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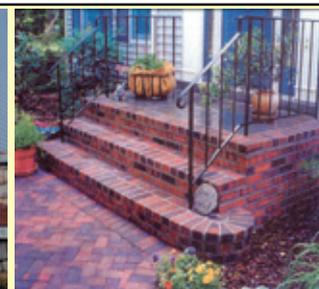
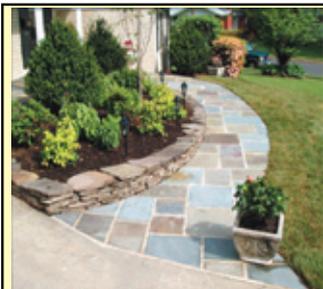
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## Man, 92, Shares Home with Giant Oak

200-year-old white oak towers over Woody Jerman's front lawn.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

Years ago, open green land extended as far as the eye could see. No cars, no condominiums, no convenience stores. If a visit to a neighbor was needed, it was a 1-mile walk to the closest one and every face was familiar. Now, it has all changed, but fortunately, a bridge exists to the past.

**"It's a magnificent tree."**

— Mike McMahon, Tree Commissioner, Braddock District

Woody Jerman, 92, has witnessed all of the development in Burke, having lived in the same house at the corner of Glenbard Court and Old Keene Mill Road his entire life. On the front lawn of his white farmhouse stands a mas-



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The massive tree towers over Woody Jerman's two-story farmhouse in Burke.

## Many Hands Make Quick Work

LDS volunteers clean cabin camps at Prince William Forest Park.

On the morning of April 18, about 200 members of the Annandale Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS) descended upon the 15,000-acre Prince William Forest Park. Annandale Stake president Erick R. Erickson of Burke led the LDS saints. They carried with them brooms, dusters, rakes, cleaning solutions and other supplies as part of an effort appropriately named "Operation Clean Sweep." Some wore T-shirts given to them by the park overseer, the National Park Service (NPS), which expressed thanks to the volunteers for the task at hand.

In 1936, the United States government chose the land that is now Prince William Forest Park as the site where inner-city youth from Washington, D.C. could venture out into nature. The Great Depression was weighing heavily on the youth of America's cities, and parks were born to relieve this burden. To this end, five cabin camps, which still operate today, were built to allow youth



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Volunteers from the Annandale Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints pose for a photo outside of one of the cabins that they cleaned April 18 at Prince William Forest Park.

to recreate in nature during overnight camp-outs. From this legacy, Prince William Forest Park has grown into a center of recreation for Washington, D.C. area residents and visitors from around the world.

Out of respect for the park's history and

to be of service to the community, the LDS saints, in coordination with NPS park rangers, accomplished the stated goal of cleaning four of the five cabin camps, in order

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### Volunteer Award

For her volunteer work with Brain Injury Services, Inc., Deena Hunkler Sanks of Burke, was presented with the Adult Volunteer (250 hours and under) Award during the 2009 Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards ceremony on April 24 at the Fairview Park Marriott.

# Governor's Primary: The Fight Over Money

How much does McAuliffe's prolific fundraising matter?

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Many young adults join political campaigns after graduating from college. Few end up where Terry McAuliffe, a Virginia gubernatorial candidate, found himself during the 1980 re-election bid of President Jimmy Carter.

At the age of 22, McAuliffe rose through the ranks to become national finance director of the Carter campaign, launching a career as one of the Democratic Party's most successful national fundraisers over the next three decades.

During the rest of the 1980s, McAuliffe served as deputy treasurer and director of finance for the Democratic National Committee, and other leadership positions. He was fundraiser for and advisor to President Bill Clinton during the 1990s. In 2000, McAuliffe headed up the Democratic National Convention. He was chair of the Democratic National Committee from 2001 to 2005; he raised money for 2008 Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton and President Barack Obama's campaign.

"Without question, he is a formidable fundraiser. Terry McAuliffe would be on any list of the top 10 Democratic Party fundraisers," said Dan Keyserling, deputy director of communications at the University of Virginia's Center for Politics.

McAULIFFE was the third Democrat and the fourth candidate overall to jump into the 2009 Virginia Governor's race.

Former Alexandria Del. Brian Moran (D), Central Virginia state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D) and former Attorney General Robert McDonnell (R) have been traveling around the commonwealth raising money in anticipation of their gubernatorial runs for the better part of four years. McAuliffe only emerged as a potential candidate in August and started seriously campaigning in November.

Yet McAuliffe raised more money for his campaign in five months than the other two Democrats, who face McAuliffe in a June 9 primary, were able to garner in three years. McAuliffe also collected slightly more money than McDonnell, who does not face an opponent for the Republican Party's nomination.

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, McAuliffe had raised a total of \$5.16 million for his campaign as of March 31. Moran had collected \$2.95 million and Deeds had garnered \$2.15 million for their respective campaigns by the same deadline.

## Top Fairfax County Donors In Governor's Democratic Primary

The information listed below covers fundraising in 2008 and 2009 and is provided by the Virginia Public Access Project, [www.vpap.org](http://www.vpap.org).



Name	Hometown	Work/Job	Donation
<b>DEEDS</b>			
Edward Hart Rice	Vienna	Stockbroker/ Financial Advisor	\$100,000
Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35)	Springfield	Virginia Senate Majority Leader	\$15,000
Thomas Greeson	Herndon	Attorney	\$12,500
<b>MORAN</b>			
George Pedersen	McLean	Defense Industry	\$75,000
John Andrew Braun	Falls Church	Defense Industry	\$57,930
Dario Marquez Jr.	Vienna	Homeland Security	\$35,000
<b>MCAULIFFE</b>			
Hani Masri	McLean	Private Equity/Investors	\$100,000
A. Huda Farouki	McLean	Import-Export/Finance	\$50,000
Premium Distribution of Virginia	Alexandria	Alcohol Distributors	\$50,000

McDonnell had raised \$5.14 million by the end of March.

