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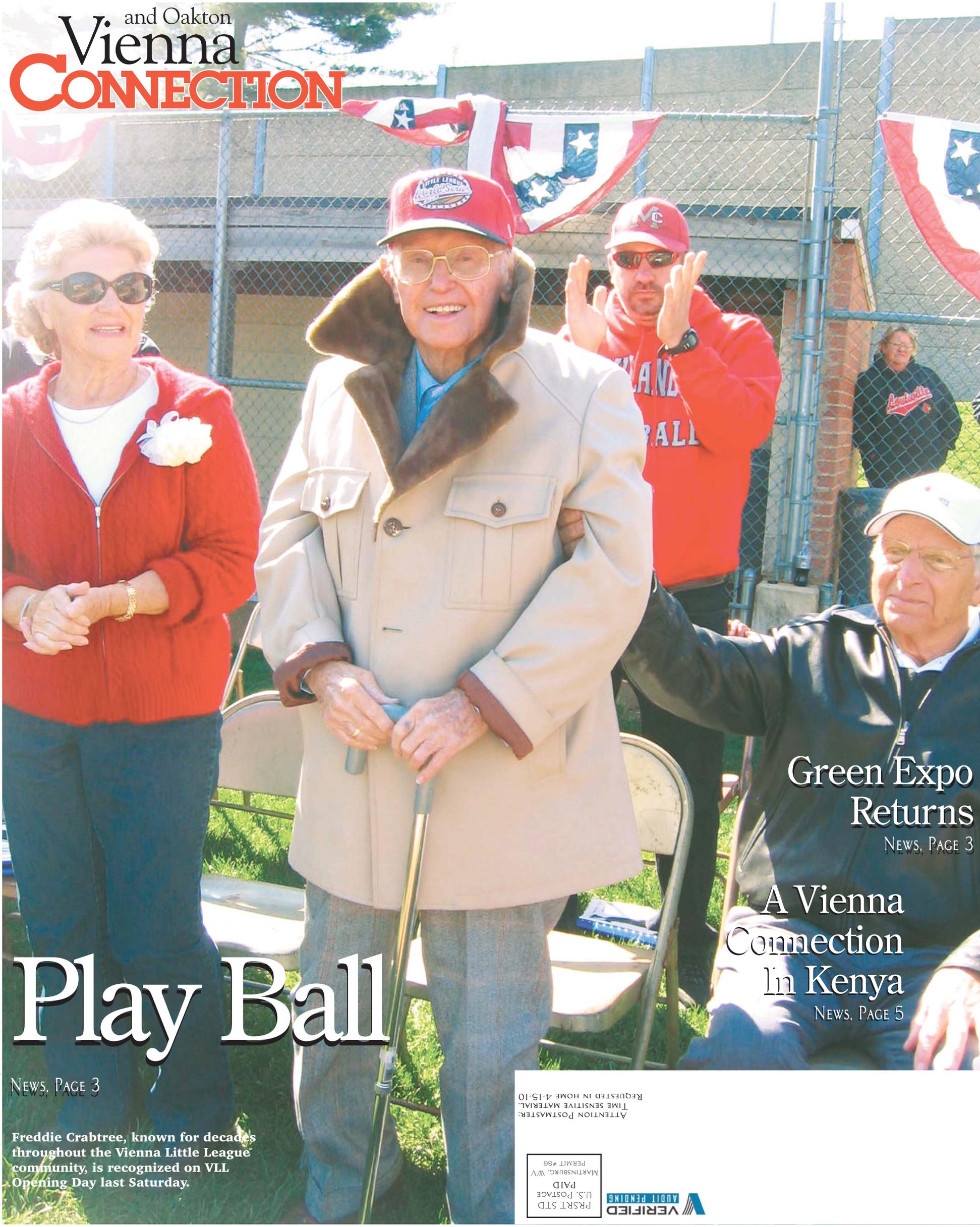


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Madeline Pelgrim

**Oakton Teen
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Madeline Pelgrim took home top honors when she was crowned the 2010 Miss Greater Springfield's Outstanding Teen on January 2010 in Springfield. Madeline's talent was a lyrical acro routine performed to "Slow Me Down" by Emmy Rossum.

Madeline will be representing Springfield when she will compete for the title of Miss Virginia's Outstanding Teen in Roanoke in June.

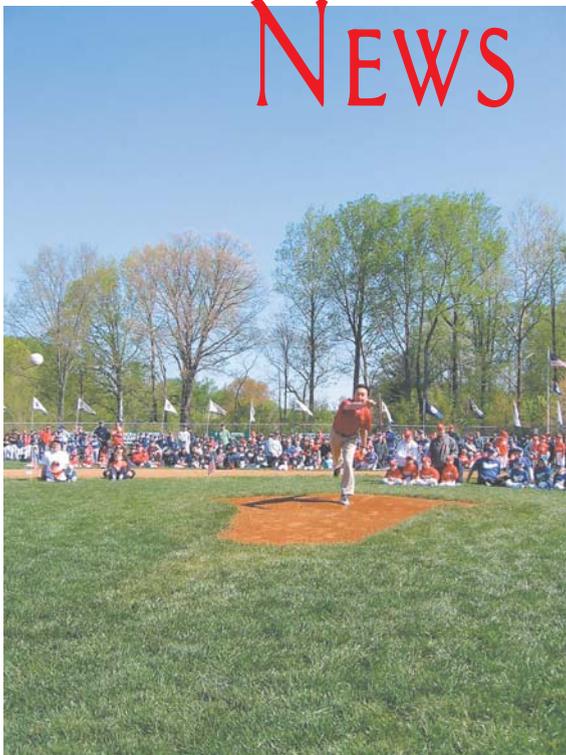
Madeline, 13, hails from Oakton, and is in the seventh grade at Rachel Carson Middle School. Madeline is an active participant in the Advance Women's Choir and has already been accepted in the Advanced Drama Class in the fall.

Madeline has always been active in her community. She has spent countless hours helping both people and animals in need. She serves as a foster parent for cats and kittens through Lost Dogs and Cats Rescue Foundation. Most recently, she founded "Maddie's Blankets" a non-profit organization that makes and distributes blankets for children in foster care and transitional housing as well as for animals in adoption facilities across the state of Virginia (www.maddiesblankets.org). After completing high school, she intends to pursue her passion for helping animals and others by going on to college to become a pediatric oncologist.

In her spare time, Madeline loves studying dance, singing, scuba diving, horseback riding and traveling.

"The Miss Greater Springfield program has helped me to grow as young woman over the past few months and I can't wait to represent this program and area at the Miss Virginia contest," said Madeline.

NEWS



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Del. Mark Keam (D-35) throws out one of seven ceremonial pitches.

Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) winds up his arm for one of the ceremonial first pitches.

Play Ball

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Professional baseball threw out but one ceremonial pitch on Opening Day – OK, it was the president of the United States throwing it – but Vienna Little League (VLL) threw out seven ceremonial pitches to kick off the 2010 Vienna Little League baseball season. A gathering of 2,000 people celebrated Opening Day under the bluest of skies at Yeonas Park on April 10.

“Vienna Little League is special because it serves as an anchor to families and the businesses that support our teams,” said VLL coach and Opening Day emcee, Peter Paradis. “It provides a sense of community.”

VLL has grown to three leagues made up of 100 teams and 1,200 youngsters aged 5-12. Five-year-olds begin their Little League careers in T-ball, advance to “rookie,” then go through the divisions up through the majors. T-ball player

“It (VLL) serves as an anchor to families and the businesses that support our teams.”

— Coach Peter Paradis

Andrew Nayak said he likes hitting the ball with his bat. And chewing gum, too.

Vienna’s Challenger division focuses on inclusion of children with a wide range of physical and learning disabilities. Vienna Little League also offers a program in which members of other teams train Challenger players, rather than adult coaches and managers. Volunteers from local high schools are working with the participants in the Challenger program.

Mr. Vienna Little League himself, Freddie Crabtree, who for many years has had a field named in his honor, was recognized by the league. Longtime VLL supporters do not talk about Vienna baseball without mentioning Crabtree, who said he has been involved with baseball for approximately 90 years.

“Without Mr. Crabtree, Vienna Little League wouldn’t be where

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Vienna Little League celebrates Opening Day.



