

# Pen Show Comes to Tysons

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Vintage fountain pens of different hues, different compositions, different styles, all found at the Washington, D.C. Collectible Fountain Pen Show at the Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner. Collector-dealers came from around the world for the show held on Aug. 13 and 14.

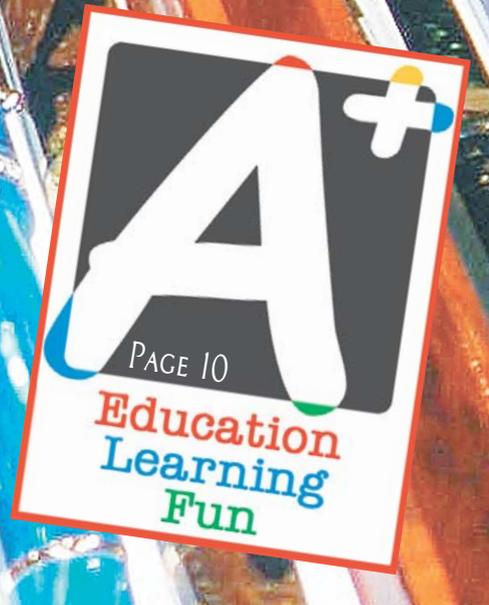
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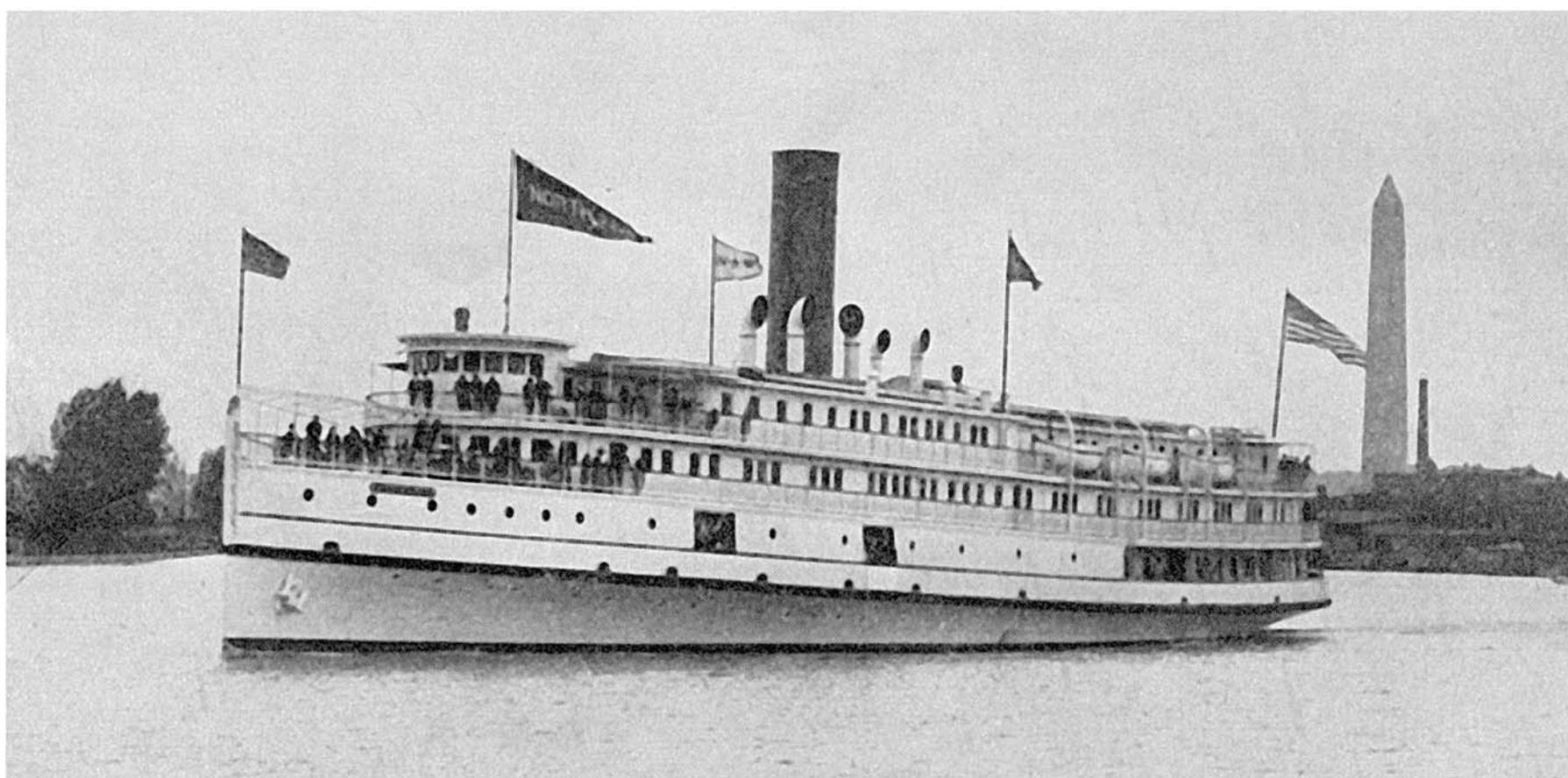


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McLean resident and Washington, D.C. attorney Cliff Harrington calls himself a “vintage pen guy.” He’s been collecting fountain pens since the mid-1980s.



A collector-dealer in Reston has a collection of vintage and unique fountain pens. This pen, produced for one-year-only in the 1930s, has a “highly desirable” sword clip and herringbone design.

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## World’s Largest Pen Show Comes to Tysons Corner

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

Dealers and craftsmen from around the world made it to the Sheraton Premiere at Tysons Corner for the 20th Annual Washington, D.C. Collectible Fountain Pen Super Show held on Aug. 13 and 14. More than 200 exhibitors laid out vintage fountain pens, contemporary pens, and one-of-a-kind pens for 2,000 collectors who browsed, purchased and brought in pens for servicing. If you didn’t know what a “nib” was when you entered the pen show, you sure would know by the time you left.

When looking for pens that hold their value or will likely increase in value, you look for attributes such as uniqueness, distinctiveness or historical significance, several vendors said.

In a glass case, dealer and collector Lee Chait kept several pens possessing those attributes. President George H. W. Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev used a set of two Parker 75 vermeil fountain pens in 1990 to sign the historic arms reduction agreement at the Washington, D.C. summit, in effect, officially ending the Cold War. Chait was selling the set.

**ANOTHER RARITY** Chait had in his case was a Parker 1976 bicentennial fountain pen that incorporated a piece of wood from Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The pewter pens are engraved and



Silver found in a Spanish treasure fleet sunk in 1715 was used to make these authenticated pens first produced in 1965. At that time, the pens sold for \$75. Today, they sell for \$1,500.

numbered, selling for \$500 each.

Yet, another gem was a pen made of silver found in a Spanish treasure fleet that sunk in 1715. The first pens from this cache were made in 1965 and sold for \$75. Today, those pens sell for \$1,500 each.

The two-day pen extravaganza open to the public featured pen and supply dealers, free seminars, on-site repair of pens, including grinding of nibs, and pen appraisals. Nibs are the tips of the fountain pens used to make the pen’s strokes. When they break or flatten, they can be re-ground. So, now you know about nibs.

Jeff Parker of Parker Pens talked

to collectors and signed copies of his book. Exhibitors stopped by one another’s displays to talk about the merchandise. Row after row, aisle after aisle, of shiny, colorful, glistening pens sat neatly arranged.

**CLIFF HARRINGTON**, a McLean resident and Washington, D.C. attorney who has been collecting pens since the mid-1980s, calls himself a “vintage pen guy.” He collects other things, as well, but pens, Harrington said, are both utilitarian and beautiful. “I like to write with fountain pens,” said Harrington. The nibs have their own characteristics, from stiff to flexible to oblique, each rendering a different writing style. “To be a pen collector, a pen has to stir the owner,” he said. There’s also a camaraderie among pen collectors, said Harrington, who counts among his best friends collectors living in other countries.

Mary Beth Williams drove down from Philadelphia to attend her first-ever pen show. She said she began using fountain pens about 10 years ago and now owns approximately 12 of them. Noodler’s Ink is her favorite ink because it will not run when wet, she said.

“Once you start collecting fountain pens, you can’t stop,” said Williams, pulling out of her handbag one of her pens. “It can be addictive.”

For information on the annual pen show in Washington, D.C., go to [www.pcentral.com](http://www.pcentral.com)

## Serving Generations of Vets

BY DONNA MANZ  
THE CONNECTION

The founding principle of the Vietnam Veterans of America is also its mission: “Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another.” Founded in 1978, the nonprofit is dedicated not only to Vietnam-era veterans, but to veterans who served during any U.S. war. From supporting national issues affecting Vietnam veterans to assisting homeless veterans and young vets coming out of recent conflicts to find jobs, VVA’s services and roles cover a far-reaching spectrum of social and governmental objectives. The Northern Virginia Chapter, one of the top 25 of 630 local chapters in terms of membership, meets in Vienna monthly at Neighbor’s Restaurant. Last October, the local chapter, VVA227, made up of 236 men and women, celebrated its 25th anniversary.

