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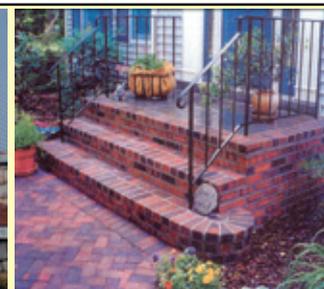
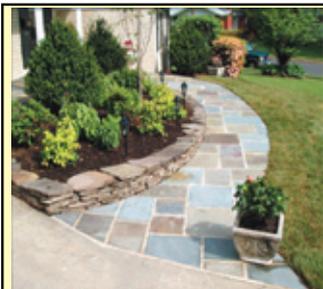
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Plan Changes Erase Baseball Diamond

Laurel Hill Project Advisory Committee discusses Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Area.

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI
THE CONNECTION

Lorton residents are finding that putting together a master plan for the development of the former Lorton Prison site is not an easy task.

A meeting Monday, April 27 of The Laurel Hill Project Advisory Committee only solidified that notion.

The meeting, which took place at Laurel Hill Community Association Clubhouse, brought the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning and the advisory committee together in an effort to inform residents on the

latest changes to the master plan and to have the concerned citizens' voices heard. However, those voices quickly grew impassioned when the floor was opened up for civic input, especially in regards to the baseball field currently being used on the site.

The developer, the Alexander Company, had two representatives, project manager Brad Elmer and project architect Tom Miller

present to explain how the proposed plan for a mixed-use development changed after receiving input from many groups and individuals in the area. In addition, Elmer and Miller informed the standing-room only audience of the changes in regard to increased costs and possible funding avenues.

"What we have wound up with is a better site plan," Elmer said. "We have lost some square footage, but the space is used much better."

"It is a compatibility issue to have homes adjacent to a field."

— Brad Elmer,
Alexander Company

Following the discussion of the changes to the buildings themselves, the talk moved to the centerpiece of the project, which also happens to be the source of the community's objections. The Alexander

Company recommended that a central green be built to serve as a courtyard to gather for members of the community and those working in the retail stores. However, for the green to be built, the company is proposing that the existing baseball field on the site be torn down, angering some residents.

"It is a compatibility issue to have homes



PHOTO BY JUSTIN FANIZZI/THE CONNECTION

A capacity crowd packed the Laurel Hill Community Association Clubhouse to hear what the Alexander Company had to say.

adjacent to a field," Elmer said. "From a marketability standpoint, it would be hard [to keep the field] because people do not want to live next to a field."

The most vocal opposition to the demolition of the baseball field came from the South County Hawks, an independent baseball club that competes with teams through-

out the D.C. Metropolitan area, fielding teams with ages ranging from 5-18, with an adult team as well. The Hawks use the field at the site because it is larger and more suitable for the older players. If the master plan comes to fruition, they would find

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Suffragist Welcome

Debbie Glaser, Lynne Dudurich, Carolyn Owen and Julianne Smith portray suffragists from the early 20th Century at the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center on May 1. They welcomed guests to the Inaugural Silent Sentinel Award. The former Workhouse prison was home to many women who were arrested during the suffragist movement. Eleanor Holmes Norton, Washington, D.C.'s representative to Congress, was named the inaugural winner of the Sentinel Award for work in support of women's rights.

Money and the Arts

Advocates say arts are smart community investment.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Money's tight these days, and while the government doesn't seem to have any problem providing emergency cash for banks and big business, the same doesn't hold for the local arts community.

That's exactly why artists need to speak up for themselves and remind their elected officials that money for the arts leads to more money spent in the community.

"There are 5.7 million people in the U.S. that are directly or indirectly relying on the arts for their jobs, which is a \$166.2 billion per year industry," said Jay Dick, director of state and local government affairs at Americans for the Arts and a board member of the Arts Council of Fairfax County. He, along with Sharon Mason from the Lorton Arts Foundation and Nancy Perry of the McLean Project for the Arts, will be leading a discussion about how to advocate for arts funding during the recession at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton on Saturday, May 16.

Those art jobs bring in about \$30 billion in taxes, Dick continued, and any money spent on the arts leads to a "seven-to-one return on investment." In short, municipal governments would have a hard time finding a better way to invest in their communities than supporting their local theaters, painters, sculptors and galleries.