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The Town of Vienna hopes to build on the Green Expo each year and to bring a good diversity of businesses and organizations that promote green living, said Town Parks and Recreation director, Cathy Salgado.

Green Expo Returns

Exhibitors showcase means to conserve energy, natural resources.

Last year’s Green Expo, Vienna’s first-ever, drew hundreds of visitors and filled up the community center’s auditorium. This year, the April 22 Green Expo moves to larger space, in the gym, and brings in a greater number of exhibitors. Exhibitors, from Fairfax County public service organizations to businesses, highlight means to conserve energy, protect natural resources and to save money in the process.

“The point of the Green Expo is to help residents discover ways to conserve water and energy and live healthier,” said Expo team member and Town Councilwoman Edythe Kelleher. “It’s an opportunity for exhibitors to get feedback on what people are looking for, and an opportunity for residents to learn what is available out there.”

Fairfax Advocates for Better Bicycling (FABB), the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District and Sierra Club are among the dozens of registered exhibitors. Whole Foods and Starbuck’s support the expo with donated food.

John Brunow of Bikes@Vienna is bringing folding bikes to the Green Expo to show their convenience and uses.

“Transportation in our area

Green Expo and Arbor Day Tree Planting

Green Expo. Thursday, April 22; 6:30-9 p.m., Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E.

Arbor Day Tree Planting. Thursday, April 22; 6 p.m.; Vienna Community Center grounds. Phone: 703-255-6360.

For more information, see www.viennava.gov

for many people is intermodal,” said Brunow. “A folding bike lets the Metro rider pedal to the station, fold the bike up for the Metro trip, and unfold the bike to continue the ride at their Metro destination.

“A folder fits in the back of an auto allowing its owner to drive into Vienna, find one parking spot, and then run their errands by bike. Folding bikes can take convenience to a new level and be very green.”

Demonstrations pointing out diverse conservation techniques from vampire energy suckers to water collection tanks show real-life applications of conservation tools. “These exhibits are not concept,” said Kelleher. “They become real.”

— DONNA MANZ

George C. Marshall and James Madison High School senior baseball players who have gone through VLL ranks were recognized by VLL during the Opening Day ceremony.



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Four Juveniles Charged With Setting Fires

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department fire investigators charged two juveniles with setting multiple fires at 3030 Borge St. in the Oakton area of Fairfax County on Saturday, March 20.

The juveniles were charged with setting outside fires capable of spreading (Class 6 felony, Virginia Code 18.2-86). Additionally, they were charged along with two other juveniles with setting fires to trash cans and a fence, also in the Oakton area.

Each juvenile was charged with burning or destroying personal property greater than \$200 (Class 4 felony, Virginia Code 18.2-81). There were no injuries.

Leadership Fairfax Announces Preview Sessions

Leadership Fairfax, a non-profit organization that develops and trains established and rising leaders in Northern Virginia, will host information sessions for the 2011 class of its two leadership programs — the Leadership Fairfax Program ("LFI") and the Emerging Leaders Institute ("ELI"). Leadership Fairfax CEO Wayne Hill said the organization is seeking qualified candidates with solid leadership and community based experience for its upcoming classes. "We are looking for seasoned and rising executives who not only want to improve their company or organization, but the community as a whole."

Each year Leadership Fairfax selects 50 individuals from profit, non-profit and government businesses for their select training programs that run from September through May. Both programs are open to individuals who work or live in Northern Virginia. The application deadline for both programs is June 1, 2009. Vienna session will take place on Tuesday, April 22, 11:30 a.m. at LFI, Vienna. Those interested in signing up for the information sessions may do so by contacting Leadership Fairfax at 703-752-7555 or info@leadershipfairfax.org.

Wolftrap Elementary Hosts Annual Fun Run

5th Annual Wolftrap Elementary 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run will take place on Sunday, April 18, at 8 a.m. Residents can participate in either the 1 Mile Walk/Run or the 5K Run. Both races start from the school and go throughout the surrounding neighborhoods. For the 5K race, awards will be given to the overall winners and to the top runners in their age group. In addition to the 5K run or 1 mile fun run/walk, there will be a raffle and silent auction, music, cake walk, and face painting. For more information and to register, visit www.wolftrappta.org.

Antiques Appraisal at Freeman House

Historic Vienna, Inc. will host an Antiques Appraisal at the Historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., on Saturday, April 17, from 12:30-4 p.m. Due to the popularity of this event, there is a strict limit of two items per person and appointments are necessary. The cost is \$8.50 per item for members of Historic Vienna, Inc. and \$12 per item for non-members, with all proceeds supporting the programs of HVI. To schedule an appointment, call 703 938 5187.

Safe Driving Program for Mature Adults

The AARP driver safety program for motorists age 50 and older will take place Thursday and Friday, April 15 and 16, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E.

The course will cover the effects of aging and medications on driving, basic driving rules, license renewal, local traffic hazards, adverse road conditions and accident prevention measures.



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A Vienna Connection in Kenya

Local family creates foundation to help Sogoo orphans.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Dana and Patrick Clerkin set off on a dream vacation, a safari in Kenya, in September. Dana referred to it as seven days of “amazing” experiences, yet the most amazing part is how visiting that country changed their lives.

From the first day and its staged cultural exhibition, the Clerkins knew they wanted to examine the real Kenya, not the Epcot-like Kenyan experiences reproduced for the tourist trade. Their guide Eric, with whom they became very close early on in the trip, picked up from Dana Clerkin her interest in children and their welfare. Learning that, Eric told the Clerkins about his brother, a church leader with a big heart.

Eric’s brother, Pastor Mathew Chelule, runs an orphanage in a remote area of Kenya for HIV-free children whose parents died of AIDS. Dana Clerkin thought about that, and on their last day, the Clerkins made the trip to Sogoo Location, five hours from the Nairobi airport where they were to depart for home in Vienna that evening.

SOGOO LOCATION in Kenya, with a population of 29,000, had no power lines until last summer, and those reached only to the general store. Other businesses and churches depend on generators for electricity. People bring home water from a community water station daily. The roads are poor.

“In terms of infrastructure, there’s nothing,” said Dana Clerkin, whose professional background is in fund-raising development.

The church floors are dirt and the interior walls are covered with corrugated cardboard. Five young orphaned girls live in three rented rooms adjacent to the church. They have no mattresses to sleep on.

Food was the most-needed supply the church and orphanage needed. The birthday money that Dana Clerkin was given she used to buy provisions for the girls. She and Patrick bought maize, tea, sugar, sorghum flour and cooking oil, enough food to feed the girls for six months they were told.



Dana and Patrick Clerkin, at home in Vienna, talk about their Sogoo Children’s Project.



Dana Clerkin with orphaned girls at Sogoo Location in Kenya.

Pastor Matthew celebrated the food donation, which covered two tables, with a big presentation at the church.

Meeting the children of the orphanage altered Dana Clerkin’s life’s mission. “I told the pastor, we’ll do what we can.

“I know how to look for money, where to find it, but that doesn’t mean we’ll get it. It’s a start.”

UPON THE COUPLE’S RETURN home in late September, Dana Clerkin shared the plight of the orphan girls of Sogoo Location. The family and friends responded and by the end of November, Dana Clerkin had collected \$1,200 to send to the church. “The people I told knew these girls needed help,” said Dana Clerkin.

Now a consultant on national food safety regulations and animal health, Patrick Clerkin is retired

from the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Most of his work takes him to Africa and southeastern Europe. When he returned to Nairobi on business in early December, he brought with him donated supplies of shoes, clothing, mosquito nets, linens and food that his wife and her friends had collected around Vienna and Oakton.

Marcy Rehberger, a Vienna friend who also visited Africa last year, volunteers her time and expertise with Dana Clerkin. Rehberger and her daughter went to Africa on an orphanage service trip during the summer, working with HIV-positive orphans. After the Clerkins’ return in September, the two old friends reconnected as people who were inspired to help these children, Rehberger said. “When Dana told me what she was doing, I said, ‘I can’t wait to help you.’”

Rehberger recently started her own nonprofit, a help Haiti project, and the two women shared efforts to advance their causes.

