**Super dad Emilio Sanchez of Oakton on vacation in Naples, Fla. with his daughters Lily and Hope.**



**Dad Michael Lee of Vienna pictured with 14-months-old son Preston Lee in front of Baldy Mountain in Sun Valley, Idaho, during a family reunion in August 2007.**

# NEWS

## Safe Haven

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vidual and on the families. Alternative House provides emergency shelter for up to two weeks; its goal is family reunification.

"Alternative House is a starting point," said former staff member, Karen Horowitz. "The issues are bigger than what can be solved in two weeks. We follow up with our youths. We can make referrals."

**THERE IS BEDDING** for eight teens at a time at Alternative House, although the facility has means to accept another one or two, if necessary. There are four bedrooms, a kitchen, activity centers, and private therapy space. Over the course of a year, approximately 65 percent of the residents are girls, and 35 percent are boys. With guidance from counselors, teens set short-term goals for themselves upon admission. Each teen at Alternative House receives a private counseling session every day. Parents are encouraged to participate in counseling, as well.

"There are multiple sources of referral," said Dittman. "Sometimes, kids come to us directly, other times parents, school guidance counselors, social workers, or other concerned adults in the community make the initial contact.

"Occasionally, we'll get someone at our door who says, 'I need help.'"

Teens staying at the facility do daily chores and attend school. Admission to Alternative House is voluntary, and parents have the legal right to refuse a child's admission.

"It's important for us to raise awareness, to let parents and teens know we're here and available to help," Dittman says. "It's sad but gratifying to see them grow, to see them tackle some of the challenges that brought them here.

"They can always come back. That door is never shut."

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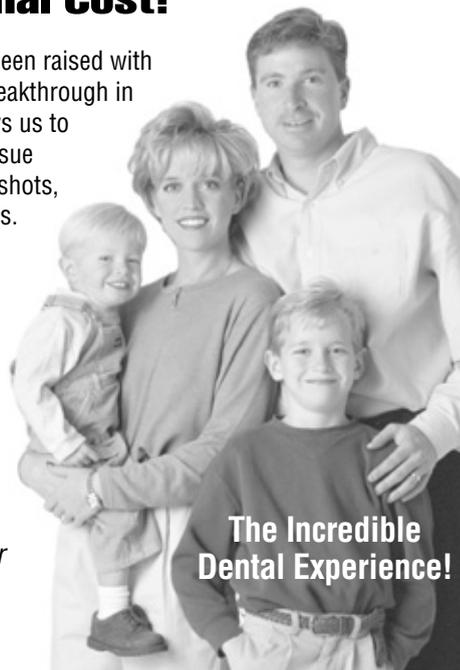
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# OPINION

## More Reasons for Change

### Price of gas, "Code Red" add reasons to change behavior.

After days of intense heat, we begin this week with a "Code Red" air quality day, meaning that breathing the air is "unhealthy for all individuals."

On a "Code Red" day, no one should stay outside or exert themselves outdoors any longer than necessary, according to federal guidelines. At particular risk are active children and adults, and people with lung diseases, such as asthma.

The primary causes of air pollution in Northern Virginia are vehicle emissions and pollution from power plants here and to the west.

Approximately 60-70 percent of the pollutants that cause ground-level ozone are created from vehicles, lawn mowers, other garden equipment and common household products, according to the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments.

The price of gas has already motivated more commuters in the area to turn to public transportation. On predicted "Code Red" days, local bus service is free, which should provide even more incentive to see if you can use transit for all or part of your commute.

The price of gas is excruciating, and takes a far higher toll on the working poor, but at \$4 a gallon and above, we're all motivated to seek conservation and alternatives. As businesses and individuals work to save money, the environment and air quality will also benefit. There's a chance that such measures could ease traffic as well.

On bad air quality days, children, older people and individuals with heart or respiratory ailments should reduce outdoor activities. Even healthy individuals should limit strenuous outdoor work and exercise.

Here are a few more suggestions to help air quality:

- ❖ Limit driving and when possible, combine trips or work from home.
- ❖ Use area bus and rail lines or carpool.
- ❖ Avoid mowing lawns with gasoline-powered motors.
- ❖ Refuel vehicles after dusk; avoid idling.
- ❖ Conserve electricity, keep air conditioning no lower than 78 degrees, turn off unneeded lights.

For the air quality forecast for Northern Virginia and links to maps, see <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/airquality>.

For more information, see [www.epa.gov/airnow](http://www.epa.gov/airnow).

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### Health Consequences of Bad Air

While some people say they might consider moving out of the region because of the traffic congestion, for others the choice to move might be necessary to save their health.

Consider the risks:

- ❖ One out of every three people is at a higher risk of experiencing ozone-related health effects, including active, otherwise healthy children who spend a lot of the summer playing outdoors.
- ❖ People of all ages who are active outdoors are at increased risk because during physical activity, ozone penetrates deeper into the part of the lungs that are more vulnerable.
- ❖ Ozone can aggravate asthma. When ozone levels are high more people with asthma have attacks that require a doctor's attention or the use of additional medication. One reason this happens is that ozone makes people more sensitive to allergens, the most common triggers of asthma attacks.
- ❖ People with respiratory diseases that make their lungs more vulnerable to

ozone may experience health effects earlier and at lower ozone levels than less sensitive individuals.

