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# Big Dogs

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Cain, chews  
on a bone outside of  
the Felix and Oscar pet  
store in Springfield on  
Saturday morning, May  
10. Cain is one of many  
Great Danes that had  
been rescued by the  
Mid-Atlantic Great Dane  
Rescue League and  
currently has a home.

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Scott and Kristen Reynolds talk with customers about the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League at Felix and Oscar in Springfield on Saturday. The rescue group often travels around to different locations to share information about how to adopt a Great Dane. They visit the Springfield pet store the second Saturday of each month.

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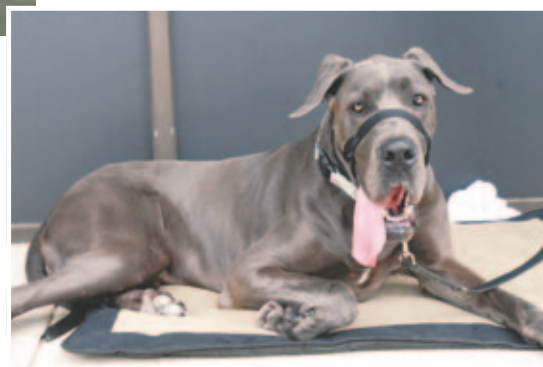
Savannah was one of many Great Danes available for people to see with the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League.

# Great Danes In the Morning

Pet store visit helps promote Great Dane Rescue League.

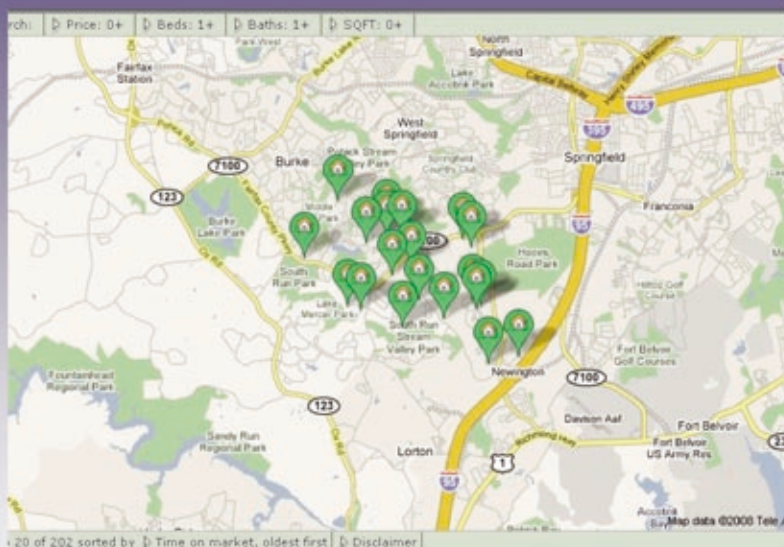
Representatives of the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL) brought some of their rescued animals to the Springfield Felix & Oscar pet food store on Saturday, May 10. MAGDRL helps find homes for abandoned or homeless Great Danes.

For more information about adoption, fostering, donations or volunteering, visit the MAGDRL's Northern Virginia Chapter's visit [www.nova-magdrl.org](http://www.nova-magdrl.org) or call 703-644-8009.



Cain, chews on a bone outside of the Felix and Oscar pet store in Springfield on Saturday morning. Cain is one of many Great Danes that have been rescued by the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League.

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A rodman installs reinforcing steel on the technical building exterior wall.

## New Lee Library Approved

**Board of Supervisors OKs public private partnership to build new library.**

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK  
THE CONNECTION

On Monday, May 5, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a project on county land that would allow a builder to construct a public library in exchange for lease on the land and a chance to build 111 units of workforce housing and another 89 units of age restricted housing.

The county bought the 6.64-acre lot several years ago with the plan to build a public library at Silver Lake Boulevard and Beulah Street in the growing Lee District; however, budget restrictions pushed the project past 2010 and beyond.

Two years ago, Clark Construction came in with an unsolicited proposal to build the library for the county in exchange for being able to lease the parcel and build workforce and age-restricted housing that it would rent and manage.

**THE COUNTY** was intrigued and under the PPEA program, part of a parcel of laws allowing Virginia government entities to share projects with private firms it sought other bidders for the idea. No one stepped forward and Clark was asked to prepare a plan.

When he presented the plan to the Planning Commission recently, Planning Commissioner Rodney Lusk (Lee) called it a "win-win" for Fairfax County.

Lynn Strobel, the lawyer representing Clark before the commission, said it allowed the library to be "years before it might have been completed."

Later she told the Connection Newspapers: "I think this is unique. I'm not sure it's the first in the county, but I think it is certainly one of the first private public ventures like this."

The library building will now be two stories and will house the Lee Magisterial District office when completed. The office is currently attached to the Fairfax County Police Building on Franconia Road.

Workforce housing is a policy priority with Fairfax County so that workers in the county can find reasonably priced homes. Strobel told the Planning Commission that Clark had employee groups for Inova Health Systems, which runs three major hospitals, and the Fairfax Education Association and both groups said they believed their members would be interested.

## Work Well Underway at EPG

**Work on new NGA headquarters at Engineer Proving Ground moving along smoothly.**

BY AMBER HEALY  
THE CONNECTION

From either side of the Engineer Proving Ground, little evidence exists of the 8,500 employees who will call the property home in 2011.

But, according to representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers and the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, construction is well underway for a new \$1.7 billion, 2.4 million-square-foot office building.

Shortly after the groundbreaking ceremony in September, hundreds of workers began construction on the new East Coast home of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, consolidating three branches of the governmental agency on the EPG as part of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) mandates passed by Congress a few years ago.

"Currently, there are about 600 people working at the construction site," said Susan H. Meisner, a representative from the NGA. "This population will grow to over 2,400 workers during peak construction, in 2009-2010."

Work is expected to be completed by August 2011, with some NGA employees mov-

ing into the building as early as January 2011, Meisner said.

With the exception of recent rainstorms, she said construction has been going "very smoothly," without any major delays.

To be a bit more technical, "a lot of dirt" has moved around at the EPG, and that is the dominating sight to see there these days, said Chris Augsburger, public information officer for the Army Corps of Engineers.

**"We're starting to see lots of concrete being poured, things are slowly starting to move upwards."**

— Chris Augsburger

"We're starting to see lots of concrete being poured, things are slowly starting to move upwards," he said.

Thanks to a little cooperating weather, Augsburger said he is confident the construction will be completed on time.

"It's a very ambitious schedule, but you do what you have to do to get things done," he said.

Other internal needs, like roads and park-

ing lots to crisscross the 800-acre property, are in the early design phases, and Augsburger said he believes installation of water service will begin in April 2009.

The new office is "the largest construction project east of the Mississippi, at least for the military," Augsburger said.

An estimated 8,500 employees will relocate to the EPG from their offices in Bethesda, Reston and the Potomac Navy Yard.

**ALL THIS** construction work has been underway without any complaints from residents near the site, said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee).

"The good thing is, the site is big and heavily wooded, so much of the construction activity is isolated," he said. "I haven't had a single complaint from anyone who lives near there."

McKay said the new NGA headquarters is one of only a few projects he believes will be completed on time, by the September 2011 deadline established by Congress.

"I think the work at the EPG and the work on the hospital are the only things that are moving along and can complete the original schedule," he said. "The right of way is in place for the rest of the Fairfax County Parkway (which will run through the EPG), and all the environmental work is done."

**ONE MAJOR PROJECT** still awaiting resolution is the future home of the Wash-

SEE NGA, PAGE 5



## ‘Silver Tsunami’ Plan for Seniors

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald Connolly (D-At-large) addressed retirees and senior citizens as part of a recent presentation on “Lifelong Learning, Lifelong Engagement” in Fairfax on April 25. Connolly shared various aspects of the “50+ Action Plan” developed by the Fairfax County Committee on Aging in 2007.

Speaking to members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, an organization affiliated with George Mason University and serving retirees and older adults, he discussed challenges such as health care needs, housing options, transportation challenges and work/volunteer/learning opportunities for the expected explosion of senior citizens who choose to remain in the community.

## Workshop Update, May 19

With an opening day scheduled for this fall, representatives from the Workhouse Arts Center will host an information night on Monday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lorton Community Library, 9520 Richmond Highway in Lorton.

A slideshow featuring past and present images of the site will be presented, along with an update on the site’s construction and a preview of the artists studios, gallery space, museum and theater performances that will take place there. For more information, call 703-339-7385.

## Bike to Work on Friday, May 16

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association are urging commuters to leave their cars behind and ride their bicycles to work on Friday, May 16, as part of the regional “Bike to Work Day.”

The annual event is part of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments’ Commuter Connections program, designed to encourage people who can bike to work to do so. Last year, more than 1,000 cyclists participated in the event and used the pits stops set up at various locations within Fairfax County.

“Bike to Work Day” pit stops will be set up in Fairfax Corner near the Government Center; at the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station; at Reston Town Center; in Vienna at the W&OD Trail on Maple Avenue; at the University Mall in Fairfax and at the Booze Allen Hamilton offices in Tysons Corner.

Snacks will be provided at each pit stop, along with entertainment, speakers and raffles for bicycles and other prizes. Participants can register and receive an official “Bike to Work” T-shirt.

For more information, go to [www.waba.org](http://www.waba.org) or call the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-324-BIKE/2453.

## Firefighters Offer Open House

Several Fairfax County Firefighters will open their stations as part of Emergency Medical Services Week.

Next week has been designated “Kids in Motion Week” by EMS and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), with a goal of emphasizing the importance of child safety. Activities are planned during the open houses, scheduled for Sunday, May 18 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Edsall Road Station 26, 5316 Carolina Place in Springfield.

## Correction

The story “Commissioners Back Carr Plan” [Springfield Connection, May 8-14, 2008] included an error. Planning Commissioner Earl L. Flanagan (Mount Vernon) introduced a motion to not recommend the Carr Plan to the Board of Supervisors. The vote on that motion was 1 for, 5 against and 6 abstaining. Then, Planning Commissioner Peter F. Murphy Jr. (Springfield) introduced an alternative motion to recommend the Carr Plan to the Board of Supervisors. That motion passed with a vote of 5-1-6.

## NEWS



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**Erin Murray and her mother, Sallie Stubenhofer, helped organize the fourth annual Golf4Stube golf tournament, in honor of their brother and son, Mark Stubenhofer, who was killed in Iraq.**

## Friends Remember Fallen Soldier

### Annual golf tournament to honor West Springfield native killed in Iraq.

BY AMBER HEALY  
THE CONNECTION

Not even a little rain could deter the friends of Mark Stubenhofer from playing a little golf to help his family. The Kurre Klan, a group of friends from West Springfield High School, started the Golf4Stube event four years ago, shortly after their friend Mark Stubenhofer was killed in action in Iraq. The money they raise from a day of golf is set aside for Stubenhofer’s three young children, Lauren, 8; Justin, 6; and Hope, 3.

“We had about 140 people sign up, and 120 still showed despite the rain,” said Sallie Stubenhofer, Mark Stubenhofer’s mother. “I looked around at all these guys and thought, these are true friends.”

Her son was killed on Dec. 7, 2004, she said, and while she thinks of him every day, she is comforted knowing his friends have stayed loyal to his memory and his family.

The golf tournament began the following April, scheduled around what would have been Mark’s 31st birthday, April 18.

“The first year it was so nice and sunny, and it’s rained every year since,” Sallie Stubenhofer laughed. “But this has grown every year, which is just wonderful.”

Mark Stubenhofer’s children are often present at the tournament, playing with oversized golf clubs and balls. This year, Lauren Stubenhofer, now 8, and her brother, Justin, were brought to the tournament from their home in Bristow by Lauren’s teacher, who was joined by her 16-year-old daughter for the afternoon.

“It’s really good to get together with our family and his friends because we want this to be a celebration of his life,” Sallie Stubenhofer said.

