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Rebecca Kunkel runs through an obstacle course during a competition between area high school criminal justice programs as part of the annual Criminal Justice Field Day at the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy on May 4. Kunkel is enrolled in the criminal justice program at the West Potomac Academy and is a student at Edison High School.

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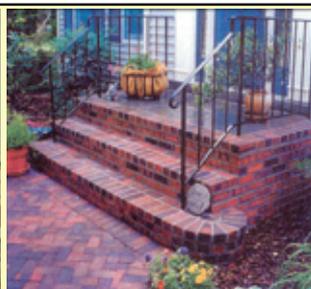
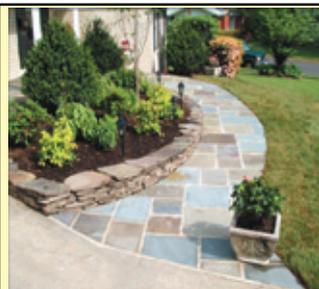
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## Springfield Mall Vote May 18

**Negotiations with Target owners delayed process.**

**A**t its May 18 meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is expected to approve a rezoning proposal and finally sign off on the transformation of the Springfield Mall into a commercial and residential town center.

The mall's owner, Vornado Realty Trust, plans to redevelop the 80-acre suburban retail shopping center into an area where people will be able to live, work, dine and entertain themselves — all without getting into a car.

According to the Web site, [www.springfieldtowncenter.com](http://www.springfieldtowncenter.com), the new town center would include high-quality retailers, a state-of-the-art movie theater, "Class-A" office space, upscale hotels and "premier" residential homes.

Vornado's plans also include parks and plazas with pathways that make travel between residential and commercial space easy. According to the Web site, parking would be offered throughout the development.

"This is the single most important project for Springfield obviously, but I think it is



PHOTO BY MIKE DICICCO/THE CONNECTION

**The redevelopment of the Springfield Mall was put on hold while the mall's owners finished up negotiations with Target.**

**"This is the single most important project for Springfield."**

— Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee)

also the most important project for the entire county. I can't think of another regional shopping center that is in such dire need," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), who represents the area where the Springfield

Mall is located.

The Springfield Mall has many amenities some of the county's higher performing

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## Many Hands Make Quick Work

**LDS volunteers clean cabin camps at Prince William Forest Park.**

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

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



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

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

Out of respect for the park's history and

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

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## Time To Pitch In

**VFW Post 7327 looks to raise funds for new post.**

BY JUSTIN FANIZZI  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Veterans of Foreign Wars' motto is "Honor the dead by helping the living." After years supporting the members of their community through numerous charitable endeavors, the time has come for the community to give back.

The Springfield Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7327, long one of the area's largest charitable organizations, is seeking the community's assistance in funding the construction of a new post, reaching out in a variety of new ways.

The group has not had a post to call home since 2006, when they sold their facility for \$2 million. According to Wayne Yancey, post commander, the former site was an old warehouse in an industrial area, which made events difficult to stage, and made the location an undesirable place to be after dark.

The post took the \$2 million and bought a 2.5-acre plot of land on Beulah Road to build a new post on and then applied to five different banks for a \$3.3 million loan to build the facility.

"We were just going to borrow the money and build the home," Yancey said. "But we decided borrowing that much money is not a good idea at this time because the payments would be extreme."

Instead of assuming the daunting financial task, the VFW Post decided to roll out a series of fund raisers designed to at least make a dent in the \$3.3 million needed. According to Angela Meyers, the Post's director of fund raising, the first idea that the Post is executing is "Restaurant Night," scheduled for Lucky's in Springfield, King Street Blues in Kingstowne and Chevys in Alexandria. At the events, customers can tell their server that they are supporting the VFW and a percentage of all of the receipts designated by customers will be donated to the Post.

Meyer said that many other fund raisers would occur in addition to the Restaurant Nights. One such activity

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# Governor's Primary: The Fight Over Money

How much does McAuliffe's prolific fundraising matter?

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

McAuliffe has never run for an elected office.

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

McAuliffe has never run for an elected office.

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

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

"The person with the most money does

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

fundraising strengths inside the commonwealth.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

take on McDonnell in the fall.

