

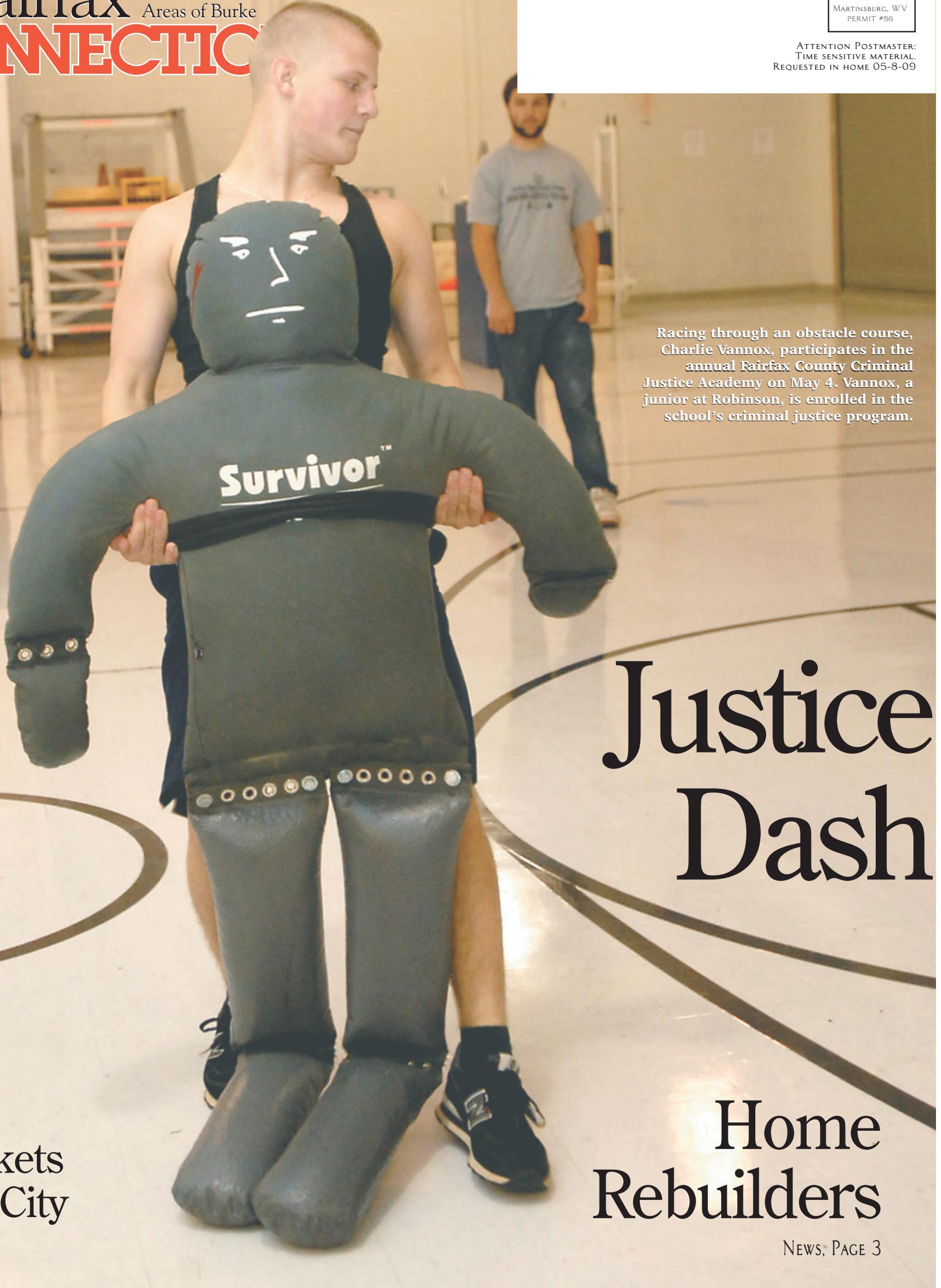
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Racing through an obstacle course, Charlie Vanno, participates in the annual Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy on May 4. Vanno, a junior at Robinson, is enrolled in the school's criminal justice program.

