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Olivia Shaffer, 4, of Centreville gets her first taste of cotton candy on Saturday, May 9 at KidFest.

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Made up of musicians ages 10 and 11, Prodigy Child rocks the crowd at KidFest.



Susan and Carleigh Allen have a nice mom and me moment waiting for some more entertainment Saturday May 9, during KidFest in Clifton.



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Jessica Draheim draws a caricature of Isabella Szczur.

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## Seeking a New Place to Plug In

**After brief bout of unemployment, Lorton man readies to return to the Middle East.**

BY AMBER HEALY  
THE CONNECTION

**C**harles Martin isn't one for sitting still. For most of his life, he's been a contract worker overseas, most recently returning to his Lorton home after months in Afghanistan.

His resume is extensive and impressive: over 20 years as a telecommunications expert, working with everything from satellite and cable TV systems to wireless network installations, systems analysis and network engineering to propagation analysis to systems design. He speaks seven languages and American Sign Language.

But after three weeks since returning to the U.S., he found himself in the same position as so many in this country: He was

unemployed and scouring the Internet looking for a job.

Martin is a civilian, though he did spend time in the Air Force after graduating high school in Bowling Green, Ky. His first job, in Mozambique, was arranged through the State Department. After that, it was on to Paris. Martin also worked for the Commerce Department in the 1990s and made his first trip to Iraq when a Rochester, N.Y.-based company asked if he was interested in a data collection/computer administration job, a one-

year contract with the option of another one-year renewal. Martin took it and continued his journey.

"If electronics are involved, I've pretty much done it all," Martin said of his work history.

Most of Morton's work has been on mili-

**"If electronics are involved, I've pretty much done it all."**

— Charles Martin

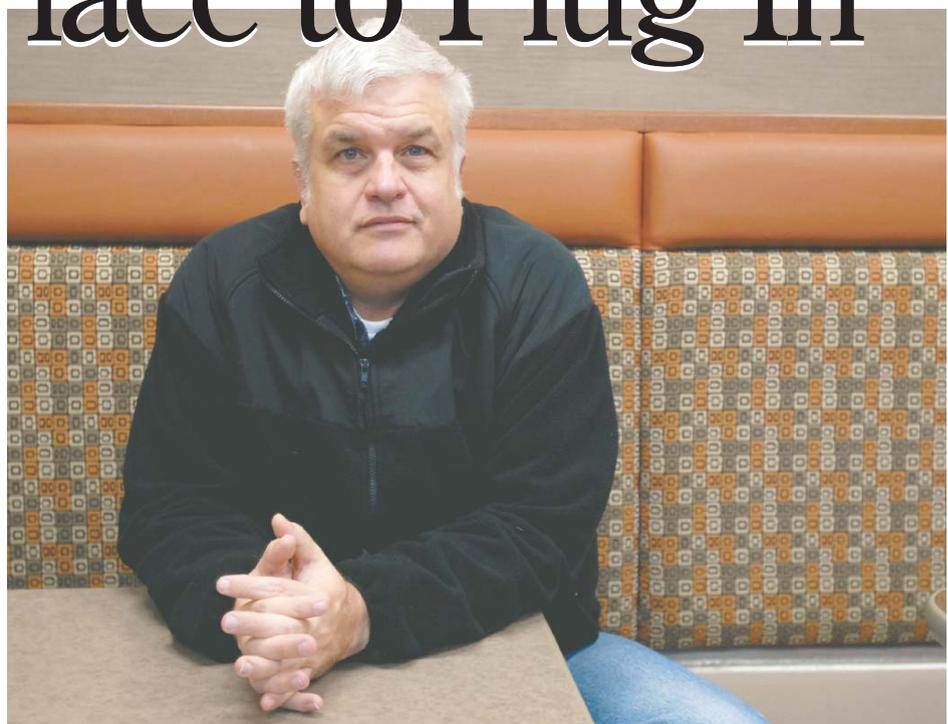


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**Charles Martin, a civilian employee, recently returned to Lorton after completing contract work in Afghanistan.**

tary bases. He spent time working on a contract for ITT, the technical school, installing radios in vehicles for the Iraqi army that had just been purchased from ITT.

He's also worked for a food service provider in Pakistan, also on a military base,

where he was responsible for nine computer systems. For that job, he commuted to work sites by helicopter.

Granted, not all assignments have been

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## Rotary Helps Duo in Service to Others

**Two local women earn recognition from Fairfax Rotary Club.**

**M**embers of the Rotary Club of Fairfax recently honored two local women by choosing them as their candidates for Rotary International's Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship.

Joanna Stephens of Fairfax Station is this year's winner and plans to use her Rotary Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship to spend three months in Rabat, Morocco starting in September where she will take an intensive French language program. Stephens is a William and Mary senior in international relations and pre-med/global health and plans to graduate in May. She plans ultimately to go to medical school and then to work in public health with a focus in Africa.

"I studied French in college, but I've not had a French immersion experience," said Stephens. "I want to be fluent in French because it will be very useful to me in Africa when I work in the public health arena. This opportunity to study language, live with a host family, and do volunteer work in Morocco will help me with that goal."

Stephens is drawn to a career in public health and in Africa for several reasons. She has family in South Africa and saw a lot of



**Rotary International's Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship winner Joanna Stephens of Fairfax Station worked with youngsters at an orphanage in Johannesburg, South Africa in the summer of 2007. Here Stephens, right, makes friends with a very enthusiastic young man. Stephens was supported for her scholarship by The Rotary Club of Fairfax and plans to study French in Morocco starting in September.**

poverty firsthand during family visits to the country. "My father is a doctor and I saw the hospital where he had once worked," Stephens said. "Seeing the poverty and health issues and being raised with awareness of it had a profound effect on me."

Stephens also says that she became increasingly interested in African issues in college, particularly in issues related to development. "The more I studied and traveled, the more health issues became paramount to me in development issues. I saw the cross-

over between clean water and diseases and nutrition, and how all of those play into policy," she said. Stephen's commitment to helping others, her outstanding academic record, and her significant volunteer work, which included a medical service trip to Ghana, made her a perfect choice to be this year's Fairfax Rotary Club candidate for the scholarship.