- ❖ Ozone can irritate the respiratory system, causing coughing, throat irritation, and/or an uncomfortable sensation in the chest.
- ❖ Ozone can increase susceptibility to respiratory infections.
- ❖ Ozone can inflame and damage the lining of the lungs. Within a few days, the damaged cells are shed and replaced — much like the skin peels after a sunburn. Animal studies suggest that if this type of inflammation happens repeatedly over a long time period (months, years, a lifetime), lung tissue may become permanently scarred, resulting in less lung elasticity and permanent loss of lung function.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Barn Doors Close After Horses Left

To the Editor

The Vienna Town Council recently asked Supervisor Hudgins and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for a comprehensive traffic study of specific intersections in the Town that will be affected by the Tysons Corner redevelopment.

We are encouraged money has been identified for this purpose. However, it is very disheartening to know the actual study will not be completed until after the Tysons Land Use Task Force makes its recommendations.

This has the appearance of closing the barn (garage) doors after

the horses (cars) have been let out.

In order for such a massive and dense plan to work, transportation in the surrounding areas must be an integral part of the whole and entire plan.

**The Vienna Town Council**

#### Lives Congested

To the Editor:

Upon reading that Tysons stakeholders hope a committee formed to determine the best land use plan for Tysons will prevail over any planning or zoning commission decisions:

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#### Disgrace To Community

To the Editor:

VDOT — cut the grass! Or, more to the point, contract out the job to someone who will cut the grass. I'm talking about cutting grass on the median and sides of the road in McLean along Route 123 from Tysons Corner to the George Washington Parkway. The grass is literally two feet high. This is no exaggeration, and this is a disgrace to our community.

Why can't VDOT cut the grass? Who knows? But since they have failed so miserably to do so, the

whole job should be contracted out to a company that can get the job done. There is a good precedent for this — the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, which has turned into a large contracting agency. They still have the responsibility to oversee the design, engineering, and construction of their projects in our country and around the world. But the people swinging the hammers and driving the heavy equipment vehicles are not employees of the Army Corps of Engineers. They are contractors. Likewise, VDOT should become a contracting agency and hire companies to do everything from transportation projects, to road maintenance, to grass cutting.

**Howie Lind**  
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# Giguere Seeks Bail

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home, shot once in the forehead.

Officers first talked with Marysusan Giguere around 2 a.m. in the driveway of their home on the 1400 block of Crowell Road in Vienna.

"She was crying and she said she was sorry," Officer Kimberly Folden testified during Giguere's preliminary hearing in May. "Mrs. Giguere said she and her husband had gotten into an argument, there had been a struggle, and Mr. Giguere threatened to kill her."

Giguere said her husband punched her in the face and hit her in the arm with a hammer during the fight, but Officer Folden didn't detect any wounds.

Giguere claims self-defense. Prosecutors claim murder.

**THE FORTY-MINUTE** hearing Friday juxtaposed the two contrasting theories of the case.

"There are very interesting circumstances from a trial point of view," said Greenspun, claiming battered-wife syndrome, self-defense, and "perhaps, insanity [at the time of the offense]."

Giguere suffered "physical abuse, ... significant, significant emotion abuse, and ... torture of abandonment," said Greenspun.

Marysusan Giguere told police she acted in self-defense.

"Circumstances of the case clearly reflect a heated struggle and physical contact initiated by Mr.

Giguere," Greenspun said. "He was the victim of a tragedy he initiated in the first place."

"**THAT'S NOT** what the commonwealth's evidence will show," said Manikas. "That is the defendant's own self-serving statement."

The prosecutor said Marysusan Giguere's own family will say they never heard anything about physical abuse and that she has a history of making horrible accusations about other people.

"The defendant told her sister that she killed Ronald Giguere for her kids, that she would do anything for her kids," said Manikas.

"The Commonwealth's evidence is consistent with murder," he said.

Additional civil court hearings were scheduled for this week and for later this year to address guardianship issues concerning the couple's children as well litigation concerning the couple's estate.

The couple had two children, 12 and 14 years old, who are now living with family members.

Greenspun said the Giguere's estate is valued between \$1 million and \$2 million, filled with antiques, jewelry, heirlooms, government benefits and trusts for the children.

But Marysusan Giguere is indigent, Greenspun said. "There's nothing she's going to receive at this point," he said.

**"The Commonwealth's evidence is consistent with murder"**

— Kyle Manikas

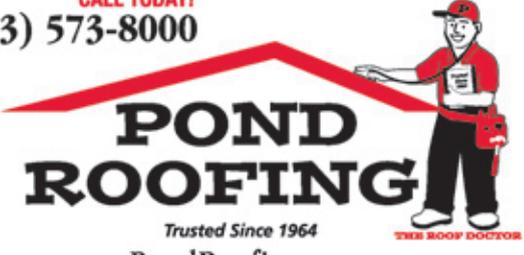
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# Free Vienna

The 10 best things in town's life really are free.

BY DONNA MANZ  
 THE CONNECTION

One of the many pleasant attributes of life in Vienna is the bounty of free things to do here. Indoor, outdoor, active, passive, tots to seniors, singles, families ... there's something for everyone. Here are 10 free past-times to start off the summer:

1

There are not many localities that can boast of two public libraries within a couple of miles of one another, but the Vienna/Oakton area does. Patrick Henry Library, at the corner of Maple and Center streets, dishes up more than good books. It offers adult programming, including monthly foreign films and live presentations, gaming for pre-teens and young teens, children's reading times, and outdoor programming for tots on the Vienna Town Green during the summer months. Volunteers provide Internet instruction for the generation that grew up on loose-leaf binders.