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

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

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

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

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# Springfield Mall Vote

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shopping centers, including Tysons Corner, Fairfax Corner and Reston Town Center, lack. The mall is at the crossroads of Northern Virginia's two major thoroughfares, the Capital Beltway and Interstate 95, and is in close proximity to a Metro station.

McKay said the mall has not lived in up to its potential, primarily because of poor and irresponsible ownership in the past. With Vornado at the helm of the redevelopment project, he expected the site to flourish.

"Springfield Mall had everything that Tysons Corner craved, except a good owner. There is no reason why that mall can't exceed Tysons Corner in quality when it has everything going for it that it has," said McKay.

**McKAY** and other supervisors have been frustrated with recent delays in getting the Springfield development underway.

The Fairfax County Planning Commission approved the site's rezoning application in February and the supervisors were supposed to vote on the plans in late March. But negotiations between the Target store and Vornado held up the supervisors' final approval.

"It is unfortunate that Target and Vornado had not talked earlier in the process than they did on some of these last-minute details," said Stuart Mendelsohn, Target's lawyer and former Dranesville supervisor.

Target, one of the mall's current retail anchors, owns the land on which its store sits and has more control over what happens to its property than most of the mall's other retail outlets.

The mall redevelopment plans called for the current Target to grow from a one-floor store to a two-floor store; however, the company did not want to be locked into any specific expansion plans.

"Ultimately, I think [the expansion] is what they would like to do but, at this point, they were not prepared to move forward on that," said Mendelsohn.

Target was also displeased with the configuration of the parking garage that is planned for outside the store's entrance, said Mendelsohn and McKay.

But ultimately, Target is excited about the Springfield Mall redevelopment and wants the project to move forward.

"Target is absolutely supportive of all the changes coming to the mall," said Mendelsohn.

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# Hopeful Home Sales

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In Springfield in March, there were 31 sales

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

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

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

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

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

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

— MARY KIMM

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## In the Interests of Public Health

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## Celebrating a Pink Anniversary

**National Race for Cure goes global at 20.**

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

**B**reast cancer is the most frequently diagnosed cancer in women 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.

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

I would encourage everyone to participate

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

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

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

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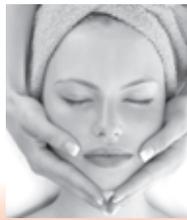
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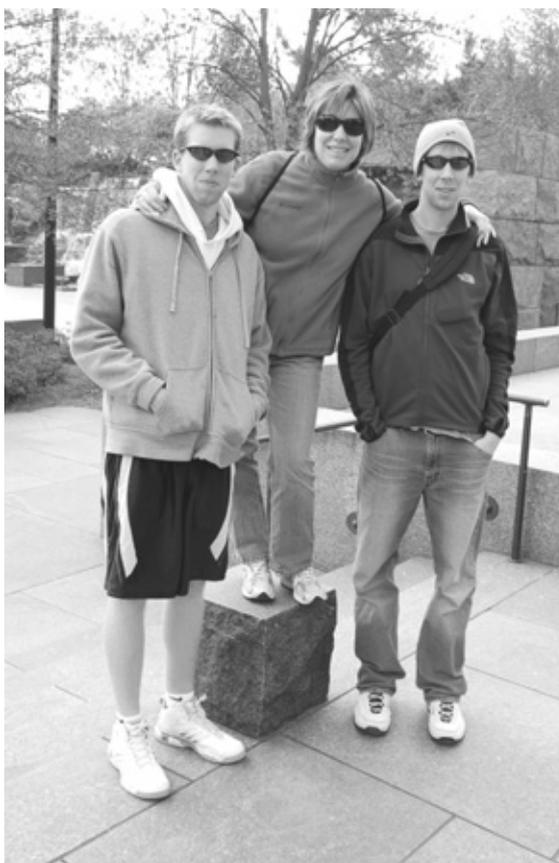
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## MOM & ME



Peter Lermo, 7; mother Robin Lermo; and Leslie Lermo, 9, pose for a photo on Dec. 27, 2008 at the amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery. The Lermos live in Orange Hunt Estates in Springfield.