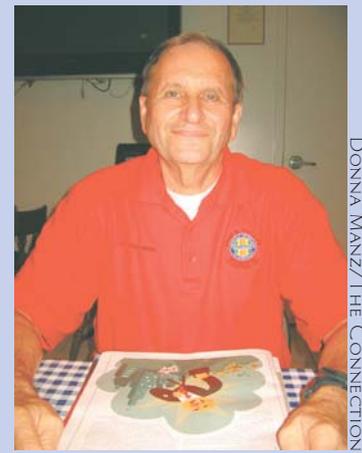
It took decades before the American people came together to express gratitude to the troops who sacrificed in Vietnam.

“The perspective has changed as more Vietnam vets get involved in high-level positions,” said Leonard Ignatowski of Vienna, president of the Northern Virginia chapter. “The attitude has changed [since the 1970s]. We hear a lot of horror stories but I never faced anything like that myself.”

Ignatowski became acquainted with VVA after a screening of “Platoon” at a public theatre. Members of VVA waited outside to console Vietnam veterans for whom the movie stirred up intense nightmarish memories. Commissioned as a lieutenant in the Infantry, 169th engineering battalion, Ignatowski joined VVA in 1988.

**OVER THE YEARS**, the Virginia chapter 227 has recognized the needs of veterans and their families that were not being met through military or public social services. Keeping in mind their guiding principle, members stepped up to fill voids.

The Northern Virginia chapter hosts the annual national DMZ to Delta Dance for veterans and their families and friends who are visiting the Washington, D.C. area on Veterans Day. The chapter provides bus tokens and meal coupons for veterans visiting the local Veterans Center, and urgent re-



Leonard Ignatowski, Vienna, is president of the Northern Virginia chapter, #227, of Vietnam Veterans of America.

DONNA MANZ/THE CONNECTION

lief to veterans as emergencies arise. Working in partnership with the Veterans Administration Supporting Housing department, chapter 227 helps area homeless Vietnam Veterans, and helps to support residents of the Armed Forces Soldiers’ Home in Washington. Chapter 227 members and associate members of the chapter are engaged in other community projects, such as providing resources to the Lamb Center, a daytime homeless shelter.

One of the chapter’s innovative programs, launched by the chapter in 2003 in partnership with the MITRE Corporation in McLean and Jos. A. Banks’ Reston, provides appropriate business dress for veterans making the transition from military service to civilian life. “Suits for Vets” has a two-fold reach. Applying \$500 gift certificates donated by MITRE employees to Jos. A. Banks in Reston, the store outfits recipients whose injuries necessitate customized tailoring. The chapter runs a suit closet as well.

**MEMBERSHIP** in Vietnam Veterans of America is open to United States armed forces veterans who served on active duty in the Republic of Vietnam between Feb. 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, or in any duty location between Aug. 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975. Yearly dues are \$20.

For more information on Vietnam Veterans of America and the Northern Virginia Chapter 227, contact Byron Sheldon at 703-850-3498 or [byron.sheldon@verizon.net](mailto:byron.sheldon@verizon.net), or visit [www.vva227.org](http://www.vva227.org). The national organization website is [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org).

## Oakton Historic Trolley Station Preserved

The Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT) announced the conservation of the historic Oakton Trolley Station. Owner Adrienne Stefan worked with NVCT over the past year to protect this important piece of Fairfax County history. The voluntary preservation agreement forever protects the property's important historic and natural resources.

In voluntarily restricting the development rights on the Trolley Station, Stefan said, "I firmly believe each of us has a civic and moral responsibility to protect and preserve our heritage so that those who follow us can also enjoy that which went before."

The historic Trolley Station is a three-story structure with a standing seam metal gable roof and a shed-roofed wrap-around porch.

The station was built in 1905 and is the only station remaining from the Washington and Fairfax Electric Railway line, which operated from 1904 to



**Historic Oakton Trolley Station**

1939. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Virginia Registry of Historic Places, and the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites.

The property also includes the trace of the raised trolley roadbed along an undisturbed corridor on one of the three parcels comprising

the Property. From an ecological standpoint, the Property is largely open space in a densely populated and built-out section of the county. It also provides significant tree cover and wildlife corridor in a heavily populated area largely devoid of such amenities.

## Free After-School Program for Grades 6-8

With a new school year about to begin, Vienna area students in grades 6-8 are invited to join the free after-school program at Club Phoenix Teen Center, located in the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., S.E.

The program for this school year begins Sept. 6. Hours are 12:30-6:30 p.m. Monday and 2:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Get help with homework or enjoy cooking classes, special interest clubs, sports and fitness activities and more. Club Phoenix also offers pool and ping pong tables, a dance floor and video games.

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

## Mosaic Harmony Choir Seeks Singers

Mosaic Harmony, an interfaith, multicultural community choir, announces a call for singers. Meet the choir, band and directors and join in the fun at this season's first rehearsal Tuesday, Sept. 6 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton.

Mosaic Harmony performs music that draws on the heritage of African-American inspirational music. Singers do not have to know how to read music and no audition is required. It is helpful if potential choir members are able to hear and repeat the notes played as songs are taught. The director teaches in a call and response fashion. The choir rehearses three Tuesdays a month with the band.

Mosaic Harmony has performed in concert at fundraising efforts for many organizations, including the Transplant Consortium, Coats for Kids, Capital Hospice, and Habitat for Humanity, among others. For

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## COUNTY LINE

# A Safe Haven

Alternative House provides homeless students shelter, services.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

When Aliyah Jones reunited with her mother a few years ago, she had every hope that their fractured relationship would evolve into a strong mother-daughter bond.

Instead, when Jones turned 18, her mother packed her daughter's bags, dropped them off at school, and told her daughter to find another place to live.

"I still love my mom, and I think she loves me, but she picked her husband over me," said the soft-spoken 19-year-old, who graduated from Robert E. Lee High School this spring. "I keep thinking that I can't believe she picked him over me. It hurts."

Jones' father and grandparents live in Barbados, where Jones spent most of her youth, but she said she did not want to return to Barbados because there were few opportunities for teens who come from poor families. "Most of the kids back home get married right out of high school, and then they work at the grocery store, or one of the resorts, if they are lucky," she said. "I have other dreams."

**WITHOUT A PLACE TO SLEEP,** Jones, who describes herself as shy student who maintained decent grades, said she told a counselor what happened. The counselor helped her secure a place to live at a group home in Vienna, run by Alternative House, a Dunn Loring-based nonprofit. The home, located on a quiet, leafy street, has room for four girls between the ages of 18-20, as well as a counselor and therapist.

Jones is part of a growing number of teens in Fairfax County who are considered homeless or "unaccompanied" - without parents, guardians or reliable shelter - but remain in the school system. In 2009, according to Alternative House, there were 104 homeless or unaccompanied students; in March 2011, Alternative House counted 225 such students.

The surge of homeless teens in Fairfax County, one of only two



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**Aliyah Jones, 19, sits on the sofa at her group home in Vienna, run by Alternative House, a nonprofit that launched a homeless youth initiative for students between the ages of 18 and 20.**

## Alternative House

Founded in 1972, Alternative House provides support to at-risk children, youth and families through counseling, shelter, crisis intervention and neighborhood outreach. AH focuses on giving shelter and aid to children and teenagers who are living on the streets. Its Assisting Young Mothers (AYM) program, begun in 2002, helps teen mothers through counseling, shelter and education. The Homeless Youth Initiative, launched in 2009, provides safe transitional housing to homeless students attending Fairfax County Public Schools. [www.thealternativehouse.org](http://www.thealternativehouse.org)

**\*How You Can Help:** Currently, AH is asking the community to support its "back-to-school" wish list. Without support from the community, young people who participate in AH's community outreach programs - Culmore Teen Center, Annandale Safe Youth Project and Culmore Safe youth Project - will go back to school without supplies. AH is accepting the following donations: lined paper, spiral notebooks, color markers, glue sticks, copy paper, flash cards, calculators and backpacks. For more information, contact Gina Cocomello at 703-506-9191 or [gina\\_cocomello@thealternativehouse.org](mailto:gina_cocomello@thealternativehouse.org).

counties in the nation with median household incomes above \$100,000, reflects a national trend, spurred by a shaky economy that often undermines families who are already unstable, either financially or because of abuse and neglect.

"These teens are very vulnerable in those years between 18 and 20. It's an age where a little nudge can push them one way or another," said Judith Dittman, director of Alternative House, adding that adult shelters are not a good option for homeless teens who want to remain in school.

"They are so vulnerable to being preyed upon by older resi-

dents, and the atmosphere is not conducive to completing homework assignments and other school activities."

Over the course of the 2009-2010 school year, Alternative House worked with 65 students. "No student was housed in an adult homeless shelter, and only one student dropped out of school," said Dittman.

**IN SOME WAYS,** Jones was lucky. She found housing right away. But most of the 225 homeless students spend months "couch surfing," according to Dittman.

"If they have no stability, if they

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**Judith Dittman, executive director of Alternative House.**

## An Alternative to Homelessness

Alternative House offers refuge to teens facing tough situations.

