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Two-Day Book Sale Draws Book Lovers

Annual event a favorite among residents.

It takes more than hot and humid weather to keep away customers from Historic Vienna Inc.'s annual two-day mega-book sale on the grounds of Freeman House.

On opening day, Saturday, June 11, droves of shoppers, from toddler browsers to grown-ups and book dealers with their scanners had showed up by 9:30 a.m. Beneath tents, 18,000 to 20,000 books decorated tables, arranged by category. The patio behind Freeman House was reserved for children.

"This is a not-to-be-missed event in my world," said Vienna resident M.J. Skorik-Andrews, her arms filled with nonfiction books. "I love books."

THE MONEY HVI MAKES from the book sale goes toward funding HVI's activities and special projects, including the Easter and Christmas events and HVI's museum exhibits. This year, with the Civil War sesquicentennial events HVI is sponsoring or co-sponsoring, HVI's expenses will be greater than in typical years. Rose Mulville and Ann Stuntz estimate average gross revenue of about \$10,000.



By 9:30 a.m. on opening day, Historic Vienna, Inc.'s annual two-day book sale was already packed with shoppers.

"This is a not-to-be-missed event in my world."

— Vienna resident M.J. Skorik-Andrews

Some families, like the Bingham's of Vienna, have come every year since the sale started, both days. On one of those days, the couple will bring their grandchildren who have free rein to pick out the books they want the Bingham's to buy. HVI's book

sale is so special to the Bingham's that they make sure their vacation plans do not conflict with the dates of the sale.

Children's books were priced from 25 cents to \$1. Paperbacks went for \$1 and hardcovers for \$2. "Treasures" were priced separately.

Muriel Linden of Rhode Island and her husband Calvin were visiting their daughter who lives in Vienna. Daughter Jean Lee brought her parents to Vienna's hot spots, the farmers' market and then the book sale.

"I love books," said Muriel Linden. "I have a lot of books but I want to buy more."

— DONNA MANZ



It's a tradition that children get have their own corner on the patio behind Freeman House.



Jennifer Michel and her daughter Katherine browse for books at one of the tented tables.

VIEWPOINTS

What do you like the most about HVI's book sale?

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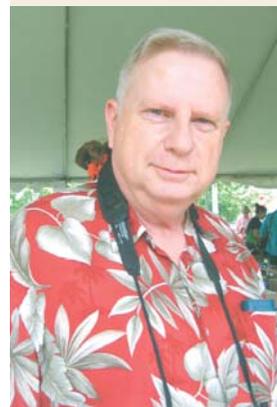
M.J. Skorik-Andrews, Vienna
"The eclectic variety of old and new books."



Jean Lee, Vienna
"The way it's all sectioned off, that it's outside. I love to be around people who love reading, You talk to other people here about books."



Ray Daly, Vienna
"The kids' books. We're always looking for new kids' books."



Bob Bills, Woodbridge
"Photography and history ... still looking."

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Curl Up with a Book

— JULIE INGLIS

Librarians, teacher recommend
summer reading.

Delia Ullberg,
Youth Services
Manager/
Oakton Commu-
nity Library,
Fairfax County
Public Library

"I would recommend 'The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp' [by Richard Yancey] because it is high adventure. There's lots of adventure in it — car chases, sword fights, people chasing, people getting chased, as well as a sense that the sort of the underdog ... solves everything. The poor kid's sort of going, 'I can't do this', then sort of, 'Yes I can' ... Light, fairly easy ... read."

Shannon Seglin,
Youth Services
Manager/
Patrick Henry
Library, Fairfax
County Public
Library

"For summer reading, well the Fairfax County Public Library puts out a recommended list every year and there are several books on that. But one book that I do recommend that's very popular is 'The Hunger Games' by Suzanne Collins and it's a trilogy. The second one is 'Catching Fire,' the third one is 'Mockingjay' and they all are very, very popular and the theme is dystopian society and that seems to be really big with teens this year. ... These are recent. There're some definite themes in it, not necessarily for younger kids. And as the trilogy goes on, it definitely gets more violent."

John Landis, Head Librarian
at James Madison High
School

"I would like to recommend 'A People's History of the United States' by Howard Zinn. I think it's important to have multiple perspectives on our history that are factually based and in this case there are a lot of things that our history textbooks neglect or downplay and I think it's important if you want to be a responsible citizen to seek out more depth of more and more perspective and a lot of the things that are in this book are particularly relevant to political developments that are going on now so ... for that alone, I would highly recommend that students read it. ... [In] some newer editions they added some chapters about the Clinton Presidency and the 2000 election. It's readable but there's a lot of detail and ... it's not exactly written in a scholarly, dry way like a college professor, but it has a lot of details in it, so it might not be for the younger of the high school students."



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Krissy Ronan, Co-Librarian
at James Madison High School

"I'm recommending 'The Mockingbirds' by Daisy Whitney. It takes place in a private boarding school with a bunch of kids who the teachers think are perfect and will never do wrong things. ... So when things do go wrong, the students kind of take the justice into their own hands and they have an underground criminal system. There're courts and lawyers and judges but it's all student led and student run and it's all secretive and the teachers have no idea. So it starts with a lady who is a victim of a sexual crime and so she has to decide how she wants to handle it — and she decides to go through this underground court system, so it's the story of that and it's really exciting and it's very good and it's just really interesting to see how the kids kind of handle the situation themselves."



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**Michael Kahn, English
Teacher** at James Madison
High School

"A book that I would recommend is a short story collection by Ernest Hemingway called 'The Nick Adams Stories.' It's a compilation of all of his semi-autobiographical stories about a character named Nick Adams who grows up in the woods in Michigan, goes off to war and comes home. It's his interaction with his friends, his girlfriend, just growing up stories that I think are good for kids to read around this age ... it's ... short stories, you can read them little bits at a time. ... And the prose is accessible enough for a very casual reader but there's still a lot of depth."

Civil War Battle of Vienna To Be Fought Once Again

Encampment, train skirmish highlight Civil War reenactment.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Historic Vienna Inc.'s [HVI] new exhibit ties in with the town's Civil War sesquicentennial events. Called "Vienna Awakens to War 1861 - 1865," the exhibit, housed upstairs in the Freeman House museum on Church Street, displays original artifacts and reproductions.

From a ceremonial sword found on Freeman House grounds and a cannon ball uncovered locally to Civil War army uniforms and children's toys, the exhibit showcases what life was like in the Vienna area between 1861 and 1865. Local people contributed the exhibit's telling inventory. A letter home, a soldier's identification tag, original 1861 Harper's Weekly pages on the Battle of Vienna, a Confederate war bond, a child's doll are all vestiges of the war that pitted American against American.