McAULIFFE may need all that money if he wants to win the primary against two well-established candidates, according to some political scientists.

Moran represented Alexandria in the Virginia House of Delegates from 1996 to 2008. During the 2007 state election cycle, he served as the Democratic house caucus chair, traveling around the state to help several of the Democratic Party's current delegates win or retain their seats.

Deeds, who is from Bath County and represents the Charlottesville area, has served in the General Assembly since 1982. In 2005, he ran for attorney general and lost to McDonnell by fewer than 500 votes, the closest statewide election in Virginia's history.

McAuliffe has never run for an elected office.

"For a candidate like Terry McAuliffe, with such a thin resume in Virginia, money means a good deal. ... Terry McAuliffe needs all the money that he has because the two other [primary] candidates already have a base in this state," said Cordel Faulk, director of communications at the University of Virginia's Center for Politics.

McAuliffe has never run for an elected office.

FAULK and others are quick to say that McAuliffe's fundraising does not mean that he has more voter support than the other candidates.

In 2006, Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.) won a Democratic primary against lobbyist Harris Miller, despite Miller outspending Webb.

"The person with the most money does

not always win. ...It is harder to buy a primary because the electorate is so small. You just don't know who is going to show up," said Faulk.

Moran and Deeds have also pointed out that much of McAuliffe's campaign money has come from outside Virginia.

The McAuliffe campaign states that 17 percent of their candidate's donations come from Virginia, while the bulk of Moran and Deed's donations — over 90 percent according to those respective campaigns — have come from inside the commonwealth. According to the Virginia Public Access Project, McAuliffe's top two individual donors Haim Saban (\$276,064) and Stephen Bing (\$250,000) live in Los Angeles.

"Terry has raised more money. Fortunately for us, the people who have given him money can't vote for him," said Jesse Ferguson, a spokesperson for the Moran campaign. The Moran campaign also boasts the largest number of contributions, with 3,867 people and organizations giving money to the campaign so far, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

"We built a tremendous network of individual donors and small-dollar donors. They are the ones that are going to fuel this campaign," said Ferguson.

McAuliffe has had 2,530 individuals contribute to his campaign and Deeds has had 3,437 individuals contribute to his campaign.

**EVEN IF** McAuliffe has received most of his money from outside Virginia, the political consultant is still showing significant

fundraising strengths inside the commonwealth.

"I think it is important to note that he outraced both of the other Democratic candidates in Virginia," said Elisabeth Smith, a spokesperson for the McAuliffe campaign.

Of the three Democrats, Moran has raised the most money in Arlington County (\$225,538), Loudoun County (\$51,869) and the City of Alexandria (\$1.1 million) since the beginning of 2008.

But McAuliffe has raised more money during that time period in Fairfax County, Virginia's most populous locality.

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, McAuliffe garnered \$828,117; Moran received \$502,329; and Deeds raised \$217,001 from Fairfax County residents and businesses during 2008 and 2009.

While most of Moran and Deeds larger Northern Virginia donors are already active in local political campaigns, McAuliffe has also been able to attract local donors who have previously not given to state campaigns in the commonwealth.

McLean resident Hani Masri, who has ties to Bill Clinton, contributed \$100,000 to McAuliffe's campaign, and does not appear to have given money to statewide candidates in the past.

Oak Hill resident Jack Xi Deng, who contributed \$25,000 to McAuliffe, also does not appear to be a regular donor in other Virginia races.

Arlington resident Thomas DePasquale, who has contributed to many Virginia Democrats over the years, gave \$35,000 to

the Moran campaign and \$10,000 to McAuliffe. Alexandria resident Frank Connor gave \$2,500 to Deeds before contributing \$20,100 to the McAuliffe campaign.

**REGARDLESS** of where McAuliffe's donations come from, his campaign said its ability to attract more money will make McAuliffe the strongest candidate to

take on McDonnell in the fall.

"The national Republican Party has kept its promise to throw the kitchen sink into this gubernatorial race. They are bringing in national Republicans like John McCain and Sarah Palin to raise money for Bob McDonnell. Terry is the only one who can compete with that," said Smith.

McAuliffe will not only be able to raise money for himself but also contribute to other Democrats, she added.

"I would look at the amount of support we were able to give Sharon Bulova and Ilryong Moon in recent Fairfax County elections," said Smith. He contributed more than \$16,000 to Bulova.

"All this focus on money, there has been a lot of overkill on it. All three of these candidates have raised a decent amount of money and showed that they can fundraise," said Scott Surovell, chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

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Center for Politics

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# NEWS

## Patriot's Cup 8K Raises \$75K for The Arc

An estimated thousand people braved the wet weather on Sunday morning, May 3 to take part in the 31st Annual Patriot's Cup Corporate Challenge at George Mason University. The 8K race raises funds for The Arc of Northern Virginia. This year, with the help of corporate sponsors, The Arc raised \$75,000 in support of its mission to create "A Life Like Yours" (ALLY) for children, adults and families living with lifelong intellectual disabilities.

On hand for Sunday's race were President of George Mason University Dr. Alan Merten, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), Del. Charles Caputo (D-67), Del. Robert Hull (D-38), Vice Mayor of Falls Church Hal Lippman, the Mayor of Plains Virginia and over 1,000 more runners and volunteers, of all abilities. Connolly, Caputo and Leslie Braunstein, The Arc board member, braved the rain and served as masters of ceremonies, presenting team and individual awards.