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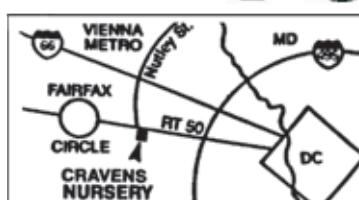
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Helping Hearts and Hands

Church members repair elderly woman's home.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

By the time they broke for a quick lunch of pizza and soda in the backyard at noon, the 30-some people repairing Margaret Brown's home in the City of Fairfax had already been working for four hours — and would continue for four or five more.

Most were members of Vienna Presbyterian Church and they were participating, on Saturday, April 25, in the annual National Rebuilding Day, formerly called Christmas in April. They were among 1,800 volunteers in Arlington, Fairfax and Falls Church rehabilitating 48 homes of low-income, elderly or residents with disabilities.

It was a Saturday and the temperature reached 93 degrees, but the workers were in good spirits and were happy to lend a hand. "Our church has done this a number of years, and it's a way to give back," said Mary Pella, house co-captain.

THE VOLUNTEERS cleaned the kitchen, weather-treated the side porch, scraped and painted the front-porch railing, cleaned up the backyard, cleared old

boxes out of the attic, painted some rooms, planted azaleas and boxwoods in the front yard, repaired old windows and added some safety features to the bathroom and basement. Pella praised the RPJ Corp. for helping make it all possible.

The local Rebuilding Together program is under the auspices of the Robert Pierre Johnson (RPJ) Housing Development Corp. "It's a wonderful program to work with because RPJ selects the homeowners and provides a lot of the know-how and supplies," said Pella. "One of their goals is to enable people to continue to live in their homes, so we make the houses safer and more pleasant."

Brown, 85 and legally blind, was glad they came. "My son's busy and can't do this," she said. "There's no way he could move all the heavy furniture himself to paint the rooms, but they brought a crew. I think it's awfully nice of them, really wonderful."

Ted Speck was there with his daughter, Rebecca, a senior at Madison High School. "My daughter needed community-service hours for the National Honor Society, so I came along to help, as a father-daughter activity," he said. "We also do Habitat for Humanity and Neighbor to Neighbor, and this is the same kind of work."

That day, he scraped the basement walls and then helped waterproof and paint them. "We've also insulated the floor," said Speck. "You get to meet more

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"It makes you feel good knowing you're helping someone."

— Ted Speck, Vienna Presbyterian Church



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Sibylle Miller and Jacqueline O'Reilly paint the front-porch banister.

10-Minute Theater

Paul VI students stage One-Act Play Festival March 14-15.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Examining a wide range of subjects in eight different plays, Paul VI will present its One-Act Play Festival on Thursday, May 14 and Friday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are by donation to the PVI Players and ITS, the school's chapter of the International Thespian Society. See www.PaulVI.net and go to "fine arts" and "theater."

Paul VI Theater Director Katherine Miller has 12 students in her acting ensemble class, and they're the ones involved in this production. "They're my most-experienced actors and they auditioned to get into the class," she said. "And sometime during the year, they're required to direct."

As a result, the following one-act plays will be presented: "Reduced Shakespeare," directed by Adam Laub; "All for Love," Sarah Patin; "The Fisherman and His Wife," Theresa Reynolds; "The Universal Language," Meghan Shea; "Let's Make Up!" Dana Lindblad; "The Funeral Parlor," Chris Perih; "Words, Words, Words," Jason Donahoe; and "The Driver's Test," Mike Beda, who also wrote his play.

"The plays are 10 minutes each, and everyone who wants to be involved can be," said Miller. "All 30 students who auditioned are in it."

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First Timers

For the first time in its 11-year history, the Fairfax crew team grabbed first place at the Ted Phoenix Regatta, which took place Saturday, May 2, at Sandy Run Regional Park. Pictured are, from left, Matt Reiheing, Cole Smith, head coach Scott Gordon, Adwait Lonkar, novice coach Jacob Goings, Stuart Hill and coxswain Brianne McCrave.

Patriot's Cup Raises \$75K

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.

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.thearcfnova.org. For race results go to www.mcrcc.org.

CVS Pharmacy Is Robbed

City of Fairfax Police are investigating a robbery last week at the CVS Pharmacy at 10390 Willard Way in the Court-house Plaza Shopping Center. The incident occurred Thursday, April 30, shortly after 4 p.m. The pharmacist reported that a male approached the pharmacy counter and presented a note indicating he was armed and demanding a specific prescription drug. The pharmacist complied and surrendered a quantity of that drug, and the suspect fled. Officers searched the area but were unable to find him.

