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Maplewood Grill is a highlight
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VTRCC Installs 2011 Board of Directors

Cory Scott takes over as new Chairman.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The new Board of Directors of the ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce [VTRCC] took over when outgoing Chairman of the Executive Committee Gina Cocomello handed over the gavel to 2011 Executive Committee Chairman Cory Scott at the Jan. 13 installation luncheon at Maggiano's. Many 2010 directors returned to the 2011 Board.

VTRCC president Diane Poldy installed the new Board of Directors.

Long & Foster realtor Tana Keeffe was selected by Cocomello as "Member of the Year" for her outstanding contribution to VTRCC projects and events. Keeffe created and organized the Chamber's annual holiday party for children in homeless shelters, worked on the Chamber's inaugural trade show and on casino night, and is the Chamber's liaison to local schools. Keeffe managed the profitable beer tent during Oktoberfest.

"This is an inspirational Chamber," said Scott in his first address in his new capacity. "That's what drew me to it in the first place.

"We live in a blessed and inspiring community," Scott, Senior Property Manager at Tysons Corner Center, lives in Vienna with his wife, daughter and soon-to-be son.

"Regardless of the condition of the economy, the Chamber's goal is to be there as a resource for businesses and the community," Scott said.

SIGNATURE EVENTS of the VTRCC are the annual "Casino Night & Taste of the Town," the Oktoberfest celebration in downtown Vienna and the newly-produced trade show. The annual Vienna Halloween Parade is a partnership of the Town of Vienna and VTRCC.

VTRCC advocates for smart transportation and smart land use as part of its mission.

Scott explained how a business can get a feel for what the chamber can offer before becoming a member.

"The monthly Brown Bag University seminars are always free and open to the public," said Scott. "Our member development committee has free monthly breakfasts where businesses can meet chamber leaders and get a feel for everything the chamber has to offer. And businesses can come free once to a monthly mixer as a guest of the chamber president.

"As always, the best way to get more info on any of these opportunities is to call the chamber office and speak with our team," Scott said.

"Anytime, anybody can reach out to Board members to talk about the benefits of the Chamber," Scott said.

Casino Night & Taste of the Town,



VTRCC installation luncheon Master of Ceremonies Rich Irons, Chamber president Diane Poldy, 2010 board chairman Gina Cocomello, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly [D-11], Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman, and 2011 Chairman of the Board Cory Scott.



2010 VTRCC Chairman of the Board Gina Cocomello hands over the gavel to 2011 Chairman Cory Scott of Vienna.

Vienna's popular winter social event, is scheduled for March 19 at Westwood Country Club. The western-themed gala features food, gaming tables, raffle prizes, cash bar, friends and more food. Fifteen local restaurants are participating.

Tickets are priced at \$75 and can be purchased from the Chamber.

The 2nd annual trade show, expanded and relocated from last year, features demonstrations, booths, presentations and a keynote address by prominent motivational speaker Chris Gardner.

The Chamber is sponsoring a three-part seminar on social networking this year, and is inaugurating a Young Professionals Development series, as well.

"We're always changing and growing to make sure we have the right environment for all the stakeholders involved."

CONGRESSMAN Gerry Connolly and Vienna mayor M. Jane Seeman were seated at the host's table. Connolly spoke on the state of the Fairfax County economy, Tysons redevelopment, traffic in the Tysons area, and jobs.

"Slowly, but surely, we're climbing out of the recession," said Connolly, representa-



Tana Keeffe, Long & Foster realtor at the Earman Company, received VTRCC's Member of the Year award.

tive of the richest Congressional district in America. "Here in Northern Virginia, we have been remarkably insulated from some of the worst parts of the recession."

He spoke, too, of the tragedy in Tucson at Gabrielle Giffords' "Congress on Your Corner," commenting on the eloquence of those who spoke at Wednesday's memorial service for the victims. They captured, Connolly said, the meaning of such a tragedy.

"Any one of us could have been there," Connolly said. To bring the office of Congress to the community invites the community to share its concerns or just meet its representatives. "It brings services to the folks we serve," he said. Connolly led a moment of silence in honor of the slain and the wounded.

Scott rounded out his upbeat address as new chairman with a pragmatic message. "Don't miss out on the opportunities all around you," he said.

To buy tickets for Casino Night & Taste of the Town or to learn more about the ViennaTysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, see www.vtrcc.org or call Chamber offices at 703-281-1333 in Vienna or 703-286-0752 in McLean.

Seven TJHSST Students Named Intel Semifinalists

Seven students at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria were named semifinalists in the 2011 Intel Science Talent Search. Each semifinalist will receive a \$1,000 award. In addition, TJ will receive \$1,000 for each semifinalist to be used to further excellence in science, math and engineering education.

TJ's Intel semifinalists and the titles of their projects are:

William Edward Bunting, 18, Herndon, Neutrino and Antineutrino Mass Bounds by a New Method

Sanjeet Das, 18, Chantilly, Metamaterial integrated Solar Concentrator (MiSC)

Sang Min Han, 18, Fairfax, Excitation of Low Frequency Stimulated Electromagnetic Emissions (LF/SEE) in the Ionosphere by High Power Radio Waves

Kelly McKenzie Ivins-O'Keefe, 16, Annandale, Hydrogen Sulfide: A Novel Molecular Target for Breast Cancer Therapy

Venkat Iyer, 17, Herndon, Crystallization of a Novel Malarial Protein CelTOS, for X-ray Crystal Structure Determination and Anti-malarial Development

Aman Dev Kansal, 18, Vienna, Synthesis and Characterization of Indium Nitride Nanowires

Rachel Epstein Marzen, 17, McLean, Climate Induced Ecosystem Regime Shifts in the Bering Sea: Evidence from the Benthic Ostracode Assemblage

Three hundred semifinalists were selected this year from a pool of 1,744 applicants representing 499 high schools in 42 states, the District of Columbia, and one overseas school. Finalists will be announced Jan. 26, and invited to attend the week-long Intel Science Institute in Washington, D.C., in March and compete for a grand prize of \$100,000.

The Intel Science Talent Search recognizes independent research designed and executed by the students. Students submit detailed research reports, essay questions, recommendations, transcripts, and test scores.

All students at TJ are expected to complete a science or engineering research project during twelfth grade, either by working in one of the 13 science and technology research laboratories at the school, or by working in a commercial, government or university research lab or technical facility through TJ's mentorship program. TJ students competing in the Intel Science Talent Search typically begin their projects before 12th grade.

Both inbound and outbound tunnel mining is complete and the tunnel smoothing shotcrete application for waterproofing is now underway.



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‘Silver Line’ Accelerates

Rail to Dulles runs 3.5 months behind schedule, accelerated work underway.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK
THE CONNECTION

The managers of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project said Wednesday that last January’s (2010) record blizzard and delays in utility relocation along the Route 7 resulted in a 3.5 months delay in the Phase 1 of the mammoth rail project.

The “scheduled substantial completion date is forecast for November 21, 2013,” which is about 3.5 months behind schedule, the managers reported. On Dec. 22, 2010, the Metrorail managers gave Dulles Transit Partners, the contractor, “interim direction for schedule acceleration.” DTR’s recovery plan to recoup all lost time has been provided to the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority which is building the line and will direct the rail connection from West Falls Church to Dulles International Airport.

Pat Nowakowski, executive director of the Metrorail project told members of the Airport Authority, that the project managers have estimated for budget purposes that the acceleration will cost \$7 million dollars. He said the costs are being negotiated with DTR and could come in higher or lower than the \$7 million figure.

Accelerated work is underway, he said.

The delay came up in a briefing on the fourth quarter of 2010 for the Airport Authority at its Reagan National Airport headquarters.

Other key points in the briefing were:

- ❖ Construction is 27 per cent complete.
- ❖ Work on five stations continues to progress
- ❖ Final design is 95 percent complete
- ❖ Utility relocation is 99 percent complete.
- ❖ There have been no recorded injuries on the job since Oct. 1, 2010 and the recordable incident rate is 1.42 for 5.5 million work hours

George Morschauer, project executive director for DTR, said his firm has targeted safety on this project including letting workers craft their own safety techniques, continuous training and mentoring programs. He said that DTR conducts a safety warning mes-

sage for the public on WTOP radio and said the public needs to be alert when driving and walking near the miles of work sites.

He said one man, driving with his son in the car, inadvertently followed a dump truck into a work zone and became stuck in the mud and the car had to be craned out.