**THE PAST** few years have not been easy on the family, she said. Shortly after Mark’s death, Norman Stubenhofer, his father, was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma, which went into remission

after treatment. A few months after he was cleared, Sallie Stubenhofer was diagnosed with breast cancer, for which she was treated and cleared.

“So far, I’m still OK, but Norm’s cancer came back, and it’s a kind that doesn’t have a cure yet,” she said. “Luckily, with treatment, it’s manageable. He can live up to another 20 years, and for our age, that’s a good long time.”

Despite all that, she said, the family is still doing all right, sharing stories when they bring members of their large family together.

With one daughter in Hawaii, another in North Carolina, one son in Stafford and another in Springfield, it’s not often all the Stubenhofers are under the same roof, she said. Mark was the second to youngest child in the family.

It helps having Patty, Mark’s wife, in Bristow, because they are frequently asked to baby-sit, Sallie Stubenhofer said.

“She’s become like one of our children,” she said.

Mark Stubenhofer’s death may have hit her youngest son the hardest, because the two of them had become close as they grew up, Sallie Stubenhofer said.

“Mark was the closest brother, and I think Ryan felt it differently than the rest of us,” she said. “They were just starting to enjoy each other and talk about life when Mark died.”

Sallie Stubenhofer admitted that the grief still hits her some days, prompted by a photo or memory or nothing at all. Luckily, when one member of the family seems to be having a hard time, someone else will be ready and willing to step in and cheer up their sibling.

And she has a new way to help work through her grief. Through the White House Commission on Remembrance, Sallie Stubenhofer has been asked to write literature, cards and letters for the group, which reaches out to families of service men and women killed in action.

**“I looked around at all these guys and thought, these are true friends.”**  
— Sallie Stubenhofer





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Carpenters prepare the frame for the technical building exterior walls.

## EPG Construction on Schedule

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ington Headquarters Services, which just signed a three-year lease at its current location in Crystal City, McKay said. With about one-third of all BRAC-re-

lated employees transferring from that location to an as-yet-undetermined future site, that piece of the BRAC puzzle will most likely not meet the September 2011 deadline.

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## PEOPLE

# Getting To Know . . . Barbara Hobbie, Court Appointed Special Advocates volunteer.

**R**etiring after 21 years with the Fairfax County Department of Family Services, Barbara Hobbie was looking for a way to help people and to give back to the community. An announcement in the Connection Newspapers led her to become a

### PROFILE

volunteer with the Court Appointed Special Advocates.

In that role, she advocates for abused and neglected children dealing with the county court system.

Here, Hobbie answers a few questions about herself and discusses her impressions of CASA.

**Family.** I am married and have two grown children. Aimee

Cason, 30, is a nurse practitioner lives in San Diego with her husband, William, who is a pilot in the Navy. Erik, 27, lives with his wife, Wendy, in Chicago and works as a software developer. I moved around as a child (lived in four different states), but my children grew up in Springfield. My husband, Richard, is retired from the federal government and is executive director of the National Association of Workforce Agencies.

**Your first job.** I came to Virginia in 1975 after earning a master's degree in so-



Barbara Hobbie

cial work from The Ohio State University. My first job was with the Epilepsy Foundation at Georgetown Hospital. I worked for Fairfax County Department of Family Services for 21 years in Adult Protective Services. I specialized in the problem of hoarding and guardianship.

**Activities/interest/hobbies.** I love playing tennis and I am captain of four USTA tennis teams. I am retired but work part time at Fairfax Racquet Club as a receptionist. I also love to travel.

**Favorite local restaurants.** Mike's American Grill.

**Community concerns.** Affordable housing including assisted living in Fairfax County

**When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?** I had no idea, but I loved talking to people and I was always interested in people.

**Personal goals.** I want to become a better tennis player and stay in good health.

**How did you decide to volunteer with CASA?** I read about CASA

in the Connection Newspaper. I was retired for a short time and was enjoying myself. I thought I should do something worthwhile for others. I didn't want to provide social work services. I wanted something new. I was always fascinated with the court so the idea of being a court advocate appealed to me. I also liked the idea of helping children. I went to the CASA information session to find out more about the program and the responsibilities of a volunteer. I was impressed by the program and the people who

## To Volunteer

Applications are being accepted for the fall training class of Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). CASA seeks volunteers to advocate for children that are abused or neglected. Time expectation is 15 hours per month and a one-year commitment. No prior experience necessary, 35 hours of training provided. E-mail Meloni at volunteer@casafairfax.org or call 703-273-3526.

manage it.

**What do you hope to bring to the children in the program?** I hope to be objective and to make sure their needs are being met. I realize that the professionals such as attorneys and social workers don't have enough time to do some things. I do have the time to find out what the children need and to research the resources. Also, I know from my experience as a parent that sometimes you have to fight to get services for your child.

**What, in your opinion, is the most important issue facing children today?** First, their basic needs such as food, clothing, housing and safety must be met. Then, they need to belong to a family that provides love and emotional support.

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

## AAUW Honors Students for Diversity Projects

### Annual awards given to 4 high school girls.

**F**or the sixth year, the American Association of University Women, Springfield-Annandale Branch, honored four area high school girls for their meritorious projects promoting diversity in our community. The ceremony took place April 17 at the Kings Park Library in Springfield. The honorees included Aya Awad Mohamed Saed, Annandale High School; Theresa W. Gaffney, Lake Braddock Secondary School; Leslie N. Wheatley, Lee High School; and Cynthia Holden, West Springfield High School.

**GUEST SPEAKERS WERE** Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason), who also received the

branch's annual community award and Tavia Buchanan, who represented the Apple Credit Union, a contributor to the diversity program. At the ceremony, the Springfield-Annandale branch liaisons to the high schools introduced the girls to assembled parents, friends



From left, Jackie Stephens, Gwynette Peterson, Cynthia Holden, Joanna Shows, Aya Saed, Ernell Binns and Theresa Gaffney.

and branch members. The liaisons were Joanna Shows with Lee, Gwyn Peterson with West Springfield, Ernell Binns of Lake Braddock and Jackie Stevens with Annandale. These four women are always elected to perform this tradition each year for their AAUW Branch.

### VIEWPOINTS

## Is it time for Hillary Clinton to drop out of the presidential race?



"No, I think she should see it through."

**Kathy Cagle, Fairfax**



"Yes. She can't win."

**David Kauo, Woodbridge**

— AMBER HEALY



# CRIME

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County police department through May 7.

## SHOOTING/MALICIOUS WOUNDING

**Richmond Highway and Hagel Circle.** On Monday, May 5 around 2:20 p.m., an officer was on a traffic stop on Richmond Highway near Hagel Circle when a man approached him and stated he had been shot. The 30-year-old Woodbridge man got into an altercation with an acquaintance of his former girlfriend in the 9500 block of Richmond Highway. The suspect, Carlos McKethan, allegedly shot the victim in the upper body. The victim was med-evaced to Inova Fairfax Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. McKethan, 30, of 8400 block of Huerta Court in Alexandria, was arrested on Thursday, May 8 at the Brookside Motel, 6001 Richmond Hwy. He was taken to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and charged with malicious shooting and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

## LARCENIES

**5100 block Celtic Drive.** License plate stolen from vehicle.  
**7300 block Dickenson St.** Bicycle stolen from residence  
**6000 block Essex House Square.** Battery stolen from vehicle.  
**6500 block Frontier Drive.** Purse and wallet stolen from business.  
**9400 block Gunston Cove Road.** Computer monitor stolen from business.

**10700 block Gunston Road.** License plates stolen from vehicle.  
**7200 block Halifax Place.** License plate stolen from vehicle.  
**5500 block Hershey Lane.** Two dirt bikes stolen from residence.  
**5900 block Highdale Circle.** Wheel stolen from vehicle.  
**7600 block Highland St.** GPS stolen from vehicle.  
**5900 block Kingstowne Village Parkway.** Laptop, cell phone, purse and two video game systems stolen from vehicle.  
**5300 block Mayfair Court.** Cell phone stolen from school.  
**6500 block Springfield Mall.** Clothing stolen from business.  
**6500 block Springfield Mall.** Purse stolen from business.  
**6500 block Springfield Mall.** Watch stolen from business  
**6700 block Telegraph Road.** Tools stolen from vehicle.  
**5400 block Vine St.** Catalytic converter stolen from vehicle.  
**5800 block Wescott Hills Way.** Airbags stolen from vehicle.  
**5500 block Woodway Drive.** Tools stolen from vehicle.

## VEHICLE THEFTS

**7600 block Buckland Place.** 1995 Acura Integra reported stolen.  
**9600 block Franklin Woods Place.** 2006 Suzuki motorcycle reported stolen.  
**7200 block Fullerton Road.** 1999 Dodge Caravan reported stolen.  
**6000 block Hibbling Ave.** Nissan Maxima reported stolen.

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# Schools Propose \$2.2 Billion Budget

With more than 3,500 unexpected students, schools will need to make some cuts.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**I**ncreases in class size, decreases in staff pay raises and freezing expansion of full-day kindergarten: these are a few of the reductions that Fairfax County Public Schools will consider for the 2008-2009 school year.

School officials had requested a \$63.7 million increase to the \$2.26 billion budget but Fairfax County Board of Supervisors only provided an extra \$40 million, leaving the schools \$23.7 million short of what it requested. According to school officials, the 2.5 percent in additional funding is the smallest percentage increase in the county transfer to the system since 1995.

Supervisors gave the schools a larger budget increase than any other agency. Fairfax County Public Schools was one of the only local government branches to receive an increase in funding at all, they said.

**AN ENROLLMENT** increase and rising fuel prices mean that additional funds provided by the county will mostly be used to cover existing costs and not to fund improvements or new programming, according to a statement released by schools superintendent Jack Dale.

Fairfax County Public Schools saw an additional 3,541 students in 2008, which will cost the system approximately \$22.5 million in additional funding. Transportation costs related to enrollment increase and ris-



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

**School board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville) disagrees with her colleague At-large school board member Jim Raney's proposals to cut the budget.**

ing fuel prices will eat up an additional \$7 million.

Dale has proposed to reduce the employee salary raise from three percent to two percent and halting the expansion of full-day kindergarten and the elementary school foreign language program. He would increase class size by one half of student, likely to affect general education classes more than specialty classes.

The school system has also reduced spending by "streamlining" several programs aimed at at-risk or low-income students, including summer school, Project Excel, QUEST, the Student Accountability program, the Summit program, and Young Scholars program.

**WITH UNPOPULAR CUTS** proposed, the School Board is looking at other options. Several board members said they would like

to find a way to continue with expansion of the full-day kindergarten and foreign language in elementary schools.

School board members Brad Center (Lee), Jim Raney (At-large) and Liz Bradsher (Springfield) asked the staff to take another look at implementing an "activity fee" for athletic participation. In earlier budget discussions, the superintendent had said such a fee could produce at least \$2.5 million but the school system's chief financial officer Deirdre McLaughlin said the revenue to be generated was most likely overstated.

Raney proposed some more dramatic cuts. He said the school system should look at closing Gifted-and-Talented education centers and moving those services into every student's base elementary school.

**"We could generate \$2.5 million by charging for AP and IB courses."**

— Jim Raney

He also asked board members to consider capping enrollment at Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology to 1,600 students, the number of pupils the state government has agreed to subsidize. In the 2006-2007 school year, the high school enrolled 1,769 students.

Raney was also in favor of charging students to take Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate classes.

"We are obligated to provide a free elementary and secondary education. We are currently providing a free post-secondary education in the form of AP and IB courses. We could generate \$2.5 million by charging for AP and IB courses," said Raney.

"I don't support any of those initiatives," said school board member Janie Strauss (Dranesville), who added that the school system would have to retract some students acceptance to Thomas Jefferson if it implemented Raney's proposal.

During the discussion, school board members Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill) and Kaye Kory (Mason)

also expressed concern about budget cuts to schools that serve a lot of poor and at-risk students.