BY JUDITH DITTMAN  
ALTERNATIVE HOUSE

The first young man who entered our Homeless Youth Initiative has become my "poster child" for telling people about what a difference this program makes in people's lives.

"John" was 18 and a junior in high school when his father kicked him out of the house. His Dad had a substance abuse problem and often acted erratically. John went from friend to friend, "couch surfing" until he ran out of friends in late August; just before the start of his senior year. A social worker placed him in a small adult homeless shelter.

His very first night there John was propositioned by his roommate. The next morning, he fled the shelter and was sleeping in the bleachers of his high school football stadium because that was where he felt safest.

Alternative House has an emergency shelter for teenagers that provides a safe haven to runaway, homeless and abused young people 13-17-years old, but John was 18. We

were able to get a waiver of the rules and brought John in to safety.

Working with the faith community, we located a woman who would rent a room to John. It was close to his high school, his girlfriend and his job, but John couldn't make enough money to cover the rent and continue to attend school. Through Alternative House's Homeless Youth Initiative, we were able to pay \$325 a month towards his \$500 rent. John paid the rest.

John stayed in school and graduated on time. He is working full-time as a car salesman and his employers love him. He's also going to community college.

The small investment this community made in John has resulted in a young man with a future versus a homeless high school drop-out. It also means we have a successful citizen not someone in our shelters or jail. Everyone wins here.

Judith Dittman is executive director of Alternative House, the abused and homeless children's refuge.

# OPINION

## Partners in Ending Homelessness

Government can lead the fight to end homelessness, but success achieved with community partners.

BY U.S. REP. GERRY  
CONNOLLY  
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The following guest editorial is part of special edition of the Connection Newspapers on the topic of Ending Homelessness. Read more at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/).

As the nation's economy continues to struggle, we should find hope in one recent bit of news reported by Fairfax County: The local homeless population declined 15.6 percent during the last four years despite the worst economic recession since the 1930s.

While the growth in the homeless population has slowed nationally, Fairfax County is one of the few localities to actually reduce the rate of homelessness, and this success is the product of a years-long effort by Fairfax County and its community partners.

When I was first elected chair-

man of the Board of Supervisors in 2003, there was growing concern about the increase in the local homeless population. Particularly alarming was the fact that 60 percent of homeless adults in families already were employed. It highlighted the need to address the shrinking number of affordable housing units.

Knowing government could not tackle these challenges alone, we convened separate community summits to devise action plans to preserve affordable housing and to prevent homelessness. The results were innovative partnerships with the non-profit, faith and business communities that yielded positive results, among them the preservation of more than 2,200 affordable housing units, which doubled our initial goal.

Given the success of this program and the benefits it has pro-



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

vided to Fairfax families and our entire community, I believe the county should reconsider its decision to scale it back.

Another part of that success story is the 10-year plan we adopted to prevent and end homelessness and the hiring of a coordinator to oversee all local efforts to

assist the homeless. One important element of that plan is the annual hypothermia program, in partnership with local churches, which provides warm meals and temporary shelter for those most at-risk. It also helps provide vital medical and mental health support services in a stable environment, supplementing the mobile medical outreach we initiated to reach the chronically homeless.

Last year alone, the county's Housing Opportunities Support Teams helped prevent nearly 900 people from becoming homeless. These efforts keep families off the street and they are cost-effective. At the federal level, I've sponsored legislation in the U.S. of Representatives to replicate the Fairfax model with the aim of preventing homelessness for all Americans.

Even in a region as fortunate as Northern Virginia, which has weathered the recession better than most metropolitan areas, there continue to be tremendous needs. I wish I could bring some of my colleagues from Congress to Fairfax to witness the value of these investments firsthand. As you know, we are in the midst of an important national debate about how much the federal government ought to be supporting such community efforts. There are some in Congress, who have proposed eliminating funding for a program that provides assistance to homeless veterans. I have fought this proposal on the House floor and will continue to do so because our veterans deserve better.

As we learned in Fairfax, government alone cannot solve the problem, but it can play a critical role in convening the private sector, non-profits, educators and other community partners to address the serious challenges we face. And as the recent data on homelessness shows, those efforts are making real progress and benefiting our entire community.

Gerald E. Connolly represents the 11th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives and served 14 years on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including five as chairman.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Virginia Guts Public Safety Funding

To the Editor:

In 2007, Virginia ranked 37th in the country for police protection as a share of personal income. By the time 2012 rolls around, we will have cut public safety spending by 35 percent. I don't know where we'll rank then, but some things are certain: there will be fewer guards in our prisons, fewer police on our streets and fewer personnel to respond to emergencies.

Rehabilitation and re-entry programs for inmates will be cut, making their transition back into society even more difficult. In short, Virginia will have taken the safe out of public safety.

Gutting spending may balance the budget, but it won't provide Virginians with the services they need. Instead, lawmakers need to take on the problem of generating more revenue, which, when com-

bined with strategic budget cuts, can effectively balance the budget without crippling programs. More funds equates to a safer and more fiscally responsible Virginia. After all, you get what you pay for.

That's why I was incredibly pleased to hear about a new group of Virginians who have gotten together to push back against this "cuts only" approach we keep hearing from Richmond. Better

Choices for Virginia is focused on bringing a balanced approach to our state's decisions, one that includes new revenues. If that keeps cops on the beat without short-changing roads, schools, or health care, that sounds like the right idea to me.

**John Horejsi**  
Coordinator  
Social Action Linking Together  
Vienna

## Chief Justice Remembered

To the Editor:

Recently, I attended the last meeting of the Commission on Mental Health Law Reform. I was filled with mixed emotions: pride in all we had accomplished, disappointment that the Commission was ending when there is still so much to do, and deep grief that the courageous man who created it has died so young.

Since 2006 the Commission has been meeting regularly and mak-

ing major changes in how we treat persons with mental illness who come in contact with the law. Every branch of state government has been deeply involved. We changed the whole system for the better.

The Commission was the idea of Virginia Chief Justice Leroy Hassell. He was outraged by how poorly the legal system responded to mentally ill persons. Shackling was not uncommon and many

conditions in the jails and prisons seemed barbaric to him. The systems that dealt with mental health were disjointed and severely underfunded. Far too many people were in front of judges mainly because they were not receiving needed treatment.

Justice Hassell and I were allies in this endeavor from the beginning. He came to my home in 2005 and we strategized how to address the issues. He knew that

there would be those who said the courts had no business involving themselves and that he was overstepping his authority. I knew that without all branches of government working together there would be no real progress and encouraged him to proceed.

As expected, many legislators attacked the Commission idea and Justice Hassell personally. He refused to yield and put the whole

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# NEWS

## Dennis Johnson Selected as Director of Public Works

Town Manager Mercury Payton has announced the appointment of Dennis Johnson as Vienna's new Public Works Director. He will fill the office of former Public Works Director Holly Chu, who resigned from the position earlier this year.



Dennis Johnson

Johnson, 64, joined the Town of Vienna as an Engineer in February 2008 and has served as Acting Public Works Director since April 2011. Prior to his employment with Vienna, he retired from Arlington County as engineering division chief in 2004 after 34 years of service. During his tenure with Arlington County, Johnson worked in a teaching capacity with the American Public Works Association and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. After retiring from Arlington County, Johnson worked as a project manager with VMS, Inc. for the DC Streets program on the Washington, D.C. National Highway System.

Johnson holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Virginia Tech and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Southern California. He also participated in the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia and is a licensed professional engineer.

To fill this position, Payton used an open recruitment process that involved a regional Public Works professional, 75 current Public Works employees and

a panel of current Town Directors. This is the first time such a method has been used in the Town's hiring process.

The recruitment process began with the selection of six candidates from a pool of 54 applicants. In an effort to gauge the candidate's interaction with staff, each candidate began the interview process with a question and answer session with 75 Public Works employees. After each session, employees were given an opportunity to score the candidate. This session was

then followed by a panel interview, which focused on the technical aspects of the job and management philosophy. This process narrowed down the pool to three viable candidates, of which follow up interviews and extensive background checks were conducted. "This process gave us the opportunity to see how the candidates interacted with front line staff, test their technical knowledge, as well as determine if their management style is in line with the Town's vision," said Payton.

As Director of Public Works, Johnson will oversee the Town's largest department with 75 employees and a budget of \$12 million. The department is responsible for providing trash collection and recycling, street maintenance, leaf pickup, snow removal, water and sewer maintenance and other services. Johnson's starting salary is \$129,564.

## Maplewood Grill



Restaurant Week  
August 16th - 22nd  
3 Course Menu



### First Course

Choice of:

- Fire Roasted Summer Gazpacho
- Tomato, Mozzarella Salad
- Twin Shrimp and Crab Poppers

### Second Course

Choice of:

- Sliced Medallions of Beef Tenderloin with tomato, bacon, blue cheese and green bean salad and peppercorn sauce
- Pecan Crusted Trout with mashed potatoes and asparagus, citrus cream sauce
- Chicken Paillard with angel hair pasta

### Third Course

Choice of:

- Key Lime Tart
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# WEEK IN VIENNA

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more information, visit the website at [www.mosaicharmony.org](http://www.mosaicharmony.org), e-mail [info@mosaicharmony.org](mailto:info@mosaicharmony.org), or call 703-819-0084.

