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Apartments May Get Upgrade

Proposed redevelopment of Springfield Gardens Apartments moves forward.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

The Springfield Gardens Apartments on Cumberland Avenue have been around since the early 1950s. Built after World War II to provide low-rent housing, the complex in recent years has been a focal point of criticism from community leaders and business owners.

“We’re always concerned about the safety of the residents of the community and neighbors.”

— John Cowles, owner of Springfield Gardens Apartments

streets with the complex.

However, the apartments in their current form may be in their final years of existence after owners John Cowles and Thomas Davis nominated their property to be torn down and redeveloped into higher end apartment units

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Complaints of loitering, public drinking and various incidents of high-profile crimes have emanated in and around the apartments, though statistics provided by police officials show the level of crime there is not significantly higher or lower than other areas in Springfield. Surrounding streets and parking lots are also used by day laborers as they wait for their rides, causing consternation among shops and stores that share



John Cowles, owner of Springfield Gardens Apartments, has submitted a nomination to the BRAC Area Plans Review that would see the complex on Cumberland Avenue converted into high-end apartments.

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New Trial For Ahmad

Judge grants new trial for convicted baby killer, previously sentenced to 40 years.

BY KEN MOORE
THE CONNECTION

Mohammad A. Ahmad was sentenced 12 months ago to 40 years in prison for killing 21-month-old Myles Simon, a toddler his wife cared for in an unlicensed day-care center she operated at their Springfield townhouse.

After convicting Ahmad, then 26, of second-degree murder in May 2007, a Fairfax jury took less than 15 minutes to recommend that the maximum sentence for second-degree murder be imposed.

Myles was just 33 inches tall when he suffered one blow to his head that resulted in complex fractures of his skull and instantaneous death. Myles also suffered one blow to the abdomen that resulted in laceration of his liver and bruising of his kidneys, colon, bladder and diaphragm.

“We hate that our son died a horrible death that no human deserves,” Myles’ mother, Michelle Leete, testified, at Ahmad’s sentencing hearing in August 2007 before Fairfax County Circuit Court Judge Leslie M. Alden. “Life without him is unbearable at times.”

On Friday, Aug. 8, Alden’s order granting

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Service Projects Cap Senior Year for Spartan Grads

Recent West Springfield graduates are first to complete Senior Capstone projects.

BY CIARA RICHARDS
THE CONNECTION

Members of the West Springfield High School Class of 08 were the first year to experience a new program that gives seniors the opportunity to design and run their own community service project.

While each Fairfax County high school senior is required to complete a minimum of 10 hours of government-related community service, West Springfield High proposed to replace this with a community service project, the Senior Capstone. This was the first year that the Senior Capstone was implemented, requiring West Springfield’s seniors to spend a minimum of 10 hours

designing and organizing their own community service project.

According Dr. Jennifer Beach, a West Springfield English teacher and one of the teachers involved in the creation of the project, the theory behind the Senior Capstone was to do a big project that gave the students a more adult experience and a more meaningful senior year.

“We broadened [the community service] to be not just campaigns but civic associations,” said Beach. Fairfax County will give a grant for school improvement and allow each school to come up with its own proposals.

The idea for the Senior Capstone resulted from collaboration between the social studies and English departments at West Spring-

field High School. Beach described how both U.S. and Virginia government and English are required classes for all seniors, and therefore it would be easier to combine the project with the coursework for the two subjects.

“We didn’t want to add extra work,” she said. “We were trying to do something that was a middle ground.”

As a result, social studies and English teachers worked with the students throughout the year, helping them with the projects and adapting assignments within the classes to include their projects. For example, government teachers helped the students record and collect evidence for the hours they spent on their projects, as well as assisting them with the final presentations

that were done upon completion of the projects. English teachers encouraged the students to brainstorm for the project as a part of their lessons for writing essays, especially college essays. Beach described how

students were assigned a research essay that was to be based on their project. One student was working with the autism department in the school at project and wrote an essay on autism research. The idea was to allow the seniors to work on something that interested them.

IN TERMS of the initial reactions of the parents and the students toward this idea,

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“You can make time for things you are interested in. . . . I am so glad that I did it.”

— Chelsea Reba



Fairfax County Police say that cleaning woman Mirian Martinez, right, stole this ring valued at \$42,000.



POLICE PHOTOS

Cleaning Woman Charged

Fairfax County Police are attempting to locate the owners of several pieces of jewelry recovered during an investigation pertaining to thefts from several homes allegedly committed by a woman who provided cleaning services. Mirian Martinez, 47, of the 2500 block of Byrd Lane, Mount Vernon District, was arrested July 17 and charged with grand larceny and selling stolen property.

The charges stem from the alleged theft of jewelry from a home in the 6100 block of Windham Hill Run and another in Fairfax Station. Police located a pawnshop in Arlington where some of the stolen jewelry had been sold.

They are still looking for a diamond ring with an estimated value of \$42,000. Other stolen property consists of clothing as well as jewelry, according to police.

In each case, the victims had employed Martinez for several years, police reported. She worked under the company name of Mirian Cleaning Service in Alexandria. Police are investigating the possibility there may be other victims.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477) or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

—CHUCK HAGEE

Police Seek Masked Robber

Fairfax County Police are looking for information relating to an Aug. 11 robbery at the intersection of Amherst Avenue and Backlick Road in Springfield.

According to a police release, a 35 year-old Springfield man was sitting in his car around 4 p.m. when a man approached the passenger-side window with a handgun and what a police spokesperson described as a “separate tool.” The man used to smash the window open. After pointing his firearm at the victim, the suspect grabbed a bag containing an undisclosed amount of money from the passenger seat and fled. Officer Eddy Azcarate said a backpack or duffel bag would be an appropriate name for the bag.

The release goes on to say that the suspect was of unknown race, approximately 5-feet 5-inches and weighing around 160 pounds. He was wearing dark clothing and a mask over his face with plastic yellow hair extending outward.

“It was fake hair, as you would see on some sort of Halloween costume,” said Azcarate.

Anyone with more information may contact Crime Solvers by phone (1-866-411-8477) or e-mail (www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org).

— DEREK B. JOHNSON



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Hostesses Candice Diffenbaugh, right, and Emily Gelabert, left of the Mike's American Grill restaurant in Springfield.

Pump Gas or Eat Out?

Restaurant owners feel effects of rising gas prices, slumping economy.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

In the best of economic times, owning a restaurant can be a risky proposition. Beholden to the fickle tastes of the public, dining establishments can quickly find themselves in the midst of the downward spiral if their business model isn't solid.

In today's sagging economy, with gas prices rising and the housing market falling off, some Fairfax County restaurants are experiencing a fallout of that turmoil in the form of less patronage and fewer sales.

Julia Amato, owner of Paradiso in Franconia, said she has seen losses from 15 to 20 percent at all three of the restaurants she owns since the beginning of last year. According to Amato, those losses all have the same root cause: the financial crunch many of her customers have found themselves in over the last few years.

“Usually, we have steady customers who come to the restaurants two to three times a week. Now they come maybe once a week,” she said.

Not only has Amato seen fewer patrons, but the ones that do come now tend to skip appetizers, alcohol and dessert in an effort to lighten the strain on their wallets. In response, her restaurants have started handing out coupons, offering half-price en-

tries and advertising other forms of discounted service. The results have been mostly positive, but at the end of the day these measures represent only a stopgap solution, not a permanent one.

“With the economy being so bad, the first thing people are going to cut out is entertainment, and that's us,” said Amato.

SOME LOCAL RESTAURANT owners and managers cited the higher price of gas and the housing crisis as a few of the chief deterrents keeping customers away. In addition, many establishments take hits from both sides, not only through losing potential customers who don't want to pay at the pump, but also from distributors and vendors who, in addition to raising their food prices, have started adding fuel surcharges to their invoices.

Eleni Linardakis, who runs Spartan's Family Restaurant on Burke Road in Burke, has started doing some of her own shopping trips in order to cut down on the rising costs of delivery.

“[Fuel surcharges are] something that doesn't seem like that much, but if you're paying it every week to six different distributors, it adds up,” said Linardakis.

ADDING TO those woes are the slow summer months, in which owners usually see a dip in business anyway. While Linardakis said her business has remained steady, Amato said she has had to tighten up some of the staffing at her restaurants.

“We've had to downsize a little bit, so we're trying to cut as much as we can to keep our expenses low,”

“This is a business where our operating expenses are really high even in the best of times, so yes, we're in a very fragile situation.”

— Julia Amato, owner of Paradiso Italian Restaurant

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Tough Times for Restaurants

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said Amato.

Randy Norton, CEO of Great American Restaurants, runs nine restaurants in the county, including Artie's on Old Lee Highway in Fairfax and Mike's American Grill on Backlick Road in Springfield. He said that while his businesses have noticed the crunch, for the most part, they've been fortunate. Sales are only down 2-4 percent at some locations, while others have actually seen an increase in business. People in the restaurant industry aren't panicking yet, but that doesn't mean they see a light at the end of the tunnel.

"I think as a general consensus we haven't seen the bottom of it and it's likely to stay where it is or get a little bit worse over the next year," said Norton. Amato concurred with that assessment.

"I feel like we have a couple years left," she said. "Restaurants have to hang in there. This is a business where our operating expenses are really high even in the best of times, so yes, we're in a very frag-

ile situation."

Being located in Fairfax County, according to Tom DeMott, front of the house manager for Mike's American Grill, has served as a buffer for many restaurants, insulating them to a certain extent from some of the harsher economic realities facing establishments in other counties and states.

"Luckily, with the economy as strong as it is in Fairfax County, we're a long ways off. Gas prices will have to be \$6-\$7 a gallon before we start seeing that panic," said DeMott.

Dr. Gerald Gordon, CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority said with unemployment in the county hovering around 2 percent, local restaurants may not feel the sting of the flagging economy as much. Businesses in the area aren't going under, so many people are still going out.

"It may also depend on their clientele," said Gordon. "A lot of the current economic problems are driven by the sub-prime interest rate mortgage problem. Those were people whose expendable income was pretty marginal to begin with."

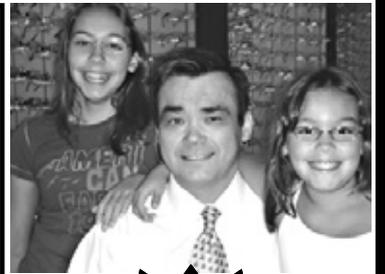
NEWS BRIEFS

DWI Stops Lead to 1 Arrest, 14 Summonses

Fairfax County Police conducted DWI patrols in the Franconia District Friday night, Aug. 8. According to a police release, motorists displaying signs of intoxication on the roads were stopped between the hours of 10 p.m. and 2

a.m. Police stopped 32 motorists and made one arrest for DWI, while issuing 14 summonses for other traffic offenses. Eight officers and four auxiliary officers participated in the late-night operation.