Marcia McAllister, communications manager for the Metrorail project, said the Jan. 10, 2010 storm and its impact on utility relocation were at the core of the 3.5 month delay.

The storm itself delayed work and then the bulk of the power companies working on the relocation to restore power to the thousands of businesses and homeowners in the Washington area hard hit by the unusual snowfall.

McAllister said relocating the utilities was vital to the project. It meant shifting power lines for all the offices, homes, businesses along Route 7 and for shifting some sewer lines and other underground cables and connections.

“We have moved much of the wiring underground and you can notice along a lot of Route 7 that telephone poles and overhead power lines have disappeared,” she said.

Nowakowski said the delay in getting delivery of new rail cars (now 2013 and 2014) has been eased. Metro has agreed to supply additional cars from its rolling stock for tests along the new “Silver Line,” as the Dulles route is called, while delivery of the new cars is ongoing.

He reported that the project has to pay sales tax on materials and labor it buys and that this was not considered in the planning and that it has been paid from the project’s \$312 million contingency fund.

McAlister said that when the project was first launched some believed the Virginia legislature would waive the sales tax on a public project, but that never materialized. The board members instructed Nowakowski to learn if the Virginia Department of Transportation has to pay tax on materials and labor.

Nowakowski said that about half of the nearly \$3 billion phase one budget has been spent.

The “Silver Line” was a project that many hoped would be built in 1976 when Dulles first opened. It is some 23 miles long and construction is in two phases. Phase 1 is Wiehle Avenue to Reston in 2013. Phase 2 is Reston to Virginia 772, beyond Dulles by 2015.



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Jane Hampton Cook, Vienna author and mother of two, was webmaster in the George W. Bush White House.

Picturing the President

From paintings to electronic media, likeness of presidents preserved.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

facts that will draw in the adults, as well.

Ever wonder who was the first president to have his entire presidency covered by 24-hour cable TV? Or, why Calvin Coolidge was seen and not heard in his 1924 campaign newsreel at the movies? And which U.S. president’s image is more accurately known today than when he was president?

Jane Hampton Cook wondered those things, and the Vienna author answered those questions, and more, in her sixth book, weaving narrative and fact into an easy-to-read history of technology.

“What Does the President Look Like?” was written for children. The facts, though, nestled in sidebars along each page, offer glimpses into the media available from George Washington’s presidency up through that of Barack Obama,

HAMPTON COOK, a former webmaster in the George W. Bush White House, was inspired by her tenure there to examine the tools newsmen and the public had to see what the U.S. president looked like.

“If the President comes to town today, you’d grab your digital camera or phone to take a picture of him,” said Cook. “Going back in time, how did people know what the president looked like?”

In her newest book, Hampton Cook tells her readers that it was Washington’s wife Martha who convinced the president to sit for Gilbert Stuart. President Washington did not like having his portrait painted at all.

Abraham Lincoln was the first president to be photographed. His photographer, Matthew

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The Sound of Vienna

From open mics to name bands, Vienna offers variety.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

If one were to Google “music” and “Vienna,” up would pop Mozart and Strauss. The Connection is making the search for local music easier. Here’s a run-down on local music venues.

Vienna is graced with venues that stand out not only for their music, but for their community support, as well. From classy piano bar to kiddie rock, adult rock and open mics, Vienna runs the gamut of music offerings.

MAPLEWOOD GRILL,

132 Branch Rd. SE. Phone: 703-281-0070; www.Maplewoodgrill.com

Maplewood Grill is an upscale restaurant, a happy-hours destination, and, a piano bar four to five times a week.

When Marcel Kuchler and his son, Chef Paul, transformed Le Canard into Maplewood Grill, they did more than remodel and modify the menu from French cuisine to contemporary American. The Kuchlers added live music.

What the Kuchlers got was an intimate piano bar where customers feel free to pull up chairs next to the piano or jam along with the pianists.

Reinhardt Liebig plays jazz, classics and standards on piano on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Restaurant patron Larry Kopp makes the trip from Haymarket once a month, along with his clarinet, to jam with Reinhardt Liebig. Kopp says he also come for the schnitzel.

Terry Lee Ryan, pianist and vocalist, performs on Thursdays, 7 to 10 p.m. Ryan plays and sings standards, blues and New Orleans-style music.

Lou Neely performs the first and third Tuesday of every month, 8 to 10 p.m. A vocalist and musician, Neely sings jazz blues and ballads, accompanying himself on piano, keyboard or guitar.

Chef Paul Kuchler is a hands-on kind of restaurant owner, whipping out creative American cuisine at Maplewood Grill, which he co-owns with his father, Marcel, or manning his restaurant’s community events booths.

“We wanted to start something unique in Vienna,” said Chef Paul, who operates the Maplewood Grill with his father. “No place in Vienna, that I know of, has a piano lounge.”

“The piano bar gives our restaurant another dimension,” Kuchler said. “It’s the trifecta of good food, a great bar with specialty drinks, and a piano lounge.”

“You can have a meal, or come for dessert and drinks, and listen to the music.”

JAMMIN’ JAVA

227 Maple Ave E. Phone: 703-255-1566; www.jamminjava.com

Jammin’ Java has a split personality.

By day, Jammin’ Java offers daily tot rock along with coffee and sandwiches. By night, it’s an adult music venue. And, frequently, Jammin’ Java supports Vienna-area groups who are fundraising or launching a career.

“We get a kick out of helping local talent,” said Daniel Brindley, one of Jammin’ Java’s co-owner brothers. Brindley said it’s a deliberate move to promote local musicians. “There is good local talent that can sell tickets,” Brindley said.

While nighttime grown-up music is Jammin’ Java’s “main event,” as Brindley calls it, the morning kiddie rock shows and family matinees offer something different and welcome to the community. Brindley calls it a “give-and-take” relationship. The community gets unique programming, usually local musicians, and Jammin’ Java utilizes daytime space.

“We think it’s really cool to give this opportunity to the community, and it works for us, as well,” Brindley said.

When it comes to fundraisers, Jammin’ Java tries to be as flexible and accommodating as they can, noting that the venue, nonetheless, has to cover costs.

Jammin’ Java stands in the midst of downtown Vienna on Maple Avenue. The Brindley brothers took over an extant coffeehouse, turning it into something that offers so much more. From evening music performances that have made Jammin’ Java one of Washington’s most well-known music venues to morning family shows and weekend matinees, Jammin’ Java has made the most of its ten years in Vienna.

Open mics and more

VIENNA COMMUNITY CENTER

120 Cherry Street SE. Phone: 703-255-6360; www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/pr3.htm

Open mic nights: Saturdays, Feb. 26, March 26, and April 23; 7 to 9:30

p.m. To sign up, e-mail Jim Dowell at Jimdowell@cox.net or Director of Parks and Recreation Cathy Salgado at CSalgado@viennava.gov

Jim Dowell, who has performed at the Vienna Town Green’s successful open mic nights since they began, wondered, “why can’t we have open mic nights indoors the rest of the year?”

Cathy Salgado, Director of Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation, liked the idea that Dowell proposed. So much so, she turned the concept over to Dowell for execution.

Dowell and his wife now live in Falls Church, but his wife grew up in Vienna and the Dowells were familiar with the community center. Dowell looked at open mic nights at the community center as a way to bring entertainment during the winter months, an extension of the Town Green concert programming.

The mic is not technically “open.” Musicians do have to sign up in advance. Dowell schedules up to nine acts, giving each approximately 15 minutes to perform while allowing a few minutes for equipment changes between acts. The community center open mic nights have featured musical artists as young as eight and as old as mid-sixties. Most, however, Dowell said, are between the ages of 30 and 55.

The slots fill up and Dowell recommends signing up about three weeks in advance of date.

“There’s a lot of very talented people in this area,” said Dowell. “The D.C. area is known as a great music scene even in Nashville.”

All this local talent likes to showcase themselves, Dowell said, and the community center’s open mic gives them a venue outside of bars.

Dowell is looking for ways to coattail the open mic programs with other community events, such as art shows.

Many of the performers are returnees.

“The main idea was to have a venue for young people to come out and perform, especially the children,” Dowell said. “We would like to see more new people join us.”