"The community really does help us out," said Rose Mulville, chair of the HVI's exhibit committee. "There are incredible items



A Union soldier takes his place in history next to exhibit committee chair Rose Mulville. 'Vienna Awakens to War 1861 - 1865' runs for a year at the Freeman House on Church Street. Vienna's Sesquicentennial Committee has events planned throughout 2011 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War.

that people have collected over the years and they dug them up and offered them to us.

"Encampments of the troops were here," she said. "The sword was found here on the grounds. We found artifacts up where I live."

MULVILLE SAID that HVI is hoping school children in the area take advantage of this educational exhibit. As if on cue, a group of teens from a local private school stopped by. "We're just starting to learn about the Civil War," one student said. "I haven't studied it since the fourth grade."

Jeff Hiatt, who lives in Vienna with his wife and two children, brought his parents, visiting from Texas, to Freeman House to view the exhibit.

"Part of the charm of Vienna is the small-town feel," said Jeff Hiatt. "And this exhibit is part of Vienna's charm. I knew they would like the historical aspect of this."

Parents Bob and Linda Hiatt are interested in history, Bob particularly in Civil War history. "I didn't know there was such a huge slave population here in Virginia," he said, looking at a census map from 1861.

HVI GOT THE WORD OUT months ago of its need for artifacts and collection stock through Town and HVI newsletters and the media. Families and collectors were eager to share what pieces of Civil War memorabilia they had inherited, bought or found. One glass case contains a bust of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in. An early print of Gen. Robert E. Lee overlooks the exhibit. North

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WEEK IN VIENNA

Bank Robbery in Oakton, Suspect Apprehended

On Wednesday, June 8, shortly before 11 a.m., police responded to the report of an armed robbery at the BB&T Bank located at 2941 Chain Bridge Road. A man entered the bank, displayed a handgun and demanded money. He left with an undisclosed amount of cash. There were no injuries at the bank.

A lookout for the suspect and vehicle was broadcast over the police radio. The vehicle was spotted a short time later, headed for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge. Maryland law enforcement authorities were notified and the suspect was apprehended in the 4600 block of Livingston Road in S.E. Washington, D.C. Multiple law enforcement agencies assisted Fairfax County in the apprehension, including the Prince George's County Police Department, the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

A Fairfax County Police K-9 team and helicopter assisted in the apprehension effort.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus your message to

CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

Glyndon Park Dugout Dedication in Honor of Rony Staats

The Town of Vienna is holding a dedication ceremony in honor of Rony Staats at Glyndon Park on Sunday, June 19, at 1 p.m. The town will dedicate the new dugouts at Glyndon Park in honor of Rony Staats in recognition of his commitment and dedication to the Vienna community, and specifically to the many local youth organization.

The public is invited to attend this free event. For more information, contact Cathy Salgado at csalgado@viennava.gov or 703-255-6356.

Hudgins Named VTA's Public Official of the Year

Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins has been selected as 2011 Public Official of the Year by the Virginia Transit Association (VTA) for her commitment and long service in public transportation.

Hudgins represents Fairfax County and currently serves as Chairman of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), and is a member of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission

and the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board. She is a long-time advocate for public transportation options, believed that like education, public transportation is the equalizer for allowing everyone to share in the quality of life in the community.

Linda McMinimy, director of VTA, said "Cathy Hudgins has long been a regional advocate for public transportation and has accomplished so much in Fairfax County and the region. We were very impressed with her commitment and accomplishments. Cathy is a great model for elected officials in moving accessibility for transit forward."

Summer Special Events for Teens

The Vienna Community Center's Club Phoenix Teen Center is hosting several special events during the months of June, July and August for Club Phoenix members. The events include Card Shark Night on Friday, June 10, at 4 p.m.; Everybody's Birthday Party on Monday, June 20, at 3:30 p.m.; Water Fun Day on Friday, July 8, at 4:30 p.m.; New Release Movie Day on Wednesday, July 20, at 4:30 p.m.; Open Mic Night for Teens and Tweens on Friday, July 29, at 4:30 p.m.; and Hot Dog Appreciation Day on Thursday, Aug. 11, at 5 p.m.

Each Friday from June 24 through Aug. 19, the Club Phoenix Teen Center will host a different special event at 7 p.m. for Club members including dodgeball, karaoke,

kick-ball, Scene It, and more. All events are free and are at the Club Phoenix Teen Center located in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E.

Youth in grades six through 12 are welcome to become a member of Club Phoenix Teen Center. Residency in the Town of Vienna is not required to become a member of the Club. Membership is free. Rising sixth graders can become a member beginning June 21, 2011.

For more information on these programs or to sign up to become a Club member, visit the Vienna Community Center, call Brandy Wyatt at 703-255-5721 or visit www.viennava.gov.

Summer Kick-off Field Day, June 21

The Club Phoenix Teen Center and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department present the Summer Kick-Off Field Day on Tuesday, June 21, from 1-3 p.m., on Waters Field, located next to the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E.

The entire community is invited to attend this free family-friendly event and enjoy party and carnival games, relay races and more. Refreshments will be provided. No rain date. In case of inclement weather, call the Vienna Weather Line at 703-255-7842 two hours prior to the start of the event.

For more information, contact Brandy Wyatt at 703-255-5721 or bwyatt@viennava.gov.

OPINION

Amazing Teens

Time to celebrate their talents and accomplishments, and to keep them safe.

It's a time to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of area teens.

They're graduating from high school, many after completing college level work in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs, for more than a year, earning scholarships and entry to college.

Some are accomplished athletes, ending high school careers as leaders on the field, demonstrating the benefits of practice and discipline, understanding more about what it means to work in a team than many adults ever will.

Some have excelled in theater, learning stage management, teamwork of different kind, complex tasks including lines, music, and more. High school students excelling in theater were celebrated Sunday, June 13, at the Kennedy Center, with awards going to (among others) Madison, Marshall, Mount Vernon, Westfield and Falls Church high schools in Fairfax County; Wakefield in Arlington; Walt Whitman in Montgomery County.

Local high school students pursue all sorts of music with passion. They are involved in many other arts, including photography, painting, sculpture.

There are teens who devote themselves to community service. Students in McLean have packaged literally tens of thousands of meals for the hungry. Others volunteer at homeless shelters, work on environmental projects, help in hospitals, animal shelters and nursing homes. Some have raised money for relief ef-

forts in Haiti or Japan or the Gulf Coast.

It's not surprising that some of these teens are celebrating in a variety of ways. You can see photo slide shows of many area proms at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com.

Now the word of caution.

Many, many high school students consume alcohol, usually to excess.