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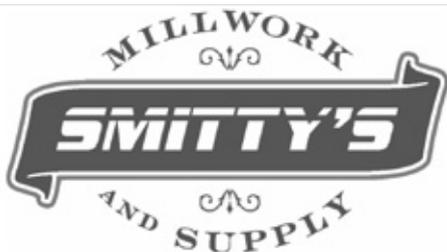
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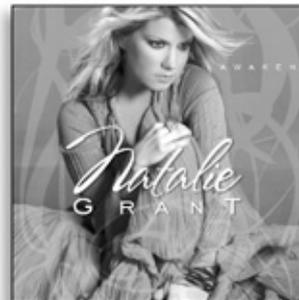
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Getting To Know ...

Alex Greidinger, high school student and intern at NASA's Langley Research Center.

BY ESTHER PAK
THE CONNECTION

Just last week, Lake Braddock Secondary School rising senior Alex-Greidinger returned from an eight-week summer internship at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Va. The internship was part of the Interdisciplinary National Science Program Incorporating Research & Educational Experience (INSPIRE). The program allows students with an interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics to gain experience in the workplace and receive guidance on future career options.

Greidinger's interest in engineering inspired him to apply for this program. The insight into the engineering career he gained from the program went beyond expanding his college resume. Not only did he learn about the latest NASA projects, but he also had the opportunity to work side-by-side with NASA engineers on these projects. At home now in Springfield, Greidinger is able to share memories of his experience with others.

How/when did you first discover your interests in engineering?

I think my first interest in "engineering" or technology came after I watched a program on T.V. in third or fourth grade about a guy I later learned was named Woody Flowers. I really wanted to be an inventor, but I was discouraged mostly by family who told me it would be safer to work as an engineer.

Who serves as your role model and why?

I guess that would have to be Christopher McCandless. He was an honors graduate and star athlete at Emory who then donated the remaining \$24,000 of his college fund to charity and left home on a journey of self-discovery. He reached the Alaskan wilderness where he eventually died of starvation. He knew what he wanted to do and

he didn't let anyone stop him.

What are some projects you worked on?

I worked in the Systems Engineering Directorate, Mechanical Systems Branch mainly with three engineers. The people in our branch worked on various computer-aided-design programs. This was my first experience using anything like them. It was an interesting, while at times slow, first couple of weeks familiarizing myself with the software. My real contribution there was designing a more reliable latch to be used on the legs of the new Altair Lunar Lander, which NASA will be sending to the Moon aboard the Ares-5 rocket some time around 2020.

PROFILE

Describe your typical workday at the internship.

I woke up around 6:30 and got to NASA at 8. I'd usually walk into my office and spend the first couple minutes checking e-mail and talking to the other people in my office. I'd spend a couple hours working on whatever I was working on at the time, maybe go to a seminar on green energy or flying cars and usually arrive late to lunch with all the other interns. I would then work diligently until around 4:30 or 5 when I would get a ride back to the dorm I was staying at Christopher Newport University. A lot of the time, I would go with the other interns to a mall, a movie theater or the bowling alley on the Air Force base.

How did this internship shaped or changed your future goals and ambitions?

Before I even started my internship, I was starting to doubt my choice of becoming an engineer. The program showed me what the career is like and dispelled some of the assumptions I had about what it involved. I still don't know if I want to be an engineer or not. I do know that I enjoyed what I did there.

Where do you see yourself 10 years



Alex Greidinger

from now?

Had you asked me this three months ago, I would have said something like working on a degree or managing some business. Now, I'm not so sure. I see myself hopefully doing something I enjoy, whether it's engineering, inventing or something completely different. I've sort of decided to build my career or job around my life rather than the other way around.

What was your favorite aspect about the internship?

I enjoyed just about everything I did at work. I not only enjoyed what I was working on, but the freedom. I enjoyed being able to meet new people every day on the center. I really liked getting to experience working in an office setting and being treated like an employee, not a student. I think one of the things that really made me feel like a real part of it all was getting my own land line telephone at my desk.

Challenges?

One of the challenges I had at the beginning of the program was learning how to use the software. In order to do anything that my job required, I pretty much had to learn it on my own. Everyone in my office had jobs to do. They weren't teachers or instructors, and I didn't want to force them to be constantly looking over my shoulder.

Extracurricular interests/ hobbies?

The one thing that I'm probably most passionate about is environmental protection. However I also play guitar in a guitar ensemble and in a band with a couple of my friends. I'm also on the mechanical team of a robotics team at Chantilly Academy. I play basketball occasionally with friends, and I lift weights.

Favorite local hangout or restaurant?

I guess that would be the Caribou Coffee in King's Park Shopping Center.

Potter, Keiling To Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Don Potter of Alexandria announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica, to Gregory Keiling, son of Robert Keiling and Sheryl and Ben Horton of Milton, W.Va. Potter graduated from West Springfield High and received a masters degree in sociology from Marshall University. She is working as an adjunct college professor in West Virginia.

Gregory Keiling graduated from Cabell Midland High School in Milton, W.Va. and also attended Marshall University. He is employed as an area data manager with AT&T. A summer 2009 wedding is planned.



Jessica Potter and Robert Keiling

VIEWPOINTS

How much time do you spend on the Internet during an average day?



"In this Facebook generation, maybe 30 minutes."
Sean Follin, Falls Church



"Maybe an hour."
Kathryn Kime, Fairfax



"Two hours."
Rick Neave, Fairfax

— MICHAEL O'CONNELL

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NARFE Springfield Chapter Meeting. NARFE, a nonprofit organization, has been working since 1921 to protect the earned retirement benefits of current, former, and retired federal civilian employees. Join Springfield Chapter 893 for their Wednesday, Sept. 10 meeting. Beginning at 1:30 p.m., Jeff McKay, Lee District Supervisor, will update on what is being done to combat the blight issue brought about by foreclosures and the issue of "boarding houses" in the community. Come for discussion and questions. Meet at American Legion Post 176, 5620 Amherst Ave, Springfield. Contact Chapter President, Sharon Forrest at 703-960-9017 or taffyjoe@aol.com.

Kings Park Boy Scout Troop 1121 is recruiting new members, including parents and volunteers for outdoor activities. The troop meets Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Kings Park Elementary School, 5400 Harrow Way, Springfield. Scoutmaster is David Super, Rosie Bombaugh is assistant Scoutmaster. For more call Super at 703-239-1370 or Bombaugh at 571-235-4216.

Cub Scout Pack 1330 is recruiting new members. Upcoming meetings are Oct. 30 and Nov. 27 from 7-8 p.m. at Kings Park Elementary School, 5400 Harrow Way, Springfield. Cubmaster is Randy Salm, committee chair is Amy Henry. Call Salm at 703-865-6875 or e-mail randysalm1@cox.net; call Henry at 703-323-5960 or e-mail adeckerhenry@yahoo.com.

Virginia Advanced Speakers Toastmasters (VAST) is a club catering to the needs of experienced speakers. VAST offers extensive evaluations plus an educational interlude with an experienced speaker. VAST meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month, in the Oasis Room of the Kena Shrine Building, 9001 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax.

The Wakefield Chorale seeks men and women for 2008 spring singing season. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 7:30-9:30pm, in the choral room of Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. No audition required. Call Dale at 703-938-8044.

Mothers First of Fairfax and Burke is dedicated to supporting women who have chosen to alter their careers to raise their children at home. Activities include parent/child morning meetings, field trips, moms' nights out and lectures. Call 703-827-5922 or visit www.mothersfirst.org.

❖ **Burke** meetings are Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road.

❖ **Fairfax** meetings are Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. at the Green Acres Elementary School, Room 116, 4401 Sideburn Road, Fairfax.

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) is a dynamic, multi-faceted, nonpartisan organization of civic-minded women and men which encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Activities include developing studies on area issues, lobbying and more. For more, see www.lwv-fairfax.org or call 703-689-9150.

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THE COUNTY LINE

Approximately 200 people turned out for U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf's (R-10) forum on Lyme disease, Aug. 5.



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Lyme Disease on the Rise

Fairfax, Loudoun see an increase in cases.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Zoe Schelonko looked as perky as any other 16-year-old girl during a recent lunch interview at Neisha Thai in Tysons Corner. The Ashburn teenager with chin length, dyed red hair chatted about how much she hates gym class and likes the trendy British clothing store H&M.

Schelonko has developed an off-beat clothing style unusually sophisticated for girls her age. She wore a pair of orange-tinted, horn-rimmed glasses and a gray vest that would have been found on many women five years older than she is.

So it was hard to believe that the teenager had been confined to her home for the past four years.

Schelonko said she has chronic Lyme disease, an illness that can seem "invisible" to onlookers. She has not attended school full-time since the sixth grade.

"In the beginning, I wouldn't complain because people didn't believe me. They thought I was a hypochondriac," said Schelonko, of the sickness that caused head and joint aches in early elementary school.

Schelonko also suffers from intestinal troubles and fatigue because of Lyme disease, the teenager and her mother said. The 16-year-old has been known to use a wheelchair while hanging out with friends at the mall or an amusement park. Standing up for long periods of time exhausts her.

"She was home bound for most of sixth grade and, in seventh grade, she tried to go to school but only lasted seven weeks," said Schelonko's mother, Brenda, at a recent support group meeting organized by members of the National Capital Lyme and Tick-Borne Disease Association.

Zoe Schelonko is far from the only per-

son with Lyme disease complications in the area.

APPROXIMATELY 200 people, many with Lyme disease, attended U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf's (R-10) forum on Lyme disease in Ashburn, on Aug. 5.

Jennifer Duncan, a Great Falls resident, said she and two daughters all have Lyme disease. Like Schelonko, her older daughter used a wheelchair during a portion of her sophomore year of high school. Her younger daughter has a difficult time participating in after-school activities because attending a full day of school wears her out, Duncan said.

A few animal hospitals are also reporting a high rate of Lyme disease in dogs. The Great Falls Animal Hospital routinely tests dogs for Lyme and said approximately 30 to 35 come back positive for exposure.

Lyme disease is generally contracted in Virginia through a deer tick, according to officials from Fairfax and Loudoun counties. The deer tick generally attaches itself to deer, which can then bring infection to residents and their pets when they wander into backyards and gardens, they said.

