

Event: Pittsburgh Regional  
Science and Engineering Fair

Venue: Heinz Field, North Side

Critic: Mali'sa Branch

Age: 14

Neighborhood: Wilkinsburg

Occupation: Student

Date: Fri., March 30

Interviewer/Photographer:  
Maura McAndrew



EVERYONE

## Mali's CRITIC

**THE SCIENCE FAIR**, I have to say, is not so fun, but it's a new way to learn. I like trying new things. We got here this morning at 8:30 and we're leaving at 5:30. We have to sit here all day waiting for judges to come by so we can tell them about our projects. If we win, we win a savings bond, so that's the best thing about it. Also, I get an "A" in my science class.

My project is on kids and violence. Kids are considered our future, and violence is so much around us these days, so I wanted to see how violence affects kids today and in turn, how it affects our future. I gave out surveys that asked questions like "What is violence?" and "What is your view of violence?" and asked for an example of violence. I also asked where they'd seen violence, and the choices are TV, movies, video games or other. Finally, I asked how violence makes them feel, and what they do when they see violence. It's kids from first to third grade, and from sixth to eighth. It took me a few months to do the project, because I surveyed six classes, and there were a lot of children. I basically had to do the same thing over and over again. I designed my display in black and red, because those are colors we associate with violence. ☹