Oakton Library opened last September with much fanfare and appreciation. The environmental-friendly building was dedicated as



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**Barry Sweitzer works — and bikes — in Vienna. He plans on "checking out" Freeman House and the caboose along the W & OD Bike Trail.**

the "heart of Oakton." Like Patrick Henry, the Oakton Library focuses on both active and passive children's programming, and special events for adults.

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LIBRARY/BRANCHES/ph/>

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2

The W & OD Bike Trail has the distinction of passing by the Vienna Community Center, cutting between the Vienna Inn and the Vienna Town Green, and hugging Freeman House and the iconic red caboose. Bikers, runners, and baby-stroller pushers can park alongside the path near the caboose and in the Community Center parking lot. It's not unusual to

see bikers popping into Whole Foods for sustenance, either. On Saturdays, take a detour from the bike path to the nearby Vienna Farmers' Market.

3

The flags that wave above the memorial fountain on Maple Avenue mark the Vienna Town Green, a brightly landscaped oasis in the midst of town. Here, during daytime hours and the evening, concerts and children's programs entertain against the backdrop of a rustic-looking staging area. There's concerts for everyone, puppet shows, storytelling for children, and even live animal programs.

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VYS is asking for donations of soccer items to help build the league. The age of the players ranges from 8 to 18. Today many of these kids are literally playing soccer barefoot in the dirt, so all

donations will be welcomed, appreciated and put to immediate good use. The wish list includes: new or slightly used soccer items such as cleats, shin-guards, socks, jerseys, shorts, ball bags, ball pumps etc.

These items may be dropped off at the Vienna Community Center (120 Cherry Street, SE Vienna, VA 22180) from June 1 to June 15. A bin marked VYS will be located inside the front door of the Community Center. Items will be collected from the bin each day.

If you prefer to make a financial

donation to help defray the cost of shipping and/or to purchase needed supplies, please make a check payable to VYS, and mail it to: Vienna Youth Soccer, Inc., P.O. Box 993, Vienna, VA 22183. Please reference Iraq Soccer League in the memo portion of your check.

For more information on this effort, please see the front page of the NCSL website at [www.ncsl-soccer.com](http://www.ncsl-soccer.com). If have any questions about VYS's involvement and efforts, please contact Erin Tesch at [etesch@tsgusa.com](mailto:etesch@tsgusa.com) or (202) 828-8966.

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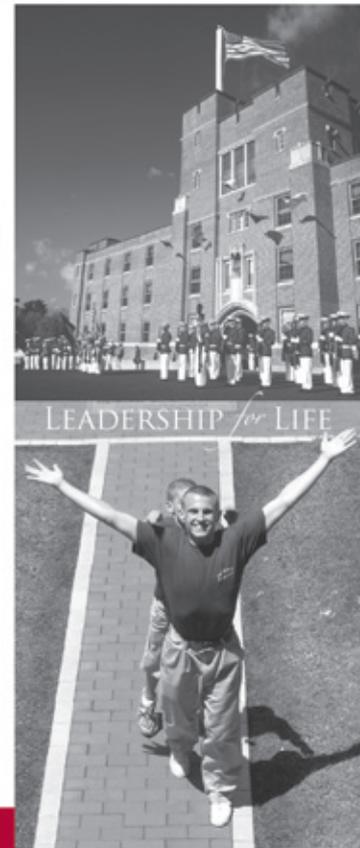
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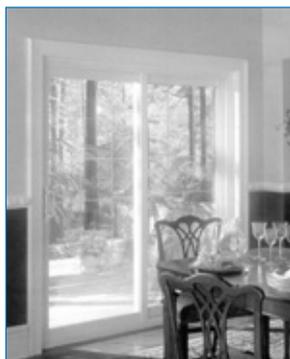
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**Trisha Yearwood.** 8 p.m. at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, 877-WOLFTRAP. Tickets are \$40/in-house, \$22/lawn.

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**VIP Vienna.** Support group for adults with vision loss. Adults. No registration is required. 10 a.m. at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave E, Vienna.

#### FRIDAY / JUNE 13

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**Surprise! Arizona.** The Blackjacks, Sarah Swanner. Rock. Doors open at 9:30 p.m., tickets \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna, 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Anita Baker.** 8 p.m. at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, 877-WOLFTRAP. Tickets are \$48/in-house, \$25/lawn.

**Verdi's King for a Day.** 8 p.m. at The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, 877-WOLFTRAP. Tickets are \$28 to \$68.

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**Gordon Lightfoot.** 8 p.m. at the Filene Center, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, 877-WOLFTRAP. Tickets are \$40/in-house, \$22/lawn.

#### SUNDAY / JUNE 15

**Used Book Sale** at the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church St. NE, Vienna, noon-5 p.m. The store is looking for donations of clean used books. Call 703-994-9054.

**Heroics discussed.** 3:15p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Northern Virginia Writers Club meeting and author presentation, Four-time shuttle astronaut Thomas Jones of Reston, and aviation author Robert Dorr of Oakton, discuss the details of their recently-published account of the 365th Fighter Group, the Hell Hawks, whose heroics contributed to the ultimate defeat of the Wehrmacht in the spring of 1945. Call 703-217-7745 for more information.

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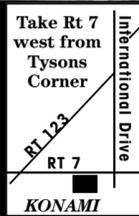


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**Speed Networking Breakfast.** Location: Clyde's at Tysons, 8332 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182. 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Contact the VTRCC Office 703-281-1333 or log on to [www.vtrcc.org](http://www.vtrcc.org).

