

Mayor M. Jane Seeman and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11th), with help of Town Council members and the Southwest Vienna Citizens Association, cut the ribbon re-dedicating Meadow Lane Park after its sidewalks enhancement.

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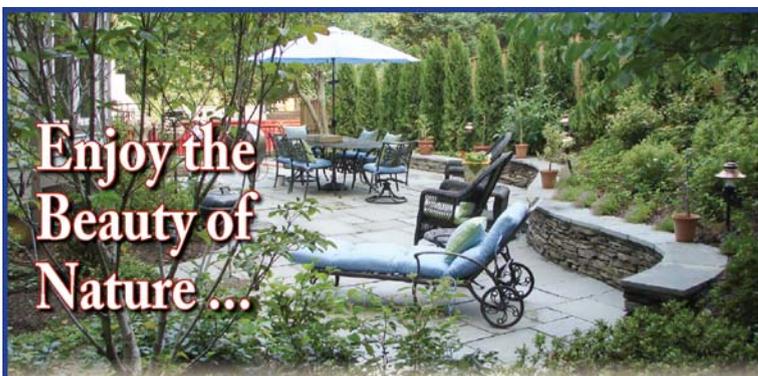
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Fimian Wins Republican Primary

Herrity carries Fairfax County but loses big in Prince William County, City of Fairfax.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

At 10 p.m. the night before the Republican primary election in Virginia 11th Congressional District, Fairfax resident Bill Barto and his wife decided which candidate they would casting votes for the next day.

Barto, who considers himself a Republican, said the couple spent the evening looking over the campaign websites of Oakton businessman Keith Fimian and Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield). Barto considered both candidates strong but he and his wife ended up supporting Fimian.

"He has more practical experience than his opponent," said Barto.

SEVERAL FIMIAN supporters said they were drawn to the self-made millionaire, who founded and ran a national home inspection company for 25 years, precisely because of his lack of experience as an elected official and his success in the private sector.

"I like the fact that he is a CPA and an entrepreneur," said Ken Monroe, a volunteer for the Fimian campaign at the Oak View Elementary School precinct.

Fimian beat Herrity by winning approximately 56 percent of the vote in a contentious primary election June 8. Overall, he received 20,072 votes to Herrity's 15,813 votes.

Herrity, who is serving his first term on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, grew up in Fairfax County and has been active in the Republican Party for several years. His father, Jack Herrity, served as Fairfax County chairman for 12 years on the county board in the 1970s and 1980s.

AS THE REPUBLICAN nominee for Virginia's 11th Congressional District, Fimian will face first-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) in a November general election. Connolly beat Fimian in a 2008 race for the same congressional seat, winning 55 percent of the vote to Fimian's 43 percent at that time.

Fimian said his chances of beating Connolly have improved in 2010. The Republican, who had never run for office before 2008, is a far more experienced candidate now.

The political climate has also changed drastically, said Fimian. Voters are upset with Connolly's record of supporting legislation like the health care reform bill that passed earlier this year, according to Republicans.

In 2008, Connolly was also running alongside two



O.P. Ditch, Keith Fimian and Chuck Nesby pose for picture at Fimian's election victory party June 8. Fimian beat Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) to become the Republican nominee for Virginia's 11th Congressional District.

very popular candidates, U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-Va.) and President Barack Obama (D). In November, Connolly will be running on his own at a time when voters are generally upset with incumbents, said Fimian.

"People are worried about the government in a way that I have not seen in my adult lifetime," he said.

BUT THE DEMOCRATS said Fimian demonstrated during his primary campaign that he was far more conservative politically than the majority of voters, Democrat or Republican, in Virginia's 11th Congressional District.

"I just don't think he is comfortable fit for this district. This is a community that values civic engagement and political moderation," said Connolly.

Two years ago, Fimian characterized himself as a political moderate. But over the past few months, he has embraced some ideas floated by the Tea Party movement, including the abolishment of the Department of Education at the federal level, said

Rex Simmons, chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

"I think this is the real Keith Fimian. He is a radical, right wing conservative," said Simmons.

"People are worried about the government in a way that I have not seen in my adult lifetime,"

— Keith Fimian

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Meadow Lane Park, with its mature shade trees and play equipment, is a popular spot for young families.

Meadow Lane Park Rededicated

New sidewalks line perimeter of park for safety.

Vienna's most popular park, with its outdoor toys, extensive play equipment and shade trees, got a safety and aesthetic boost with the completion of the new sidewalks running around the park's perimeter. Town of Vienna officials, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and officers of the Southwest Vienna Citizens Association showed up to rededicate Meadow Lane Park.

The Department of Parks and Recreation provided free ice cream bars, a moon bounce and facepainting to families enjoying the park's amenities.

"The sidewalks define the park and make it safer," said Mayor M. Jane Seeman. The sidewalks travel down Courthouse Road directly into the commercial area of Vienna and along Ware Street and Meadow Lane.

Until the renovation, an open culvert lined the periphery of the park along the Meadow lane side. Storm water pipes were installed from Frederick Street to Ware Street on Meadow lane and sidewalks replaced the culvert. The Town of Vienna matched a \$150,000 grant given to it by the federal

government through the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT).

Seeman, Connolly, Department of Parks and Recreation Director Cathy Salgado and Town Council members Edythe Kelleher, Laurie Cole and Laurie DiRocco participated in the rededication program. With a snip of the town's oversized scissors, the mayor and honored guests cut the ribbon lining the new sidewalk.

Meadow Lane Park is located on the corner of Meadow Lane, Ware Street and Courthouse Road. Since the park doesn't have a parking lot, drivers coming to the playground park their vehicles on the roadway where the culverts had been. The parking situation never deterred visitors. Large old shade trees form a canopy over the play area and young children can be found out there during the daytime. Residents of the surrounding community donate used outdoor toys and kiddie rides for public use. The 3.43-acre park has two lighted tennis courts, basketball court, ballfield, playground equipment, restrooms and pavilion. The park pavilion has eight tables and one grill.

"All the trees make the park cool even in the summer," said Cole, noting the popularity of Meadow Lane Park.

— DONNA MANZ

Free Smoothie at Oakton Cafe

Tropical Smoothie Café in Oakton is preparing to flip the switch on summer with its 4th Annual National Flip Flop Day event that will give the first 500 customers who visit the restaurant wearing flip-flops on June 18 a free 24-ounce Jetty Punch smoothie.

Coinciding with the local event will be a month-long fundraising effort that lasting through June 27, that will raise funds to benefit children with life-threatening illnesses. The goal this year is to raise upwards of \$325,000 in donations across the 285-unit franchise system to send more than 200 families to Camp Sunshine, a retreat in Maine that provides respite, support, joy and hope to its visitors.

"We look forward to seeing people out and about in their flip flops feeling good and enjoying the summer fun with Tropical Smoothie Café," said Janet Golzar, owner of Tropical Smoothie Café in Oakton.

Customers visiting the Tropical Smoothie Café location in Oakton will have the opportunity to purchase paper flip flops posted throughout the store as well as donate online at www.nationalflipflopday.com and www.paypal.com. Additionally, cell phone savvy consumers can text their donation to CAMP at 20222 to donate \$10. That charge will be made directly to their monthly phone bill.

Summer Basketball Leagues Begins June 22

The Men's Summer Basketball League sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department begins June 22 through Aug. 10. Two 10-team divisions will play a round-robin schedule, with the top teams from each division competing in a league championship tournament.