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Teacher's Charges Head To the Grand Jury

The sexual-assault case against a Gunston Elementary School teacher is moving forward in the Fairfax County legal system. He is Rodney Bower, 54, of 2400 block of Temple Court in Alexandria.

On March 20, police were called to investigate a sexual offense that occurred sometime between Feb. 1-14. They said the alleged victim, a female student at Gunston Elementary, was reportedly touched inappropriately by Bower in her home. According to police, he was tutoring her when the reported assault took place. Bower turned himself in to detectives, March 23, and was charged with aggravated sexual battery.

On Friday, May 1, in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, his case was certified to the grand jury for possible indictment. Bower has taught in Fairfax County Public Schools since 2000 and has been at Gunston since 2005. He taught fifth grade and accelerated math but, following his arrest, he was placed on unpaid leave.



Rodney Bower

POLICE PHOTO

Woman Finds Thief in Home

One minute, a Fairfax Station woman was taking a shower in the privacy of her home; the next minute, she discovered a strange man had entered her residence and ransacked her bedroom. The incident occurred on Tuesday, April 28, around 2 p.m., in the 9100 block of Wood Pointe Way.

After exiting the shower, the woman, 52, noticed items in her bedroom were amiss and saw a man at the bottom of her stairs. He spoke to her and then fled. She told Fairfax County police that cash was missing from a wallet.

Earlier, say police, a neighbor saw the suspect walk around the victim's home, peer into windows and then climb through a window. He had also been seen walking in the neighborhood between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

The suspect is described as black, 15-17, around 5 feet 9 inches and 140-160 pounds. He wore a white T-shirt, dark shorts and a blue backpack with a light stripe. Detectives believe he may be linked to similar incidents in the area in recent weeks. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

Middle School Included In Fall Bond Referendum

When voters go to the polls for Virginia's gubernatorial race this fall, they will also choose whether to fund a new group of schools construction and renovation projects, including a new South County Middle School, through \$232,580,000 worth of bonds.

Both the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Fairfax County School Board approved a list of projects that will be benefited by the bond on the voter's ballot Nov. 3.

In addition to South County Middle School (\$50 million), money from the bond will also be used to cover the renovation of Marshall High School (\$100 million) and planning for the renovation of Sandburg Middle School (\$2.5 million.)

The school system has also planned for the bond to pay for \$9.75 million in extra modular classrooms and \$40.76 million in building expansions at eight elementary schools

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Sharon and Mark Gottlieb opened up their Fairfax Station home, Sunday afternoon, May 3, for the annual reception honoring the homeowners in the upcoming Clifton homes tour. From left are Bob and Lorraine Shumaker; Kristin and Steve Hermsmeyer; Robin Graine and Michael Evans with Morgan, 12, and Carly, 10; Charles Prillaman and Parker Jennings; and W. Lloyd and Mary Lou Glover. They're holding watercolors of their homes painted by Clifton Community Woman's Club (CCWC) member Peggy Cranston.

Homes Tour around Corner

Tickets available now for May 21 event.

Sharon and Mark Gottlieb opened up Fairfax Station home, Sunday afternoon, May 3, for the annual reception honoring the homeowners in the upcoming Clifton homes tour.

The 37th annual CCWC Charity Homes Tour and Marketplace will be Thursday, May 21. From 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., five Clifton-area homes will open their doors to the public. A marketplace at the Clifton Town Meeting Hall and in Clifton Presbyterian Church will run from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and will in-

clude an art show and sale, boutique and silent auction.

Proceeds from the homes tour and marketplace fund several local scholarships, plus local and national charities. Advance tickets are \$20; on tour day, \$25; and single-home admission, \$10. Admission is free to non-tour activities. To order tickets by mail, send checks to: CCWC, P.O. Box 229, Clifton, VA 20124. Pick up ordered tickets at Will Call in the Town Hall on tour day.

Advance tickets are also available at the Clifton General Store, Adler's Art and Frame in the Colonnade at Union Mill, The Flower Gallery in Manassas, 5 Star Salon or Picket Fence in Burke, Judy Ryan in the Twinbrooke Centre in Fairfax, and Banner's Hallmark in Centreville.