He's described as a white, about 5 feet 5 inches, with blond hair and a beard. He was wearing a backpack. Anyone with information about this suspect or the robbery is asked to call City of Fairfax Police at 703-385-7924, the Criminal Investigations Division at 703-385-7955 or Crime Solvers at 703-591-TIPS (8477). Callers to Crime Solvers may remain anonymous and receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if their information results in an arrest.

Deadwood Arson Conviction

A federal jury found the owner of a failing Fairfax retail business guilty of conspiracy to commit arson, mail fraud and money laundering last Wednesday, April 29. Joseph Ray Beilharz paid two co-conspirators to burn Deadwood Liquidators, a City of Fairfax store he owned with his wife in the 10300 block of Fairfax Blvd., according to Dana J. Boente, acting U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Deadwood Liquidators burned the morning of July 5, 2007, when a fire was set with Molotov cocktails. Everything in the store was destroyed, according to Boente, Chief Tom Owens, of the Fairfax City Fire Department and Edgar A. Domenech, special agent in charge of the ATF's Washington Field Division.

Deadwood filed a loss claim with Scottsdale Insurance Company, seeking recovery of the policy limit of \$500,000. The business and insurance company later settled for \$85,000, according to Boente.

Beilharz faces a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison.

He is scheduled to be sentenced in July in federal court in Alexandria.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy D. Belevetz prosecuted the case, which was investigated by the City of Fairfax Fire Marshal and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

— KEN MOORE

NEWS



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Buying fresh strawberries, Fairfax resident Ed Keitz is assisted by Mary Petro of Mount Olympus Farms in Caroline County.

Fresh Food in the City

Fairfax shoppers have three Farmers Markets from which to choose.

A smattering of shoppers came out to the parking lot Tuesday morning at Van Dyck Park for Fairfax County's first Farmers Market of the season. The county's market runs every Tuesday, through Oct. 27, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m., offering a selection of flowers, produce and

baked products.

City of Fairfax-area residents have two other markets at which to shop for farm fresh items. On Saturdays, the Fairfax Downtown Coalition runs a market from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., at the corner of West and Main streets.

The coalition opened a new Sunday market on May 3, in the municipal parking lot at the corner of the North Street and Old Lee Highway. That market is open every Sunday, through Oct. 25, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The coalition's Saturday market will run through Oct. 31.

ISO a Few Merry Men

PVI Family Theater Presents 'Robin Hood.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Robin Hood, Maid Marian and the crew from Sherwood Forest will take the stage in Paul VI's latest production. Offered by the PVI Family Theater, the all-ages show "Robin Hood" will be presented Sunday, May 17, at 3 p.m., in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

"The script is written in such a way that you can personalize your character," said Director Katherine Miller. "There are lots of opportunities to embellish and for slapstick, and it's a real ensemble project. It genuinely will entertain the entire family. The physical gags will appeal to children and the clever dialogue will appeal to everyone else. And it's short — only an hour and 15 minutes."

Junior Juan Miguel Fernandez portrays Robin Hood, who declares himself the most important per-

son in the play. "He's funny, arrogant and not very sensitive, but he's the hero and it all works out in the end," said Fernandez. "I'm having a lot of fun. He's full of himself, but also has different objectives. He's truly in love with Maid Marian and has diverse character changes throughout the play."

Fernandez said the audience should love the show because "things are moving constantly and there are plenty of jokes and things that'll keep people thinking. It's a hilarious play, a spoof and a new take on 'Robin Hood.'"

Playing Prince John is sophomore Jake Miller. "I'm modeling him after Harvey Korman in 'Blazing Saddles' — even with the accent," said Miller. "He's a comedic villain. Things never go his way, but he does his best to be evil. It's fun."

"It genuinely will entertain the entire family."

— Katherine Miller

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NEWS

Burke 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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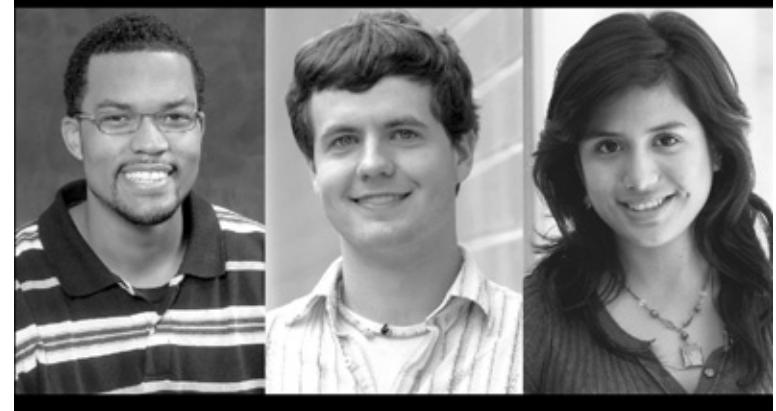
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OPINION

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 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 than \$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.aspx?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

While 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
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Breast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women worldwide, 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.