The fee is \$600 per team plus an additional charge of \$20 for each non-Fairfax County player. For more information, call Enrique Guzman at 703-255-6352 or e-mail eguzman@viennava.gov.

Summer Stories and Sprinklers on Wednesdays

Vienna area children and their parents are invited to enjoy "Summer Stories and Sprinklers" each Wednesday, June 23-August 11, at 1 p.m.

Listen to stories at Vienna's original one-room library located on the grounds of the historic Freeman House, 131 Church St., N.E., and then take a run through the sprinklers on the lawn of the adjacent Town Green.

The program is free of charge; bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360.

Have Tea at Green Spring Gardens

A trip to Green Spring Gardens in Alexandria, sponsored by the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department, is scheduled for Thursday, June 24. A charter bus will leave at 9 a.m. from the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. and return around 4 p.m.

The cost of \$80 for Town of Vienna residents and \$100 for out-of-town participants includes transportation, docent-led tour, full English tea, and chocolate tasting.

For more information, call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Teen Center to Host End-of-School Party

Vienna area 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to an end-of-school party at 3:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, at Club Phoenix Teen Center, located in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E. This activity is free of charge.

NEWS



Book lovers and book dealers were waiting at 9 a.m. for the Historic Vienna, Inc. book sale to open on June 12. The annual two-day extravaganza kicks off with approximately 30,000 books.

PHOTOS BY DONNA MANZ/ THE CONNECTION

Books by the Boxful

Historic Vienna, Inc. conducts annual two-day mega-booksale.

It took more than 30,000 books, more than 50 volunteers and a Vienna Boy Scout troop to kick off the annual Historic Vienna, Inc. mega-book sale on June 12. Under tents on the grounds of Freeman House, hundreds of readers and dealers with barcode readers pored over tables of used books at the weekend book sale. From politics and history to health, mystery, cooking and everything in between, name a genre and it was represented.

Dealers weren't the only people using high-tech scanners to check out price ranges on books they picked up. Historic Vienna, Inc., (HVI) too, used a portable barcode reader. "We now have the same technology the dealers do," said HVI volunteer Sarah Jane Brady. The electronic readers scan the barcode and pull up price ranges for each found book. The dealers are less likely to get their hands on valuable books at a discounted price when HVI sees what they do.

As is tradition, children had their own dedicated children's space under shade trees where they were free to browse and find books on their own.

Paperback books sold for \$1, hardcover for \$2. Treasures, such as rare or out-of-print books, waited on the front porch for buyers.

Late Sunday afternoon, buyers could purchase books-by-the-bag at reduced prices.

The HVI booksale takes three full months to pull off. The committee begins planning in March and begins collecting and sorting from April 1 to June 1. The sale itself takes several days to put together, including tent, table and signage set-up, and moving the tens of thousands of books.

Boy Scout troop 152, based at nearby Vienna Presbyterian Church, arrives early Saturday morning to help bring the books out of the Freeman House basement and relocate the books to their appropriate tables.

Troop 152 volunteer Valerie Wrobel said the scouts receive service hour credits for their help and an opportunity to choose a free book. Before the 90-degree heat could melt videotapes, the scouts on late-morning duty were on hand to move the boxes to a shaded spot.

For the past few years, HVI has netted close to \$10,000 after expenses, the most major expenses being tent and table rental charges. The money goes toward operational expenses of HVI, administrator of Freeman House and the Little Library.

For more information on Historic Vienna, Inc., see www.historicviennainc.org

— DONNA MANZ

VIEWPOINTS

What do you like about the Historic Vienna, Inc. book sale?



John Aneviski, Fairfax

"We saw the banner across the street. It's a good book sale, really nice. I love book sales."



Hope Bingham, Vienna

"We always come with our grandparents. It's fun to look at all the different books. I like it and I would tell my friends to come."



Kaye Bredehorst, Vienna

"We come to the book sale every year. I read a lot, go to the library a lot. Sometimes, it's nice to have a book you don't have to return. We dropped off books, too. I think it's a great sale."



Quing Lan, Vienna

"My kids are here because they love books. I think it is a good sale. We get good bargains because new books cost a lot."



Barbara Tozzi, Vienna

"I'm here buying books for my grandsons, 8 and 6. If my grandkids were here, they'd come, too. They came one year and thought it was the best thing going. They don't have a book sale like this where they live, and they liked this one very much."

— DONNA MANZ

Fimian to Challenge Connolly in November

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Several Democrats said Fimian leans far more to the political right than former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R), who represented the 11th Congressional District for 14 years before retiring in 2007.

"I don't think they have anything in common other than their party label," said Connolly of a Davis and Fimian comparison.

"I am reaching out to moderate Republicans and independents like I always have but this nominee makes that easier," said the congressman.

DURING THE PRIMARY race, several Republican activists also expressed concerns about Fimian's ability to beat Connolly in the fall.

Much of the local Republican Party establishment had endorsed Herrity, including almost all Republican elected officials in the area and the Fairfax County Republican Committee chair Anthony Bedell. Many said they thought Herrity would be the stronger candidate to beat Connolly and Fimian's more conservative campaign platform would turn off independent and moderate voters in the fall.

"Pat can appeal to a broader base of voters. His style is more moderate," said Larry Krakouer, chair of the Braddock District Republican Committee, while standing outside a polling station.

"The voters here are not too ideological. They ex-

pect you to get something done," he said.

Unlike Fimian's supporters, Herrity's advocates said they valued their candidate's experience in elected office.

"Going to Congress without any experience in elected office is like going directly from kindergarten to high school," said Joe Underwood, a Fairfax resident and active member of the Fairfax County Republican Committee.

THOUGH HE LOST the overall race, Herrity did win Fairfax County with 51 percent of the vote to Fimian's 49 percent. The supervisor ran particularly strong in Springfield, Clifton and Fairfax Station, communities that he currently represents on the county board.

Fimian chalked up large margins of victory in the areas of the 11th Congressional District outside of Fairfax County. He won Prince William County with 76 percent of the vote and the City of Fairfax with 63 percent of the vote.

In certain parts of Fairfax County — particularly Mount Vernon, Lorton and Vienna — Fimian also tended to attract more supporters than Herrity.

But Democrats and other critics of Fimian said the voters who turned out during the primary election are not representative of the general electorate. Only 7.7 percent of all registered voters turned out to participate in the June 8 primary.



CONTRIBUTED

Pictured, from left, are APO TR Cook; Jessica Clements (RAD); Terra Cooke (RAD); MPO Melissa Borja; VYI Chairman Mark Meana; Emily Bikofsky (RAD); Col. Robert Carlisle, chief of police; Philene Ware-Dunn (Records); APO John Wooden; and APO Ken Plumb.

Volunteers Honored

On May 25, the Town of Vienna Police Department along with Vienna Youth Incorporated honored several individuals that had volunteered their time to the Vienna Police Department during 2009. Attendees were treated to dinner at Artie's Restaurant in Fairfax. Each volunteer was then presented with a black leather Day Timer bearing the artwork of the seven-point star worn by officers of the Vienna Police Department.

Chief of Police Col. Robert A. Carlisle and Vienna Youth Football League Chairman Mark Meana hosted the event. During 2009, hon-

orees served the community and assisted the police department in many different ways. Some served as Auxiliary Police Officers (APO's), some assisted with information maintenance and record keeping, and others helped instruct the R.A.D. women's self defense classes.

Vienna Youth Football, Inc. Chairman Mark Meana donated the funds to cover the costs associated with the meal.

