

The Oakton High Cougars pounced on Atlee, 74-45, in a first round Virginia State AAA girls' basketball playoff game at Robinson Secondary Saturday night, March 7. Here, senior tri-captain Brianna Johnson, with the stands full of fans behind her, gets off a long range shot. The 29-0 Cougars drained nine, 3-pointers in the victory.

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## CRIME

Activities reported by the Vienna police department through March 6.

### ARRESTS

**100 Block Maple Ave., East.** Feb. 28, 12:30 a.m. MPO Borja conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a traffic infraction. After interacting with the driver, she detected signs of possible impairment. The driver, a 24 year old male of Half Crow Lane in Waldorf, Maryland was given several field sobriety tests. After testing, he was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated and transported to the Vienna Police Station for analysis of his breath. After analysis, the suspect was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and formally charged with Driving While Intoxicated.

**600 Block Hillcrest Drive, S.W.** Feb. 28, 3:03 a.m. Officers were summoned for a fight in progress at the listed location. After arriving, PFC Shaver located an individual standing in the roadway that appeared to be intoxicated. The subject, a 27 year old male of Truman Circle in Vienna, was arrested for Drunk in Public and transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

**100 Block Glyndon St., N.E.** March 2, 3:08 p.m. Police were notified that a sled had been taken from a child while he was sledding. Officer Myers arrived at the scene and discovered that a group of individuals in a vehicle stopped near where they were sledding. A female then got out of the vehicle, ran towards a boy on a sled and took it from him; pushing him to the ground in the process. The female then ran back to the vehicle, put the sled in the vehicle, and rode away inside

the vehicle. An alert juvenile that was sledding with the victim entered the tag number of the suspect vehicle into his cell phone to help him remember it and provided it to police.

Further investigation revealed the identity of all involved parties. One of the individuals was an adult and the other two occupants of the car were juveniles. Initial suspect interviews were misleading and inaccurate. Subsequent interviews revealed the real story from involved parties and witnesses. The sled was recovered and returned to its owner. Arrest warrants were obtained by Officer Myers charging a 20 year old male of Holly Springs Court in Oakton with Grand Larceny from a Person, Obstruction of Justice, and 3 counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

The suspect was located and arrested based upon the warrants. He was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, formally charged and held on \$3000 bond. Petitions for the other two involved juveniles will be obtained at a later date.

**900 Block Ware St., S.W.** March 4, 10:59 p.m. Officers were called to a residence for a fight in progress. After arriving, it was learned that the two involved individuals had ceased fighting. One subject had thrown a rock at another individual which struck the subject's vehicle thus causing the altercation. After investigation one of the involved parties was placed under arrest for Drunk in Public and Destruction of Property. During the arrest procedure, the individual attempted to get away from the officers and was subdued and controlled. The arrestee

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Metrorail project directors expect the new station on Route 7 at Spring Hill Road, called Tysons West, to look like this when it is completed in 2013.



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Ray LaHood, Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation and H.R. Crawford, chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority sign a Full Funding Agreement for the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project on Tuesday morning at the U.S. Department of Transportation. Area dignitaries and politicians attended the event and spoke during the ceremony. Some of the Virginia politicians in attendance included Gov. Timothy M. Kaine, Sen. Mark Warner, Representatives Jim Moran, Frank Wolfe, and Gerry Connelly, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and others.

## Tysons Rail Stations Approved

**Kaine, project officials close deal on \$900 million in federal funding for project.**

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Just one day before the federal government signed over \$900 million in funding for Metrorail's extension towards Dulles, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved plans for two new Metro stations anticipated as part of the transit system project.

On March 9, the county board voted eight to one in favor of the designs for "Tysons East" and "Tysons West," the two Tysons Corner stations that will be closest to residential communities in McLean and Vienna.

Last month, the supervisors approved three other stations, two more in Tysons Corner and one in Reston, that are also part of the Metrorail extension's first phase, which is set to open in 2013.

"Having the stations approved is a major accomplishment. It will make it easier for landowners to integrate" their development plans with the stations, said Fairfax County chairman Sharon Bulova (D). The Metro extension is expected to spur the transformation of Tysons Corner into a more urban community.

**STAFF** and the Fairfax County planning commission also backed the station designs though critics, including the only dissenting supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville), described the plans as rudimentary and too vague.

"It is premature to vote. I think this design is far from complete," said Foust.

Architects and engineers did not articulate how the dense, mixed-used development the county hopes to see built adjacent to the Metrorail stops would interact with the station design. Because of this, it is difficult to determine in advance how "urban" or pedestrian friendly the stations will eventually be, said Stewart Schwartz, executive director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, at a hearing last month.

Foust and others speculated that some

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## Vienna's Swimming Sensation

**Sean Fletcher, a senior at Madison High School, breaks national swimming record.**

Madison High School senior Sean Fletcher recently broke the National High School Record for the 100-yard butterfly.

Starting at age 7, Fletcher swam on swim teams and school teams. "I swam on a couple of club teams until I settled with The Mason Makos and my current coach Peter Ward, who is also the head coach of George Mason and a previous Olympic swimmer for Canada," said Fletcher. For the past year, Fletcher has been working toward breaking the 100-yard butterfly record.

"I broke the National High School record which was held by Nate Dusing and Austin Staab with a time of 47.10. I

swam it in a time of 47.08. I was so happy when I broke the record. I swam just how I wanted to and everything went very well," said Fletcher.

Fletcher has had other achievements during his high school swimming career, including winning state competitions in the 100-yard butterfly for three years in a row. In addition to individual records, Fletcher participated in two relays, the 400 and 200 free relays, winning and breaking state records.

Fletcher's main focus is swimming. As a college-bound senior, he balances his last year at home with many out-of-state meets. "I will continue to swim through college," said Fletcher. "I will be swimming for the University of Michigan next year. I'm very



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**Sean Fletcher is looking forward to swimming for the University of Michigan next year.**

excited to swim for them and go to school there."

As for the future beyond college, Fletcher

hopes to one day make the U.S. Olympic team. Until then he said, "I'm just going to keep swimming and working hard."

## Pedestrian Dies Of Crash Injuries

Galia S. Quispe, 37, of 2333 McGregor Court in Vienna died Thursday, March 5 as a result of injuries sustained from a crash Tuesday, Feb. 24. A man was traveling south on Gallows Road in his 2000 Honda CRV around 7:25 p.m. As he approached Electric Avenue, a woman stepped into the roadway against the crosswalk signal and outside of the crosswalk. The driver of the Honda collided with the woman. Quispe was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital with life-threatening injuries. She succumbed to her injuries on Thursday, March 5 in the early morning hours.

Speed and alcohol were not factors of the crash and no charges will be placed against the driver. This is the fifth fatal crash this year. Last year at this time, four fatal crashes had been reported.

## Orthodontic Practice Holds Open House

Dr. Ashkan Ghaffari of Vienna is hosting an open house March 21, from 1-4 p.m., at his Orthodontic Practice at 100 Church St. Everyone is invited to enjoy egg decorating, a magician and a prize raffle to include an iPod Touch. RSVP at DrGhaffari@ViennaBraces.com.

## Proposed Budget Available April 6

Copies of the proposed Town of Vienna budget for fiscal year 2009-10 will be available for public review beginning Monday, April 6, in the Administrative Services Office at Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., and at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave., E. A "Budget in Brief" summary may be obtained at Town Hall free of charge, and the entire budget document may be purchased. For more information, call 703-255-6350.

Town Council budget work sessions are scheduled at Town Hall on Monday, April 13, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, 11 a.m.; Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. Work sessions are open for the public to attend. A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for the May 11 Council meeting.

## Voter Registration Deadline

Monday, April 6 is the last day for Town of Vienna residents to register to vote in the May 5 Town election. Registration is conducted in person at various locations around Fairfax County, or by mail.

For those who are already registered voters, no additional registration is required for the Town election; however, voters should check their registration card to be sure it has their current address. To be eligible to vote in the Town election, a person must be a Vienna resident, at least 18 by election day and a U.S. citizen.

This year, Vienna voters will elect three Town Council members for two-year terms beginning July 1. For more information, call the County General Registrar's Office at 703-222-0776.