Staff said about half of the approximately 35 schools that qualify for extra money to help at-risk students, called Title I funding, would see a reduction in this assistance from the federal government this year. Gibson said he did not want the school system to "pile on" by also cutting money for other programs found in these schools. "Obviously we have some schools in that category and we don't want to rub salt in the wound. What are we doing so that we are not adding insult to injury?" said Gibson.

## SCHOOL SNAPSHOT 2008 Special School Program Enrollment

Fairfax County Public Schools provided a breakdown of specialty program enrollment based on race, ethnicity, socioeconomic factors and special education needs in January 2008. When compared with overall enrollment figures, students who are poor, black, Hispanic, English-language learners or who qualify for special education services are underrepresented in gifted and talented and accelerated academic programs. The same groups of students appear in higher numbers in the U.S. military's JROTC programs.

Program	Overall Enrollment	Economically Disadvantaged	Limited English	Special Education	black	Hispanic	white
FCPS Enrollment (All Schools)	164,843	31,320* (19.9%)	21,771 (7.6%*)	24,000 (14%)	18,133* (10.8%)	26,374* (16%)	80,421 (50.2%)
Career and Technical Education (Middle, High Schools)	55,942	12,855 (22.98%)	8,622 (15.41%)	7,641 (13.66%)	6,802 (12.16%)	8,873 (15.86%)	27,321 (48.84%)
Foreign Language (Middle, High Schools)	44,543	342 (.77%)	3,568 (8.01%)	3,081 (6.92%)	3,855 (8.65%)	4,946 (11.1%)	25,189 (54.76%)
Gift and Talented Services (Kindergarten – 12)	61,775	5,180 (8.39%)	7,595 (12.29%)	Not Available	2,041 (6.83%)	2,475 (8.29%)	16,593 (55.55%)
JROTC (Seven High Schools)	823	302 (36.7%)	142 (17.25%)	229 (27.83%)	216 (26.25%)	203 (24.67%)	283 (34.39%)
2007 Advanced Placement/ International Baccalaureate enrollment (High Schools)	17,994	1,264 (7.02%)	748 (4.21%)	459 (2.55%)	945 (5.25%)	1,269 (7.05%)	11,006 (61.16%)

\*approximate figures computed by The Connection Newspapers

—JULIA O'DONOGHUE

## COUNTY NOTEBOOK

### More Algebra for Eighth Graders

Fairfax County Public Schools will start offering a standard Algebra I class in addition to its honors Algebra I class to eighth graders in two middle schools next year.

The school system wants to increase middle school enrollment in Algebra I so that more students will have the opportunity to complete calculus by the end of high school.

It is difficult for students to fit in all the prerequisites for calculus if they wait until ninth grade to take Algebra I, said staff.

Currently, about 47 percent of students complete Algebra I by the end of eighth grade, according to Peter Noonan, assistant superintendent for instructional services.

Like honors Algebra I, standard Algebra I will be an "open enrollment" class, meaning that it will be available to anyone who wants to take it. The class will resemble the standard Algebra I currently offered to ninth graders.

Hughes and Thoreau middle school will be the first to offer standard Algebra I through a pilot program next year. Noonan said the school system wants to expand the offering to other middle school programs in following years.

Fairfax County middle schools typically offer standard grade six, seven and eight math as well as Algebra I, Geometry and sometimes Algebra II, according to Noonan.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

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# In Mary Read's Memory

Memorial to Virginia Tech victim unveiled at Canterbury Woods Park.



Peter Read is consoled by Del. Vivian Watts (D-39) after reading a memorial resolution by the General Assembly during a ceremony unveiling the Mary Karen Read Memorial at Canterbury Woods Park on May 10.



Friends and family gather for a ceremony unveiling a memorial at Canterbury Woods Park for the memory of Mary Read.

**'We hope that this new memorial will be a place where Mary's friends and family can come to reflect,' said Nancy DeVera, a family friend. An unofficial memorial is located along Wakefield Chapel Road, just down the road from the park.**



Fairfax County School Board member Ilryong Moon (At-large) views the newly designed Mary Read Memorial at Canterbury Woods Park on Saturday morning. The location was chosen for the memorial, because the park is a place that Read often spent time in, according to her father, Peter Read.

## 'True Friends' Remember Fallen Friend

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"In the most wonderful way, I've been able to direct the pride I have in my son and it's been this wonderful thing to do," she said.

**BUT IT IS** the loyal group of friends, the Kurre Klan from West Springfield, which continues to warm Sallie Stubenhofer's heart.

"That they have stayed friends for so long is unusual," she said. "They have been so loyal to Mark and his family. They're just amazing."

Norm Stubenhofer shared his wife's thanks for their son's friends.

"This is a great group of guys," he said. "But we're starting to hear stories now about what they did in high school. It was never anything bad, just mischievous, but some stories I just don't need to hear," he laughed.

As his friends grow up and have children and wives of their own, Norm Stubenhofer believes their dedication to his son's memory and his young family has deep-

ened.

His respect and admiration for his daughter-in-law is evident as he praises her for raising his grandchildren on her own.

"I really admire her for what she does," he said. "She doesn't have a minute to herself, she's always doing something with the kids."

Recently, when their uncle returned home from Iraq, Patty Stubenhofer and her children included a prayer of thanks before their evening dinner, Norm Stubenhofer said. Hope, the youngest child who was born while Mark Stubenhofer was in Iraq, asked if her daddy was going to come home someday too.

"Patty knew she'd have to deal with that some day, so she told Hope that her daddy wasn't going to come home, he was in Heaven because he had work to do there," he said.

Their father is still a part of their everyday lives, he said. Lauren knew her father more than her brother and sister, and she

talks about him more than the other two. But Norm Stubenhofer said he sees some of his son in Justin, who was just 2 when his father died.

**TO CARRY ON** Mark Stubenhofer's belief that the key to a peaceful future in Iraq is to change the way Iraqi children view Americans, Erin Murray, his sister, has started Mark's Hope, an organization that collects and sends toys, soccer balls and school supplies to servicemen in Iraq.

The toys are then given out to children, Murray said, in the hopes that they will see Americans as people who care about them.

"After he died, we felt a need to carry out his vision," she said. "What we didn't expect was how much giving out those toys would affect the soldiers. We get letters and e-mails all the time from guys who are just so touched by meeting the kids and seeing how happy it makes them."

Mark's Hope is run out of the basement

of Murray's North Carolina home, which is filled with care packages waiting to be sent overseas.

"We know people want to help, and this is something Mark really would have enjoyed," she said.

One of her favorite memories of her brother involves a visit with him and her son, Tyler.

"Mark knew my son Tyler was very excited to see him after his return home from his first deployment in Iraq," she said. "When Mark first saw Tyler, he presented him with a medal. He knelt down before him and pinned it on Tyler's shirt. I can clearly remember Mark, looking face to face with Tyler and saying, just to him, 'This medal is only given to heroes and I am giving it to you.'"

Remembering that moment still brings tears to her eyes, Murray said.

"In a time where all attention should have been placed on him, a true American hero, he was redirecting it toward a child."



# OPINION

## Trouble with VDOT

It's possible that it happened on Earth Day, but it was definitely sometime within a week of that day.

The Virginia Department of Transportation, without notice, bulldozed more than five acres of trees in at least three locations as part of preliminary work on widening the beltway for HOT lanes.

These trees were cleared in McLean, Tysons Corner and Springfield.

Apparently these trees were clear cut in order to make way for "staging areas," that is to say a place to park their equipment.

It's an example of the kind of reasoning that takes place at VDOT, and apparently there is more of it to come.

"The construction is going to start by us tearing down trees," said Nick Nicholson of VDOT at a public meeting about the HOT Lanes on April 30.

There is no shortage of parking lots anywhere around the Beltway. With a little creativity, and a little notice, VDOT could probably have leased an already-paved "staging area." The loss of the trees is no small thing, especially in consideration of widening a road like the Beltway.

A single tree with a 26-foot canopy can absorb the emissions of a vehicle driven 11,500 miles every year. Or so said Fairfax County officials in October 2007 when they launched the laudable goal of blanketing 45 percent of the county with tree cover by 2037. The county will plant 400 trees a year on county property to reduce pollution and energy costs.

Too bad the county apparently has no say on what VDOT does with property it "owns." VDOT officials should realize that property "owned by VDOT" actually belongs to the residents of Virginia. The tree cutting last month for "staging areas" probably set Fairfax County's efforts back by more than a year. And we'll note again that VDOT says there's more to come.

"We have held meetings five times in McLean and each time we mentioned the staging area. Did we say we would be clearing trees to construct that staging area? No," Nicholson admitted.

Those trees would also have had the effect of buffering residential and business areas from the noise and view of the Beltway traffic and construction. Three acres alone were across

## Taking down acres of trees with no warning and no good reason.

from a middle school, where the trees could have helped clean the air from hundreds of thousands of vehicles a day passing by on the Beltway.

The additional tree canopy envisioned in Fairfax would have the capacity to absorb more than 10 million pounds of carbon dioxide annually, which could eliminate the need for \$1 million in greenhouse gas reduction services each year.

VDOT officials should undertake an immediate analysis of the way it operates. It must communicate better with local officials and residents. And it must realize that trees have value and take steps to preserve them whenever possible. Even if these sites were the only possible "staging areas," which we do not believe, at least a ring of trees should have been left around the perimeter to act as a buffer.

Construction for the "high occupancy toll lanes" is under way. We can only imagine what surprises lay ahead.

— MARY KIMM,

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# Meeting One Voter at a Time

## Candidate in Democratic primary adopts old-fashioned method of campaigning.

BY DOUG DENNEY  
CANDIDATE, 11<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

If you want to know how a candidate will serve you in Congress, just look at how they run their campaign. Career politicians send out slick mailers, use poll-tested rhetoric and make promises they do not intend to keep. And we know what career politicians have done to Washington.

Call me old fashioned, but I think the best way to run for office is to talk to real, live voters. I'll knock on a hundred doors or stand in

front of a busy Metro station all day just to talk to the people I will serve in Congress. It's not easy, but it's worth it.

**I WONDER** if I am the only candidate in the 11th District Democratic primary that is knocking on doors. Every day I find someone who is shocked that a congressional candidate actually showed up on their doorstep. One woman told me she had never actually met any politician she had voted for. What a shame.

COMMENTARY

## Unkempt Medians

To the Editor:

It is ironic that you can complain via a Fairfax County Web page about a neighbor's lawn being too high but who to complain to about Fairfax County as the violator and the Virginia Department of Transportation and the lack of lawn maintenance on the medians? The grass height on traffic medians in the county look like we live in an area that cannot afford to maintain appearance. I called VDOT, they have done nothing. This has even presented itself as a safety issue when I try to make left turns and cannot actually see oncoming

traffic in many cases at locations due to the grass height. So I reported VDOT to Fairfax County via their online lawn height complaint Web page but was told I had to contact VDOT directly.

We pay a ton of property and other taxes for Fairfax County to ignore this and put it on my as an individual. I bet somebody could get elected to office from Fairfax County just running on a platform that they will improve grass maintenance on common areas. I hear from the county and VDOT that we don't have funds to keep up the maintenance. But at the same time the county

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has the nerve to increase our property tax rate and arbitrarily increase our land values so that our overall assessment remains the same even while our building values have decreased. I believe that potential homebuyers see the unkempt grass on the medians and that can detract from our property values. How to get this addressed?

Steve Delahunty  
Fairfax

## Misleading Statement

To the Editor:

A recent Connolly for Congress

mail flier I received contained a highly misleading statement. The flier provides that "Gerry Connolly expanded all-day kindergarten to give all our children a strong start in education." The expansion of full-day kindergarten is a Fairfax County Public Schools budgetary matter. But even assuming Chairman Connolly can be credited for expanding full-day kindergarten, such expansion has not given "all our children a strong start in education." As of the 2007-08 school year, only 94 of 137 elementary schools in Fairfax County have full-day kindergarten.

Steven V. Key  
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## CAMPS & SCHOOLS



Angelus Academy second-grader Lucia LaNave leads her fellow students in the Star Spangled Banner as part of the closing ceremony.