EDITORIAL

Responding to the 2009 Fairfax County Youth Survey, nearly half of high school students reported drinking alcohol. Twenty-three percent of high school seniors reported binge drinking in the two weeks before the survey, and 39 percent of them had consumed alcohol in the previous 30 days. Among 10th graders, 22 percent had consumed alcohol in the previous 30 days.

Twenty-two percent of students said they had used marijuana.

While those numbers are eye-opening, consider this: Twenty percent of students reported they had driven a car when they had been drinking. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/youthsurvey

It's easy to forget, when high school students present themselves with maturity, with discipline, with intelligence, that they are, in fact, high school students. Their brains are not fully developed. They are not fully equipped to make what could turn out to be life and death decisions, especially in group settings. They still need guidance, protection, reminders, safeguards and safety nets, mostly from their parents.

journey that leads them to their own personal dead ends, we are also depriving the whole country of the potential talents of many young people, some of whom, regrettably, will probably finish off their days languishing in the prison system or worse.

We also do not hear from the parents of those who are not going on to college or a career path. We do not get to know what is the road that led these families to perpetuate the cycle of underachievement and rejection of the opportunities available in an education system they barely know, much less understand.

In the same issue of your paper, we see how complicated navigating the education bureaucracy is, even for an articulate and knowledgeable parent, ["'Child Left Behind' in TJ Admission Procedures"]. Her persistence, powers of advocacy and insights may eventually help her secure a better future for her child.

One wonders, however, how many parents from disadvantaged and/or minority backgrounds have the same cognitive and experiential tools displayed by that parent in advocating for her child. How many of those parents did

ever get the chance to make their views known or even communicated to an educational machine that seems ill prepared to manage anything other than defensive-mode and self-limiting rules of engagement with the very parents they claim to serve? How many of the families of these enormous numbers of youngsters left behind had the opportunity to contemplate what options and opportunities could be available for their children? We know that the vast majority of high schools in this country do not provide sufficient levels of advanced placement courses to prepare students for college.

Are the schools in Virginia challenging students of all backgrounds to be their best? We know from 40 years of research that success in schooling is far more than a collection of individual decisions made by teachers, parents and students. It is also about the choices we, as a society, choose to make: Choices in regards to quality of teachers, support for students and the enabling environment that the schools need to provide for all children. Choices regarding how and when we decide to engage with those for whom the promise of a

During the summer, nearly twice as many teenagers die in traffic crashes than at other times, according to the Washington Regional Alcohol Program www.wrap.org. There have been some devastating examples of this locally.

The most important thing for parents to do for their teenagers is to talk to them. Even if your teen tries to deflect what you're saying, the information is still working its way into his or her brain.

Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been too much work to get them to this point to risk losing them. Tell them not to text and drive. Tell them not to drink and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone driving who has been drinking. Tell them you'll come pick them up anytime that they need a safe ride home.

WRAP offers tips, facts and strategies on their website.

Correcting a Mother's Day Error

Because of an internal communications error, The Connection didn't receive many of the Mother's Day photos submitted to us by readers until late last week. We're so sorry we missed Mother's Day, but you'll find those photos at <http://bit.ly/iCiJcS>.

— MARY KIMM,

MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM, ON TWITTER @MARYKIMM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Society's Choice

To the Editor:

In reading your item on the choices graduating seniors make re schooling options post-high school ["Pursuing, College, Careers," Connection May 18-24, 2011], it was easy to spot the significant impacts of the numbers of seniors who have "no further plans" to continue on with their education.

Clearly, large numbers of young people decide not to pursue their education beyond high school. The data you quoted contains the same disturbing patterns we see across the U.S. namely, disproportionate numbers of students who elect not to continue with their education come from minority and disadvantaged backgrounds.

Your article, however, leaves several questions hanging and others are not even addressed. For instance, we hear the voices of those who have selected a career and/or college path and why they made those decisions. We do not hear anyone from among those who decided not to pursue their education. Their silence is also our society's silence in that, by refusing to delve more carefully into the

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Vienna residents **Lindsey Jones Jr.** and **Magda McNeill** have been named to the dean's list at Randolph-Macon Academy for the third quarter of the 2010-11 school year.

Louisa C. Stanwich of Oakton was inducted into the National Spanish Honor Society at Randolph-Macon Academy. Stanwich is the daughter of John and Maria Carosa Stanwich.

Magda McNeill of Vienna was inducted into the National Spanish Honor Society at Randolph-Macon Academy. McNeill is the daughter of Bruce and Patty McNeill of Vienna.

Several Vienna residents have been awarded \$2500 National Merit Scholarships:

❖ **Kelsey A. Hopkins** of McLean High School. Probable career field is biomedical engineering.

❖ **Alvina X. Jiao** of Thomas Hefferson High School for Science and Technology. Probable career field is international relations.

❖ **Saman Kamgar-Parsi** of Thomas Hefferson High School for Science and Technology. Probable career field is anthropology.

❖ **Miranda C. Osterheld** of

James Madison High School. Probable career field is medicine.

❖ **Stephen F. S. Swanson** of James Madison High School. Probable career field is physics.

❖ **Max L. Wang** of Thomas Hefferson High School for Science and Technology. Probable career field is engineering.

❖ **Alexander A. Weech** of James Madison High School. Probable career field: psychology.

Three Oakton residents have been awarded \$2500 National Merit Scholarships:

❖ **Stephen L. Eltinge** of Thomas Hefferson High School for Science and Technology.

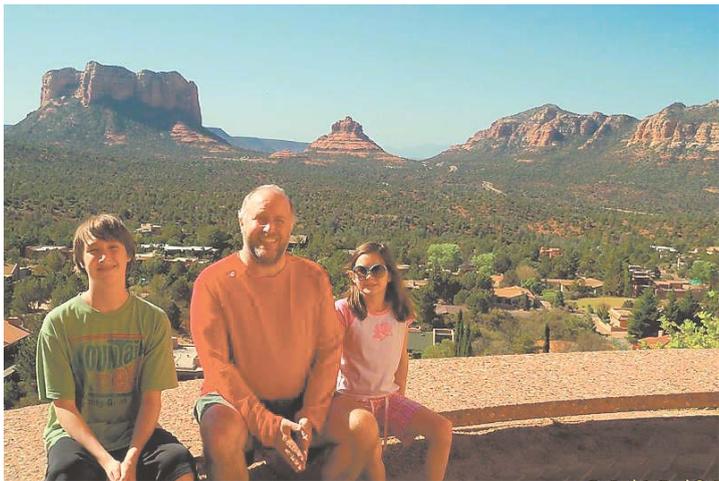
Probable career field is education (college professor).

❖ **Catherine F. Mahoney** of Oakton High School. Probable career field is international economics.