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To celebrate, we plan to publish the Pet Connection, including your family's pets, in late July.

We invite photos of your pets with you, your children or with whole family. We'll prefer photos that picture the pets with their humans.

We also invite children's artwork of their pets.

We also welcome short stories (200 words or less) about your pet. Tell us a funny story, or explain how your pet helped you or a member of your family through a tough time. Tell us about how you came to adopt or rescue your pet. Tell us about your favorite places to go with your pet, or how you solved a particular challenge concerning your pet.

We haven't forgotten horses, fish, birds, reptiles and amphibians, guinea pigs, hamsters, and other more unusual pets — we hope for

photos about them all.

Be sure to identify the full names of everyone pictured in any photos, include information such as breed and age of the pet and children pictured, and (very important) the community where you live.

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What tips do you have for someone new to your town? What interesting, almost secret, places would you like to have learned about earlier when you moved in?

We invite you to share the expertise you've gained in living in your hometown with your neighbors and with people new to the area in our Newcomers and Community Guides, coming later this summer.

Connection staff members and interns are already working on the annual Newcomers and Community Guide, which will publish at the end of August.

We invite residents, businesses and organizations to send us suggestions. We invite calendar listings for major events for the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization.

When are the major festivals, celebrations

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and other events at your church or temple or mosque?

We also invite readers to contribute directly to the newcomers and community guides. Send us a short letter: what do you love about your community? Tell us about one special place you've discovered. Does your family have different favorites in different seasons? How did you get involved in your town? Share your favorite park. Tell us about your favorite annual event.

Helping pets adapt to new surroundings can be a big part of any family's move. Share tips you have for acclimating a pet to a new home. Do you have a favorite dog park?

Send your comments and submissions to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com or mail to Vienna Newcomers Guide, 1606 King St., Alexandria, VA 22314.

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VIEWPOINTS

What is the most important thing you learned from your father?

— DONNA MANZ



Cathy Salgado, Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Director (Father died flying over England, doing civilian airlifts, 34 years ago)

"I learned perseverance. What that means is that you

never give up. Even if you don't have all the talent in the world, if you try hard enough, you may just achieve all your goals. He also said there are no guarantees in life."



John King, Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation staff member (Father died 40 years ago after long illness)

"He was quiet like I am. He was sick for a long time of cancer, and was too sick to watch me play sports.

That was kind of a disappointment. I learned to be myself."



U.S. Rep Gerry Connolly (D-11)

"Perseverance, not giving up, fighting for what's important to you. My dad fought back from a stroke, heart bypass surgery and cancer. He's still going strong."



Joy Harrington, Reston (Parents live in Vienna)

"I learned how to be loving and respectful to others. It helped me to become a wonderful dance educator to children, and to become a loving wife."



David Thornton, 8, Vienna

"I think the most important thing is when my dad teaches me how to build things, like tents."



Jesse Smider, 10, Alexandria

"He taught me a lot of things. Not to talk to strangers because one of them can hurt you."

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Grace Verwys, 6, Vienna
“How to read.”



Laurie DiRocco, Vienna Town Councilwoman
“The most important thing he taught me was support and love of family. He always put family first and taught me to do that, as well.”



M. Jane Seeman, Mayor, Town of Vienna
“That I could achieve anything I wanted to, no glass ceilings, you just ‘do.’ If you want to do something, you can make it happen.”

FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday.

The Guyasamaja Buddhist Center will host Glenn Mullin, an author, poet, translator, and teacher of Tibetan Buddhism. On Sunday, April 11, Mullin will teach two classes open to all—from beginners in Buddhist practice to advanced practitioners. 1-5 p.m. Location: The Unitarian/Universalist Church, 1625 Wiehle Ave., Reston VA 20190. Suggested donation: one class \$10; both \$15.

Epiphany United Methodist Preschool, 1014 Country Club Drive, N.E. in Vienna, is now enrolling 3-4-year-old students for the 2010/2011 school year. Contact 703-938-2391 or www.epiphanypreschool.com.

The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA) offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. Contact Gary Axelrod, 301-610-8309 or gaxelrod@jssa.org, or www.jssa.org.

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In Diversity, TJ Is Low-Performer

New admissions process has failed to increase minority and poor student enrollment.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

It might seem obvious why students choose to attend Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology. U.S. News and World Report has rated it the best high school in the country for the past three years.

"I came here because of the academic opportunities," said Thomas Woodruff, a junior from Centreville who spends 90 minutes each weekday commuting to and from Jefferson's Alexandria campus.

Students at the Northern Virginia magnet school, commonly referred to as TJ, have genuine interest in school and academics, which creates a more congenial atmosphere, according to some current students.

"The people here are so much friendlier. They are nice to each other. You can leave your stuff in the hallway and no one will take it," said Alan Barte, a freshman from Herndon.

But one problem a few current students voiced about TJ is the homogenous student body. Less than five percent of TJ's students are black or Hispanic. Over 80 percent of the pupils are white or Asian.

"The only thing I don't like is how half the students at the school are Asian. I wish there was more diversity," said Mary Kim Weidman, a freshman who is part Korean and from Reston.

GETTING ACCEPTED to TJ is not an easy task for anyone. The school admitted only 15.3 percent of the 3,119 student who applied to be part of the Class of 2014. That means TJ had a lower acceptance rate for its incoming freshman class than either Cornell University or Swarthmore College this year, according to information on U.S. News and World Report's website.

Fairfax students also compete with children from around the region for slots at the Northern Virginia magnet school. About 80 percent of TJ's student body comes from Fairfax but residents from Arlington, Loudoun, Prince William and Fauquier counties and the City of Falls Church can also attend the school.

Students who are black, Hispanic or poor have a particularly hard time getting admitted to TJ. Out of 480 students admitted to next year's freshman class, just four are black and 13 are Hispanic. Only nine are considered poor enough to qualify for free-or-reduced-priced lunch.

And across all four grades at TJ last year, approximately 1.78 percent of students were black, 2.84 percent of students were Hispanic and 1.74 percent were poor.

Fairfax schools' countywide enrollment is far more diverse than that of TJ. Across the school system, 18.1 percent of students are Hispanic and 10.5 percent are African American. Approximately 25 percent of all



Sophomore Sarah Sam and freshmen Kleo Greenwood, Alan Barte and Mary Kim Weidman enjoy Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology but said they wish the school had a more diverse student body.

county students are considered poor.

None of Fairfax's other 24 high schools posted such low percentages of black or Hispanic students as TJ.

Only one high school, Langley in McLean, has a lower percentage of poor students enrolled.

TJ does enroll a higher-than-average percentage of Asian students, who will make up almost 58 percent of incoming freshman class next year. Countywide, Asian students account for just 18.5 percent of the school system population.

"There are a lot of people from a lot of different ethnic backgrounds here. But I would like to see more African Americans," said Sarah Sam, a sophomore who is part African American and a member of the school's Black Student Union.

FAIRFAX COUNTY Public Schools has struggled to boost enrollment among black and Hispanic students at TJ since 1998, when the school board ended an affirmative action program at the school.

In 1998, the last year of the affirmative action program, TJ admitted 49 black and Hispanic students. By 2003, this number has dropped to just 16, prompting the school board to form a blue ribbon commission on the TJ admissions process that year.

The commission, which included admissions officers from Yale University and the University of Virginia, concluded TJ was behind other elite high schools and colleges, when it came to certain groups of minorities and poor students.