### Angelus Academy Serenades the Interior Secretary

Angelus Academy students from Springfield were honored to be a part of the National Ranger Day on Saturday, April 26.

On a recent Saturday morning, more than 60 students, siblings, parents, and Angelus staff boarded a bus to begin a great National Junior Ranger Day on the National Mall.

Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne, presented the children with their Junior Ranger badges after they completed the activities planned by the National Park Service. The children also sang their school song and another of their favorite songs, "Proud to Be an American," in recognition of all of the men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.



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### Greater Burke Area Orchestra Performs

The Greater Burke Area Orchestra performed 10 songs Friday night, May 9, at the outdoor plaza at Fairfax Corner. The honors orchestra is composed of students from Rolling Valley, White Oaks, Ravensworth, Terra Centre, Willow Springs, Kings Glen, Sangster, Cherry Run and Hunt Valley elementary schools. The teachers in charge are Ahnika Emery, Cindy Graham, Jessica Velasquez and Francesca Fitzgerald.

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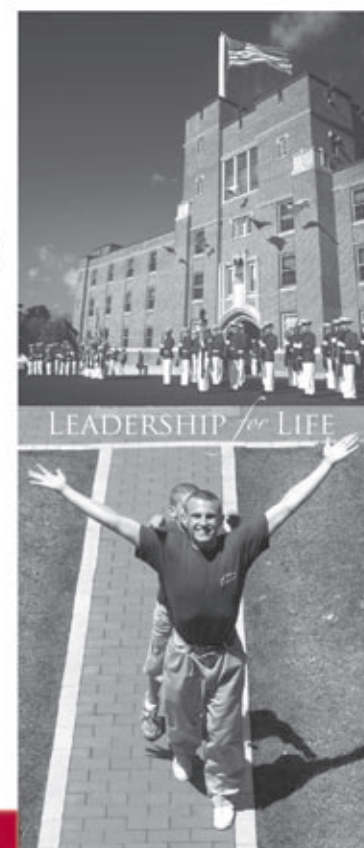
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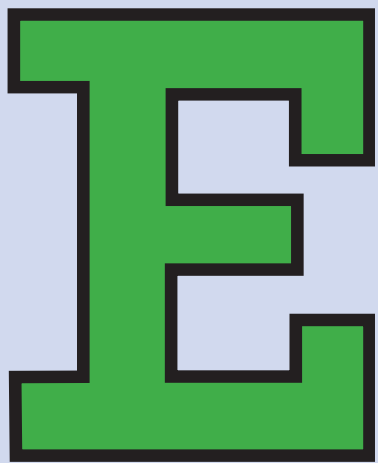
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**Big Band Dinner Auction** with the West Springfield High School band boosters, including live music, silent auction and games. **Sunday, May 17**, 6 p.m. at the school cafeteria, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Admission includes dinner and is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 5-12. Visit [www.wshsband.org/auction](http://www.wshsband.org/auction).

**Cooking Class: Fast Food/Convenience Food.** Sample the latest convenience foods on the market, plus open cans and boxes of organic food to make instant meals. No meat, poultry, fish, eggs, or dairy. Class includes recipes and food samples. Pre-registration required. **Sunday, May 18**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 9302 Hallston Ct., Fairfax Station. \$45 per person. Call 703-643-2713 for space availability or visit [www.localdc.com/cooking](http://www.localdc.com/cooking).

**Chick-Fil-A** at Fair Oaks Mall hosts a free "Family Night" **every Wednesday**, 5-7 p.m., with different activities every week: make a seasonal art project to display in the store, get a glitter tattoo or animal balloon, play an instrument and march along in a parade with the Chick-fil-A Cow. Chick-fil-A is located inside the main entrance between Sears and Macy's at Fair Oaks Mall. Call 703-279-1883 or e-mail [CFAEVENTS@aol.com](mailto:CFAEVENTS@aol.com) for more.

**The Northern Virginia Alliance on Smoking or Health** announces the publication of "Your Springfield and Burke Guide to Smoke-Free Dining." The guide was published with grant funds from the Virginia Department of Health's Tobacco Use Control Project. The guide lists restaurants in Springfield and Burke that offer smoke-free dining.

The guide is available free of charge. To obtain a copy, visit the South Run RECenter, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. To receive a copy by mail, call Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services at 703-324-5213.

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Party in Springfield

Cardboard regatta, dog parade highlight annual Springfield Days festival.

BY AMBER HEALY  
THE CONNECTION

**T**hings have changed a little for this year's Springfield Days, but the cardboard boat regatta is still going full steam ahead.

Corporate sponsorships have renamed family favorites, like the Silver Diner Celebration Station and the Burger King Family Festival at the Springfield Mall, said Tawny Hammond, chair of the event. Springfield Days runs from Thursday, May 29 through Sunday, June 1.

"There's a lot of new things going on this year, including that Springfield Days will now be a four-day event," Hammond said. It is the 21<sup>st</sup> year for the community-wide festival, with five venues ranging from the Springfield Mall and Springfield Plaza to Lake Accotink Park and the American Legion Post.

Hammond credits a "really devoted steering committee" to the event's success and the wide-ranging activities, including games, family-friendly rides and three bands performing on the entertainment stage in Springfield Plaza.

Two outdoor movies will be shown this year at sunset at Lake Accotink Park. On Saturday, May 31, "Bee Movie" will be shown, followed by "Under the Same Moon," a Spanish-language film with subtitles, on Sunday, June 1.

Hammond said this year's steering committee made an effort to reinforce the family-friendly mantra of Springfield Days, including the decision to prohibit anyone that appears intoxicated from venturing into areas where children may be playing.

"The Family Festival, for example, is geared for families and children," she said. "It will be all kids' rides, all children's games and amusements. There's no reason a parent won't want to go there with their kids, but we've put some strict rules in place to guarantee everyone has a good time."

Plenty of food will be available to purchase this year, including a barbecue on Friday, May 30 from 6-8 p.m. at the American Legion Post on Amherst Avenue.

**ON SATURDAY**, the annual parade will begin at 10 a.m. As usual, Linda Waller has planned for dozens of dogs to kick off the event with the Paws on Parade march, fea-



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

**Last year, Jim Stuart paddled to the finish line in Rockin' Float, which won the Pride of the Regatta award.**

turing dogs of all sizes wearing matching, brightly-colored bandanas.

Paws on Parade is sponsored by Felix and Oscar Pet Food Naturally, which donated the bandanas for the first 100 dogs, Waller said.

"I was on the Springfield Days committee for years and kept trying to find a way to do something for dogs," Waller said. "Finally, someone said if you want something so badly, just do it. This is our 8<sup>th</sup> year leading the Springfield Days parade."

Dogs of all shapes and sizes are welcome, she said, and she cannot remember any incidents of badly behaved pooches in the past.

"Everyone behaves themselves beautifully," she said. "We get some really tiny dogs and some huge monstrous dogs and everyone gets along very nicely."

Pet owners who wish to participate are asked to line up at the intersection of Hanover Street and Monticello Avenue on Saturday, May 31, between 9-9:30 a.m. for the parade, which will embark on its 1-mile journey at 10 a.m.

Also on Saturday will be the Celebration Station at Springfield Mall, featuring a variety of activities sponsored by the Silver Diner and organized by iPlay Children's Museum, from 12-6 p.m.

Three bands will perform on the entertainment stage in Springfield Plaza on Saturday afternoon, starting with Junkyard Saints from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; followed by Deanna Bogart from 1-3 p.m. and finishing with the High Middlin String Band from 3-5 p.m.

"These are really great bands, we're very excited to have them," Hammond said.

The Taste of Springfield will also be going on at the same time, with a variety of local restaurants sampling their wares from 12-6 p.m., also in the Springfield Plaza.

While there, parents are invited to have their child safety seats inspected for proper installation by the Fairfax County Police in front of Buy Buy Baby in the Plaza from 11 a.m.-6 p.m., she said.

**THE CARDBOARD** boat regatta takes place Sunday, June 1 at 2 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park. The event, a family favorite, includes boats made out of cardboard, duct tape and paint, held together with a little luck, racing around the lake.

"There are some people who come out and take it very seriously and others who try to see how fast their boat will sink," said Nancy-jo Manney, executive director of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, a major sponsor of the event. "It can get pretty intense but it's always a lot of fun."

Hammond and Manney agreed that Springfield Days is something the entire community looks forward to each year.

"I think what's most enjoyable is bringing together the community and local businesses for a good time," Hammond said. "There is a need for something positive to bring people together and we've done it."

Manney said she is most anticipating the cardboard boat regatta, but enjoys the plethora of activities for all ages over the four-day festival.

"The community has come to expect this," she said. "It's a real community celebration."

## Learn More

For more information and a full list of Springfield Days events, go to [www.springfielddays.com](http://www.springfielddays.com).



# CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to southcalendar@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6440 with questions. Deadline is Friday.

## THURSDAY/MAY 15

**Golf Tournament.** Lorton Arts Workhouse Classic golf tournament is 9 a.m., at Laurel Hill Golf Club, 8701 Laurel Crest Drive, Lorton. Registration 8 a.m. Call 703-517-4548 or 703-495-0001 or see www.lortonarts.org.

**Rocky Gutterman,** through May 17 at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit www.katesirishpub.com.

## FRIDAY/MAY 16

**Rocky Gutterman,** through May 17 at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit www.katesirishpub.com.

**Dying Fetus, Sworn Enemy, Origin, Thy Will Be Done, Fallen Martyr, Headache, Suffer No More.** All ages. \$15 in advance, \$18 day of. 6:30 p.m. at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Tickets available at the club or through Ticketmaster. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

**Nature Night Hike.** Nighttime stroll over wooden terrain and look for nightlife. Participants will learn about nocturnal activities of forest residents. Dress for the weather and bring a flashlight. Hike is appropriate for children 7 and older. \$5 per adult, \$3 for children under 16, prepaid reservations required. Meet at the Visitors Center Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield, 703-569-3464.

**Ponderings – Scavengers.** A naturalist unveils the strange world

and diet of scavengers. \$4 per person, prepaid reservations required. 4-5 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield, 703-451-9588.

**“Three for the Show,”** three one-act plays from the Greenspring Players theater group of Springfield, featuring comedy, drama and mystery. \$5 per person. 7 p.m. at the Greenspring Retirement Community's Village Square Theater, 7410 Spring Village Drive, Springfield. Contact Dot Brown at 703-451-1537 to purchase tickets and for information. Continues Saturday.

**Bike to Work Day.** Join area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a way to get to work. Bikes can ride free on Metrorail and Metro buses for the day. For more information, including a list of local events, visit www.waba.org.

## SATURDAY/MAY 17

**Arthritis Walk.** The Arthritis Foundation's signature event features a three-mile and one-mile course at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Registration is 9 a.m. and walks are 10 a.m. For more see http://arthritiswalk.kintera.org/fairfax.

**Rocky Gutterman at Kate's Irish Pub,** 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit www.katesirishpub.com.

**Battle of the Bands with more than 15 groups.** All ages. Noon at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Tickets available at the club or through Ticketmaster. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

**Joint Concerts by Messiah and Aldersgate United Methodist Churches,** featuring Rutter's

Manificat and smaller works. Two performances: 3 p.m. at Messiah UMC, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield, 703-569-9862 and 8 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, 703-765-6555.

**Big Band Dinner Auction with the West Springfield High School Band** boosters, including live music, silent auction and games. 6 p.m. at the school cafeteria, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Admission includes dinner and is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 5-12. Visit www.wshsband.org/auction.

**Nature Nook with a Book – Reptile Love.** Hidden Pond's naturalist presents a free, all-ages program about reptiles. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. For reservations, call 703-451-8055.

**World Children's Choir** seasonal concert featuring selections from Mozart's “The Magic Flute” and music from Austria, Canada, China, Korea, Italy, Japan, Turkey and the United States. 7 p.m. at the Ernest Cultural Center Theater, NOVA Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for children, students and seniors. Visit www.WorldChildrensChoir.org or call 703-883-0920.