❖ **Kathleen M. Atkath** of Thomas Hefferson High School for Science and Technology. Probable career field is biomedical engineering.

Vienna resident **James J. Skehan** of Thomas Hefferson High School for Science and Technology has been awarded a National Merit SAIC Scholarship. His probable career field is marketing.

DADS & ME



The Red Rock of the Feeney Family of Vienna, Brian, is surrounded by his children Neil, 14, and Quinn, 9, and the Red Rocks of Sedona, Ariz., April 2011.

This is a photo of my three children with their dad John Anderson of Vienna in his brother's hot tub during spring break. John works very hard at his job, on yard projects and running marathons. When it's time to relax, he loves to get in the hot tub with his children. From left are Brian, 12; Fiona, 8; John; and Sean, 13.



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Home Evolves, Letting the Inside Out

Home of 25 years allows for guests, parties and staycations.

By JOHN BYRD
THE CONNECTION

A 12-by-25-foot sunroom thoughtfully integrated with an enlarged and reconfigured kitchen has reinvigorated the long-term residence of an entertainment-oriented Vienna family-- and proven an exceptional design solution in its own right.

The new conservatory to the home of Ilene and Larry Garvey not only provides the gracious transition between house and pool owners had been seeking, but also won national recognition a Master Design award from Qualified Remodeler Magazine-- for the project's design/build team, Sun Design Remodeling of Burke.

Ilene Garvey says the keener pleasure is how well the solution works in supporting a lifestyle that includes pool parties, hot tubbing, cook-outs and dinner for fifty or more, all at home.

Garvey and her husband Larry have occupied their sprawling split-level for some 25 years, virtually their entire married life.

"Our home is always evolving," Garvey said. "Larry and I bought it in 1987, shortly after we were married, and we've periodically made changes simply to enhance the basic pleasures you can derive from staying in one place."

An Olympic-sized pool and porch enclosure installed in the mid-1990s, for instance, inaugurated a new era of family-oriented outdoor activity.

"I was soaking in the hot tub corner of our patio enclosure," Garvey said, "when I started thinking about how the space could become part of an enlarged kitchen. I began

to envision a more finished, mainstream room between the house and the pool but didn't want to lose the beautiful view of the backyard. Frankly, I just wasn't sure where to go from there."

Enter Sun Design, a group Garvey had learned about from neighbors.

"Our goal was to upgrade the quality and usefulness of the entire rear of the house without encroaching beyond the footprint of the old porch enclosure," Sun Design project manager Dave Clearly said. "The new kitchen was to be more spacious, but also more functional as food and beverage support for all the outdoor places."

The upshot is that every surface of the new sunroom - window walls, floor, roof pitch - had to be carefully positioned to serve several roles.

"The trick was in the framing, and tying off the roof," Clearly says. "We had to model house-to-pool sightlines, and fabricated transom windows for the gables as well as several sliding glass doors to fit the required angles."

In total the kitchen gains 85-square-feet of usable space. The footprint formerly occupied by the hot tub converts to a spacious adjunct den. A dining counter doubles as a serving station to the new conservatory. Glass-facing cabinets bring glasses, plates and utensils nearer to the action outside, and there's a new wine bar around the corner.

At a little over 400 square feet, the new sunroom isn't much larger than its patio enclosure predecessor. Yet the space is now



The goal was to integrate a reconfigured kitchen with a sunroom that segues to the pool. The solution satisfies an array of owner entertainment requirements. The project won a Master Design Award for Sun Design Remodeling.

distinctly zoned, wrapping the eastern corner of the house and conferring complete privacy on the hot tub, which now has its own entrance to the outside.

With its cathedral ceiling, transoms and

running window walls, the conservatory's view frames a vivid living portrait of the pool, surrounding trees and sky.

"Everything just feels very open," Garvey said. "The design makes perfect sense of the

relationship of the house and pool, and for northern Virginia's mild climate."

To maximize moisture-resistance and extend the seasonal-use of unheated rooms, Sun Design specified gold-hued Hardipanel with Azek trim for the wall covering. The interior ceiling is an eggshell white Versatex beadboard. Natural slate and ceramic tiling confer an earthy warmth which, Garvey reports, responds beautifully to the ascending natural light of an east-facing room.

"The sunroom is so well insulated that we use it continuously except during the coldest winter months," Garvey said.

As for its value in entertaining, Garvey says she is now having parties of up to ninety guests, and pool parties of 20 or more.

"We're just enjoying the house more than ever," Garvey says. "Which is a wonderful feeling when you been at the same address for as long as we have."



PHOTOS BY GREG HADLEY

Guest Room Shuffle

Local designers suggest thrifty and generous ways to decorate for out of town guests.

By MEREDITH BILLMAN-MANI
THE CONNECTION

Local interior designers Lauren Liess from Herndon and Jill Sorensen from McLean have turned many rooms into guest rooms for their clients. They have spent years learning the tricks for updating a guestroom quickly and inexpensively while creating an inviting space. Though their decorating talents are in high demand and the jobs they do command top dollar, Liess and Sorensen have each developed several tricks that can work on any budget to create a guest bedroom with appeal.

If the homeowner is fortunate enough to have a dedicated space for a guest bedroom, the prep work before a guest arrives is less.

"Guests are looking for a room that's comfortable and inviting but empty enough for them to put their things. You don't want it to be as cold as a hotel," says Liess. Liess said that having a space for two suitcases, on a stand or on the floor, is key and that clearing space in a closet for guests to hang their clothes is important. "These touches will make them feel welcome," Liess said.

"A fantastic mattress, super soft sheets and great towels," are the elements Sorensen sees going into an elegant guest room and generous budget. "Comfort makes the difference. I would add a seating area and a desk. And situate the room in a quiet part of the house and make sure it has a fantastic view," Sorensen said.

Both agree that thinking ahead to anticipate your guests' needs will make for an easier trip for everyone. Small details, like a cleared space on a night stand, an alarm clock and soap and towels they know are for their use make guests feel welcome and autonomous because they do not immediately have to ask their hosts for things.

Champagne tastes can still be achieved on a low budget if the homeowner is willing to get creative with what they have. Designers do this all the time. They will walk through a home and

pick up decorative items or hanging art and bring it from one room into another room to give it a polished look.

If it's been awhile since you had company, chances are your guest room has morphed into a catch-all room with boxes of out of season clothes, a desk from a deceased relative and anything else that needed storage space. These rooms need a little work but can be transformed for under \$100.

"Paint your dressers a fun color and tie it in with fun bedding and pillows," said Liess. "If you've just used it to store, get everything out of there and put it in another room for a little while."