At the Bronx High School for Science in New York City for example, a school ranked fourth on U.S. News and World Report's "best high schools" list in 2008, approximately 12 percent of the student body was black or Hispanic and one in three students was considered poor.

MINORITY STUDENT advocates said there are several reasons why black and Hispanic students struggle to gain admission to TJ.

"There is not a lot of enthusiasm for going at this point. People look at the numbers and say there is not a lot of support for me going to that school," said John Johnson, chair of the School Board's Minority Student Achievement Oversight Committee.

Approximately 50 private companies and tutors offer test preparation specifically for the TJ admission exam. Since black and Hispanic families are more likely to be low-income, they are less likely to have the money to spend for a private tutor for the entrance exam, said Johnson.

Even minority and poor students who make it past the initial screening and into the semifinalist round may not have as strong applications as those from affluent backgrounds. In the final round of the TJ application process, staff look for an indication that students are interested in math or science. And students at-risk are less likely to have gone to math camp or away on a science expedition to another country.

"Those families who are financially gifted have the means to provide more enrichment activities," said Johnson.

Not enough students who are black, Hispanic or poor are being prepared earlier on in their educational careers for gifted and talented programs like TJ, said minority student advocates.

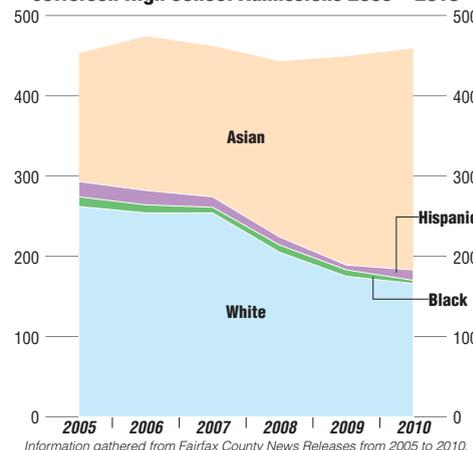
The majority of Fairfax public school students who attend TJ have come through elementary and middle school gifted and talented centers. And of the 10,514 students enrolled in those elementary and middle school gifted and talented centers, only 400 are black and 438 are Hispanic, according to Fairfax County Public Schools.

According to Johnson, there are also 22 elementary schools in Fairfax that do not offer accelerated math. These schools tend to have larger populations of black, Hispanic and low-income students. And although students are not required to take Algebra I by the end of seventh grade to get into TJ, 80 percent of those accepted this year had done so. Starting next fall, advanced math at the sixth grade level will be available on all elementary campuses, said Paul Regnier, spokesman for the school system.

While affluent parents may have been preparing their children's list of activities with an eye toward applying to TJ for years, many lower-income parents — including those who are black and Hispanic — have not had such foresight, said Abraham Lerner, head of the diversity committee for TJ's Parent Teacher Student Association.

"You have families who are doing everything that they need to do to get their children into TJ by the time they are in third grade. There are other parents who are learning about TJ for the first time when their children are in eighth grade," said Lerner, who conducts outreach to the families of black and Hispanic middle school children who have high GPAs and could make good candidates for TJ.

Jefferson High School Admissions 2005 – 2010



UNDER THE OLD admissions process, TJ admissions gave a rank to all the children in the applicant pool based on a formula in which a student's admissions test results accounted for 80 percent of their overall "score" and their grade point average [GPA] accounted for the 20 percent.

The current admissions process gives significantly more weight to grades as opposed to the entrance exam. The pool of semifinalists is also approximately twice as large.

The school board had concluded that one of the barriers to increasing black and Hispanic enrollment was the low number of students from these groups that made it into semifinalist round in the first place.

One year, as few as seven of the 800 students who made it past the first round of admissions for TJ were black, according to school board documents.

But this year, TJ admitted just 17 black and Hispanic students. Last year, 14 students from these minority groups were accepted. The percentage of TJ's student body that is Asian has jumped from 32 percent to 57.5 percent.

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CAPPIES



Featured Actress, Orla Conway, G.C. Marshall High School, 'Peter Pan.'



Supporting Actress in a Musical, Kristen Bouchard, James Madison, 'Singin' in the Rain.'

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And the Winners Are ...

Orla Conway of Marshall High wins Best Featured Actress Award, Madison and McLean High students also win Cappies.

On Sunday evening, June 13, George C. Marshall High School junior Orla Conway received the Cappie award for Featured Actress at the 11th Annual Cappies Gala at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Conway was given the award for her performance in Marshall's production of "Peter Pan." Conway's performance was described by McLean Cappie critic Kate Marlette: "Slightly, one of the Lost Boys played by Orla Conway, stood out among the cast. Her over the top reactions and huge gestures turned her into a character that called attention when onstage. Always bringing energy to the stage, Conway brought Slightly to life."

After the award presentation for best Featured Actress, Conway said: "Slightly Soiled, a lost boy, is rowdy, has a slingshot and a Brooklyn accent and he's the craziest one. I'm amazed [with our win]; we did 'Peter Pan' in November-December 2009, and that's a long time ago. So it makes me feel ecstatic; I can't even believe it."

McLean High senior Julia Katz, who won the Graduating Critic awards, said: "I'm so excited. I've been a critic for four years, so this is the greatest way to top it off."

Madison High received the award for Props & Effects for its production of "Singin' in the Rain."

"It's surreal," said junior Chris Foote. "This is really cool. I think we won because it rained on stage. This has been an amazing experience. I'm glad they let us be a part of this."

"It's so amazing," said junior Chris Rosecrans. "We'll give the Cappie to the Theater Department."

"This is so great," said senior Kristen Bouchard, of Madison High, who won the Supporting Actress in a Musical award. "I heard how everyone else was so good and to win is one of the greatest things that's happened in my whole life. I'm shaking, laughing and crying. I think part of the reason I won was my voice; every time I went on stage, I felt so great. I had so much fun, and I wouldn't trade the experience for anything."

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Lavender Wand Workshop. 10 a.m. Cherry Hill Farmhouse, 312 Park Ave., Falls Church. Make a lavender wand sachet and tour the 1845 farmhouse. \$5. Reserve at 703-248-5171.

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Cats. 8 p.m. at Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. \$44-\$245. 703-938-2404 or www.wolftrap.org.

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

NVTA 2010 One-Act Play Festival. 7:30 p.m. James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. \$14-\$35. 703-615-6626 or www.nvtaweb.org.

Center for Ballet Arts: "Swan Lake". 7 p.m. at Oakton High School Theatre, 2900 Sutton Road, Vienna. Tickets \$15.

SATURDAY/JUNE 19

Memories of the Korean War: Concert & Picture Exhibition. 7 p.m. at George Mason Center for the

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THURSDAY/JUNE 17

Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. 7:30 p.m. at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Jim Thur, Virginia's Wounded Warrior Regional Director and Vietnam War veteran, will discuss the program to assist Virginia military veterans including National Guard and reservists and the new Presumptive Eligibility for Agent Orange benefit. Free, open to the public. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

Beulah Road Al-Anon Group. 7:30



Nevie Brooks (left) as Denise, Brian Razzino as Michael, and Leigh Jameson as Carol in 'Suburban Motel' at 1st Stage in Tysons Corner. The show runs through July 3. Tickets are available at www.1ststagetysons.org/motel.

Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. A choral art performance in remembrance of the Korean War 60 years ago. Samuel Barber's Agnus Dei, U.S. military songs and more accompanied by a full orchestra. A Korean War Picture exhibition will also be a part of honoring and appreciating Korean War Veterans. Free for veterans; reservations required. \$25-\$45. 240-483-5593 or clee13@hotmail.com.