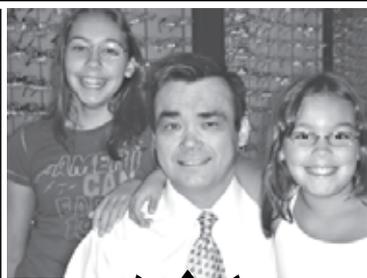
Betsy Berglund finally gets the 'upper-hand' on her two really big boys! Andrew, 20, is on the right and Brian, 18, is on the left. The shot was taken at the Roosevelt Memorial during this year's spring break. Betsy's two other child, Amy, 13, and Katie, 2, were off camera. The family lives in West Springfield just behind West Springfield Elementary. The boys attend/ed West Springfield High. Amy is at Irving Middle.

Rachel Macias and her son Alexander Macias take in Alexander's his first professional baseball game on March 30, 2008. It was the opening of the new Nationals Stadium as well so it was extra special. Alexander was 7-months old at the time of the opening game of Nationals Park.



Mom Elissa Schwartz and her daughter Lauren Schwartz, 13, members of Red Sox Nation of Springfield, take in the first series of 2009 at Fenway Park in Boston.

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Elizabeth Kenealy, left, and her daughter Teresa Brown are dressed as angels. Olivia Brown, Teresa's daughter, is dressed as Mary and is holding Jesus at a Nativity scene in Alexandria during Christmas week 2008.

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

an important gap in funding.

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

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

# LDS Volunteers Clean Cabins

FROM PAGE 3

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

craft lodges and host houses.

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

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

# Raising Money for New Post

FROM PAGE 3

is the creation of the "Path of Honor" in which people can purchase bricks and have custom messages engraved in them. The bricks will then be laid together in front of the new post. Another fund-raising effort on tap is involvement in two different gift card programs in which the Post will sell gift cards and then receive a portion of the money. The Post also is signing up for the eBay Giving Works program, in which sellers on the auction site can donate a portion of their sales.

"The community seems to be very receptive to us," Yancey said. "We do a lot to support the community and the community is responding well."

In addition to finding progressive ways to raise the funds for the new facility, the Post is also turn-

ing to innovative ways to construct the building itself. According to Chris Braun, a Vietnam veteran and Post representative in the construction process, the Post is striving to make the new facility as "green" as possible.

Starting from the ground up, the entire site, building and land, will be environmentally friendly and leave a minimal carbon footprint. Braun said that the runoff from the new site would be collected into bio-retention ponds and other filtering systems. The wood in the frame of the facility would be harvested within 500 miles of the project and would have a long life cycle. Finally, planners are looking at installing solar-collecting panels and low water plumbing. If all goes according to plan, Braun said that the facility could obtain LEED certification to officially recognize it as a green institution.