## Acting Workshop for Ages 4-6

"Act It Out!" acting workshop for children ages 4 to 6 years old will be held on Tuesdays from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. starting Sept. 20 at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE. The workshop will use theater arts to teach children about relevant social issues and character education topics such as respect, truth and peace. Each week, participants will learn various improvisation theater games as well as a story that they will act out using props and costumes. This eight-week course costs \$88 for residents and \$110 for out-of-town participants. All material fees are included in the price. Register online at [http://www.viennava.gov/Town\\_Departments/webtrac\\_start.htm](http://www.viennava.gov/Town_Departments/webtrac_start.htm) or call the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department at 703-255-6360 and reference class number 218142 A1.

## New Fencing Classes for Ages 9 and Up

The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department has added two new fencing classes to the fall class schedule: Introductory to

Olympic Sport Fencing and Historical Swordsmanship, Rapier & Two-Handed Sword. Both courses consist of six classes and are held on Tuesdays, Sept. 6 through Oct. 11, at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE.

The Introductory to Olympic Sport Fencing course will primarily utilize the foil, a light thrusting sword, but also introduce the saber and epee. No previous training or experience is necessary for enrollment in this course. This class is held from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. In the Historical Swordsmanship: Rapier & Two-Handed Sword course, participants will explore the sword arts the way they were originally practiced on the battlefields and dueling grounds of the Middle Ages and Renaissance. Participants will be introduced to the rapier and the two-handed sword. No previous training or experience necessary. This class is held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Each course costs \$70 for residents and \$87.50 for out-of-town participants. An equipment fee of \$29 is due the first day of class for each course.

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## Yoga Class at Vienna Community Center

Samucyaya Yoga, a subtle blending of Dynan and Karma Yoga, will be held on Fri-

days, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 9 through Oct. 28, at the Vienna Community Center.

Participants will learn about or sample a handful of breathing, meditation, postures and relaxation techniques in order to develop an individualized "yoga." The course is led by Avinash Patwardhan, a non-practicing physician who works as a researcher in the field of health outcomes and analytics.

The cost is \$67 for residents and \$83.75 for out-of-town participants. A mat should be brought to each class. This course is appropriate for ages 20 to 40.

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## Adrenaline Dance Classes at Community Center

There are several dance classes this fall for kids ages 6 to 18 at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE.

Jazz Technique: Staff will teach young and beginning dancers jazz technique, performance skills, showmanship and confidence. Comfortable dance clothes and jazz shoes are recommended. The class will be held on Thursdays from 5 to 6 p.m., Sept. 8 through Dec. 8, with a dress rehearsal on

Dec. 6 and recital on Dec. 10.

For youth ages 6-11 (228102 B1) and teens ages 12-18 (228102 A1). The cost is \$180 for residents and \$225 for out-of-town participants.

Youth Street Style Hip Hop: Participants will learn the latest street dancing technique, performance skills and confidence. Dancers will learn new choreography each week that will build into a recital on Dec. 10 (dress rehearsal-Dec. 8). The class will be held on Thursdays from 4:15 to 5 p.m., Sept. 8 through Dec. 8. For ages 6-11 (228101 B1). The cost is \$170 for residents and \$212.50 for out-of-town participants.

Teen Urban Hip Hop: Intermediate dancers will learn the latest street dancing technique, performance skills and confidence. The class will be held on Thursdays from 4:15 to 5 p.m., Sept. 8 through Dec. 8, with a dress rehearsal on Dec. 6 and recital on Dec. 8. For ages 12-18 (228101 A1). The cost is \$170 for residents and \$212.50 for out-of-town participants.

Adrenaline Youth Cheer Technique Class: This class will focus on the technique of cheerleading skills and advancing athletes to prepare skills for cheerleading. The class will be held on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m., Sept. 7 through Nov. 30. For youth ages 6-11 (228101 C1) and teens ages 12-18 (228101 D1). The cost is \$180 for residents and \$225 for out-of-town participants.

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# Vienna Police Issues Warning to Vehicles Owners

**W**ith the advent of warmer weather the Town of Vienna Police Department would like to remind all Town of Vienna residents to secure their vehicles and personal belongings.

Recently, several vehicle tampered with, as well as stolen vehicles from the neighboring jurisdictions.

Residents are reminded of the following steps to assist in the prevention of their vehicle being tampered with or stolen:

❖ **Lock Your Car Doors:** The majority of the vehicles being entered and/or stolen have been unlocked.

❖ **Remove all Valuables:** In most cases the subjects responsible for these acts have been targeting vehicles which contain valuables such as, but not limited to, laptop computers, GPS devices, pocket books/purses, loose change, cameras, etc. If you must leave valu-

ables in your vehicle be sure to conceal the items in the trunk, under the seats or use any other means to make them undetectable. Also, make sure to record all serial numbers, and, if possible, engrave them or permanently mark the items with easily identifiable markings, in the event the items are recovered.

❖ **Remove all Keys:** The subjects

who commit these crimes are aware that most new vehicles come with valet keys. Most of these keys are kept inside the vehicles, either in the center consoles, or the glove compartments or other areas easily accessible. In some instances the owners have left their keys rings containing their house keys, providing access to their homes.

❖ **Report Suspicious Activity:** In some cases the subjects have been observed wearing several layers of clothing, not consistent with the weather conditions. This is used to conceal stolen items and also to make identification difficult as they will shed layers of clothing as they flee the area, when they suspect they have been observed committing a crime.



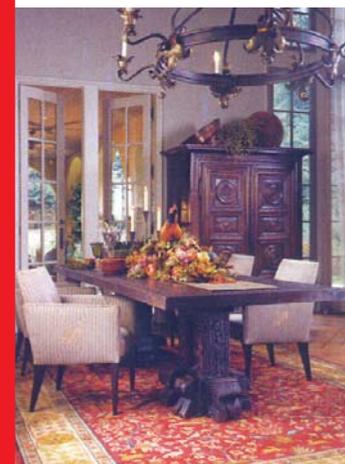
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To have community events listed in the Connection, send to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**THURSDAY/AUG. 18**

**Reclaiming Your Future: Financial Planning During Separation & Divorce.** 7 p.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St., N.E., Vienna. All financial components of the property settlement agreement, from preparing documents for your attorney to signing. \$40-\$50. Register at [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org).

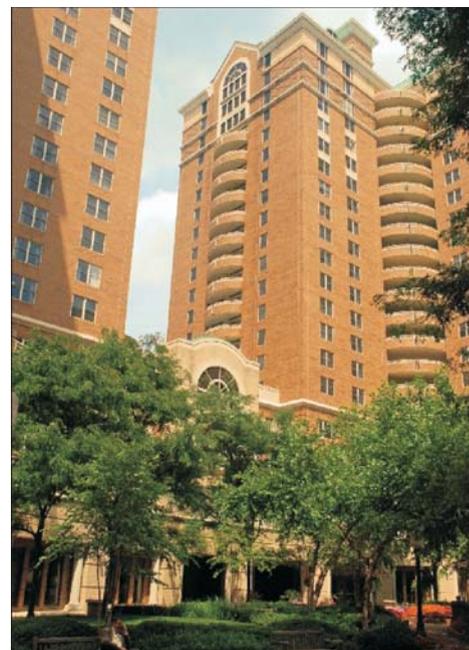
**Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Luminous Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m. Seasons 52 Restaurant, 7863L Tysons Corner Center, McLean. With Doris McMillon of McMillon Communications. "Communicate to the public, be interviewed, speak before a crowd: Do you know how?" Members \$40, non-members \$50. [www.vtrcc.org](http://www.vtrcc.org).

**FRIDAY/AUG. 19**

**Vienna Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce Brown Bag University.** 11:45 a.m. Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, 8300 Boone Blvd., Suite 450, Vienna. With Charlene Perry, M&T Bank. Free. 703-281-1333.

**SATURDAY/AUG. 20**

**Northern Virginia Community College Special Saturday Registration Hours.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All NVCC campuses. Students can talk to counselors, apply to the college and register for fall semester courses. Student Service Centers, admissions, counseling, financial aid and veterans affairs, testing centers, business offices, bookstores, parking offices and student ID services will be open at every campus. 703-323-3000 or visit [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu).



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## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 17

**Chris Botti.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. American jazz trumpeter. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## THURSDAY/AUG. 18

**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. Wild Swans by Jung Chang. Adults. 703-242-4020.

**Lighters and Matches are Tools for Grownups Only.** 2 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A puppet show presented by the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. Participants will each receive a helmet, activity book and parent brochure. Ages 3 1/2-7 with adult. 703-790-8088.

**Paul Anka.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Singer/songwriter. \$48 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 19

**Jammin' Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle 5: Finals.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**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.

**Writing Group.** 11 a.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Freewriting. 703-790-8088.

**Gipsy Kings.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. Flamenco guitarists and singers from the Reyes and Baliardo families. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## SATURDAY/AUG. 20

**DC Fest with Michael W. Smith and Steven Curtis Chapman.** 3 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Also with by Kutless, Big Daddy Weave, Matthew West, Sidewalk Prophets and Jonny Diaz. Tickets \$15-\$99, available at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and 703-573-SEAT. [www.patriotcenter.com](http://www.patriotcenter.com).