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**VTRCC Brown Bag University.** "How to Protect Your Business From Costly Lawsuits." Speaker: John Sexton, President, Sexton Executive Security. Location: Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, 8300 Boone Blvd., Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182, 12-1 p.m. Contact the Chamber Office for details, 703-281-1333 or log on to [www.vtrcc.org](http://www.vtrcc.org).

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**VTRCC Monthly Mixer.** Food Sponsor: Plaka Grill. Location: The Business Bank in Vienna, 133 Maple Ave., SE, Vienna. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Contact the Chamber Office, 703-281-1333 or log on to [www.vtrcc.org](http://www.vtrcc.org).

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Falls Church resident Emily Sellon of St. Stephen & St. Agnes in Alexandria won a Cameo Actress for "Metamorphoses."

Vienna resident Trey Ervine of James Madison High School won Lead Actor in a Musical for "Fiddler on the Roof."

## Madison High Wins Cappies

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
CENTRE VIEW

Starry statuettes were evenly distributed during Sunday night's ninth annual Cappies Gala, honoring the best and the brightest in high-school theater.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes in Alexandria and H-B Woodlawn in Arlington each won four Cappies during the three-hour ceremony at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Westfield, Robinson and West Potomac each won three.

The Best Play award went to Woodlawn for "As Bees In Honey Drown," and Best Musical went to Walt Whitman for "Aida." Chantilly's Eddie Monk won the Cappie for Lead Actor in a Play for "The Andersonville Trial," and Natalie Walker of St. Stephen's won the Lead Actress in a Play Cappie for "Metamorphoses."

**JAMES MADISON'S** Trey Ervine of Vienna won Lead Actor in a Musical for "Fiddler on the Roof." He portrayed the lead character, Tevye.

Said Ervine: "I did not expect it, at all, because I saw all the other guys and they were all better than me. It really means a lot because they're all seniors and I'm a junior, so it just shows talent has no age."

And Andrea Carroll of Whitman won Lead Actress in

**"I did not expect it, at all, because I saw all the other guys and they were all better than me."**

— **Trey Ervine**  
Lead Actor in a Musical



**The Best Critics Team was the Homeschool ITS team. (Pictured) Sarah Marx of Chevy Chase, Emma Lilburne of Alexandria, Elizabeth Angel of Fairfax, Leila Giles of Vienna, Alex Badley of Manassas, and Chelsea Cook of Burke (holding trophy).**

a Musical for "Aida." The Best Song award went to West Potomac's "Luck Be a Lady" from "Guys and Dolls."

The Best Critics Team was the Homeschool ITS team, which included Leila Giles of Vienna: "Emma's shocked; the rest of us are pleased."

Falls Church resident Emily Sellon of St. Stephen & St. Agnes in Alexandria won a Cameo Actress for "Metamorphoses." "I'm ecstatic," said Sellon, a senior. "I can't believe this just happened; I'm so surprised. Ev-

eryone in the cast worked really hard on this show and bonded over it. It was beautifully written, so we were passionate about it. And a lot of my friends were in it."

This Cappies Gala was dedicated to the program's co-founder, Bill Strauss, who died of cancer in December at age 60. A published author and playwright, himself, his vision — along with that of co-founder Judy Bowns — was to celebrate students of theater and journalism via the Cappies, or Critics and Awards Program.

Strauss was honored with a special tribute during Sunday's gala, and his wife, Janie — a member of the Fairfax County School Board — was presented with an award called, "The Show Must Go On."

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In Vienna, there are parks, parks, and more parks, from neighborhood pocket parks to dog parks to multi-use parks with tennis courts, basketball courts, tot lots and picnic shelters.

[http://viennava.gov/Town\\_Departments/parklist.htm](http://viennava.gov/Town_Departments/parklist.htm)

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The next-best thing to a drive-in movie is a Glyndon Park movie, shown once a month after dark, on the Glyndon Park lawn. Movies are family-friendly (G-rated), and parents are expected to remain with their children at all times. Call 703-255-7842 for film title and weather cancellations.

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Is there anything more Norman Rockwell than an old-fashioned, small-town 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration? From rides, games, entertainment, antique autos, vendors and food, to the brand-new laser extravaganza at nightfall, the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July festival draws Vienna-ites and former Vienna-ites, extended families and dignitaries. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. at Waters Field and the Community Center. The multi-media laser light show begins at 9:15p.m. at Waters Field.

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Not up to the crowds and rowdiness at a Nationals' game, but hankering for some of the American past time known as baseball? Top collegiate players from across the country converge in Vienna to play as Vienna Senators, part of the nationwide Clark Griffith Baseball League, a traditional wooden bat league. In 2007, the Vienna Senators were ranked sixth nationally, and many Senator alumni have gone on to play major and minor league baseball. The home team plays at Waters Field.

<http://viennasenators.com/>

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Freeman House, the centerpiece of the historic Church Street district, houses a country store and a



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

**Nancy Collins of Vienna, with son Brian and daughter Mary, spend some time looking over books at Patrick Henry Library. Mary amuses herself in the children's activity area. Collins signed up Brian for the library summer reading program.**

museum. A Civil War Encampment, sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc., is planned for July 26 from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Freeman House grounds.