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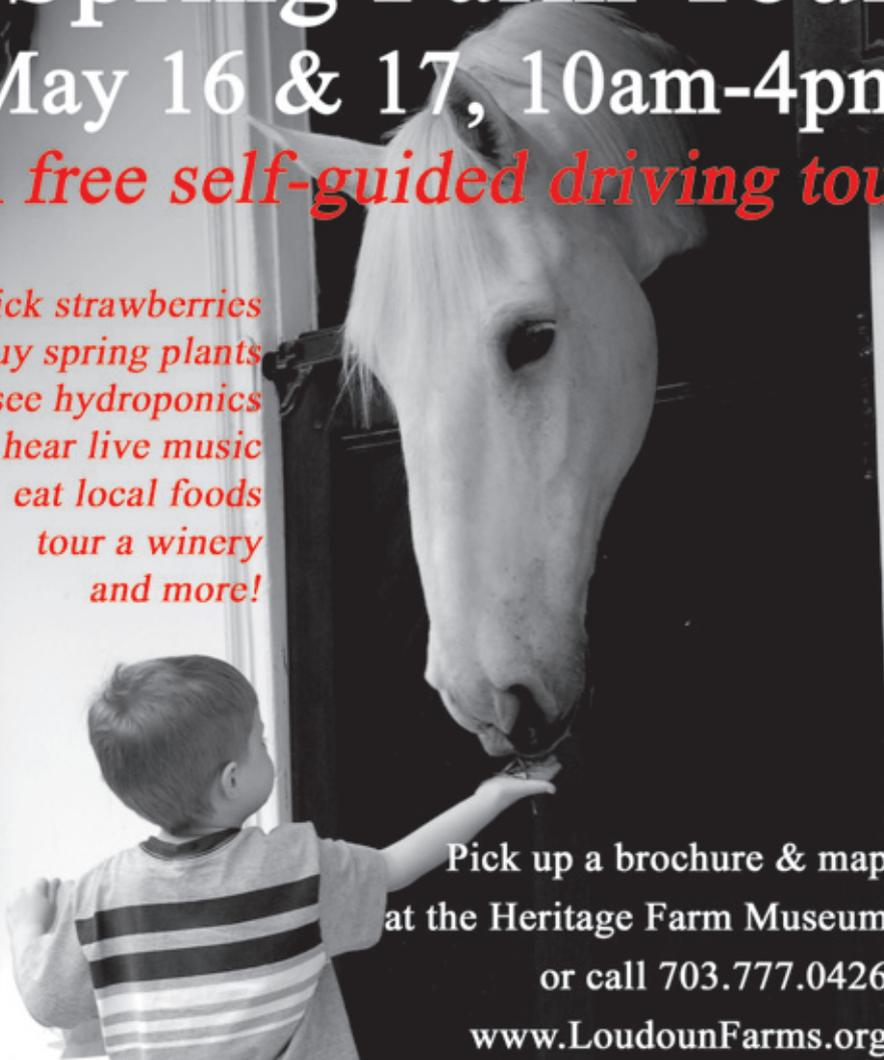
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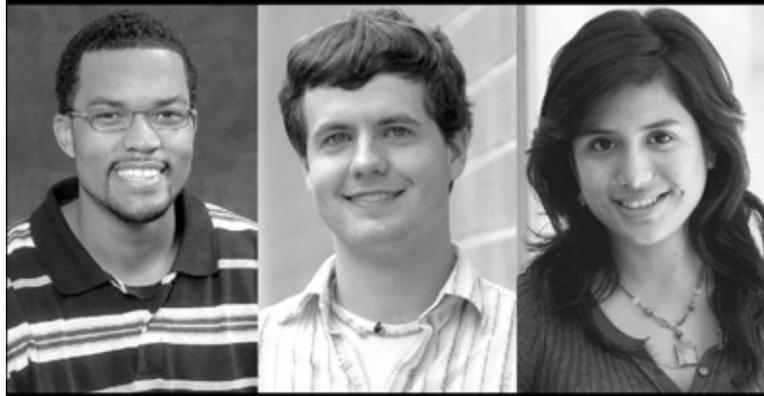
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# CALENDAR

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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.

**Daytime Book Discussion Group.** 12 p.m. at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe. Adults. 703-339-4610.

**Comedy Night.** 8 p.m., Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. Justin Kincaid and friends will perform. Ages 21 and up. \$5/person. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.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

**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.

**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.

**Nature Quest: Swamp Walk.** Young naturalists, 4-6, explore the stream valley forest and Spring Peeper Swamp 7-8 p.m., at Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Dress for muddy conditions. Reservations are required. \$4 per child. To reserve, call 703-451-9588.

**Taurus Birthday Bash.** 8 p.m., Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. Frayz, KVA, Suave E.N.T., Gudda, Mayne and more will perform live. Tickets: \$20/advance, \$25/at door. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

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

## SATURDAY/MAY 9

**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.

**The Young People's Theatre presents 'Annie.'** 3:30 p.m. at New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road in



'5 O'Clock Shadow' by Marni Maree

## Taking the 5th

The multi-media works are the 20 artist's creative response to their new studio building number '5.' Seven buildings, with over 100 artists in their studios, will be reflecting their own 'Numbers' theme identity on The Workhouse campus. Gallery and studio hours are Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; and Sunday, 12-5 p.m. Studio 5 is located at 9522 Workhouse Way, Lorton. www.workhousearts.org or 703-495-0001.

Lorton. Reserved seats are \$10. www.YPTnva.com.

**Concerts from Kirkwood, Recital.** 3 p.m., at Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway, Springfield. Free. Young Artist Competition Winners featuring high school and middle school artists from the Northern Virginia area playing piano, violin, flute, trumpet or horn. Donations accepted. 703-451-5320, www.kirkwoodpres.com.