Sorensen agrees. "Clear clutter; most bad design starts with clutter. Empty is better than a bunch of mismatched stuff. Donate your unused items to a shelter or to someone who needs it. Paint the mismatched furniture one color to make them go together."

Colleen Donnelly of Herndon said the best thing she puts on the dresser for her out of town guests are copies of the local bus schedule going downtown. "Everyone wants to go to DC. I've gone a million times by now, so I have copies of the bus schedule. It has times and where it stops so they can go into the city whenever they want without needing us to drive them."

Sometimes space is at a premium and a family member, usually a child, will give up their room while guests are in town. Liess and Sorensen have some suggestions to keep guests from feeling like they are intruding on someone's space. "The first thing is to take down anything personal or gender specific," Liess says. "Clear off the desk completely and make sure guests know it's their space to use. If there's cutesy bedding, take that off. And make sure it's not Toyland in the room," said Liess.

What if unexpected company calls and you aren't ready. What do designers suggest you do then? "Make sure it's neat and clean. Put in a bouquet of fresh flowers and a bottle of water by the bed. They'll feel welcome and won't worry about the rest," said Sorensen.

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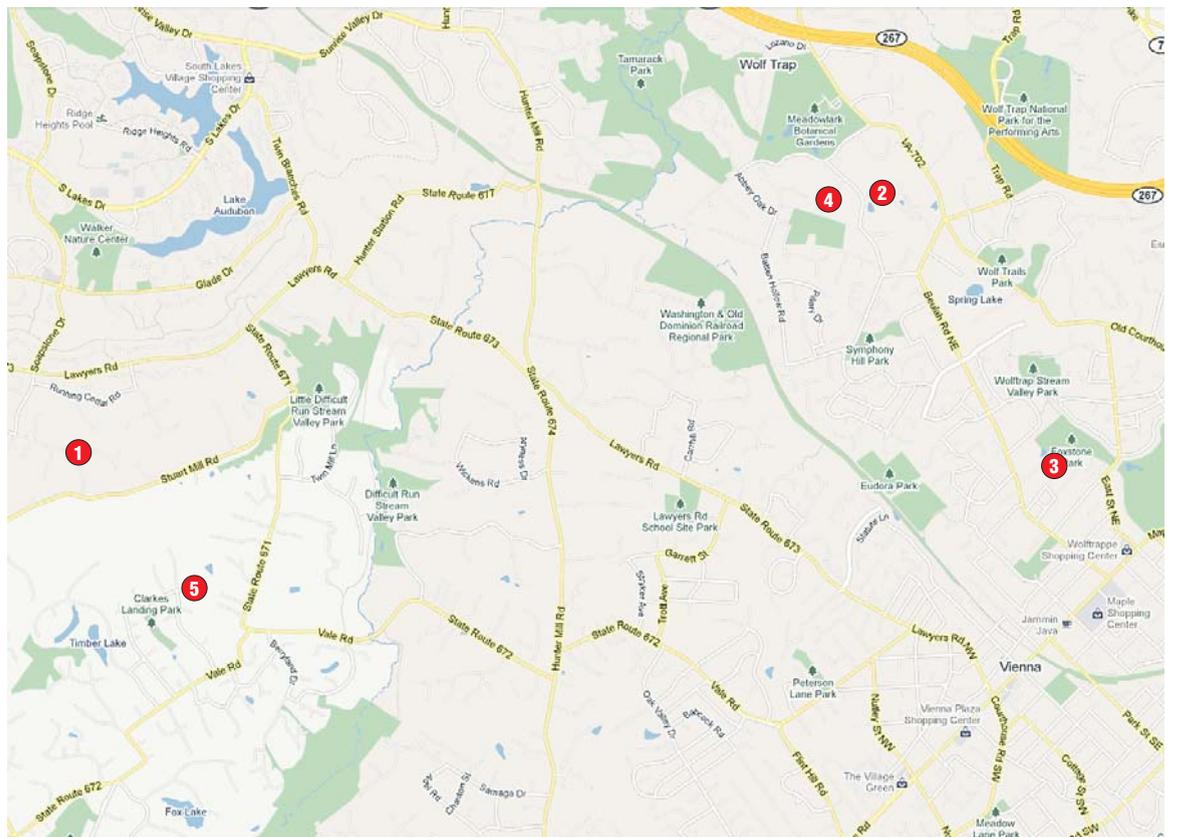
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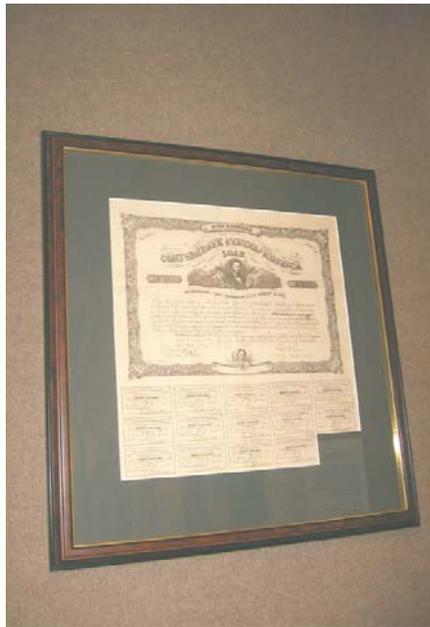
ern Virginia re-enactors contributed uniforms.

“The exhibit shows the public what is valuable to the community and what they cherish,” Mulville said.

On Saturday, June 18, the Town of Vienna, in partnership with Historic Vienna, Inc., commemorates the Battle of Vienna, a skirmish along the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad tracks abutting the Vienna Community Center. The battle, in which Confederate forces attacked a train carrying Union troops, marked the first time in America’s history that a train was used in tactical warfare. A replica of a Civil War train, on loan from Strasburg, Va., takes center stage in the reenactment.

Battle formation begins at 5 p.m. and the Battle of Vienna reenactment takes place beginning at 6 p.m.

The Battle of Vienna weekend begins on Friday, June 17, as civilian and military re-enactors set up an encampment on the grounds of the community center. A musical group performs period music on the Town Green stage, starting at 6:30p.m. Jim Lewis, Hunter Mill corridor historian, tells Civil War stories



On display in HVI’s Civil War exhibit is an authentic Confederate war bond.

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beginning at 7:15 p.m.

Throughout the day on June 18, the encampment focuses on an ordinary day in the life of a Civil War soldier, the town and its people. Participating in the encampment are the 5th Regiment ANC, the 17th Virginia Infantry Regiment – Company G, the Magnetic Telegraph Company and the Dixie Rose Relief Society. The even will include live cannon firings and horses. All activities are free.