Deborah Crosier, left, president of the Clifton Community Woman's Club, presents a certificate of appreciation to Jeannie Dennis, owner of Cottage Art in Clifton, during the Clifton Homes Tour reception, Sunday afternoon, May 3. Dennis was honored for contributing significantly to the club. 'She's ... sold our cookbooks and tour tickets, sponsored the homes tour and donated items for us to sell at the silent auction during the event,' says Crosier.

Laurel Hill Planning

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themselves searching for a new place to play. Head coach Mike Grasso said that the county has ignored his group's concerns.

"This process has not been open or transparent," Grasso said. "We have given 2,000 signatures to save the field but they were never considered. [The Alexander Company and county officials] failed to communicate with the South County Hawks."

Many throughout the evening echoed Grasso's message to the Alexander Company representatives, with most in attendance there in support of the ball field.

Neal McBride, external affairs liaison for the Newington Forest Community, even shared research that he did with Elmer and the audience, contending that per the site plan, if only 10 of the proposed town homes were removed, the field could remain.

"Many of us heritage folks want to see the ballpark stay a ballpark," McBride said. "It's not the historic ballpark we know if it is changed."

However, Len Wales, Fairfax County debt manager, pointed out that if any of the residential or retail structures were to be removed, the result could be a higher cost to the taxpayer. Wales is tasked with representing the Board of Supervisors in the negotiations with the Alexander Company once

the plan is finalized.

According to Wales and Elmer, an \$8 million-\$12 million shortfall exists in the budget after tax credits and other funds are used. Eliminating any town homes would make that shortfall larger, as the Alexander Company planned to use revenue from the residential units to cover the gap.

Wales and Elmer said that each home is worth approximately \$100,000 in funding, so if 10 homes were scrapped, as McBride and others proposed, then the budget gap would grow to an estimated \$9 million-\$13 million.

Elmer noted that if the ball field is, in fact razed, the county would find land to build another ballpark so that the Hawks and other groups would still have a place to play.

"The county is working very hard to find an alternate field," Elmer said. "The talks are ongoing and it is my hope that they will find something that meets their needs sooner or later."

"[The Board of Supervisors] are expecting a proposed plan from the Alexander Company," said Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon). "If we have a viable redevelopment plan that includes the ball field, that's fine. If we cannot have an economically viable plan, then we will find a way to replace the ball field so that the folks who play there will have someplace to play."

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and one middle school. Those expected to receive structural additions are Spring Hill, Lynbrook, West Springfield, Woodley Hills, Springfield Estates, Kings Park, Cunningham Park and Crestwood elementary schools as well as Whitman Middle School.

The school system said it needs the extra modular classrooms and building capacity to address higher student enrollment. School officials said the number of students enrolled in Fairfax County Public Schools has increased by 5,200 students over the past two years and will continue to grow in the future.

Some county officials, including Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield), have questioned whether the school system's projections on growing enrollment over the next few years are correct. Herrity is skeptical that the number of students attending Fairfax County Public Schools would continue to increase dramatically.

By 2013, school officials predict 50 schools would be over building capacity by 10 percent and 31 schools would be over building capacity by 20 percent. School officials said the nine schools slated to receive building additions could not address their capacity problems through other means, such as school boundary adjustments.

During deliberations over which projects to fund through the bond, School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill) did attempt to eliminate South County Middle School from the construction list. His motion failed.

NEWS BRIEFS



Mom & Me Guna Perry, 44, left, poses with her mother Mary Randall of Fairfax Station on Mother's Day, May 11, 2008. Randall, 65, is a stroke survivor from 2006 and the photo was taken at Perry's home in Manassas.

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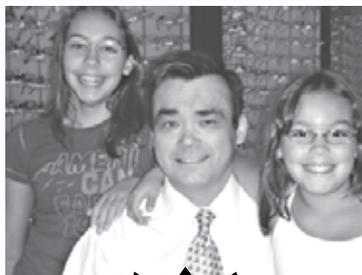
Last year, county executive Anthony Griffin also proposed a different solution for South County Secondary School's over-enrollment. He asked the school system to consider construct an addition to the South County Secondary School building instead of pushing for the new middle school.