**'The Blue Door Collection,'** paintings by Jan E. Moffatt, will be displayed at an Artist's Reception from 1-4 p.m. at The Loft Gallery, 313 Mill St. in Occoquan. Gallery hours are Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday 12-5 p.m. 703-490-1117 or www.loftgallery.org.

**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 Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets are \$44, \$36, \$22. All children, 12 and under, half price. Charge by phone at 888-945-2468 or visit www.tickets.com. The Center for the Arts complex is located on the Fairfax campus of George Mason University at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123.

**'A Harmonizer on Broadway'**



'Cheetah's Hiding from Dad' by Robin Rosner



'Puzzle Mandala' by Maureen Wolford

presented at 2 p.m. and 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.

**Yard Sale.** Venture Crew 4031, chartered by First Baptist Springfield, hosts a multi-family yard sale 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 7803 Lobelia Lane, in the Daventry neighborhood, to earn money for upcoming activities. Furniture, prom and homecoming dresses, electronics and other items for sale. 703-451-4680 or fontanella4@verizon.net.

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**Off-trail Birding at South King's Highway.** Binoculars and field guides are recommended for this free off-trail bird hike from 7 to 9:30 a.m. Meet at Huntley Meadows Park's South King's Highway entrance. Reservations are required. To reserve, call 703-768-2525. Huntley Meadows Park is located at 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria.

**Can You Canoe?** Learn the basic mechanics of canoeing with an emphasis on safety and enjoyment 2-3:30 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Participants must be at least 8 and children under 15 must be accompanied by a paying adult. The cost is \$12 per person. To reserve, call 703-569-0285.

**Cardboard Boat Orientation and Workshop.** Meet with former Cardboard Boat Regatta contest winners who will share their secrets for success 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Maximize chances of entering a race-worthy vessel. This workshop also gives participants an orientation to the regatta and what to expect. The cost is \$7 per person. Prepaid registration is required. To reserve, call 703-569-0285.

**Paddle Adventure-Moonlight Tour.** 7-10 p.m., at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. \$30 per person or group rate. Reservations required. Must be 18 or older. No experience necessary. Call 703-339-6104 for reservations.

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

**Sing Me Insomnia.** 2 p.m., Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. Sing Me Insomnia will headline a show featuring several opening acts. Tickets: \$10/advance, \$12/at door. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.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

**Mother's Day Tea at Gunston Hall.** 2 p.m. Enjoy an abundant selection of teas, sandwiches, scones and sweets, an 18th-century fashion show, and tours of the Mansion and grounds. \$35 per person. Reservations required. 703-550-9220. Gunston Hall is located at 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck.

**Mother's Day Cruise.** Cruise the shoreline while listening to an interpretive history of the park, lake and surrounding area. Refreshments are served. Cruises leave the dock at 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. The fee is \$4 for moms, \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, and babies on laps free. Prepaid reservations required. Call 703-569-0285. Lake Accotink Park is located at 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield.

**Paddle Adventure-Morning Tour.** 8 a.m.-12 p.m., at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. \$30 per person. Reservations required. A Potomac Overlook Park Naturalist will lead the tour. No experience is necessary. Call 703-339-6104.

## MONDAY/MAY 11

**Paul Weeks II Memorial Golf Tournament.** 3 p.m., at Pohick Bay Golf Course, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. Course closed for tournament, which is sponsored by and benefits the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. For more information on tournament sign ups and the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, visit www.alexandriaseaport.org. 703-339-8585.

**Early Reader Book Discussion.** 3:30 p.m. at the John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call for title. Age 6-8 with adult. 703-971-0010.

**Dragonforce.** 7 p.m., Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. Metal band Dragonforce will perform live with opening act Daath. Tickets: \$20/advance, \$23/at door. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

## TUESDAY/MAY 12

**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.

**Cynic.** 7 p.m., Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. Cynic will perform their only headlining gig of the summer with opening acts Brave and Exist. Tickets: \$20/advance, \$23/at door. For more information, call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 13

**NARFE Meeting.** 1:30 p.m., at The American Legion Post 176, 5620 Amherst Ave, Springfield. The business meeting will be followed by a presentation by Chris Allen, advanced financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. on "Market Volatility: Steps That You Can Take." Contact Chapter President Dick Gallagher at rmgallagher@verizon.net or 703-455-4373 for details on the meeting or questions about NARFE.