Become a Pilot Family Day and Aviation Display. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Air & Space Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Explore an outdoor aviation display with approximately 50 visiting vintage, recreational, military, and homebuilt aircraft. Talk to pilots and find out what skills are needed to fly. Test your piloting skills in flight simulators. Story time and activities for children. Free event. Parking \$15. www.nasm.si.edu/becomeapilot.

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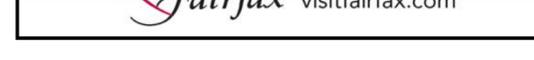
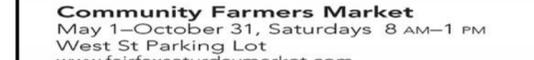
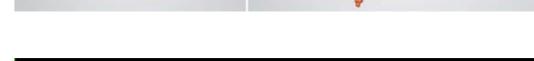
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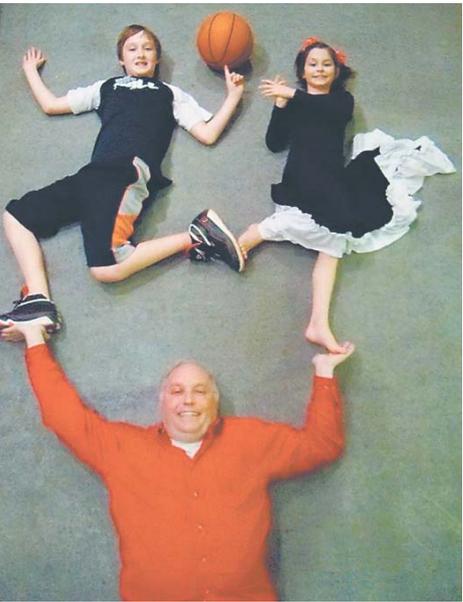
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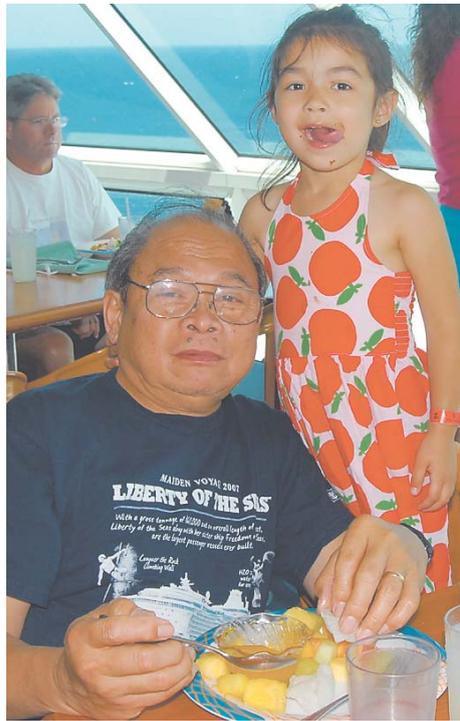
Bill Carey of Vienna, with daughter Issie, 12, teaching Luke, 9, how to surf in Kennebunkport, Maine, last summer.



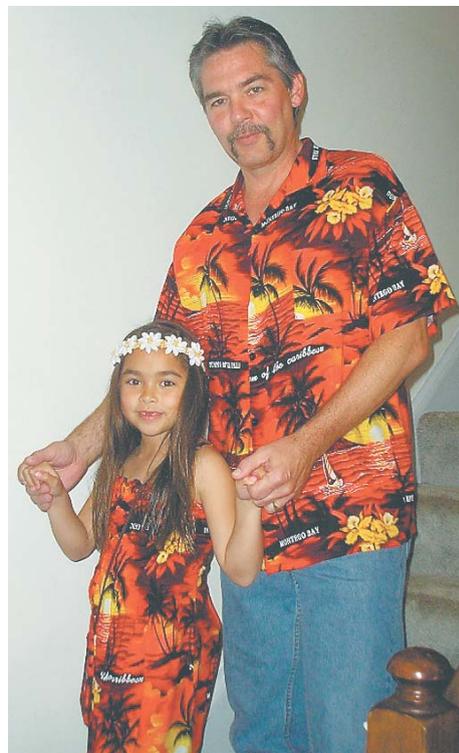
Stan Smith of Vienna with his daughters Sarah, Hannah, Emma and Lena.



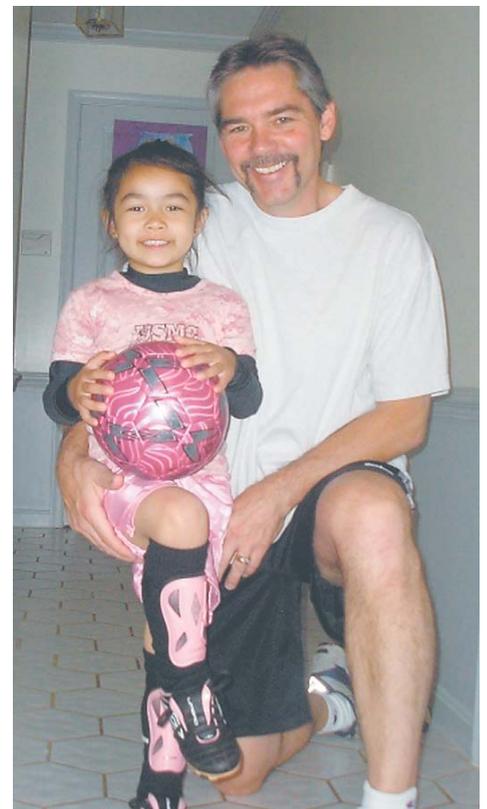
Super-dad, Brian Feeney of Vienna, with children Neil, 13, and Quinn, 8, demonstrates he can juggle anything.



Grandpa, Pelagio Verba from California, took Rebecca Verba Honigford, 4, from Vienna on a Bahamas cruise.



Daughter Regina, 6, and father Rick Honigford on the way to attend the Vienna's Girl Scout Father Daughter Dance/Luau in May 2010.



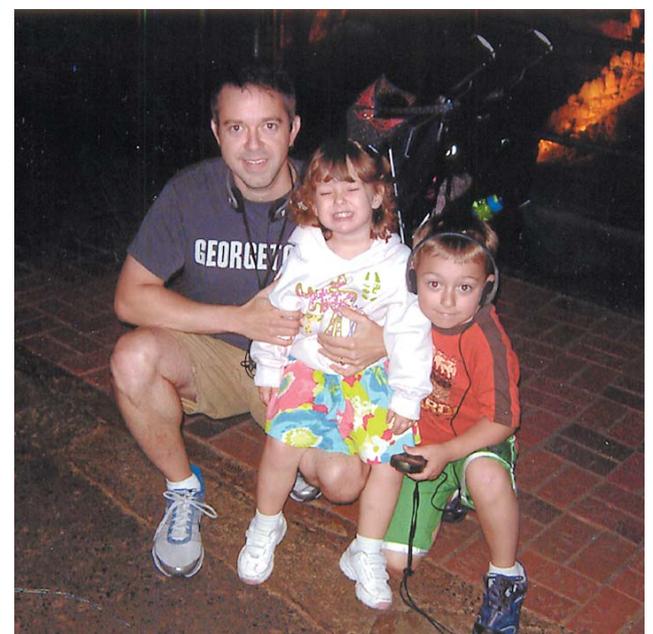
Rebecca, 4, with father Rick Honigford on their way to Rebecca's Vienna Youth Soccer Practice in May 2010.