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

**Big O and Dukes Live.** 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice. 703-293-6227.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Horticultural tips and strategies. 703-242-4020.

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**Gipsy Kings perform at the Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna, on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 19-20, 8 p.m. Flamenco guitarists and singers from the Reyes and Baliardo families. \$42 in-house, \$25 lawn. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).**

gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.

**Summer Movies at the Library!** 1 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Call for title. Ages 16 and up. 703-790-8088.

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## SUNDAY/AUG. 21

**American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 Breakfast Buffet.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m. 330 Center St. N., Vienna. Adults \$7, children \$3. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon and more. Open to the public. 703-625-5736.

**Colonial Tobacco Harvest.** 1-4 p.m. Claude Moore Colonial Farm at Turkey Run, 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Help the Colonial Farm Family clean the leaves, and watch how they cut and split the stems. Help gather the cut plants and hang them on tobacco sticks to cure. \$3 adults, \$2 children and senior citizens. Complimentary admission with Farm membership. Free parking. Weather permitting. [www.1771.org](http://www.1771.org).

## MONDAY/AUG. 22

**Game On Afternoon Edition.** 3:30 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Test your prowess at our Wii Mario Kart or Wii Super Smashbros. Brawl Tournament. Age 6-16.

**English Conversation.** 10:30 a.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. English practice for non-native speakers. Adults. 703-242-4020.

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gardening questions. Adults. 703-790-8088.

**Conversations with the Director.** 7:30 p.m. Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Meet Sam

Clay, Director of Fairfax County Public Library, and share your view of what the future should hold for our library system. Adults. 703-242-4020.

**Personalized Internet Training.** 2:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A 45-minute training session with a technology volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults. 703-790-8088.

**Practice Your English.** 6:30 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-790-8088.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 24

**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.

**Summer Party.** 2 p.m. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Program. Bring a t-shirt to decorate and enjoy refreshments. All ages. 703-790-8088.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 25

**An Evening with The Greencards.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**Patrick Henry Book Club.** 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. "Alphabet Juice" by Roy Blount, Jr. Adults. 703-938-0405.

**Portrait Painting Demonstration.** 7 p.m. Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St., NW, Vienna. Jonathan Linton will select one of the audience to be his model. Free. 703-319-3971 or [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 26

**Movies in the Park.** 8:45 p.m. Glyndon Park, 300 Glyndon St. N.E., Vienna. Call for film and weather information. Free admission, bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating. 703-255-7842.

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## SATURDAY/AUG. 27

**149th Anniversary of Second Manassas.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Manassas National Battlefield Park, 6511 Sudley Road, Manassas. Special ranger tours of the battlefield, military demonstrations of musketry and artillery firing, cavalry demonstrations, living history portrayals of soldiers in an encampment of Union and Confederate troops, cavalry demonstrations of maneuver and carbine firing, and music mark this anniversary event at Brawner Farm and various locations throughout the park. "Manassas's Own" Artillery (representing Confederate battery) and infantry troops will portray Union and Confederate soldiers. 703-361-1339.

**The Military Bugle during the Civil War and the Origin of the Call 'Taps'.** 2 p.m. Historic Blenheim Estate, Address: 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. The trumpet became a symbol for mounted rifles in the early nineteenth century, and the bugle as a symbol for infantry during the Civil War. The field music of fifers, drummers and buglers was necessary for telling the time of duties in camp and guiding the actions of troops in battle. By the end of the war the bugle had replaced the fife and drum as the primary signaling instrument in the United States military. Jari Villanueva will demonstrate many of the bugle calls and explain their usage during the war, and discuss the origin of the call, performance practices and more. 703-591-0560.

**Billy T's Time Machine.** 5 p.m. Palladium Civic Place Green, 1445 Laughlin Ave., McLean. Free. 703-288-9505.

**Ben Tufts and Friends: Craig Tufts Memorial Fundraiser.** 4 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

**The Pietasters and The Thrilltones.** 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

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By Donna Manz  
The Connection

Tamera Drozd of Vienna has spent the last decade of her life building bridges. Not the structural kind, but the peace-building kind. Drozd sees youth as the hope of conflict-torn nations and, to that end, she nurtures their conflict-solving skills. From her earliest participation in the Children's Friendship Project for Northern Ireland beginning in 2001 to her directing position in the Cyprus Friendship Program up to 2010, Drozd readied herself for her own creation, the development of Young Adults Supporting Peace (YASP) International.

The core of the peace-building programs that Drozd has been associated with is intensive cooperative conflict-resolution training. But those programs did not stop there. Teens who make it through the training are paired with peers of opposing perspective, and come to the United States as a group and live in host homes in Northern Virginia. In 2010, Drozd and her family hosted boys from Cyprus, one from Turkish Cyprus, the other from Greek Cyprus. The teens became fast friends. In July, Drozd and her family welcomed four young men from countries in south and central Asia into the family home in Vienna for a month.

### SCHOOL NOTES

Send school notes to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

Seven Fairfax County Public Schools students earned honors at the Future Business Leaders of America-FBI Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference in Orlando this summer, including Oakton High students. **Tianyuan Hou**, who earned a seventh place finish in Personal Finance, and **Imren Johar**, who earned ninth place in Business Math. The awards are part of a competitive events program sponsored by FBLA-PBL featuring events representing a wide range of activities and business and leadership development.

Several Vienna residents have graduated from the Virginia Military Institute: ♦ **John M. Digan**, bachelor of arts

"One of the fruits of these types of programs is that when you interact with people of a different religion or different ethnicity, when you do that, you get to know them, who they really are," said Drozd. "Indira Gandhi said, 'you cannot shake hands with a clenched fist.'"



**Tamera Drozd, of Vienna, developed the Young Adults Supporting Peace International program after a decade of working with youth peace-building programs in Northern Ireland and Cyprus.**

what Tamera is doing is admirable," said Tara McCall, a friend who calls herself a "back-up" host. "For instance, the teens I had four years ago live together now and, together, they have helped others see that 'they' can all get along and violence is not an option." "I always knew something needed to happen after the teens left the program," said Drozd. "They come in with high expectations of what they can do. It's a risk for them and for their families to get involved with making peace. YASP starts when the teens become young adults."

Drozd recognized she had to tap into the university-aged demographic. "I wanted to start a program that would be the next step for them," said Drozd. "To sustain

international studies. He is the son of Capt. and Mrs. Thomas E. Digan.

♦ **Casey T. McElligott**, bachelor of arts in history with a minor in military history conc. and English. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. McElligott.

♦ **Christopher D. Newcomb**, bachelor of science in civil engineering with distinction. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell S. Newcomb.

♦ **Jason E. Farley**, bachelor of arts in psychology. He is the son of Lynne M. Pahl.

♦ **John A. Martinez**, bachelor of arts in international studies. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Martinez Jr.

♦ **Blair Koniszewski** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Sacred Heart University of Fairfield, Ct.

♦ **Lucy Bain** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 president's list at University of Mary Washington of

Fredericksburg.

finding out they're just like they are."

**YASP INTERNATIONAL** focuses on any country in post-conflict status. Drozd includes an exception. YASP wants to recruit "disadvantaged" students from struggling regions in the U.S., as well. "We want to engage American kids who haven't had opportunities but want to make a difference," Drozd said. "The program will be very rigorous. We'll teach them the skills to reconcile conflict. They have to have the desire and the motivation. They have to show they can take that desire and do something with it." Currently in the paperwork stage — that is, application for 501(c)(3) status — YASP is forming its Board of Directors and looking for operational support, including grant writers and organizers. YASP's goal is to have its pilot program in-place for 2012. Participants in the pilot program will provide feedback to the Board of Directors in preparation for the launch of the program in 2013.

"I think a strong program is one that is developed with input from participants," said Drozd. "What motivates me is all the teens who have lived in my home," said Drozd. "I'm still in contact with them. "Knowing their stories, what they're up against, that's what motivates me."

To learn more about Young Adults Supporting Peace International, see <http://www.yasp-intl.org/> or contact Tamera Drozd at [tameradrozd@yasp-intl.org](mailto:tameradrozd@yasp-intl.org).

nary medicine degree from the during the spring 2011 commencement ceremonies.

♦ **Catherine Colliatie** of Vienna has graduated cum laude with a bachelor of science in accounting and information systems from Virginia Tech.

♦ **Lisa Bell** of Vienna has received a 2011 Pamplin Leader Award at James Madison High School. The Pamplin Leader is a one-year, \$1,000 tuition scholarship to Virginia Tech.

♦ **Shawn Reinhard** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Parkland College of Champaign, Ill.

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## COUNTY LINE

# Providing Shelter, Hope

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don't know where they are going to sleep tonight, or they go from friend to friend, sleeping on couches – what we call 'couch-surfing,' then we consider that homeless. Or if they're starting to slip into a pattern where there are 12 people in two-bedroom apartment, and they have to sleep with someone to keep their place, that's not acceptable," Dittman said.