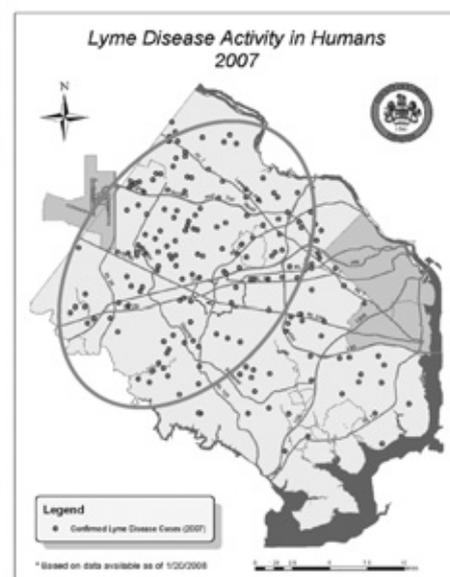
"Think of the deer as a tick Metro system. It is better than the Metro system because the deer can take ticks all over the county," said Jorge Arias, with the Fairfax County Health Department.

In Fairfax, the annual rate of confirmed Lyme disease cases rose from about 4.5 per 100,000 residents in 2006 to just over 12 per 100,000 residents in 2007, Arias said. In Loudoun, the number of reported Lyme disease

cases rose from 29 in 1999 to over 500 in 2007, said Dr. David Goodfriend, director of the Loudoun County Health Department.

"Lyme is expanding into Northern Virginia and becoming more of an endemic," said Arias, during a presentation at Wolf's meeting.

The official added that most people who are contracting Lyme disease in Fairfax County live on the locality's western side. In Fairfax, Arias also said females are in-



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Residents in western Fairfax County reported more cases of Lyme disease last year.

ected at a rate higher than males.

In Loudoun County, approximately 75 percent of the people infected allegedly picked up Lyme disease on their own property. About 25 percent thought they got the disease from a tick originally on their pet, Goodfriend said.

"The number of chronic Lyme sufferers in Loudoun County continues to increase. Interventions taken to date have not blunted this trend," Goodfriend said.

Some local elected officials are taking action. The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors recently voted to allocate more resources to Lyme disease prevention. Wolf, who represents both Loudoun and Fairfax counties, has co-sponsored legislation that would raise awareness and promote education about the disease.

SOME LOCALS with Lyme disease said they hope area doctors gain more expertise about the illness. Several said they were sent to multiple specialists — including neurologists, orthopedic surgeons and psychiatrists — before getting properly diagnosed.

There is some national controversy over whether "chronic" Lyme disease exists.

Many residents infected with Lyme disease and a handful of local doctors have

Preventing Lyme Disease:

Courtesy of the Fairfax County Health Department

- ❖ Dress to Protect Yourself – Tie back long hair and wear a hat; wear long, loose, light-colored clothing; tuck pant legs into socks.
- ❖ Always Wear Insect Repellent – Sprays with DEET and oil of lemon mixtures work against ticks.
- ❖ Avoid Tick Habitats – avoid low lying vegetation; avoid forests and woodlands where deer are present; stick to the middle of trails; avoid tall grass and brush.
- ❖ Perform Regular Tick Checks – Look immediately and several hours after field activities; check in hidden and hairy areas; use a friend or mirror to check hard to see areas.
- ❖ Protect Your Pet – Use a treated collar; use a spot treatment; consult your veterinarian; beware of Lyme disease in dogs.
- ❖ Make Your Yard A Tick Free Zone – create a sunny, dry area; remove leaf litter and tall grass; lay down wood chips and gravel; keep playground equipment and decks away from yard edge and trees; use fences.
- ❖ Use Chemical Control – Use a spray with permethrin to control ticks in your yard, apply for the first time in late March, April or May. Reapply as directed.
- ❖ Discourage Deer – Remove plants that attract deer; plant deer resistant plants; construct physical barriers to deer – deer can jump eight feet but will not jump over a fence they can't see over.

Signs and Symptoms of Lyme Disease

Courtesy of the Loudoun County Health Department

- ❖ Early Signs
(Three to 30 days after infection)
 - ❖ Flu-like feelings – headache, stiff neck, fever, muscle aches and fatigue
 - ❖ Erythem Migrans rash – starts as a small, reddish bump about one-half inch in diameter but expands outward.
- ❖ Late Manifestations
(Days to Months Later)
 - ❖ Bell's palsy
 - ❖ Meningitis
 - ❖ Shooting pains
 - ❖ Changes in heart rhythm
 - ❖ Recurrent joint swelling
 - ❖ Arthritis

argued that Lyme disease can be a chronic, long-term illness.

But some mainstream medical organizations, including the Infectious Disease Society of America, do not believe people suffer from Lyme disease over a period of months or years after they have been treated.

"My original infectious disease doctor told me that if you aren't better after four weeks of treatment, you don't have Lyme disease," said Duncan, who disagrees.

Sam Shor, a Reston doctor who specializes in infectious diseases and spoke at Wolf's forum, said he has successfully treated patients with chronic fatigue/chronic Lyme disease by keeping them on antibiotics prescribed for Lyme over a longer period of time.

"This is real phenomena. There are people who have an illness that warrants treatment," said Shor, who is hoping to find money to study chronic Lyme disease treatment further.

OPINION

Keep Your Eyes Open

More people are walking, bicycling and biking; let's be careful out there.

There are so many good reasons to get out of your car. Gas costs a fortune. Traffic is nearly unbearable. The weather is beautiful. Bicycling and walking are good exercise. Driving less reduces pollution and is better for the environment.

Particularly as gas prices soar, many people are turning to their two-wheeled friends, be it bicycle or motorcycle, for lower cost transportation.

Motorcycle sales have spiked, quadrupling in recent years with more than a million motorcycles sold in 2006.

But bicyclists and motorcycle riders are vulnerable on the roads. Motorcycles are sometimes hard to see in traffic, and drivers of larger vehicles must be on the lookout.

Since June, there have been at least eight motorcycle fatalities in the Washington area. Last weekend, a 26-year-old Centreville man was killed when he lost control of the 2001 Honda motorcycle he was riding, according to police reports. In 2007 there were 2,601 motorcycle crashes which resulted in 126 deaths and 2,284 injuries in Virginia.

For motorcycle riders, the keys to survival are wearing an approved helmet and protective clothing, taking safety courses, practicing in a controlled setting and riding defensively.

For drivers of larger vehicles, allow a motorcyclist plenty of room, including the full width of a lane, and more following distance. A motorcycle can stop faster than a car. And motorcyclists may need to react quickly to road and traffic conditions such as potholes, gravel, wet or slippery surfaces, pavement seams, railroad crossings and grooved pavement — road conditions which are minor annoyances to cars pose major hazards to motorcyclists.

Justin Spring, Bronze Medal Winner

Justin Spring, 24 and a graduate of Lake Braddock, helped lift the U.S. men's gymnastic team to an Olympic bronze medal on Monday night (Virginia time) in Beijing.

Spring had exceptional performances on the high bar and parallel bars. His triple somersault for his dismount from the high bar brought elation to his teammates. NBC changed plans to televise the team competition as it became clear that the U.S. expectedly had a shot at a medal. But here at the Connection, we think any local that makes the Olympic team is worth watching, with or without being in contention for winning a medal.

In early July, when he was named to the team Spring spoke with Connection reporter Eric



DONATED PHOTO

Lake Braddock graduate Justin Spring, 24, earned a bronze medal Monday at the Beijing Olympics.

Gilmore:

"The only way I can explain it is that I love my life right now," Spring said. "It's been a dream come true."

We'd guess that's all the more true today, and that many, many local people can share in his success.

— MARY KIMM

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Correcting Some Things

To the Editor:

I need to correct L.W. Brown's Letter to the Editor ["No Proposal Offered," Connection, Aug. 7-13, 2008]. Unfortunately, he got just about everything wrong. It is hard to research and understand the legislative process, so I understand his confusion, but let me correct some things.

I voted against the governor's Transportation Package that the governor had asked me to co-sponsor. We had agreed in a meeting that we would support Sen. Dick Saslaw's (D-35) bill instead, minus the gas tax. This bill would have raised hundreds of millions of dollars for Northern Virginia and the rest of the state, I still preferred Gov. Kaine's bill, but the Senate bill was the only one with a chance of passage. Mr. Brown accused me of not having a plan, but I think supporting a bill that would have raised hundreds of millions of dollars for our region and state constituted a significant plan.

As to the Abuser Fees. I voted

against the Abuser Fees in committee and when they were incorporated into House Bill 3202 (the Republican transportation package of 2007). I spoke very clearly on the floor that 3202 was not the way to go. I went to Richmond to work in a bipartisan fashion and ended up supporting 3202 because that was the only bill that the speaker and the Republican house would allow us to vote on. It was our only chance for the transportation funding that we so desperately need. We keep being presented with proposals that are nothing but gimmicks designed to give the appearance of not raising taxes or fees.

The "Big Mess" that Gov. Warner had to clean up was related to the car tax initiative. My only part in the car tax issue involved nearly eviscerating the Department of Juvenile Justice with budget cuts to pay for this ill-advised idea.

In short, I voted for Sen. Saslaw's bill and do not want to revisit Abuser Fees or Regional Authorities. I would encourage Mr. Brown and other to call me

when they have issues, as the legislative process can be difficult to understand. For future reference my phone number is 703-323-4733.

Del. Dave Marsden
D-41

Conservative Candidate

To the Editor:

Contrary to the belief of Republican congressional candidate Keith Fimian, social issues are important to voters in the 11th Congressional District. He is an extreme ideologue seeking to replace a moderate Republican statesman and represent an increasingly Democratic electorate in the 11th District.

The status of women in American society has skyrocketed in the last 50 years thanks in large part to increased concern for women's health and sovereignty, but his views could well contribute to reversing this progress. Contraception is a vital part of women's empowerment, allowing women

to make their own choices about their families and their bodies but Fimian supports a radical conservative group which opposes contraception. His deep-seated and fanatical opposition to abortion rights contrasts to the majority of Americans think who that women should be able to choose whether to have an abortion. His opposition to abortion in all cases, including situations in which the mother's life is at risk, is out of touch with the lives of those he seeks to represent.

Emilie Larson
E-mail Submission

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The Gesture, bronze by Gwen Lockhart

Lockhart Show At Loft Gallery

The Loft Gallery will have a reception on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 1-3:30 p.m. for Gwen Harrison Lockhart, who regularly exhibits at The Loft Gallery in Occoquan and in her studio at The Loft Art Center. Lockhart sculpts in clay, plastilene or wax, creating animals, heads and busts, or full figurative pieces. Many of her sculptures have been molded and cast in bronze, using the lost wax process. Browse through other artists' exhibits of original fine art in various media. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. 11 - 5. The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill Street, Occoquan. Call 703-490-1117.

GALLERY



Closeup of The Gesture, by Gwen Lockhart

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LEISURE

A Hole Sport In One

Miniature golf continues to be a summer favorite.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
THE CONNECTION

Maybe it's the menagerie of dinosaurs and elephants, fire pits and waterfalls, jokers and gargoyles, pirates and explorers, loopy-loos and right angles. Perhaps it's the rainbow hued balls littering the links, or merely the ridiculous addicting challenge of staying on par.