**Hike Pohick and South Run Valley Stream Parks:** enjoy spring with a 10-mile one-way hike at a moderate pace following the water flow from Mercer and Burke Lakes towards Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Meet at 9:30 a.m. in the cul-de-sac near 7800 Creekside View Lane, Springfield. Bring water and lunch, no pets. Contact Henri Comeau at

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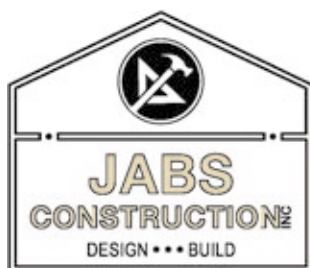


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The World Children's Choir's seasonal concert is Saturday, May 17.



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### Heather Hill Gardens Herb

**Festival**, with a British tea party theme, will be 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 8111 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Visitors will be able to taste and get recipes for herbal tea party favorites, learn about growing culinary herbs, and container gardening. Planting demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is free, visitors can take home a free herb plant. Call 703-690-6060.

**Choir Concert. Grace Presbyterian Church** presents a concert by the multicultural interfaith choir Mosaic Harmony and the Grace Church Choirs, 7 p.m. at the church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Free, but offering will be collected for Middle East ministries. Reception will follow. Call 703-451-2900 or visit [www.gracepresby.org](http://www.gracepresby.org).

**"Three for the Show,"** three one-act plays from the Greenspring Players theater group of Springfield, featuring comedy, drama and

### Up In Smoke Fest featuring A Life Once Lost and others.

Rescheduled from May 4. All ages. 1 p.m. at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Tickets available at the club or through Ticketmaster. Call 703-569-5940 or visit [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

### Potting Party and Plant Exchange.

The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society presents a hands-on descriptive program with Bonnie Mirmak on how to prepare soil for potting. Attendees will take home their free potted mum, and are asked to bring one of their own potted and labeled seedling or divided perennial to exchange with a fellow gardener. 2:30 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St., Falls Church. Open to the public, free admission and refreshments. Call Jim Dunn at 703-560-8776.

Adults. 7:30 p.m. at the Lorton Library 9520 Richmond Hwy., Lorton, 703-339-7385.

**Scum of the Earth, Ekotren, Rikets.** All ages. \$12 in advance, \$14 day of. 7 p.m. at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Tickets available at the club or through Ticketmaster. Call 703-569-5940 or visit [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

**Spring Concert by the West Springfield High School Band**, 7:30 p.m. at the school, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Free. Additional concert Tuesday. Visit [www.wshsband.org](http://www.wshsband.org).

### THURSDAY/MAY 22

**Jack Hidle**, through May 24 at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit [www.katesirishpub.com](http://www.katesirishpub.com).

### FRIDAY/MAY 23

**Jack Hidle**, through May 24 at Kate's Irish Pub, 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit [www.katesirishpub.com](http://www.katesirishpub.com).

**Ponderings - Pond Explorations.** Net tadpoles and other critters and watch a Mondo Pondo presentation. Dress to get messy. \$5 per person, reservations required. 4-5:30 p.m. at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield, 703-451-9588.

### SATURDAY/MAY 24

**Jack Hidle at Kate's Irish Pub**, 6131 North Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit [www.katesirishpub.com](http://www.katesirishpub.com).

**MAYHEM show featuring 10 bands.** All ages. \$10 in advance, \$12 day of. 2 p.m. at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Tickets available at the club or through Ticketmaster. Call 703-569-5940 or visit [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

**Sunset Cruise.** Admire the sunset and relax cruising the lake shoreline. An interpretive history of the park and area is included. Beverages served on board. \$5 per person, reservations required. 7:30 p.m. at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield, 703-569-3464.

**Butterfly Days.** Hand decorate paper butterflies and hang them on a special tree. These butterflies symbolize the new beginning for children within the Foster Care system. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in JC Penney Court at Springfield Mall, 6500 Springfield Mall. Call 703-971-3600.

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**Planting demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Heather Hill Gardens Herb Festival Saturday, May 17. Visitors take home a free plant.**

mystery. \$5 per person. 2 p.m. at the Greenspring Retirement Community's Village Square Theater, 7410 Spring Village Drive, Springfield. Contact Dot Brown at 703-451-1537 to purchase tickets and for information. Begins Friday.

### SUNDAY/MAY 18

**Karaoke at Kate's Irish Pub**, 6131 N. Backlick Road, Springfield. Call 703-866-0860 or visit [www.katesirishpub.com](http://www.katesirishpub.com).

### MONDAY/MAY 19

**Art in Lorton.** Learn about Lorton's Workhouse Arts Center. View a sideshow on the former Lorton Prison site's history and hear about the artist studios, art gallery, events center, museum, restaurants and more. Adults. 7:30 p.m. at the Lorton Library 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, 703-339-7385.

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**Candlemass, Daylight Dies, Twister Tower Dire, Witherous, Wisteria.** All ages. \$25 in advance, \$28 day of. 7:30 p.m. at Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Tickets available at the club or through Ticketmaster. Call 703-569-5940 or visit [www.jaxxroxx.com](http://www.jaxxroxx.com).

### TUESDAY/MAY 20

**Shapes and Sizes.** Stories, Activities and a craft. Age 2-5 with adult. 10:30 a.m. at the Lorton Library 9520 Richmond Highway., Lorton, 703-339-7385.

**Spring Concert by the West Springfield High School Band**, 7:30 p.m. at the school, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Free. Additional concert Wednesday. Visit [www.wshsband.org](http://www.wshsband.org).

### WEDNESDAY/MAY 21

**Book Club.** "The Mayor of Casterbridge" by Thomas Hardy.



# BULLETIN BOARD

To have community events listed in the Connection, send to southcalendar@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6440. Deadline is Friday.

## THURSDAY/MAY 15

### Planning Commission Meeting.

8:15 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center Board auditorium, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Contact Linda Rodeffer at 703-324-2865.

**Networking Mixer.** 5-7 p.m. at Cox Business Services, 7741 Southern Drive, Springfield. Members and visitors, free; others \$15.

## SATURDAY/MAY 17

### Republican Convention – 11<sup>th</sup>

**Congressional District.** West Springfield High School, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield.

Participants will choose delegates to the Republican National Convention, some party officeholders and more. Congressional nomination information TBA. For registration details, contact 703-352-1337.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Congressional District

#### Democratic Convention.

Scheduled speakers include U.S. Sen. Jim Webb, State Sen. Dick Saslaw and the four candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for Congress in the district. Participants will elect

national delegates and an alternate to the Democratic National Convention in Denver. Noon at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Registration begins at 11 a.m. Contact George Burke at georgeburke@cox.net or call 202-288-2104.

## TUESDAY/MAY 20

### Review of BRAC APR nominations at the Woodlawn Community Business Center, and presentations of the Hilltop and Pallone Plan Amendment.

7 p.m. at the West Springfield Governmental Center, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield. Visit

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/brac/taskforce.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/brac/taskforce.htm).

**Celebration of national foster care month**, honoring people whom make a different. Noon at the Adolescent and Family Growth Center, Inc, 8000 Forbes Place, Suite 201, Springfield. For information about the center, the event or foster care month, contact Sara Sherri at 703-425-9200.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 21

### Springfield Mall Update Lunch.

Join Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce members and guests for an update on the redevelopment of Springfield Mall. The mall project

includes multiple phases and will include interior and external facing retail, office space, a hotel, civic component, green space, etc. Networking 11 a.m., lunch at noon, 12:30 p.m. program, at the Springfield Golf and Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road. Advanced registration required, visit [www.springfieldchamber.org](http://www.springfieldchamber.org).

### Volunteer Awards Reception with OAR of Fairfax County, Inc.

State Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) will be the keynote speaker, 6:30 p.m. at the Waterford at Fair Oaks, 12025 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway. For information call 703-246-3033, e-mail [info@oarfairfax.org](mailto:info@oarfairfax.org) or visit [www.oarfairfax.org](http://www.oarfairfax.org).



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Give your written or verbal comments at the hearing, or submit them, by June 5, 2008, to Roger Boothe, Project Manager, VDOT, 6400 Commerce Street, Springfield, VA 22150. You may also e-mail your comments to: [Meeting\\_Comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov](mailto:Meeting_Comments@VDOT.Virginia.gov). Please reference "Capital Beltway HOT Lanes" in the subject heading.

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## CAMPS & SCHOOLS

### West Springfield Students Going to Girls State

These West Springfield High School students will be attending Girls State this summer: from left, Gloria Kim, Claire Du and Monique Morales. Not pictured are Allison Van Gilst and Amanda Hursch (alternate).



### Spartans To Attend Boys State

These West Springfield High School students will be attending Boys State this summer: from left, Dan Williams, Tec Richards and Chris Prohoda.



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### Spartans To Attend Governor's School

These West Springfield High School students will be attending Governor's School for the Gifted this summer: from left, Michelle Reinhold, Visual Arts; Bess Lawrie, Visual and Performing Arts (Dance); back row, Erik Snow, Visual and Performing Arts (Piano); and Paul Grillo, Humanities.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Know something that should be featured in School Notes? Awards? Special events? School fairs? Send email to [schools@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:schools@connectionnewspapers.com).

**Christopher Newport University** announces that these Springfield area students have accepted scholarships for the President's Leadership Program (PLP) beginning Fall 2008: **Calvin Campbell, Christopher McDonald, Caitlin Smith and Kimberly Wentz**. The President's Leadership Program attracts bright, well-rounded individuals desiring to lead and shape their communities, the nation and the world.

**Students from Fairfax County Public Schools** won top honors in four categories of the Virginia History Day competition held recently in Williamsburg.

Winners included:  
 ❖ **Becky Koenig** of West Springfield High School, first place in Historical Paper, Senior Division, for "Booker T. Washington: Compromise With Equality, Conflict with Justice"; Cathleen Boivin, teacher.

❖ **Emily Wolfeich** of Edison High School, first place in Individual Performance, Senior Division, for "My Task is to Defend Myself: Compromise to Conflict in the Life of Sor Juana"; Paul Wolfeich, sponsor.

❖ **Joe Lacroix, Beth Stinson, and Tim Wing** of West Springfield High School, first place in Web Site, Senior Division, for "Bleeding Kansas"; Cathleen Boivin, teacher.

Placing second were:  
 ❖ **Marissa Beale** of West Springfield High School, second place in Individual Documentary, Senior Division, for "The Protocols of the Elders of

Zion"; Cathleen Boivin, teacher.

❖ **Matt Wattendorf** of Springfield Estates Elementary, second place in Web Site, Junior Division, for "The Founding of the E.I. du Pont de Nemours Company"; Deborah Witt, teacher.

Third place finishers included:

❖ **Katy Egan** of West Springfield High School, third place in Historical Paper, Senior Division, for "Ireland's Two Leaders and the Compromise that Divided a Nation"; Cathleen Boivin, teacher.

The theme of the 2008 contest is Conflict and Compromise. Students were encouraged to examine their topic's influence on history and draw conclusions about the ways in which their topic had an impact on the course of events and on individuals, communities, nations, or the world.

The National History Day competition is scheduled for June 15-19 in College Park, Maryland.

**The sixth Chatterbox Fun Fair** will be Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Kings Glen Elementary School in Springfield. This Fun Fair is designed for students in preschool through sixth grade who use assistive technology to communicate.

Nearly 400 students and their families have been invited to attend the fair, which will feature games and activities especially adapted for students with limited verbal skills. The students use communication boards with picture symbols as well as devices that produce verbal messages when a switch or message area is pushed, such as BIGmack, Tech/Talk 8, and DynaVox.

A helicopter and a K-9 team from the Fairfax County Police Department are scheduled to be on hand. Students attending the fair will also be able to

participate in creating a community quilt. Information from other Fairfax County offices, including Health and Human Services, will be available.