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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Rebuilding, Repairing, Repainting

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people in the church and it makes you feel good knowing you're helping someone who'd, otherwise, have to pay to have all this done."

Sibylle Miller and Jacqueline O'Reilly were standing outside in the bright sun painting the porch bannister. Although a bit of the white paint was splashed on their arms, they didn't mind.

"I love it," said Sibylle, who attends Longfellow Middle School. "I'm outside all day, instead of being in front of the television. And I get to be with my friend, Jacqueline, all day." They, too, received community-service hours for their efforts. "It's fun, and it's always nice to help someone in the community in need," said Jacqueline.

Judy Taillon, a member of Vienna Presbyterian since 1995, was painting the living room with Linda Gabris and Dan Schmickel. "I did this last year, too," said Taillon. "I'm an empty nester and my house is in order, so I'm in a position to help others now." Pleased with how the room was turning out, she said, "It looks so bright and cheerful in here now."

GABRIS SAID the hardest part was painting the window and door trim. "But we're not doing that, Dan is," she said, happy to participate. "It's usually for an elderly or handicapped person, and I have an adult child with a disability. This is wonderful. It's a beautiful day, I've got great people to work with and I get more than I give."

"I've also done this a number of times before, and

each time, it's nice to make a difference in somebody else's life," said Schmickel.

Gabris' husband Ed also worked hard, helping repair and repaint the ceiling of a bedroom where raccoons had broken through from the attic and created a huge hole.

IN ADDITION, house co-captain Chris Vereide helped install a handlebar in the bathtub, painted and caulked the bathroom and repaired water damage in the master-bedroom ceiling. Altogether, he estimated it would cost \$10,000 if all this work were done by professionals.

In Fairfax's Westmore neighborhood, the house has five rooms — living room, two bedrooms, one bathroom and a kitchen, plus a finished attic and full basement — and Browns lived there on Maple Street for 57 years. "We bought it brand-new in 1951 for \$13,000," she said. "It's now valued around \$400,000 because it's in the City of Fairfax. When I first moved here, Fairfax was a little city with a lot of land. Now there are all these huge office buildings."

She and her husband, who died in 1984, had two sons. One lives in Fauquier County with his wife and children and visits her every week. The other, who was autistic, died of a heart attack in 1990 at age 36. Brown took care of him his whole life at home, but he passed away three days before Christmas.

Besides her vision problems, Brown has diabetes and congestive heart failure. "I'm lucky to be alive," she said. "But I have a pacemaker and that's helped a lot."



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Justin McGrath, 7; Kathy Ott; Anna McGrath, 8; and Shannon McGrath, 11, celebrate the first fall season in their new Kings Park West house.



Blake Checkosky holds daughters Anna and Katie, with son Danny standing next to them. Happy Mothers Day Mommy! We love you and thank you for everything you do for us! Love Katie, Danny and Anna.



Carolyn Courtright Smith and her two children, Drew Smith, 11, and Cathleen Smith, 9, just after finishing the Run for the Ridge 5K on Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Laurel Ridge Elementary School, Carolyn Smith works at Laurel Ridge as a special education, instructional assistant and both children are students there as well.

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COMMENTARY

Race for Cure Goes Global

FROM PAGE 6

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

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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 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.

Letter of Thanks

To the Editor:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Fairfax Police Association to commend the City Council and mayor for the restoration of three police officer positions that had been proposed for elimination and the additional funding to begin early training of new police officers.

In this tough economic climate, our officers have accepted the necessity of forgoing pay raises and other benefits, and everyone has engaged in the challenge to maintain police services while reducing costs wherever possible. At the same time, it is essential that the city invest in the continued safety of our community by ensuring that critical patrol officer positions are filled.