Stephens has also just landed a Fulbright scholarship to the Ivory Coast for next year. Stephens will be doing research there on the transmission of HIV from mother to child. In fact, she will be headed there right after she completes her Rotary scholarship in Morocco.

In 2007, Lauren Conn of the City of Fairfax was the Fairfax Rotary Club's candidate for the Rotary International Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship and like Stephens, won a three-month scholarship. She went to Quito, Ecuador to study Spanish, volunteer, and live with a host family. Like Stephens, Conn was a natural choice to be the Fairfax Rotary Club candidate because of her outstanding academic accomplishments, volunteerism and career goals. With the support of the Fairfax Rotary Club once again, Conn is in the process of applying for Rotary International's World Peace Fellowship for graduate study abroad in international relations.

"My experience as a Rotary Cultural Am

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## Four Locals Arrested In Undercover Operation

A year-long, undercover police operation at a shopping center in Bailey's Crossroads culminated, May 6, in 143 criminal charges, including the arrests of four local men. Erving Pabon, 19, of 7300 block of Pohick Way in Lorton was charged with distribution of marijuana; Julia Hanson-Takyi, 21, of 7700 block of Grandwind Ave., Lorton, selling stolen property, distribution of marijuana, distribution of cocaine and receiving stolen property; Baha Khasawneh, 20, of 13200 block of Kilby Landing Court, Clifton, receiving and selling stolen property; and Kwame Garnette, 18, of 6700 block of Metropolitan Center Drive, Springfield, transporting and distributing stolen property. All four have June 10 court dates. In addition, Jeff Baumgardt, 27, of 3100 block of Ranger Road in Fairfax, is wanted on a charge of distribution of stolen property.



**Baha Khasawneh**



**Julia Hanson-Takyi**



**Erving Pabon**

POLICE PHOTO

Operation Build America was launched in May 2008 to better understand the criminal activity taking place in and around the Build America Shopping Center in the 3800 block of South George Mason Drive. Community concerns of illegal activities in the shopping center, coupled with indicators that crime was in the upswing, were the catalysts for the operation.

According to Fairfax County Police, the investigation successfully infiltrated several criminal organizations and businesses operating around the center. Undercover police officers identified nearly 40 people suspected of criminal activity ranging from property crimes to crimes of violence. The undercover operation successfully recovered stolen firearms and illegal narcotics, including cocaine and marijuana.

## Jefferson Third in State

At this past Saturday's Virginia Scholastic Rowing Association's state championship regatta, which took place at Sandy Run Regional Park, more than 40 schools from Virginia and Washington, D.C. competed in a series of morning heats, with most of Jefferson's boats reaching the gusty afternoon finals. However, only the men's first eight was able to bring home a medal, coming in third after a close final sprint against winning Yorktown and second-place St. Albans. Members of the varsity eight boat included Springfield's Nader Al-Naji and Fairfax's Nolan Pollack, along with Chris Zeng, Dan Ranard, Connor Finch, Bryan Cheong, Thomas Georgiou, Will Richers and coxswain Ashu Goel. This Saturday, Jefferson and other crew area teams will travel to Philadelphia for the Stotesbury Cup Regatta.

## Penultimate Experience

Jefferson's girls' outdoor track and field team claimed first place out of 20 teams at the Thomas Jefferson Penultimate

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PHOTO BY ARTURO SORIANO JR.

On May 6, firefighters from the Gunston, Woodawn and Fort Belvoir fire stations responded to the report of a house fire at 10226 Old Colchester Road in Lorton.

# Blaze Destroys Home

**House fire in Lorton leaves two without a home.**

A fire tore through a Lorton home Wednesday, May 6, destroying it entirely and displacing its two adult residents. Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a call of a house fire located at 10226 Old Colchester Road at approximately 12:10 p.m.

Upon arrival, firefighters encountered heavy fire from the side and smoke billowing from the eaves and attic of the one-story home.

Firefighters brought the fire under control within 20 minutes, though in that short period of time, the flames had consumed the entire structure. Both of the home's adult owners escaped the fire with their pets and were unharmed.

An investigation revealed that the fire was accidental. According to authorities, the fire originated in the kitchen, the result of unattended food being left on a lit stove.

— JUSTIN FANIZZI

## 'Birds' Actress Appears at Workhouse in Lorton



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Steven Mears and his mother Susan, of Clifton, meet with Tippi Hedren at the Workhouse Arts Center during a VIP reception on May 9. Mears just recently graduated from Pomona College with a degree in media studies and said he wanted to meet Hedren.

# CAMPS & SCHOOLS



PHOTO COURTESY VERA MARTIN

Students from Traci Lahna's fifth-grade class take part in Clifton Elementary's April 24 Medieval Day.

## SCHOOL NOTES

**The Clifton Presbyterian Church Preschool** is now enrolling for the 2009-2010 school year. The preschool offers classes for children ages 3-5. The primary goal is to work on the total development of each child. The school is non-denominational and open

to children regardless of race, religion or national or ethnic origin, and visitors are welcome. Contact Gretchen Reamy at 703-830-3175 or [Gretchen-cliftonpc@vacoxamil.com](mailto:Gretchen-cliftonpc@vacoxamil.com).

**Martha Leigh Thieman** of Fairfax

Station has been named as an honor student for the fall 2008 semester at Hollins University of Roanoke. The South County Secondary graduate is a junior environmental studies major, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Thieman.

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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.

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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 Ilryong Moon in recent Fairfax County elections," said Smith. He contributed more than \$16,000 to Bulova.

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

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## NEWS

# Rotary Scholarships

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bassador scholar was a life-changing experience," said Conn. "I saw first-hand the acute need in a developing country and I knew that I wanted to devote my life to making a difference." Conn, a William and Mary graduate who formerly taught high school Spanish, is currently a field organizer for One, a D.C. non-profit focusing on advocacy. She also studied Arabic in Morocco but feels that a master's degree in international relations would be the logical next step to prepare her for a career in either the non-profit or government sector.