## Art Camps for Children

A "Spring Break Art Camp" for children age 6-12 will be held April 6-10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. Children will create art using impressionist styles and techniques. The fee is \$250 for Town of Vienna residents and \$300 for out-of-town participants plus a \$30 materials fee.

The Camp for ages 3-6 is set for April 6-10, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Community Center. The fee is \$150 for town residents and \$180 for out-of-town participants plus a \$30 materials fee.

For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov).

## NEWS



Miss Poppy participants, Lillian Miller, L. Veronika Rosen, Mckenzie Duffy and Makayla Jerez, spoke of the significance of the red poppy at the American Legion Post 180 Dyer-Gunnell center on March 1.



Lillian Miller and Makayla Jerez share a sweet moment.

## 'Poppy Ambassador' Reappointed

### Mckenzie Duffy retains title.

James Madison High School sophomore, Mckenzie Duffy, retained the American Legion's Miss Poppy title for another year. The red poppy, symbolizing America's war dead, is at the center of the national American Legion Miss Poppy competition.

In the Miss Poppy competition, judges rate entrants on their knowledge of the American Legion's poppy campaign and the poem, "In Flanders Fields." The winners are "poppy ambassadors."

"The girls are judged on their costumes, an outfit that complements the poppy; on their project, which is something made of poppies and their recitation of the poem and knowledge of the significance of the red poppy," said Post 180 Auxiliary president, Janet Renner.

Duffy, the 13- to 17-year-old age group winner, advances to the District 17 competition on March 8 in Springfield. Six-year-old Lillian Miller, in a poppy lei, poppy earrings and poppy tiara, was the junior winner, representing the 6- to 12-year-olds. Winners at the district level advance to the state competition and those winners compete in the national one.

In an unofficial presentation, 5-year-old Makayla Jerez and 3-year-old L. Veronika Rosen competed in the newly-created "Tiny Tots" division.

Makayla answered that people wear poppies to "remind us of the soldiers that died," and that the red of the poppy stands for soldiers' blood. She said she entered the competition because she wants "to win."



Three-year-old L. Veronika Rosen was all smiles at the Miss Poppy competition.

Lillian said her mother told her about the Miss Poppy competition and what she had to know. "I didn't say anything, I just did it. I want to win, too," she said.

Veronica, at 3 years old the youngest participant, said that "red is for when you're bleeding."

During her 2008 poppy ambassadorship, Duffy passed out poppies at Rolling Thunder, attended department conferences, and distributed poppies to the squadron the Post 180 Junior Auxiliary adopted in Iraq.

A panel of three judges scored each

child's presentation. Duffy, the honorary junior first vice president, as well as the department's Miss Poppy, joined 17th District, Miss Poppy chair Sherry Lemnah, and Auxiliary member and Town Councilwoman Edythe Kelleher on the judges' panel.

To prepare for the state level competition, district winners create scrapbooks that detail, pictorially, projects the competitors engage in on behalf of the American Legion poppy campaign. It is their scrapbooks of efforts that advance them past the state level.

**"I didn't say anything, I just did it. I want to win, too."**

— Lillian Miller

— DONNA MANZ

# Lifting Every Voice



**David North, director of music for the Mosaic Harmony Community Choir, directs the choir during the annual, 'Lift Every Voice' Choir Festival at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Sunday evening. The choir is based in Oakton and has members from throughout the area.**

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**The St. Francis Episcopal Choir performs during the annual 'Lift Every Voice' Choir Festival at the church on Sunday evening.**

## Facing HIV/AIDS Challenge

Health officials, church communities hold HIV/AIDS Prevention Summit.

BY PAUL D. SHINKMAN  
THE CONNECTION

In an effort to stem the growing pandemic of HIV/AIDS within the African American community, local health officials, clergy from area churches and members of their congregations met Saturday, March 7, at the First Baptist Church of Vienna to discuss revolutionary solutions.

The Fairfax County Department of Health and a newly formed association of local ministers, the Northern Virginia Clergy Council for the Prevention of HIV/AIDS, organized the HIV/AIDS Prevention Faith Summit for Teens and Adults. The event focused on the importance of eliminating the Baptist community's "stigmas" surrounding the disease by encouraging public discourse about sexual activity, contraception and living with infection.

"We need for parents to be more open, the clergy to be more open and the church to be more open," said Rev. Dr. Kenny Smith, pastor of the First Baptist Church and chairman of the Clergy Council, speaking on the recent decision by the Baptist community to cease preaching sexual abstinence only until marriage. "We need to inform [the sexually active] of the consequences without condemning."

"It's thought to be a gay white man's disease," said Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, director of the Fairfax County Department of Health. A featured speaker on Saturday, Addo-Ayensu pointed out that discussion of



**NOVAM member Gail Dixon of Falls Church; Shiloh Baptist Church's Rev. Trevor Gray of McLean; NOVAM Executive Director Carol Jameson of Vienna and NOVAM member Keanna Faircloth of Washington, D.C. passing out information and collecting feedback to plan future initiatives at the summit.**



**Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu at the near podium and Rev. Dr. Kenny Smith at the far pulpit during an open question and answer session.**

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homosexuality in the black church has been considered "taboo."

Addo-Ayensu, originally from Ghana, further explained that in the more than 20 years of HIV prevention, the level of infection within the gay community has leveled off, while it continues to rise sharply with African Americans.

**THOUGH** blacks represent less than 10 percent of the population in Fairfax County, a recent Virginia Department of Health report indicates that they comprise 48 percent of those living with HIV/AIDS in Northern Virginia.

"When we identified the occurrences and growing numbers, it brought out a sense of urgency," said Rev. Dr. Eugene Johnson, moderator of the Northern Virginia Baptist

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supervisors felt political pressure to approve the designs as soon as possible since the federal government had waffled over the past several months about whether it would contribute money to the project.

But fear of losing funding should have been put to rest this week. The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority which will oversee the construction of Dulles Metrorail and the U.S. Department of Transportation signed an agreement that guarantees the project \$900 million in federal funding March 10.

In total, the new "Silver Line" to Dulles, which will also include stations in Loudoun County, is expected to cost over \$5 billion.

"The full funding grant agreement will be signed with us approving these stations or not," said Foust.

**TYSONS EAST**, located at the intersection of Route 123, Scotts Crossing Road and Colshire Drive near the Capital One building, and Tysons West, located on Route 7 at Spring Hill Road near the Rosenthal Honda car dealership, will share a few design elements.

The two stations will both feature pedestrian bridges that allow people to cross over the busy thoroughfares to which they are attached. During the hours that the stations are open, the bridges will be available to pedestrians whether or not they are Metro riders, and require no farecard to use.

The two stations will also have "kiss and ride" facilities, which allow a driver to stop while dropping off or picking up a person from a Metrorail stop.

Some critics have expressed concern that the stations, particularly Tysons West, do not have adequate parking facilities. Both

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# OPINION

# A Million Trees?

Landscape architect, sound walls are small consolation for loss of leafy canopy.

If you've driven on the Beltway lately between McLean and Springfield, you might find some understatement in this week's announcement that VDOT wants "to help mitigate concerns with the tree canopy loss."

Along the 14-mile path of planned HOT-lanes, Fairfax County communities appear to have lost more than two square miles of tree canopy and a million or more trees.

The approval of the construction of "high occupancy toll" lanes along the Beltway via a public private partnership came swiftly, and with little fresh consideration of the impact on local communities. Most local residents became aware of the project as they watched the clear-cutting of mature trees and stands of forests that have sheltered birds and wildlife along the Beltway for decades. Elected officials were also caught by surprise at the extent of the tree clearing and other work.

The project will add two lanes in each direction on 495 between Springfield and McLean,

available free for vehicles with three or more occupants, and by a variable toll for the rest. The contractor, Fluor-Transurban, will keep the toll revenue for 50 years or more to pay for the construction.

VDOT, we're told, will hire a landscape architect to develop landscaping plans in coordination with adjacent communities, "to help mitigate concerns with the tree canopy loss and to take advantage of available green space as the project develops."

The work of the landscape architect and coordinating with local communities should have come before the project began. But better late than never.

See VirginiaHOTLanes.com for more.