In 2009, using federal stimulus dollars, Alternative House launched its nationally-recognized Homeless Youth Initiative. The program grew out of a task force formed around the issue of how to house homeless teens still in high school. Although the stimulus dollars ran out last year, Fairfax County approved a special line-item in its FY'11 budget to provide 50 percent of the program's \$235,000 annual cost. The rest is raised through various partnerships with community and faith-based organizations and individual donations.

"We don't receive any federal funding. Fairfax County really stepped up to the plate for us. I'm not sure we could manage if we had to raise the entire amount through donations," Dittman said.

Students are housed through three programs. In addition to the group home in Vienna, four host homes accept students at no charge, similar to a family housing an exchange student, and rent

**"These teens are very vulnerable in those years between 18 and 20. It's an age where a little nudge can push them one way or another."**

**Judith Dittman, director of  
Alternative House**

vouchers assist working students to pay for an apartment or a room in a home.

During the 2009-2010 school year, seven young women were housed in the group home; three students were in host homes and 26 received rent vouchers. Another 29 students received case management and mental health assistance, but did not require a housing subsidy.

"In the past school year (2010-2011), we housed 45 students, and none dropped out of school," Dittman said, adding that the program collaborates with Fairfax County Public Schools to provide tutoring and other educational services.

"Part of our mission is transforming the lives of at-risk youth

and children, and we feel that many of our partners have gathered around these kids to get them to the next step. Everyone wants to see these kids graduate and have a chance in life. Some of these teens would be sleeping on a bench if it weren't for places like Alternative House, and we're thankful for the community's support," she said.

**OF THOSE 45 STUDENTS** helped by Alternative House in 2010-2011, 27 students were on track to attend college full-time in the fall.

Jones is one of those students. She is attending a four-year college in West Virginia this fall. She said she wants to major in business administration, so she can own a hair salon someday, and bring her siblings from Barbados to the area.

"My mother's husband, he didn't even think I would graduate. I always had someone around me telling me I wasn't going to make it," she said. Jones said she tried last month to get her mother to take a trip with her to West Virginia, to see the college. "She just didn't show up."

"She's a very strong girl, who has to make decisions that no child should have to make. These are the students who we help, and who will become successful citizens giving back to our community," Dittman said.

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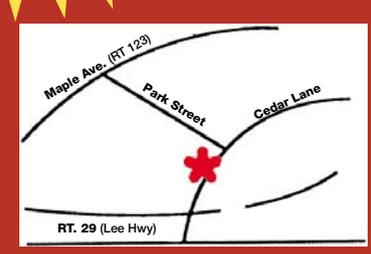


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From left, Jasmine Faubert, secretary and treasurer of the Herndon Optimist Club; lottery winner Brian McCarthy of McLean; Herndon-Reston FISH President Janet Hyman; and Herndon Mayor Steve DeBenedittis at the Elden Street Giant Aug. 10. McCarthy won the \$107 Mega Millions jackpot with a ticket purchased at the Giant, and donated \$25,000 each to FISH and the Herndon Optimist Club.

# McLean Man Wins \$107 Million Jackpot

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

It was a typical day for Brian McCarthy, 25, of McLean, when he stopped at the Elden Street Giant in Herndon to withdraw money from the ATM. Next to the ATM was a Virginia Lottery machine, where he decided to purchase five tickets. Little did he know that this transaction would prove more profitable than any trip to the ATM ever could.

On the morning of July 2, a day after the drawing and two days after moving back in with his parents in McLean, McCarthy woke up and checked Facebook on his phone. He came across an article saying the winning ticket had been purchased at the Elden Street Giant.

"At that point I jumped out of bed and emptied my wallet, and I had the ticket, and I was shaking a bit when I realized what it was," he said. "It was a great feeling."

AFTER DISCOVERING he had won, McCarthy told his grandmother, who was the only one home at the time, and his grandmother immediately offered him a congratulatory grilled cheese sandwich.

"It was one of the best grilled cheeses I've ever had," he said.

McCarthy decided to take the lump sum, which was about \$68.4 million, rather than 26 annual payments. So far he's spread the

wealth around, taking his brother on a golf trip to Ireland, and his sister on a cruise to Alaska.

McCarthy, who was working as an account manager for PepsiCo when he bought the winning ticket, also made one purchase for himself: a custom built BMW M3.

"It's a lot of money, so you can't make any rash decisions," he said. "I'm just going to take it slow, help my family and talk to some financial advisors and make some sound decisions."

He received his check at the Giant Aug. 10, and also took the time to put some of his winnings to good use. He donated \$25,000 each to Herndon-Reston FISH and the Herndon Optimist Club. McCarthy grew up right down the street from the Giant, and said he wanted to support local nonprofits.

"The kids of Herndon who play sports, who participate in our education programs, our environmental stewardship programs, our law enforcement partnership programs are going to be so thankful," said Jasmine Faubert, secretary and treasurer of the Herndon Optimist Club. "We're so surprised and so grateful."

Janet Hyman, president of FISH, said McCarthy's donation comes at a very good time for them.

"The last two months we've been giving out more than we've been taking in, and we've been dipping into our reserves," she said. "We were even considering reducing the amount of donations to families, but it looks like that won't be

necessary right now."

McCarthy said he plays the lottery fairly regularly. He estimated he'd spent \$20 to \$30 a week sometimes, and has even won some smaller (\$1,000) amounts before.

"My dad and my mom always said 'why do you buy those things, you'll never win,' but I always said you'll never win if you're not in the game," he said.

MCCARTHY'S GOOD FORTUNE came as a result of random, computer-generated numbers, which picked out the winning 12-17-30-35-47 combination, as well as the Mega Ball number 26.

"This is the third-largest prize ever awarded by the Virginia Lottery and the seventh Mega Millions jackpot won in the commonwealth," said Pamela Otto, Virginia Lottery executive director. "In the time it took for the jackpot to grow to this level, from May 28 to the July 1 drawing, Mega Millions sales raised more than \$4.4 million in profits for Virginia public schools." As far as his future plans, Virginia's latest millionaire philanthropist said they involve more charity donations, as well as a donation to his alma mater, Penn State.

"We'll do some investments, help some charities, help out my alma mater," he said. "There's a lot you can do with this kind of money, and I have a good family, good friends and good people around me, so I think we can do some good things."

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**Alliance Church Centre**, 12113 Vale Road in Oakton, will hold its Vacation Bible School Aug. 24-26 from 8:45 a.m.-1 p.m. The Sonsurf Beach Bash will have Bible stories, crafts, skits, games, songs, snacks and more for nursery school-6th grade. 703-264-1273 or 703-795-8801.

**The Church of the Good Shepherd**, a United Methodist church at 2351 Hunter Mill Road in Vienna, will begin its "Champions of the Faith" series on Sunday, Aug. 28, in the 10 a.m. worship service.

The "Champion the Dream" event will be on the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech, the same day the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial is to be unveiled. Wesley Theological Seminary Professor of Urban Ministry Fred D. Smith, PhD, will lead the 9 a.m. Sunday school class then deliver a sermon at 10 a.m. on the "Beloved Community," the Biblical theme adopted by the civil rights movement.

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**Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church**, 9201 Leesburg Pike in Vienna, has a 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service through Sept 4. Beginning Sept. 11 Worship is 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., and Youth Fellowship at 6 p.m. September study groups are Monday night's 'Companions in Christ', and Tuesday 10 a.m. Bible Study. Bell Choir practice is Wednesday at 7 p.m. and choir practice at 8 p.m. Call 703-759-3722 to register for PreSchool and Mother's Day Out. 703-759-3508.

**Christ the King Lutheran Church**, 10550 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls, will mark the beginning of the Sunday School year for all ages on Rally Day, Sunday Sept. 11. To celebrate, the Church will host a Rally Day BBQ on the front lawn following the 11 a.m. service. Members and visitors are invited to join in the fun, including burgers and dogs and all the fixings. [www.gflutheran.org](http://www.gflutheran.org).

**Epiphany United Methodist Church**, 1014 Country Club Drive in Vienna, will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a special worship service on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 11 a.m. [www.epiphanyumc.com](http://www.epiphanyumc.com) or 703-938-3494.

**The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA)** offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. [www.jssa.org/growth-learning](http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning).

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# LETTERS

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weight of the court system behind it. We began deliberations with extensive work groups. Everything from civil commitment procedures to transporting persons with mental illness to treatment delivery was under review. Recommendations for improvements were hammered out.

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Over a year ago it became obvious that the Chief Justice was very ill. He continued his support for our work despite his illness. I know he took pride in the accomplishments of his Commission. Tragically he died before our job was finished.

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# At-large School Board Race: One To Watch

Issues, candidates, activists converge to create closely watched race.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

**D**ebates over discipline, boundaries, budgets, standardized tests and sleep have generated Fairfax County's most closely watched and contested School Board race in the board's 19-year history.

"Is this an outrageously large slate of candidates? Yes," said Susan Jennings, Fairfax County's coordinator for candidate services since 1994. "I haven't seen this much interest since 1995, when we had our first School Board elections. That was very chaotic."