PATRICK CLERKIN arrived in Nairobi loaded with suitcases, individual notes for each girl and the collected money.

For Dana Clerkin, this was just the beginning. She began the documentation to establish a 501(c)(3) to carry on their mission, an opportunity to maximize donations to her cause. The Sogoo Children’s Project, Inc. was established in January.

Dana Clerkin is president and treasurer of the Board of Directors. Patrick Clerkin is vice president and secretary of the Board. All Board members are unpaid volunteers, and 100 percent of all donations go directly to the Sogoo Children’s Project orphan committee.

International aid rarely reaches remote locations, Dana Clerkin said. It goes to the bigger cities with a greater population density than the small remote areas have. The foundation’s financial goal is to raise \$50,000 to support its mission. In two months, Dana Clerkin has already applied for grants from international philanthropic organizations.

“In the U.S., we have resources that our indigent can get,” Dana Clerkin said. “These people have no means to get help.”

The Sogoo Children’s Project has a two-fold goal linked by the epidemic that is AIDS in Africa. Primary on the agenda is to support the orphan committee in its intent to build a home that will house 80 orphans and vulnerable children (OVC). The committee is looking at a 5-acre lot they want to buy for the home and to farm. The foundation also plans to create and implement an HIV awareness and education program to make positive behavior changes to prevent AIDS.

“We’re a small grassroots group,” said Dana Clerkin. “I’m not trying to reinvent the wheel. I want to work with those who have gone before me. We’re not here to save Kenya, but to help the people we met there.”

PASTOR MATTHEW ACCEPTED THE GIFTS from his church pulpit with fanfare, a three-hour long service in which he asked his congregation to donate as much as they could, too.

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E. Hunt Burke

Burke & Herbert Elects New Chairman

E. Hunt Burke, chief executive officer of the Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust Company, has been elected chairman of the board effective April 1.

Burke previously served as president and was named chief executive officer of the bank in July 2009. He succeeds Charles K. Collum, who served as chairman since 2002. As part of the executive leadership transition, W. Scott McSween joined the Bank in July 2009 as president and chief operating officer.

The fifth generation of his family to lead the 158-year-old Bank, Burke has worked at the Bank in a variety of roles since the age of 13 and then as a full-time staff member for 30 years.

“I am honored to assume the role of chairman of Burke & Herbert Bank,” said Burke. “This is an exciting time for our Bank. We have produced record levels of growth and earnings for two consecutive years, amid challenging times for the banking industry and the economy in general. We now move forward with the next exciting chapter in our story. Our near-term future includes new and enhanced banking products and services, improved use of technology, and new branches in more Northern Virginia communities to offer even greater convenience for our customers.”

Burke was born and raised in Alexandria, attended Episcopal High School and the University of Richmond. He received his B.A. from George Mason University while working full time at Burke & Herbert Bank. He graduated with honors from the Graduate School of Bank Management at the University of Virginia. He and his wife of 26 years, Molly, reside in Alexandria with their four daughters.

OPINION

Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts

BY ELIZABETH MURPHY
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FAIRFAX SYMPHONY
ORCHESTRA

Three years ago the arts and cultural community of Virginia embarked on a great adventure. The Virginia Council on the Arts convened the heads of the major arts organizations of the Commonwealth to encourage us to take more leadership on behalf of the entire cultural sector. Despite the many challenges facing our individual agencies, we all agreed that we needed a high visibility project to demonstrate the breadth, diversity, and intrinsic value of the arts to state decision-makers in Virginia.

The 23 major arts organizations of Virginia selected a theme, picked a time period, and invited all artists and cultural agencies of the state to create programs on the common theme during a defined time period with a statewide and regional marketing campaign. Thus was born our first endeavor: MINDS WIDE OPEN: *Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts*, with planning underway three years ago. The celebration began March 1, 2010 continues through June 30, 2010.

Through the regional meetings, local gatherings, email listserves, and speeches and presentations at every possible opportunity, we invited every artist in the state, every arts or-

ganization, history museum, library, college, and university to join the statewide celebration of women in the arts. As of this writing, we have listed more than 2,000 events on our website www.vamindswideopen.com. (Altria, Dominion Power, SunTrust Bank, the Norfolk Southern Foundation, the Virginia Commission for the Arts, and the Virginia Tourism office have all made significant financial contributions to the statewide marketing campaign.)

The Fairfax Symphony Orchestra is pleased to participate in this initiative, with a special program planned for May 1, 2010. The FSO wanted to explore the theme of Women in the Arts within the somewhat narrow confines of symphonic repertoire, and to bring attention to the different ways in which women contribute currently to our art form. The guest artist for this concert is a woman (Julie Albers, cello), playing Elgar's Cello Concerto. Additionally, the orchestra will perform a piece (blue cathedral) by a popular, living female composer and 2010 Grammy winner, Jennifer Higdon.

What will MINDS WIDE OPEN accomplish? First and foremost, we hope to raise the visibility of the arts industry in our state. Of equal importance is building more collaboration within the Virginia arts and cultural community. We hope that MINDS WIDE OPEN: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts will lead to many more partnerships and alliances within

GUEST EDITORIAL

Slavery Was Defining Issue of Civil War

Virginia won't progress if it ignores its own history.

BY SEN. CHAP PETERSEN
D-34

All Virginia is now aware of the flap over the recent proclamation of "Confederate History Month" by the Gov. Robert McDonnell (R). The governor's original proclamation was a superficial paean to an era that never existed. He has correctly moved to retract that statement with one more historically accurate.

But what did actually happen in that defining era? Why was that event such a transformative one in the history of this state? Let's review the basic facts:

1. The defining issue of the Civil War was slavery. In college, I wrote my senior thesis on Virginia secession. As research, I read the Minutes of the 1861 Secession Convention in Richmond. Every single speech, when you got past the useless pontificating (Lord will it ever change?), it was clear that the

overwhelming focus of the secessionists was preserving the "peculiar institution" in those counties with significant slave populations. Their fear of free-soil Republicanism drove their vote for secession. Need confirmation? Listen to Abraham Lincoln. His second Inaugural Speech, the greatest words spoken by a U.S. president, spoke to the suffering of the Civil War as a penance upon all Americans brought on by "unrequited toil" and "the bondsman's lash." He was referring to slavery. But he didn't need to mention that to his 1865 audience. It was obvious. Slavery was not just the biggest issue between the states. It was, in the end, the only issue.

2. Virginians fought on both sides. The Commonwealth produced the South's greatest heroes and finest leaders (Lee, Jackson, Stuart, etc). Their names and leg-

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endary feats are part of our shared history. However, one-third of the pre-war population also fought for the Union. Most of these folks were from the western counties, which were largely free soil by 1861. Some eastern Virginians just stayed loyal to the U.S., including thousands of ex-slaves who joined the Army of the Potomac and fought at Petersburg and other major battles. One of the best U.S. Army generals, George Thomas (a.k.a. "the Rock of Chickamauga") was a Virginian. In Virginia, this was truly a Civil War.

3. Virginia actually formed a unionist government. The non-secessionist rump of the Assembly reformed in Alexandria during the War with delegates from the loyal western counties. At that time, they voted to form a new state (West Virginia). In one of the great political blunders of history, the loyalist Assembly chose not to include the "northern counties" of Fairfax and Loudoun despite the

fact they were contiguous and under Union occupation. Those counties remained part of Virginia, a fact with enormous ramifications for both states.

4. After the War, most veterans moved on with their lives. My great-great-grandfather Thomas Moore of Fairfax fought with Lee all the way until Appomattox. After that, he returned to Fairfax (his house is the "Moore House" on North Street). In his first act, he walked to the Courthouse and swore allegiance to the Union. Why? He was a Mexican War veteran and wanted to get his pension restored. Gen. Billy Mahone, one of Lee's fiercest divisional commanders, went back to Norfolk and started the "Norfolk & Western" line. A few years later, Mahone ran for governor on the "Re-adjuster" ticket, which won with a black-white voting coalition. Lee, of course, became a college president. Most veterans weren't out wearing bed sheets or flying Rebel flags after the war. Most wanted to put the terrible experience behind them.