Corporate sponsors included Argon ST, Lockheed Martin, Washington Group, Goldklang, Cavanaugh & Assoc., Datatel, Marriott, Don Beyer Volvo, Metro Run and Walk and Target. Community sponsors included George Mason University, Fairfax County Therapeutic Recreation and the Fairfax City Fire and Rescue.

To donate or learn more about The Arc of Northern Virginia visit [www.thearcofnova.org](http://www.thearcofnova.org). For race results go to [www.mcrrc.org](http://www.mcrrc.org).



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**Emily Lambert sings the National Anthem. She and Dr. Alan Merten, president of George Mason University, wait for the start of the Patriot's Cup.**

## Woman Sexually Assaulted

Fairfax County police are looking for the man who sexually assaulted a 24-year-old Burke woman in Fairfax. Police say the incident occurred April 27 and was reported on May 2. The victim said she took the CUE bus to University Drive and Chain Bridge Road. She exited the bus around 11:30 p.m. and began walking along a footpath near Chain Bridge Road, when she noticed a man from the bus following her.

She told police the man tried to engage her in conversation and then touched her inappropriately. She said he forced her off the path and sexually assaulted her. He then fled on foot and she walked home. The suspect is described as Hispanic, about 5 feet 6 inches and 160 pounds. He wore a blue-and-white striped shirt, black dress pants and black dress shoes.

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## Correction

The article "Green Choice Comes to Fairfax Campus" [Connection, April 30-May 6, 2009] omitted information about Smart Markets at George Mason University. The Smart Markets take place Wednesdays, from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at the Johnson Center Plaza North at the Fairfax Campus of George Mason University.

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# OPINION

## Hopeful Home Sales

**A** look at the records of more than 1,000 homes that sold in March, 2009 in our area offers a glimpse of a sales at the top and bottom of the market.

In March in Northern Virginia, hundreds of homes, mostly condos and townhouses, sold for less than \$250,000.

About half or more of these were likely foreclosures or distressed properties, but all movement in the real estate market is a good sign, clearing out inventory. Many of the families whose homes sold and closed in March are now able to move up in the market; there are unusually good prices available on homes at all entry points right now.

In the City of Alexandria, at least five townhouses sold for under \$250,000, with more than two dozen condominiums selling for under \$200,000. At the other end, five homes sold for more than \$1 million.

In Arlington, 14 sales closed for under \$200,000, and 14 more between \$200,000 and \$250,000. There was movement at the high end too, with the sale of one condominium for \$5.65 million, plus eight more homes selling for more \$1 million in March alone.

**LOOKING FOR** a single family home under \$200,000? Among the nearly 50 March sales

**First time homebuyers get shot at affordable homeownership; domino effect helps all homeowners.**

under \$200,000 in Sterling were a dozen single family detached homes, with many more under \$300,000.

More than 20 townhouses sold in Herndon for under \$200,000.

**EDITORIALS** In Mount Vernon, the top home sold for \$2.65 million, while nearby a variety of bargains sold for remarkably low

prices in the Route 1 corridor, including 29 condos and townhouses for under \$100,000. Twenty more condos, townhouses and duplexes sold in March in the area for between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

In Reston, one condo sold for \$1.1 million, while there were 13 sales of condos and townhouses for under \$200,000.

**IN BURKE**, 15 homes sold for under \$250,000 in March, mostly townhouses.

In Centreville in March, 22 townhouses sold for under \$200,000.

In Springfield in March, there were 31 sales

of condos and townhouses for under \$250,000.

In Fairfax Station and Clifton, 22 homes sold for more than \$500,000, with two sales over \$1 million in March. In Lorton in March, 10 townhouses sold for under \$200,000.

In Great Falls, only one home in March sold for less than \$500,000, but there were five homes sold for more than \$1 million.

In McLean, one home sold for \$3.4 million, with eight more homes selling in March for more than \$1 million. A handful of condos sold in McLean for under \$250,000.

In Vienna, eight homes sold in March for more than \$1 million, while nine condos and townhouses sold for under \$300,000.

For specific addresses and home sales by town for March, see <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=%20328003&paper=%2059&cat=228>. April home sales will be posted after May 20.

— MARY KIMM

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## In the Interests of Public Health

**W**hile it's a huge topic for discussion, no one really has any idea what the future holds for us and the so-called swine flu. It's reasonable to predict that in the next few weeks, it will turn up in Northern Virginia.

With the Centers for Disease Control calling for the closing of schools where cases are confirmed, we might well be facing one or more schools that are unexpectedly closed.

But we question whether such a policy is considering all aspects of public health. When an elementary school, for example, is closed, how do families that depend on two incomes or single parent families cope? In any less affluent area, what percentage of children might be home alone because parents have no sick leave or vacation time?

**IN MIDDLE SCHOOL**, students are nomi-

nally more able to be home alone for some period of time, but we know there are consequences to unsupervised adolescents in terms of risky behavior.

Let's take the actions necessary to stem a crisis, but let's not lose sight of other risks in the process.

— MARY KIMM

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## Celebrating a Pink Anniversary

National Race for Cure goes global at 20.

BY U.S. REP. GERRY CONNOLLY  
D-11

**B**reast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women world wide, with more than 1.3 million diagnosed each year. More than 465,000 die from the disease each year; a woman dies from breast cancer every 68 seconds. One in eight women in the U.S. will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.