Adjacent to Freeman House is the original Vienna Library, a garaged-sized white clapboard structure now called the Little Library. **The Little Library is open the first Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. Every Thursday in July and August, from 1:30 to 2p.m., the Little Library presents songs and stories, followed by cool-off time under the sprinklers on the Town Green at 2 p.m.** Historic Vienna, Inc. hosts a scavenger hunt for children ages 7 to 10 years old on June 23, and Aug. 4, 1 p.m. Children will use the books on the shelves to answer questions. Prizes will be awarded, and punch and cookies served. Contact Freeman House, at least, a week in advance at 703-938-5187.°

The Freeman Store and Museum is open for exploration Wednesday through Saturday noon to 4 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is free to Freeman House and the Little Library, both operated by Historic Vienna, Inc., but donations to help preserve historic Vienna are welcomed.

<http://historicviennainc.org/>

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The caboose that got loose has

a permanent home at the "Vienna station," next to the W & OD Bike Trail, across the street from Freeman House in the historic Church Street district. It's a favorite among children, and 10 times a year, the Northern Virginia Model Railroaders host an open house there. Inside the caboose is a HO scale model railroad layout, replicating the Western North Carolina Railroad, set in the 1950s. The next open house is scheduled for Saturday, July 12, from 1-5 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcomed.

<http://www.nvmr.org/>

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At the Vienna Farmers' Market, the food is not free but the social contact is. Running from early May to Nov. 1 on Saturday mornings, the Farmers' Market is a family kind of place where neighbors meet and mingle, and dogs make friends with strangers. Hosted by the Vienna Optimists, in cooperation with the Town of Vienna, the Farmers' Market features produce, dairy products, plants, hot prepared food, free-range meat, breads and pastries, and gourmet specialty foods. Fairfax County master gardeners are on-hand to answer questions about gardening and growing produce.

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# Congressional Primaries Held

Voter turn out very low during the morning.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

The Great Falls polling station parking lot was packed at 8:30 a.m. on June 10. But it wasn't because the double congressional primary in Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District was taking place.

The Great Falls polling station doubles as the Great Falls Elementary School and most of cars in the parking lot belonged to parents dropping their children off at school for the day. Judging from the number of "I voted" stickers on people leaving the school building, not many people were stopping by the polling station after saying goodbye to their sons and daughters.

Ashburn resident Vern McKinley was challenging incumbent U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf in the Republican primary. McLean resident Judy Feder, who ran against Wolf in 2006, faced retired Loudoun County resident Mike Turner in the Democratic contest. The Connection went to print before the polls closed on election day.

"Lower than low," was how election official Jim Allen described the voter turnout at the Great Falls precinct. Only 24 people had participated in the Republican and Democratic primaries combined since the polling station opened two hours earlier, he said.

"The low turnout was expected but I don't know if we believed it would be this low," said George Caines, the election chief at the elementary school.

Allen and Caines, both Great Falls residents, said the general public did not seem to be aware a primary was underway. They speculated that some people might be burned out after following the long, drawn out presidential primary between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.

"I don't think anyone is thinking primaries now," said Caines.

**THIS SENTIMENT** was echoed in other parts of the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District in Fairfax County.

"Voter turnout is light, very light," said Verne Wattawa, the election chief at Herndon High School. Out of the 3,000 voters registered in his precinct, 15 people had voted by 9 a.m., including Wattawa and one of the other volunteers at the polling station.

"It is a typical congressional primary. Nothing out of the ordinary," said Wattawa.

Wattawa, reclined in an auditorium chair and eating a piece of candy, said he and the other volunteers would have a lot of down time during the day, which started at 5 a.m. and will end at 8:30 p.m. One poll worker



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

**McLean resident John Bowman campaigns for Frank Wolf and other Republicans outside two polling stations at Langley High School.**

had decided she would reread the election official manual, since she had taken training awhile ago, he said.

At Riverbend Middle School in Sterling, precinct captain Carl Crea said about 36 people had voted before 10:45 a.m.

"Early this morning there were people but it didn't last long. ... If we hit 100, I'd say we're doing well. We'll celebrate," he said.

**LOWER VOTER TURN OUT** could benefit some candidates. Turner, who had less name recognition and money than Feder, said he felt the unusually low turnout had put him on track for a big upset.

"The lower the better as far as we are concerned. ... The lower the turnout, the higher the likelihood that I or we have touched more of those voters that are coming to the polls," said Turner.

The candidate said he had guessed that about 1.5 of registered voters would participate in the primary but — at 11 a.m. on primary day — the numbers seemed to be even lower than that. At this time, the campaign estimated that fewer than 5,000 voters were show up district-wide.

"All circumstantial evidence suggests that we are on track to have a big win tonight," said Turner.

At least one McLean resident said she had decided to vote for Turner.

"Feder lost the last time and I like Turner's resume better," said Alice Latter as she left her polling station at Langley High School.

Still, Feder remained positive about her chances the morning of the primary and said she noticed nothing out of the ordinary about the low voter turnout.

"I am confident but taking nothing for granted. ... [Off year elections] are typically lighter than we would like," she said.

**DESPITE THE LOW TURNOUT**, volun-

teers were still out there pounding the pavement for their candidates. McLean resident Doris Cheely was trying to stay in the shade as she handed out leaflets about Feder at Langley.

Cheely said she chose to support Feder because the candidate "was the one who could get health care done in this country."

She added: "I feel very confident this year. I feel the Democrats are going to do very well."

A few steps away from Cheely, John Bowman was sitting behind a large table with literature about several Republican candidates, including Wolf, on display.

"Security is a big thing for me being retired military. ... We need people that can face reality. Lots of people are bright and articulate but that doesn't mean they can understand the word," said Bowman.