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Events in Our Area

Northern Virginia arts organizations hold many local events for statewide celebration. See www.vamindswideopen.com for more:

Lucy Kaplansky, April 23, 2010, The Barns at Wolf Trap, Vienna, www.wolftrap.org
The Bobs, April 28, 2010, The Barns at Wolf Trap, Vienna, www.wolftrap.org
Exhibition: Beautiful - Virginia Women Artists and the Body, April 29, 2010, Greater Reston Arts Center, Reston, www.restonarts.org
Bonnie Rideout, April 30, 2010, The Barns at Wolf Trap, Vienna, www.wolftrap.org
Fairfax Symphony Orchestra Celebrates Women in the Arts, May 1, 2010, Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, Fairfax, www.fairfaxsymphony.org
Greater Reston Arts Center & Hub Theatre Mini-Festival, May 6, 2010, Greater Reston Arts Center & Hub Theatre, Reston, www.restonarts.org
Sheryl Crow with Special Guest: Colbie Caillat, June 17, 2010, The Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Vienna, www.wolftrap.org
Natalie Cole, June 24, 2010, The Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, Vienna, www.wolftrap.org
The Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess", Apr 23-25, 2010, Virginia Opera, Fairfax, www.vaopera.org
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The cost for both classes is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members, and advance registration is required. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Vienna Theatre Co. Presents Spring Musical

The Vienna Theatre Company will present the musical revue "A Grand Night for Singing" at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. The show features hit songs from the popular Broadway musicals by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Performances are scheduled April 23, 24 and 30, and May 1, 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. and May 2 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$14 general admission and \$12 for students and senior citizens age 65 and older. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Family Skating at Community Center

Family Skate Night will take place on Fridays, April 16-June 11, from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. No skating April 30 and May 7.

Admission is \$1 per person. Bring roller skates or in-line skates and safety equipment. Parents are required to stay with their children and are welcome to participate.

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NEWS

Concert 'Pictures' the Earth

Vienna Choral Society reaches out to community.

On April 17, "Pictures of Earth," the Vienna Choral Society chorus' first concert under their new director, Jennifer Rodgers Beach, will feature a combined piece with GroundWorks Dance Ensemble and an artshow from local elementary school students, co-sponsored with the Vienna Arts Society. Music ranges from a 16th century madrigal to Ladysmith Black Mambazo and takes the audience from sounds of the seasons to the tragedy of the 2004 Asian tsunami. The concert celebrates the 40th anniversary of Earth Day and John Heritage, the implementer of the holiday, will be present.

On May 22, the "Disney Princess Concert" will debut a new style of family concerts for the organization. Featuring an ensemble of local youth actors



Jennifer Rodgers Beach, artistic and musical director of the Vienna Choral Society.

and singers, songs will weave together with iconic story moments occasionally involving the audience. Special promotions are offered to Brownie and Girl Scout troops.

Looking ahead, the Vienna Choral Society is planning concert seasons that are anchored in this kind of collaboration. Each season will include a "Concert for a Cause" that will partner with community organizations to benefit and raise awareness for worthy causes. Next season will open with this concert, entitled "Will Sing For Food," and focusing on the hungry and homeless. Interested community partners are welcome to contact the chorus. The season will also include a script and song family concert and a collaborative concert with other local

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Keep an eye on the VCS at www.viennachoralsociety.org.



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NEWS

Ten Years and Running

Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia host open house, celebrate 10th anniversary.

Local dignitaries joined Girls on the Run of Northern Virginia families, coaches, friends and sponsors on Saturday, April 10, to celebrate their 10 year anniversary serving girls in the Northern Virginia region and to receive a Commending Resolution from the Commonwealth of Virginia passed by the General Assembly.

Del. David Bulova (D-37) presented the commending resolution to Girls on the Run Nova Executive Director, Catherine Keightley. "As the parent of an 11-year-old daughter, I know exactly why this program is so important," he said.

U.S. Rep. Gerald Connolly (D-11) highlighted the important role Girls on the Run of Nova has played in the life of girls in Northern Virginia and presented the Congressional Commendation. "This program has grown exponentially in our community and has proved its value by the number of girls in the program and the dedication of their coaches and families to the healthy living ideals that Girls on the Run promotes," he said. Connolly also presented Girls on the Run with a framed copy of a Congressional Record entry recognizing their achievements.

Sponsor Argon ST, represented by Maggy Cronin, was presented with a plaque in appreciation of their outstanding support for Girls on the Run Nova during the past Fall and Spring season.



Del. David Bulova (D-37), Catherine Keightley, (CEO GOTR), and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) at the Open House.

Student volunteers from Fairfax High School, George Mason University and Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology assisted in the activities at the event including face painting, color hair spraying, serving food and tastings, giving tours, greeting participants etc.

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THURSDAY/APRIL 15

Neil Innes (Monty Python, Rutles). 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. jamminjava.com.

Fairfax Antique Arts Association: Herend China. 10:15 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Senior Center, Green Acres Center, 4401 Sideburn Road, Room 111, Fairfax. Seymour Lazerowitz will display and speak about pieces from his collection. Free; annual membership fee required to attend subsequent meetings. 703-359-2487.

Singer/songwriter Livingston Taylor. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 16

American Legion Post 270 Citrus Sale. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. at American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Seedless grapefruit, Valencia oranges, Murcot tangerines and pure maple syrup. Proceeds support local community youth, patriotic activities, and veteran needs. 703-356-8259.

Pianist Edvinas Minkstimas. 7:30 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Music by Schumann, Liszt, Debussy and Piazzolla. Tickets \$25, seniors and students \$15. 703-356-0670, www.minkstimas.com or www.saintlukemclean.org.

Humble Boy. 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A comedy about broken vows and bee-keeping. \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/humble.

Moscow Festival Ballet: 'Giselle.' 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The tragic tale of the heartbroken peasant girl. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$27-\$54, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu. Youth through grade 12 half price.

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SATURDAY/APRIL 17

Dress Up with Grown-Ups Gala. 6-10 p.m. at the Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. The Medical Care for Children Partnership (MCCP) raises funds for the medical care of uninsured children in the community. Silent auction, sit-down dinner, DJ and dancing, family photographs taken and more. \$300 Family Ticket includes up to 2 adults and 2 children. \$100 per extra adult, \$75 per extra child. Margery Leveen Sher, mlsher@mccpfoundation.org.

Harry the Dirty Dog. 2 p.m. at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Age 4 and up. 703-790-0123.

Humble Boy. 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A comedy about broken vows and bee-keeping. \$25 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/humble.

Katie Pickard Fawcett and Renee Fisher Book Signing. 12-4 p.m. at The Artisans, 1368 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Local authors of 'To Come and Go Like Magic' and 'Saving



From left, Kathleen Walsh of Vienna, Jessica Cooke of Oakton, Holly Jones of Falls Church, Cassidy Walsh and Virginia Nyce of Vienna.

Cuppet Dance School Presents 'Gayaneh,' 'Swan Lake'

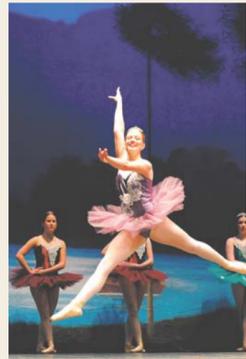
On Saturday, March 27, 178 ballet students of the ballet department of the Cuppet Performing Arts Center took the stage at Kenmore Middle School for two performances of "Gayaneh" and "Swan Lake." The performances were directed by Christine Musig.

The Cuppet Dance School was founded in Vienna in 1962 by Alzine Cuppet. Cuppet received her early dance training from Gene Kelly, and later was a Rockette at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

For more information on the Center and upcoming classes call 703-938-9019 or visit www.cuppetpac.com.



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Lecture of Ohio Historian C. L. Gray on the Legacy of Generals Lee and Jackson. Sons of Confederate Veterans Frank Stringfellow Camp #822, at Panera Bread, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Open to the public, admission \$5. 703-250-8705 or stringfellowbuva@att.net.

Moscow Festival Ballet: 'Coppelia.' 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A young villager falls in love with a life-size dancing doll. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 7:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$27-\$54, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu. Youth through grade 12 half price.

Country Western Dance. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons at 7:30 p.m., beginners Waltz at 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. NVCWA members \$10, non-members \$12, children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. www.nvcwa.org or 703-860-4941.