CAFFE AMOURI

107 Church St. NE. Phone: 703-938-1623; www.caffeamour.com

When Caffe Amouri owner Michael Amouri envisioned his community coffeehouse, a state-of-the-art sound system was in his

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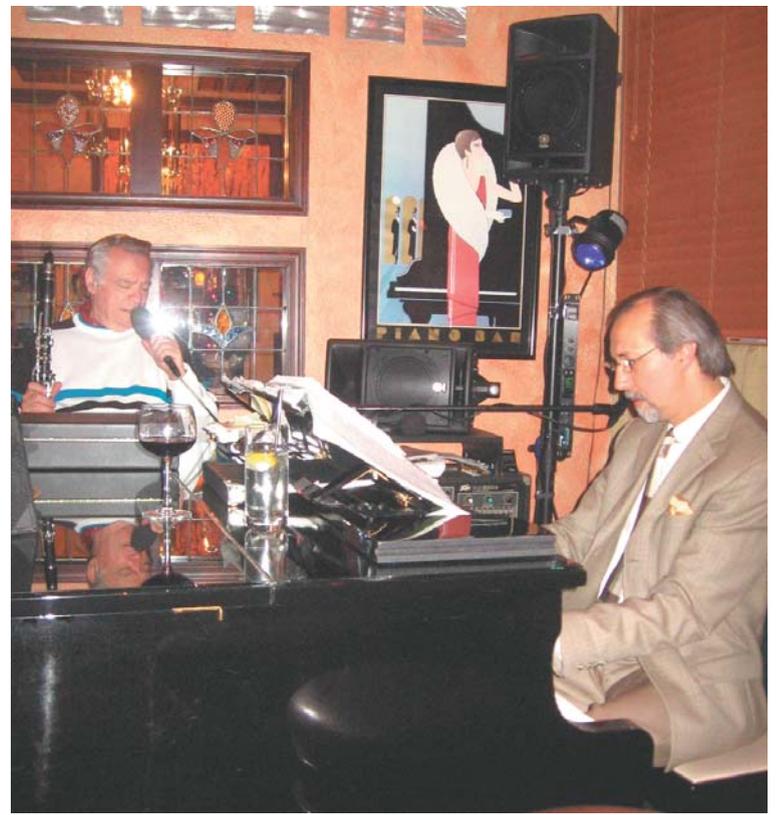


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Reinhardt Liebig plays jazz and standards on piano on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the Maplewood Grill. Frequently, restaurant patrons like Larry Kopp jam along with Liebig.

“The piano bar gives our restaurant another dimension.”

— Paul Kuchler, Maplewood Grill



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Natalie York of Vienna, vocalist, guitarist and songwriter, launched her first professional CD at Jammin’ Java in late December.

Presidents, Up Close and Personal

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Brady, went on to photograph 18 presidents in his lifetime.

“By Lincoln’s time, photography was the new media of the day,” Hampton Cook said. The preservation of the likeness of the sitting president was guided by the tools – or technology – out there.

From paintings and cartoons to campaign posters, photography, stereographs, silent movies and newsreels, Americans could put a face, and a pose, on their president.

Franklin Roosevelt was shown in newsreels at the movies. By the 1960s, everyone had TV in their homes, and television brought the Kennedy-Nixon debates to families across America. Fledgling CNN covered the entire daily presidency of Ronald Reagan.

“I hope the book helps kids connect the dots between the paintings of yesteryear and the Smartphones of today,” Hampton Cook said.

In Hampton Cook’s first book, “Maggie Houston,” readers learn about Texas Governor Sam Houston’s decision to support the

Union during the Civil War while the rest of Texas was supporting the Confederacy. The story, seen from the eyes of Maggie Houston, was written for the 10- to 13 year-old age group.

“Stories of Faith and Courage from the Revolutionary War” is a 365-day devotional/digest based on stories from the Founders of the United States, written for adults.

“Stories of Faith and Courage from the War in Iraq and Afghanistan,” co-written with two other authors, tells 365 stories from U.S. troops or their families, based on personal experiences.

“It was so good for soldiers to tell their stories and know they’ll be remembered,” Hampton Cook said.

“Faith of America’s First Ladies” uses stories from the lives of First Ladies to illustrate the principles of womanhood.

“B is for Baylor” is an alphabet book, written for ages three and up. Hampton Cook received her undergraduate degree from Baylor.

For “What Does the President Look Like?” Hampton Cook researched primarily online

through the Library of Congress. Her White House contacts helped, too. A librarian at the White House directed Hampton Cook to sources within the White House itself.

“I had a blast doing the research,” said Hampton Cook.

Hampton Cook and her husband moved from Texas to the Washington area when George W. Bush won the White House. She served as Bush’s webmaster when he was governor of Texas and took over the role in Washington, D.C.

THE COOKS moved to Vienna in 2006, a year after the birth of their first child. Two and a half years later, a brother joined him. The family lives in the center of town, taking advantage of Vienna amenities and special events.

“What I really like about Vienna is being close to commerce but being in a residential area, too,” Hampton Cook said. “I like the community feeling that Vienna offers.”

As for why Calvin Coolidge was seen and not heard, the reason is quite logical. Sound movies had yet to be produced.

How To Avoid 9 Common Buyer Traps Before Buying a Home!!

Washington, D.C. — Buying a home is a major investment no matter how you look at it. Unfortunately, for some homebuyers it is more expensive than it needs to be because they fall prey to at least a few of the common and costly mistakes which trap them into either overpaying for the home they want or, worse, buying the wrong home for their needs.

A systemized approach to the home buying process can help you to steer clear of these errors, allowing you to not only cut costs, but also to buy the home that best fits your needs. An industry report has just been released entitled, “9 Buyer Traps and How

to Avoid them”. This important report discusses the 9 most common and costly of these homebuyer traps.

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OPINION

It's Time for Responsible Transportation Investment

Governor's plan will dedicate \$4 billion to transportation in next three years.

By Gov. Bob McDonnell (R)



COMMENTARY

The average Northern Virginia commuter spends 70 hours per year sitting in traffic, according to the Texas Transportation Institute's 2010 Urban Mobility Report. This is almost three days wasted — time that could be spent with family, working to improve our economy, or volunteering to make our communities better. This much time wasted in congestion is unacceptable.

That is why I have proposed a multi-faceted transportation package that leverages our resources to invest in needed transportation projects today. My comprehensive transportation package will inject \$4 billion into transportation in the next three years alone, without raising taxes. It will get drivers out of gridlock and put Virginians back to work.

Some have said that this plan, the single largest monetary infusion for transportation in decades, doesn't do enough for transportation. They say it won't fully resolve the Commonwealth's transportation needs. I agree that this plan is not the answer to every challenge we face. There simply is no single easy answer or funding source that can immediately solve Virginia's transportation challenges. Does that mean we should do nothing while the debate continues on transportation? I think not. This plan is a major step in the right direction.

Passage of our transportation package will fund 900 projects across our Commonwealth. Here in Northern Virginia, where I was raised, these projects include the extension of HOV/HOT Lanes on Interstate-95/395, the widening of Interstate 66, the widening of a key section of Rolling Road in Fairfax County to address the expected traffic impacts of BRAC, widening Route 7 in Loudoun County and widening Route 28 in Fairfax and Prince William counties. Those are significant projects that will have reduce the time you spend in traffic so you can spend more time at home and at work.

Here is how our plan works. We will simply accelerate the issuing of \$1.8 billion in bonds already approved by bipartisan majorities in the General Assembly in 2007. The funding sources are already in place to pay the debt service. By doing this, we can take advantage of record low interest rates and historically low prices for highway projects to get the most bang for the buck.

We will also issue \$1.1 billion in federal GARVEE bonds, which are federally authorized bonds sold to finance a specific capital project. In the case of these bonds, the state will use federal transportation funds to pay the debt service.

Additionally, we will use \$400 million in one-time money available from our successful audit of VDOT and last year's budget surplus to

Business of Government

To the Editor:

I read your editorial entitled, Transportation Plan without Substance [Great Falls Connection, Jan/ 19-25]. I think that you are right on the mark. I am in favor of the Commonwealth owning liquor stores, and earning money from that endeavor. Experience clearly shows that government is so much better at running things than are commercial interests. We have an excellent local example of that in the construction of the Capitol Visitors Center that was overseen by Congress.

Liquor is an evil substance so keeping prices high through lack of competition (at least for those persons unable to cross the Potomac to DC or Maryland) helps inhibit its use. I favor ending sale

of wine and beer through outlets not owned by the Commonwealth. What do grocery and beverage stores know about selling products anyway?