In his amendment, Gibson proposed using \$10 million of the \$50 million now allocated to South County Middle School for an addition to South County Secondary School instead. He wanted the remaining \$40 million to be used for a renovation at Thomas Jefferson School For Science and Technology.

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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

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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.

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.

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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.

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

'Fiddler' at Robinson

BY MEGAN FRAEDRICH
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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.

CAPPIES REVIEW

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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THURSDAY/MAY 7

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FRIDAY/MAY 8

The Young People's Theatre presents 'Annie.' 7 p.m. at New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road in Lorton. Reserved seats are \$10. www.YPTnva.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.

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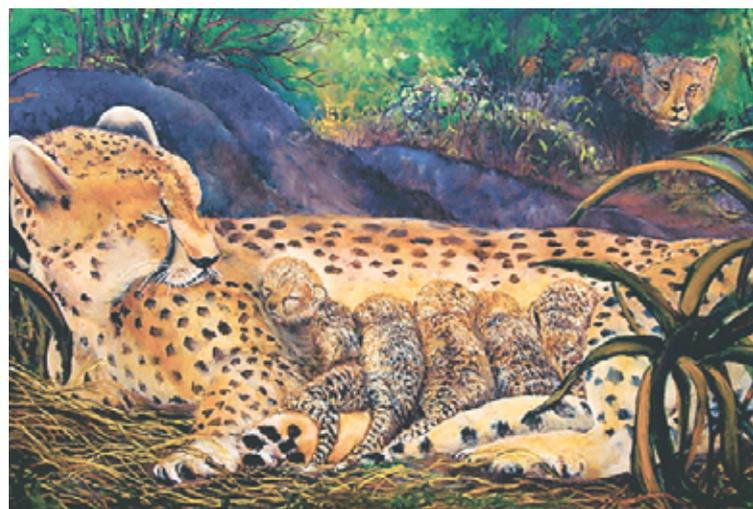
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'Cheetah's Hiding from Dad' by Robin Rosner

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Two Plays: 'Empty Chair' and 'Tarmac,' presented by Metropolitan Performing Arts Theater, Lorton. 7:30 p.m., at Convergence, A Creative Community of Faith, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/60074/. For more, info@metrotheater.org or scelentano@aol.com.

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Bill Engvall and Frank Caliendo Comedy Show, 8 p.m. at the

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The Young People's Theatre presents 'Annie,' 3:30 p.m. at New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road in Lorton. Reserved seats are \$10. www.YPTnva.com.

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Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friends Book Sale. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria, 703-339-4610.

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

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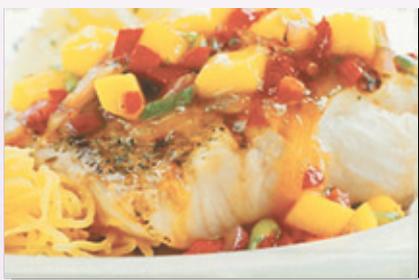
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Rams Stage 'Fiddler on the Roof'

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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 Nejako 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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Race for Cure 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 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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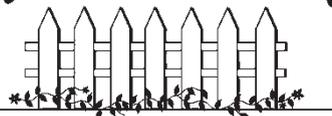
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Saving the Arts, One Donor at a Time

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"The arts are a political and economic force," he said.

If artists don't speak up, they will be left out of any budget discussion. They could be easily overlooked as something superfluous, something extra, not something vital to their communities, he said.

If the arts don't survive around Fairfax County, spending on entertainment will end up going into Washington, D.C.

"If you go to the Verizon Center, you give money to the District. If you go to a performance at the Lorton Arts Foundation, you're giving your money to Lorton. When you attend events elsewhere, that's money you're losing in your own backyard," he said.

It's not just ticket prices either. Evenings out often include dinner, drinks, cab fare and other expenses, not to mention hiring a babysitter if children are involved. All those dollars could be reinvested in the local area, Dick said. The arts are "just as important and healthcare and education," he said. "Jobs are jobs and these are local jobs."

But with cuts being made to art programs around the country, how should art groups in Fairfax County present themselves in order to ask for the funding they need and deserve?

Dick has a simple outline for just these conversations.