Friends of the Patrick Henry Library Book Sale. 10 a.m. Patrick

Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Semi-annual used book sale. 703-938-0405.

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Master Class with Capt. Michelle A. Rakers, Assistant Director of the U. S. Marine Band. 2 p.m. at George Mason University School of Music, 4400 University Drive, MSN 3E3, Fairfax. Free and open to the public. www.fairfaxband.org.

City of Fairfax Band: Spotlight on Women in the Arts. 8 p.m. at Fairfax High School Auditorium, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Capt. Michelle A.

Rakers, Assistant Director of the United States Marine Band, conducting. \$13 adults, \$7 seniors 60 and up, age 18 and under free. www.fairfaxband.org.

American Legion Post 270 Citrus Sale. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean. Seedless grapefruit, Valencia oranges, Murcot tangerines and pure maple syrup. Proceeds support local community youth, patriotic activities, and veteran needs. 703-356-8259.

Traveling Players Summer Day Camp Open House. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Madiera School, 8328 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Walking tours of Madiera, Q & A sessions and theatre games for the kids. Free. 703-987-1712 or www.travelingplayers.org.

Colvin Schoolhouse Dance. 9 p.m. at Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Traditional ballroom, latin and swing music to The Family Band, with an 8 p.m. West Coast Swing lesson available. Lesson \$5, dancing \$12. Sodas and snacks available for purchase. 703-795-2003 or www.colvinrun.org.

Vienna Choral Society: Pictures of Earth. 6:30 p.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St., N.E., Vienna. With GroundWorks Dance and the Vienna Arts Society. Choral music, dance and children's art. \$18 adults, \$14 seniors or students, \$30 family. 703-255-5508 or www.viennachoralsociety.org.

Wildflower Hike. 10 a.m. at Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Identify spring ephemerals and explore their folklore as you walk along the banks of the Potomac River with a naturalist. \$5 per adult. Reservations required at 703-759-9018.

Scouting Opportunities. Spring Hill REC Center, 1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Aquanaut badges for Webelos are offered from 1-2 p.m. and Swimming for Girl Scouts from 2-3 p.m. \$10 per scout for a badge. Reservations required at 703-827-0989.

SUNDAY/APRIL 18

Colvin Run Mill Spring Reopening and Civil War Encampment. Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. The mill will reopen 12-3 p.m. Tour the mill and watch the miller grind this year's first batch of cornmeal. \$6 adult, \$5 student, \$4 child and senior. Visit the Civil War Encampment from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Talk with the members of the 49th Virginia Volunteer Infantry and watch drilling and firing demonstrations. Free. 703-759-2771.

Wolftrap Elementary 5th Annual 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run. 8 a.m. at Wolftrap Elementary School, 1903 Beulah Road, Vienna. Both races start from the school and go throughout the surrounding neighborhoods. Awards, raffle and silent auction, music, cake walk and face painting. www.wolftrappta.org.

Academy of St. Martin in the Fields. 4 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Led by viola and violin soloist Julian Rachlin. Edvard Grieg, Beethoven, Schubert and more. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins at 3:15 p.m. on the Center's Grand Tier III. \$30-\$60, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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What Can Straight Gays and Lesbians Achieve Equality? 11 a.m. at the Northern

Virginia Ethical Society, 225 Nutley St. N.W., Vienna. Jone Johnson Lewis, Leader of the NVES, will discuss what can be done to move toward equality for all. Free admission. www.esnv.org or 703-437-3161.

Wildflowers at Riverbend. 2 p.m. Riverbend Park, 8700 Potomac Hills St., Great Falls. Katy Simenson will share her knowledge of spring wildflowers. Register at info@audubonva.org or 703-256-6895.

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Mill Run Dulcimer Band Concert. 2-4 p.m. at Colvin Run Mill, 10017 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. Free. 703-759-2771.

TUESDAY/APRIL 20

Historic Vienna, Inc. Spring Membership Meeting. 7:30 p.m. in the Town Council Chamber, Vienna Town Hall, 127 Center St. South, Vienna. With speaker WWII veteran

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Harpisochord music by Vera Kochanowsky. 1 p.m. at Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Free, all are welcome. 703-356-0670 or www.musicmclean.org.

PJs and Popcorn. 6 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna.

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Feminine Spiritual Heritages of Crete, Greece and the Aegean. 7:30 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. By Max Dashu, founder of the Suppressed Histories Archives to research women's history. Donation at the door. 703-716-0150 or www.suppressedhistories.net.

Pre-Earth Day Celebration. 10 a.m. at Center for Education at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Young children experience and learn about the 4 R's through puppetry and music

from Junkyard Pirates and The Wolf Trap Jazz Trio. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/APRIL 22

Green Expo. 7-9 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E., Vienna. Presentations and discussions for children and adults will include information on energy efficiency, purchasing local organic products, creating green gardens, recycling options and more. Free admission. 703-255-6360 or www.viennava.gov.

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Vienna Little League Celebrates Opening Day

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it is today," said Paradis, from the podium.

TWO NASA ASTRONAUTS joined elected officials from the Town of Vienna, State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) and Del. Mark Keam (D-35) to support the players and parents on Opening Day. Former 35th District Del. Steve Shannon made it to the mound, as well. Of the seven ceremonial pitches, only those thrown by the astronauts, Carl Walz (retired) and Dr. Sandra Magnus, made it into the strike zone.

The Vienna Police Color Guard opened the program with its presentation of colors. The VLL board inducted into its honor roll three dedicated volunteers: Tony Anzilotti, Frank Blackstone and



Peter Paradis Sr., VLL American League president, manager 2010 VLL AAA Brewers; wife Mary Paradis, team volunteer; Peter 'PJ' Paradis, 11, Majors Blue Jays; Patrick J. Paradis, 9, AAA Brewers.

Lynn Jacquez. VLL recognized current high school seniors who came up through VLL ranks and now

play for George C. Marshall and James Madison high schools. Former space station astronaut

"I like being out with my team and having fun."

— Dodgers player, Mike Evan

Walz highlighted the value of organized sports and stayed after the program to take photos with players and family members.

District IV championship banners were presented to the 2009 American League 10-11 All-Star team and the 2009 National League 9-10 All-Star team. The banners will be hung across the fencing at Yeonas Park.

Mayor M. Jane Seeman spoke briefly on the joy of playing Little League. The mayor summed up the point of kids' baseball. "Have fun," she said.

PARADIS and his wife moved to Vienna before they had children. Their two boys, 9 and 11, both play for VLL teams, and Paradis said their involvement was one of the best things they had ever done. It's the friendships their children have made which is the most important part of the experience.

"When kids participate in Little League, it brings families together with other families outside the kids' schools. It establishes outstanding relationships," Paradis said.

Major Dodgers player Mike Evan, in his fourth season, would agree with Paradis' assessment.

"I like being out with my team and having fun," Mike said. "I get to meet new people every season. It's fun to get out and play some baseball."

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THURSDAY/APRIL 15

VTRCC Annual Nonprofit Luncheon.

11:30 a.m. at Morton's at Tysons Corner, 8075 Leesburg Pike, Vienna. Dr. Gerald Gordon President and CEO of Fairfax County Economic Development, will speak about the importance that nonprofits have in the economic health of our area and the significance of business and nonprofit partnerships. 703-281-1333 or www.vtrcc.org.

Beulah Road Al-Anon Group. 7:30 p.m. at the Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Practicing the Twelve Steps, welcoming and giving comfort to families of alcoholics, and giving understanding and encouragement to the alcoholic. revku@cox.net.

Happy Hearts Senior Citizens Potluck Luncheon. 12:30 p.m. at Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Bring a favorite covered dish for fellowship and games. 703-938-6753 or www.antiochdoc.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 16

VTRCC Brown Bag University. 12 p.m. at Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, 8300 Boone Blvd., Suite 450, Vienna. Judy Rodda, President of Career-Life Changes and Steve Salley, Financial Planning Specialist, on how to turn dreams and ideas into actions for career satisfaction and financial security. 703-281-1333 or www.vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 17

Richmond Wrap-up. 9 a.m. at The American Legion Auxiliary Post 180, 330 Center Street North, Vienna. SALT (Social Action Linking Together) annual forum. Legislators from Northern Virginia will discuss how well the General Assembly responded to social justice and human services needs facing Virginia and answer questions. Free, all welcome. Contact SALT Coordinator John Horejsi at jhorejsi@cox.net or www.S-A-L-T.org. 703-938-9535.