We also are grateful to the many business and civic leaders who recognized these needs and voiced sup-

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port. Council member Jeff Greenfield's leadership on this issue and the unanimous vote of the council to support his motion is merely one example of the commitment that our city's mayor and council have shown year after year to balance frugal spending with the safety and well being of our citizens.

Craig M. Buckley

President

City of Fairfax Police Association

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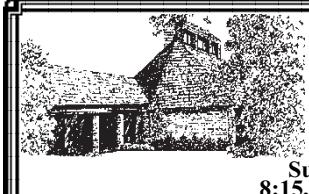


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THURSDAY/MAY 7

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.

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.fplayers.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. **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 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.

'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.

Live Traditional Irish Music. 7:30 p.m., at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600. 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.

Evenour Reunion Show with Numa, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$12. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com. **30th Anniversary Show.** 10 p.m., Fat Tuesdays, University Mall, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax.



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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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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.fplayers.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 or 703-573-SEAT. Visit www.billengvall.com or

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. 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. **'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,

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Live Traditional Irish Music. 7:30 p.m., at The Auld Shebeen, 3971 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. 703-293-9600. 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.

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.

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.
Walt Disney's 'Beauty and the Beast,' 2 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 9350 Braddock Road, Burke. 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. Adults. 703-644-7333.
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.

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. \$15. 703-255-1566 or 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.
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.
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. 703-249-1520.

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.

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, Fairfax. 703-591-0560. www.fairfaxva.gov/museumvc.

Teen Book Chat. 7:30 p.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Mother-daughter book

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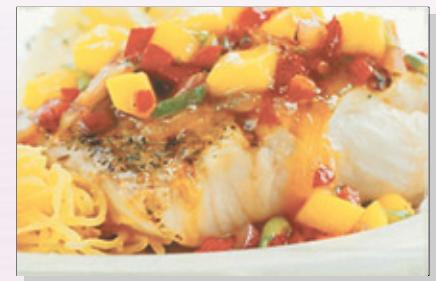
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George Stanford, Shane Gamble and Charlie Duda, 7:30 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

THURSDAY/MAY 14

Darryl Davis, 8-10 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. Complimentary swing lesson, 7:30 p.m. \$10 per person. 703-424-1745 or www.headoverheelsdance.com.

New Providence Republican Women's Club Dinner, 6 p.m., at Vespucci's Italian Seafood Grill, 10579 Lee Highway, Fairfax. \$35. Dinner will be a la buffet. Guest speaker is former congressman Tom Davis. For reservations, call 703 591-7368.

Chess Club, 3:30 p.m. at the Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Learn the rules and strategy; play the game. Age 6-12. 703-644-7333.

Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines, 8 p.m. at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. \$15. 703-255-1566 or jamminjava.com.

The Blackjack, 10 p.m., Fat Tuesdays, University Mall, 10673 Braddock Road, Fairfax. Locals Only Radio and Main St. Promotions presents The Blackjack and Panderosa.

FRIDAY/MAY 15

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MOM & ME



Kings Park West resident Anna Siefken with her daughters Ruby, front, and Ella watch the ducks at Lake Royal in February 2009.



This is a picture of Beverly Caraballo and her husband Tom (Mr. 'C') Caraballo. We wish you a very Happy Mothers Day! Love, your daughter Blake, son-in law Dan and grandchildren Katie, Danny and Anna.



Evelyn Comp, 94, died on April 7, 2009. She is the mother of Beverly Caraballo, grandmother to Blake Checkosky, great-grandmother to Kaite, Danny and Anna Checkosky.

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Fueling a Rebel Resurgence

With star pitcher healthy, Fairfax softball makes noise in Concorde District.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Lisa Charney, a senior on the Fairfax softball team, thinks that her team's collective heartbeat mirrors that of junior pitcher Ashley Rollins, who missed the majority of last season with a partially torn rotator cuff.

When Rollins is upbeat, so are her teammates. When she's having an off day, things generally aren't much better for the Rebels. And when Rollins is pitching well, Fairfax, at 12-4 this season, is nearly unstoppable.

"If Ashley has a down attitude, it will reflect on the team," said Charney, who was named the Concorde District's Player of the Year this fall for field hockey, scoring a team-high 16 goals. "If she has the best attitude, the whole team picks up on it. Ashley is the attitude of the team."