Rotary International's Cultural Ambassadorial Scholarship and International World Peace Fellowship are competitive programs. Awards in both programs are for full financial support. Candidates must be selected and supported by local Rotary chapters; in Conn's and Stephen's cases, the Rotary Club of Fairfax served as the local chapter sponsor and forwarded them both to Rotary International for consideration.

Rotary International is an organization of business and professional persons united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Rotary International's motto is "Service above Self." The Rotary Club of Fairfax meets on Mondays at 12:15 p.m., at the American Legion Hall on Oak Street in the City of Fairfax. For more about the Rotary Club of Fairfax, [www.fairfaxrotary.org](http://www.fairfaxrotary.org) or e-mail the Rotary Club of Fairfax's Executive Director, Irby N. Hollans Jr., at [ihollans@earthlink.net](mailto:ihollans@earthlink.net).

## NEWS BRIEFS

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Experience this past weekend, holding off second-place W.T. Woodson, 125-57. The boys' teams took sixth out of 17 schools with 46 points. Nora Gayer (high jump), Sara Gokturk (discus), Katherine Sheridan (800-meter run) and Dan Markwalter (pole vault) all finished first, while Kathryn Moore (300 hurdles), Ronik Malka (800m) and Sarah Stites (1,600m) placed second. Burke natives Lauren Laffosse (long jump) and Timmy Galvin (800m) earned second-place honors as well, and Springfield's Tania Ermak was third in the long jump; Fairfax's Arvind Rachamadugu was third in the triple jump; the boys' 4x400 relay team of Colin Donahue (Burke), Rachamadugu, Sy Rashid (Burke) and Jacob Hanger took third.

## Football Finals Changed

This fall's Virginia AAA state football finals for Divisions 5 and 6 will be played at the University of Virginia's Scott Stadium, according to a press release issued by the Virginia High School League on Thursday, May 7.

The VHSL Executive Committee voted 24-0 in favor of the measure, which carries a two-year commitment. Last year's top-level title games were held at Virginia Tech's Lane Stadium, while the 2007 finals, which featured wins by Stone Bridge and Westfield, were held at Scott Stadium.

"We want our student-athletes to play in a big-time atmosphere and have an outstanding championship experience," said VHSL executive director Ken Tilley. "We know that playing at Scott Stadium will provide that experience, not only for the players and coaches but for all fans attending the finals."

## WCAC Golf Champs

The Paul VI boys' golf team defeated DeMatha by one stroke to win the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship on Monday, May 11. Sophomore Tyler Wingo birdied two holes on the back nine, finishing with a two-round total of 2-over-par 144 for the individual title. Monday's victory was the fourth WCAC championship for the Panthers under 25th-year coach Milt Papke. The team also won the Virginia State Catholic Golf Championship for the fourth straight year recently, and it was their 10th such title in team history.

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**Shumaker Home**



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## Five Clifton Houses Open Their Doors

Annual homes tour, boutique, silent auction, art show raises money for local charities.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**G**racious homes, shopping, artwork and an auction are in store Thursday, May 21, for attendees of the 37th annual Clifton Community Woman's Club (CCWC) Charity Homes Tour and Marketplace.

From 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., five Clifton-area homes will open their doors to the public, and a marketplace in the Clifton Town Meeting Hall and in Clifton Presbyterian Church will run from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. The town hall will host a boutique and silent auction, and the church will house an art show featuring paintings and framed photographs by local, women artists.

"We have five, very diverse homes — a nice cross-section — and every one of them has a story to tell," said event Chairman Linda Beckman. "There's a farmhouse, one of the oldest buildings in Clifton, a Civil War-era home, one owned by a POW and one filled with beautiful antiques. Some of them started as one room and were added onto, several times, and it's fun to see the evolution over 150-200 years. The tour gives people an intimate look at these homes in Clifton and Fairfax Station, and docents give guided tours of each."

Advance tickets are \$20; on tour day, \$25; single-home admission, \$10. Admission to non-tour activities is free. 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 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 Centrewood Plaza in Centreville. For more information, see [www.CliftonCWC.org](http://www.CliftonCWC.org) or call Beckman at 703-266-0213.

"This is the CCWC's major fundraiser," said Beckman. "All the net proceeds go to our Charitable Trust Fund for scholarships for GMU and NOVA. This year, we'll also be giving a scholarship to a senior at Fairfax High. So not only will people have a fun day, but they'll also give back to charity."

Over the past five years, the Trust has distributed more than \$100,000 for scholarships and to local charities including Northern Virginia Therapeutic Riding, Katherine Hanley Family Shelter, Bethany House Women's Shelter and various food banks.

Nine vendors at the boutique will offer items including home décor, food, clothing and jewelry. The CCWC's cookbook, "May I Have that Recipe?" will be available at the town hall and at one of the homes. The silent auction will feature an array of some 70 items, ranging from restaurant gift certificates to four Washington Redskins club-seat tickets, plus parking — a \$1,000 value. Winners need not be present to win.

**"We have five, very diverse homes — a nice cross-section — and every one of them has a story to tell."**

— Linda Beckman

"There'll be a bake sale on the front porch of the town hall, so we hope people will have lunch at a restaurant in town and stop by here for dessert," said Beckman. "We're also serving lemonade and cookies in the garden of the Jennings-Prillaman home."

Two shuttles will take attendees to homes where the roads are too narrow or there's no parking. Comfortable shoes are encouraged, and no children under 12, including infants, are allowed in the houses.

"We work hard on this event and all 80 club members participate," said Beckman. "This summer, we'll start acquiring the homes for next spring." Below are brief descriptions of the houses on this year's tour:

### Hermsmeyer Home

Owned by Kristin and Steve Hermsmeyer, this home on Union Mill Road began as two, tiny buildings serving Civil War troops, possibly as a camp kitchen and a hospital and were later joined together to create a house. Since 1994, the Hermsmeyers have made many renovations. The furnishings enhance the home's 19th-century core. The home has a pump organ from the 1880s and a dining-room table from Steve's father's family farm in Nebraska.