— MARY KIMM,

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## Local Culture

This weekend, the Fairfax Symphony will audition Gregory Vajda, 35, as its fifth of six prospective music directors. It's an audition anyone can attend, and offer feedback. The Fairfax Symphony is a local treasure, remarkable in quality and well worth seeing, hearing and supporting.

The Fairfax Symphony is in search of its first new music director in 37 years, choosing six finalists, selected from a pool of 249 applicants.

Vajda will serve as guest conductor this Saturday, March 14, and will speak at a free talk at 7 p.m. before the 8 p.m. concert, with guest soloist Andre Armstrong on piano. The concert will include Liszt, Les Préludes; Bartok, Piano Concerto No. 3; and Schumann, Symphony No. 2 in C Major.

George Mason University's Center for the Arts, 4373 Mason Pond Drive in Fairfax. See [www.FairfaxSymphony.org](http://www.FairfaxSymphony.org). Tickets are available at the door, just come by.

## Traffic Constricts Tysons 'Vision'

BY LAURIE GENEVRO COLE  
VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER  
AND GREATER TYSONS CITIZENS  
COALITION MEMBER

### COMMENTARY

That whooshing you hear is the sound of the air being let out of the Tysons Land Use Task Force's over-inflated "Vision" for massively increasing development density at Tysons Corner. The Vision was punctured by a shot of reality from the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and its consultants, who reported to the County Planning Commission's Tysons Committee that traffic at Tysons would grind to a halt at less than half the 220 million square feet of development that the Task Force would like to see.

I'm paraphrasing the transportation professionals here — they speak in terms only a land-use wonk could love — but the findings are available on-line at: [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/tysons\\_docs/transportationanalysis.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/tysons_docs/transportationanalysis.pdf). And I need to be clear that the report was just that — a report, not a recommendation by the staff or the consultants. It is up to the Planning Commission and ultimately the Board of Supervisors to decide

what the report means for the future of Tysons.

What it should mean is an end to the Task Force's outlandish notions of how much growth Tysons or our region can handle. It is important to know that this report assumed that the functional transportation improvements which the Task Force envisioned at the built-out level of 220 million square feet were funded and constructed — in itself, a big "if." Even so, the analysis shows that at about 83 million square feet of development (twice what is built at Tysons now) the "Level of Service" (LOS) for the road network becomes unacceptable.

The consequences of an LOS below the "acceptable" level are not just the obvious ones: that you and I will spend more time in traffic to get from Point A to Point B; that our air quality will suffer; that the Metro will be yet more crowded. There is a direct economic effect, as stated in the report:

"To help maintain the viability of Tysons relative to other competing activity centers in terms of accessibility, it is desirable to main-

tain an acceptable LOS on the ramps and freeways at Tysons."

That's right — our much vaunted "economic engine" at Tysons could in fact be harmed by cramming in more development than the transportation network can manage. If folks can't get to the stores or offices at Tysons because of congestion, the businesses will simply locate elsewhere. Truly, this would be killing the goose that laid the golden egg.

While it is sorely tempting to indulge in a hearty, "Told ya so!" about the Vision's excessive den-

sity and its impact on us, enough time and money (as much as \$3 million to date) has already been spent on the Task Force's reckless pursuit to pile on growth (and maximize land values) at Tysons. Let's end the madness here and now.

Our representatives on the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors should put aside the grandiose "Vision", and deal with the reality of what is possible, workable and desirable for the future of Tysons. We all have a lot at stake.

### Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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# CRIME

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sustained a minor laceration during the event. He received treatment on the scene by Fairfax County EMS. An 18 year old male of Ware Street in Vienna was then transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and formally charged with Destruction of

Property, Drunk in Public, and Resisting Arrest. He is being held on a \$1000 bond.

**900 Block Ware St., S.W.** March 4, 11:38 p.m. During the investigation of the above event, Officer Ruddy interacted with the second fight participant. During their interaction, she observed signs of impairment and when the individual became

disorderly, he was arrested for Drunk in Public. An 18 year old male of Gary Court in Falls Church, Virginia was transported to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and formally charged with Drunk in Public.

### BAD CHECK CASE

**600 Block Birch St., S.W.** Between Jan. 15 and Feb. 18. A contractor reported that a man on Holmes Drive had written a check to him for some work which had been performed. When the contractor tried to cash the check, he discovered that there were insufficient funds to cover the check. Attempts to reconcile the matter with the issuing party have been fruitless.

### CIVIL CASE

**400 Block Knoll St., N.W.** Feb. 25, 9:18 a.m. A next door neighbor dug several holes in a citizen's yard as part of an ongoing drainage dispute. Both parties were referred to the Town of Vienna Zoning Department for assistance.

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**Dr. Deborah Roudebush of Oakton High School was awarded the 2009 Excellence in Pre-College Physics Teaching Award by the American Association of Physics Teachers.**



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**Junior Michael Shebat of Herndon says AAPT award-winning physics teacher, Dr. Deborah Roudebush, is 'amazing and nice. She does a lot of labs and hands-on stuff, not boring lectures.' Here, Roudebush works with Shebat on a computer-based problem.**



PHOTO BY DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

**Louise Foreman of Vienna, Fairfax Partnership for Youth Board member, and Gina Cocomello of Alternative House in Vienna look over the Santana Moss signed football up for bids at the Partnership's fund raiser at Chima Brazilian Steakhouse on March 3.**

# Teacher Reaps National Award

**Dr. Deborah Roudebush of Oakton High gives life to physics.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**D**r. Deborah Roudebush's Oakton High School physics students describe her in glowing, respectful terms, one calling her "amazing."

The American Association of Physics Teachers [AAPT] agreed.

In late February, AAPT awarded Roudebush the Excellence in Pre-College Physics Teaching Award, which recognizes outstanding achievement in teaching pre-college physics. She will accept the award in July at the summer 2009 meeting in Ann Arbor where she will present a paper and accept a \$3,000 monetary award.

"She has a real passion for what she teaches," said AP physics student, Megan Stangeby of Herndon. "And she really cares about each student as an individual. She goes further than basic understanding and helps us to see the big picture and how it relates to the real world."

Roudebush has taught physics for 25 years, the past two at Oakton High School. Three or four afternoons a week, she offers voluntary study sessions in her classroom, always full, in which students may review homework, do lab work, study for tests, take tests, work on computer-based assignments or simply ask for help from peers and Roudebush. The room is full of chatter as students work independently

or with others. They raise their hands as Roudebush works the room, waiting for her help or instruction.

**"EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE** a year of physics, at least," said Roudebush. "Our society is getting more technological.

"We are facing challenging decisions, such as global climate change and the impending energy crisis when fossil fuels run out. As citizens in a democracy, we need to have a basic understanding of physics principles in order to understand the political choices we'll have to make.

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**— Dr. Deborah Roudebush, award-winning physics teacher**

"I want my government leaders, my corporate leaders and my local business people to understand the choices to make informed decisions."

A professional colleague contacted Roudebush with a request for her curriculum vitae and references, telling her he

wanted to submit her for an award. The documentation was submitted to AAPT last fall, and Roudebush said she had "no idea" what "tier" she was being nominated for. "I was very surprised when I received the highest award they give to a high school teacher," she said.

Oakton High School Principal John Banbury was not surprised. He called Roudebush a "brilliant and gifted educator who makes physics come alive for any student lucky-enough to be in one of her classes."

Dianne Goins, assistant principal in charge of science department, noted that Roudebush is nationally recognized.

"We're really lucky to have her in our science department," she said.

**SENIOR** Raturaj Choudhari plans to major in science in college and finds the environment in the study sessions helpful to his learning process. "Prior to a test, I come here to do my problems," Raturaj said. "They're the ones I probably wouldn't be able to get at home.

"I consult with a friend here first, and a lot of times, that works. But when it doesn't, I go to Dr. Roudebush. Using this work space to get work done is a good idea."

Scott Miller of Herndon, another of Roudebush's AP students, said he was not at all surprised that Roudebush received this award. "She does a good job of relating to

# Good Time for a Good Cause

**Partnership for Youth fills in service gaps.**

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Fairfax Partnership for Youth [FPY] got a dose of Brazilian hospitality when the Tysons Corner Chima hosted the nonprofit's spring fund raiser on March 3. All proceeds from admission and auction went directly to the partnership's treasury.