The Hunter Mill Road Corridor Civil War Tour. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This 3-1/2 to 4-hour narrated excursion on a 20-seat bus will focus on the locations of skirmishes, encampments, graves and historical structures of the Civil War era. The bus tour will begin in Vienna, include the Oakton (Flint Hill) area and continue up Hunter Mill Road to Baron Cameron Avenue in Reston. The cost for the tour will be \$28 per person. Tour books with photos will be available at the discounted rate of \$10 on the day of the tour. Only 6 seats left for this tour! Register at the WebStore at www.HMDL.org. Any questions regarding the tour, contact Jim Lewis at 703 620-2956.

MONDAY/APRIL 19

Town Hall Meeting: I-66 Today and the Future: Common Sense Solutions to Gridlock. 7 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Congressman Frank Wolf (R-10), Supervisor Pat Herry (R-Springfield), and Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully District) will

discuss short and long-term solutions to the congestion on I-66 outside of the Beltway that are underway or being discussed including extended use of the shoulder lanes, including weekends; non-HOV use of the ramps at Monument Dr. and Stringfellow Rd. outside of normal HOV hours; the proposed bus-only ramp at Nutley; the interchange at I-495 and I-66; the status of the Environmental Impact Statement for an I-66 Multimodal Study and more. There will also be a question and answer session.

Public Hearing on the Vehicle License Tax. 8 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Town Hall, 127 Center St., S., Vienna. A public hearing on a proposal to reinstate provisions of the Town Code relating to the vehicle license tax. MKisner@viennava.gov.

NARFE Dulles Chapter 1241 Luncheon Meeting. 11:30 a.m. at Amphora Diner, 1151 Elden Street, Herndon. An Update from the Virginia Commonwealth General Assembly, with Senator Janet D. Howell (D-32) and Delegate Thomas A. Greason (R-32). \$17. Reserve at 703-435-3523 by Thursday, April 15.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 21

The Advisory Board of the Northwest Center for Mental Health Services. 7-9 p.m. at Northwest Center for Community Mental Health, 1850 Cameron Glen, Reston. Volunteers are needed to serve and act as advocates for women's shelters, homeless shelters, etc. The Board meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month. Contact Cleveland at 703-435-0868 or leaderwilliams@gmx.com.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

Westbriar Elementary School put together a Helping Hands for Haiti. The school asked its students to earn the change they wanted to donate, by cleaning or helping out around the house. When they earned their change, they wrote down what they did on a "Hand" and brought it in with their money. Westbriar was hoping for \$1 for each student, which would be a \$500 donation. In reality, the program received over \$900.

Thoreau Middle School is holding a Living History Day 8-11 a.m. on April 22. Members of the community are invited to share life experiences with students, and provide firsthand oral histories. The organizers are looking for individuals who have lived through a historical time period: The Great Depression, World War II, Cold War, Korean, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraqi Wars. Speakers would share their stories with 7th graders through three informal sessions of approximately 40-45 minutes including a question and answer period. Contact Jason.penticoff@fcps.edu or Sarah.Elkalban@fcps.edu.

Run for Fun 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk. On Sunday, April 25, The Vienna Elementary PTA will be holding the 6th Annual Run for Fun 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk. The race will be 6:45 a.m. at Vienna Elementary School, 128 Center St., S, Vienna. Register at www.vienna5krun.org. 6:45 a.m.

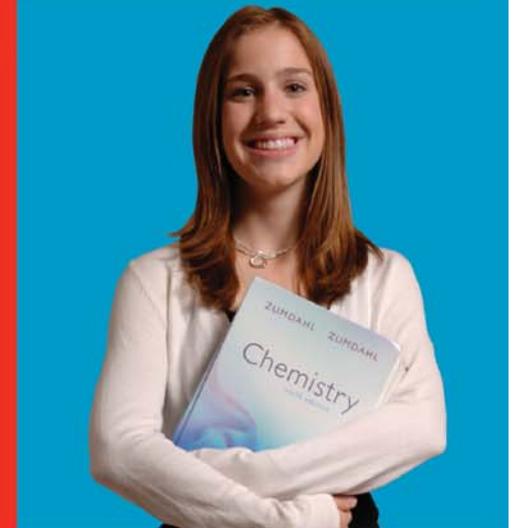
Packet Pickup and Race-Day Registration; 8 a.m. 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk begins; 8:20 a.m. 5K Race starts.

Rock and Roll Warmup, Awards ceremony and post-race refreshments. Contact Chris Brunjes at cBrunjes@cavtel.net or 703-938-5142.

Vienna residents **Max Friedfeld, Shayan Moosa** and **Francesca Tuazon** have received University of Virginia Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards, which will assist in conducting independent research. **Friedfeld**, a third-year environmental chemistry major, will study the synthesis and characterization of new platinum catalysts for the production of ethyl benzene and styrene. **Moosa**, a neuroscience major, will study the testing of radiation therapy intolerance in relation to hypoxia inducible factor 1 and proto-oncogene pim 1 response to hypoxia in C6 glioblastoma cells. **Tuazon**, a biology major, will study miRNA processing and RISC function in xenopus oocytes and embryos.

Oakcrest School announced the Veritas Award winners, **Mary Beth Beatty** of Vienna and **Sophia Buono** of Arlington. The award is given to those who best display the qualities of an Oakcrest student including high academic achievement, leadership and character, and is based on results from participation in the Oakcrest Veritas Award program. The award consists of a \$7,500 yearly tuition remission for four years at Oakcrest School for a maximum of two students.

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OPINION

Falling Rates of Teen Girl Violence

By DEVON MALONEY

The recent high profile case of a bullying victim committing suicide has left us in the wake of a media tidal wave about increased violence in teen girls. Nine adolescents were charged with driving their new classmate, Phoebe Prince, in Massachusetts' Hadley High School to hang herself because of cyber bullying over the Internet.



clines of 27 percent for aggravated assault, 43 percent for robbery and 63 percent for murder."

Those dramatically lower rates show that a few well-hyped and very isolated incidents in the news may not really show the real trend of a problem. We teens, as reckless and immature as we many seem, are really not nearly as bad as many adults may think. Males and Lind's article was right in saying it was wrong that our "news

media and myriad experts" were a bit overzealous and "eager to sensationalize every 'crisis' among young people."

For me, while I can't compare what is happening with teens today to teen life in the 70s, 80s, and 90s without Internet access, I can say the media seems to be over exaggerating the relevance of facts and figures that "prove" a whole range of new teen dilemmas. As awful as the stories above and the many other incidents of bullying that didn't make into the blogosphere are, the general trend seems to show that the levels of teen violence and bullying are improving.

"It does not matter whether the rates have fluctuated up or down and what the media wants to say about it," Marshall High School sophomore Palak Bhandari, said. "What really matters is that these antics are stopped once and for all."

Devon Maloney is a 15-year-old Vienna ninth grader at Marshall High School. She has lived and traveled all over the world.

Another incident in 2008 left the media to raise questions about whether violence between adolescence girls is on the rise. Four girls (along with two boys as lookouts) beat up a 16-year-old cheerleader, Tori Lindsay, for the sole purpose of putting the fight on the Internet.

But regardless all the hype in the media about the Internet being a new battlefield for teens to become more violent and more vicious than ever before, a recent Op/Ed piece in the New York Times explained that, despite the rise of the Internet, girl violence has been falling.

Titled the "Myth of Mean Girls", the April 1 article was co-authored by a Mike Males, a top researcher at the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice. Males and his co-author, Chesney Lind, looked at all angles of teen violence, including studying the FBI's records on girls' arrest rates in the past 15 years. They found "violent offenses fell by 32 percent, including de-

Petersen

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5. The Jim Crow Laws and One-Party Rule Came Later. The first few years after the Civil War were a relatively open time politically. The old structures of slavery had been swept away. The U.S. Army was an unchallenged occupier. The U.S. Congress was passing amendments to end slavery and guarantee rights (and those were somewhat enforced). Black members were elected to the Virginia General As-

sembly immediately after the War. It was not until after 1876, when Reconstruction ended, that the bad days of Jim Crow laws and "poll tax" really took over.