Bowman said he thought his candidate would easily win the primary and, apparently, so did Wolf. After voting this morning in Vienna, the congressman headed to Capitol Hill for the day.

Congress was voting on the reauthorization of Amtrak, including an amendment added by U.S. Rep. Tom Davis about Metro, on primary day. Wolf did not want to miss the vote, he said.

"I am here working, where I should be," said Wolf, who plans to leave downtown after the House of Representatives last scheduled vote at 6 p.m.

Even if he does win the election, Wolf's primary competition, McKinley, said he felt as if he had gotten his point across.

"We gave people more options by at least having more people to choose from in the primary. ... Those are big accomplishments," said McKinley, who added that he probably would not run again.

"I know the congressman did this three times [before he won] but I don't think that is for me," he said.

Reporter Jennifer Lesinski contributed to this article.

## Rules Would Remove Consent

Parents oppose Virginia proposal that could write their leverage out of special education regulations.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Linda Falkenson's daughter doesn't pick up on the social cues that most other people do. She suffered from a stroke in utero that has left her with some challenging emotional disabilities.

At times, the 13-year-old, isolated at school, can make inappropriate comments or talk too loudly. She doesn't have full sensation around her mouth, so she doesn't realize that crumbs are on her chin, according to her mother.

Sometimes Falkenson is the only person who understands the full impact of her daughter's disability. So the Vienna mother does not understand why Virginia's Board of Education would consider decreasing her power over her daughter's special education.

Currently, a Virginia school system can only terminate a student's special education services with a parent's consent. But proposed changes to special education regulations would revoke this veto power. Parents would also lose the right to call additional meetings with school staff to review their child's "individualized education program."

"I am my daughter's best advocate," wrote Falkenson in testimony to Virginia's school board.

**MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE**, including Falkenson, signed up to speak before the state school board at Oakton High School June 2. Most came to oppose the proposed changes in special education regulations. Parents, students and other advocates were most concerned about the new limits that could be placed on parents of children with special needs.

"I know of no families who request services their child no longer needs," said Phyllis Yoshida, the special education representative on the McLean High School Parent Teacher Student Association.

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For additional information, go to [www.afsbonline.com](http://www.afsbonline.com) or call 703-506-8100.

**Etiquette class for children** ages 5-7, June 14 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. The fee is \$40 for Town of Vienna residents and \$50 for out-of-town participants. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6330 or visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

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**Multiple Sclerosis.** Wednesday, June 11, 7 p.m., Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., NE, Vienna. A group for anyone with multiple sclerosis

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### GRAND LARCENY

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### MALICIOUS WOUNDING

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### ARRESTS

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# Thrice as Nice: Cougars Wear State Crown

Oakton girls lacrosse team beats Chantilly, 20-11, to win third consecutive state title.

BY JOHN C. MARCARIO  
THE CONNECTION

Oakton's girl lacrosse team had a three hour practice the day before it played Chantilly for the VHSL AAA state championship. The Cougars had already lost to the Chargers twice this season and coupled with the fact that the two-time defending state champions have been overlooked as title contenders most of the year, Oakton entered the game with plenty of motivation. It showed as Oakton scored early and often and dominated the game, winning 20-11 at Westfield High School on Saturday night.

"We wanted everything. We wanted the satisfaction. We wanted to prove everybody wrong," said senior Erin Sensabaugh, who tallied five goals.

The state finals game was never in doubt as Oakton scored the game's first three goals. Chantilly briefly got back into the contest, scoring two in row, but Oakton then ran away with it.

Prior to the Concorde District tournament, Oakton was 4-4 on the season and didn't look a team destined to three-peat as state champs. They advanced to the semifinals but lost to Chantilly before going on to win the Northern Region championship. The Cougars were nearly bounced from the state tournament as they escaped with a 12-10 win over Loudoun Valley in the semifinals.

Calling that game a wake up call, Oakton head coach Jean Counts said the teams rollercoaster season gives the title a different feeling than winning it last year, when Oakton was the heavy favorites.

"This year is especially nice and as we had a lot of naysayers in the beginning," Counts said.

Chantilly, the Concorde District Tournament champions, fell behind early and could not keep up with the potent Oakton attack.

"It was just too much for us tonight. Oakton came out ready to win it. They are used to it, they have been here before," said Chantilly head coach Michele Gates, whose Chargers fell in the region final to the Cougars, 14-12. The Chargers were led by Britany Griel's four goals.

Gates said she expects her team to be playing in the state tournament finals again next season. Oakton's offense came alive in the state tournament, averaging 19.7 goals while giving up 8.7 per game. Tory Morgan, who was consistent since the regional tournament, was peppered with Chantilly shots but made a number of nice saves as Morgan was able to be more aggressive, playing with such a large lead.

Against Chantilly, senior Ashley Kimener had seven goals and two assists, bringing her. Kimener, who Counts calls the best player Oakton lacrosse has ever had, missed most of last year's state title game after getting two yellow cards in the first half. De-



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The Cougars douse head coach Jean Counts with water after winning the VHSL state girls lacrosse title.



The Cougars lift their third straight VHSL state girls lacrosse title.



After scoring nine goals against Chantilly in the Northern Region finals, Oakton senior Ashley Kimener had seven goals and two assists on Saturday.

spite losing to Chantilly twice this season, Kimener said the magnitude of the championship game was the difference this time.

"Mainly it was the state game, we wanted

it and we were not going to lose to them," Kimener said.