Almost 12 years ago, the Fairfax County School Board and the Board of Supervisors laid the groundwork for an organization that serves the interests of young people in the county. A coalition of nonprofits, interfaith groups and businesses the FPY's mission is to bring "the community together to reduce youth violence and promote positive youth development."

"Our objective is to identify where there are gaps in services and bring the community together to close those gaps," said Le-Ha Anderson, FPY president. Anderson works for Dominion Power as manager for media and community relations. Dominion and TCI each offered a \$5,000 matching grant to FPY, and Cox Communications offered a \$2,500 matching grant. Those companies, up to their maximum, match donations of \$100 and higher made to the Fairfax Partnership for Youth.

**"THE BOARD** of Supervisors and the School Board recognize there is a gap in

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**BULLETIN BOARD**

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**SATURDAY/MARCH 14**

**Auto Awareness for Women.** 9:30-11:30 a.m., Billy Weber Tire, 303 Mill Street N.E., Vienna. An auto mechanic will teach you how to perform basic maintenance on automobiles. \$45/person; \$35/Center Circle Donors. Go to [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) or call 703-281-2657 to register.

**Keeping a Journal.** 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Hilary Casaretto, LCSW, will teach specific journaling techniques which allow for self-exploration. \$100/person; \$85/Center Circle Donors. Go to [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) or call 703-281-2657 to register.

**Leadership Conference.** 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., McLean Hilton, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean. The Women's Center will host its 23rd annual Leadership Conference entitled "The Power to Transform." This event connects women leaders and business professionals. \$150/Center Members; \$175/Non Members. Visit [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) to register.

**TUESDAY/MARCH 17**

**Oakton Mill Estates HOA.** 7 p.m., Conference Room of the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of Oakton Mill Estates Homeowners Association will take place. Call Bill Bogutski, Secretary of Oakton Mill Estates Homeowners Association at 703-242-6395.



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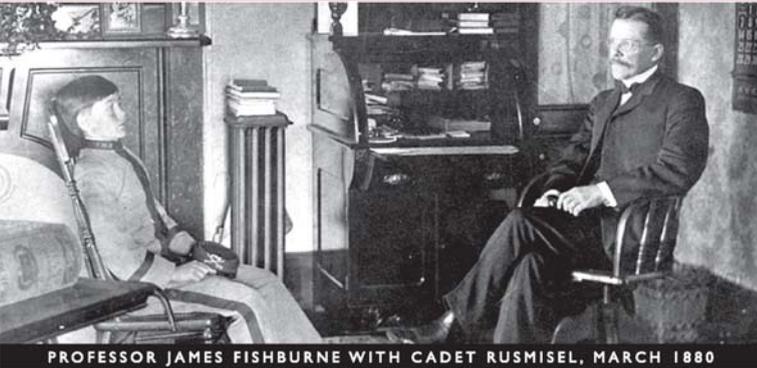
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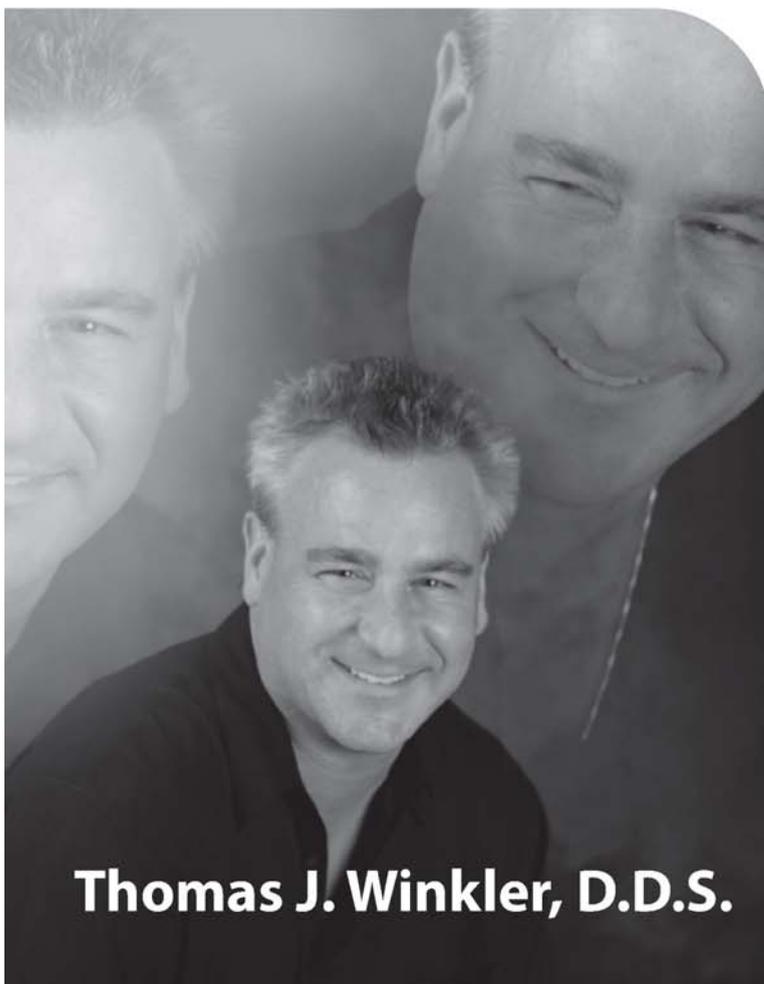
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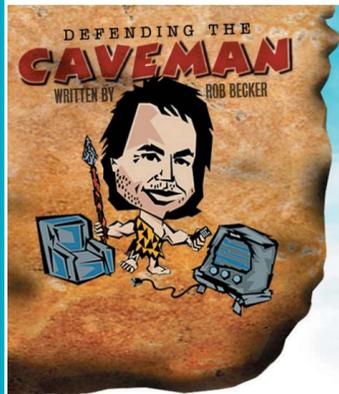
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## COMMUNITY



David Patterson deals cards to Joan Fletcher, Jan Simone and Jim Goodridge.

# Casino Night Hits Vienna

## Chamber of Commerce Mardi Gras party features gaming, food and music.

Three African safaris for parties of two, meal and luxury lodging included, went for \$2,400 each; four VIP viewing stand tickets for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York went for \$600; and a diamond necklace, valued at \$1,300, went to the highest bidder for \$600.

And that was just the live auction at the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce [VTRCC] annual Mardi Gras Casino Night and Taste of the Town, which took place Saturday, March 7 at Westwood Country Club.

"It's fantastic," said Cheree Warrick, a first time Casino Night guest. "It's a chance to gamble and to meet people. I think, for me, after hearing all the doom and gloom, coming in here and feeling the energy of all of these business owners makes me very positive."

Joan Fletcher, past VTRCC Board Chairman and principal, Winning Ways, said an event like Casino Night is better than a typical networking meeting because "when you're sitting at a gaming table, talking with others sitting there with you, you get to network with

them for a long time" in a social situation.

Donors contributed enough raffle prizes to fill 79 themed gift baskets, each worth approximately \$300. Silent auction items counted diversity from a signed Caps hockey stick to dinner and spa certificates.

"This is a great place to have a good time and contribute to a good community cause, too," said Howard Springsteen, a candidate for the Vienna Town Council election coming this May.

Guests cheered at big wins at gaming tables, sampled skewered meats, filet mignon canapés, chili dogs, and just about any kind of ethnic cuisine in between, enjoyed cocktails served with glowing stirrers and sported Carnival beads and masks. Most of the guests knew one another from the Chamber or through Vienna community participation.

"This is a lot of fun," said Brenda Hoffman, an out-of-town guest. "The music is great, the crowd is having such a good time."

"I'm happy I came."

— DONNA MANZ



State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) stops by a Blackjack table to say hello to Sharon and Roy Baldwin. Baldwin, a Vienna attorney, is running in the Democratic primary for 35th District delegate.