And yet, the five-year survival rate for breast cancer, when caught early before it spreads beyond the breast, is now 98 percent, compared to 74 percent just 25 years ago. There are 2.5 million breast cancer survivors alive in the U.S. today, the largest

group of cancer survivors in the country.

**COMMENTARY** It's a courageous and bold and committed bunch, a view that was reinforced last week when I had the pleasure of addressing hundreds of Susan G. Komen for the Cure affiliates and breast cancer survivors from around the country as part of Komen's annual advocacy day in Washington. The day before, I introduced a resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives honoring the 20th anniversary of the National Race for the Cure in the nation's capital and its transition this year to the Global Race for the Cure to reflect Komen's global mission to end breast cancer.

I would encourage everyone to participate

in The Race for the Cure. It is definitely a moving and exhilarating experience. Komen expects more than 50,000 people on the National Mall June 6. The organization hopes to top the record \$3.7 million it contributed to 18 community health organizations in our region from the proceeds of the 2008 Race for the Cure.

As we work to advance historic health care reform legislation, let's applaud those who are filling the vast gaps and unmet needs in health education, screening and treatment for underserved populations.

Several of the worthy recipients of 2008 grants are located in my congressional district, including the Korean Community Service Center's "Breast Cancer Prevention

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# Protecting Homeowners

Attorney General's office warns about alleged mortgage fixers preying on homeowners.

BY BILL MIMS  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF VIRGINIA

The number of home foreclosures in Virginia rose from 24,000 in 2007 to 68,000 last year. As of December 2008, about 20 percent of all homeowners nationwide owed more on their house than its current market value.

These economic realities breed those who wish to prey on homeowners. Reports of such unscrupulous persons posing as mortgage loan modification or foreclosure prevention companies have risen across the nation in recent years. The last thing distressed Virginians need is to be misled by opportunists.

In a phony counseling scam, someone tells you that he can help you negotiate a workout deal or refinancing with your lender if you pay him first. In the end, they take your money and do nothing.

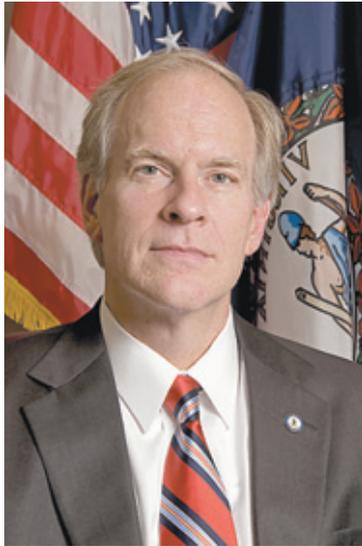
Our office worked to craft new laws, which go into effect July 1, to protect homeowners. One such law will amend the Virginia Consumer Protection Act to make it clear that mortgage foreclosure operators are not permitted to charge advance fees for mortgage foreclosure prevention transactions.

Homeowners can protect themselves by avoiding a business that:

- ❖ guarantees it can stop the foreclosure process, no matter what your circumstances
- ❖ instructs you not to contact your lender, lawyer or credit counselor

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Attorney General Bill Mims

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All Virginians facing foreclosure are encouraged to work directly with your lender or servicer to see whether a loan modification or other relief is possible. Virginians also may consult with a HUD-approved foreclosure avoidance counselor, or in the alternative, the Homeownership Preservation Foundation's HOPE Hotline, toll-free at 1-888-995-HOPE.

Consumer protection is an important statutory duty of the Office of the Attorney General, and our staff can help. In an age of increased consumer issues, we all must continue to be educated and vigilant.

## Charity Run Goes Global

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Campaign for Asian Americans," Inova's "Life with Cancer" program and the Somali Family Care Network's "Minority Breast Health Awareness Project." These organizations make a difference and they need our support.

Groups like Susan G. Komen for the Cure deserve our support. Over the last 27 years, the organization has invested \$1.3 billion worldwide in breast cancer research and education and health services, filling an important gap in funding.

**THIS YEAR** marks its 20th anniversary turning the Washington region pink. I invite you to join me on June 6 to help make this year's Race for the Cure the best and the largest ever. Visit [www.globalraceforthecure.org](http://www.globalraceforthecure.org) and click on "register" for an online registration form.

I hope to see you on the National Mall June 6 for a fun and rewarding day with family, friends and inspiring cancer survivors. It will inspire you as it has inspired my family and me.

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Susan Robey of Sunset View Farms helps a customer pick out some herbs on the opening day of the Burke Farmers Market on May 2.



Megan Kirin and Tammy Kronebusch spend their Saturday morning shopping for fresh produce at the Farmers market in Burke on May 2 at the Burke VRE parking lot.

# Fresh Sign of Spring

Farmers Market starts season in VRE parking lot.



Area residents shop for fresh produce and plants on the opening day of the Burke Farmers Market. The market is open each Saturday through Oct. 24, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

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# LDS Volunteers Clean Cabins

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for them to be ready for seasonal occupation. The Operation Clean Sweep cleaning effort involved cleaning rafters, dusting surfaces, washing mattresses, sweeping floors, cleaning window screens and blowing and raking leaves around the dwellings. At the conclusion of the massive work effort, the saints cleaned cabin camps that contained 106 cabins, with sleeping accommodations for 583, plus

craft lodges and host houses.

The NPS was grateful for the volunteer effort, as it must annually find volunteers to clean the four cabin camps prior to the seasonal occupation. Because of the large size of the LDS group, the cleaning effort, which usually extends beyond a month, was accomplished in just four hours.

For more information about the park or volunteering for a service activity, call 703-221-7181 and ask for park ranger Jenn Kays.