What draws us, as humans, to miniature golf, one of the summer's staples?

More than its more professional uncle, the sport — or is it? — transcends age, gender and social background. The winding courses, often impossible to follow even with a map, are a destination for families, vacationers and couples. Heck, it's even spurned a professional industry.

Locally at TopGolf USA, located across the road from Edison High School and a favorite for professionals playing hooky, the Kingstowne golf complex has 36 holes spread over two 18-hole courses. The two par-60 courses are of varying degree of difficulty and possibly more importantly, both are themed, one catering to the mountains and the other a desert theme.

According to Terry Fife, the general manager of TopGolf USA, the golf complex accounts for approximately 6-8 percent of the total revenue. During the summer, the peak season, Kingstowne brings in 1,200-1,400 mini-golfers weekly.

"It's certainly a small piece of the pie, but it's also a very important piece as well," Fife said. "Our numbers have been consistent if not better this year over previous years both at the facility itself and in mini-golf. We're not seeing a decline."

However, economics are different throughout the miniature golf landscape, as exemplified by Herndon-based Woody's Golf Range, where owner Woody Fitzhugh maintains a driving range, putting green, batting cages and miniature golf course. His

"Perils of the Lost Jungle" course includes stoned-faced statues, snakes, alligators, treasure hunters and a T-Rex. Woody's is one of the most expensive courses (a regular round costs \$9.25), but is also interactive and has more attractions.

But Fitzhugh, who opens his course in mid-May and closes once school restarts, likens the experience to a movie — the better the theater, the higher consumers are willing to spend. It translated to a record season in 2007, but with approximately 700 weekly visitors this summer, his numbers are down.

"I don't know whether last year was exceptionally good because of the weather or whether the economy has slowed down a little bit," said Fitzhugh.

"It's something the whole family can enjoy."

— Terry Fife, TopGolf USA

MINIATURE GOLF'S origins can be traced to 1916, when James Barber hired architect Edward Wiswell to design a

course behind his summer home in Pinehurst, N.C. In 1926, New York City's first outdoor miniature golf course was built on a skyscraper roof. Miniature golf was no longer miniature.

A year later, businessman Garnet Carter built a miniature golf course on Lookout Mountain in Tennessee to attract patrons to his hotel and full-length course. After a while, the miniature course had become so popular, more people wanted to play on it than on the regulation greens. Carter eventually discovered an artificial surface.

In short, miniature golf was no longer miniature.



A golfer walks across the green at TopGolf USA in Kingstowne.

By the fall of 1930, more than 25 million people were miniature golf fans and 50,000 mini-golf courses littered the landscape. The fad died off briefly, but experienced a rebirth in the baby-boom 1950s.

In some respects, however, miniature golf is as popular as ever. The sport boasts several trade associations: the US ProMiniGolf Association, the Miniature Golf Association, the Professional Miniature Golf Association and the World Minigolf Sport Federation among them. There's even a pro circuit, with Master's and U.S. Open events that attract players from around the world.

Miniature golf may not show up as an ESPN primetime special — the national championship was aired for four years — but the game is still played by millions every year with approximately 5,000 miniature golf courses throughout the country.

"First and foremost, it's something the whole family can enjoy. Realistically, there aren't too many activities where that's true," Fife said. "It's something the parents can look forward to because they can bring their children as well."



A selection of putters

Area Miniature Golf Courses

Name	Address	Phone Number
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Cameron Run	4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria	703-534-3437
Upton Hill	6060 Wilson Blvd., Arlington	703-631-0550
Centreville Mini-Golf	6206 Multiplex Drive, Centreville	703-250-9124
Fountainhead	10875 Hampton Road, Fairfax	703-573-0444
Jefferson Falls	7900 Lee Highway, Falls Church	703-430-8337
Woody's	11801 Leesburg Pike, Herndon	703-339-6104
Pohick Bay	6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton	703-281-6501
Oak Marr	3200 Jermantown Road, Oakton	703-339-3122
IronWood	8581 Cinder Bed Road, Springfield	703-569-0285
Lucky Duck	7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield	

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COLLEGE

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John Hagen Baskin IV of Springfield has been selected for fall 2008 honors admission by the University of Mary Washington. The recipient of a 2007 achievement award in writing from the National Council of Teachers, Baskin plays piano and guitar, and is active in both the Annandale Christian Community for Action and the Leewood Healthcare Center. Baskin is the son of John and Cathy Baskin.

Bryant Alexander Matera of Springfield has been selected for fall 2008 honors admission by the University of Mary Washington. A member of the National Honor Society and the Key club, Matera attended the Congressional Leadership Conference, and is both an office assistant for a local pediatrician and an elementary school classroom volunteer. Matera is the son of Al and Marla Matera.

Devin P. Millson of Springfield has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at the Virginia Military Institute.

Millson is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Edwin H. Millson Jr.

Phill H. Yi of Springfield has been named to the spring 2008 dean's list at the Virginia Military Institute. Yi is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Hokyung Yi.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 14

Traditional Folk Music Night.

Andrew Acosta performs traditional folk, blues and bluegrass. With The New Old-Time String Band and Speedy Tolliver. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

The Nicolo Whimsey Show. Nicolo the Jester shares his juggling, clowning and comedy. Age 6-12. 10:30 a.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010

Balloon Animals. Learn how to make your own balloon animal. Age 6-12. 1 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Call to register 703-339-7385.

FRIDAY/AUG. 15

Kings Park Concert Band. 55 adult volunteers under a professional conductor will play Big Band style. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Friday Flicks. Bring a lunch and enjoy stories and a short movie. Birth-5 with adult. 12 noon. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

Teddy Bear Picnic. Stories, songs, and activities about teddy bears. Bring your favorite bear. Age 2-5 with adult. 10:30 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

Gorgeous Frankenstein with BellaMorte, The Banner, and more. 7 p.m. All ages; \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

After Dark in the Park - Night

Flyers. From 8 to 9:30 p.m. the Hidden Pond Nature Center naturalist covers moths, nighthawks and other creatures that take wing after the sun goes down. Weather permitting, enjoy a campfire with s'mores. Suitable for children ages six and older. Reservations required. \$6 per person. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. To register, call 703-451-9588.

SATURDAY/AUG. 16

Sting Things. Who are the creatures that can sting? Learn about the bugs and even a plant that can sting, as well as how to avoid getting stung. 10:30 a.m. All ages. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055.

Kayak with the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. 7-10 a.m. Launching from Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton.

Flavored Vinegars. 1-3 p.m. Blend vinegar with herbs, fruits and vegetables. \$25 fee includes an English tea. Historic Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-941-7987.

Ruthie & the Wranglers, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at Hayfield Elementary School. The Wranglers play rockin' American roots music and are known for their original upbeat songs. Kingstowne Nights is a summer concert series each Saturday night at Hayfield Elementary. Free. Bring a blanket and a picnic dinner. Call 703-324-SHOW after 6 p.m. for cancellation updates. Hayfield Elementary School, 7633 Telegraph Road, Alexandria.

Nature Nook with a Book:

Stingers. Hidden Pond's naturalist visits the Richard Byrd Library for a free, all-ages program about plants and animals with stingers from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

Video - Insects. 10-10:30am. Take a close-up look at the amazing world of insects. Free. Huntley Meadows Park, 7701 Lockheed Blvd. Alexandria 703-768-2525

SUNDAY /AUG. 17



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MONDAY/AUG. 18

Discover Art. Play bingo around the world, participate in reader's theater and make an international craft. Age 6-12. 2 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010

Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. Adults. 3 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055

TUESDAY/AUG. 19

Mother-Daughter Book Discussion. Call for title. Age 9-11 with adult. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

It's a Colorful World. A rainbow of stories and activities. Age 13-23 months with adult. 10:30 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call to register 703-339-4610

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20

Book Discussion Group. Call for title. 7:15 p.m. No registration necessary. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010.

Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

Pet first aid and CPR. 6-10 p.m. \$45 fee includes book and certificate of completion. Prepaid registration required. Lake Accotink Park, 7550 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-0285.

Bookworms - The Very Busy Spider. Relax to a reading of Eric Carle's The Very Busy Spider at Hidden Pond Nature Center from 10-11 a.m., and meet live spiders. Suitable for children ages three to eight. Reservations required. The cost is \$4 per child. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. 703-451-9588.

THURSDAY/AUG. 21

Vietnamese Cultural Heritage Night. Celebrate traditional and folk Vietnamese music and dance. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Springfield Writers' Group. Share work, give and receive feedback in a supportive setting. No registration necessary. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call to register 703-451-8055

Garden Sprouts: a Peck of Peppers. 9:30-10:30 a.m. \$6 per child. Learn to make salsa. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-941-7987.

FRIDAY/AUG. 22

Night Music. Classic rock and top 40s hits. 7:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Free. Call 703-324-7469 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

Friday Flicks. Bring lunch and enjoy for stories and a short movie. Birth-5 with adult. 12 noon. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive,

Alexandria. Call to register 703-971-0010.

Flintroll with Warbringer, King of Heresy, Apothys, Dark Alliance. 7:30 p.m. All ages; \$25 in advance, \$28 at the door. Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

After Dark in the Park - Snakes. Children ages six and older meet snakes at Hidden Pond Nature Center from 8-9:30 p.m. and look for more on a hike. Weather permitting, enjoy a campfire and s'mores. Reservations required. \$6 per child. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Call 703-451-9588.

SUNDAY/AUG. 24

Live Show. Alejandro Fernandez performs 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center. Tickets range are \$58-\$203 per person and available through all Ticketmaster outlets, including the Patriot Center box office, or via Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT, 202-397-SEAT or 410-547-SEAT. For more, see www.patriotcenter.com.

MONDAY/AUG. 25

Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. 7 p.m. John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-971-0010

Practice Your English. Conversation group for people learning English. No registration necessary. Adults. 3 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055

Flora Fauna - Worms. Children ages two to five years meet worms at Hidden Pond Nature Center from 10-10:30 a.m. Try out a worm stake clanger. Reservations required. \$2 per child. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Call 703-451-9588.

TUESDAY/AUG. 26

Evening Book Discussion Group. "The Jane Austen Book Club" by Karen Joy Fowler. 7:30 p.m. No registration necessary. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 27

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Gorgeous Frankenstein plays Jaxx Night Club in Springfield on Aug. 15.



CALENDAR

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Kingstowne Library Writer's Peer Review Group. Review peers' works and receive in-depth feedback. Call for more information on submitting work prior to meeting. No registration necessary. 7:00 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

Travel Club. Bring lunch and enjoy a lively discussion. No registration necessary. 1 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.