"First, you have to tell people your story, remind them why the arts are important, what kind of contributions they provide to the community and the people who rely on the arts for their income," he said. "Then educate your elected officials, reminding them how much money the arts produce in the community and all the benefits that follow. We don't tell our stories often enough."

He also encourages talking about the importance of funding the arts when it's not time for budget discussions. After all, if the only time a county supervisor hears from an arts group is when it's time to allocate funding, the message won't stick from year to year, Dick said.

"In this economy, things are going away. There are job loses and lots of things are closing up. Theaters are going dark. There's a whole in the fabric of the community," he said. "Artists are losing jobs just like lawyers. They're a part of society too."

Advocates shouldn't seek to be treated as special or more in financial pain than hospitals or schools. If budgets are being cut 10 percent across the board, the arts should be willing to take the same cut. The goal is to be treated as equally important to the residents of Fairfax County — same tax cuts, same budget cuts, same spending increases

Arts Advocacy

The Lorton Arts Foundation is hosting the seminar "Recession-proof Advocacy, Leveraging your Pro-Arts Message," on Saturday, May 16 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. The seminar, presented by the Arts Council of Fairfax County, is free and open to the public and tickets are not required, but those interested in attending can register for the seminar at www.artsfairfax.org.

when possible.

"We'll take a 10 percent funding cut if everyone else is getting the same, but we can't accept a 60 percent cut," he said.

The Lorton Arts Foundation is a new entity in the county, officially opening the doors of the Workhouse Arts Center just last fall even though its executive director, Sharon Mason, has been working for several years to make the facility a reality.

Mason acknowledges the challenges of a newly established facility in tough economic times, but she sees the Workhouse as "a story of arts advocacy in Fairfax County. A grass-roots organization was formed as it was being announced that the D.C. Correctional facility in Lorton would be closed. ... After years of advocacy that included a re-

zoning process and a lease negotiation with the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, LAF established a mission and vision for the Workhouse Arts Center and moved forward on renovations and construction, celebrating the completion of Phase I of the project with a grand opening celebration in September."

She touts "valuable and enjoyable free and low-cost cultural arts opportunities" provided by the Workhouse, including "exciting visual arts exhibitions, educational opportunities and performing arts offerings" which "draw visitors to the Workhouse which in turn generates traffic to local restaurants, shops and parks. ... Even as the economy took a downward turn, we increase our outreach to Fairfax County and Prince William Public Schools to enhance the programs."

Mason is optimistic that funding for the Workhouse is secure for the next two years, but "we can't ignore the impact this year will have on the next two to five years. For that reason, we have restructured our staff and have expedited our volunteer program."

These measures will help "allow us to continue to run smoothly and effectively and provide the arts events, programs and exhibitions that have been planned for the year."

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Offensive Focus Keeps Stallions Sharp



FILE PHOTO

During his breakout season in 2008, South County senior Seth Jordan hit .473 with six home runs and 31 RBIs, while the Stallions reached the Northern Region quarterfinals.

South County baseball looks for innovative ways to improve at practice.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Trailing 8-6 entering the top of the seventh inning last Thursday, South County senior Nick Digby hit a pair of home runs, spurring his team to a 12-run rally and, eventually, a come-from-behind win. Then Digby and Co. gathered their equipment, went home and relaxed. After all, they had a real game the next day.

Digby's heroics came during an intra-squad scrimmage on April 30, but judging by the game's result and how members of South County's baseball team still talk about it, one could liken it to Game 7 of the World Series. Of course, with 45 minutes of field maintenance on the line, the comparison, for high school students at least, might actually be legit.

"So you know we were like, 'All right, we want to win this,'" said Digby, who has a team-high 30 RBIs this spring.

It could be a bunting drill, a set of sprints or some made-up-at-the-moment intra-squad game, but South County has tried to make everything at practice a competition. With a 13-4 record through Wednesday morning, it would be tough to argue with the practice philosophies of fourth-year coach Mark Luther.

South County was scheduled to host West Springfield Wednesday night, which would've ended too late for this edition.

But despite developing a reputation as a haven for pitching and defense, South County suddenly leads all Northern Region baseball teams in offensive production, scoring a total of 156 runs or an average of 9.2 per game.