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# Humble Hurler Helps Spartans

Clemson bound,  
West Springfield's  
Mike Kent focuses  
on 'here and now.'

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE CONNECTION

West Springfield's Mike Kent has thrown his final warm-up pitch, and his catcher Tucker Tobin has chucked the ball down to second. Trevor Snook, the shortstop, turns toward the outfield and flips the baseball to second baseman Bubba Self.

Third baseman Charlie Morgan, after receiving Self's throw, walks the ball over to Kent. The Spartans huddle briefly and when the conference dissipates, Kent, with his back turned, heads to the back of the pitching mound, takes off his hat with his right hand, wipes his brow and thinks.

"It's just my way of getting in my own zone, focusing and blocking everything out," said Kent, of the before-every-inning ritual. During this momentary period of concentration, Kent stares down at his hat



FILE PHOTOS

**With a 5-1 record, a 0.88 ERA and 49 strikeouts this season, West Springfield pitcher Mike Kent has helped the Spartans accumulate a 12-0 mark within the Patriot District.**

and a series of writings that appear underneath its bill — none of which he wanted to divulge.

"I don't care who's in the stands," Kent said. "That doesn't matter to me. I just turn my back, look at my hat and always stay focused on the goal, which is getting every batter out."

Kent has done that for three years with remarkable consistency, a level that has landed him with a scholarship to Clemson University and has other signs pointing toward this summer's Major League Baseball draft. But Kent isn't selfish. He doesn't want to worry about that stuff now. Currently, nothing is more fun for him than what happens next.

Walking up to the pitching rubber, Kent feels most at home now. He started playing baseball at age 5 and hasn't stopped. He plays all year round, not because he was pushed into it or pressured, but because he loves the game. He can't envision himself doing anything else.

Kent started pitching at 10 or 11 and was hooked. After Kent's freshman season on West Springfield's baseball team, longtime coach Ron Tugwell picked him for a travel baseball team that he was coaching, with the understanding that the coach needed the player for one thing: pitching.

"I wasn't going to hit. I wasn't going to play the outfield or anything, and from there I just loved pitching," said Kent, who has a career mark of 19-9 in 163 innings, with 168 strikeouts and an average ERA of 1.36. "That's all I wanted to do."

Tobin, squatting at this point, has four pitches to pick from: fastball, curveball, slider or changeup. Kent's fastball registers between 89 to 92 miles per

hour on most radar guns and his curveball and slider often defy physics. All four pitches can appear at any time in the count for a strike, a recipe for disaster with which Kent thoroughly enjoys cooking.

"I love to make hitters look foolish up there," Kent said. "I try my best to do that."

West Springfield pitching coach Julio Rivas believes that Kent understands his craft more so than any other pitcher with whom he's worked. Often during practice, Rivas, required to work with the entire pitching staff, won't

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I try my best to do that."**

**— Mike Kent, senior, West Springfield High**

see a mistake Kent is making with his mechanics. So Kent will point it out and tell Rivas, who then watches the diagnoses unfold before his eyes.

"From all the pitchers I've had, he's probably the smartest pitcher out there," Rivas said. "He's like a second pitching coach."

**NOW WITH** Tobin's sign, Kent steps back with his left foot and then turns his right at a 90-degree angle, parallel with the rubber. His left leg kicks into the air. As Kent drives toward home plate, he drops his right leg and pushes his entire body forward.

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# SPORTS

## Kents Helps Spartans Win

FROM PAGE 12

Kent is able to do this better than most because of the grueling workouts that he and the rest of West Springfield's pitching staff complete willingly under Rivas. In what is standard practice, Rivas believes wholeheartedly in running, both for conditioning and recovery purposes.

After starts, Spartan pitchers must run sprints along the outfield fence. They usually are assigned between 14 and 16, although that number varies based on pitch counts. The day after a start, Kent will run a series of short-burst sprints. Those are mixed with sets of pickups, a brutal drill in which pitchers slide from side-to-side, knees bent, and pick up balls that a coach rolls at them.

"Mike's work ethic ... he's just a horse," Rivas said. "I never have to tell him what to run. It's awesome because I have him, and I don't even have to tell the other guys. They just look at him, and it makes it

easier for me. He's a pitching coach's dream."