### Shumaker Home

This home on Wolf Run Hills Road is the fulfillment of a dream borne out of a nightmare. As a young, Navy fighter pilot, Bob Shumaker was shot down over North Vietnam and was a POW for eight years and one day. In solitary confinement and without paper or pencil, he mentally built a house for his wife Lorraine and their infant son. Doing so helped him maintain his sanity through torture and deprivation.

Understandably, he wanted a home that was large and open. His dream became reality in a brick rambler with a redwood cathedral ceiling and lots of tile and glass on

eight, wooded acres looking out on a hillside, forest, horse pasture and water.

### Glover Home

Named "Filly Hill," this is the place where owners and equestrians W. Lloyd and Mary Lou Glover raised their four daughters and their show ponies. The décor reflects the Glovers' time spent living and traveling overseas. They purchased their dining-room furnishings in Asia, and their corner cupboards contain Meissen porcelain and Bavarian crystal from Germany. In the study, there's even a display of traditional, Japanese toys made of hand-painted papier-mâché.

### Graine-Evans Home

Dating to 1771, the Chapel Street home of Robin Graine and Michael Evans is the oldest building in Clifton. During the Civil War, it housed Union Gen. John Pope. The floors are of burnished, heart pine and the cozy dining room has a stone fireplace, plus ancient timbers and beams. It's definitely a warm and welcoming home for their family, and artwork done by Robin's mother adorns the walls.

### Jennings-Prillaman Home

Museum-quality, antique American furnishings are featured in the Lakewood Lane home of Charles Prillaman and Parker Jennings. Outside are horses, formal gardens and a fountain; inside are 18th-century furniture, 19th-century oil paintings and a clock formerly owned by the first, female justice of the Virginia Supreme Court. It's also a house for entertaining, boasting a large kitchen island with a polished-slate top, red-painted cabinets and a family room filled with family heirlooms.

# CALENDAR

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

## THURSDAY/MAY 14

**Redemption Thursdays.** 8 p.m., Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, West Springfield. Live reggae music all night. Ages 18 and up. Tickets: \$5/advance, \$7/at door. Call 703-569-5940 or visit www.jaxxroxx.com.

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

## FRIDAY/MAY 15

**Lorton Community Action Center Fund-Raiser 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 LCAC. For more information on tournament sign ups and the LCAC, visit www.lortonaction.org. 703-339-8585.

**Bella Morte.** 9 p.m., Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Ego Likeness, Middle Child Syndrome and Blind Til Now will perform. Tickets: \$15/advance, \$18/day of show. Call 703-569-5940 or 202-432-SEAT for tickets.

**Tribute to Maestro Luis Haza presented by the Virginia Chamber Orchestra.** 8:15 p.m., at the Ernst Community Cultural Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. The concert



## Winners' Concert

**Christopher Yi, co-winner for the first place award in the May 3 Youth Music Competition sponsored by the Alexandria Performing Arts Association, will be a featured violinist in the May 17 Winners' Concert at the Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria. Schwartz is a ninth grade student at West Springfield High School. The concert, free to the public and sponsored by the Alexandria Performing Arts Association, begins at 4 p.m.**

will feature Mozart's "Sinfonia Concertante in E-flat major" with Natasha Bogachev, violin, and Zino Bogachev, viola; tribute by Robert Aubrey Davis. Seniors and groups, \$12; adults, \$18; advance purchase, seniors and groups, \$10; adults, \$15. All students admitted free. 703-758-0179. Complementary reception will follow. Additional information is available at www.virginiachamberorchestra.org.

Road, Fairfax Station. \$2/adults and \$1/child. 703-425-9225. www.fairfax-station.org.

**Recession-proof Advocacy: Leveraging Your Pro-Arts Message,** a seminar for the arts community featuring Jay H. Dick, Americans for the Arts' director of State and Local Government Affairs, 10:30-12 p.m., at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton.

**Clifton Community Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Weaver House. For more information, contact Trisha Robertson at 703-815-0992 or rtrishr@gmail.com.

**Invasive Plant Removal.** Join Invasive Management Area (IMA)

## SATURDAY/MAY 16

**Train Show.** HO and N-scale model trains will be running 12-5 p.m., in the community room and the caboose at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station

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## THINGS TO DO

# Fresh Taste for Lorton

## Sunday Farmers Market opens at Lorton VRE station.

BY NOREEN ABDEL-AZIZ  
THE CONNECTION

**E**ven though the day was a gloomy gray on Sunday, May 3, crowds turned out for the opening of the Lorton Farmers Market.

"People came to see us in the pouring rain," said Sandra Reichert, community horticulture program coordinator. "It was a surprisingly high turnout and we couldn't be more thankful."

The Fairfax County Park Authority operates farmers markets all around the county. "There is a farmers market in Lorton and it's going to be a huge success because we have some real great vendors," said Reichert. The county-run farmers markets only sell goods that the vendors grow, bake or process and no crafted items are sold.

"Most people who attend the farmers market will only drive around 10 miles to get there, and Lorton was a perfect area to start one because there was a demand for it," said Reichert.

The market, located at the Virginia Railway Express parking lot in Lorton opened for its second week on Sunday, May 10. The market is open on Sundays, through Oct. 25, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

"It was very convenient because my husband uses the train to get to work," said Cindy Rabiej of Lorton.



Smita Nordwall poses by her stand selling her homemade and creative preserves.

Smita Nordwall, owner of Crackpot Gourmet, operates a stand at the Lorton Farmers Market. To become a vendor, one must fill out an application in late winter and go through an approval process.

"I love meeting customers, because it gives doing what I do a more personal feel," said Nordwall.

**AS A VENDOR**, Nordwall said that she has to be there every Sunday at 8 a.m. She cre-

**"People came to see us in the pouring rain."**

— Sandra Reichert

ates preserves with unusual ingredients for an interesting flavor that would be hard to find anywhere else. For example, her Kiss of Kerala is made with strawberries and black pepper. She said that the black pepper helps bring out the strawberry flavor.