I am hoping that Governor McDonnell will consider importing some unemployed central planners from the old Soviet Union, and find even more sources of revenue by running more businesses. I suggest that community newspapers could be the next source of revenue.

Max Padon
Great Falls

Time to Act Now On Global Warming

To the Editor:

As the 112th Congress and the

General Assembly begin their sessions, I remind legislators that their agendas should include addressing climate change. During cold periods such as January in Washington, it's easy to deny global warming, but the planet is indeed heating up. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the first quarter of 2010, famous for "snowmagedon," turned out to be the warmest first quarter on record. The year 2010 tied 2005 as the warmest year on record, and the month of June and the summer of 2010 were the warmest on record as well.

Our country cannot afford the costs of climate change, which include heat-related deaths, droughts, destroyed crops and infrastructure. Instead, we need the clean energy investments and jobs that a renewable energy revolution will bring. Studies like the one

create the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank which will support private and locality investments in projects that make our highway system safer and less congested. Eventually this bank will grow to \$1 billion by the end of our administration.

Not only will our plan get new roads built quickly, it will put thousands of Virginians to work at the same time. For every \$100 million spent on highway construction, it is estimated 3,000 jobs are created or supported. This plan will mean thousands of new jobs for Virginians in one of the toughest job markets in generations.

For all of these reasons, 43 major business and transportation groups, including the Northern Virginia Technology Council, the Dulles Area Transportation Association, the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, and the chambers of commerce of Reston, Loudoun, the Dulles Area, Fairfax County, Prince William, Springfield and Arlington all strongly support this plan — the only comprehensive transportation program anyone has put forward to get roads built and reduce congestion. And, it is why state Sen. Chuck Colgan (D-29), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has signed on as a co-patron of the bill.

Rather than spend more years debating and pointing fingers, let's get started investing in transportation improvements today. This fiscally responsible, comprehensive transportation program will get new roads built now and will move our Commonwealth forward on this critical issue. It is attracting broad, bipartisan support and I encourage you to visit my website, www.governor.virginia.gov to read the details of my plan for yourself. I know that, working together, we can get traffic moving in Virginia.

by the University of Massachusetts have found that clean energy investments could create 1.7 million jobs. We know the facts and the relative costs, and the Virginia Commission on Climate Change, numerous scientists, multiple respected studies and countless authorities have urged Congress to act. How much more does it take? When will Congress act?

Linda Burchfiel
McLean

The writers is a Chair of NOVACAN (Northern Virginia Climate Action Network).

Write

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Having Fun in Vienna

From Casino Night to gourmet cuisine, there's something to heat up the cold months.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

The highlight of the winter social calendar – the 18th Annual Casino Night & Taste of the Town – comes this year on March 19. Sponsored by the Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce [VTRCC], the gala draws approximately 300 guests to game casino-style, win raffle prizes, bid on unique auction selections, eat food from the area's most popular restaurants (15 of them), drink and eat some more. There's even a DJ.

Every guest receives a goody bag at check-in which includes gaming 'money' and a couple of free drink coupons. At the end of the evening, guests redeem their winnings for raffle tickets for goods and services. The silent auction includes jewelry, sports memorabilia, gift baskets and services. Tickets are \$75 each.

VTRCC Chairman of the Board Cory Scott says it's time to pull out the cowboy boots. Once again, Casino Night is western-themed.

The good times roll from 7 p.m. to midnight at Westwood Country Club, 800 Maple Ave., East.

Neighbors mingle with neighbors, business people mingle with everybody ... it's festive, it's funky, it's fun.

For more information or to buy tickets, go to www.vtrcc.org or call 703-281-1333.

1ST STAGE THEATRE

Professional theatre in Tysons Corner found a home when 1st Stage presented its first production in September 2008. Approximately 20 productions later, 1st Stage has included in its repertoire drama, re-told classics, musicals, comedy and mystery. Its production of Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" consistently filled the house.

1st Stage received the Helen Hayes Awards 2010 John Aniello Award for Outstanding Emerging Theatre. Artistic Director Mark Krikstan taught drama at George C. Marshall High School before retiring and turning his attention full-time to theatrical production.

"Fuddy Meers" plays Feb. 4 through Feb. 27; "The Glass Menagerie" March 25 through April 17; "By Jeeves," May 20 through June 19.

Tickets are priced at \$25 general admission, and \$15 for students.

Performances are Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7 p.m.

1st Stage Theatre, 1524 Springhill Road, Suite LL, McLean. Free parking. <http://1ststagespringhill.org/>

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER FOR TWO

Culinaria describes the relationship between food and romance like this: "Ever since Marc Antony first fed Cleopatra grapes, food and its sensual side has been intertwined with romance."

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Culinaria Cooking School's couple classes feature a special Valentine's Day menu on Feb. 14.

Culinaria Cooking School, on Pleasant Street, goes a step further than chocolates and grapes.

On Monday, Feb. 14, from 7 to 10 p.m., Culinaria offers couples a cooking class that takes a romantic Valentine's Day dinner to the next level.

Culinaria staff members Robyn Alexander, Stephen Sands and John Peters conduct the class that features basil-eggplant soup, grilled sea scallops with basil & lavender essence, pasta with asparagus, chicken and gorgonzola and warm chocolate cakes with Grand Marnier whipped cream.

Dinner for Two, \$120.

Culinaria's winter schedule includes knife skills, specialty, themed, international and wine classes. Classes are held both in the evening and during the day.

Culinaria Cooking School, 110 Pleasant Street NW, Vienna; 703-865-7920. <http://www.culinariacookingschool.com/index.aspx>

LUNCH N' LIFE

Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna provides services, personal enrichment and volunteer opportunities for adults over 50. Every quarter, SCOV hosts a luncheon featuring music or presentation. The din

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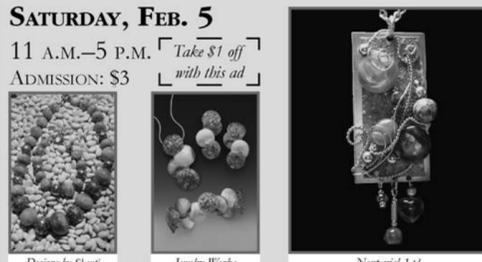
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www.mcleancenter.org/special-events

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Monday, Jan. 31
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Tubing: \$65/\$55 McLean district residents
Activity No. 8303.311

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(includes rental equipment)
Activity No. 8305.311

Come hit the slopes with the Old Firehouse. Enjoy your choice of tubing or skiing at Ski Liberty in Pennsylvania! Participants will get rented equipment (tub or skis) and a lift ticket. Participants should wear appropriate clothing and bring money for lunch and dinner at the lodge.

DAVE & BUSTERS
Tuesday, Feb. 1, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
\$45/\$35 district residents
Activity No. 8306.311

Get your game face on and join us for some epic video game action at Dave & Busters in White Flint Mall. Participants will enjoy lunch from a selected menu and plenty of video games. Participants should bring additional money for more game credits if desired.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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THURSDAY/JAN. 27

Patrick Henry Book Club. 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Book discussion. Call for title. Adults. 703-938-0405.

Jonas Sees In Color, Poema, Queens Club, Mercury In Summer and The Baby Grand. 7 p.m. Jamm'n Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jammnjava.com.

Two Family One Acts: "Wolf Tales" and "The Dogs are Coming." 7 p.m. George C Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A Mother Goose spoof and Rayn Epreman's biographical piece about an Armenian girl struggling with prejudice & separation. \$5. 703-714-5450.

Ari Hest with Bess Rogers. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Indie-folk. \$18. 703-938-2404 or www.wolfrap.org.

FRIDAY/JAN. 28

Mason Jazz Concert. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

L.A. Theatre Works "The Real Dr. Strangelove". 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$18-\$36, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

"The Drowsy Chaperone." 8 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean.



George C Marshall High School will be presenting two mid winter family one acts: "Wolf Tales" and "The Dogs are Coming," Jan. 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 29 and 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$5 for all, includes both shows. Free parking. Pictured: Marshall High students in "Wolf Tales."

Glamorous brides, tap-dancing groomsmen and more. \$17-\$19. 703-790-9223 or www.mcleanplayers.org.

"The Dining Room". 7:30 p.m. James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna. The play takes place in one dining room, outside of the restraints of time. \$5. madisondrama.com.

English Conversation Group. 10 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. English

conversation group for adults. 703-938-0405.