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Mayor M. Jane Seeman with Town Council candidate Howard Springsteen, Ann Driscoll, Town Council member and 35th District primary candidate Edythe Kelleher, Melissa Maillett, Rachel Liu, Town Council candidate Laurie Dirocco and Barbara Franklin.



Bing Earman deals at the Earman Family and Long & Foster table.

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### WEDNESDAY/MARCH 11

**Rude Buddha and Ballyhoo**, 9 p.m. show at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m. at the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers every Wednesday. Adults. 703-242-4020.

**Financial Discussion Group**, 7:15 p.m. at the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Discuss financial market conditions and macroeconomic issues. Adults. 703-242-4020.

**The Art of Conversation**, 7-9 p.m., The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Rashmi Nair-Ripley, Ontological Coach will introduce how the body, emotions and inner language drive communication and behavior. To register go to [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) or call 703-281-2657.

### THURSDAY/MARCH 12

**Steve Moakler (full band), Gabe Vitech and the Ivory**, 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 10 advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Lunch Bunnies**, 11 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Bring a snack and enjoy stories and songs. Age 1-5 with adult. 703-938-0405.

**Game-On Teen Tech Week Edition**, 7 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. A special Game On just for teens. Age 12-18. 703-938-0405.

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### FRIDAY/MARCH 13

**Family Skate Nights**, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. \$1 per skater; bring your own skates and safety equipment.

**Martyn Vidnovic: What Matters to Me**, 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$25. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

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**English Conversation**, 10 a.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Group for non-native English speakers. Adults. 703-938-0405.

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**The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe**, 7:30 p.m., Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Watch local talent present this classic story. To purchase tickets, stop by the Alden Theatre Box Office, call 703-573-573-SEAT or visit [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

### SATURDAY/MARCH 14

**Tom Rush**. Folk singer/songwriter. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$30. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**The Harlem Globetrotters**, 7:30 p.m. at the George Mason Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets

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**Auto Awareness for Women**, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Billy Weber Tire, 303 Mill St., N.E., Vienna. \$45 non-members, \$35 members. This class will give the confidence needed to keep a car running smoothly and safely. Register at [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) or 703-281-2657.

**Journaling for Well Being**, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. \$100 non-members, \$85 members. Participants are welcome to bring a bag lunch. Register at [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) or 703-281-2657.

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**Celtic Celebration**, 6 p.m., Christ Crossman United Methodist Church, 384 N. Washington St., Falls Church. The World Children's Choir celebrates its 19th anniversary with a Celtic Celebration with music, food and a silent auction. Guests are encouraged to wear national costumes. Tickets: \$20/adults, \$15/seniors and students, \$10/children. Call 703-883-0920 or visit [www.worldchildrenschoir.org](http://www.worldchildrenschoir.org) or [info@worldchildrenschoir.org](mailto:info@worldchildrenschoir.org) to purchase tickets.

**Shakespeare Troupe**, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m., Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, 6560 Braddock Road, Alexandria. The school's Shakespeare Troupe will be holding its annual "Shakespeareance." Children grades 1-8 can experience Shakespeare through acting games and a tour of the inner workings and technical aspects of theater. To participate in Shakespeareance, students must register online at [arts.tjhsst.edu/troupe/](http://arts.tjhsst.edu/troupe/) by clicking "Register here!" under "Shakespeareance 2009."

**Pruning Demonstration**, 10 a.m., Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Horticulturist Laurie Short will teach how and when to prune and the proper tools to use. Demonstration will include removal of dead, damaged and diseased wood. Free. Call 703-255-3631.

### SUNDAY/MARCH 15

**Hawaiian Treasures Celebration Tour 2009**. With Richard Ho'opi'i, Dennis Kamakahi and George Kahumoku. 7:30 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**Pete Francis (from Dispatch) featuring Barefoot Truth and Ammar Malik**, 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**McLean Orchestra 'Great Awakenings'**, 8 p.m. at the Oakcrest School, 850 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Music from Handel, Haydn, Schaubert, Chaminade and Wagner. 703-893-8654 or [info@mclean-orchestra.org](mailto:info@mclean-orchestra.org).

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**Vajrayogini Buddhist Center** offers ongoing classes on meditation and Buddhist philosophy, Mondays at 7 p.m. at Unity of Fairfax, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. \$10 per class. 202-331-2122 or [www.meditation-dc.org](http://www.meditation-dc.org).

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

## Location Still Questioned

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"bookend" stations will bump up against large residential communities but Vienna and McLean citizens could be deterred from using the new Metro stations if they don't have easy access to parking, said Mark Zetts, of the McLean Citizens Association.

**FOUST** and Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully) also raised some additional concerns about the construction of the Tysons East station in a flood plain and environmentally sensitive area.

There is a general prohibition on building in a flood plain but the government grants exceptions for railroads, streets and some other public amenities. Though the area is sensitive, the county chose to put the Metrorail station in that location because it can

handle a high level of traffic, said officials.

"It sort of amazes me that the attitude is we are going to put it into a flood plain because we can ... It frustrates me in all instances where the county treats itself differently than the private sector. If a developer had proposed to build something major in this flood plain, we would have objected," said Frey, but ended up supporting the station design.

"It won't be the state that approves putting this station into a flood zone, it will be us," said Foust.

Foust also worried the supervisors had ceded too much control of the project to the contractors and others when they approved the stations' plans.

"I think this is the last time the board will get to see this massive project ... We should have more say about the final product that comes out of this process," said Foust.

## Summit Tailors Prevention Initiatives

FROM PAGE 5

Association and another member of the Clergy Council. "Despite the health department's efforts, the message was not effective in the black community. It required an immediate response."

This new dialogue between the health department and local ministers eventually led to the formation of the Northern Virginia-wide Clergy Council and, after 14 months of preparation, Saturday's event.

Volunteers from many local HIV prevention and care organizations, including the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM) and George Mason University's School of Nursing, also attended the summit to provide supplemental information.

After listening to a series of speakers dispelling myths about HIV/AIDS transmission and living with the ailment, those in attendance Saturday divided into a group of adults and of teenagers, where organizers led more intimate discussions.

Following a question and answer session led by Addo-Ayenu, the adults group heard local resident and NOVAM member Bernard Jackson recount how he unknowingly contracted HIV from his wife, whose ex-husband had been having clandestine sexual relationships. She eventually died from the illness.

**BALTIMORE-BASED** awareness group Sisters Together and Reaching (STAR) led the teens in a series of role-playing activities to demonstrate how easily and quickly HIV/AIDS can be spread. They then watched and discussed a BET produced video that further emphasized the prevalence of the disease.

"It was really interesting," said Chantilly resident Jessica Johnson, a student at Notre Dame Academy. "I learned a lot."

The summit provided the HIV/AIDS organizations with important feedback from attendees, which will be used to tailor future prevention initiatives.

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## MONDAY/MARCH 16

### Mishka and The Dirty Heads.

Reggae/roots. 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

**Bedtime Stories**, 7 p.m. at the Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. Stories to end the day. All ages. 703-356-0770.

**Just Us Girls**, 7 p.m. at the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Mother-daughter book discussion. Counting on Grace by Elizabeth Winthrop. Age 9-12. 703-242-4020.

**Game-On Afternoon Edition**, 3:30 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Wii Mario Kart Tournament. Prizes and snacks provided. Age 6-16. 703-938-0405.

**Edsall Road** at the Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

## TUESDAY/MARCH 17

**Josh Hoge, Curtis Peoples and Ernie Halter**, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

**Celebrating Nowruz, the Iranian New Year**, 6 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. To welcome the coming of the Iranian New Year, this program highlights the traditional festivities held on Chaharshanbeh Suri, the last Tuesday night of the old year. All Ages. 703-938-0405.

**Spring Has Sprung**, 11 a.m. at the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Stories and activities

about spring. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-242-4020.

**Printmaking Workshop**, 4 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Explore printmaking: mono-prints, relief prints, vegetable prints. Age 7-12. 703-938-0405.

**Family Abuse: Legal Aspects**, 10 a.m. at the Women's Center, 127 Park St., NE, Vienna. \$55 non-members, \$45 members. Registration required, no walk-ins. Reduced fees available based on financial need. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

**Celtic Fusion and the Flying Cows of Ventry**, at the Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600.

**St. Patrick's Day Party for Teens**. 4-6:30 p.m., Club Phoenix Teen Center, located in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. Sixth, seventh and eighth graders are invited to wear green and enjoy food, games and contests. Free. Call 703-255-6360 or visit www.vienna.gov.