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THURSDAY/AUG. 28

Russian Cultural Heritage Night. Traditional Russian music played on traditional instruments such as the balalaika. 7:30 p.m. Ossian Hall Park, 7900 Heritage Drive, Annandale. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

The Wild Creatures of Fairfax County. Learn about the wildlife found at Hidden Pond Nature Center and other parts of Fairfax County, and meet some live critters. Presented by Hidden Pond Nature Center. 10:30 a.m. All ages. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Call 703-451-8055.



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Practice English. Kingstowne Library sponsors a conversation group for adults learning English. Classes take place on Wednesdays, at 10:15 a.m. Call 703-339-4610. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre.

Group English Practice. Adults practice English with group of others learning the language 3 p.m. every Monday at Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. 703-451-8055.

English Classes. Registration is in session for English classes for adult foreign nationals sponsored by ESL and Immigrant Ministries. The classes are offered in 16 locations in Northern Virginia. Childcare is available at some locations. \$20 processing fee. Scholarships are available. Check www.eslim.org for class locations and schedules or call 703-841-0292 and leave a message. Calls will be returned in English, Spanish, Korean, or Vietnamese.

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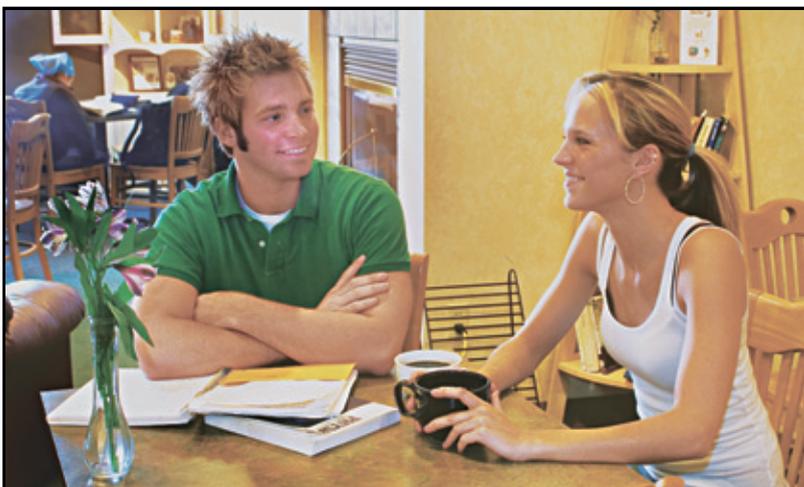
The Financial Education Center for Women Entrepreneurs conducts several classes at the Community Business Partnership, 7001 Loisdale Road, Suite C, Springfield. Limited scholarships available for all classes. For more, call 703-768-1440 or visit www.cbponline.org.

PAINTING & DRAWING

Registration is ongoing for art classes for children and adults in drawing and watercolor painting at the Ponds Community Centre, 9837 Burke Pond Lane, Burke. Classes are Drawing Plus Color for 5-8-year-olds on Tuesdays or Saturdays, Art Lessons for Youth 8 and up on Tuesdays or Saturdays, Art Workshop and Chinese Brush Painting for teens/adults on Saturdays from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sessions 8-10 weeks. Call Carol Zeitlin at 703-250-6930 or see www.geocities.com/czeitlinschneier.

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All listings due by Mon. at 3pm.

CRIME

Activities reported by the Franconia District of the Fairfax County police department through Aug. 8.

BURGLARY OF OCCUPIED DWELLING

6700 block of Edge Cliff Drive. On Saturday, Aug. 2 at 4:25 a.m. the residents of a home in the 6700 block of Edge Cliff Drive awoke to find their home burglarized. The victims, a 48-year-old man and a 51-year-old woman, heard a noise in their home and the man went to investigate. He discovered the basement door standing open and numerous items missing from inside. It appears the suspects entered through the unlocked basement door. The suspect took money, credit cards, a cellular phone and other personal items. No one was injured.

GRAND LARCENY/ARREST

7400 block of Pohick Road. A 29-year-old Falls Church-area man was apprehended with the help of a police canine on Thursday, July 24. Richardo Zuniga allegedly stole a motorcycle from a home in the 7400 block of Pohick Road around 2:30 a.m. A neighbor saw a man black out a street light and push the motorcycle down the street. When the officer and his canine pulled onto the street, Zuniga fled. He was captured in woods nearby. He was transported to Inova Mount Vernon Hospital with non life-threatening injuries from a dog bite then on to the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center. Zuniga, of the 7500 block of Lee Highway, was charged with grand larceny and possession of burglarious tools.

ROBBERY

6500 block of Springfield Mall.

A 48-year-old Alexandria-area woman was robbed in the parking garage at Springfield Mall at 2:20 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 5. The victim was standing at the elevator on the second level of the parking garage, waiting for the doors to open when she was approached by two men. One of the men grabbed her purse while the victim held onto it. After a short struggle, the straps broke and the suspects fled with the purse. Mall security officers heard the victim scream and came to her aid. The victim was treated at the scene for non life threatening injuries. Both suspects were described as black, in their 40s. They were about 5 feet 8 inches tall and 160 pounds. One suspect was wearing a striped, cream-colored shirt, shorts and a baseball cap. The other suspect was wearing dark jeans and a T-shirt.

LARCENIES

2900 block of Borge St. Wallet and iPod stolen from business.

9900 block of Oak Plank Court. Bicycle stolen from residence.

3700 block of Joseph Siewick Drive. Money stolen from business.

4600 block of Holly Ave. Three air conditioner units stolen from business.

2900 block of Chain Bridge Road. Flute stolen from business.

5400 block of Clifton Road. Oven stolen from residence.

5300 block of Tractor Lane. Gym bag stolen from business.

2900 block of Jessica Court. Laptop computer stolen from residence.

13000 block of Fair Lakes Shopping Center. Bicycle stolen from business.

3000 block of Hickory Grove

Court. 9 mm handgun stolen from residence.

4200 block of Lauries Way. License plates stolen from vehicle.

Activities reported by the West Springfield District of the Fairfax County police department through Aug. 8.

BANK ROBBERY

8900 block of Ox Road. The employees of the Chevy Chase bank at 8981 Ox Road were robbed on Thursday, July 31. A man entered the bank at 3:45 p.m., armed with a handgun. He ordered a 24-year-old Woodbridge man working as a teller to hand over the money. The victim complied and the suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. No one was injured. The suspect was described as white, in his 20s. He wore a black shirt, dark pants and what appeared to be a white T-shirt covering his face.

LARCENIES

8000 block of Northumberland Road. Pearl bracelet and pearl earrings stolen from residence.

7200 block of Fullerton Road. License plate stolen from vehicle.

7800 block of Heritage Drive. Razor scooter stolen from school.

7100 block of Heller Loop. License plate stolen from vehicle.

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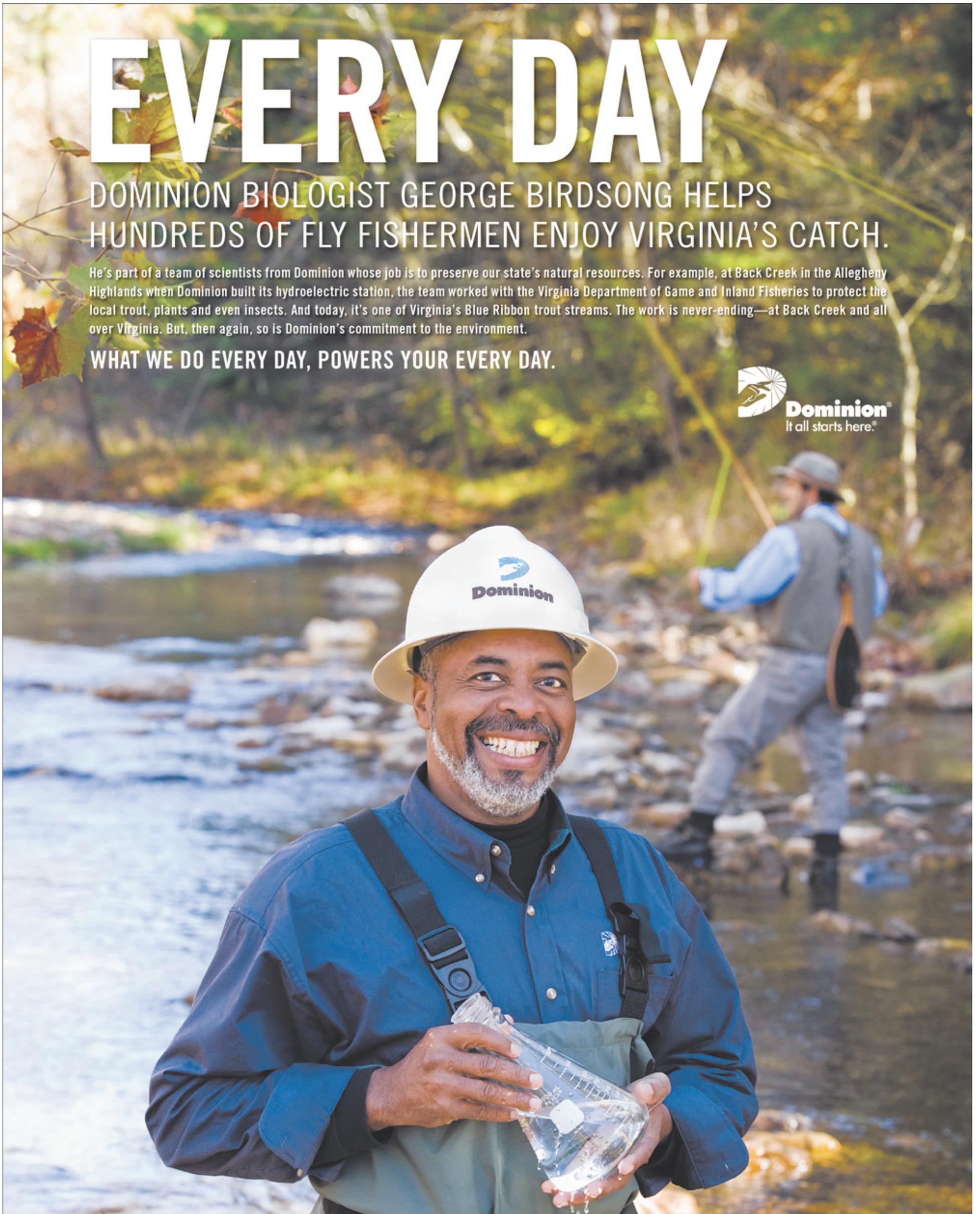
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Olympic Suits Aiding In Record Times

LZR Racer swimsuits reportedly cost up to \$700.

BY SIMON BROWN
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

The hottest item at Sport Fair Incorporated in Arlington isn't even for sale. Yet.

The swimwear specialty store has one of Speedo's new LZR Racer swimsuits, and even though it won't be available for purchase until mid-October, numerous customers have stopped by to get a feel for the suit that made a splash at the U.S. Olympic trials in Omaha last month, when swimmers wearing them (including Fairfax native and George Mason student Katie Ziegler) set nine world records, up from six at the 2004 trials.