# Burke White Oak 12th Largest in State

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sive White Oak tree that has been there even longer than he has.

"It's a magnificent tree that I have admired from a distance for the last 30 years," said Mike McMahon, tree commissioner of the Braddock District. "It a tree, in its setting, that has been allowed to expand and grow. It's probably the nicest-looking white oak I've seen."

**ACCORDING TO** Jerman, the tree is possibly as old as the house he lives in, which was built by Jim Keene, the namesake of Old Keene Mill Road, in the 1840s. Keene lived in the house until 1882, and a German family lived there for less than 10 years, followed by the Step family, who resided there for 18 years. Jerman's family moved into the home in 1912, and he said that his first memory of the tree was from 1925, when his family measured its circumference at 30 inches.

Today, according to measurements taken two weeks ago by Dr. Jeff Kirwan, extension specialist and professor in the Department of Forestry at Virginia Tech, and McMahon, the tree measures out as the 12th largest white oak in the state. McMahon noted that the tree may jump up the list

when additional measurements are taken, as only the circumference was measured and a tabulation of the height and crown spread is also needed to make it official.

"[The tree] was big, so I was curious to see how it ranked," said Kirwan, author of the book "Remarkable Trees." "We did not anticipate measuring a tree like that."

Over the years, as the once-bustling farmhouse that produced milk, beef, poultry and produce slowed due to the county's development of the area, Jerman still cared for it, seeing it as a vital part of his beloved family home. Even after being forced to sell his farmland in 1985 because of skyrocketing taxes and seeing the Pohick Library and myriad homes built just a few dozen feet from the tree, he still resisted advances to cut the tree down.

"The county ruined it," Jerman said. "I hate to see it like this. I'd rather see the area like it was 50 or 60 years ago. You used to know everyone but the people around here now don't want to know you. But I guess they had to [develop] somewhere."

Jerman recently has taken more intensive steps to preserve the tree, as he lost a white oak of a similar size years ago due to lightning. Jerman first wrapped a ground cable around the entire length of the tree and into the ground so that if lightning struck the



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**The large white oak tree sits on Woody Jerman's property.**

tree, the electricity would travel down the metal cable and into the ground instead of destroying it. He has also been cutting off the ivy that has grown up the tree, as the invasive plant competes for sunlight with trees, often killing them.

In recognition of Jerman's efforts to preserve the oak, McMahon said that the

Fairfax County Tree Commission wanted to present Jerman with the Friends of Trees award, given annually to people who protect area trees. However, due to the short notice, as McMahon was only able to measure the tree two weeks ago, the commission was unable to get a plaque made in time for the Arbor Day festivities. McMahon said that the commission will revisit this issue at its next meeting to decide how to appropriately recognize Jerman.

**IN ADDITION** to the discussion regarding awards, McMahon and Hugh Whitehead, member of the county's Urban Forestry Division, plan to drill a hole the size of a quarter into the tree to retrieve a sample to determine the tree's age. Though they cannot be sure of its age before those tests are completed, both Jerman and McMahon both estimate it to be around 200-years old.

If the calculations are accurate, then Jerman certainly has a piece of history sitting on his front lawn; befitting for a man who has spent his entire life witnessing that very history taking place.

"He is an old Virginian farmer complete with bib overalls," McMahon said. "It's like a Norman Rockwell setting. If you appreciate heritage and beauty, there is a snapshot of it right here in Fairfax County."

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## THEATER



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Performers end up at the stage's edge following the exuberant song, "Tradition."

# 'Fiddler' at Robinson

BY MEGAN FRAEDRICH  
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Adapted from Sholom Aleichem's stories, Jerry Bock and Sheldon Harnick's 1964 theatrical masterpiece, "Fiddler on the Roof," was the first musical to play 3,000 performances on Broadway. Both sharply poignant and riotously funny, "Fiddler on the Roof" explores how far traditions can bend before they break, and how far Tevye the milkman can bring himself to bend with them.

In Robinson Secondary School's production of "Fiddler on the Roof," Tevye, Eric Fischer, showcased a breathtaking operatic baritone voice that would not have been out of place on a Broadway stage. But Fischer proved himself to be more than just a pretty voice with his earthy, sincere and often hilarious characterization of the beleaguered patriarch. With his lanky frame, gruff Yiddish dialect and well-timed one-liners, his Tevye was a lovable and relatable everyman.

Madison Auch, Micah Chelen and Erica Heer gave appealing, dynamic performances as Tevye's daughters. Auch grew believably as a character from teenager to young mother, and Heer danced and sang with gracefulness and sensitivity. Chelen's inquisitive Hodel always shone, particularly in the emotionally charged "Far From The Home I Love." Her magnetic chemistry with Alex Alferov's Perchik never faltered, and Alferov's intense conviction, powerful stage presence, and

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To have community events listed, send [burke@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:burke@connectionnewspapers.com) or call 703-917-6459 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

#### THURSDAY/MAY 7

**Movie on the Lawn: 'He's Just Not That Into You.'** 8 p.m. at the plaza in front of the McDiarmid Building, Annandale Campus, Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Free. Cars without NOVA parking stickers must use the visitor parking garage for \$1 per hour, cash only. 703-323-3484.

**Let's See What's at the Sea.** 10:30 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Stories and activities. Age 3-5 with adult. 703-293-6227.

**Bedtime Stories: Something's Fishy.** 7 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Stories and activities about fish. Pajamas optional. Age 3-6 with adult. 703-644-7333.

**Kris Delmhorst and Drew Gibson,** 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$17. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Chainsaw Baby.** 10 p.m., Fat Tuesdays, University Mall, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Locals Only Radio and Main St. presents "Chainsaw Baby & The Process. \$5/person. Call 703-385-5717.