As they looked over maps and documents of the era in the exhibit, the Hiatts expressed surprise at Northern Virginia’s place in the war.

“I didn’t realize this area was so rich in Civil War history, Linda Hiatt said.

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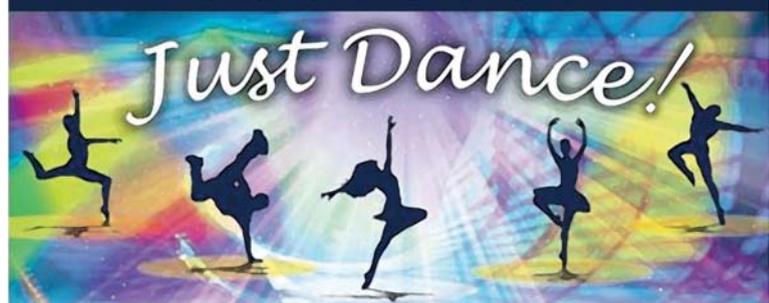
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Perfect Ending for State Champion Warhawks

Madison girls defeat Vienna rival Oakton to gain lacrosse crown.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

To label any sports teams' season "perfect" might be inaccurate because of the nature of games, which include such un-perfect characteristics as penalties, turnovers, shifts in momentum, injuries, poor on-field decisions by athletes and coaching mistakes. But if one focuses on bottom line results — wins and championships — and team make-up — playing for one another — perhaps some teams can experience at least near perfection.

However one wants to qualify "perfect," the Madison High girls' lacrosse team would have to be in the conversation. The Warhawks, on Saturday evening, June 11, completed their season with a brilliant flourish, defeating Vienna cross-town opponent Oakton High, 20-11, in the championship game of the Virginia state tournament. With the victory, the biggest in the history of the program, the Warhawks concluded their remarkable spring of 2011 season with a perfect 22-0 record. The 1972 Miami Dolphins, who went a perfect 17-0 and were Super Bowl VII champions over the Redskins, would be proud.

"We owe a lot to how well we get along off the field, and that translates onto the field," said Madison junior midfielder/attack player Julia Kehoe, of the Warhawks' team chemistry that has factored into the team's success. "We capitalize on each others' strengths and know how to go out there and play with each other."

The finals contest, which took place at



Madison's Carly Frederick (5) moves with the ball as Oakton senior Amanda Bailey defends.

Westfield High School, marked the third time Madison and Oakton (17-7) played one another this season. The Warhawks had also won the first two meetings, a 23-15 regular season home win over the Cougars on April 27, and a 23-14 triumph on May 26 in the Northern Region title game at Robinson Secondary.

In some ways, the state title game was similar to those earlier contests in that Madison was able to score at least 20 goals in all three meetings while Oakton, while never particularly close to defeating the Warhawks, gave a good account of itself and did not show poorly.

"Oakton is good and it was obviously tough to play them [in the state finals] because we played them two times before," said Kehoe, who, at game's end on Saturday, had just received a pass at the Oakton end of the field when the final horn blew,

sparking a team celebratory pile-up at around midfield. "There is definitely a lot of competition between the two teams and there are some family ties."

Many of the girls from both teams grew up in Vienna playing one another in lacrosse or other sports. And the team's respective coaches — Madison's Amanda Counts and Oakton's Jean Counts — are sisters-in-law. "Beating Oakton is bitter-sweet," said Amanda Counts, the Warhawks' head coach. "I'm happy Oakton got this far."

Madison's offense, which scored 20 or more goals in 10 games this season and never less than 13, continued its precision-like, spectacular play in the state title win.



Madison High head girls' lacrosse coach Amanda Counts holds aloft the state championship trophy following the Warhawks title game win over Oakton last Saturday evening at Westfield High School.

The Warhawks burst out to a 5-0 lead in the game's first five-plus minutes and never were really in jeopardy of losing thereafter. Madison held an 11-5 halftime advantage and still led, 16-9, at the midway point through the second half. From there onward, Madison outscored the Cougars, four goals to two.

Ten different Madison players scored goals in the win.

"We have depth on our offense that I don't know has been matched in other programs," said Amanda Counts. "We've had a long list of girls who can score at will. Our freshmen and sophomore [players'] stick skills are amazing."

Jean Counts, the Oakton coach, added of Madison, "Their girls want to score. They catch, score and are very aggressive."

Madison's top scorers in the championship game win were junior Dana Beden (3 goals), sophomore Melissa Kellan (3 goals, 4 assists), and freshmen Katie Kerrigan (3 goals). Two-goal games in the Warhawks' balanced attack came from Allison Hahn (3 assists), Kehoe (1 assist), sophomore Carly Frederick, and freshmen Sam Babbitt. Also contributing goals for Madison were junior Megan Bisson (1 assist) and Brie Hayden, and freshmen Alex Condon (2 assists). Taylor Rivera-Silva played another strong game in the net for the Warhawks.

Oakton had big games from junior Carly Palmucci (5 goals, 1 assist) and junior Jackie Rupp (4 goals). Alex Revel added two scores while junior Claire Stikeleather (1 assist) and senior Rachel Kuykendall both scored one.

Jean Counts said her team played Madison better defensively than it had in the region finals game.

"We did a better job defensively, which is nice," she said. "But we didn't capitalize on our shots. We had missed shots, turnovers, and shots that hit the post. That was rough. I'm real proud of the girls for pushing and fighting to stay in the game."

Counts said the solidifier on the Madison team is Hahn, a midfielder and this year's Region Player of the Year.

"Allison Hahn is there 'rock,' said the Oakton coach. "She's not scoring all their goals or assisting, but she's setting things up. She's so consistent and strong."

Kellan, Madison's versatile player who has seen action playing in different positions all across the field this season, said the Warhawks never got caught up in being undefeated even as the season moved on and the wins continued to increase. Instead, the focus was always on team play and utilizing one another's skills.

"I don't think it ever really crosses our minds until after games," said Kellan. "We play really well as a team. It's a dream to be with this group of people. We're so close on and off the field." Madison won three games in Amanda Counts' first season as the Warhawks' head coach in 2007. That was followed by six wins in 2008, 18 in 2009, and 19 last year when the Warhawks also qualified for states.



Oakton's Carly Palmucci, left, a Cougars' team captain, scored five goals in the state title game. Here, Madison's Alex Condon is defending the Oakton sharp-shooter.

ENTERTAINMENT

A Benefit Art Auction will be held on Saturday, June 25 at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. Preview items donated for the 3rd Annual Silent Auction Art Benefit for the Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna from 10 a.m. through the close of bidding at 4 p.m. Paintings, photography, jewelry, ceramics, and more. Light refreshments served. Free. The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna is a local nonprofit providing free services and enrichment programs to older adults. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.