Pokemon League. 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Learn and play. Age 5-18. 703-938-0405.

Callers and Brainfang at 7 p.m. and **Murphy's Kids, Irresponsible and Feed God Cabbage** at 10 p.m. Jamm'n Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jammnjava.com.

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David Jolley and Eduard Laurel. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Russian pieces from Reinhold Gliere, Alexander

Scriabin, and Alexander Glazunov. \$35. 703-938-2404 or www.wolfrap.org.

SATURDAY/JAN. 29

Hobey Ford's Golden Rod Puppets: Animalia. 2 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean.

Deutsche Staatsphilharmonie. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The German State Philharmonic, conducted by Philippe Entremont on its first tour of the U.S., performing Strauss' "Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche" and Brahms' Symphony No. 4, Op. 98. Entremont also joins Sebastian Knauer on piano for Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos, No. 10 in E-Flat major, K. 365. Tickets are \$30-\$60, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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Musical Tribute to Jim Tucker featuring The Lost Highway Band, Laurie Jones & SB2 and MHR at 5 p.m. and **Passafire and Three Legged Fox** at 10 p.m. Jamm'n Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jammnjava.com.

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John Eaton. 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Big band and jazz music. \$25. 703-938-2404 or www.wolfrap.org.

SUNDAY/JAN. 30

Music for a Russian Festival. 4 p.m. Saint Luke Parish, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. With the Washington Symphony Brass, music by Prokofiev, Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Mussorgsky and more. Adults \$25, seniors \$20, students \$15. 866-962-7277 or www.wsbrass.com.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Bingo. 7 p.m. at the VVFD, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Games held every Sunday in the Flame Room. www.vvfd.org.

Faculty Artist Series: Mira Yang, mezzo-soprano. 7 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for

the Arts Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Robbie Fulks and Timothy Bracken. 7:30 p.m. Jamm'n Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jammnjava.com.

Violinist Josef Spaeck. 3 p.m. Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Free. www.amadeusconcerts.com.

Two Family One Acts: "Wolf Tales" and "The Dogs are Coming." 2 p.m. George C. Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A Mother Goose spoof and Rayn Epreman's biographical piece about an Armenian girl struggling with prejudice & separation. \$5. 703-714-5450.

"The Reluctant Dragon." 4 p.m. St. John's Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. A children's operetta with music by John Rutter and words by David Grant, performed by vocalists Devin Wulff, Kara Morgan and Nigel Tangredi. Free, donations to the Music Fund accepted. 703-854-4902 or www.stjohnsmclean.org.

MONDAY/JAN. 31

Faculty Artist Series: Harry Watters, trombone and Dr. Dickinson, trombone. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 2

Bands without Borders Featuring Brother Shamus, The Weatherhaves and Half Brother. 7:30 p.m. Jamm'n Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jammnjava.com.

Buckwheat Zydeco. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Louisiana zydeco music. \$24. 703-938-2404 or www.wolfrap.org.

THURSDAY/FEB. 3

An Evening with Todd Wright and Cal Everett. 8 p.m. Jamm'n Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jammnjava.com.

Author Sandra Parshall. 7:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. The author will sign and read from "Broken Places". www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library.

FRIDAY/FEB. 4

"Fuddy Meers" by David Lindsay-Abaire. 8 p.m. 1st Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Claire's amnesia causes her to awaken each morning as a blank slate, and chaos arises as everyone tries to fill in the holes of her lost memory. A dirty puppet, an ex-criminal and a fake cop add to the dark comedy. 703-854-1856 or www.1ststageyons.org.

BULLETIN BOARD

THURSDAY/JAN. 27

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. 6:30 p.m. Sunrise of McLean, 8315 Turning Leaf Lane, McLean. 703-902-8102.

SATURDAY/JAN. 29

Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34) is holding a Great Falls Town Hall Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike. Del. Comstock invites you to join her in Great Falls to discuss issues facing the Commonwealth.

Conversations About Elder Issues. 10 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Tips and strategies for effective communication within and between generations. With Jeannett Twomey, JD, Va. Certified Mediator and Sharon Schroer, JD. \$45, \$35 members. Register at www.thewomenscenter.org or 703-281-2657.

MONDAY/JAN. 31

Northern Virginia Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Meeting. 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. 703-256-2908.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 2

Raise Your Child's Social IQ: Stepping Stones to People Skills for Kids. 7:30 p.m. Flint Hill Elementary, 2444 Flint Hill Road, Vienna. With author, social worker and psychotherapist Cathi Cohen. Open to parents of Flint Hill Elementary or Thoreau Middle School students. www.fhespta.org.

THURSDAY/FEB. 3

Volunteers for Social Orientation. 6-7 p.m. Whole Foods,

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143 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Weekend and weekday evening projects. Register at 703-246-3895 or aduffield@volunteerfairfax.org.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. 10 a.m. Unitarian Universalist Church of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. 703-281-9515.

Welcome Club of Northern Virginia Luncheon. 11 a.m. at Maggiano's Restaurant at Tysons Galleria, 2001 International Drive, McLean. "Nana Technology: Improving the Quality of Life for Seniors." \$30. Registration required at www.welcomeclubnvirginia.com.

FRIDAY/FEB. 4

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Scrapbooking Weekend. 6 p.m.-12 a.m. VVFD, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Vendors, supplies and expert advice available. Meals available for purchase. \$45-\$55. Proceeds benefit the VVFD. amy.vernon@vvfd.org or 703-281-5797.

SATURDAY/FEB. 5

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary Scrapbooking Weekend. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. VVFD, 400 Center St. South, Vienna. Vendors, supplies and expert advice available. Meals available for purchase. \$45-\$55. Proceeds benefit the VVFD. amy.vernon@vvfd.org or 703-281-5797.

V-Day Oakton 2011 Auditions for "A Monologue, A Memory, A Rant and A Prayer." 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. V-Day is a global activist movement to end violence against women and girls. Registration required at www.vdayoakton2011.weebly.com

TUESDAY/FEB. 8

Langley "Saxonette" Dance Team Clinic. 4:40 p.m. Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. For 4th-8th graders with all levels of dance experience. wanda.brown@gmail.com.

Vienna Area Branch of AAUW. 7 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave East, Vienna. GMU Professor Dr. Anita Taylor Discusses the Future of the Feminist Movement in the Early 21st Century. Free, public invited. 703-321-7499.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 9

Virginia Chronic Pain Support Group Meeting. 1:30 p.m. at Kaplan Center for Integrative Medicine, 6829 Elm St., Suite 300, McLean. Group leader, Jodi Brayton, LCSW. 703-532-4892.

SATURDAY/FEB. 12

Brinker Toastmasters. 9:30 a.m. at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Meets second and fourth Saturday of the month. brinker.wordpress.com.

T'ai Chi Practice. 8 a.m. at St. Luke's Catholic School Gymnasium, 7005 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Saturdays through March. Free, open to all. No special clothing or equipment needed. www.FreeTaiChi.org or 703-759-9141.

MONDAY/FEB. 14

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. 5 p.m. Lewinsville Adult Day Health Care Center, 1609 Great Falls Road, McLean. 703-734-1718.

TUESDAY/FEB. 15

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group. 5 p.m. The Sylvestry Assisted Living, 1728 Kirby Road, McLean.

703-506-2122.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 16

Beth Emeth Early Childhood Center Open House. 10:30 a.m. Congregation Beth Emeth, 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon. Take a tour, see classes in action, meet staff and more. 703-860-4515, ext. 114 or reneec@bethemeth.org. www.bethemeth.org/beccc.htm.

SATURDAY/FEB. 19

Vienna Lions Club 48th Annual Bland Contest. 1 p.m. at Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Ave., Vienna. Vocal and instrumental categories for Virginia students up to 12th grade. Applications available at 703-938-7716 or n.volpe8@verizon.net.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 23

Support Group for Survivors of Clergy Abuse. 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Tysons-Pimmit Hills Regional Library, 7684 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A monthly peer support group for survivors and others affected. Free. Confidential. No registration required. 703-538-6128.

JSSA Parent Support Group for Young Adults Across the Autism Spectrum. 7 p.m. at JSSA, 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax. A monthly support group to discuss participants' interests and concerns. Identifying community resources, building a support network and balancing one's own needs with that of an adult son or daughter. Register at 703-204-9100.