#### FRIDAY/MAY 8

**"A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,"** 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. 703-219-2351 or [www.fxplayers.org](http://www.fxplayers.org).

**Il Divo,** 7:30 p.m. at the Patriot Center, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$59.50-\$129.50, available by Phonecharge at 703-573-SEAT or online at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Magic,** 10 p.m. at Fat Tuesdays, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. 703-385-5717.

**Walt Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast,'** 7 p.m. This brush-up rehearsal is for families with children with special needs. The

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Good Shepherd Players presents this production for all ages. Church of the Good Shepherd is located at 9350 Braddock Road, Burke. Tickets can be ordered online at [www.goodshepherdplayers.com](http://www.goodshepherdplayers.com).

**'A Harmonizer on Broadway'** presented at 8 p.m. by the Alexandria Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus. Music from "West Side Story," "Phantom of the Opera," "Spamalot" and many others. Location is Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale. Tickets from \$15-\$30 available by calling 703-910-4600 or at [www.harmonizers.org](http://www.harmonizers.org).

**Live Traditional Irish Music.** 7:30 p.m., at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600. [www.theauldshebeenva.com](http://www.theauldshebeenva.com).

**Lunch Bunnies.** 12 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Bring lunch and listen to stories. Birth-5 with adult. 703-978-5600.

**Meiko and Corey Chisel,** 7 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Evenout Reunion Show with Numa,** 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**30th Anniversary Show.** 10 p.m., Fat Tuesdays, University Mall, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Magic the Band will perform all night long. \$5/person. Call 703-385-5717.

## SATURDAY/MAY 9

**'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,'** 7:30 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. 703-219-2351 or

[www.fxplayers.org](http://www.fxplayers.org).  
**Bill Engvall and Frank Caliendo Comedy Show,** 8 p.m. at the Patriot Center, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$49.50, through [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 703-573-SEAT. Visit [www.billengvall.com](http://www.billengvall.com) or [www.frankcaliendo.com](http://www.frankcaliendo.com).

**Dienamic,** 10 p.m. at Fat Tuesdays, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. 703-385-5717.

**Celtic Music.** Natalie MacMaster performs 8 p.m., at George Mason University's Center for the Arts. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$44, \$36, \$22. Age 12 and under, half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit [www.tickets.com](http://www.tickets.com). The Center for the Arts is on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123.

**Walt Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast,'** 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Road, Burke. [www.goodshepherdplayers.com](http://www.goodshepherdplayers.com).

**'A Harmonizer on Broadway,'** 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. by the Alexandria Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus. Music from "West Side Story," "Phantom of the Opera," "Spamalot" and others. Location is Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale. Tickets from \$15-\$30. 703-910-4600 or at [www.harmonizers.org](http://www.harmonizers.org).

**Live Traditional Irish Music.** 7:30 p.m., at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600. [www.theauldshebeenva.com](http://www.theauldshebeenva.com).

**Remember Your Mother: flower pot and hat decorating for your mother.** Ages 6 and up; registration required. 2 p.m., at Ratcliff-Allison

House, 10386 Main St., Fairfax. 703-385-8414, [www.fairfaxva.gov/museumvc](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/museumvc).

**Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association, Inc. Community Event.** 10 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Master Gardeners provide horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice to home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and strategies. 703-978-5600.

**Politicks and Echo Boom,** 10:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**Permanent Ascent.** 10 p.m., Fat Tuesdays, University Mall, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Permanent Ascent will perform with Shinguh and Soul Craft. \$5/person. Call 703-385-5717.

## SUNDAY/MAY 10

**'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum,'** 2 p.m. at Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. 703-219-2351 or [www.fxplayers.org](http://www.fxplayers.org).

**Walt Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast,'** 2 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Road, Burke. [www.goodshepherdplayers.com](http://www.goodshepherdplayers.com).

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic.** 1 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice.

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**Night of the Living Shred with Joe Stump**, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

### MONDAY/MAY 11

**Inova Blood Drive**, 2 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Photo ID required. Appointments preferred; call 1-866-256-6372. Adults. 703-293-6227.

**Friends of the Library Meeting**, 7 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Join our Friends group for their monthly meeting. Adults. 703-978-5600.

**Neighborhood Plant Clinic**, 6 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. Adults. 703-644-7333.

**Open Mic Showcase hosted by Ron Goad**, 7 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

### TUESDAY/MAY 12

**Pub Quiz**, 7:30 p.m., at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600. [www.theauldshebeenva.com](http://www.theauldshebeenva.com).

**Fairfax Bibliophiles Book Collecting Group**, 7:15 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. 703-293-6227.

**From Military Spouse to Mystery Author**, 7:30 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Local author Sara Rosett will talk about "Magnolias, Moonlight, and Murder." 703-978-5600.



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**Neighborhood Plant Clinic**, 10 a.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. The Fairfax County Master Gardeners Association gives tips and advice. Adults. 703-644-7333.

**Book Discussion Group**, 1 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. "My Antonia" by Willa Cather. Adults. 703-644-7333.

**Computer Tutoring**, 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Get one-on-one help with computers, common software applications and navigating the Internet. Call to sign up. Adults.