"The suit can't leave the store and it can't be tried on yet," Tiffany Wattenbarger of Sport Fair Incorporated said. "But a lot of people have come in just to feel it, and I wouldn't be surprised if it sells when they arrive."

The LZR (pronounced 'laser') Racer was developed over three years with the help of, among others, NASA and Michael Phelps, and cost millions of dollars. According to Speedo the suit reduces drag up to 10% more than Speedo's previous high-tech suits, thanks in part to its complete lack of stitching. The fabric, known as LZR Pulse Material, is water repellant, chlorine resistant and quick-drying. Within three months of the LZR Racer's February debut, 37

2008 Olympics

Local athletes competing at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing include, Giuseppe Lanzone (Annadale, McLean High School, Rowing), Margot Shumway (Arlington, Rowing), Susan Stitt (McLean, McLean High School, Rowing), Kara Lawson (Alexandria, West Springfield High School, Women's Basketball), Kate Ziegler (Great Falls, George Mason University, Swimming) and Justin Spring (Burke, Lake Braddock, Gymnastics).

records were set while wearing the suit.

In a sport where fractions of a second separate Olympic dreams from nightmares, the LZR Racer would seem a must have for any swimmer, regardless of level. But detractors of the suit liken it to "technological doping," saying it creates an unfair advantage.

And then there is the cost. While the suit is currently unavailable to anyone not in the swimming elite, it will retail this fall for \$300-\$500, which is \$100-\$200 more than Speedo's previous top-line suits, the TYR Tracer Light series.

Young swimmers will naturally want to emulate Phelps and the rest of the sport's royalty, and it is likely they will want to buy the LZR Racers. Some would be reluctant to spend the money because it can't be proven that the suit is in fact the cause of the records.

"If it is the suit is making the athletes swim faster then at the upper levels the cost may be worth it, but if the swimmers are training harder and breaking records, then maybe not." Northern Virginia Swimming League President Bobby Winterbottom said.



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Olympians locals Kate Ziegler and Markus Rogan are setting records with the LZR suits.

Even if the suit is making swimmers faster, Winterbottom says he wouldn't recommend anyone in his league spend that much money.

"At the level of competition I deal with (eight to 18-year-olds) I think the cost is too high, and hope that training and conditioning makes the swimmer the best they can be," he said.

Most likely it is the Olympics in Beijing that will decide the demand for the LZR Racers. If the U.S. team continues to break records wearing the suits, \$300 may seem like a bargain to some. And if that's the case, stores like Sport Fair Incorporated may find the suits move as quickly as the swimmers who wear them.

Spring Set for Nationwide Gymnastics Tour

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
THE CONNECTION

Justin Spring, the former Lake Braddock gymnast, who was part of the United States men's bronze medal team on Tuesday will now travel with teammate Jonathan Horton among others on a cross-country gymnastics tour.

Teaming with former male Olympic standouts Paul Hamm and Blaine Wilson, the 2008 Tour of Gymnastics Superstars will be at the Verizon Center on Oct. 30.

U.S. women's Olympic team members Shawn Johnson, Nastia Liukin and Alicia Sacramone, part of the silver medal team, will be also perform, as will former Olympic gold medalist Shannon Miller.

The Gymnastics Superstars also features live performances from recording stars Jordan Pruitt and KSM, which recorded the show's theme song, "Hero in You."

The tour begins in Reno, Nev. on Oct. 7,

and will continue through Nov. 16, when the performers stop in Kansas City, Miss.

Tickets are \$29.50, \$39.50, \$49.50 and \$79.50, and are available through Ticketmaster.

On Tuesday, Spring, performing on three of the four events, helped the U.S. move from sixth place after the first day of team competition to an improbable bronze. The United States starred on rings and high bar, Spring's two specialties, to outscore Germany by 1.25 points. China was the runaway gold medal winner, while Japan captured the silver.

Spring drew a huge ovation from the fans when he stuck his landing on the high bar, a routine that included three release moves from the bar. Sasha Artemev's pommel horse routine on the final rotation eventually secured the bronze.

The team included alternates Raj Bhavsar and Artemev, along with Joey Hagerty, Kevin Tan and Horton.

Golf Tournament a Family Affair

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

Three generations of the Riley family baked in the afternoon sun as they gathered above Belle Haven's 18th green. The last groups were finishing the final round of the Bob Riley Junior, and Danny Riley, 13, signed his card. Off to the side stood his father, Tom Riley, who won the same tournament as a teenager. Behind the table, the tournament director and Danny's grandfather, Bob Riley, supervised scoring. Alexandria boasts many families who play golf together, but the Riley's long-time passion for the game is exceptional.

"I started helping with junior golf tournaments in 1976," said Bob Riley, an Alexandria resident and Belle Haven member. "When I closed my building supply business in the early 1980s, I became the executive director of the Washington Metropolitan Golf Association."

Bob Riley spent 20 years organizing golf tournaments and chasing myriad details associated with running one of the oldest regional golf associations in America.

When he retired in 2003, the WMGA honored his many years of service by renaming the DC Junior as the Bob Riley Junior Open.

His son Tom, an insurance executive, learned the game hanging around the golf course. "As a little kid, I chipped and putted for five or six hours when my dad played, first at Reston, then Belle Haven.

Tom Riley attended St. Stephen's High School and in the summer of 1982, and played golf on scholarship at University of Richmond. He and his family live in the Wilton Woods neighborhood of Alexandria.

Danny Riley, a rising seventh-grader at Alexandria's Mark Twain School, shot a 78 on the first day. His final round 88, however, took him out of the hunt.

"I made a birdie on the first hole," he said afterward, "but it went downhill after that."

Danny Riley has played in the Boys 12-13 division of three junior tournaments sponsored by the Middle Atlantic section of The PGA. "I won one, and finished second and third in the other two," he said proudly.

Wait Continues for Cold War Museum

Museum's founder has already worked one decade to realize his dream.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Francis "Gary" Powers Jr. has been waiting a long time in his quest to open a Cold War Museum at the former Nike missile site in Lorton. Not long compared to the standard time it usually takes to get a museum open. Just long for, well, everything else.

"I've been waiting 12 years. I founded the museum in '96, my first business plan said I'd be done in three years," said Powers with a laugh.

Still, Powers remains optimistic. After all, sometimes it can take twice that long.

"I've heard through other museum officials

who have started or developed museums in their communities that 10 years is pretty quick. Usually it takes upwards of 20," he said. "So I think we're still ahead of the game."

For a dozen years, that "game" for Pow-

"There's a variety of artifacts and props that we've collected to tell the story."

— Francis Gary Powers Jr., founder of Cold War Museum

ers has been the slug-like process of red tape and obstacles he has had to wade through in order to secure funding and gain approval for redevelopment of a portion of the old Lorton Prison off Silverbrook Road which famously housed a genuine Cold War-era Nike missile site in the 1970s.

For instance, the Lorton site, known as Nike W-64, was not the location that first caught his eye. He initially wanted Nike W-

83, in Great Falls, to house the Cold War Museum that has become his late-life ambition, but backed off after the residents of Great Falls, in his words, "didn't see the importance of it."

Then there's the fund raising. Though Vic Dymowski, capital campaign manager for the

Cold War Museum declined to divulge how much money has been raised to date, they hope to receive enough donations and pledged donations by the end of this year to fund the \$5 million foundation that will constitute Phase 1 of the museum's con-

struction. The problem with this comes from what Dymowski calls their "chicken and egg" scenario: some donors have pledged large amounts of money if the museum can come to a lease agreement with the Fairfax County Park Authority, which has been ongoing since 2006. The Park Authority, according to Dymowski, is not eager to sign off the lease until they see more money in hand.

"We just reported to the [Fairfax County Park Authority Board] the other day there are donors that say they are interested in giving six or seven figures once the lease is signed," said Powers.

Kirk Holley, manager of the Special Projects Branch of the Park Authority declined to discuss the specifics of the ongoing negotiations with the museum. He did say that the county doesn't necessarily expect organizations looking to use public land to have all their funding in the bank at the time they sign the lease agreement. They do, however, look very

carefully at the business plan provided to ensure that the proposal could indicate firm sources of revenue to sustain it.

"If revenue is entirely based on a particular source like donations, then they should have some evidence that they can get those donations. If revenue for a facility is going to come from gate receipts or something else, then they can indicate that," said Holley.

Powers, who had just this week received a review from the board concerning terms of the lease, has only just started scrutinizing the documents. However, he summed up the positions each side had taken.

"In a nutshell, they want us to pay for everything and we want them to pay for everything," said Powers, who gave a laugh before turning serious. "Some of their initial questions confused me. The clarification of the details need to be discussed [further] by the three of us."

Ultimately, both parties are confident that



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Development Would Replace Low-Income Rentals

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through the Base Realignment and Closure Area Plans Review (BRAC APR) process. The process, wherein a property owner's proposal for redevelopment is vetted by a gauntlet of local homeowners associations, task forces, the Fairfax County Planning Commission and ultimately the Board of Supervisors, is designed to provide support retail, office and residential housing for the more than 19,000 government jobs being relocated to Fort Belvoir and other sites in southern Fairfax County. Cowles said his property, just miles down the road from the Engineering Proving Grounds (EPG) site, would fit within the criteria of BRAC-related redevelopment.

"What we're hoping is that it falls within the BRAC limits because there's going to be rental housing in an area where rentals should be provided," said Cowles. "It should provide reasonably affordable market housing for both the EPG site and Fort Belvoir."

THE PROPOSAL, which calls for buildings up to 65 feet in height, would house approximately 520-550 rental apartment units with rents in the range of \$1,850 per month. Though that would most likely put the apartments out of the price range of most current tenants, news of the possible redevelopment has been greeted with enthusiasm by some nearby businesses.

"It's been an ongoing issue for this shop-

ping center for a long time now," said Tony White, store manager for the ACME Stove Company on Commerce Street.

When asked what kinds of criminal activity his business saw from loiterers ostensibly coming from Springfield Gardens, White gave a laundry list of illegalities, claiming many of them go unreported in the area.

"Typical loitering, drunkenness in public, prostitution, blatant drug dealing that we've seen," said White. "Typical stuff that happens when you have certain types of people in certain areas."

Lt. Dan Janicky, assistant commander for the Franconia Police Station, said incidents in and around Springfield Gardens have been a concern over past years, but stated that crime statistics for the area are "about the same" as other portions of Springfield. He did not deny that crimes went unreported at Springfield Gardens, saying the department has had struggles getting members of the Latino community to talk to police. According to Janicky, part of that reluctance stems from the fear of reprisals from gangs like MS-13, while others fear that officers will check the documentation of any Latino who attempts to report criminal activity.