**The West Springfield High School Spartan Boosters Club** will be have its annual Golf Tournament on Friday, May 16. The tournament is open to all. The Tournament will take place at the General's Ridge Golf Course, Manassas Park. The cost of \$100 per player and will help the student-athletes on Friday. Captains Choice Scramble Tournament with trophies for the top three places and raffles. See [www.spartansports.org](http://www.spartansports.org) or call Mike Slachta at 703-440-0245.

**Plans are underway** for the West Springfield High School Band Boosters' Third Annual Big Band Dinner Auction on Saturday, May 17. The event features live music, a silent auction and games in the high school cafeteria, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Admission includes dinner at the cost of \$20 for adults and \$10 for children ages 5-12. Go to [www.wshsband.org/auction](http://www.wshsband.org/auction).

**TOT Preschool**, located at Sydenstricker UMC, 8308 Hooes Road, Springfield, is registering 3- and 4-year-olds for the 2008-09 school year. Half-day classes available two, three or five days per week. Pre-K program available five days a week from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Music/movement class weekly, foreign language classes for 4-year-old students. Call 703-644-6384.

**St. John's Center for Early Childhood Education** accepts registration for the 2008-09 school year. Located at 5312 Backlick Road, Springfield, the school offers preschool classes for ages 2, 3, 4, 5 and pre-k. Call 703-256-7748.

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# Spartans Lose District, But Win Shootout

West Springfield girls lacrosse bounces back from district title loss to defeat Langley.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE  
THE CONNECTION

The West Springfield girls lacrosse team had a five days to ponder what could have been. Heading into the Northern Region playoffs, the second-seeded Patriot District representative wanted to avert a district championship hang over, and move on to the district quarterfinals.

West Springfield hosted Langley, the Liberty's third seed, on Tuesday, downing the Saxons in a wild 17-15 affair. The Spartans will now face Oakton, the fourth seed from the Concorde, who pounded Yorktown, 21-4, on Tuesday.

Top-seeded Annandale captured the girls district title with an exciting, yet gut-wrenching 11-10 defeat of the Spartans on May 8. It was a rematch of last season's district championship, except that last season, West Springfield ended as the victors.

junior Rachel Tomlinson and Bonnie Lalach, the younger sister of current University of Virginia quarterback Peter Lalach, helped to displace Hayfield and South County in the first two rounds. Tomlinson scored five goals against the Hawks and another five on six shots against the Stallions.

In the championship, the Spartans faced for the Atoms for the second time this season. Annandale stole a 10-8 decision on the road on April 7, giving West Springfield one of its two district losses.

But these were the playoffs, and the Spartans, who had been hit hard by graduation last season, had won six straight following a 4-4 start. And junior Rachel Tomlinson and Bonnie Lalach, the younger sister of current University of Virginia quarterback Peter Lalach had been torching the net.

## West Springfield's Road To Victory

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score
3/12	Chantilly	L	18-3
3/14	Westfield	L	12-8
3/26	T.C. Williams	W	17-3
3/28	West Potomac	W	12-6
3/31	Langley	W	12-10
4/7	Annandale	L	10-8
4/9	South County	L	10-9
4/15	Lake Braddock	W	7-6
4/25	Dominion	W	17-9
4/28	Lee	W	20-5
4/30	Hayfield	W	16-7
5/1	Hayfield	W	12-5
5/5	South County	W	15-11
5/8	Annandale	L	11-10
5/13	Langley	W	17-15

Tomlinson scored five goals in the 12-5 Hayfield win and another five on six shots in the 15-11 defeat of South County.

West Springfield (10-5) actually controlled the time of possession, had more shots, and scooped up more groundballs, but Annandale freshman goalkeeper Emma Barker made sure it wasn't to be. Thwarting six-of-seven point blank shot attempts in the second half en route to erasing a three-goal halftime deficit, the Atoms pulled off the come-from-behind victory.

Annandale (15-3) notched three straight goals in the second half, but West Springfield senior midfielder Tory Cenerazio helped the Spartans inch ahead. That's when Barker stepped up — and West Springfield fell apart.

Atom junior midfielder Annie Weiser scored the last of her game-high four goals, which would prove to be the game-winner, with 43 seconds left to seal the raucous win.

That was incentive enough for the young Spartans to prove their meddle against Langley.

**MEANWHILE, THE SPARTAN** boys lacrosse team ended their season with a first round exit to Langley, the Liberty District champions. Playing in a doubleheader right after the girls, the Saxons spanked the Spar-



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

The Spartans couldn't get away from Annandale, who scored with 43 seconds left to capture the Patriot District title.



West Springfield did manage to avoid Langley, winning an offensive-minded 17-15 first round regional game.

tans, 11-2, to earn a Thursday quarterfinal meeting with Concorde power Oakton, who defeated Mount Vernon, 12-5, on Tuesday.

It was another setback for West Springfield, who finished 7-6 overall and lost 9-4 to eventual tournament winner Annandale in the semifinals of the district tournament.

After a midseason five-game winning streak, the Spartans dropped two one-goal games and four of their last six.

Spartan midfielder Eric Schauder was named all-region honorable mention, as was defender A.J. White. Only two Patriot District representatives made first-team all-region.

## Bruins Boys Lax Falls in District, Region Tournaments

Annandale notches overtime goal; Madison advances with road win.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE  
THE CONNECTION

After losing only three games during the regular season, the Lake Braddock boys lacrosse team fizzled late, dropping its last two games to end the season rather unceremoniously.

Off the heels of a heartbreaking 7-6 overtime loss to Annandale in the Patriot

District tournament, the Bruins dropped its first round regional game at home to Madison, 16-10, on Tuesday.

After losing 9-8 to the Atoms on March 28 — the last time it had lost heading into the district tournament — the Bruins reeled off eight straight wins. As the No. 2 seed, they upended struggling West Potomac, 12-2, in the first round of the district tournament. Four days later, Lake Braddock clung on to an 8-7 victory against South County.

In the district championship, Annandale senior Dylan Volk scored the game-winner in sudden death overtime to give the Atoms their second-ever district title.

Lake Braddock had a chance to win outright in regulation. With a one-goal lead, Annandale senior attackman Matt Johnson managed to punch in a game-tying goal past Bruin goalkeeper Will Peabody.

Lake Braddock senior co-captain Woody Kidd scored three goals against Annandale se-

nior goalie Kevin McCracken, who held the Bruins to its lowest scoring total since a Spring Break tournament game on March 20. And that was a game it actually won.

Against Madison on Tuesday, the Bruins allowed a season-high 16 goals. The Warhawks

Lake Braddock finished the season 11-5 despite winning 11 of 12 games after starting the season with two straight losses.





PHOTO BY MICHAEL O'KEEFE

**The Thomas Jefferson Men's First 8 receives gold medals. Front, holding Eric Rothstein trophy, coxswain Raj Goel (Herndon). Back row, from left, Stephen Mathews, Chris Rutley, Chris Gear, Nolan Pollack, Nader Al-Naji, Patrick Collard, Colin Haas, Phil Grisdela.**

## Jefferson Crew Wins Gold at States

For the Jefferson Colonials, last Saturday's Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship had a special significance. The regatta included a ceremony in memory of former Jefferson rowing coach Eric Rothstein, who was killed in 2001. Driven by their desire to honor Rothstein and to continue their decade long winning streak, Thomas Jefferson's Men's Varsity 8 quickly took the lead in the finals and raced to a gold medal finish. Also finishing in first place for Jefferson were the Women's 2nd 8 and the Men's 3rd. Taking home silver for the Colonials were the Men's 2nd 8 and Women's 3rd 8. Next week, TJ will compete in Philadelphia for the prestigious Stotesbury Cup, with the Men's Varsity 8 and Women's 2nd 8 defending their championship titles.

### SUMMER CAMPS

South County will hold its summer **boys basketball** camp in three sessions this July. The first session will be held from July 14 to July 18. The second session will be held from July 21 to July 25 and the third session will be held from July 28 to August 1. Each session will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and are open to ages 18 to 15. The camp will cost \$180. For more information, call South County boys head coach Mike Pflugrath at 703-446-1680 or email at Michael.Pflugrath@fcps.edu. For the latest information, go to [www.StallionSports.org](http://www.StallionSports.org).

South County Athletic Boosters present a Summer 'Real' **Girls Lacrosse** Camp from June 22 to June 25 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. First graders through junior varsity-level players are welcome. At the camp, rookies will learn solid basic skills and positioning in game-like situations. Experienced players will learn skills necessary to play in high school with emphasis on defensive techniques. The cost of the game will be \$80. For further information and a registration form, check [www.stallionsports.org](http://www.stallionsports.org) or contact Barbara Mahony at 703-446-1681 or email at Barbara.Mahony@fcps.edu.

The South County Athletic Boosters present the Stallion **Field Hockey** camp, running from June 23 to June 27 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the South County Athletic Complex. Rising second through ninth graders are eligible. The cost of the camp will be \$150. For more information, contact Leah Conte at 703-446-1571 or email at [leah.conte@fcps.edu](mailto:leah.conte@fcps.edu). Visit [www.stallionsports.org](http://www.stallionsports.org) to download a brochure.

Lake Braddock will hold two **baseball** camps this summer. The Future Stars Little League Camp, for ages 7-12, will run for three sessions.

The first session will run from June 23 to June 27. The second session will run from June 30 to July 3 and the third will run from July 14 to July 18. Each session will cost \$140. Attending two sessions will cost \$250. Three sessions will cost \$350. The Bruins' Big Diamond Development Camp, for ages 13-16, will run for two sessions. The first session will run from July 7 to July 11 and the second camp will run from July 21 to July 25. The cost will be \$140 for one session or \$250 for both. Each camp will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, visit [www.lakebraddocksports.org](http://www.lakebraddocksports.org).

The 2008 Lake Braddock Bruins **Girls Basketball** Camp will run from June 30 to July 3 for third graders to rising freshman. The camp will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost will be \$140. For more information, feel free to contact the Lake Braddock basketball office at 703-426-1068.

The 2008 Lake Braddock Bruins **Boys Basketball** camp will run for three weeks this summer. The first week, for third graders to rising freshman, will run from June 23 to June 27. The second week, for third graders to rising freshman, will run from July 7 to July 11. The third week, for rising seventh graders to rising seniors, will run from July 14 to July 18. Each week will run from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost will be \$175 per week. For more information, feel free to contact the Lake Braddock basketball office at 703-426-1068.

The West Springfield High School **boys basketball** program will be holding three weeks of basketball camps this summer. The first week – the "offensive camp" – will run from June 30 to July 3 from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. and will cost \$100. The Spartans will also have two full-week, all-day camps July 7 to July 11 and July 21 to July 25, which will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both sessions will cost \$150. Further information and registra-

### SPORTS BRIEFS

## Former Hokie Pitcher Having Stellar Start

Former Virginia Tech left-hander Joe Saunders, has had an incredible start to the 2008. As the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim ace, the third-year pitcher started a perfect 6-0, before losing his latest start at Tampa Bay on May 10.

Currently the Springfield native is in a 10-way tie for second in the league for wins (six) and 12th in earned run average (2.48).

Saunders' best outing was a four-hit, eight-inning shutout of the Oakland A's on April 29. He's yet to give up more than four runs this season despite a meager \$450,000 yearly contract.

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound left was drafted in the first round (12th overall) by the Angels in 2002. After being promoted to single-A Cedar Rapids in 2002, he missed the entire 2003 season because of a left shoulder injury. He played with single-A Rancho Cucamonga in 2004 and was promoted to double-A Arkansas in 2004.

In 2005, Saunders went to triple-A Salt Lake, before making his major league debut on August 16 against the Toronto Blue Jays.

Saunders played college baseball at Virginia Tech, where he compiled a 27-7 career record. His 27 wins tied him for third place in most career wins in school history.

## Ko Finishes Freshman Season For Red Devils

Sunnie Ko, a 2007 West Springfield graduate, scored a game-tying four goals and handed out an assist, but it wasn't enough for the Dickinson College women's lacrosse team win the Eastern College Athletic Conference Metro/South Region Tournament on Sunday afternoon. Finishing with a 12-6 record, the top-seeded Red Devils lost, 22-16, to second-seeded Stevens Tech.