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**Fastball "Little White Lies."** CD Release with Nate Ihara, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

### WEDNESDAY/MAY 13

**Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim**, video presentation of interviews with longtime Fairfax residents, reception to follow. 7 p.m., at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway,

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**Pseudolus and Lycus pose with the courtesans from Fairfax High School's production of 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.'**

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**Tribute to Maestro Luis Haza presented by the Virginia Chamber Orchestra.** 8:15 p.m., at the Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The concert will feature Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat major" with Natasha Bogacheck, violin, and Zino Bogacheck, viola; tribute by Robert Aubrey Davis. Seniors and groups, \$12; adults, \$18; advance purchase, seniors and groups, \$10; adults, \$15. www.virginiachamberorchestra.org.

# Rams Stage 'Fiddler on the Roof'

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sweet singing voice made him effortlessly intriguing.

Sarah Russell was delightful as Yente the matchmaker, perfecting the mannerisms of a garrulous old busybody. As Lazar Wolfe, Josh Berrent's versatile facial expressions stood out, especially in one hysterical scene with Tevye. A strong ensemble featured excellent dancers (especially Rachel Mehaffy and Logan Hillman in the joyous "To Life") and entertaining characters, like Elena Robertson, who stole the wedding dance number, and skilled violinist Jose Justiniano as the mysterious Fiddler.

Detailed, authentic sets by Carl Schwartz, Piper Hillman, Julieanna Novak and Sam Wharton were accentuated by Eddie Moore, Dan Barr, Mimi Lynch, and Paul Mayo's creative lighting. Maggee Albertson and Marisa Brown's skillful age makeup and Piper Hillman's beautifully-executed choreography added further professional touches. The

stage crew of Sammie Jones, Abby Muller, Kortney Jeffreys and Frannie Nejacko was efficient to the point of near-invisibility, and Julieanna Novak and Ashley Guckert provided props, effects, and live chickens.

While the orchestra sounded fantastic, they sometimes overwhelmed the singers, and a few soloists had trouble staying on tempo. While several characters somewhat upstaged themselves, the entire cast showed tremendous dedication.

The very talented cast and crew deserve additional recognition for accomplishing all of this on their opening night. Weaving a spellbinding story "laden with happiness and tears," Robinson Secondary School's "Fiddler on the Roof" was truly a "wonder of wonders."

"Fiddler on the Roof" will also be performed this weekend, May 8 and 9, at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss it.

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# Bruin Handles Pain in Straight Sets

Despite health concerns, Shannon Allin thrives on court.

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE CONNECTION

Those two white strips of athletic tape under Shannon Allin's kneecaps could be attributed to soreness. If anyone ever asked, the sophomore tennis player at Lake Braddock would say exactly that. It was a rough match. Her legs are tired. End of story.

But after a singles match loss to Katie Kim of Hayfield on Friday, April 24, Allin was not only beaten but stumped. No longer could the Endura bandages on her knees explain the tears running down her face. She was caught and she knew it.

Allin has polyarticular juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, or JRA, and those bandages help her to play tennis. As a seventh-grader, Allin was diagnosed with the disease in January 2006 and it flared up worse than ever during that match against Kim. The sophomore knew her teammates would have questions and forced herself to come clean.

"I didn't want to be different from my teammates and by me telling them that I was different, they would see that as opposed to, 'She just pulled something at practice, and she has to tape her knees up,'" Allin said.

"It was really bad," she said. "It hurt so much that you couldn't feel it anymore. But your tears come instead, and that's what I was doing between points. I was trying to calm myself and not let it affect me. But that failed. I was thinking about the pain, and I couldn't really get my mind around it."

The pain, according to Allin, feels like she's rubbing her knee with the scratchy side of a piece of Velcro and trying to bend her knee while it's still immobilized. That unwanted prickly feeling invades her ankles, wrists, feet, elbows and knees.

JRA is an autoimmune disorder that affects over 46 million Americans, 300,000 of whom are children. It is often contracted



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**Despite having polyarticular juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, sophomore Shannon Allin plays in the Lake Braddock girls' tennis team's No. 1 singles slot and, if healthy, the top doubles team.**

when the body is busy fighting another virus and the immune system goes haywire. Caught early enough, it's common for JRA to disappear as its bearer nears adulthood. In cases like Allin's, in which a diagnosis is made in the later stages of childhood, the disease can be lifelong.

**WHEN ASKED** how she manages to deal with the disease on a day-to-day basis, Allin, who performs a daily workout routine with Lake Braddock's athletic training staff, let another one slip.

"I can't do as much there because they have more kids walking around," said Allin, as if she wasn't one of those walking around, too. "It's shortened and it's less work."

So every Saturday at 7:30 a.m., before a single text message is sent or a Facebook page is updated, Allin heads to physical therapy, running through her full list of stretches, lunges, leg lifts and various stepping exercises.

Allin does this because her kneecaps shift out of place when she plays tennis, which is the result of weakened Iliotibial Bands (IT) or the thick fibrous tissue that runs along the outside of the leg. With physical

therapy, Allin hopes to strength the inside of her legs to a point where her body, instinctively, will keep the kneecaps centered.

"She has to do the exercises that she's supposed to do," said Barbara Allin, Shannon's mother. "There aren't exceptions. There's no, 'I'm too tired.'"

Shannon Allin also has to limit the amount of "crap" she eats, which can be best described as anything that a teenager would like — no Doritos, Twinkies or Milky Ways. Needing potassium and protein, she instead eats a lot of fish, chicken and fruit. After dinner, Shannon Allin can't be a night owl. She needs about eight hours of sleep per night to keep the disease in check.

**STANDING ON** the backline of a tennis court, Shannon Allin must judge whether she's going to be able to play that shot her opponent sent over the net because, even though she could probably get there, 20 minutes later the tears might start flowing.