Send announcements to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

Red Wanting Blue, Riley Etheridge, Jr. and Tiger Darrow. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Book Discussion Group. 10:30 a.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

Lunch Bunnies. 12 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Bring a blanket and lunch, enjoy stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-242-4020.

One-on-One Computer Tutoring. 3 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Learn the basics of the Internet, Word and Excel. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Model Investment Club of Northern Virginia. 7 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. New visitors welcome. Adults. 703-790-8088.

Elvis Costello & The Imposters. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Eclectic rock and roll. \$48 in-house, \$30 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 16

"Jack and the Bean-Stalk." 12 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tyson's Corner. With an irreverent Cow, a crafty, bean-peddling Stranger and a saucy Hen What Lays the Golden Eggs. Tickets \$15 at www.1ststageTysons.org or 703-854-1856.

Author Norman Polnar. 7:30 p.m. Chapter 227, Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane, Cedar Lane Shopping Center, Vienna. Polnar, a naval analyst and author, will discuss his book, "Project Azorian: The CIA and the Raising of the K-129," analyzing the CIA's partially successful recovery of a sunken Russian nuclear missile submarine. General public invited. Free admission. 703-255-0353 or www.vva227.org.

Company of Thieves, Empires and Sleeper Agent. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Afternoon Reading Group. 1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Half the Sky by Nicholas Kristof. Adults. 703-293-6227.

Book Discussion Group. 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown

Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Those Who Save Us by Jenna Blum. Adults. 703-242-4020.

Art Exhibit Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. McLean Project for the Arts, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Free. www.mpaart.org or 703-790-1953.

Southside Johnny and The Asbury Jukes and The Smithereens. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Rhythm and blues-tinged rock. \$40 in-house, \$22 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 17

Civil War Encampment and Reenactment of the 1861 Battle of Vienna. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E., Vienna. A wide range of commemorative activities will be take place in the area surrounding the Vienna Community Center, the site of the 1861 Battle of Vienna. This battle was the first time a train was used tactically in warfare in American history. The main encampment will begin set-up on Friday, June 17th near the community center. Activities will include period music by Evergreen Shade starting at 7 p.m. and storytelling of the Battle of Vienna by historian Jim Lewis on a projection screen at 7:30 p.m. These free events are at the Town Green, 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Encampment activities and demonstrations will take place all day culminating with the reenactment of the Battle of Vienna at 6 p.m. With the 5th Regiment ANV and 17th Virginia Infantry Regiment, Company G. Free. 703-255-6356.

"By Jeeves." 8 p.m. 1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, Tysons Corner. A musical inspired by the P. G. Wodehouse stories of Bertie Wooster and Jeeves. \$30 adults, \$15 students. 703-854-1856 or www.1stStageTysons.org/jeeves.

The Kennedys. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Fairfax Saxophone Quartet. 7:30 p.m. Old Town Plaza, 3955 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Classic jazz. Weather permitting. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and a picnic basket. Free. 703-757-0220 or www.fairfaxband.org.

Art Show. 7 p.m. Cafe Nemooneh, 525 Maple Ave. West, Vienna. With artists Mina Smith, Mehrhad Izadi and Arman Gyulamirian. smaleki@nemoonehbakery.com.

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

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

Friday Flicks. 11:30 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Bring lunch and enjoy a movie. Call for title. Ages 1-6 with adult. 703-790-8088.

RAIN-A Tribute to The Beatles. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$40 in-house, \$25 lawn. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

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31st Annual Spring Mosby's Confederacy Bus Tour. 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Truro Rectory, 10520 Main St., Fairfax. Sponsored by the Stuart-Mosby Historical Society. With tour Leaders Don Hakenson, Gregg Dudding, Eric Buckland and Tom Evans. The bus will be leave the Truro Rectory to visit various Mosby sites in Loudoun County, Fauquier and Prince William Counties, including Mt. Zion Church, Middleburg, Markham, Warrenton, Warrenton Junction and Catlett Station. The tour will stop at a fast food restaurant for lunch. \$65 members of the Stuart-Mosby Society, \$75 non-members. 703-971-4984.

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Become a Pilot Family Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Smithsonian National Air & Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air and Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. An outdoor aviation display with dozens of visiting vintage, recreational, military and home-built aircraft. Meet the experts, live performances, hands-on activities, story times, tours and book signings. 202-633-1000 or <http://airandspace.si.edu/HazyFamilyDays/>.

Antique Car Show. 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sully Historic Site, 3650 Historic Sully Way, Chantilly. Co-sponsored by the Fairfax County

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The Grandsons. 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Line dance lessons at 7:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m.

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

Bluebirds at Meadowlark. 10 a.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Virginia Bluebird Society members offer an opportunity to observe bluebird behavior and nests. Some off-trail walking required. Free with paid admission. Reserve at 703-255-3631.

Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

DC Opera presents the Barber of Seville for Children. 1 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. DC Opera outreach program for children presents a program about the Barber of Seville with audience participation and facts about opera and Spanish culture. 703-757-8560.

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FAITH NOTES

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Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. in Vienna, presents the 12-week program "Passages," for those experiencing separation or divorce. The DivorceCare series meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Cost of materials \$20, scholarships available. 703-938-9050 or Passages@ViennaPres.org.

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,

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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.

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Confused Yet Again



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I really hope that the nesting/organizing/getting-things-in-order-type behavior I've been exhibiting lately is not my subconscious cashing a check that my conscious hasn't even written. Certainly we're all entitled, periodically, to spring-clean but when you're post-the-end-date of your oncologist's original prognosis (two years), everything takes on added significance – and meaning. And simply being grateful for having lived beyond your doctor's original expectations doesn't always carry the day; there are nights to worry about, too. So yes – in my head, anyway, I wonder why I'm doing things and I am extremely sensitive as well, to what my body is doing (or not doing), that is: whether what I'm feeling/how I'm behaving is a symptom of my having stage IV lung cancer or predictable – and normal, middle age?

Hopefully, my arranging/simplifying my life-activity of late is nothing more than time on my hands and the motivation to use them to try and make that life easier/less complicated. Then again, it might not. It might be the part of our brain that we don't use – or even control, making decisions for me. I keep remembering a M*A*S*H episode when Radar was telling Capt. Pierce about his Uncle Ernest who sort of knew things in advance (like Radar), and how two days before he died, Uncle Ernest moved closer to the undertaker. "How thoughtful," Hawkeye wise-cracked. I don't believe I'm Uncle Ernest reborn (after all, he was a fictional character); still, being affected by television programming as I have – and am, I can't completely ignore Radar's story, humorous though it was meant to be.