Ko scored four goals, controlled three draws and had two assists in the 21-10 semifinal win on over Drew University on Saturday afternoon.

For the season, the freshman midfielder played in all 17 games, scoring 29 goals and 10 assists.

tion forms can be found at [www.spartansports.org](http://www.spartansports.org). Call Dick Wickline at 703-913-3874 or email at [wshsbbcamp@gmail.com](mailto:wshsbbcamp@gmail.com) for more information.

Hayfield High School will hold its 2008 summer **boys basketball** camp in three sessions starting June 23. The first session will be held from June 23 from June 28. The second session will be from June 30 to July 3. The third session will be from July 7 to July 15. Each session will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily. Sessions one and three will cost \$175 for walk-ins and \$165 for early registration. Session two will cost \$140 for walk-ins and \$125 for early registration. The basketball camp will emphasize the development of fundamental basketball skills. The players will be given the opportunity to play five-on-five and three-on-three games as well as participate in daily competitions.

Please direct all questions regarding the camp to coach Stanley Babbit at 703-786-8591 or [Stanley.Babbit@fcps.edu](mailto:Stanley.Babbit@fcps.edu).

The Northern Virginia Region Cheer Coaches Association will hold its annual summer **cheerleading camp** in three sessions. On July 12, the NVRCCA camp will be at Centreville High School.

On July 19 and July 26, the camp will be at Fairfax High School. Each session will cost \$35, or \$90 for all three. For more information, contact NVRCCA Secretary Sarah Krawchuk at [sarah\\_santoro@hotmail.com](mailto:sarah_santoro@hotmail.com).

To advertise a summer camp, contact Connection Newspapers Sports Editor Paul Frommelt at [pfrommelt@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:pfrommelt@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-917-6409.

### WEEK NINE



## Northern Region Lacrosse Poll

*Presented by TripleEDGE Lacrosse*

### Boys Lacrosse

Rank	(First Place Votes)	Points	LW
1	Chantilly (12)	120	1
2	Langley (1)	117	3
3	Oakton	96	4
4	Madison	84	2
5	Westfield	68	6
6	Robinson	63	5
T-7	Annandale	57	8
T-7	WT Woodson	57	7
9	Lake Braddock	34	9
10	West Springfield	10	10

**Also receiving votes:** South County 6, Falls Church 3

**Coaches participating:** Annandale, Chantilly, Hayfield, Thomas Jefferson, Lake Braddock, Langley, Madison, McLean, Robinson, Stuart, West Potomac, W.T. Woodson, Yorktown

### Girls Lacrosse

Rank	(First Place Votes)	Points	LW
1	Robinson (8)	113	2
2	Chantilly (3)	104	1
3	Stone Bridge (1)	93	5
4	Oakton	74	3
5	WT Woodson	72	6
6	Westfield	57	4
7	Annandale	55	7
8	Langley	36	8
9	West Springfield	17	NR
10	South County	16	9

**Also receiving votes:** Yorktown 13, Herndon 4, Madison 4, Thomas Jefferson 2

**Coaches participating:** Annandale, Chantilly, Edison, Herndon, Langley, Madison, Marshall, Robinson, South County, Stone Bridge, Westfield, Yorktown

### Boys Lacrosse First-Team All-Region

Name	Position	School
Bryan Bayliss	Attack	South County
Matt Johnson	Attack	Annandale
Ross Fernandez	Attack	Woodson
A.J. Cybulski	Attack	Madison
Tyler Ott	Attack	Chantilly
Ian Mills	Midfield	Chantilly
Paul Gaski	Midfield	Woodson
Dilon Brothers	Midfield	Yorktown
Jake Nolan	Midfield	Chantilly
Stephen Kowalski	Midfield	Jefferson
Owen Masters	Midfield	Langley
Dylan Grimm	Defense	Oakton
Brett Burnette	Defense	Langley
Patrick Pembroke	Defense	Langley
Mike Quigg	Defense	Chantilly
Danny Conlin	Defense	Mount Vernon
Derek Keggerreis	Goalie	Chantilly
Ross Lavin	Goalie	Westfield

**Coach of the Year:** Kevin Broderick, Chantilly High School

**Assistant Coach of the Year:** Dennis Stewart, Lake Braddock Secondary School

**Sportsmanship Award:** Marshall High School

**Northern Region Man of the Year:** Bill Blaustein, Langley

— Girls lacrosse all-region team will be released next week.



# Hope for Brain Injury Survivors

Brain injury survivors face a long battle to regain their identities.

BY AMBER HEALY  
THE CONNECTION

**B**ob Lane does not remember what happened during his accident. All he knows is what he heard from witnesses after he woke up in the hospital.

"I had been driving on I-95 North when I was hit," he said. "My car rolled over five or six times, but I don't remember any of it."

About a year later, Lane and his wife noticed he was having difficulty remembering things, like where he had left papers he'd printed off his computer, where he put his glasses down or why he entered a room. He also had problems keeping his balance, often falling over without realizing he was falling.

"One day, I was writing stuff down and when I read it again, it didn't make any sense," Lane said. "I knew what I was writing while I was writing it, but if I read it later it was just a jumble of words."

Lane was later diagnosed with traumatic brain injury (TBI), a condition that consists of a variety of symptoms that arise from a hit to the head. Some symptoms, like memory loss or vision problems, are easily overlooked and waved off as another sign of old age, Lane said. However, these symptoms, when looked at comprehensively by a doctor, can indicate something much more serious.

**"With brain injuries, you lose your sense of self."**

— Marianne Talbot

**THE TYPE OF** damage to Lane's brain is not detectable by an MRI or other brain scan techniques, he said, because the damage is to the brain's electrical and nervous systems. Information is often scrambled or is not stored in the way it should be, he explained, but the problems caused by traumatic brain injury are not the same for every person with the condition.

During one of his hospital visits, he met Dr. Marianne Talbot, founder of the National Rehabilitation and Rediscovery Foundation, and learned about the Hope Project, a series of classes and workshops for people living with traumatic brain injury.

The Hope Project, which began last fall at the Northern Virginia campus of Virginia Tech in Falls Church, consists of four, two-hour class sessions each week. Students of varying ages and ability levels meet to discuss their difficulties and their goals for living more independent lives.

Talbot was inspired to develop the year-long course after talking with a veteran who just returned from Iraq with a traumatic brain injury, the symptoms of which are



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**The first class of the Hope Project meets at the Falls Church campus of Virginia Tech. From left: Somkhith Vonghakhone, Bob Lane, Marianne Talbot, John Hanley, Khampong Vonghakhone, Steve Michalski and Bill Murray.**

sometimes combined with post-traumatic stress syndrome.

The course was initially designed to help veterans and military personnel cope with their injuries, but there was a shortage of veterans available for the program, Talbot said.

When the veteran first joined the Hope Project, Lane said he often spoke about what he had seen during the war.

"He didn't socialize the same way with the civilians as he would with other military people," Lane said. "After a while, he realized we wanted to hear about him as a person, not about the war all the time."

Talbot decided to integrate the course, focusing more on life skills and individual goals for the time being.

"The military is used to taking care of its own, but eventually we hope there will be some cooperation with civilian groups," she said. None of the students in the first series of classes are active duty military.

Somkhith Vonghakhone of Alexandria comes to class with his mother, Khampong Vonghakhone. He was injured during a car crash on New Year's Eve 2002.

"I didn't have a seatbelt on," Somkhith Vonghakhone said slowly, carefully pronouncing each word. He has trouble remembering people's names and how he knows them.

"I know Marianne and Bob, but I don't remember where I know them from," he said. "I don't remember coming here. It gets annoying when you forget things."

Bill Murray of Falls Church had a sports

injury in college, but was able to complete his bachelor's degree in chemistry and math and went on to complete his master's degree in science education. He still teaches from time to time, but he admits that to look at him, a person would never know he has troubles remembering dates or events.

Steve Michalski of Gainesville survived a heart attack 13 months ago. Trained as a surgeon, he has trouble with his short-term memory.

**THE NEWEST** member of the class, John Hanley of Oakton, had been an analyst for Exxon Mobil for 20 years until a stroke last August.

"I suffered a TBI from the whole ordeal and now I'm trying to pick up some things this semester and continue in the fall so I can learn how I can get better," he said.

The men in the class discuss books they read a few pages at a time, sharing their ideas and re-learning how to remember information in small increments at a time. Talbot believes the men may be able to notice improvements in each other during the course of the semester better than they could see their own progress, and she is creating a measuring tool to that effect during this final month-long course.

Hanley said it was too early for him to notice any changes, but others said they have seen improvements since the class started last fall, when Virginia Tech provided the National Rehabilitation and Rediscovery Foundation with the in-kind donation of classroom space.

"Just getting on a regular schedule is helpful," Murray said.

Talbot said the group has already taken

## Learn More

For more information about the National Rehabilitation and Rediscovery Foundation or the Hope Project, go to [www.nrrf.us](http://www.nrrf.us) or contact Marianne Talbot at [mtalbot@vt.edu](mailto:mtalbot@vt.edu).

on one large project, speaking during a commencement exercise at Shenandoah University for a class of occupational therapists.

"We had to write our speeches to answer the questions they would have for us about our injuries," Murray said. "It was challenging, but I don't think anyone was nervous to speak to the group."

As part of the Hope Project and the National Rehabilitation and Rediscovery Foundation's partnership with Shenandoah University, Murray receives some occupational therapy from students who need practice before earning their certification, Talbot said.

In addition to time spent in a traditional classroom, talking about new ways to tackle old, simple tasks, a series of movement classes is offered in Arlington and Alexandria to help traumatic brain injury sufferers regain their balance and improve their flexibility.

The goal for the programs, whether in a classroom or in a mirrored dance studio, is simple, Talbot said.

"With brain injuries, you lose your sense of self," she said. "What we're hoping to do is help people relearn who they are and regain a sense of who they are and who they want to be. Our big question is what do you want to do with your life, and then we try to get the skills and resources together to achieve that goal."



# HEALTH & FITNESS

Health notes are for support groups, exercise classes, blood drives and similar events open to the public at no or minimal cost. Send information to [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-917-6440. Deadline is Friday.

As part of his Eagle Scout Project, **Michael Ariale** is hosting a **Bone Marrow Donor Registry Drive** with The National Marrow Donor Program at Burke Presbyterian Church, 5690 Oak Leather Drive, Burke, on **Saturday, May 17**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The first step to becoming a volunteer donor is to join the NMDP Registry. Anyone who meets the health guidelines and is age 18-60 can join the registry. After completing a brief health questionnaire, volunteer donors have a cheek swab for tissue testing and sign a consent form. To find out more about marrow transplantation, registering for the May 17 drive, and other ways to help, contact Michael Ariale at 703-866-3733 or [NVAmarrowdrive@yahoo.com](mailto:NVAmarrowdrive@yahoo.com). Or contact Juliette Williams of the NMDP at 1-888-814-8610 or by visiting [www.marrow.org](http://www.marrow.org).

**The Northern Virginia Alliance on Smoking or Health** has published "Your Springfield and Burke Guide to Smoke-Free Dining." The guide was published with grant funds from the Virginia Department of Health's Tobacco Use Control Project. The guide lists restaurants in Springfield and Burke that offer smoke-free dining.

The guide is free. To obtain a copy, visit the South Run RECenter, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. To receive a copy by mail, call Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services at 703-324-5213.

**The Arthritis Walk** is the national Arthritis Foundation's annual signature event that raises funds and awareness to fight arthritis. May is National Arthritis Month, and the event is **Saturday, May 17**, at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Participants can choose a 1-mile or 3-mile walk. Register online at <http://arthritiswalk.kintera.org/fairfax>. Day-of registration begins at 9 a.m., walk begins at 10 and will last until about noon with other family activities to follow. Other Arthritis Foundations events can be found at [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org).