So Kent plows forward and unleashes his trademark fastball, a pitch that, along with the rest of his repertoire, has propelled West Springfield to a 14-4 mark this season. Behind Kent's 5-1 record with 49 strikeouts and a 0.88 ERA, the Spartans are also 12-0 against district opponents, with a home game against Annandale Friday.

With Kent, junior lefty Bobby Wahl (Ole Miss), center fielder Bryn Renner (recently switched from shortstop) and third baseman Charlie Morgan, the Spartans have a Murderer's Row of sorts that should concern any opponent.

Once Kent's fastball pops Tobin's glove for strike one, the hard-throwing Division-I recruit is back to doing what he loves the most.

"My goals are right here with my team," Kent said. "I love all of my teammates, and I can't be thinking about the draft or Clemson. Those will come when they come. This is here and this is now."

## Deering Goes Yard

With only two career home runs prior to a double-header on Saturday, May 2, West Springfield graduate Brian Deering hit three long balls during his Niagara University baseball team's two-game split with Manhattan.

For his efforts, Deering, a sophomore infielder, was named the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference's Player of the Week. For the weekend series, which

Niagara won, Deering hit .585 (5-for-8) with five RBIs, four extra-base hits while boasting a career-best 1.875 slugging percentage and a .700 on-base percentage.

### WEEK IN SPORTS

On the season, Deering is hitting a team-best .345 (49-for-142) while also leading the Purple Eagles (18-30, 12-6 MAAC) in doubles (11), home runs (5), RBIs (31).

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## PEOPLE

# Area Seniors Rack Up Volunteer Hours

Greenspring presents service awards.

**G**reenspring retirement community in Springfield presented Presidential Volunteer Service Awards to 76 individuals (69 residents and 7 external) for 2008 volunteer efforts, including one President's Call to Service Lifetime Award to resident Marcia Dake, recognizing her for more than 8,800 volunteer hours at Greenspring since 1999.

Presidential Volunteer Service Awards recognize Americans who, by their demonstrated commitment and example, inspire others to engage in volunteer service. Presidential Volunteer Service Awards come in four categories: bronze, silver, gold and President's Call to Service Award. Each category is tied to the number of annual volunteer hours, with 100-249 hours for bronze, 250-499 for silver and 500 or more for gold. A President's Call to Service Award recognizes those who have volunteered 4,000 or more hours over a lifetime.

Greenspring awarded 50 bronze, 19 silver, seven gold and one President's Call to Service Award.

Dake has logged 8,892 volunteer hours since moving to Greenspring in 1999. Dake is a longtime volunteer at Channel 6, Greenspring's in-house television studio

that broadcasts to the community's 2,000 residents.

The recipients of gold awards are: Marcia Dake, Nora Leng, Linda Martz, Betty Pelkey, John Rexford, Josephine Schoner and Bill Shaw.

The recipients of silver awards are: Florence Arden, Jack Burke, Wilmer Chase, Al Gotschall, Terry Grove, Pam Groves, Ruth Kaye, Jo Lombard, Gerry McDonnell, Phyllis Miller, Hilda Moore, Joy Petty, Kenneth Rapert, Irene Rehbock, Franklin Richardson, Katherine Robertson, Maria Svirsky, Juanada Teas and Robert Zikowitz.

The recipients of bronze awards are: Clare Anzalone, Andy Benvenuto, Jean Bley, Thea Bratton, Freda Burner, Ruth Bury, William Campbell, Clara Cavada, Hazel Cross, Cora Crouthamel, Paulette Damm, Michael Deliman, Lorraine Derbish, Elizabeth Eppley, Amy Feldstein, Beverly Fisher, Charles Fisher, Arlene Girod, Robert Gumbinner, Ethel Harris, Maggie Havey, Anne Herrmann, Lawrence Hodapp, Frances Huenemann, Susan Klein, Thelma Klopp, Marge Krape, Claire Manger, Joan Matteson, Mary McDonnell, Gus Muller, Al Nielsen, Vibeke Nygaard, Don Packard, Clarice Pederson, Dick Pelkey, Hazel Poole,



**Greenspring resident Marcia Dake holds up her Call to Service Award. She received the award for clocking 8,892 volunteer hours since moving Greenspring in 1999. Dake helped establish James Madison University's School of Nursing.**

Elizabeth Prosser, Jessie Reifsnyder, Helen Reynolds, Eugenie Rives, Helen See, Madge Smith, George Stone, Gloria Uehlinger, Dee Walker, Eileen Wallace, Ann Wheeler, Martha White and Aishah Zabarrah.