Of the 12 School Board seats, six are up for grabs, including three at-large seats. The only at-large incumbent running for reelection is Ilryong Moon, who served three terms on the board, including a stint as the board's chair in 2006. Incumbents who will not seek reelection include Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill), Tessie Wilson (Braddock), Brad Center (Lee), Tina Hone (At-large), Jim Raney (At-large) and Liz Bradsher (Springfield).

"When you have that many vacancies, you get more people interested in throwing their hat in the ring," Jennings said.

As of Monday, Aug. 8, 11 candi-

dates are running for the at-large seats, and the top three vote-getters on Nov. 8 will serve a 4-year term, with an annual salary of \$20,000. They are Maria Allen, Jeannie H. Armstrong, Sheree Brown-Kaplan, Catherine Clark, Christina M. Guthrie, Lin-Dai Y. Kendall, Lolitta Mancheno-Smoak, Ryan L. McElveen, Irylong Moon, Steven Stuban and Ted Velkoff.

**TRYING TO PIN DOWN** exactly who is running — or not running — is not that easy, Jennings said. Potential candidates have until Aug. 23 to declare his or her candidacy.

"It's tricky this time of year. Anything can happen in the next few weeks, and it probably will," Jennings said. "The first thing I want to do is help keep them out of trouble (in the filing process)," Jennings said.

But the filing process has not been a major issue this election cycle. In addition to the heated rhetoric over the issues, drama over the candidates themselves has sharpened the focus on this race.

In the past month, several candidates have withdrawn, including Bradsher, who ignited a firestorm of debate over her support for the closing of the Clifton Elementary School. In June, she said she was considering a bid for an at-large seat, instead of running for her seat in the Springfield District. According to Jennings, as of Monday, Aug. 8, she has not filed the necessary paperwork for the at-large seat.

Although the School Board is officially a nonpartisan office, candidates actively seek endorsement by the county's Republican or

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— Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield)

Democratic committees. No one has been elected without backing from one of the major political parties, but many say that could change this year.

On July 1, at-large candidate Charisse Espy Glassman, who was endorsed by the Fairfax County Democratic Committee on May 24, withdrew from race, citing personal reasons. It later came to light that Glassman, the niece of former U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy, was charged with assault and possession of a prohibited weapon after the Jan. 24 incident in the District of Columbia, according to D.C. Superior Court records.

Currently Moon, Velkoff and McElveen have the Democratic Party's endorsement.

When Glassman withdrew, Armstrong, a newcomer for an at-large seat, announced that she would seek the Democratic endorsement. After McElveen was chosen, Armstrong sent out a news release on Aug. 1 saying that she had filed an appeal to the endorse-

ment vote, citing "multiple problems and irregularities with the endorsement election process."

According to the release, her appeal was filed with the three Democratic Congressional District chairs for the congressional districts in Fairfax County and the Virginia Democratic Party. The Congressional District chairs or their appointees will hear the appeal pursuant to the Virginia Democratic Party Plan, the rules of the Democratic Party in Virginia.

On July 20, the Fairfax County Republican Committee handed down three at-large endorsements. The endorsed candidates are Mancheno-Smoak, Kendall and Brown-Kaplan.

"It is critical that those serious contenders for the School Board have the drive to assure that the impressive gains that Fairfax has achieved not be devalued or diminished," said Janet Olescek, who served one term on the School Board from 2004-08 as an at-large member. "Strong schools are necessary to continue to attract jobs, and maintain our excellent property values."

Fairfax County Public Schools, the 11th largest school district in the nation with an estimated 177,629 students, operates on a \$2.2 billion budget, which is larger than the education budget of nearly 15 states. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors sets the tax rate for the school system; the School Board allocated funding. The total county transfer to support school operating and debt service is \$1.77 billion or 52.5 percent of total county disbursements.

Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), a member of the Board of Supervisors, said that he's hearing a lot of

anger from his constituents about the school system and the School Board.

"On the School Board race, I think there is enough anger on these issues that the bottom of the ticket races will drive some of the voter turnout," Herrity said.

"That [anger] wasn't there when I was running four years ago. Four years ago, people were concerned about taxes, transportation, they were concerned about suburban neighborhoods, boarding houses, and those concerns are still there. But there's also a lot of anger [about the schools] now," Herrity said. Herrity added that voters have voiced concerns to him about a variety of issues, including parental notification, the southwestern boundary study, the closing of Clifton Elementary, all-day kindergarten and what some call an inflexible disciplinary process.

**MANY PARENTS AND SCHOOL ADVOCATES** blamed FCPS' rigid discipline policies when two students committed suicide. Josh Anderson, of South Lakes High School, took his life in March 2009; and Nick Stuban, called a "model student" at W.T. Woodson High School, committed suicide on Jan. 20.

Since his son's death, Steve Stuban and his wife Sandy, who is battling Lou Gehrig's disease, have become advocates for reforming the school system's disciplinary process. With the support of many parents and friends, Stuban said he was also motivated to seek an at-large seat on the School Board.

"There are a lot of issues out there. It's going to be an interesting race, to say the least," Herrity said.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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Oakton residents **Julia K. Horowitz**, **Caroline C. Hollis** and **Nicole E. Abdullah** were selected to participate in the 2011 Summer Residential Governor's School for Humanities and Visual & Performing Arts at Radford University. The students attend classes taught by university faculty members in the humanities, visual and performing arts to explore fields that they are considering as career options.

**Mikayla Chronister** of Oakton has been named to the spring 2011 honors list at Mary Baldwin College of Staunton.

**Helena Billington** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 honors list at Mary Baldwin College of Staunton.

**Eric Noll** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's commendation list at

Gettysburg College of Gettysburg, Pa.

**Caroline K. Lamberti** of Oakton has received a bachelors of science with special attainments in commerce from Washington and Lee University of Lexington.

**Alexandra L. Harper** of Oak Hill has received a bachelors of science with special attainments in commerce from Washington and Lee University of Lexington.

**Virginia Roberts** of Vienna has graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Elizabethtown College of Elizabethtown, Pa.

**Benjamin D. Aldrich** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Bucknell University of Lewisburg, Pa. The graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School is the son of David and Marilyn Aldrich.

**Daniel W. Markwalter** has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Bucknell University of Lewisburg, Pa.

The 2009 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School is the son of Brian and Holland Markwalter.

**Alexander J. Ohmes** has been promoted to the rank of private second class in the U.S. Army. He is a fire support specialist regularly assigned to the 1st Battalion, 19th Field Artillery, Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

The son of Chris and Cathy B. Ohmes of Marcliff Court in Vienna is a 2009 graduate of Flint Hill School.

**Kyle Harrison Bolton** of Vienna has been named to the spring deans' list and honor roll at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He is a sophomore biological sciences major.

Marine Corps Pfc. **Brian S. Farrell** has graduated from the Marine Aviation Supply Mechanized Course, where he studied ordering, requisition, inventory and stock procedures.

The 2008 graduate of James Madison High School joined the Marine Corps in Dec. 2010. He is the son of Brenda S. Farrell of Oakton and William V. Farrell of Reston.

**John Wren Sullivan** of Vienna has graduated with a bachelors of science in business from Miami University of Oxford, Ohio.

**Devin Laedtke** of Vienna has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at Susquehanna University of Selinsgrove, Pa.

The 2007 graduate of George C. Marshall High School is the daughter of Robert and Laura Laedtke.

**Mark Jeschke** of Vienna has graduated magna cum laude with a degree in business administration from Messiah College of Grantham, Pa. Jeschke was a member of the College Honors Program.

**Kristen Kimball** of Vienna has graduated with a degree in psychology from Messiah College of Grantham, Pa.

**Paul C. Gross** of Oakton has been named to the spring 2011 dean's list at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vt. He is a senior philosophy major.



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**The girls of the Vienna Stars beam happily with their medals and trophy baseplate after the Virginia ASA "B" State Championship in June.**

## Vienna Stars Shoot for the Moon

**Local girls softball team finishes season on a high note.**

The Vienna Stars '99 Fastpitch Softball team won the Virginia ASA "B" State Championship in June. The team is made up of 13 talented softball players, all of them born in 1999.

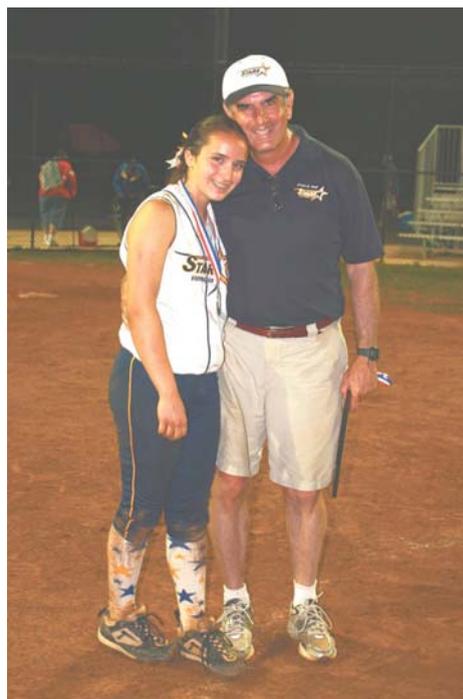
Patty Maye Ohanian, a Burke resident and rising seventh grader at Lake Braddock Secondary, is the starting pitcher and utility infielder. Her father, Art Ohanian, is also the team's head coach.