So what better way to ensure a positive outlook on life than a whole truckload of sugar? In a tradition that she has carried on since her freshman field hockey season, Charney makes sure to consume a Slurpee from 7-Eleven before every game. Now, Rollins is catching on. Before a home game against Herndon on Thursday, April 23, Rollins' father brought her a Coca-a-Cola-flavored Slurpee and she hit a home run. The next game, an away contest at Chantilly, Rollins' dad did the same thing out of superstition and another homer ensued.

With both players amped up on the Double Gulp-sized refreshments, along with six or seven teammates, according to Charney, Fairfax took to the field last Friday against Oakton, and it took about 10 minutes to prove Charney's assessment of



Junior pitcher Ashley Rollins has a 12-4 record for the Fairfax softball team this season. Rollins, with a 1.02 ERA and 164 strikeouts, has thrown every possible inning for the Rebels.

Rollins' impact to be correct.

Rollins, batting in the No. 3 slot with third baseman Kirsten Manville on second base, scorched a single through the left side, scoring the Rebels' first run only three at-bats into the game. From there, Rollins tossed a complete-game, three-hit shutout, striking out eight and walking one in the 2-0 win.

A year ago, Rollins' presence wasn't nearly as influential. Sure, she was around and cheered on her teammates, but her rotator cuff issue prevented her from doing much else. After pitching through the pain for about three weeks, Rollins got an MRI and was eventually shut down. In her absence, Fairfax went on to finish 1-13 and was mired

"If Ashley has a down attitude, it will reflect on the team."

— Lisa Charney, senior, Fairfax High

at the bottom of the Concorde District standings. But Rollins went through two-plus months of physical therapy and was able to recover without surgery, pitching pain-free from the outset this spring.

Though she had been around for six years as an assistant at Fairfax, first-year head coach Corey Stokes said she has never seen a team with this kind of excitement surrounding it. With a 7-3 mark against district opponents, Fairfax is very much a threat to make a postseason run. Oddly enough, the fact that Fairfax is now competitive has even had a somewhat-negative effect on some of its players.

"Now that we're winning, we're getting a little moodier," Stokes said. "They get a little more stressed. It's so weird because they're usually carefree, and I think now that we're winning they expect more, which is good."

In addition to Rollins and Charney, who leads the team with a .490 batting average and 17 RBIs, Stokes has also been pleased with the work of Manville and catcher Julia Marrin. Manville ranks second on the team with a .472 average, while Marrin is fourth at .388.

"We've always been at the bottom, and that's what's great: This district, it's all up for grabs," Stokes said. "They're not scared. They're confident. And if we continue to hit the ball, I think we'll be good."

Before her injury, Rollins didn't have to think about that point when her right arm was extended backward to its furthest point. It was a natural reaction for her to push forward and fling it toward the plate like many aspiring pitchers only wish they could.

But when she first started her comeback, Rollins caught herself moving her body forward without her arm, a slight hitch that she thinks was more of a mental block than anything else. With time, the hitch disappeared and now she's pitching without pain or peers.

Rollins (12-4) has thrown every inning for Fairfax this season, all 110 of them while compiling 164 strikeouts — 51 on called third-strikes. Her tiny 1.02 ERA is only eclipsed by the fact that opponents are hitting .128 against her.

Like Charney said, Rollins has been at the center of the Rebels' rise from the Concorde's dregs to the top of the district, making last season's mark even more forgettable.

"I try to think about last season, and honestly, it's so hard to remember because I wasn't pitching," said Rollins, who was also hitting .391 with 12 RBIs and 11 runs scored. "I was there for my team, but it's so hard to think about the fact that I missed the whole season. I just can't believe it."

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 semifinal contest against Westfield.

Tied at 14 after regulation, Robinson rattled off four unanswered goals to earn an 18-14 win. The victory sets up a rematch of last year's district title game

a gainst 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.

Lacrosse Registration

NoVa West Lacrosse is conducting registrations for its summer camps, clinics and indoor league play. Camps and clinics will be in June and July. NoVa West, as the exclusive provider for lacrosse in the new Purcellville Sports Pavilion indoor facility, will be hosting summer, fall and winter indoor leagues for U-13, U-15 and high school-age boys. NoVa West is also conducting registrations for tryouts for the U-15 Virus and high school-aged Crusaders and Outbreak squads. Tryout weekends will be May 16-17 and 23-24. For more information or to register, visit the NoVa West Web site at www.NoVaWestLAX.com.