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Oakton residents **Nicholas McCormick** and **Louisa C. Stanwich** have been named to the president's list at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal for the first quarter of the 2010-2011 school year. McCormick, a junior at the Academy, is the son of Michael and Gabrielle McCormick of Oakton. Stanwich, a freshman at the Academy, is the daughter of John and Maria Carosa Stanwich of Oakton.

Katie Ozga of Vienna was named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Shepherd University. She is a sports communications major. The Madison High School graduate is the daughter of Mary Randolph and Jan Peter Ozga.

Cooper Bourdon was recognized for outstanding athletic achievement during the fall sports season at Randolph-Macon Academy. He received the Coach's Award for the varsity football team. Bourdon is the son of Heather Wreath and Brian Bourdon, both of Vienna.

Mark Jeschke of Vienna was named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Messiah College in Grantham, Pa. Jeschke is a senior majoring in business administration.

Jack Rowe of Vienna has been named to the fall 2010 honor roll at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Conn.

Vienna residents **Benjamin D. Aldrich** and **Daniel W. Markwalter** have been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa. Aldrich is the son of David and

Marilyn Aldrich, and Markwalter is the son of Brian and Holland Markwalter.

Lauren Larkin of Vienna has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Centenary College of Louisiana.

William Happ of Oakton has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at York College of Pennsylvania. Happ is a sophomore computer information systems major.

Robert V. Demson of Oakton has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at the Virginia Military Institute. He is majoring in economics/business. Demson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert V. Demson.

James A. Devens of Vienna has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at the Virginia Military Institute. He is majoring in electrical/computer engineering. Devens is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward P. Devens.

Christian A. Guaglianone of Oakton has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at the Virginia Military Institute. She is majoring in chemistry. Guaglianone is the daughter of Lisa M. Barbieri.

Collin R. Newcomb of Vienna has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at the Virginia Military Institute. He is majoring in economics/business. Newcomb is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell S. Newcomb.

Mackenzie Stratton of Vienna graduated from Georgia Southern University in Dec. 2010.

FAITH NOTES

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

Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna, invites singers to join a local volunteer choir. Presentations are Sundays at 11 a.m. at with rehearsals Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. 703-255-2761 or 703-319-8742.

Centering Prayer offered at St. Dunstan's, 1830 Kirby Road, McLean, Tuesdays at 7-7:45 p.m. Centering prayer is meditation and contemplative prayer, wordless, trusting, opening of self to the divine presence. Instruction offered. marjorie.cole@gmail.com.

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.

Vienna Assembly of God has a ministry to children on Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m. at the corner of Center N and Ayr Hill Avenue, N.E. Children's Church on Sundays also available. 703-938-7736 or www.ViennaAG.com.

Vienna Christian Healing Rooms, every Saturday, 1-5 p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com.

Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean, Sunday worship services are at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for adults is at 9:30 a.m. and for children during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Youth Group for grades 7-12 meets Sunday nights, 6-7:30 p.m. A 20-minute service of Holy Communion is held each Wednesday at 12 p.m. 703-356-3312 or umtrinity.org.

McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike in Vienna, presents The Power of a Changed Life, a multi-arts presentation on Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m. The film "Adoniram's Calling" is the story of Adoniram Judson, the first US foreign missionary, and the program continues with stage readings. There will be a children's program for ages 5-12. mbhsbh@earthlink.net.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church, 1830 Kirby Road in McLean. The third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m. Nursery is available at the 10:15 a.m. service. 703-356-7533.

Chesterbrook United Methodist Church is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. Rev. Kathleene Card, Pastor. 703-356-7100 or www.ChesterbrookUMC.org.

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BY MIKE POTASHNIK AND DON WINKLER
I-WINEREVIEW

A lot of people make New Year's Resolutions they can't possibly keep, like "I'm going to stop drinking good wine, and save my money for a 96 inch LCD, LED, HD, 3D TV." Well, to mix metaphors, now you can have your cake and drink it, too, while watching that new TV. All you have to do is find good quality wine that costs almost nothing.

From our travels and writing this past year, we came across many producers who offer delicious wines at terrific prices. Two which we especially like and are happy to share with readers are located in neighboring countries in South America.

One is Concha y Toro Chile's single largest winery, the other is Doña Paula, a large commercial winery in Argentina. Concha y Toro produces a series called Xplorador; Doña Paula's series is called Los Cardos.

Concha y Toro Xplorador

Last year in Santiago we sat down with Concha y Toro's chief winemaker, Marcelo Papa, to taste through almost the full range of wines. We reported the results of that tasting in The Wines of Chile on www.i-winereview.com. However, we never reported on Concha y Toro's line of entry level wines, Xplorador. Xplorador wines have suggested retail prices under \$10 a bottle, which usually translates into something less at your local neighborhood store.

How, you ask, can a respectable winery like Concha y Toro make such inexpensive wines? There are a lot of reasons, of course, but the main one is that the fruit for these wines is sourced mainly from Chile's Central Valley where the yields are high. Then, under the direction of winemaker Tito Urzia, that fruit is fermented and aged in large stainless steel tanks, not expensive, small French oak barriques. Don't kid yourself. This process isn't going to produce Chateau Margaux. But you can get perfectly good, drinkable wines.

Nothing complicated, not particularly nuanced, just pure, plain good fruit. This makes them easy drinking, either as an aperitif or with a meal. The **Xplorador 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon** is a fruit forward Cabernet Sauvignon showing mostly red plum and berry fruit on the nose with just a hint of brambles and earth. It's a straight-forward, uncomplicated wine, but it's also surprisingly tasty, balanced and easy to drink. The **Xplorador 2009 Merlot** is a wine that definitely needs to be drunk with food. It has nice red plum fruit on the nose and palate, but it also has a green herbal note that can nicely comple-



Don Winkler and Mike Potashnik of i-WineReview.com, a McLean-based publication.



ment the right kind of food (think brussel sprouts, asparagus, and other vegetarian fare). The **Xplorador 2010 Malbec** shows cherry and raspberry aromas and vibrant fruit on the palate. It's quite delicious, albeit lighter than the typical Malbec coming out of Argentina.

Doña Paula Los Cardos

Doña Paula was established in 1997 by Chilean entrepreneur Ricardo Claro of the Claro Group with the purchase of 40+ year old Malbec and Chardonnay vineyards in Luján de Cuyo. The estate now consists of 1,878 acres of vineyards in the Tupungato and Luján de Cuyo regions. David Bonomi is chief winemaker, and Edgardo Del Popolo is viticulturalist.

Los Cardos is Doña Paula's entry level wines which sell for \$10-12. The fruit for most of the wines comes from the Finca El Alto in Ugarteche (Luján de Cuyo) and the high altitude (1100 m) Finca Los Cerezos in Valle de Uco, the zone closest to the Andes and therefore the coldest and best suited for early-ripening varieties, especially Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. **Doña Paula 2010 Los Cardos Sauvignon Blanc** shows good varietal character with an opulent style. It has an effusively fragrant nose of grapefruit and nettles and a citrus, pear and herbal palate of very good intensity. This is a very good wine and an excellent value!

Doña Paula 2009 Los Cardos Chardonnay is in the ripe, New World style with a nose of smoke, ripe citrus, and honeydew. It's ripe on the attack with good integration of fruit and oak and shows good acidity on the finish.

Fresh plum and blackberry waft from the glass of the dark ruby purple **Doña Paula 2009 Los Cardos Malbec**. There's a sweet, tangy attack of blackberry fruit with notes of underbrush, tar and earth and good purity of fruit on the finish with firm, ripe tannins. This wine offers everything, and at a very reasonable price.

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PHOTO BY SCOTT SUGHAMAN

The Barns at Wolf Trap is an intimate venue for music and comedy.

Vienna Offers Variety of Music Venues

FROM PAGE 4

plans. Jammin' and open mic were no afterthoughts there.

"Music is really important to what I'm trying to do here," said Amouri. "I love how music can pull a community together and give the people in it a shared sense of purpose and, well, community. I do take pretty seriously the music that's played in the shop and want to expand our efforts.

"... over the holidays we had a 'holiday sing-a-long' in the shop. That was a lot of fun. We might try to do something else like that in the future.

"At Caffe Amouri, music is an important part of our 'being,'" said Amouri. "The records on the wall will become, soon - I'd say within a month - more than decoration.

"We're bringing in a turntable and we're going to do 'vinyl nights.'" Amouri is still working out the details, but he's thinking of combining that theme with a table full of board games for patrons. He plans on downloading all the albums on the wall onto his Ipod and then play the wall, so-to-speak. If you can identify the album that the cut is playing, you get a ten percent.