The Vienna Stars '99 just completed their last tournament of the 2010-2011 season at the USSSA Eastern Regional World Series in Maumee, Ohio. They placed ninth in a pool of 24 teams, beating the heat and some tough competition. The Vienna Stars '99 had the distinction of scoring the most

runs of any team in the tournament.

The Vienna Stars organization, while based in Vienna, draws from a talented pool of young athletes all across Fairfax County, as well as Arlington, Prince William and Loudoun counties.

A year round team, the Vienna Stars '99 is looking forward to tryouts again in August and are gearing up for another competitive and successful season.



**Star pitcher Patty Maye Ohanian and her father, Art Ohanian, pose together after another successful game. Art Ohanian is also the head coach of the Stars.**

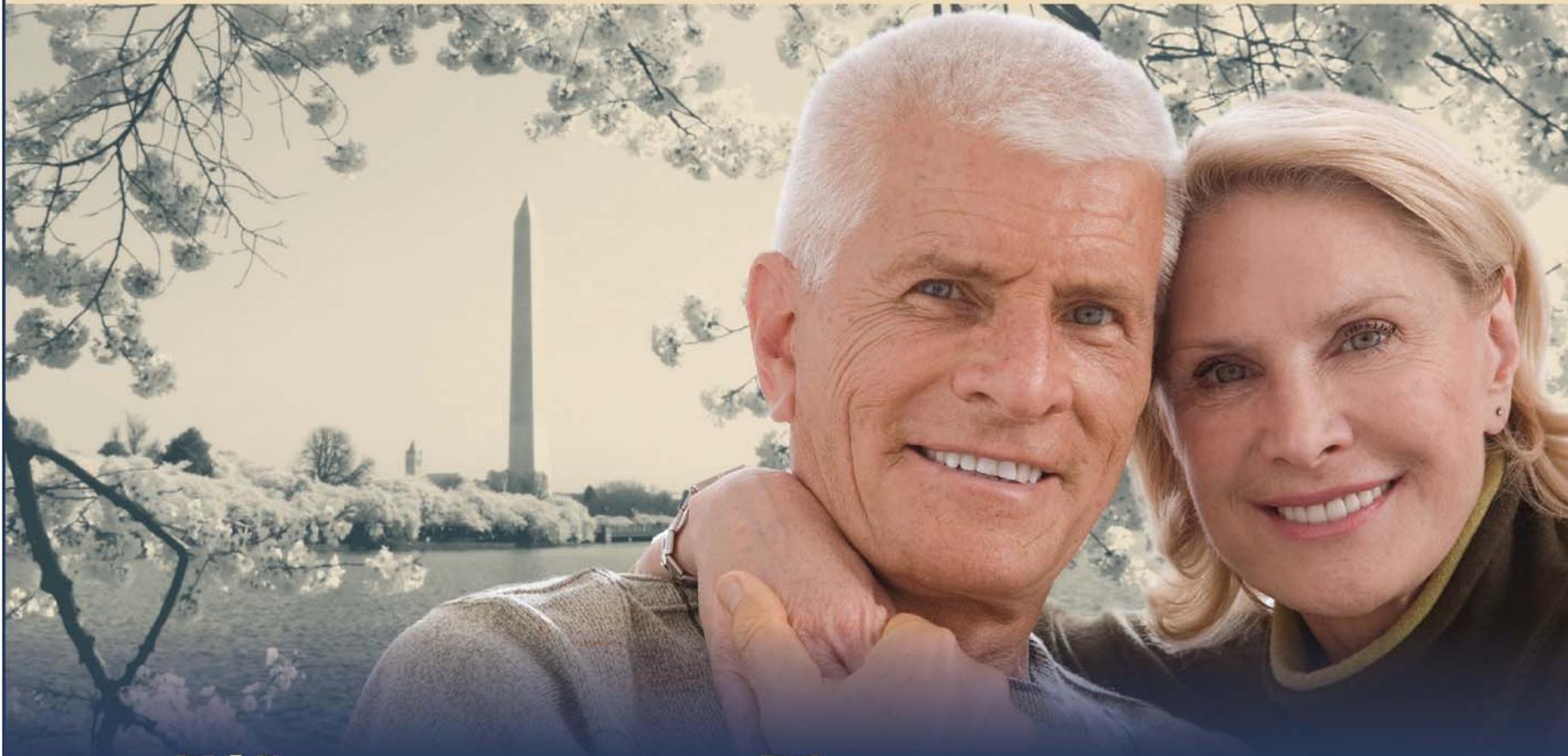
## NVSL All-Stars Winners

The Northern Virginia Swimming League (NVSL) held its annual end of the summer season All-Stars competition two weeks ago Saturday at Waynewood pool in Alexandria. The following is a list of all of the event's first place finishers:

- Laura Schwartz (Camelot Community Club, Annandale) — girls 15-18, 100-meters Individual Medley (IM).
- Brandon Fiala (Sully Station, Centreville) — boys 15-18, 100-IM
- Hannah Baker (Commonwealth, Fairfax) — girls 13-14, 100-IM
- Luke Thorsell (Fox Mill Woods, Reston) — boys 13-14, 100-IM
- Cassidy Bayer (Mount Vernon Park, Alexandria) — girls 11-12, 100-IM
- Timothy Wu (McLean) — boys 11-12, 100-IM
- Sinead Eksteen (Shouse Village, Vienna) — girls 9-10, 100-IM
- Daniel Gyenis (Fox Mill Woods, Reston) — boys 9-10, 100-IM
- Reanna Dona (Waynewood, Alexandria) — girls 15-18, 50-fly
- Blake Sundel (Little Hunting Park, Alexandria) — boys 15-18, 50-fly
- Laura Branton (Oakton) — girls 13-14, 50-fly
- Ben Lambert (Hayfield Farm, Alexandria) — boys 13-14, 50-fly
- Cassidy Bayer (Mount Vernon Park, Alexandria) — girls 11-12, 50-fly
- Roman Lowery (Fairfax Station) — boys 11-12, 50-fly
- Morgan Fuesh (Mansion House, Alexandria) — girls 9-10, 25-fly
- Thomas Outlaw (Chesterbrook, McLean) — boys 9-10, 25-fly
- Annie Hood (Mansion House, Alexandria) — girls 8-under, 25-fly
- Anthony Grimm (Fair Oaks, Fairfax) — boys 8-under, 25-fly
- Elizabeth Collins (Waynewood, Alexandria) — girls 15-18, 50- breast-stroke
- Charles Katis (Highlands, McLean) — boys 15-18, 50-breaststroke

- Suzanne Dolan (Overlee, Arlington) — girls 13-14, 50-breaststroke
- Garrett Walsh (Hamlet, McLean) — boys 13-14, 50-breaststroke
- Jacqueline Clabeaux (Greenbriar, Fairfax) — girls 11-12, 50- breaststroke
- Carter Flint (Tuckahoe, McLean) — boys 11-12, 50-breaststroke
- Alina Jones (Mantua, Fairfax) — girls 9-10, 50-breaststroke
- Lachlan Flatin (High Point, Falls Church) — boys 9-10, 50-breaststroke
- Isabella Manzione (Fairfax) — girls 8-under, 25-breaststroke
- Andrew Bernstein (Chesterbrook, McLean) — boys 8-under, 25-breaststroke
- Reanna Dona (Waynewood, Alexandria) — girls 15-18, 50-back
- Brandon Fiala (Sully Station, Centreville) — boys 15-18, 50-back
- Maxine Clifford (Waynewood, Alexandria) — girls 13-14, 50-back
- Luke Thorsell (Fox Mill Woods, Reston) — boys 13-14, 50-back
- Amanda Peren (Highland Park, Alexandria) — girls 11-12, 50-back
- Zander Abrams (Highland Park, Alexandria) — boys 11-12, 50-back
- Sinead Eksteen (Shouse Village) — girls 9-10, 50-back
- Zachary Risseeuw (Vienna Woods) — boys 9-10, 50-back
- Leaya Ma (Mosby Woods, Fairfax) — girls 8-under, 25-back
- Anthony Grimm (Fair Oaks, Fairfax) — boys 8-under, 25-back
- Laura Schwartz (Camelot Comm Club) — girls 15-18, 50-free
- Christopher Fiala (Sully Station, Centreville) — boys 15-18, 50-free
- Laura Branton (Oakton) — girls 13-14, 50-free
- Ben Lambert (Hayfield Farm, Alexandria) — boys 13-14, 50-free
- Lia Campbell (Crosspointe, Fairfax Station) — girls 11-12, 50-free
- Roman Lowery (Fairfax Station) — boys 11-12, 50-free
- Faith Lowery (Fairfax Station) — girls 9-10, 50-free
- Lachlin Flatin (High Point, Falls Church) — boys 9-10, 50-free
- Leaya Ma (Mosby Woods, Fairfax) — girls 8-under, 25-free
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