The Rebels were 1-13 a year ago. This spring, first-year coach Corey Stokes has her Fairfax softball team at 12-4 and right in the thick of the Concorde District playoff chase.

COMMUNITY

One-Act Play Festival

FROM PAGE 3

It's a good way for the younger students to be introduced to the theater, and it gives the upperclassmen a chance to give directing a shot."

ONE OF the actors is senior Greg Hoppe, who has Down Syndrome. He plays a hotel patron in "Let's Make Up!" "I love acting, and I've made lots of friends in PVI Theater," said Hoppe.

Miller said he's an Options student — the school's program for students with intellectual disabilities — and she's quite proud of him. "Greg's been in every musical and some of the plays since he was a freshman, and he does great," she said.

Senior Sarah Patin directs "All for Love," about two elderly friends in a nursing home. "Maxine's friend Bertha is in love with a man there, so Maxine and her niece Barb kidnap him for Bertha," said Patin. "It's a comedy and I think the audience will get a good laugh out of it."

She said actors have directors telling them where to move. But in directing, said Patin, "You're the one in control, hoping it all looks right. I learned how important it is to communicate what you want with your cast."

Directing a comedy called "The Funeral Parlor" is senior Chris Perih. "It's about a woman whose husband recently passed away," he said. "At the funeral parlor before the burial, they're getting ready for the service and people are giving her their condolences. A good-mannered, but very odd

man named Marcus comes along, and his conversations are strange. He wants the widow to be more outward with her emotions."

Perih said directing is difficult because directors "have to make sure everyone goes where they have to be to convey the correct atmosphere and setting of the play. Given a choice, I'd definitely choose acting over directing." He said his show has a realistic setting, but unnatural and surreal things happen. "It's funny to see the widow dealing with Marcus because she's normally very quiet, prim and proper," said Perih. "So I think the audience will enjoy the comedy."

"Let's Make Up!" is directed by senior Dana Lindblad. "It's about two, teenage couples in the 1940s," she said. "They meet in a hotel lobby to decide what they're going to do for their date, that night. The girls are chatty and gossipy and are in their own little world, while the guys try to get a word in and get them to focus on why they're there. The girls leave to mail a letter and while they're gone, the guys decide to turn the tables on them and act the same way."

Describing her play as lighthearted and hilarious, Lindblad said her cast has great chemistry. "We're all really good friends in real life and you can see that on the stage," she said. As a director, she learned to see the play as both an audience member and an actor and to "mold everybody and choreograph the physical humor. It's hard sometimes with everybody's different schedules but, once everyone focuses, it really flows. I'm excited — it should be really good."

'Robin Hood' at Paul VI

FROM PAGE 4

He doesn't have many lines, so it gives me lots of room for character development, on my own. I haven't been in many roles like that, so it's a nice change of pace."

Miller said the play has something for everyone to enjoy. "It's lively and energetic, and that's where the show gets a lot of its charm."

Junior Katrina Hitt plays Maid Marian's lady in waiting. "She's the loudest and most energetic of all the characters," said Hitt. "She's easily excitable and wants to see Robin and Marian end up together. She's also one of the most fun roles I've ever played. She's so crazy and there's nothing she wouldn't do. She has no inhibitions."

Hitt said the audience should appreciate the show's physical humor, crazy voices,

accents and "all the running around. The kids will also like the interaction with the cast. We address the audience and walk around in the aisles."

Portraying the Sheriff of Nottingham is sophomore Tommy Hodge. "He's a weak man who relies on others to do his bidding," said Hodge. "He loves power and money and is the typical bad guy. I'm usually the shy or nice one, so I like being evil, for a change. Me and Jake have a lot of funny parts together, and this role allows me to draw attention to myself and get rid of my stress."

Hodge thinks the audience will enjoy all the puns in the show, plus the French accent he's given the sheriff. In addition, he said, "The kids will like how Robin triumphs over me and the prince and marries Maid Marian."

Correction

The article "Green Choice Comes to Fairfax Campus" [Connection, April 30-May 6, 2009] omitted information about Smart Markets that just started at George Mason University. The

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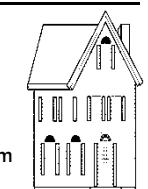
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OBITUARY

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.

Funeral services will be held at Loudoun Funeral Chapel 158 Catoctin Circle, SE, Leesburg, VA on Friday, May 1, 2009 at 11am.

Interment will be held privately in Quantico National Cemetery.



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