"Being the beginning of the season there

weren't many fresh vegetable or fruit vendors, because they were only just starting to grow," said Reichert, on Sunday. "However, in the coming weeks, the amount will undoubtedly increase." Some of the foods that were there on Sunday included, asparagus, strawberries, radishes and onions.

## CALENDAR

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volunteer site leader in preserving a natural meadow area 10 a.m.-12 p.m., at Pohick Stream Valley. Participants younger than 15 must be accompanied by an adult. For information, call 703-324-8681.

**Wonderful Web of Life.** Enjoy relaxation exercises, walk to the observation tower and practice basic yoga positions while hearing, seeing and feeling the world around you 8-10 a.m., at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Reservations are required. The cost is \$6 per adult. To reserve, call 703-768-2525.

**Exercise Paddle Adventure.** 4:30 p.m. to sunset, Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. \$30 per person or group rate. Reservations are required. Paddle trip with interval training and endurance. General good health required. Must be 18 or older. Kayak experience necessary. Call 703-339-6104 for reservations.

**Murder in Movieland.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Meet colorful Hollywood characters,

gather evidence and figure out whodunit. Adults. 703-249-1520.

**Multicultural Celebration of Dance and Canned Food Drive.** 12-3 p.m., at Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road, Alexandria. Presented by the School-Age Child Care Program. Free.

**Up In Smoke Fest.** 1:15 p.m., Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Emmure, A Life Once Lost and Thy Will Be Done headline a festival featuring 11 bands. Tickets: \$13/advance, \$15/day of show. Call 703-569-5940 or 202-432-SEAT for tickets.

**Herb Festival.** Learn to grow and use fresh herbs. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Heather Hill Gardens, 8111 Ox Road, Fairfax Station. Meet magazine editor Barbara Jacksier who will lead planting and cooking demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free. Rain date May 17. 703-690-6060, www.heatherhillgardens.com.

### SUNDAY/MAY 17

**Train Show.** HO and N-scale model trains will be running 1-4 p.m., in the community room and the caboose at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax Station. \$2/adults and \$1/child. 703-425-9225. www.fairfax-station.org.

### Architecture in the Afternoon

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**1759 Conversations: Establishing Gunston Hall.** 3:30- 4:30 p.m., at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Encounter a member of the household, portrayed by a re-enactor, and learn about the origins of the Gunston Hall community. Regular admission. Friends free. 703-550-9220.

**Paddle Adventure-Evening Tour.** 4-7 p.m., at Pohick Bay Regional Park, 6501 Pohick Bay Drive, Lorton. \$30 per person or group rate. Reservations required. View the beauty of the Pohick Marsh as the day comes to an end. No experience is necessary. Call 703-339-6104 for reservations.

**Kreator.** 5:45 p.m., Jaxx Night Club, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield.

Kreator headlines a show featuring Exodus, Belphegor, Warbringer and Epicurean. Tickets: \$25/advance, \$28/day of show. Call 703-569-5940 or 202-432-SEAT for tickets.

### MONDAY/MAY 18

**Young Explorers: Snakes.** Through a story and walk, children 6-9 learn about snakes 3:15-4:30 p.m., at Huntley Meadows Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Reservations are required. The cost is \$4 per child. To reserve, call 703-768-2525.

### TUESDAY/MAY 19

**Evening Book Discussion Group.** 7:30 p.m. at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. "Franklin and Lucy: President Roosevelt, Mrs. Rutherford, and the other remarkable women in his life" by Joseph E. Persico. Adults. 703-339-4610.

### WEDNESDAY/MAY 20

**Needlework Group.** 10:30 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Bring a project to work on in the company of fellow needlecrafters. Adults. 703-249-

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**Book Discussion Group.** 7:15 p.m. at the John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. Call for title. Adults. 703-971-0010.

**Practice Your English.** 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

**English Conversation Group.** 6 p.m. at the Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Practice English with other adults. 703-339-7385.

**Lorton Book Club.** 7:30 p.m. at the Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. "Nineteen Minutes" by Jodi Picoult. Adults. 703-339-7385.

### THURSDAY/MAY 21

**Emergency Preparedness for Seniors.** 11 a.m. at the Richard Byrd Library, 6315 Backlick Road, Springfield, on the second floor of the Bank of America building. This program will focus on preparation kit items, planning, staying informed and staying in touch. Adults. 703-451-8055.

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**Sydenstricker United Methodist Church** will be open to the public every Wednesday morning from 5:45-7:45 a.m. for prayer and meditation. The church is at 8508 Hooes Road. Free. 703-451-8223. [www.sumcdisciples.org](http://www.sumcdisciples.org).

**One God Ministry Church,** located at 4280/4282 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, has launched a new Web site with news, events, training, conferences, fellowship programs and more. Sunday School is at 10 a.m., Sunday Worship Service at 11 a.m., and Wednesday Prayer Service at 7 p.m. Women's, Men's, and Youth Bible Studies are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. A Spiritual Gifts Service is the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m. 703-591-6161.

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church** presents Financial Peace University, a video-based small group study that teaches families how to beat debt, build wealth and better manage their finances. Contact Arlene K. Darke at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. 703-323-9500.

**New Women's Bible Study** meets at Jubilee Christian Center on Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m.-12 p.m. The study will focus on "Spirit, Soul, and Body" by Andrew Wommack. \$10 per person. Nursery provided for registered children. 703-383-1170 or [www.jccag.org](http://www.jccag.org).

**The Fresh Fire congregation** meets every Sunday for a service at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Sackey and his congregation invite all to participate in preaching and teaching, praise and worship, in a Christ-centered ministry. Fresh Fire International Center meets at the Chinese Martial Arts Building, 8426-B Lee Highway, Fairfax, opposite the BMW Fairfax; entrance is in the back. 703-815-8950.

**Faith Communities in Action** meets the first Wednesday of every other month from 2-4 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 2 and 3, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

**The Baha'i of Fairfax County Southwest** offers "Interfaith Devotions: World Peace and Unity" for the general public on Saturdays. These free devotional gatherings meet at the Pohick Regional Library, Room #1, located at 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, 22015.