THEIR PICTURES reside in a glass case off to the right of South County's gymnasium that commemorates the Stallions' already-rich baseball history, which includes Patriot District titles in 2006 and 2007. Kyle Hald, Mike Graham and Jesse Beal all pitched for the Stallions and all are currently pitching in college or the pros.

Hald and Graham were both big lefties who now pitch for Old Dominion and Virginia Commonwealth, respectively. The right-handed Beal, meanwhile, was drafted in the 14th round (416th overall) by the Baltimore Orioles last June and is currently pitching for the O's Gulf Coast League affiliate.

All told, Hald, Graham and Beal turned South County into a great place to watch a 2-1 ballgame but not one where the scorekeeper's wrist might start to cramp. But out of the Stallions' 13 wins this spring, six have been by 10 or more runs and they've reached double digits in seven of those 13 games.

"We swing it pretty well," Luther said. "We're pretty good top to bottom in our lineup. One through nine, you don't get any time off as a pitcher."

"Now we try to get out early and make other teams catch up to us."

— Coach Mark Luther,
South County Secondary

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Bruin Handles Pain in Straight Sets

Despite health concerns, Lake Braddock's Shannon Allin thrives on tennis court.

BY JASON MACKEY
THE CONNECTION

Those two white strips of athletic tape under Shannon Allin's knee caps 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 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.

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

— Coach Susan Wells,
Lake Braddock Secondary

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,

WHEN ASKED how she manages to deal with the disease on a day-to-day basis,

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PHOTO BY JASON MACKEY/THE CONNECTION

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.

SPORTS

Play Through Pain

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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 examination, but, as Bruins head coach Susan Wells pointed out, she's still only a

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>.

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."

Stallions Baseball Excels

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Not that Luther wants to abandon two of the most coveted talents on any successful baseball team, either.

"We're still the same way — pitching and defense first — because we think that's what's going to win," Luther said. "But now we try to get out early and make other teams catch up to us."

In a district that boasts such deep and talented teams as those from Lake Braddock (14-4, 10-2 Patriot) and West Springfield (14-4, 12-0 Patriot), the Stallions, with a 9-3 mark against Patriot teams, find themselves as the likely No. 3 seed in next week's district tournament.

Unless South County pulls off a stunning upset during the rescheduled rainout against West Springfield, they would have gone 0-4 against those teams during the regular season. Still, the regular-season results do not concern Luther or his players.

"The district is nice, but we play for regional titles here," Luther said. "We have two district titles, but we want the next one."

"We're there toe-to-toe with them, and it's anybody's game when we play those guys," said Seth Jordan, of the three-way rivalry. "They know it's going to be a rough game, and we know it's going to be a rough game. But we know that on any given day we can beat them."

To do that, South County will continue its tradition of turning every practice drill into a game, whether it's a 12-out fielding drill or a simulated game where players are given one pitch and have to put it into play.

"We try to get as competitive as we can," said Luther, whose team parlayed that initial Thursday practice into an 18-3 win over T.C. Williams on May 1, tallying nine hits and seven runs during the first inning. "You got to do some things to keep it from being boring."

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

Improved by the premises known as
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.

Commonly known as 9519 Sloop Court, Burke, Virginia 22015.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$60,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 3.75 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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

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

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

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

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

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

DAVID N. PRENSKY
Substitute Trustee

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
David N. Prenskey
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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE

Improved by the premises known as
4257 Americana Drive, #102, Annandale, Virginia

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
Monday, May 18, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:
Tax Map No. 070-2-14-01-4257D

Commonly known as 4257 Americana Drive, #102, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$19,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 3.25 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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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 inter-
ested in youth sports and volunteered with the North Spring-
field Little League.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Gloria; four children:
Cynthia (David) Foulke of Leesburg, Patricia (Michael) Fitz-
patrick of Virginia Beach, Thomas Freeman of Leesburg, and An-
drew (Natalie) Freeman of Falls Church; and six grandchildren:
Grace, David, Stephen and Evan Foulke and Catie and Connor
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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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**SUMMONS
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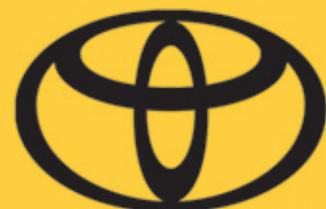
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