And another coincidence is worrying me, again. My wife, Dina, thinks our two cats, Biscuit and Cappuccino, are hanging around me more, as if they know something life-changing (heck, let's be honest; life-ending) is imminent. We've noticed this animal-instinct behavior twice before: once when I was chemo-sick and another time when our rabbit, Chester, now deceased, was having health problems – to which he eventually succumbed. The cats hung around Chester's cage. I'd like to think, although I'm having a little difficulty convincing myself, totally, that the cats are hanging around me because they love me and because I "treat" them, feed them – mostly, and clean out their litter box – always. Dina is not so sure. She thinks, if I were to characterize out of context, that the cat's attentiveness is a version of the elephant's graveyard (if you know your Tarzan movies), the place where elephants go to die when they know they're close to death. I don't want to believe any of it, except I did grow up watching Johnny Weismuller's Tarzan movies and since I never had any real pets growing up (other than parakeets and those 50-cent turtles once sold at Woolworth's), and Dina did, I've never observed animal behavior other than on television. Dina was raised with lots of pets, even had a horse, and never watched Tarzan movies so maybe she knows something – that I certainly don't, about animal behavior that she actually witnessed which possibly could be relevant now or even accurate? Then again, perhaps the cats' behavior of late is simply about proximity and familiarity and any similarity to instinctual/sixth sense-type behavior is purely coincidental?

Nevertheless, it's impossible to ignore certain behaviors, both mine and others who live with me/see me most often. Somebody knows something. Perhaps those closest to me know the most. Presumably they would notice the slight, almost imperceptible signs, changes that most casual observers, even non-casual observers like myself might miss (or who are loathe/afraid to admit). And since I have never been one to look in the mirror, especially when I was bald for all those months during – and a little bit after – my heavy chemotherapy, another set of eyes would likely see some truths that are not self-evident.

As much as I try not to focus on myself and my circumstances, however, invariably an unexpected observation or a twinge or a random thought will cause the inevitable trip back to cancer land. It's not always a horrible trip, and so far, all my trips have not resulted in falls, nor have they been one way. But they have been my way. And in my opinion/experience, there's only one way to view all this cancer stuff: askance, or not. Ergo my continuing problem/dilemma.

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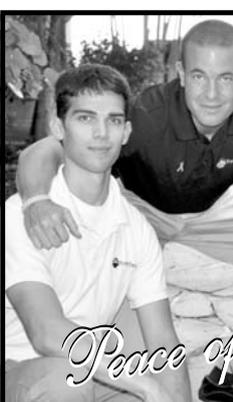
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St. Mark Girl Scouts Support Memorial Day Ceremonies

Girl Scout Cadettes from St. Mark Catholic School, Kathleen McLean, Molly Weaver and Angela Franke along with Girl Scout Junior Caroline McLean, volunteered at Memorial Day ceremonies held in Washington, D.C. to honor the men and women who lost their lives during World War II. The scouts, along with other volunteers, supported the "Spirit of 45" ceremony at the WWII Memorial by carrying poster images of the soldiers who died defending the United States.

"The entire experience was very moving," said Kathleen McLean. "Being a volunteer was an honor and it gave me a chance to give something back to these brave men and women who died fighting for our freedom."

Official dignitaries at the ceremony included Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff; actor Gary Sinise and singer Nancy Sinatra. As part of the ceremony, the dignitaries placed wreaths at the WWII Memorial and then each Girl Scout and volunteer placed a flower inside a wreath.

"I'll never forget what took place today," said Molly Weaver. "These fallen soldiers never had a chance to live a full life because



they made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. They are true American heroes."

After the "Spirit of 45" ceremony, the scouts joined other volunteers and walked in the National Memorial Day parade down Constitution Avenue holding up their posters for the thousands of parade attendees to see along with the nationally televised

audience.

"By being a volunteer we were able to keep alive the names, the faces and the stories of sacrifice made by these great Americans," said Angela Franke. "It's important that Girl Scouts share this history and pass it to the next generation — and that's exactly what we did today."



TOWN OF VIENNA POLICE

At Vienna Police Headquarters prior to the run are, from left, MPO Dean Bailey, Sgt. Mike Reeves, Det. Scott Leroux, Pfc. Kristin Ruddy and Officer Juan Vazquez.

Vienna Police Support Special Olympics

Each year, officers from multiple law enforcement agencies throughout Virginia carry the Virginia Special Olympics Flame of Hope to the games in Richmond, Va. On June 9, members of the Town of Vienna Police Department along with more than 2,000 other officers did their part in delivering the torch.

On June 10, the torch entered the University of Richmond Robins Center and officially opened the 2011 Summer Special Olympic Games. Now in its 26th year, the Virginia Law Enforcement Torch Run has raised more than \$12 million for Special Olympians in Virginia.

Law enforcement participants raise money with various activities each year to fund the program. Using golf tournaments, shirt and cap sales and donations, the law enforcement community is able to give back to the Special Olympians and their families.

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

VTRCC Networking Breakfast. 7:30 a.m. Teqcorner, 1616 Anderson Road, McLean. With Peg McDermott of COGO Interactive on "Basics of Internet Marketing, Social Media, Search Engine Optimization." info@vtrcc.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 17

VTRCC Brown Bag University. 11:45 a.m. Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, 8300 Boone Blvd., Fairfax. With Jeremy Rusnock on "What your pictures say about you... professionally and personally." info@vtrcc.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Avoiding Divorce Court I: Provisions of Settlement Agreements. 7 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. Financial components of the property settlement agreement, from preparing documents for an attorney to signing agreements. \$40-\$50. komeara@thewomenscenter.org.

Faith and Public Policy Breakfast. 8:30 a.m. Lewinsville Presbyterian Church, 1724 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Panelists will include Dranesville Supervisor John Foust of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Sandy Chisholm, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services; Kerrie Wilson, CEO of Reston Interfaith; Jerry Hopkins, expert in the field of affordable and work force housing; and Imam Mohamad Magid, President of the Islamic Society of North America and Imam and Executive Director of All Dulles Area Muslim Society Center in Sterling. Free. 703-556-0123 or martins@aol.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 21

VTRCC First Day of Summer Mixer. 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Business Bank, 133 Maple Ave. West, Vienna. info@vtrcc.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 22

Girl Scout Council Day Camp for Non-Registered Girl Scouts Grades K-5. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The camp runs through Friday, June 24 at Camp Crowder in Oakton. \$36, includes transportation, lunch, and an afternoon snack. Register at 202-643-2220 or bkelly@gscnc.org.

Pauline Shirley Toastmasters Club Meeting. 6:45 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Meets second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. 703-893-5506 or paulineshirley.freetoasthost.info.

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