Joseph Varsalona and daughter Juliana opening her Christmas gift.



Lee Chichester of Vienna, after completing the Avon two-day walk in honor of his late mother, poses with his two boys, Carson and Brody.



Kyle and Bridget, of Vienna, are exploring Luray Caverns with Dad in summer 2009.

McLean High Crowns Prom King and Queen

The McLean High School Prom was Saturday, June 5, at Army Navy Country Club. Students enjoyed a beautiful venue and a fun theme: Classic Hollywood — A Red Carpet Affair. Senior Superlatives were awarded at the Prom. Among the winners were: Most Spirited—Collin Cannon and Aleigh Kemp, Hollywood Bound—Vanessa Bretas and Demetri Simpson. Pictured are McLean's Prom King Will Dutrow and Prom Queen Hanna Longwell, who also had the honor of being crowned Homecoming King and Queen.



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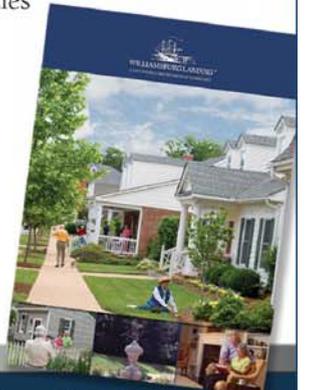
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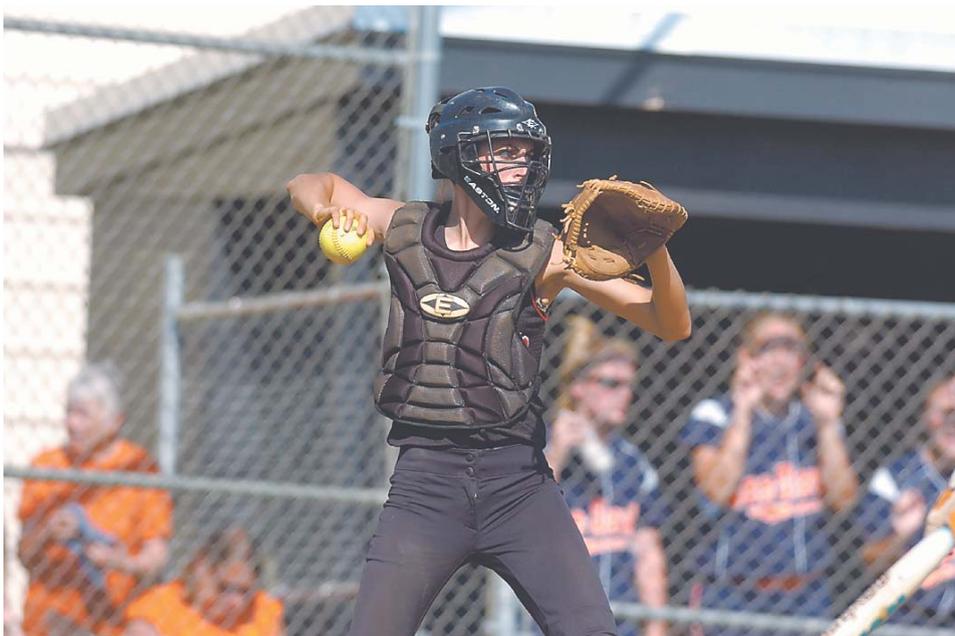


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Madison catcher Emily Fogel (shown) and battery mate pitcher Sam Brady worked well together in limiting Lee-Davis' offense to just four hits during last Friday's state semifinals game at Westfield.

Madison's offense was shut down by Lee-Davis pitcher Kelly Heinz. There were several occasions, however, where the Warhawks nearly earned base hits.

Madison's Marvelous Softball Season Ends

Warhawks shut down in state semifinals loss to Lee-Davis High.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Rest assured, the Madison High girls' softball team's season will not be defined by its Virginia State AAA championship game showing against Lee-Davis High and its dominant pitcher, Kelly Heinz, who tossed a perfect game, no-hitter in her team's 3-0 victory over the Warhawks last Friday evening, June 9 at Westfield High School in Chantilly.

Madison, which captured both the Liberty District and Northern Region titles this season, simply could not generate any offense against Heinz, a softball flame thrower who led the Confederates to a second place finish in the Central Region this season. Few, if any, teams across the state would have enjoyed success against Heinz on Friday.

The right-hander, relying exclusively on her moving fastball and pin-point accuracy, threw a fastball that Madison coach John Schneeberger compared to being the equivalent of a 100 miles per hour baseball fastball, taking into consideration the shorter proximity of the softball pitching mound to home plate.

Heinz, perhaps somewhat drained, was not quite the same overpowering pitcher the following day, when the Confederates lost to McLean, 4-2, in the state title game. Both the semifinals and finals were played in scorching hot summertime temperatures, and perhaps that was a factor in Heinz proving more mortal against the Highlanders, who racked up seven hits against her.

The state semifinals loss hardly dimin-

ished what Madison, under Schneeberger, accomplished this spring in going 26-3 overall and winning the program's first region crown since 2005. But that didn't make the season-ending loss any easier to take.

"It's exciting to be here," said Schneeberger, of his team getting as far as the state semifinals. "I would have liked to have won. It's hard for the kids to lose anytime."

It might have been adding salt to the wound for the Warhawks when, during postgame handshakes between the two teams, the public address announcer, informed the crowd it had witnessed state tournament history.

"Ladies and gentlemen," said the announcer. "Congratulations to Lee-Davis High School pitcher Kelly Heinz, who just pitched a perfect game."

Meanwhile, a song, "Perfect Day," played as a backdrop.

To Madison's credit, the Warhawk players, as usual, were gracious during the handshakes and postgame award ceremonies.

"Our season has really been great," said Madison junior pitcher Sam Brady, perhaps the Northern Region's best pitcher this season who earlier in the postseason, in back to back region playoff outings, threw a perfect game and a no-hitter. "There were a lot of positives and it definitely was a success. We did our best."

BRADY HAD A SOLID outing against Lee-Davis (Mechanicsville), allowing three runs (two earned) on four hits while striking out seven and walking one. But she was overshadowed by the pitching of Heinz, who struck out 11 and never reached a three-ball count.

Madison did come close a few times to getting base hits. Senior Stephanie Buchko, with one out in the bottom of the fourth inning, hit a line drive ball down the right

field line which the Lee-Davis right fielder made a nice running catch on. It is not certain whether the ball would have landed in fair or foul territory, but it was a nice at-bat by Buchko.

The following inning, with two outs, Madison senior center fielder Laura Wolf laid down a beautiful bunt and ran as hard as she could to first base, barely being thrown out on a nice play by the third baseman.

Madison shortstop Khristin Kylo, in lead-

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— Madison junior pitcher
Sam Brady

ing off the Warhawks' sixth, smashed a sizzling grounder to third base, which was played well defensively for the putout. And in Madison's final at-bats in the seventh, leadoff batter Emily Fogel hit a ball into the hole between shortstop and third. The Lee-Davis shortstop gloved the ball and made a long throw on a close out call at first.

It was just a game in which Madison couldn't get on base in any way.

"I had faith in our offense, but that pitcher just shut us down," said Brady. "She's definitely different than anything we've seen. She kept us off balance. I didn't see much offspeed [pitches] but she had spin on her [fastball]. We didn't adjust."

Wolf, Madison's No. 6 hitter, was impressed.