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 18

**Sonia & disappear fear**. Eclectic world music. 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$18. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**Dave Barnes and Gabe Dixon Band**, 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15 advance, \$18 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

**English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m. at the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020.

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# SPORTS

# All-Connection Basketball Teams

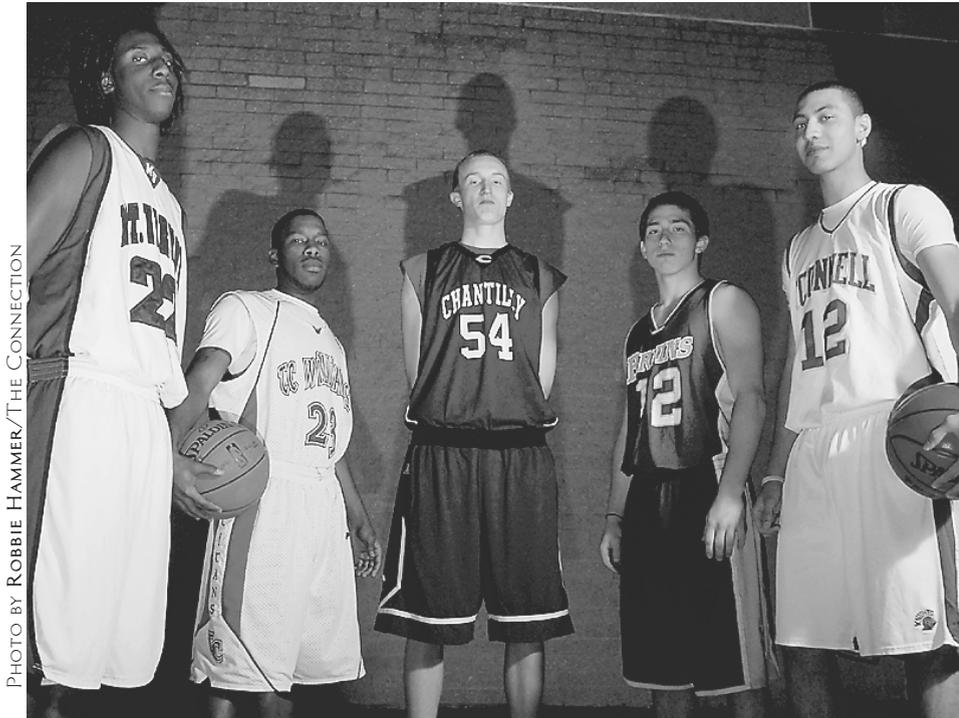


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**First-team All-Connection boys' selections include: (from left to right) Skylar Jones (Mount Vernon), Edward Jenkins (T.C. Williams), John Manning (Chantilly), Dominic Morra (Lake Braddock) and Kendall Marshall (O'Connell).**

**First-team All-Connection girls' selections include: (from left to right) Shelby Romine (Westfield), Myisha Goodwin (Edison), Tracy King (Mount Vernon), Tierra Ruffin-Pratt (T.C. Williams) and Erin McGartland (Oakton).**

## Boys' First Team

SKYLAR JONES — MOUNT VERNON	19 PPG	9 RPG	1 BPG
KENDALL MARSHALL — O'CONNELL	16 PPG	8 APG	7 RPG
DOMINIC MORRA — LAKE BRADDOCK	30 PPG	7 RPG	3 SPG
EDWARD JENKINS — T.C. WILLIAMS	21 PPG	5 APG	3 RPG
JOHN MANNING — CHANTILLY	13 PPG	10 RPG	3.5 BPG

## Girls' First Team

TIERRA-RUFFIN PRATT — T.C. WILLIAMS	18.5 PPG	14.5 RPG	4.5 APG
SHELBY ROMINE — WESTFIELD	16.5 PPG	4.5 RPG	4 APG
TRACY KING — MOUNT VERNON	19.1 APG	8.3 RPG	3.4 SPG
MYISHA GOODWIN — EDISON	25 PPG	5 APG	7 SPG
ERIN MCGARTLAND — OAKTON	11.7 PPG	8.2 RPG	2 APG

## Boys' Coach of the Year

JULIAN KING  
T.C. WILLIAMS

## Boys' Player of the Year

EDWARD JENKINS  
T.C. WILLIAMS

## Girls' Player of the Year

TIERRA RUFFIN-PRATT  
T.C. WILLIAMS

## Girls' Coach of the Year

FRED PRIESTER  
OAKTON

## Second Team

T.J. WILSON — HAYFIELD  
GIVEN KALIPINDE — EPISCOPAL  
FRANK HOLLOWAY JR. — LEE  
STEPHEN STEPKA — W.T. WOODSON  
CHRIS KEARNEY — WESTFIELD

**Honorable Mention**  
Warren Denny (Centreville)  
Simon Kilday (Yorktown)  
Derek Baker (Langley)  
Will Clarkson (Madison)  
Isaac Johnson (Herndon)  
Erick Green (Paul VI)  
Justin May (Chantilly)  
Travis Williams (South Lakes)

## Second Team

SIMONE ANTWI — SOUTH COUNTY  
SAM LANDERS — WEST SPRINGFIELD  
JALINDA VENABLE — MOUNT VERNON  
PRISCILLA MOSEH — LEE  
LAUREN BURFORD — FAIRFAX

**Honorable Mention**  
Melissa Gallo (W.T. Woodson)  
LaNia Charity (Yorktown)  
Danielle Williams (St. Stephen's/St. Agnes)  
Khalia Boston (T.C. Williams)  
Audrey Dotson (Langley)  
Sam Partonen (Robinson)  
Danielle Landry (Madison)  
Kelcyn Manurs (South Lakes)

Welcome to the 2008-09 All-Connection basketball issue. In this special section, the Connection's sports department honors the best and brightest on this year's Northern Virginia hoops scene. For a complete look at this year's basketball landscape, check out [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com). Special thanks to Lawrence Foong, Robbie Hammer, Louise Krafft and Craig Sterbutzel.

## SPORTS

# Perfect Season Continues for Oakton Girls

## Cougars pounce on Atlee in first round state playoff win.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**N**ot surprisingly, the Oakton High girls' basketball team found itself in its usual, early game deficit when it met Atlee High (Mechanicsville) in a state AAA quarterfinals playoff contest Saturday evening, March 7 at Robinson Secondary.

Not surprisingly, the Cougars came storming back for an easy 74-45 blowout victory. With the win, unbeaten Oakton (29-0), which has made it a habit in recent weeks to come from behind to win crucial postseason games, was set to move on to Wednesday's semifinals game versus Norfolk's Lake Taylor of the Eastern Region. That contest, which took place after press time, was set to be played at Virginia Commonwealth University's Siegel Center in Richmond.

In defeating T.C. Williams for the Northern Region title last week, Oakton overcame an 11-point deficit in the first half. Prior to that, the Cougars, after trailing by 19 points in the first quarter, defeated Mount Vernon in the region semifinals.

Against Atlee (24-5), in the first round state playoff game, Oakton fell behind 15-8 in the first quarter. But the Cougars, who are coached by Fred Priester, then went on a 12-0 spurt going into the second quarter to go ahead 20-15. Another Oakton flurry of points came over the final five minutes of the first half when the Cougars, after Atlee had tied the game at 22-22, went on a 16-6 spell to take a 38-28 halftime lead.



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

**Oakton's Erin McGartland, dribbling the ball as an Atlee player defends, finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds against the Raiders.**

The Raiders, who had looked terrific early on in building its short-lived lead, were no match for Oakton in the second half, falling behind by 21 points (58-37) after three quarters and going on to lose by 29 points.

"I think we took the life out of them," said Oakton freshmen guard Caroline Coyer, last week's region tournament MVP who scored a game-high 21 points in the Atlee game. "They're probably a better team than that. As the game went on, our confidence boosted and we were hitting more shots."

Oakton outscored Atlee, 22-13, in the decisive second quarter. Coyer scored seven points in the stanza.