My point is that there is a lot to remember and celebrate as Virginia approaches 150 years from the Civil War. I'm proud of this state and our community's connection to its history.

We have gotten better with age. And we can do better down the road. But we won't accomplish that if we ignore our own history.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Financial Reform For the People

To the Editor:

Senators must make sure that any financial reform final bill protects states' rights, requires that investment advice be based on the needs of the client — not the financial institution — and provides consumers with a watchdog to protect financial security.

Americans deserve to know whose side their senators are on: working families, who play by the rules, or the big banks, who got us in this mess. Reckless behavior by big banks, mortgage lenders and credit card companies have cost millions of Americans their jobs, their retirement savings and their financial well-being.

Unfortunately, the army of lobbyists on Capitol Hill are fighting to protect sweetheart deals, loop-

holes and bonus of banks while millions of American lose their jobs and savings. Who are our senators supporting — Wall Street or the American people?

Roberta Smith
Oakton

Thrilled at AG's Action

To the Editor:

You can be embarrassed all you'd like about Mr. Cuccinelli, Ms. Kimm, ["Cuccinelli Misleads on Costs," Editorial, Connection, April 7-13, 2010], but personally I am thrilled that he and other Attorneys General across this great nation are fighting the odious "health care" law (actually the increase-government-control-over-our-lives law), not to mention other job- and economy-killing policies the

Obama administration is trying to jam down our throats. Just don't kid yourself that you are in the majority on this, Ms. Kimm. You will see come November how much in the minority your opinion is.

Michelle Dufay
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SPORTS

The Madison High boys' tennis team defeated visiting Liberty District opponent South Lakes, 8-1, on April 9. In an effort to get some of his non-starters quality match time, Madison coach Glenn Adams chose to play his No. 6, 8, 9, and 10 singles players in the Nos. 3 through 6 slots. He also elected to use Warhawk substitutes at both No. 2 and 3 doubles.

Madison swept in singles action. Warhawk singles winners in the match were: No. 1 Pablo Pablo, who defeated Sam Boone, 10-1; No. 2 Hojoon Choi, a winner over Sam Evans, 10-2; No. 3 Alex Russell, a winner over Damir Golac, 10-1; No. 4 Jesse Greene, who bested Marc Dessauvage, 10-2; No. 5 Daniel Schmid, who defeated Michael Cronk, 10-4; and No. 6 John Fenninger, who beat McNeil Bauer, 10-5.

In doubles, Madison's No. 1 team of Dan Nappi and John Adam defeated Boone and Evans. At No. 3 doubles, the Warhawks' duo of Matt Bosco and Will Lowther defeated South Lakes' Dessauvage and Ryan Tiller, 10-5.

Madison improved to 4-2 with the team win.

Two days earlier, Madison lost, 9-0, to defending Northern Region champion Jefferson High. The district match took place at Jefferson District Park, home courts of the Colonials. At No. 1 singles, Madison's Dan Sablik gave Jefferson's Edwin Zhang a real battle before finally succumbing 6-10 in a good, long match. Due to the extreme 90-plus degrees heat, the doubles matches were shortened to eight-game pro-sets.

"I was really impressed by the high quality of TJ's play across the board," said Adams, the Madison coach. "In my view, this team is even stronger than last year's TJ team which, in the finals of the Northern Region championship, knocked off the three-time defending Virginia State AAA Championship team, Robinson."

Both Jefferson (5-0) and Langley are currently atop the Liberty District standings while Madison is in third place.

Prior to the Jefferson match, Madison had its hands full in a 7-2 win over visiting McLean on April 5.

"We had a real battle in very warm weather against a very solid McLean team," said Adams. "It's probably the best McLean boys' tennis team I've seen in the nine years I've been coaching at Madison. ... We were very fortunate to come out of the battle with a 7-2 win, with the McLean boys winning the number 3 and 4 singles

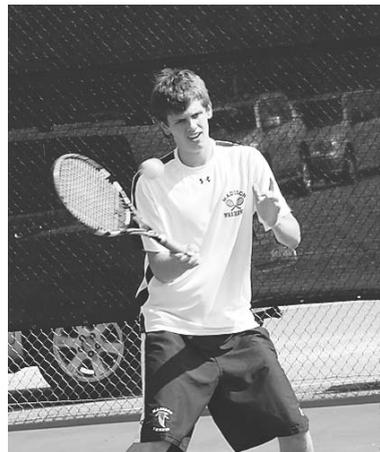


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Madison's Dan Sablik is Madison's No. 1 singles player and a team tri-captain for the Warhawks.

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

positions. Amazingly, McLean has no seniors in either its singles or doubles lineup, so their future looks very bright indeed."

Madison's singles winners were: No. 1 Sablik; No. 2 Pablo; No. 4 Dan Nappi; No. 5 Eric Leeson; and No. 6 Alex Russell.

Madison swept in doubles. The Madison winning duos were No. 1 Sablik/Pablo, No. 2 Choi/Leeson, and No. 3 Nappi/John Adam.

The Madison High girls' softball team stormed back in the final inning to defeat Liberty District rival Stone Bridge, 5-4, on April 6 in Vienna. The Warhawks, with the win, improved to 5-1 overall and 3-0 in the district.

Stone Bridge held a 1-0 lead through six innings and then seemingly put things away by scoring three more in the top of the seventh to go ahead 4-0. But the Madison bats then came alive in the bottom of the seventh as the Warhawks broke out for four runs to force extra innings. The game remained tied through eight innings.

International tie breaker play came into effect in the ninth inning, with each team starting its half of the inning with a base runner on second base. Madison held Stone Bridge scoreless in the top of the ninth, and that set the stage for the night's heroics. EmJ Fogel was the runner placed at second to start the bottom of the ninth for Madison. Then Fogel, with Kristin Kylo batting, stole third base. The throw from the catcher to the shortstop covering got away and Fogel was able to score the winning run.

On offense, the Warhawks collected nine hits for the night. Steph Buchko led the Warhawks with three hits, while Fogel continued her hot hitting with a pair of hits,



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Viva Vienna Wins Liberty Cup Soccer Tournament

The VYS under-11 girls' Viva Vienna soccer team won the Fairfax Police Youth Club (FPYC) Liberty Cup soccer tournament over the March 27-28 weekend. Viva Vienna had an impressive record, winning all four close games against travel soccer teams from Fairfax, Fredericksburg, Annandale and Falls Church. The Viva Vienna outstanding teammates are Emily Calhoun, Rachel Carlton, Nicole Carrillo-Vallejo, Madeline Chiarizia, Celia Dauerer, Audrey Kellan, Cathy Maroney, Charis McClain, Katherine Milton, Vanessa Natale, Samantha Sechser and April Williams. They are coached by Jill Maroney and Paul Carrillo.

including a triple, and RBI and two runs scored. Both Toni MacReynolds (two RBIs) and Laura Wolff added two hits.

Madison pitcher Sam Brady went the distance for the Warhawks on the mound, striking out eight and making several key defensive plays. Steph Buchko had two solid catches in right field and Kaila Conlon had an unassisted double play in a critical part of the game as well as several solid stops at second base.

Three days after the comeback win over Stone Bridge, Madison's bats were silenced in a 5-0 district loss to McLean.

However, the following day saw the Warhawks break out offensively in a 10-1 win over non-region opponent Stonewall Jackson. The Warhawks knocked around 11 hits against the visiting Raiders in the consolation game of Madison's Spring Tournament. Erica Daul contributed three hits, including a double, and Steph Buchko added two hits. Kaila Conlon, Laura Wolff, Nina Waters and Daul each had two RBIs to lead the scoring attack. Sam Brady added an RBI and pitched a great game, giving up only three hits while striking out seven. Defensively, Conlon had six put-outs at second base, Wolff made a highlight reel running catch in center, and Daul made some great stops at the hot corner.

Michelle Tilson hit her first home run of the season as the Marshall High Statesmen defeated Langley, 11-2, in a Liberty District girls' softball game played at

Marshall on April 9.