"She was the best we've seen all season," said Wolf, a team tri-captain. "She had really good movement."

Schneeberger said Heinz would likely earn Pitcher of the Year accolades in the state.

"She not only had the velocity, but she moved the ball around," he said.

Wolf said Madison has a lot to be proud of this season.

"I think we'll look back and be pleased," she said. "We had a lot of experienced senior starters and we were real consistent. It will be great to look back and say, 'we are the region champs.'"

Schneeberger loved the group of players who made up the 2010 Madison softball team this spring.

"They worked hard and never quit," said the coach, who added that Brady's outstanding pitching all season long was a huge factor in his team's success. "I'm real proud of these girls."

New Girls' Volleyball Coach at Marshall High

George Marshall High has announced the hiring of Frank Johnson as the school's new girls' volleyball head coach. Coach Johnson comes to Marshall from South Lakes High where he was a varsity assistant coach. Originally from

Cherry Hill, N.J., Johnson has coaching experience in a number of sports. He is dedicated to building and sustaining a strong program at Marshall. Mr. Johnson is also an educator endorsed to teach in three academic areas.

Feeling The Music

A 7th-grader reviews
McLean Orchestra's
'Sweet Sorrow'
concert.

BY MEGAN ZWICKER
7TH GRADE/COOPER MIDDLE SCHOOL

A play where the music does most of the talking, not the actors. The instruments are not hiding below the stage, but are in sight. The actors are known as narrators, because they have few lines that say a lot.

The story was about Romeo and Juliet. In the beginning of the musical story, there was mostly Pyotr Tchaikovsky music. It was more joyful music because it represented when Romeo and Juliet meet. The narrators act as the characters while the instruments fade in and out helping to tell the story. As the story gets tenser, the music choice changes too. The story makes a big jump and goes on to Sergey Prokofiev. The music has a sad tone to it. In the end, the music changes again. The music is still sad, but more of mourning. It is by Hector Berlioz.

I enjoyed all of the music that was played. I am not sure of the name of my favorite song, but it is a very well known song. I have heard it in a lot of movies, usually when a big monster is walking in. It was my favorite song because it made my imagination feel like I was right there where Romeo and Juliet had been. The songs played where all classical songs. At the beginning of the concert, the director told us that the three musicians in the concert were rarely ever put together. The level of performers was advanced. It was advanced because it was mostly adults who have been playing since they were kids. The instruments used in the performance went from strings, to woodwind, and brass and other instruments. I heard a lot of dynamics in the songs. Also, the way the strings would staccato (pluck) was amazing because it sounded like jumping.

I think the performance was amazing. I would definitely recommend it to a friend. I would recommend it because it was a new way to see a concert. It would have the narrators start it and the music tells the rest of the story. I really noticed that the narrators weren't moving like in a regular play. They just acted with their tone of voice and facial expression. The narrators also stood on a balcony high above the orchestra.

I felt really moved by how hard they all had worked. I was also starting to think during the concert that all instruments are alike. The voice has all the same thing that a violin has. If the voice is off key, it needs to be tuned just like a violin. I imagined when singing, legato is like moving the bow really slowly and smoothly across the strings. It was the best orchestra concert I have been to. I really liked it and I want to go to another one of their concerts. It is one of the first musical concerts I have been to where the musicians really got in to their music and put heart into it.

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Charitable Misgivings



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I have never been particularly charitable. Oh sure, I've given money here or there, especially when friends, neighbors, co-workers or family members have embraced - and solicited for - a cause. But on the whole, my actions (make that inaction) have left a lot to be desired. Unless of course, there were cookies or candy involved, or self-addressed, pre-stamped envelopes provided; otherwise, my inclination has been, generally speaking, not to "incline." I have stayed pretty much within my perimeters, not navigating (heck, not even drawing) outside the lines. I have been happy traveling within the imaginary guidelines set for me, set by me, set because of me. Well, that's about to change.

A little perspective goes a long way, and so too does an unexpected stage IV lung cancer diagnosis affect a life-long non-smoker at age 54; and so my perspective has changed (as in, "There are no atheists in foxholes," a quote most often attributed to World War II journalist, Ernie Pyle), evolved you might say, matured even, and now I'm redrawing some of those lines. I'm certainly not on the front lines, it's more of a rear guard-type action. I'm not addressing and/or stamping those envelopes or calling prospective donors over the phone, nor am I soliciting in public. I'm simply contributing, financially, more frequently than I have in the past. (That's not saying much, but it is saying something.) On the one hand, I figure it's not too late. On the other, I figure, given my prognosis, it's now or never. I don't think I'm making a Faustian-type deal, but neither do I know for sure that unselfish acts made in the face of death won't result in some kind of positive feedback down the line (under the line? up the line? across the line?). Still, I'm a long way from committing myself to a potential spiritual-type purity that might, in fact, alter the course (or is that curse?) of that future line. Nevertheless, I'd rather be safe than sorry, or at least think I'm being safe so maybe I won't be sorry. But who knows, really?

So yes, I suppose there is an ulterior motive. Now, whether a few dollars spread around (by me) to those less fortunate than I (cancer issues not-always-withstanding, although likely underlying every decision I now make; subconsciously probably, consciously definitely) and/or contributing to more charitable endeavors (other than myself) won't likely help me in this life, I can't see how it would hurt, either. Nor am I counting chickens or hatching a plan. I'm simply trying to consider the bigger picture.

It's not like I'm donating all my worldly possessions or going on a pilgrimage to the Promised Land to find the true meaning of life - and death. I'm still living my normal (relatively speaking for a cancer patient receiving chemotherapy every three weeks) life, but trying to work into that "normal" life more dos and less don'ts, and to be more sensitive to those who have not rather than to those who have a lot.

I wouldn't say this benevolence hit me recently. I would say it's been a gradual year-or-so ago awakening, having hit me on Feb. 27, 2009, when my internal medicine doctor first called me with the results of my biopsy. The "m" word has a way of sharpening your focus and maybe even redefining your values a bit.

So here I sit, 15 months later, approximately, doing better than my oncologist expected, and grateful for every result that he has characterized as "above average." I'm not thinking about death (too much), I'm thinking about life. And not just mine, but others. In a peculiar way, it sort of helps.

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Patrick K. Love of Vienna has graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science in psychology from the University of Mary Washington. Love received Departmental Honors in psychology.

Oakton residents **Jeffrey Ostendorff** (B.A., art) and **Devon Richardson** (B.S., nursing/2nd degree) have graduated from Marymount University of Arlington.

These Vienna residents have graduated from Marymount University of Arlington: **Abdullah Abotaleb** (B.A. in liberal studies), **Mazen Alasad** (B.S. in information technology), **Yazeed Aldosari** (B.S. in information systems), **Safa Almustafa** (M.S. in health care management), **Morooj Alwazir** (B.A. in business administration), **Caroline Autry** (B.A. in fashion merchandising), **Spencer Ball** (B.A. in History), **Fiona Barry** (B.A. in business administration), **Alexandra Bernier** (B.S. in Nursing), **Carla Bitterman** (M.Ed. in elementary education), **Ashley Carney** (B.A. in liberal studies) and **Samuel Dabbs** (M.S. in management).