**International Calvary Church** Sunday services in English are at 9:45 a.m., Korean services at 11:30 a.m. and youth services at 11:30 a.m. Sunday School classes in English are at 11:30 a.m. and children's classes at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible study and Youth Meeting are at 8 p.m. and Friday Prayer and Youth Meeting at 8:30 p.m. 5700 Hanover Ave., Springfield.

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# 'La-King' Drives Cavaliers

**Woodson girls' lacrosse team claims Liberty title, first-round region win.**

BY JASON MACKAY  
THE CONNECTION

**E**ven Lauren King's nickname, appropriately, needs an assist. "La-King," as she's known to her teammates, is the engine that drives the W.T. Woodson girls' lacrosse team's offense, which has scored 215 goals this season, an average of 14.3 per contest.

As a four-year varsity player, King, a Christopher Newport recruit, possesses the smarts and the stick skills necessary to facilitate such a powerful attack.

"If you ask me who runs our offense, Lauren does," said first-year coach Meaghan O'Leary, who has her team at 12-3. "She's the beat of that offense."

A 50-minute display of King's various talents occurred on Tuesday night, May 12, when W.T. Woodson produced a 19-18 win over Oakton in the first round of the Northern Region tournament. The victory also followed an 11-10 win over Madison the previous Friday, which led to a Liberty District title.

King, using a variety of dodges, spin moves, one-touch passes and lobs into W.T. Woodson's attackers, scored four times against Oakton and assisted on five more scores. Three of her assists were finished by freshman Elena Obregon, who tallied a

## High-Octane Offense

With 19 goals during the Tuesday, May 12 win over Oakton, the W.T. Woodson girls' lacrosse team was simply doing what it does best. In the opening half, the Cavaliers virtually scored at will.

"I feel like we had a lot more speed than Oakton, and we just took the ball in every single time," said senior Lauren King, who led the way with nine points. "Everyone worked together really well, and we wanted to get up fast."

This season, King has 49 goals and 39 assists, while junior Rachel Obregon has totaled 59 and 30. Rachel Obregon's younger sister, freshman Elena Obregon, posted a team-high five goals against Oakton and has 21 on the year.

team-best five goals against the Cougars.

"I feel like if we didn't have Lauren, our offense would fall apart," Obregon said. "We'd still be doing well, but it'd fall apart in some places."

If W.T. Woodson's offense could be likened to an automobile, it's sure not a pickup truck or a van. It's more like a Porsche: capable of moving quickly, piling up numbers before the blink of an eye.

Against Oakton, W.T. Woodson scored eight times before the game was 10 minutes old, and Obregon had her hat trick at the 17:46 mark

of the first half.

"I thought the halftime score [14-12] would've been the final score," joked O'Leary, whose team advances to host West Springfield in the quarterfinal

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PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

**W.T. Woodson's Lauren King has directed her lacrosse team's offense this season. In 15 games, King has 49 goals and 39 assists. On Tuesday, the Cavaliers topped Oakton in first-round regional play.**

**"I feel like if we didn't have Lauren, our offense would fall apart."**

— Elena Obregon, freshman, W.T. Woodson High

# Cool Rams Prevail in Concorde District

**Robinson girls' lacrosse strikes late, upending Chantilly for second straight year.**

BY JASON MACKAY  
THE CONNECTION

**K**elsey Zinck had the ball in the netting of her oversized goalie stick for what seemed like an eternity during the final three minutes of the Concorde District girls' lacrosse final on May 8 against Chantilly. Her team was trailing by a goal and Zinck was without options, waving her stick in the air like a fisherman at an empty pond.

First, Zinck thought she had an open teammate streaking to the left. Nope. Quick defense. After a few steps to her right, she stopped to pass and again the opportunity closed faster than she thought. Finally, Zinck saw

Sam Barber working her way to the middle of the field about 35 yards away.

Zinck, still not panicking, sent a pass sailing that her teammate was able to corral. A few tic-tac-toe passes later, Barber finished the rush for Robinson, scoring with 2 minutes, 21 seconds left.

Barber's tying marker set up the game-winning goal for Rachel Moody, who spun twice and beat Chantilly's Lisa Comerford for her second tally of the game to give the Rams a 9-8 win. In all, Robinson scored three answered goals to walk away

victorious.

"It was nerve-racking, but I've been work

**"We're a calm team, and we know when we have to take a deep breath."**

— Rachel Moody, junior, Robinson Secondary

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**In addition to making 14 saves, Robinson's Kelsey Zinck set up the game-tying goal during the Concorde District title game last Friday, which resulted in a 9-8 win for the Rams.**

## SPORTS

# Robinson Conquers Concorde

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ing on having the ball in my stick so I knew I needed to create just like my coach taught me," said Zinck, who also recorded 14 saves in the win. "I saw Sam post up in the middle, and I used all my energy to throw it out to her. I figured there was nothing to lose."

With the victory, Robinson claimed the Concorde's top seed in this week's Northern Region tournament, which Zinck and Co. parlayed into a 20-8 win over Stone Bridge on Tuesday night. The Rams will now host South County in the region quarterfinals on Thursday.

According to fifth-year coach Alison Neun, Robinson's late-game composure was nonexistent during the first meeting this season between these two teams, which resulted in a 12-5 for Chantilly on April 4. All last week, Neun and her team studied film of that game, picking out mistakes that none of them had ever made before and haven't made since.

"These girls have wanted this so bad, and they re-

ally regretted how they played against [Chantilly] the first time," said Neun, whose squad improved to 12-3 this spring with the Stone Bridge win. "We watched film and learned that we had improved a lot since the first time we saw them."

The solutions that Robinson found couldn't have come at a more convenient time, as the Rams have now developed quite the playoff rivalry with the Chargers. In last year's title game, Megan Dunleavy scored with one second remaining to deliver the upset, ruining yet another undefeated season for Chantilly.

This spring, Dunleavy needed to only score once as seven different Rams contributed goals, including tallies from Sarah Moody, Katie McHugh, Abby Eastman, Tory Barron (2), Barber and Rachel Moody (2).

"We knew it was going to be a tough game, but we learned from our mistakes big time and came out here ready to play," Rachel Moody said. "We're a calm team, and we know when we have to take a deep breath."