People living with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia are invited to the program, **"Living Well with CLL,"** on **Saturday, May 31**, 9:30 a.m.-noon, at the Life with Cancer Family Center, 2700 Prosperity Ave., #100, Fairfax. The program will include an update on new treatments with Georg Aue, M.D., of the National Cancer Institute and a panel presentation of people living with CLL. To register for this free program, call The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at 703-960-1100, ext. 231 or e-mail [sarah.singer@lls.org](mailto:sarah.singer@lls.org).

**Inova Heath System's Congregational Health Partnership** has been named a 2007 Healthy Hero Award winner. The Healthy Hero Awards program was created by the Amerigroup Foundation to recognize teachers, schools, physicians and community-based organizations that have demonstrated outstanding leadership or innovation in the area of health promotion.

Inova's Congregational Health Partnership was selected for its efforts in addressing health promotion in the context of a mind-spirit-body connection in

the Northern Virginia area. The Partnership's outreach stresses primary prevention and is innovatively done through health ministries in multi-faith communities. As part of the award, the Amerigroup Foundation is donating \$1,000 to the Inova Health System Foundation.

**NOVACO Transitional Housing** is a non-profit program for victims of domestic abuse. Through HUD funding and community and church donations, the organization offers a comprehensive two-year transitional housing program for families including counseling, education for job enhancement, life skills training and child care. All clients receive follow-up counseling for up to two years after graduation from the program. Call 202-723-3000.

**Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous** is a program for individuals recovering from addictive eating and anorexia based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins at our meetings. Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 8 a.m., at Westwood Baptist Church, 8200 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Call 1-877-805-2823 for more information and other times and locations.

**Sunrise Assisted Living of Fairfax** offers a short-term stay program for aging persons. Fees vary depending on the community and personal care needs. Three meals per day are included. Program is designed for one week's stay to several months. For more, call 703-691-0046. Sunrise of Fairfax is located at 9207 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax.

## FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [south@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:south@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-917-6440. Deadline is Friday.

**Temple B'nai Shalom** will offer a monthly Tot Shabbat Service on **Friday, May 16** at 7 p.m. This service is geared for all children from infants through age 6. The temple is located at 7612 Old Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Call 703-764-2901.

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**, 6509 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, is having a Mayfair on **Saturday, May 17**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Children's games, crafts, food, music, plant sale, silent auction and more. Proceeds will benefit the church's Ministry for Tomorrow capital campaign. For more information, visit [www.standrews.net](http://www.standrews.net).

Stop Hunger Now **food packaging event**. Assemble meals to feed people facing food shortages, **Saturday, May 17**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hooes Road, Springfield. Families are welcome and asked to donate at least 20 minutes to the effort, children must be accompanied by a parent. No need to register. Visit [www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org) or [www.sumcdisciples.org](http://www.sumcdisciples.org), or call 703-451-8223.

Sale of children's materials, **Saturday, May 17**, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.,

with half-price after noon, at **St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church**, 5222 Sideburn Road, Fairfax. Call 703-385-9506.

"Everything Has To Go" yard sale, **Saturday, May 17**, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. rain or shine at **Kirkwood Presbyterian Church**, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. Proceeds support the Kirkwood Youth Group mission trip this summer.

**Used Book and Curriculum Sale** at **Sovereign Grace Church**, 5200 Ox Road, Fairfax, **Saturday, May 17**, 8 a.m.-noon. Shoppers and sellers are welcome. Those wishing to sell homeschool books and curricula may rent tables for a fee of 10 percent of total proceeds. To rent a table, contact Kathy Rossell at [kathleenrossell@yahoo.com](mailto:kathleenrossell@yahoo.com).

**Ekoji Buddhist Temple**, 6500 Lake Haven Lane, Fairfax Station, is hosting a workshop on **Naikan**, a method of self-reflection, with Mark LaWall on **Saturday, May 17**, 2-5 p.m. The workshop is free and lunch will be provided. Visit [www.ekoji.org](http://www.ekoji.org).

**Grace Presbyterian Church** presents a concert by the multicultural, interfaith choir, Mosaic Harmony, and the Grace Church Choirs on **Saturday, May 17** at 7 p.m. at the church, 7434 Bath St., Springfield. Free. Offering collected for Middle East ministries. Reception to follow. Call 703-451-2900 or visit [www.gracepresby.org](http://www.gracepresby.org).

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## Mortgage Rates Almost Unchanged

Freddie Mac reported that the 30-year-fixed rate mortgage averaged 6.05 percent in the week ending May 8 (Thursday) down very slightly from the week before (6.06 percent). The 30-year-fixed rate mortgage averaged 6.21 percent in 2007.

Fifteen year fixed rate and Treasury indexed adjustable rate mortgages varied very little as well.

"Despite a weak housing market, mortgage rates remained almost unchanged this week based on better-than-expected economic data releases indicating that the economy still has some staying power," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac vice president and chief economist.

"Job losses lessened in April and conditions in both the manufacturing and the service industry outperformed market forecasts. Worker productivity also rose in the first quarter as increases in labor diminished."

Nothaft said the housing market is still struggling and that, coupled with higher delinquency and foreclosure rates, meant home ownership had dropped to 67.8 in the first quarter of 2008, the lowest rate since 67.6 in the second quarter of 2002."

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Flooring contractor **Builders Floor Service** of Springfield was recently re-certified through the NAHB Research Center's National Housing Quality (NHQ) Certified Trade Contractor Program.

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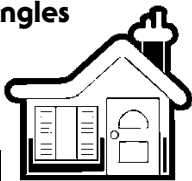


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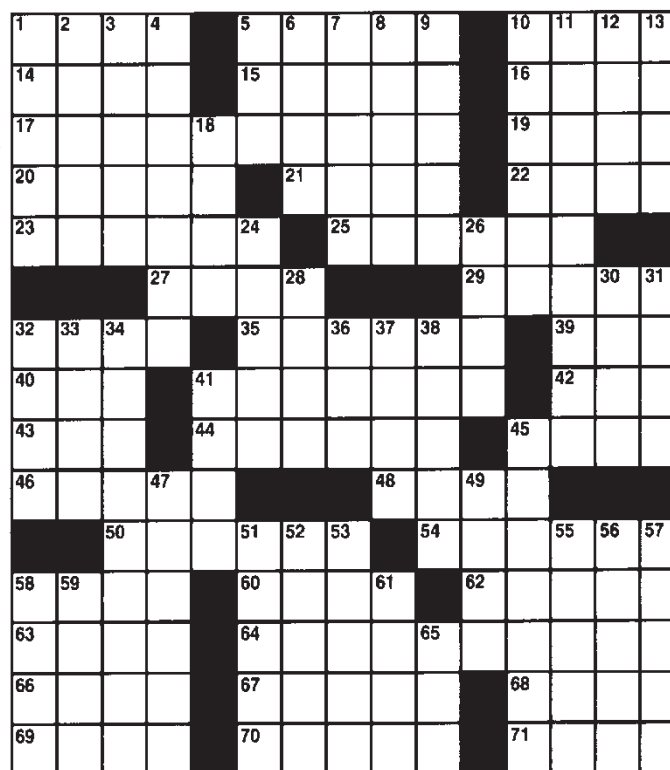
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## ACROSS

- 1 German river to the North Sea
- 5 Houston N.L. er
- 10 Fictional captain with an ivory leg
- 14 Fishing rod attachment
- 15 Oarsman
- 16 Malcolm X, for Denzel Washington
- 17 Where the President works
- 19 Minute amount
- 20 Jeans material
- 21 Regarding
- 22 Dick and Jane's dog
- 23 Skipped the wedding
- 25 Coin flips
- 27 High-hatter
- 29 Cockeyed
- 32 Seldom seen
- 35 Zoo inhabitants
- 39 Ill temper
- 40 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
- 41 Sewing groups
- 42 L.B.J.'s successor
- 43 Bed-and-breakfast

- 44 Scrabble unit
- 45 Yards in passing, e.g.
- 46 Accepted doctrine
- 48 Shrink—
- 50 Yellowbelly
- 54 Draw out
- 58 Auto racer A. J.
- 60 Sticky stuff
- 62 Hole— (ace)
- 63 "That hurts!"
- 64 Camelot fixture
- 66 Iwo Jima, e.g.
- 67 Hot coal
- 68 Study for finals
- 69 Lustful look
- 70 — Park, Col.
- 71 Makes bales for the barn

## DOWN

- 1 Wear away, as earth
- 2 Carpenter's tool
- 3 Community gambling game
- 4 Area south of the White House, with "the"
- 5 Poodle's bark

- 28 Lahr of "The Wizard of Oz"
- 30 Humorous Bombeck
- 31 "What — wrong?"
- 32 Narc's bust
- 33 Cartoonist Peter
- 34 Wagner work
- 36 Have work in Hollywood
- 37 Lot
- 38 — Haute, Ind.
- 41 Falcon feature
- 45 Popeye's muscle builder
- 47 May honoree
- 49 Came down to earth
- 51 Be in harmony
- 52 Motel units
- 53 Harbor suspicions
- 55 Snake charmer's snake
- 56 Dental filling
- 57 Abounds
- 58 Aluminum sheet
- 59 River in England
- 61 Where gramps jounces junior
- 65 A.M.A. members

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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# Write On!

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



I have never been a knight in shining armor. Nor have I ever been a man in uniform (Cub Scouts and organized team sports notwithstanding). Certainly I have been a fish out of water and on occasion, I will admit to having been a bit of a wallflower. I may not be the most memorable character you'll ever meet, but nor am I totally forgettable, either. I try not to take up too much space (figuratively speaking) and require very little attention as well. Left alone, I will not wither and die.

Basically, I need to be fed and watered daily, just like our mini rex rabbit, Chester; he seems fairly content to nibble his kibble, crinkle his nose, drink his water, inhale his kale, and toss his toys from side to side and seems not bitter at all when he uses his litter. When out and about (about 30 minutes a day), he hops and hops and chews everything in sight, and a few things we can't see so he needs to be monitored at all times (not unlike some people I know).

Left well enough alone, he will cause goat-like carnage in the house (he's an indoor bunny). He's already chewed Comcast cable wires, "Monster" brand stereo cables, newspapers and magazines, the fringe on Oriental rugs, upholstery and anything and everything he can get his buck teeth on. As simple and mundane as his routine/life appears to be, he seems content, so far as we know. I mean, we haven't received any complaints as yet, and he's been a member of the family going on five years.

It seems like the responsibilities I have — and fulfill — with respect to care-giving our animals (four at present; two cats, one dog and of course, Chester), are the closest I'll get to wearing shining armor. And yet, I'll likely never know if that's how my actions are perceived. Will a cat rubbing his hind quarters against my leg or curling his tail under my nose mean love, gratitude and appreciation? Or will he merely be scratching an itch and I'm the closest thing around? Does my dog Bailey's close proximity to my body indicate his love for me or am I simply protection from a nearby draft or is it a non-verbal queue to "treat" him as soon as I get up? Is Chester's licking of my hand yet another sign of love and affection or is it, as my wife, Dina, has suggested, merely his need for salt and moisture (a salt lick is a recommended in-cage necessity for rabbits)?

Obviously the animals can't talk to me (unless this was a Disney movie), but their actions speak volumes, right? I am their hero, their universe, their savior. Without me (and Dina, too) their life would be difficult, incomplete you might say. Their eyes, their focused glares, tell me all I need to know. And though they are not blood relatives, they are family nonetheless and providing their cradle to grave needs gives me a certain stature — and pride — that I don't think I would otherwise have, nor have ever had not having been in uniform — or armor — in my life (not counting Halloween, either).

Granted, there's more to life than animal magnetism, but given my modest demands and familial associations, I'm fairly content to walk quietly — and write weekly — as to my comings and goings, misgivings, faults and foibles and stick it to the man; that man most often being me. It's easy to take shots at others, anybody can do that. I'd rather stick to the subject matter I know best; me, myself and I. It may not be much but it beats the alternative.

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