The following Vienna residents have graduated from Marymount University of Arlington: **Hallah Dakhil** (B.A. in business administration), **Ahmad Emam** (B.S. in computer information systems), **Joshua MacNabb** (cum laude, B.A. in history), **Richard Manzer** (M.S. in information technology), **Gisele Murad** (B.S. in biology), **Jennifer Porter** (M.Ed. in elementary education), **Rosalita Santiago** (M.Ed. in elementary education), **Shahin**

Sharifi (M.B.A.), **Jennifer Taylor** (B.A. in History), **Christopher Tearnio** (B.S. in nursing, 2nd degree) and **Courtney Trowbridge** (M.Ed. in elementary education).

Ellen Jean Chapin of Vienna has earned a Jefferson Scholarship to the University of Virginia. Jefferson Scholarship recipients receive stipends for the complete cost of attending the University for four years, including tuition, room and board, books and other University-related expenses, as well as leadership training programs and foreign travel or study. Chapin is the daughter of Douglas and Marty Chapin, and a graduate of George C. Marshall High School. Chapin is a National Merit Commended Scholar, a member of the National Honor Society and the Math, French, and English Honor Societies. She received the Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Outstanding Student in the Humanities & Social Science Award given by Marshall's history department in conjunction with the University of Rochester, an academic letter all four years of high school and Marshall's Statesmen of the 21st Century Award. Chapin also coordinated "Chanx for Haiti," a variety show where all profits were sent to assist Haiti.

The following Vienna residents have graduated from the University of Mary Washington: **Allison Brooke Cerie** (cum laude with a B.A. in English), **Brandon P. Altmann** (B.S. in business administration), **Christopher Lee Erdwins** (B.S. in economics), **Emily Kraus Ratzenberger** (M.S. in elementary education), **James Spenser Fitzella** (B.S. in business administration), **Lauren E. Bates** (B.S. degree, psychology), **Michael Alexander Gionfriddo** (B.A. in classical civilization), **Michelle Janine Rother** (with distinction with a B.A. in theatre), **Nicole Marie Barrea** (M.S. in elementary education), **Ruth Kavita Dhanaraj** (B.S. in business administration), **Sarah R. Bosworth** (M.S. in elementary education) and **Varin Zimmermann** (magna cum laude with a B.S. in biology).

The following Oakton residents have graduated from the University of Mary Washington: **Ainsley Erin Hilburn** (M.S. degree, elementary education), **Erin Lindsay Keeler** (cum laude with a B.A. in international affairs), **Jessica Anne Wrenn** (cum laude with a B.A. in international affairs) and **Mary Kathryn Wagoner** (cum laude with a B.A. in political science).

Kathryn A. Britton of Oakton has graduated with a bachelor of arts in political science at Bucknell University of Lewisburg, Pa. She was also named to the spring 2010 dean's list. She is the daughter of Richard and Christine Britton and a 2006 graduate of Oakton High School.

Daniel W. Markwalter of Vienna has been named to the spring 2010 dean's list at Bucknell University of Lewisburg, Pa. Markwalter is the son of Brian and Holland Markwalter and a 2009 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School.

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Doctor Robert Herron, died on June 12, 2010, after a long battle with cancer. He was born on February 11, 1947, in Jamaica, NY to Catherine (nee Jensen) and the late James Herron. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Margaret (nee Carmody) Herron, son and daughter in law, Christopher and Alexis (nee Kaufmann) Herron, daughter Kathleen and son Thomas Herron. He is also survived by his brothers, Allen and Kevin Herron. He was predeceased by his sister, Diane Roy. Relatives and Friends are invited to Dr Herrons Life Celebration at Money and King Funeral Home, 171 W. Maple Ave. Vienna, VA on Tuesday June 15 from 5-8pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St Marks Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Rd, Vienna, VA on Wednesday June 16, 2010 at 1:00pm. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers the family suggest that memorial contributions be made to Capital Hospice, 6565 Arlington Blvd, Suite 500, Falls Church, VA 22042. Please view and sign the guest book at www.moneyandking.com

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OLGC Goes International

All-day school-wide project highlights diverse cultures.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

One day last week, the students of Our Lady of Good Counsel toured the world.

The Vienna school conducted its first school-wide International Day and, for the all-day event, the students created exhibits, Power Point presentations and crafts. Many dressed in ethnic dress. Their parents prepared food from eastern Europe, western Europe, South America, Central America and Asia, and points in-between.

"We're living in a global society," said OLGC principal Austin Poole, a native of England. "The kids

have to be tolerant of each other and also of other nations and cultures."

Spanish teacher Marivi Mata of Costa Rica transformed an earlier version of a fifth-grade international studies project into the all-grade global adventure. "Our school has representation from almost all parts of the world," said Mata. "Ireland and the Philippines are most represented." Thirty-six countries were represented overall, with input from teaching staff.

EACH STUDENT answered a questionnaire, "What I learned about the world today."

"We try to highlight what people from that country would like other

people to know," Mata said.

What OLGC parent Yvette Davila of Panama would like other people to know is the location of Panama and the importance of its location, particularly as it pertains to the construction of the Panama Canal.

Chile, said Regina Benico, a Brazilian married to a Chilean, produces great wine and has the driest desert in the world.

"Chile is not a little island," said Chilean-born Rodrigo Hurtado, Benico's fourth-grade son. "You can be where you want to be. It's very beautiful. The sky is usually very blue."

Fifth-grader Molly Cox, adopted from China, learned that China has a Great Wall and that Pope John Paul II was born in Poland.

The seventh-graders in Elaine Lockard's homeroom went all-out for the classroom's Germany focus.



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First-grader Lily Supernor said she learned that 'French people eat croissants every day.'

Each classroom featured one or more countries. Students created artwork and crafts, and prepared information on the nations for other classes to learn. Teachers chose the countries their students concentrated on. Classes followed a rotation, each class visiting all



Rodrigo Hurtado, who grew up in Chile, said the country is very beautiful and the sky is usually very blue. His mother, Brazilian Regina Benico, contributed nut sweets to the buffet, as well as her time volunteering.

the classroom displays. International Day closed with a parade of students in native dress,

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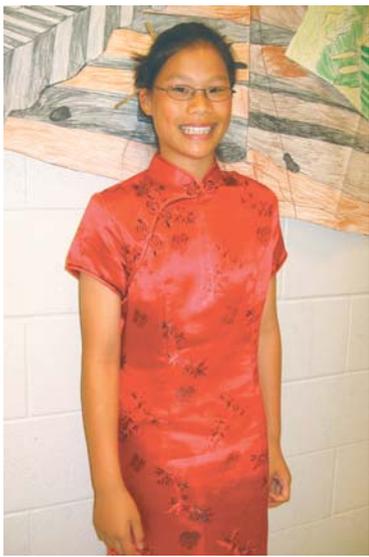
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Molly Cox, adopted from China, wears traditional Chinese dress.



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Barbara DiTullio of Austria, Regina Benico of Brazil, Marivi Mata of Costa Rica, and Yvette Davila of Panama show off their ethnic attire.



Nick Delgado, whose mother comes from Germany, and Fernando Mata who attended a German school while living in Costa Rica, both said they learned a lot about divided Germany and the Berlin Wall. Their homeroom teacher, Frau Elaine Lockard, comes from Germany.

Cultures Meet at Vienna School

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followed by a cultural show of song and dance taught by parent volunteers.

FIRST-GRADER Lily Supernor, wearing a Lithuanian dress and a French beret, said she learned that

“Lithuania has a pretty flag and the people wear nice clothes, including a babushka.” Lily has a Lithuanian heritage, and her mother, Pat, made rugelach for the lunch buffet. Lily recalled learning a thing or two about France. “French people eat croissants every day.”

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