# Woodson Girls Take Liberty

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round on Thursday night. "It was really exciting. The girls didn't want their season to end."

King and Co. have experienced that feeling each of the past two years when squaring off Oakton in the postseason. The Cavaliers lost to the defending three-time Virginia AAA state champions in the 2007 state title game and also fell to the Cougars in the 2008 region semifinals.

"We played with so much heart," said King, who has 49 goals and 39 assists this spring. "We deserved it, and we weren't going to let Oakton end our season."

**THE CAVALIERS** never trailed against Oakton, although, as O'Leary would attest, the second half didn't take on that sort of feel. Despite leading by five goals at four separate points during the first 25 minutes, the two teams spent the second half within

two goals or less the entire time.

"I hope next game we don't wait until the last two minutes to get the draw controls," O'Leary said. "Draw controls were deadly."

With control, Oakton kept it close, but Obregon changed that off of an assist from King at 9:15. Two and a half minutes later, King took matters into her own hands, scoring unassisted to put the Cavaliers ahead, 18-16.

The win over Oakton rivaled last Friday's Liberty District title game, in which Shelly Montgomery scored with 33 seconds left to secure the victory. Not surprisingly, King played a pivotal role, winning the initial draw.

"I feel like the offense looks to me," King said. "I usually feed the ball in to the attackers, and we work as a team."

"The girls listen to her," O'Leary said. "She's the one who sets up all the plays. She can control the ball. She can pass and score. She can do it all."

## WEEK IN SPORTS

### Braddock's Billy Signs

On Monday, May 4, Lake Braddock senior George Billy signed a National Letter of Intent to wrestle this winter at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. A three-time state champion, Billy was 177-10 with 105 pins/technical falls during his high school career, and he finished third in the Virginia AAA state tournament this past winter at 119 pounds. Billy was a National High School Coaches Association Junior National All-American and a two-time Northern Virginia Classic winner. He was also a freestyle and Greco Roman state champion and was a member of the Virginia Cadet and Junior National teams. Billy plans to wrestle at the 125-pound weight class for the Lopers.

### Morra to Augusta State

After spending the past four years as a starter for one Metress brother, Lake Braddock senior Dominic Morra, a guard on the boys' basketball team, will spend his next four years with Bruins head coach Brian Metress' brother, Augusta State's fifth-year

bench boss, Dip Metress. A Division II school located near the Augusta National Golf Course — site of The Masters — in Georgia, Augusta State plays in the Peach Belt Conference and reached the Division II Elite Eight this past winter. The year before, Augusta State played in the Division II national championship game. At Lake Braddock this winter, Morra averaged a Northern Region-best 30 points per game, with seven rebounds and three steals per contest as well for the Bruins (14-8). He finished his career with 1,561 career points, which is 43 shy of Hubert Davis' school record.

### Lacrosse Registration

NoVa West Lacrosse is conducting registrations for its summer camps, clinics and indoor league play. Camps and clinics will be in June and July. NoVa West is also conducting registrations for tryouts for the U-15 Virus and high school-aged Crusaders and Outbreak squads. Tryout weekends will be May 16-17 and 23-24. For more information or to register, visit the NoVa West Web site at [www.NoVaWestLAX.com](http://www.NoVaWestLAX.com).

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you want to any candidate for office in Virginia. So can businesses, political action committees and advocacy groups.

Just five states, Illinois, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Virginia, place no limits on contributions at all, according to the National Conference of State Legislators. The only requirement in Virginia is that all contributions of \$100 or more must be disclosed.

## EDITORIAL

Individuals and businesses have contributed in remarkable fashion to the four candidates vying to be Virginia's next governor, the presumed Republican nominee, former Attorney General Robert McDonnell (R), and three Democrats who will face off in a June 9 primary, former Alexandria Del. Brian Moran (D), Central Virginia state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D) and former head of the Democratic National Committee Terry McAuliffe of McLean.

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.

McDonnell had raised \$5.14 million by the

## More Than \$15 Million

By the end of March, candidates for governor in Virginia had raised more than \$15 million between them. The three Democrats face off in a June 9 primary; the winner of the Democratic primary will face Republic Robert McDonnell on Nov. 3.

❖ Terry McAuliffe (D)	\$5.16 million
❖ Robert McDonnell (R)	\$5.14 million
❖ Brian Moran (D)	\$2.95 million
❖ Creigh Deeds (D)	\$2.15 million

end of March, though he has spent less than the other campaigns because the Republican does not face a primary opponent.

Three of the four candidates for governor in Virginia could have, in their time in the General Assembly, worked for sensible campaign finance reform. Is it meaningful now for these candidates to complain about the fourth candidate's ability to raise huge amounts of money from many sources?

Virginia ranks among the best states in disclosure, but disclosure itself is not enough. The next governor should propose sensible limits on political contributions.

Meanwhile, voters should recognize the importance of the June 9 primary, and the November general election.

— MARY KIMM

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## Not Immune

To the Editor:

Breast Cancer occurs in 1 percent of men and is often overlooked, delaying diagnosis. In 30 years of practice as a dermatologist, I have diagnosed three breast cancers in males by biopsy of a suspicious lesion. Currently, I am fighting with Medicare to cover a claim of a biopsy of a breast cancer in a male. They have not paid it because they claim "the diagnosis is inconsistent with the patient's sex".

I bring this to everyone's attention for two reasons. First, breast cancer does occur in 1 percent of men. It is often overlooked delaying diagnosis and worsening prognosis. Second, I am concerned that in this environment of "reforming healthcare," as a means of cost cutting, if reimbursement for these important procedures is already being denied, what will happen when health care is rationed!?

**Robert N. DeAngelis M.D.**  
Springfield

## Parents' Job

To the Editor:

Last week, two unsupervised

children, smashed my storm door. I am stuck with \$160 (not insured). I am leaving for Afghanistan, and I cannot be there to help my wife install the new door. Those kids smashed up my door, for no reason at all.

The police came out, and they said, that with the warm weather, that more incidents will occur.