Tilson's homer was a three-run shot over the left center field fence. Olivia Ellis (two RBI) and Lauren Sanata (three RBI) both hit triples in the win. Tilson, Ellis, Sanata, Meghan McNabb, and Christine Grilliot all had two hits each. Elaine Bennett and Mina Dunn also contributed a hit apiece.

Grilliot pitched six innings for the win. Marshall reliever Haley Butterfield pitched a scoreless seventh.

The following day, Marshall won a pitcher's duel over Annandale, 1-0, in eight innings in its final game of the Hayfield Tournament. In previous games of the Hayfield tourney, the Statesmen had defeated both Bishop Ireton and Herndon, and lost to Hayfield.

The game with Annandale was scoreless until Marshall plated the game-winning run in the bottom of the eighth inning. The international tie-breaker rule came into effect in the eighth inning, with each team beginning its half of the inning with a runner on second base. The Atoms did not score in the top half of the inning. In the bottom half of the eighth, Marshall's Meghan McNabb began the half inning as the base runner on second. Later in the inning, Mina Dunn, with runners on second and third, hit a hard single up the middle to plate McNabb with the winning run.

With the win, Marshall improved to 7-2. The Lady Statesmen were scheduled to host Stone Bridge this Friday night, April 16.

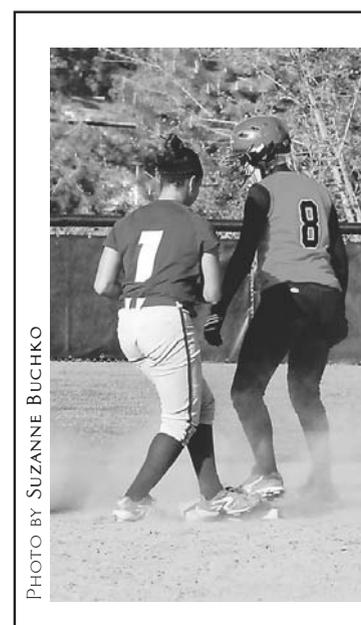


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Laura Wolff (8), a senior outfielder for the Madison High girls' softball team, steps safely on second base during the Warhawks' 10-1 win over Stonewall Jackson High on April 10. On Monday, April 12, the Warhawks improved to 7-2 with a 10-0 home win over South Lakes. Madison pitcher Sam Brady tossed the shutout for the Warhawks. Wolff led the Madison offense with a triple and two doubles. Madison's next home game is Tuesday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. against Marshall.

Surprised To See Me



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As a stage IV lung cancer patient, I was told by my oncologist on March 5, 2009 that he couldn't "cure me;" he could "treat me," a distinction I've been able to live with ever since (thank God!). At that initial Team Lourie meeting, my doctor clearly recited and reviewed the results from the various scans, and a subsequent biopsy, that I had completed, and then presented his recommendations/my options and reasons for them. We listened intently. Asked a few questions (incredulous as it was even asking them), received straight-forward answers, and acted accordingly, meaning: I started chemotherapy six days later. (When an oncologist speaks, it's hard not to listen.)

To say I have a terminal condition is a bit too scary for me to admit; to say I have a serious health problem (my being asymptomatic notwithstanding) is a bit easier for me to accept. However, how other people (friends, family members, co-workers and other health care professionals) perceive you can be quite telling and perhaps indicative of the real severity of the underlying diagnosis (not that I need any convincing, but neither do I need make-believe). Nevertheless, after witnessing multiple people's reactions to seeing me/speaking to me - after not having done so for varying intervals of time (pre-diagnosis to be sure), has led me to a conclusion: you can judge the seriousness of your sickness/disease/affliction by the level of surprise of people when they next see you/hear your voice, etc. (post diagnosis) after not having done so for a while.

I remember the first time I experienced this "oh-you're-still-alive" moment. I had been referred to a nephrologist (kidney specialist) due to a recurring abnormal level of something in my blood. At this first meeting, very little was medically apparent - and discussed - other than the effects of the chemotherapy, which was likely the cause of the elevated level. Since my chemotherapy was ongoing and not likely to be stopped, the doctor recommended that I begin taking a magnesium supplement, and to return in three months for a follow up. My meeting with the nephrologist was cordial, professional, not particularly social and fairly brief. When I left, I still wasn't sure how to pronounce the doctor's name and I expect I was nearly as forgettable. I was grateful the evaluation yielded so little of concern and off I went with the rest of my day.

Three months later I returned as instructed to see the same nephrologist. After being called in from the waiting room, I was led by a female nurse to an examining room and asked to take a seat. She blood-pressure cuffed me, took my vital signs and told me that the doctor would be in shortly. A few minutes passed before the doctor walked in holding my chart. She sees me, smiles, greets me by name and in a more animated manner than I previously remember says: "Hello, Mr. Lourie. It's great to see you!" To which I reacted/replied instinctively to her obvious (to me, anyway) surprise at seeing me (even though I had a scheduled appointment and presumably the doctor reviews her daily schedule of patients in advance to know who's going to be who) and said: "Hello. It's great to be seen," and laughed uneasily.

Then I thought: Was I not supposed to be seen? I had an appointment. Did she not know who I was? Ah, no. She had my chart. Was she not expecting to see me again? Why would she not be expecting to see me again? Oh. The stage IV lung cancer. Maybe she wasn't expecting to see me because, well, you know, the terminal disease. I didn't ask. She didn't offer. But I presume. Reading people's reactions to health news is almost like talking to children; you often receive the unfiltered, unvarnished truth verbally or non-verbally, whether you expect it or not. That's my interpretation of this doctor's reaction anyway. And of course, she didn't mean anything by it, it was an honest reaction (given what she knew). Nor was I offended by it. I was amused by it, sort of.

Still, this cancer thing is a bitch. Sometimes, your prognosis can be seen and heard in the eyes, and from the mouth, of the beholder.

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ginning, a middle and an end, Dana Clerkin said. The end is the foundation's ultimate goal.

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Patrick Clerkin nodded in agreement. "For Dana, it's opportunity meets preparedness."

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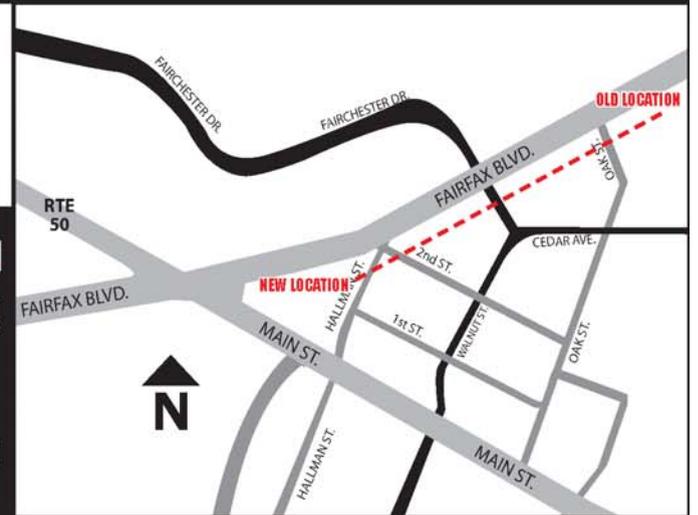
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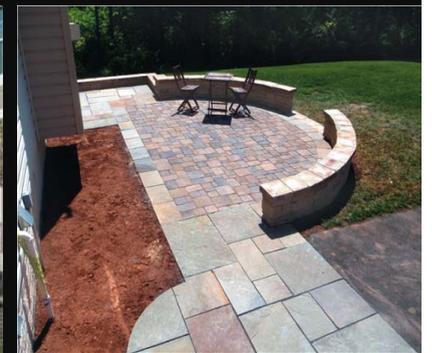
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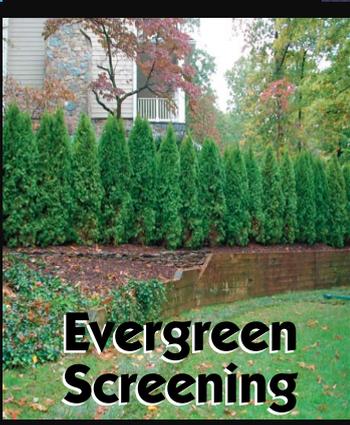
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