"Coach [Priester] was like, 'Come on, let's put this thing together,'" said Oakton senior Brianna Johnson, recalling the coach's pep talk encouraging his team to break open a close game in the second quarter. "There comes a point where you have to stretch the lead. We worked real hard as a team."

**OAKTON DOMINATED** Atlee (Central Region) both inside and outside the paint. The Cougars connected on nine, three-point shots to the Raiders' four. Inside the paint, Oakton out-rebounded Atlee, 33-14, and scored on numerous hard drives to the basket.

"We ran our offense real well and we were dropping our shots," said Oakton senior guard Sasha Borojeni (4 points). "We have a bunch of people who are such [scoring] threats; it's so hard for people to guard us."

Defensively, Oakton was hurt early on by the prolific play of Atlee senior guard Sydney Henderson, who scorched the Cougars for 13 points, including three treys, in the first quarter. But after that, Henderson (15 points) was limited to two second half free throws.

"I thought our defense played real well," said Borojeni. "We were [each] stopping our kids."

Coyer nailed three, 3-pointers on way to her big game, and sophomore shooting guard Zora Stephenson, a self-described streaky shooter, nailed four treys on way to 18 points. Also in double digit scoring for Oakton was senior forward Erin McGartland, who scored 13 points, many of those points coming from the inside, while also pulling down a game-high 11 rebounds. Other good contributions came from freshmen guard Katherine Coyer (6 points, 7 rebounds) and Johnson (6 points).

McGartland, a First Team member of The Connection's All-District Team, said it is wonderful being on a team where so many different people can pick up the scoring load.

"Everyone on the floor can score," she said. "It's awesome. I can really count on every single girl on our team."

It has been quite a dramatic turnaround season for Oakton. A year ago, the Cougars struggled to run the floor. They were

Concorde District champions, but saw their season end with a first round region playoff loss to Annandale.

"We didn't run a fast break last year," said McGartland. "This year, we run the fast break and we go for the ball with pressure defense. It's a 360 change from last year."

Oakton is making its second trip in three years to the state semifinals. Two years ago, the Cougars, behind region star Jasmine Thomas, made it to the state's round of four. Now, the Cougars are back making another run at states.

"Two years ago, I was the youngest kid on the team," said Borojeni, with a laugh. "I was a sophomore then and watched that great Jasmine-[led] team. Now, I'm the oldest [player on the team]."

**"I thought our defense played real well. We were each stopping our kids."**

— Oakton Senior Guard  
Sasha Borojeni

Borojeni, McGartland and Johnson are team tri-captains this season and have provided outstanding leadership to an unbeaten team that has a good blend of seniors (5), juniors (2), sophomores (2) and freshmen (2).

"I think [going to states] is a great experience for our [younger players] and our seniors," said Johnson.

"We knew we would be good coming in [to the season]," said McGartland. "But I never thought we would be this good."

## Oakton's McGartland Leads by Example, Play

### Cougar senior earns First Team All-Connection distinction.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**wo representatives from both Oakton and Madison High Schools have been recognized on the All-Connection Newspaper basketball teams.

The Oakton High girls are represented by head coach Fred Priester, who has led the Cougars to the state AAA semifinals with a perfect 29-0 record, and senior standout player Erin McGartland, one of the more versatile players in the Northern Region. Priester was named The Connection Girls' Coach of the Year, while McGartland was named to the

First Team All-Connection girls' squad.

Meanwhile, from Madison, Will Clarkson made Honorable Mention on the All-Connection boys' team and Danielle Landry made Honorable Mention on the girls' team.

A forward, Landry averaged nine points and nine rebounds per game for the 13-12 Warhawks. She played outstanding defense and earned First Team All-District honors. Following the Warhawks' district tournament finals win over Langley, Landry, who scored 11 points against the Saxons, was named the tournament MVP.

"She's just a workhorse and she's

all over the court," said coach Roberts, of Landry. "She plays forward, but sometimes she has to bring the ball down the court. She is almost always our leading rebounder. She's 5-foot-10 going against girls who are 6-3. She's pretty much our senior leader."

Meanwhile, the Madison boys, who were unbeaten at home this season, were led by First Team All-District player Clarkson, a senior post player who excelled as a defensive player while also averaging 19 points per game and shooting an uncanny 62 percent from the field.

"He's a post player that can score as a guard," said Madison coach Chris Kuhblank. "Will does everything. He draws charges, blocks shots, rebounds and scores inside and outside."

**OAKTON'S GIRLS** have a fabulous leader and all-around player in McGartland, a 5-8 forward who excels both inside and away from the paint.

"She's a do-everything player," said Priester. "She can shoot the three and has solid post-up skills. She's very intelligent and knows every position on the floor."

A team tri-captain, McGartland averaged 12 points and 10 rebounds per game this season. She earned MVP honors following Oakton's Concorde District tournament finals win over Westfield. McGartland scored 16 points and pulled down nine rebounds in Oakton's Northern Region title game win over T.C. Williams last week. In postgame ceremonies, she was named to the seven-member all-tournament team.

Her unselfish, team-first mindset

has set the tone for the Cougars' success this season.

"Erin is without a question our best leader," said Priester.

Priester earned The Connection's Coach of the Year accolades because of his ability this season to blend his team's experienced and new players into a cohesive winner. The Cougars have been playing their best basketball in recent weeks during the postseason, running the court when it can and also playing a solid half court game in which movement without the ball and crisp, fundamental passing has led to high percentage shots and open three-point looks.

Oakton's region title game win over T.C. last week was the program's third in nine years under Priester, one of the region's best-ever girls' basketball coaches.

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## NEWS

# Oakton Teacher Receives National Honor

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the kids and finding ways of relating the material so we can understand it," he said.

Lila Adair, Awards Committee Chair, said Roudebush, one of five finalists, was chosen for many reasons. "Deborah is an outstanding high school teacher who has demonstrated her excellent skills in the classroom as well as outside. She has been providing teacher workshops and making presentations for many years." Adair includes, as notable examples of Roudebush's achievements, Roudebush's role as an AAPT Physics Teaching Resource Agent since 1992, participation in National Academy of Sciences since 2004 and the College Board AP Physics Redesign Commission, and she has been recognized as a Presidential Awardee for Excellence in Science Teaching in 2001.

"I have known Deborah personally for many years and have even been in some of her workshops," said Adair. "She is personable, enthusiastic, motivating and, obviously, loves physics. She is a great role model for all physics teachers, especially women. She embodies the spirit of AAPT."

Roudebush is modest about her accomplishments and accolades. "I don't think what I do is special," she said. "I think one of the most important things

**"[She] helps us to see the big picture and how it relates to the real world."**

— Megan Stangeby,  
AP physics student

is that I truly enjoy teenagers and I think of them all as individuals. I challenge the kids to take responsibility for their own learning.

"To me, physics in high school is learning the process of developing models for how the physical world works, based on the evidence."

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## A Scale of Two Weights



By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," there were euphoric highs, there were abysmal lows, there were numbers I thought I'd never see, there were other numbers I was tired of seeing. Overall, I've had a Dickens of a time finding the proper balance between diet and exercise, risk and reward, pain and pleasure, finding clothes that fit and throwing a fit when clothes couldn't be found.

As a former shopper in the "Husky Department" in some of Boston's finest department stores (at least when I was younger): Jordon Marsh, Filene's and Kennedy's, I know all too well the frustration and disappointment the effect one's over-weight can have on their appearance and disposition. Every year that I went clothes-shopping with my mother, from childhood through adolescence, it was the same story; only the specific sizes, colors, styles, etc. changed. And though I never had great expectations that one day, one of these visits to downtown Boston wouldn't consume an entire day and/or that I wouldn't experience excruciating anxiety during the entire ordeal, still, I had hope that something would fit on the first try, anything, even if it were just the shoes.

Occasionally, something did fit, but more often than not, it was socks or underwear. Most everything else — pants, shirts, sweaters, sport coats, jackets — had to be tried on, then taken off, then another size selected, then that other size tried on, then taken off, and on and on. My dressing room would always be littered with the clothes that didn't make the fit. Pants were hanging on a hook, shirts and sweaters were piled on the bench, pins and needles and cardboard and plastic wrapping from the items I opened were scattered about like Halloween candy the morning after, except that there would be no inspection of this haul.