Saturday night open mic night was turned over to TBS, a band of what Amouri referred to as a "group of young guys who have a really good band." They set up and play. Then, if another performer comes in, TBS introduces the newcomer. What Caffe Amouri gets is music just about every Saturday night.

"I'm hoping that it catches on and becomes a full-fledged open mic situation where these young guys play, introduce, and play some more," said Amouri.

The Friday night jam sessions were put on the backburner

during the holidays, but the idea is one Amouri wants to rekindle.

"These jams are the thing I really want to do most," said Amouri, "... where folks just show up and play with each other. Just like our college days when everyone would show up with guitars, a harmonica, whatever and just jam."

THE SOUNDRY

316 Dominion Road. Phone: 703-698-0088; www.soundry.net

Every Tuesday night at 8 p.m., the Soundry hosts an open mic program.

The Soundry's open mic is streamed live.

Housed in a former auto body shop converted into a coffee shop, art gallery and shared-studio space for member artists and musicians, the Soundry is open to bands and individual performers. The Soundry supplies a drum kit.

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THE BARNS AT WOLF TRAP

1635 Trap Road. www.wolftrap.org/Barns.aspx

The Barns at Wolf Trap offers performances to the Washington, D.C. region throughout the winter months when the outdoor amphitheatre at Wolf Trap is closed. From classical music to jazz, comedy to sixties memories, The Barns presents an eclectic mix of music and satire.

February highlights include Buckwheat Zydeco and 60s favorites Chad and Jeremy; March brings The Second City and a Tribute to the Byrds.

The Barns at Wolf Trap is owned and operated by the Wolf Trap Foundation under an act of Congress.

SPORTS

Big Week for Madison Girls' Basketball Team

First place Warhawks set to play talented Liberty teams in Stone Bridge and Fairfax.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

The Madison High girls' basketball team continued its winning ways last Thursday night, Jan. 20 with a decisive 58-42 win at Liberty District opponent South Lakes.

The Warhawks, who have been without injured front court starter Anna Jay for most of the season, improved their record to 11-4 overall and 7-1 in district play. They are currently tied for first place in the district standings with Stone Bridge.

The victory was the fifth straight for Madison, which last lost a game back on Jan. 3 at district opponent Fairfax, 47-41. The Rebels, currently third in the district standings, are 11-5 overall and 6-2 in the district.

Madison's victories since the setback to Fairfax have come over visiting McLean, 56-35, on Jan. 6; host Marshall, 48-35, on Jan. 12; home team Langley, 57-39, on Jan. 14; home team Jefferson, 62-26, last Wednesday, Jan. 19; and the South Lakes squad a day later.

Madison led 14-11 after one quarter versus the Seahawks (5-10, 2-6) and held a 24-18 advantage at the half. Madison effectively put the game away in the third quarter, outscoring South Lakes, 16-7, and going on to the win from there.

The Warhawks, the two-time defending Liberty District tournament champions, saw three players score in double figures against South Lakes - senior forward Carmen Mann with 19 points, senior guard Annie Gauf with 12 and sophomore guard Megan Henshaw with 10. Other scoring contributions in the win came from freshmen guard Katie Kerrigan (7 points), senior forward Sarah Schrock (6) and sophomore guard Megan Leduc (4). South Lakes' top scorer was Gabby Schultz with 14 points.

"After losing Anna Jay, our 6-3 senior center, several of our players had to step up and play different positions which they have done," said Madison coach Kirsten Roberts, of the Warhawks' adjustments to being without their talented inside player this season.

THE WARHAWKS were scheduled to play two of the district's toughest teams this week in Stone Bridge on Tuesday, Jan. 25 in Ashburn, and visiting Fairfax this Friday night.

Fairfax has a terrific, well-balanced squad this season. The Rebels are led in scoring by 6-2 senior center Meredith Mesaris, who is averaging 18 points and nine rebounds per game. Another key player for Fairfax is 6-1 junior forward Liz McNaughton (18 points, 7 rebounds per game).

Fairfax has also received an outstanding season from freshmen point guard Kylie Murphree, who is averaging eight points, five assists and five steals per game.

Fairfax head coach Marcus Konde recently spoke with Murphree about looking for her to shot more. The playmaker responded with a season-high 19



Gabby Schultz, going for a layup, scored 14 points for South Lakes in its game against Madison last week. But it wasn't enough for the Seahawks as three Madison players scored in double figures in the Warhawks' 58-42 Liberty District win.

points in Fairfax's 57-49 district home win over Marshall last Friday night. In the game, Murphree connected on five-of-seven shots from beyond the three-point circle.

"She only took eight shots that game," said Konde, of his super point guard. "She can shoot the ball real well. She can do it all, and is a real talent. Defensively, she's a natural with great instincts and athleticism. It's a matter of putting it all together and knowing when to look for her shot."

Konde said his squad is still in the running for the regular season district crown with its six wins to two losses in district play. He said facing a Warhawks' team his Rebels beat earlier this season on Jan. 3 will be a difficult test.

"The [earlier season] win over Madison was a confidence builder," said Konde, whose team had a huge 21 point, 11 rebound effort by Mesaris that game. "We expect [Friday's game with Madison] to be a tough game."

Roberts, the Madison coach, said her team was working hard in preparation for this week's games against the Bulldogs of Stone Bridge and the Rebels of Fairfax.

"We have a big week playing Stone Bridge and Fairfax," said Roberts. "In practice we have been working on our team defense and boxing out. We still have a long way to go but are working hard."

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

The James Madison Warhawks' swim/dive teams were victorious in a regular season finale meet versus Vienna area rival Marshall last Friday night. The Madison boys, which concluded the regular season with a perfect 7-0 record, defeated the Statesmen, 193.5 to 117.5. The Madison girls (6-1), meanwhile, were also victorious, defeating the Lady Statesmen, 227-88.

In the boys' meet, first place finishers for Madison were David Fallavollita (100 fly), Austin Chute (100 back) and Ryan Fox (diving). Also, the Warhawks' 200-free relay team of Fallavollita, Joe Capra, Grayson Smith, and Evan Owens finished first.

In the girls' meet, first place finishers for Madison were Beverly Dobrenz (200 free and 100 free), Sami Fletcher (200 individual medley, 100 breaststroke), Ali Queen (100 fly), Laura Kellan (500 free), and Taylor Smith (100 back). The Warhawk girls won all three of their relays - the 200 medley (Taylor Smith, Sami Fletcher, Laura Kellan, Liz Zolper); the 200-free relay (Ellie Westfall, Liz Bertollett, Ali Queen, Laura Kellan); and the 400-free relay (Ellie Westfall, Sami Fletcher, Bev Dobrenz, Laura Kellan).

Oakton High School girls' basketball coach Fred Priester has won the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) 2010 Mideast Sectional Coach of the Year Award. The Mideast section includes the states of Delaware, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia, as well as the District of Columbia. The award is presented by the NFHS Coaches Association.

Coach Priester celebrated his 500th career coaching win in a game last year, a 2009-'10 season, in which the Cougars won the Northern Region championship. He is currently in his 17th year as head coach at Oakton. In the past 16 years, his teams have compiled a record of 371-61, while winning 12 Concorde District championships and four region championships. His teams have advanced to the Virginia State AAA semifinals on five occasions.

Prior to his tenure at Oakton, Priester was the McLean High girls' coach for 10 years. There, coach Priester compiled the most wins in McLean High School girls' basketball history with 130.

The Thomas Jefferson High boys' and girls' swim/dive teams scored decisive wins against Stone Bridge at a Liberty District meet held on Jan. 14. Jefferson swimmers and divers brought home first place in all but one event. First place finishers for Jefferson included Stephen Seliskar (200 free) of McLean; MaryKate Dilworth (200 free and 500 free) of Clifton; Jack Borsi (200 IM) of Herndon; Jon Spitz (50 free) of Fairfax; Sarah Liu (50 free) of Annandale; Ron Enson (100 fly) of Clifton; Brianna Kim (100 fly and 100 back) of Fairfax; Madison Phillips (100 free) of Vienna; Miles Oakley (100 back) of Fairfax; and Aedan Collins (100 breaststroke) of McLean. Seliskar's 200 free swim qualified him for the state championship meet.