The practice Oakton had before the championship game was the teams 63rd on the

season. Even though they Cougars have six seniors on their roster, players said the practice was needed to fine tune their game.

"I was glad we had it," Kimener said.

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At Oakton High School June 2, Virginia's Board of Education listened to more than 100 residents testify about proposed changes to special education regulations.

## Parents Oppose Changes

FROM PAGE 17

Several said the change would end up hurting special education students and could lead to an increase in litigation on the part of parents. Without an avenue to secure the services their children deserve, families would be forced to resort to the legal system, said many parents at the hearing.

"The Virginia Board of Education's proposal to limit parent rights and participation in the special education process can be summarized in two sentences: 'Parents, get out of the way and let us do our job. We're the professionals.' If only that were true," said Teresa Champion, a Springfield resident whose son has special needs.

The Oakton hearing was the eighth of nine the state school board conducted around Virginia. Complaints about the proposed limits on parents rights "have been a constant through out all the public hearings," said Charles Pyle, director of

### Special Education Report

In addition to concerns about changes in the state law, Fairfax County special education advocates are also worried about practices in the local school system.

In its annual report to the Fairfax County Public Schools, the school board's advisory committee on students with disabilities stated it is "very concerned that the rights of students with disabilities are being violated under [federal law] and their access to the education available to their non-disabled peers compromised."

The committee listed the following as some of the most "prevalent and pervasive" issues:

- ❖ Special education screening committees at local schools will require a child to fail before they will test for disabilities thereby forcing parents to forgo the support they have already put in place in order to get services.

- ❖ High school guidance counselors resist placing students with disabilities in accelerated classes.

- ❖ Some children must "work" their way back to a less restrictive environment.

- ❖ Some teachers do not have the proper training to implement the individualized learning plans of students with special needs in the general education classroom.

- ❖ Some school administrators are unprofessional or intimidating toward parents who are trying to be advocates for their children.

- ❖ Some schools fail to provide reading remediation to students in middle and high school who have been successful with accommodations but cannot read independently.



"The overwhelming sentiment is that the parent-school relationship needs to be more balanced."

— **Margaret Fisher, Fairfax County Council of PTAs**



"We shouldn't give any signals or do anything to suggest that parents are not welcome."

— **James Lafferty, Alexandria parent of a child with autism**



"Parents need to be more involved because they know their children best."

— **Wesley Robinson, Woodson High School special education student**

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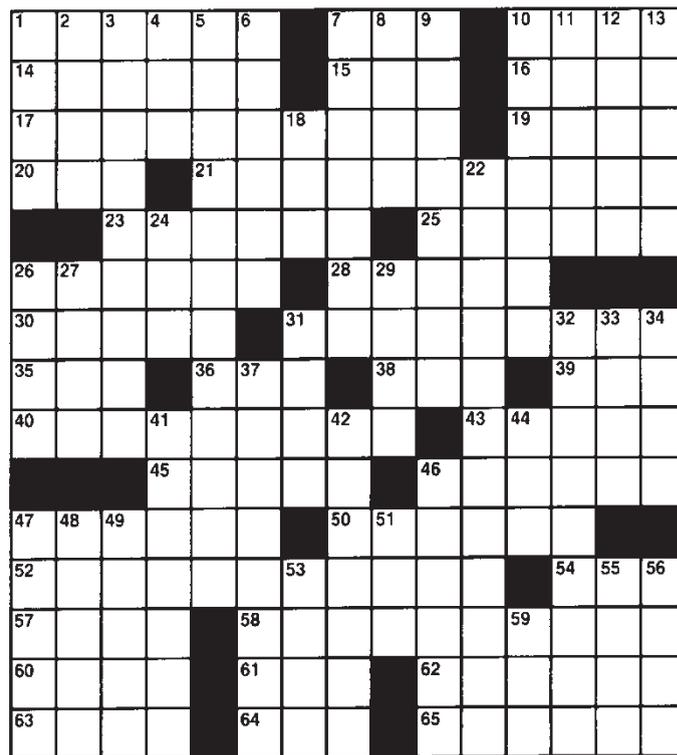
One person spoke in favor of the proposal to eliminate parental consent during the hearing. Mary Lou Wall, of the Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education, said it doesn't make sense to give parents unilateral veto power over the termination of their child's special education services if professionals agree that the support

is no longer needed. "There is a lot of confusion about these regulations. This is about celebrating children who tested out of special education," said Wall.

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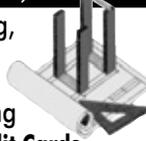


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**'Real-time' Traffic**



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

That's what I'm hearing on the radio; on the 8s, on the 4s, pick a number, pick a station, television, too; the implication being that "real-time" is somehow new and better — and different — and to your driving advantage, than non "real-time." All of which is of great comfort to us Washington DC Metropolitan area commuters because the last thing any of us Washingtonians need is misinformation. We receive enough of it already. Moreover, given the fact that typically we are out and about attempting to go somewhere when we hear this misinformation, misinforming us as how to best get there seems contrary to the greater good.