Assuming Lake Braddock's top singles slot in only her second year on the team, Shannon Allin has been impressive on the tennis court thus far. Her 5-8 record this season doesn't exactly warrant an All-State

"She really tries not to let people know how much pain she's in."

— Coach Susan Wells,  
Lake Braddock Secondary

examination, but, as Bruins head coach Susan Wells pointed out, she's still only a sophomore playing against the Patriot District's most talented players.

On days where Shannon Allin can't continue or if Lake Braddock already has the match won, Wells will take her out of the No. 1 doubles pairing, instructing No. 7 player Nadia Laher to play with Shannon Allin's partner, No. 2 singles player Chelsey Lane, instead.

Tennis has become a way of dealing with JRA for Shannon Allin, who originally saw herself as a prolific dancer but had to give it up because it was too hard on her joints. Though she grew up in a tennis-oriented family, Shannon Allin never saw herself as a lifelong tennis player. Now, it's all she wants to do.

"She really tries not to let people know how much pain she's in," said Wells, whose team was 13-1 this season, splitting its district title with South County. "Even though it's painful, I truly believe right now that tennis is an outlet for her to spend some time doing something that she enjoys ... and that she's very good at."

## Raising Money, Awareness

Emily Smith, 17, contracted juvenile rheumatoid arthritis in 1994 and, along with her younger sister, Sophie Smith, 14, started to raise money to combat the disease and find a cure.

Both sisters attend Robinson Secondary School and together helped raised \$6,581.87 for the 2009 Arthritis Walk on Saturday, April 25. Overall, \$28,000 was raised at the walk, which took place at Robinson Secondary School.

To find out more about the Arthritis walk or for JRA-related fund-raising information, visit <http://letsmovetogetherfairfax.kintera.org>.

## Rematch for Rams

During the Robinson girls' lacrosse team's out-of-district matchup with Georgetown Visitation on Thursday, April 23, 50 minutes of regulation time was not enough to determine an outcome, so the two teams faced a pair of 3-minute overtime periods.

The Rams, did not come out as strong as they would've liked, and that 8-7 loss was a memory that they carried into Tuesday night's Concorde District semi-

final contest against Westfield.

Tied at 14 after regulation, Robinson rattled off four answered goals to earn an 18-14 win. The victory sets up a rematch of last year's district title game against Chantilly, when Robinson handed Chantilly its first loss of the season with a 14-13 win.

"Before we went into this overtime, we just looked at each other and said that we

learned from the last time," said Robinson coach Alison Neun, whose team improved to 8-3 on the season.

Rachel Moody led the Rams with six goals, while Campbell Collier had four and Abigail Eastman and Sarah Moody each had three apiece. Rachel Moody also recorded a team-best three assists.

The Robinson's boys' lacrosse team was not as fortunate, as it suffered a 7-5 loss to

Westfield down the road at Fairfax High School. Despite tying the score at 5 with 8 minutes, 49 seconds to play in the fourth quarter on a goal by Daniel McNulty, Westfield scored two consecutive times to grab a 7-5 win.

Westfield will face Chantilly in Friday's title game, while Robinson will likely get the No. 3 seed and face the loser's of Friday's Liberty District title game between W.T. Woodson and Langley.

### WEEK IN SPORTS

# PEOPLE



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**Lange Wins** In front of 4,132 fans on Saturday, May 2, at George Mason University's Patriot Center, local boxer Jimmy Lange (30-3-2, 21 KOs) defeated Frank Houghtaling via total knockout for the 154-pound WBC USNBC Championship. Houghtaling retired in his corner after the fifth round.

## May Art Show

Burke art teacher Carol Zeitlin invites the public to view her Student Art Show during the month of May in the children's book section at the Pohick Regional Library. Zeitlin conducts art classes in drawing and watercolor for all ages during the school year and registration is on going now for Art Camp 2009 in Burke. Call 703-250-6930.



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**JoAnn Pearson Knox, executive director of NOVA ScriptsCentral, accepts a donation of \$250,000 from Care First Blue Cross/Blue Shield at the organizations location in the new InovaCares Clinic for Women and Children on April 28. Inova donates the office space to NOVA ScriptsCentral, which is a non-profit pharmacy that helps provide medication to uninsured families.**

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9519 Sloop Court, Burke, Virginia  
In execution of a Deed of Trust from Hicham Moutawakil, dated June 3, 2005, and recorded June 6, 2005, in Deed Book 17364 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  
**Monday, May 18, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.**  
the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:  
Lot 379, Section 5, Longwood Knolls as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5253 at page 752, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.  
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In execution of a Deed of Trust from Sylvia G. Zamora, dated March 7, 2005, and recorded March 16, 2005, in Deed Book 17075 at page 1769 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  
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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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**OBITUARY**

**James T. Freeman** of Lansdowne, VA, formerly of North Springfield, VA died April 26, 2009 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital. Born in Whitman, MA, Nov. 18, 1919, he served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He received a BS in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University, in Washington, DC. Mr. Freeman retired from the FBI as a Special Agent. He was interested in youth sports and volunteered with the North Springfield Little League.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Gloria; four children: Cynthia (David) Foulke of Leesburg, Patricia (Michael) Fitzpatrick of Virginia Beach, Thomas Freeman of Leesburg, and Andrew (Natalie) Freeman of Falls Church; and six grandchildren: Grace, David, Stephen and Evan Foulke and Catie and Connor Fitzpatrick.

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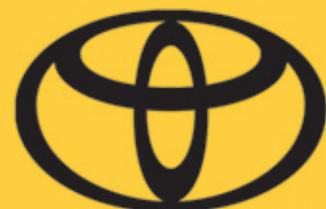
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