"With the work of [Spanish Liaison Officer Al Cruz] and some of the other officers, we've developed some pretty good relationships in the area, and [gang activity] has gone down lately," said Janicky.

"We're always concerned about the safety of the residents of the community and neighbors," said Cowles, who said the new apartment complex, pending approval by the Board of Supervisors, could be up as early as fall 2010.

"We've tried to work with Fairfax County and the police department with our management company in maintaining the property and trying to minimize any kind of disturbance on site or in the surrounding area."

REFERING TO day laborers, who can be seen frequenting the grounds of Springfield Gardens, Cowles stressed that he did not have control of areas just off property grounds.

"We certainly don't like nor encourage loitering on the property whether it's our tenants out there or whether it's other people. To the extent that they're at a bus stop, there's really not too much you can do,"

Tawny Hammond, president of the Springfield Civic Association, said when she first moved to Springfield from Falls Church, she could see the community grappling with diversity issues.

"I run into less bigotry and more people who are fearful of the unfamiliar, someone that doesn't speak like them or look like them."

Emphasizing the complexity of the situation, she said that the fact that many of the tenants are Hispanic is relevant to the story

only in that different cultural customs exist that are socially acceptable.

"I've been to different Latin countries. Sitting on your doorstep and visiting and congregating with your neighbors is normal [there]," she said.

As for the redevelopment, Hammond said the end result would be a mix of the positive and the negative.

"I do think it will change the character of Commerce Street. Some of it will be good and some of it will be bad because I think diversity is a very important thing," she said.

Steven Levenson, a member of the BRAC APR Task Force which approved Cowles redevelopment proposal on July 28, said traffic, not crime, was the primary concern when voting to approve the nomination.

"You know crime really didn't come up. I think one of the dominant issues of course is traffic. It's a dominant issue on every single one of these [nominations]," said Levenson, who believes the redevelopment coupled with the higher income jobs of future residents would lead to less traffic coming in and out of the complex.

Janicky said that Springfield Gardens was not the root cause of crime in the area, and that redeveloping the complex was not akin to waving a magic wand that would eliminate any criminal activity. "I don't think it's going to go away completely. It may push it or disperse it to other locations in the county, but it's obviously not going to eliminate it," he said.

COMMUNITY

Seniors Take Control of Service Projects

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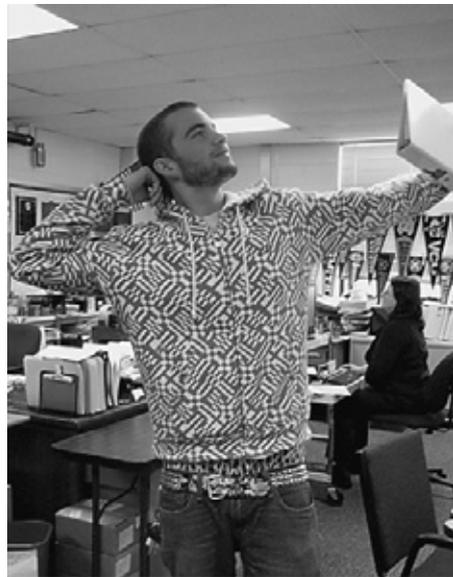
they were slightly apprehensive. Nancy Baldino, PTA president for 2007-08, described how the teachers behind the idea gave an extensive presentation about the project to the PTA last year.

"Those of us on the PTA had a very good idea of what it was," Baldino said. "It is a little overwhelming for the senior year being the first year and there was some trepidation on the part of parents. It sounds like a year-long project ... they emphasized that it was not going to be contingent on graduation requirements."

"[The parents] were overall very supportive, but they were very worried about the workload," said Beach. As for the students, she said, "Initially, the students were very leery. ... They considered themselves the guinea pig."

"I was kind of disappointed, I thought it would be kind of cool to work on campaigns," said Chelsea Reba, a 2008 West Springfield grad. "Our whole class was disappointed." However, as she got into her project, she described how her mind changed. For her project, she organized and performed in a benefit concert to help pay for the rehabilitation costs for Nick Cafferki, a friend and the cousin of a classmate of hers who became paralyzed from the waist down in a swimming accident last summer. The concert included dances, a stand-up comedian and the school's step-team, and she raised over \$1,000.

At the end of the year, Reba joined Aus-



Josh Walker was the Senior Capstone Competition 2008 grand prizewinner for his project on percussion instruction. He taught drumming skills to children in foster care. Here he is receiving his gift card award donated by Greenspring Retirement Home.

tin McNair, Lindsey McGuinness, Lexi Ramage, and Josh Walker as a winner in the Senior Capstone Competition and received a gift card donated by Greenspring Retirement Home.

Several improvements have been made to the program for this coming year. Feedback was taken from last year's seniors



Runner up Austin McNair receives a gift card for his project. McNair organized and played in a rock concert at his church to support Compassion International, an organization that sponsors African children living in poverty.

through surveys and reflective essays so that they could learn from the first-year experience. For example, they are putting an FAQ on the school's Web site.

Another improvement is the chance for early approval of the projects so that students can work on them over the summer. Several of this year's seniors have already been approved.



Chelsea Reba received a gift card from Greenspring Retirement Home as her Project Nick was one of the runners up in the Senior Capstone Competition.

"Understanding that a senior class has a Senior Capstone is a big plus," said Susan Rexford, the Career Center specialist for West Springfield.

"I thought it was a phenomenal idea and the teachers spearheading it are just dynamite," said Baldino. "It promotes community service and the kids get to direct it in whatever they are interested in. ... The kids got so much out of it once they got interested in it."

Convicted Baby Killer Granted New Trial

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Ahmad a new trial was entered into the Fairfax County Circuit Court system.

Jillian O. Ahmad, the prosecution's key witness, was apprehended by police as a material witness just before the Ahmad's three-day trial in May 2007.

But prosecutors failed to notify the defense that Jillian Ahmad was in possession of approximately a half ounce of marijuana and \$1,200 in cash when she was arrested. She was not charged with any crime.

In granting the new trial, Judge Alden wrote: "The court concludes that in the absence of disclosure of the evidence, the Defendant did not receive a fair trial ending in a verdict worthy of confidence."

"Had the Defendant been aware of the undisclosed information, he may reasonably have taken different and potentially significant actions which could have strengthened his defense," she wrote in her opinion letter dated July 25, 2008.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys are expected to schedule a new trial date later this month.

THE CASE against Mohammad Ahmad rested on Jillian Ahmad, defense attorney

Jonathan Shapiro told Judge Alden in arguments last February, during a post-trial "Motion for Disclosure of Exculpatory and Favorable Evidence and for a New Trial."

"Any competent lawyer would have used this information at trial to impeach this witness. It was evidence for the jury to consider," said Shapiro, who began representing Ahmad with Peter D. Greenspun after Ahmad was convicted. "I guarantee it would have been employed to the hilt in this trial."

Prosecutors argued that they had corroborated Jillian Ahmad's testimony, and that disclosing the arrest would not have made any difference in the outcome of the trial.

"The evidence in this case was beyond any doubt, it was overwhelming," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Kathryn S. Swart during the post-trial hearing.

"We corroborated every single thing in this case that Ms. Ahmad said. We wanted to make sure she was telling the truth," she said. "This would not have made any difference in this case."

But Judge Alden wrote that Jillian Ahmad had incentive to help the prosecution obtain a conviction against her husband — to avoid being charged for possession of marijuana.

"This possibility of a reward that Ms.

Ahmad perceived gave her a direct, personal stake in the Defendant's conviction. This stake, coupled with the idea that Mr. Ahmad's conviction would satisfy the Commonwealth and deflect attention away from her, gave Ms. Ahmad a powerful motivation to testify favorably for the Commonwealth," wrote Alden.

This gave Jillian Ahmad "incentive to testify falsely in order to secure a conviction" of her husband, wrote Alden.

ALDEN ALSO said that the evidence of Jillian Ahmad's drug abuse would have supported a defense theory. "The Defendant contended that Ms. Ahmad's drug abuse contributed to her lack of credibility and provided a motive for her to abuse the victim," Alden wrote.

But Jillian Ahmad denied that she was a drug user during the trial.

"Ms. Ahmad appears to be the only eye witness to testify regarding the circumstances of the injury, and the only other potential perpetrator in this case, thus increasing the significance of her testimony," wrote Judge Alden in overturning Mohammad Ahmad's conviction.

Jillian Ahmad operated an unlicensed day-care center out of the townhouse she

shared with her husband on the 6400 block of Silver Ridge Circle in Kingstowne.

On Sept. 12, 2006, Jillian Ahmad left at 9 a.m. to buy milk, juice and snacks at Wal-Mart, leaving four children under 4-years old in the care of her husband.

But Jillian Ahmad first visited a friend before going to Wal-Mart, a friend her husband didn't allow her to call on the phone, she testified during Ahmad's three-day trial in May 2007. Her husband called her on her cell phone almost 20 times while she was at the friend's house.

In one of the calls, Mohammad Ahmad told his wife that Myles was getting tired and sleepy. In another call, he yelled, "Hurry up and get the hell home," Jillian Ahmad testified during the trial.

When she returned, Myles' eyes were rolled back and his lips were blue. "I started screaming, 'What happened, what happened?' He said, 'I don't know, he just passed out,'" she testified.

She told her husband to call 911.

"He said, 'No, just fix it,'" according to her testimony.

Mohammad Ahmad was arrested three days later at the Westway Motor Inn in New York, two miles from LaGuardia International Airport on Sept. 15, 2006.

FAITH

Send notes to the Connection at south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-917-6459. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

Gospel singer-composer Andre de Villiers of South Africa will perform in a free concert on Sunday, Aug. 17, 6 p.m., at Jubilee Christian Center. Also, included is a free picnic at the church on Aug. 17, following the 11 a.m. worship service. Jubilee Christian Center is located at 4650 Shirley Gate Road, Fairfax. 703-383-1170. www.jccag.org.

Messiah United Methodist's next session of GriefShare starts Wednesday, Aug. 20 and runs for 13 weeks. Contact Irene Rich, Director of Congregational Care for more information at 703-569-9862 x212 or irich@messiahumc.org.

Springfield Church of Christ Back-to-School Give-Away of Clothing and School Supplies, on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. While this event is geared toward helping students get ready for school, clothing is available for infants, toddlers, and adults as well. Springfield Church of Christ, 7512 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Call 703-451-4011 or visit springfieldchurchofchrist.org.

ESL Program at St. George's UMC. English as a second language classes are offered from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at St. George's United Methodist Church, 4910 Ox Road, Fairfax. Registration is on Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. with classes from Tuesday, Sept. 9 through Nov. 20. Call 703-385-4550.