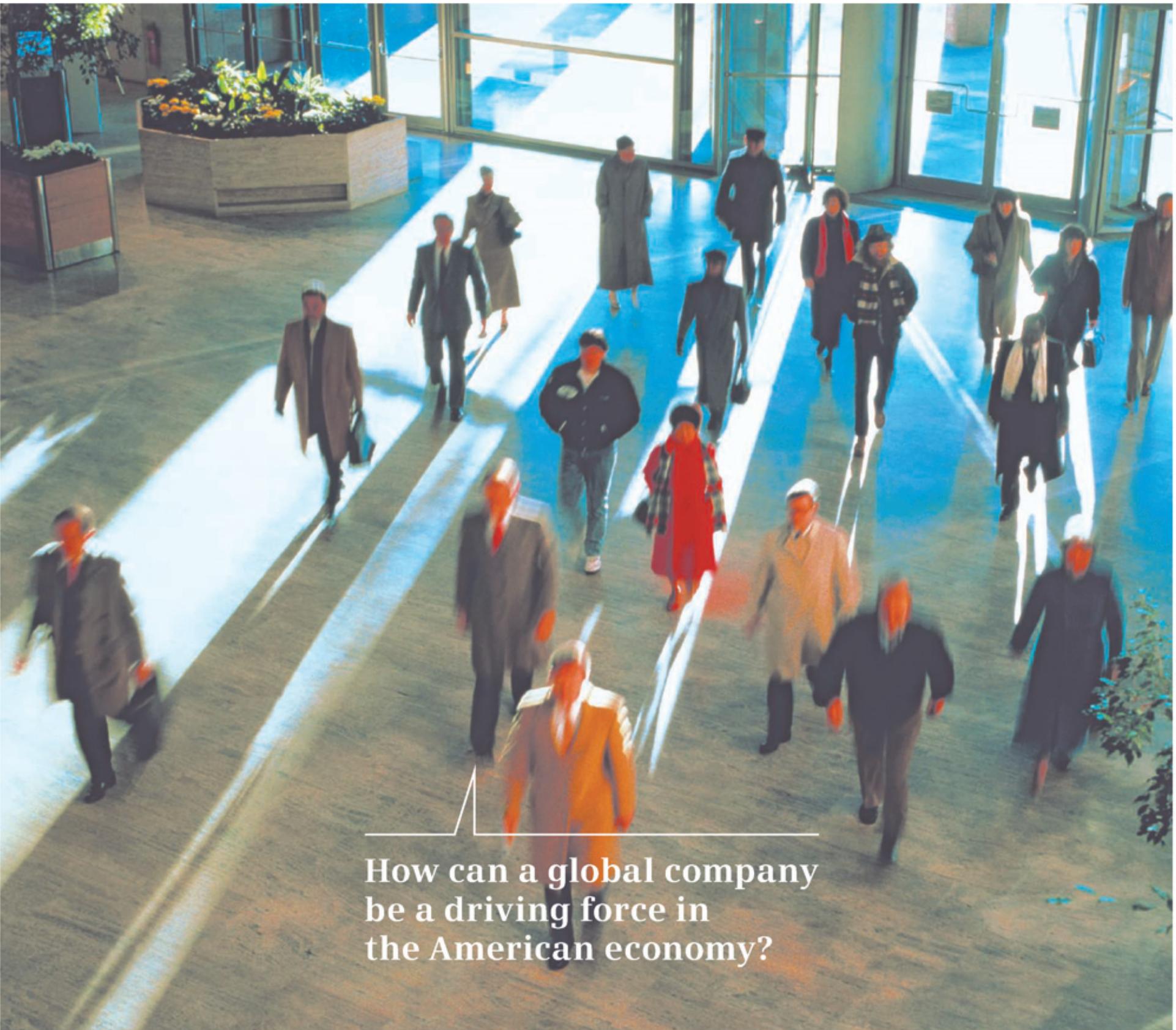
Now, every time I hear "real-time" I can't help wondering exactly what traffic information I have been receiving for the past 30 years. Was it fake-time traffic? Was it old-tyme? (No, that's Schmidt's-brand bread.) Was it given at the right time? Was it even reported at a useful time? And at what time, and under what circumstances, did "real-time" all of a sudden become timely?

Certainly these are all questions above my pay grade, as the expression is so often heard in Washington, but somebody, somewhere has to be responsible. When I consider (shudder at the thought, actually) how much time, real or otherwise, I spend — and have spent — commuting (idling more than anything, it seems), and how frequently I have been listening to the radio — more specifically listening to what I thought were up to the minute and accurate traffic reports; and now to find out, that after all those years, all those bullets I sweated, all those bathroom breaks I couldn't make, may have all been for naught, and not because of the truth, either. But, because the traffic reporters, traffic observers, traffic readers, etc., were providing useless traffic information (but in a timely fashion of course), fictionalizing what is, for many of us, the worst part of our day; someone should suffer, other than us commuters, that is, for the unnecessary consequences of these traffic inactions.

Now I'm not naive enough to think that had the traffic reports always been in "real-time" (meaning inferring that the traffic reports are for the current commuting situation at the time the report is being given/heard), that my commuting would somehow have been drastically different. No, I'm many things, but stupid and delusional I'm not. However, as a former adolescent who grew up watching George Reeves play Superman on television — in black and white, no less — fighting for "truth, justice and the American Way," misinforming the American public in the manner and the consistency I've described seems hardly truthful, just or the American Way.

Learning that we've been deceived, (apparently) since the traffic is now "real-time" hurts. It makes me wonder, that if the American public can't be trusted enough to be given honest, accurate and timely traffic reports, of all things — for fear of whatever, then what other information have we not been given? On the one hand, it's only traffic; but on the other hand, maybe it's symptomatic of a much deeper problem. Trust is a wonderful feeling; to be sure; when you can be trusted. No matter the time.

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