This haul was going nowhere, at least, nowhere with me. It had not made the cut, or more specifically, couldn't make it over my hips or around my stomach or over my shoulders. Either it was to be seen and approved by my mother and thus considered for a ride home and a place in my closet — ultimately to be worn and seen at school where occasionally a discouraging word was heard — or it would never be seen or heard from again. The reality was, when you're young and not exactly "a perfect 36," clothes don't exactly make the man, they embarrass and humiliate the man.

If I were to characterize my clothes-shopping in the past, my clothes-shopping in the present and my likely clothes-shopping in the future, my emotions would run the gamut from the sublime to the ridiculous with a few stops in between for apathy and indigestion. I don't really see how it could have been (continues to be) any different though. It's my body, it's my eating habits, it's my choice. I have no one to blame but myself but also I have nothing to fear. So far I'm healthy (relatively speaking), but unfortunately not wealthy.

A little extra weight never hurt anyone. The question is, how much is a little? Don't ask my wife, Dina, we don't exactly agree; so what else is new?

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services to County youth," said Linda Eatmon-Jones of Vienna and FPY's executive director. "We're the voice of the youth in the community. When we identify those gaps, we can convene organizations that can help. Many may not know they are in a position to help."

Eatmon-Jones cites the partnership's "support on-suspension" program, which provides a safe, central site for students suspended from school. Volunteers supervise the students, and they pick up schoolwork from the school if necessary.

Partnership services follow the county school clusters. The local on-suspension program, which takes place at the Reston Community Center, pulls from Madison, Oakton, South Lakes and Marshall high schools.

"We do all youth development," said Eatmon-Jones. "Data from the County tells us what the issues are. One county

high school had four suicides last year, and the data tells us that 31 percent of county students report episodes of depression."

Louise Foreman of Vienna, a partnership board member, is no stranger to humanitarian outreach. She became involved with FPY because she believes in its mission of "promoting positive youth development and opportunities."

"Fairfax County is very affluent," Foreman said. "However, not all of our youth population has the same opportunities. Some of the issues the partnership is involved in are germane to all of our young people, such as mentoring, youth depression and gang prevention."

Gary Davis, a fund raiser guest and trial lawyer with an office in McLean, said he sees "a lot of the kids who fall through the system," and believed in the value of intervening before they find their way into the courts.

"This is an absolutely marvelous event," said Davis. "It's for such a good cause. These people really work hard on these programs."

"It's going to be really hard to get money in the future as budgets tighten. I'm hoping private individuals step in and fill the gaps."

**THE \$25 TICKET** was all-inclusive. Authentically-clad samba dancers from Rio de Janeiro posed with guests who sipped caipirinhas, snacked on authentic Brazilian meats and appetizers and took home mini-goody bags. A dozen donated items, including an autographed Santana Moss football, went up for bids at the silent auction. Chima Brazilian Steakhouse donated



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**Rebecca Diamond of Chima, Board member Louise Foreman and Executive Director Linda Eatmon-Jones are photographed with Carnevale samba dancers.**

the food and provided the wait staff gratis.

Hosting receptions free of charge to non-profit organizations as an arm of Chima's community outreach was the brainchild of Vienna's Rebecca Diamond, Chima marketing director. Diamond, active in the Vienna-Tyson's Regional Chamber of Commerce, as well, chaired the Vienna Halloween Parade Committee and VTRCC's annual casino night.

"All the Chimas in the U.S. are onboard this program," said Diamond. "We host a nonprofit in each restaurant every month. In April, our Chima has two."

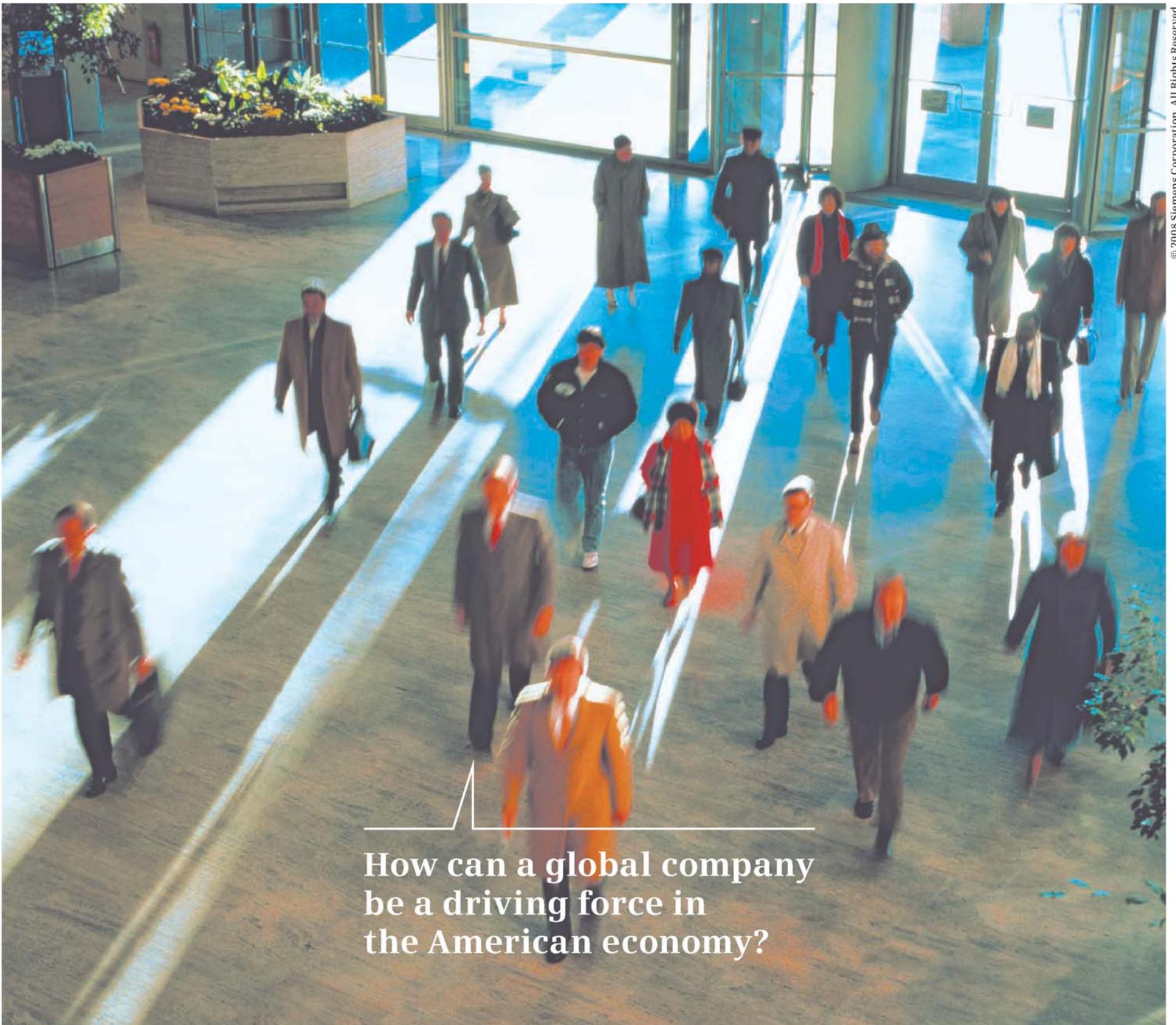
"It's important for businesses to give back to the community," Diamond said. "Businesses want and expect consumers to use their products and services. That expectation is pretty high. You have to give back if you're going to take."

"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Chima values the community it lives in."

**ANDERSON REPORTS** that the event, including registration fee, silent auction and donations, brought in just over \$4,000. The matching challenge continues up to March 13 and donors may contribute at www.fairfaxyouth.org. Minimum donation that would be matched is \$100, but contributions in any amount are welcomed.

"We're about serving the community," said Anderson. "The truth is we have a budget shortfall. We have to bring people together to find creative ways of raising money to supplement the budget provision."

See www.fairfaxyouth.org for further information and to contribute.



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