The Church of the Good Shepherd will offer registration for fall ESOL classes on Wednesday, Sept. 3 and Thursday, Sept. 4 from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. and again 7-9 p.m. The church is located at 9350 Braddock Road. Fall classes run Sept. 16 through Dec. 4 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., and 7-9 p.m. A \$50 fee will be collected at the first class. Call 703-323-5400.

Community Fun Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 6 from 12-5 p.m. at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 9203 Braddock Road, Burke, between Rolling and Guinea Roads. Free pony rides, a giant slide, face painting, games, food and more. Call 703-978-8724 or visit www.ststephensfairfax.org.

Lunch N'Life for 50 or Better on Thursday, Sept. 18, from 12-2 p.m., at Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main St., Fairfax. Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock), will speak on volunteering and the Capitol Reunion Quarter will entertain. For reservations, 703-620-0161 by Sept. 11. \$8 per person. If transportation is needed, call 703-323-4788. Visit www.fairfaxburkesc.org.

Metropolitan Community Church of Northern Virginia, located on 10383 Democracy Lane, Fairfax, presents worship services on Sundays at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. and choir practice (open to all) on Tuesdays at 7:15 p.m. Visit www.mccnova.com or call 703-691-0930.

Church of the Nativity offers a free general bereavement support group open to all adults on the first and third Thursday of each month 7:30-9 p.m.

The church is located at 6400 Nativity Lane, Burke. Call 703-455-2400, ext. 17.

Arabic Bible Baptist Church is at 5424 Ox Road in Fairfax Station. Pastor Tony Ghareeb. Call 703-273-5599 or e-mail Tghareeb@wmconnect.com.

The Fairfax Church of Christ sponsors a **16-week Divorce Recovery support group** every Monday at 7 p.m. at the church. Call 703-631-2100 or visit www.fxcc.org. The Fairfax Church of Christ is located at 3901 Rubgy Road, Fairfax.

A **new casual worship service** with a praise band is at 9:45 a.m. at Sydenstricker United Methodist Church, 8508 Hooes Road in Springfield. Visit www.sumcdisciples.org.

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church offers **Crossroads**, a new 'come as you are' worship service each Saturday evening at 5 p.m. at 8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Visit www.stmatthewsumc.org.

Truro Church MOPS would like to invite all mothers of preschool-aged children to join MOPS for relevant speakers, small group time with other moms and food. The group meets the second Thursday of every month, at Truro Church, 10520 Main St., Fairfax, in the church fellowship hall on the lower level. Call 703-222-2332.

All are welcome to join the **Fresh Fire congregation** for Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Fresh Fire International Center meets at the Chinese Martial Arts Building, 8426-B Lee Highway, Fairfax, opposite the BMW Fairfax; entrance is in the back. Call 703-815-8950.

HEALTH NOTES

General Bereavement Support Group, a support group for those who have experienced the death of a significant person in their lives. HAVEN of Northern Virginia, 4606 Ravensworth Road, Annandale, is offering a free bereavement support group. The group will begin Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 7:30-9 p.m. and will meet every Wednesday evening for 6 weeks. For information, call 703-941-7000, or visit www.havenofnova.org.

EZ8 Women's Running Camps will begin Sept. 2 at Burke Lake Park for an eight-week program. Beginner to Intermediate female runners are invited to register in advance for one of two camps meeting three times per week. Call 703-586-5037.

Burke Internal Medicine, 5631 Burke Center Parkway, offers free health evaluations for individuals ages 55 and over who have no current health coverage. Included in the offer is a free cholesterol screening, blood pressure screening, diabetes screening, personal risk assessment and consultation. To make an appointment, call 703-250-5171.

The **Northern Virginia Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Fibromyalgia Support Group** offers a support group the third Saturday of every month from 2-4 p.m. at the Mason Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Open to anyone interested in CFC, FM, Mitral Valve Prolapse Syndrome/Dysautonomia and

orthostatic intolerance. Free. No stairs to climb. Refrain from wearing scented products. Call 703-968-9818, or visit www.geocities.com/cfsnova.

The Ostomy Support Group of Northern Virginia, LLC monthly meeting, Sept. 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m.. Physicians' Conference Center, INOVA Fairfax Hospital, 3300 Gallows Road, Fairfax. "Meet & Eat" begins 1:30 p.m., program begins at 2 p.m. Speaker: Bruce Frishman, President, New Hampshire Pharmacy & Medical Equipment. Topics include relationship between health insurance/benefits and ostomy supplies coverage and latest ostomy products. Call 703-802-3457 or visit www.ostomysupportofnova.org.

Good Grief for Children 5-12. Life with Cancer Family Center, Suite 203, Room B, 2832 Juniper St., Fairfax., in the Merrifield area. This is the continuation of an eight-week series utilizing group activities and art therapy through which children can share thoughts and feelings to help with the grief process. Call 703-698-2841.

Lung Cancer Group. Join fellow lung cancer patients and family members to discuss the challenges of living with lung cancer and its treatments. Facilitated by an oncology counselor. At the Life with Cancer Family Center, 2832 Juniper St., Fairfax, Room 1E. Call 703-698-2841 or visit www.lifewithcancer.com.

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5917 Heritage Square Drive, Burke, Virginia
In execution of a Deed of Trust from Sherri R. Ligon, dated September 16, 2005, and recorded September 21, 2005, in Deed Book 17766 at page 1166 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.
the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 39, Section 2, Heritage Square North as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 4590 at page 773, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.
Commonly known as 5917 Heritage Square Drive, Burke, Virginia 22015.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 6.50 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

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Substitute Trustee
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TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
IMPROVED REAL ESTATE
Improved by the premises known as
8419 Carmela Circle, Springfield, Virginia
In execution of a Deed of Trust from Jairo Morales and Francisco Morales, dated July 13, 2005, and recorded July 15, 2005, in Deed Book 17515 at page 2047 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.
the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 80, Section 1, Forest at South Run, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 10667 at page 1342, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.
Commonly known as 8419 Carmela Circle, Springfield, Virginia 22153.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$50,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 8.425 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
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Improved by the premises known as
3502 Pence Court, Annandale, Virginia
In execution of a Deed of Trust from Yury Inturias and Patricia Medina, dated June 23, 2005, and recorded June 28, 2005, in Deed Book 17448 at page 195 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Virginia, on

Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at 11:30 a.m.
the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 52, Section 2, Holmes Run Village, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5007 at page 99, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.
Commonly known as 3502 Pence Court, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$45,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 5.75 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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Park Authority Negotiates Lorton Museum Proposal

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an agreement can be reached. When asked if he was optimistic that the lease would be signed, Holley said yes.

"[The Park Authority] was aware of the interest in the community for a Cold War site," he said. "If there was a way to make this work, they would be a terrific tenant. They would make great use of this site."

POWERS, WHOSE father, Francis Gary Powers Sr., carved out his own place in Cold War history when his U2 plane was downed over Soviet territory in 1960, hasn't been sitting on his hands while waiting for the process to unfold. He relished describing some of the artifacts and exhibits he has collected from around the world as he waits for the bricks and mortars to come together. The artifacts include Cold War-era radios, transceivers and transponders used by county, state and federal officials to navigate through potential emergencies and a nuclear fallout forecast chart, used by officials to plot and project how factors like wind velocity and rain might effect the path of dispersing radiation in the event of a nuclear attack. All will be featured in the museum's "Civil Defense" exhibit, a coordination apparatus used during the Cold War for emergency disaster and attack management that Powers likened to today's Department of Homeland Security. Another featured exhibit he described was the museum's planned 5,000-square-foot account of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Pow-

ers has collected 1960s-era couches, tables, lamps and telephones, in order to create a flashback environment where visitors can immerse themselves in the period and style of the 13-day standoff that nearly saw the United States and Soviet Russia engage in cataclysmic war.

"If revenue is entirely based on a particular source like donations, then they should have some evidence that they can get those donations."

— Kirk Holley, Fairfax County Park Authority

"We wanted people to go into the exhibit and get saturated in the 1960's," said Powers. "There's a variety of artifacts and props that we've collected to tell the story."

THOUGH THE Cold War Museum has come so far from its conception back in 1996, and though Powers said they could have a grand opening as soon as two to two and a half years from the date the lease is signed, the reality is that more waiting remains in his and the museum's future. In order to build the entire 100,000 square-foot structure, his non-profit organization will have to raise 50-60 million dollars to fund construction over the next 8-10 years. While Powers admitted it was frustrating at times dealing with the bureaucracy, he preferred putting the work in now instead of fast tracking it and leaving those disputes down the road. "In order to have a world-class attraction in Fairfax County, we need to make sure our 't's are dotted and our 't'-s are crossed," said Powers. "We want to make sure all these details are worked out now so that two, three years down the road we're not pointing fingers at each other saying 'You said you were going to do that.'"

AROUND TOWN

Local Hair Cuttery salons launch the ninth annual Share A Haircut program to provide a fresh haircut to children starting the new school year. From Aug. 1 through Aug. 15, every time a child 18 or younger receives a haircut at a local Hair Cuttery salon, a free haircut will be provided to a disadvantaged child in the community. Through partnerships with local service agencies and non-profit organizations, Hair Cuttery has donated more than 380,000 haircuts since the program's inception in 1999, always giving back to children in the same community where the salon is located. Hair Cuttery also supports Locks of Love, a non-profit organization providing hairpieces to children who have lost their hair through illness or genetic conditions, and a range of national and local charitable organizations.

area to discover and experience natural and historic regional sites. The first Kids' Day Event is to take place Aug. 21, providing a fun and educational day of activities exploring the Chesapeake Bay near Solomons, Md. Plans include a visit to the Calvert Marine Museum, an hour cruise on-board the Tension, a refitted 1899 "bugeye," and fossil-hunting at Flag Pond Nature Park. Groups attending the inaugural Kids Day Event include Boys and Girls Clubs, Campfire, USA, and BeFriend-A-Child. Volunteers or financial donations would be appreciated in making this and future events successful. Contact Kids' Day Events, 7901 Yarnwood Court, Springfield. Call 703-569-7704.

The City of Fairfax Parks & Recreation Department has partnered with Activenet to create a new online "office." This will allow online registration for classes and trips, and facility rental inquiries. Online registration will be provided at the same fee as in office. To learn more, visit www.visitfairfax.gov.

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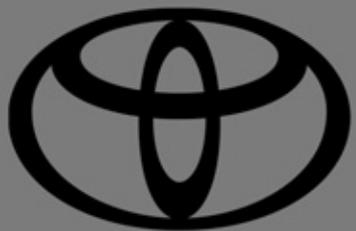
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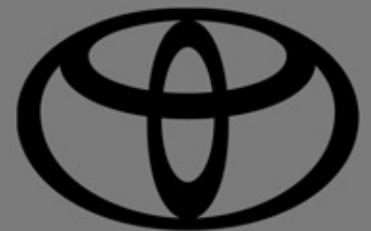
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