Each award recipient received a letter from the White House, a letter from the chair of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, a certificate and a pin.

## 'Teamship' Fuels 50-Year Marriage

Springfield couple celebrates 50th anniversary on May 16.

**J**ack and Margaret Downing are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on May 16 with their children Diane Stadler of Portland, Ore.; Drew Downing, of Troy, Mich.; Megan Chase of Richmond; and Peggy Hecker of Denver, Colo. and friends. The couple has 10 grandchildren ranging in age from 6 to 19.

Jack Downing graduated from the US Military Academy in 1958 and was a career army officer. Margaret Downing graduated from Lankenau Hospital School of Nursing and continues to practice nursing today.

The couple was first stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. with the 2/503rd Airborne Regiment, and then, with that unit in Okinawa, Japan. Assignments followed at various posts throughout the U.S. including Hawaii and Jack Downing served two tours in Vietnam. He retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel in 1979, then had a variety of management positions with contracting firms and the National Research Council. He then taught management and business administration courses at the Virginia campus of Averett University.

The couple have lived in Springfield since 1977. They enjoy gardening, traveling, book clubs, tutoring elementary school children, church activities, Penn State football games, Duke basketball games and maintaining close connections with members of their school alumni associations.

Margaret Downing is especially interested in and committed to genealogy, searching out close and distant relatives of the Fertig family.

Jack Downing has a long interest in the Civil War and, for his West Point class, hosts "staff rides" which are conducted on battlefield sites and provide detailed lectures of events during the Civil War.



**Jack and Maragaret Downing of Springfield celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on May 16.**

Their words of wisdom for a healthy marriage are "Teamship", be a team and work together.

### PEOPLE NOTES

**Keith M. Phox** of Alexandria recently was awarded a National Achievement \$2,500 Scholarship. This award is supported by NMSC, which conducts the National Achievement Scholarship Program. Phox is a student at Hayfield Secondary School and plans to study computer science in college.

The Collegiate Times, the independent student-run newspaper that serves the Virginia Tech community, received 20 awards from the Virginia Press Association's (VPA) College Newspaper Contest. The awards, presented for work published in 2008, were announced April 8 at the VPA headquarters in Glen Allen, Va. **Brian Wright** of Springfield, a senior majoring in communication in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, received second and third place awards in sport writing.

**Navy Seaman Recruit Christopher D. Ten-Fah**, brother of Sharon T. Legrande of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Ten-Fah is a 2008 graduate of Ocoee High School of Ocoee, Fla.

**Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class Danielle L. Bolia** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Bolia is the daughter of Daniel Bolia of Hogarth Street in Springfield. The airman is a 2006 graduate of Brooke Point High School in Stafford.

**U.S. Army Pvt. Russell S. Cosby** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Cosby is a 1998 graduate of West Springfield High School.

# PEOPLE



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

## May Art Show

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



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**Monday, May 18, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.**  
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Lot 379, Section 5, Longwood Knolls as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5253 at page 752, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.  
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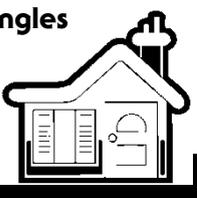
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He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Gloria; four children: Cynthia (David) Foulke of Leesburg, Patricia (Michael) Fitzpatrick of Virginia Beach, Thomas Freeman of Leesburg, and Andrew (Natalie) Freeman of Falls Church; and six grandchildren: Grace, David, Stephen and Evan Foulke and Catie and Connor Fitzpatrick.

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

Interment will be held privately in Quantico National Cemetery.

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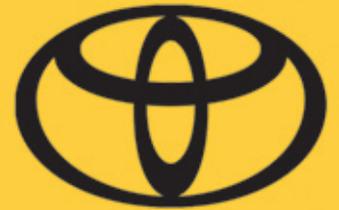
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