Jefferson showed its depth as well, with first, second, third and fourth place finishes in five events. Amanda Blair and Kelsey Rainey, both McLean residents, finished second and third, respectively, in the girls' 500-free. Marc Wechsler of Fairfax finished second in the boys' 100 back, while Sam Ober of Fairfax was fourth in the same event. Catherine Dworak of McLean was second in the girls' 100 back, while Ria Sarkar of Herndon was fourth in the same event.

NEWS

Coldwell Banker Vienna Donates \$2,895 Each to Family PASS, Alternative House

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Vienna recently presented checks for \$2,985.75 each to Family Preservation and Strengthening Service (Family PASS) and to the Alternative House on behalf of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares, the company's philanthropic arm.

Pictured above at the check presentation are (left to right) Coldwell Banker Vienna agent Jodi Bentley; Suzette Steinhardt from Family PASS; Coldwell Banker Vienna Branch Vice-President Mark Ackermann; and Ruth Papuchis, Regional Vice-President of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the Greater Washington Metro area. Family PASS works with Fairfax County families in crisis in order to prevent homelessness and help them become self-sufficient by providing rental and financial assistance and support services. For more information about Family PASS, visit <http://familypassfairfax.org>.

Pictured below at the check presentation to the Alternative House are (left to right) Lisa Moffett, the sales associate with Coldwell Banker Vienna who suggested the donation; Coldwell Banker Vienna Branch Vice-President Mark Ackermann; Judith Dittman, the executive director of Alternative House; and Ruth Papuchis, Regional Vice-President of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the Greater Washington Metro.

Alternative House provides support to at-risk children, youth and families in Northern Virginia through counseling, shelter, crisis intervention and neighborhood outreach. For more information, visit <http://www.thealternativehouse.org/>.

For more information about buying or selling a home in the Greater Washington, DC area and to view listings, visit www.cbmove.com.



Check presentation to Family PASS.



Check presentation to Alternative House.

Lunch n' Life at Shepherd's Center

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ing room usually fills up with smiling faces, most of whom know one another from other luncheons or from classes in Adventures in Learning.

Coming up in March is the next Lunch n' Life, featuring Dick Neff on banjo and Warren Underwood on guitar, playing bluegrass. The duo, who are donating their time and talent, performed for SCOV's caregiver retreat in January.

Underwood is a co-founder of the Bluegrass Ministry program at his church, Oakton United Methodist Church. A retired mathematics professor, Neff belongs to the Capital Area Bluegrass and Old-Time Music Association and the D.C. Bluegrass Union. He paints in oils and is vice president of the Vienna Art Society.

"Lunch n' Life encourages fellowship and offers them a low-cost nutritious meal," said SCOV Executive Director

Michelle Scott.

SCOV supporter Julius Hankins of Vienna described why he comes to Lunch n' Life events and what he likes about them.

"I come to meet new people or meet old friends at our table of eight," said Hankins. "To have a healthy meal served by the Tzu Chi ladies from Taiwan who are so nice to us. We always have an interesting speaker or musical entertainment. It is a fun day and the Shepherd's Center takes care of us. We like them."

Lunch n' Life costs \$10 per person and reservations and prepayment are required by Friday, March 4.

Sponsored by Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, Monday, March 14, noon to 2 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Rd, Vienna.

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A Lifesaving Program

To the Editor:

I just wanted to drop you a brief but sincere note to both: thank you for the Connection Newspapers' recent and valued attention paid toward the nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program's (WRAP) free cab ride service to prevent drunk driving, SoberRide, which unquestionably contributed to SoberRide providing a record number of free rides (967) on New Year's Eve to persons who, otherwise, may have driven home drunk; and to let you know, as well as to counter any scuttlebutt otherwise, that this recent removal of nearly 1,000 would-be drunk drivers from Greater Washington's roadways on New Year's Eve came without a single customer complaint (minus one District of Columbia resident who reported waiting 53-minutes for his SoberRide at 2:30 a.m. on New Year's Day).

Further news of WRAP's recent SoberRide success can be found online at <http://www.wrap.org/pdfs/2010HolidaySoberRideEnd.pdf>.

Again, thank you for your most welcomed focus on this local, lifesaving program.

Kurt Gregory Erickson
McLean

The writers is President & CEO of Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP).

Throwing Good Money in the Trash

To the Editor:

The notion of Fairfax County spending \$400 million of our hard-earned tax dollars to procure the Lorton trash incinerator seems not only counterintuitive but chock full of irony as an incinerator is exactly where that money will end up when it could easily be used elsewhere in a more productive manner.

That this proposal has not been summarily rejected by the entire Board of Supervisors is demonstrative of elected officials who still do not get it.

These are trying economic times for folks in Great Falls, McLean and Herndon, as well as the rest of the Commonwealth, who are concerned about the plummeting values of their most valuable asset – their homes, increasing tax rates and the rising unemployment that is creeping into places it has not since the days of the Carter administration.

Apparently the plan is that although Covanta would operate the facility through 2016, the \$400 million county purchase would result in significant savings by 2029. That would be 18 years of real dollar payments for 13 years of undefined savings. Sound familiar? Actually, this is an unnecessary boondoggle that our children and their children will be saddled with long after this Board of Supervisors has been relieved of their duties. Call, write or e-mail your elected supervisor and remind him or her that this \$400 million can better serve our community in the education of our children and the much needed transportation infrastructure.

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Not Just Any Friday...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

But Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, the date of my most recent post-scan appointment with my oncologist. The date when the results of those previous week's scans will be shared with Dina and me. The appointment when we will learn if my stage IV lung cancer has progressed – or not. And what we learned is, news we can live with: "No change." The tumors have not grown or moved. The status is quo. I am doing "Amazing," according to my oncologist. Two years into my treatment, and it's not, to invoke a Boston expression, "Katie bar the door;" which means trouble, sort of, figuratively speaking.

So what's next? No one knows for sure and that's the problem. Although not nearly the problem the original pain in my ribcage has turned out to be. But still a problem. A problem of the unknown. What to do, how to treat, a patient who has now outlived his prognosis and who has been on a chemotherapy drug – Avastin, longer than any other patient his oncologist has previously treated, and a patient who is as symptomatic and progressing as well as I am? "Uncharted territory" is how my oncology nurse has described my future.

But it's a future. A future that two years ago was not exactly promised to me. Not that promises are likely ever made to cancer patients during chemotherapy, but you get the idea I'm sure. And not that I ever took the characterizations personally but, after all the testing is completed to determine "the underlying problem" (as I call my lung cancer/diagnosis), you become a statistic, a compilation of data – which, according to medical science/history indicates/corresponds to a certain time line (I hesitate to use the term "deadline" anymore). And neither is that time line promised, but presumably, there is some methodology to their madness and statistical presumptions, so it's a bit hard to ignore. Although, you try.

Nevertheless, it's a weight – and a wait, too. It's all about what happens next: results from lab work, X-Rays, CT scans, MRIs, physical examinations, etc., to determine your fate. Some of it is in your control, most of it is not. And upon reflection, you may recall what your oncologist said to you back in February 2009: there are exceptions to every rule – and he hopes that you are one of them. However, he was not the least bit encouraging. Presumably he is duty-bound and medically and ethically motivated as well, not to provide too much false hope. In my case, he didn't. Moreover, he suggested that perhaps I take that vacation I always wanted to. WHAT!?

But here I am, two years post diagnosis; an exception to the rule. You can now officially throw the statistics out the window. And though I am thrilled to be here (Duh!), here is where few of us have ever been before, unfortunately. As a result, there are no real treatment protocols to follow and so my oncologist has much less medical data on which to rely and more anecdotal-type feelings from me, the patient, to consider as he/we decide how best to proceed/how to treat. Not that the diagnosis/-treatment-to-date hasn't been collaborative, it has; it's more that, treatment going forward, there's less conventional wisdom on which to rely and more dependence on unconventional wisdom – mine, to decide dosages, frequency of chemotherapy and scans, etc.

This new decision-making, combined with where I am relative to my original prognosis/time line scares the living daylights out of me – if you want to know the truth. If you don't want to know the truth, welcome to the other half of my brain. Can you say dichotomy? (I can't, anymore than I can say "deadline".)

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“I went to Texas to visit my family. It’s very rare that we get to meet so we spend the whole time either going out together or staying in and just hanging out”



**Tiara Diaz,
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**Rachel Frankel,
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**Amreen Dhindsa,
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