**LETTERS** The parents of those kids are to blame. The parents should have supervised the children and taught them not to go vandalize property.

Parents have two jobs. 1. To protect their children from the world, and 2. To Protect the world from their children.

**Charles E. Martin**  
Lorton

## Lessoned Not Learned?

To the Editor:

The article "Herrity, Frey Oppose Increased Fees" [Connection, April 9-15, 2009] was most disturbing to those of us Fairfax citizens who think sports for young people should be encouraged, not dis-

couraged. Since when does County Executive Anthony Griffin becomes the czar and decides fee increases? Don't we have a chairman, Board of Supervisors and its various supervisors who should be briefed by Mr. Griffin on any proposed fee increases he recommends before his proposals appear in print? This puts Mr. Herrity and Mike Frey having to be placed on the defensive to county a Fairfax County employee. I am sure, based on Mr. Griffin's high county salary level, he has no difficulty in paying for increased fees; real estate property taxes, etc. It is time for him to come down to earth and realize the people on main street are not that well-off and cannot continue to afford all of his real estate tax increase proposals, and now his proposal to increase sport clubs fees.

All of these fees increases he proposes are to pay for the increased spending he, as the county executive, oversaw this past year and did nothing about in containing the spending habits of the county and start to do his job by briefing the Board of Supervisors that they need to authorize him to cut programs before he formulated his current budget proposal.

It is time for the county to stop

living on the backs of its citizens, especially now that we all are reducing our spending. The county should take a budget knife and cut those large overhead programs that were funded in the good times, when our property taxes doubled, instead of proposing increased fees on our young people. Our young people need all the help to gain from being part of a team. Mr. Griffin, I guess, never learned, or maybe forgotten just how important a young person strives into adulthood from those things he or she learns from organized sports.

**Ronald L. Baker**  
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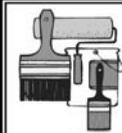
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# Back to Middle East

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idyllic or all that glamorous. "I had just hit the ground in Al Assad (Iraq) and at around 2 a.m., I started hearing some heavy artillery shells. One of my coworkers said to relax, that the American soldiers trained all the time," Martin said. He wasn't in any danger, and eventually he almost got used to the sound of gunfire and explosions.

A few months later, however, that comfort was misplaced.

"We were up in Ramadi and shots started going off. I didn't think anything of it, but someone ran out and yelled at me to put my flak jacket on. When a Marine says that, you listen," he said.

Another time, in May 2004, he was living on a base in Kabul in a makeshift shelter built of plywood. The offices for the company he worked for were a few blocks away from where he was living, and at the same facility were offices and a recreation room. The roof had a barbecue area where the men and women would relax at night, when the desert heat was a little less oppressive. This was where he spent most of his days.

Ten days after he left, a suicide bomber targeted the complex, killing one American. "That was a little too close for me," he said.

But now, back in America, Martin has spent most of his time tracking down another telecom job either in the U.S. or overseas.

"It's an adjustment," he said. "It's so wonderful to be able to take a sit down and bath in a tub after seven months. It's great to go to the store and buy food and cook it up yourself."

However, those comforts of home — and sleeping for eight or 10 hours straight without the revving of a loud fighter or transport jet engine is surely among the nicer perks, he said — are met with the amount of time Martin has had on his hands recently, wondering when and where he would work again.

As it turns out, Martin didn't have to wait long to find another job. He recently accepted an offer with TelecomSystems of Tampa, Fla., for a job in Iraq or Afghanistan. After flying down to Tampa for a training school, he'll head back to the Middle East. "I do not yet have my base of assignment, but it will be either Iraq or Afghanistan," he said.

Those who know Martin knew he be home for long, and they're expecting a call or e-mail telling them where he'll be flying off to next.

"Oh, he's been doing work like this practically all his life," said Edward Martin, Charles Martin's father. There are worries about his safety, more from his mother than his father, but when he's on a military base, his father assumes his son is safe.

"There's hardly a place in the world you

can be when you're not a 24-hour flight from somewhere else," Edward Martin said. "Then again, your first trip across the Atlantic is exciting. When you've done it 20 or so times, it's just a long trip."

Edward Martin joined his son in Paris for four months, shortly after the senior Martin retired from the Air Force Reserve. He had hoped for a job with the State Department himself, but after four months of waiting, he returned to his home in Bowling Green.

Still, the trip wasn't an entire waste. Edward Martin laughed and said he acted as a sort of "housewife" for his son while in Paris, dropping him off for work in the morning and taking the car the State Department provided and playing tourist in the meantime.

Paris was eventful time for Charles Martin, who found his knowledge and fluency in many languages especially helpful.

Julia Heinze, his younger sister, said one night, he was getting on the subway when he saw a French police officer shouting at an

elderly couple. As he approached, he realized the couple were not only deaf, but also American and lost. Charles Martin stepped in and signed to the couple, asking what was wrong. He then translated their problems — they were unsure which subway they needed to get back to their hotel — to the police officer in French, who happily helped them find their way.

"My brother is a chameleon of languages," she said. "He's a very personable guy, very likeable and approachable."

**WHEN SHE** thinks about his work overseas, she envisions him living in a tent, like on the old TV show "M\*A\*S\*H."

"I see him in this canvas tent, the kind with flaps on the sides that you can roll up and move around when needed," she said. "I told him that once and he said it was pretty much how he lived."

The nomadic life isn't for her, said Heinze, who served in the Air Force for a few years before settling down and starting her family. She has five children now and her two oldest sons have both joined the military as well.

But the two remain close, talking and e-mailing while he's overseas. She's the only one he allows to call Charlie, she said, while the rest of the family refers to him as Chuck or Charles. They have two other siblings, Jane, who lives in Louisville, and David, who resides in Syracuse, N.Y.

"He's a strange bird, Charlie," Heinze said. "He's got his quirks. He's been everywhere, but that helps him adapt when he goes somewhere new."

Eventually, Martin admits, he'll probably retire to Lorton with his wife, a Russian emigrant, who sells real estate. He might take up the business himself, but for now, it's computers, wires, cameras, satellites and phone towers.

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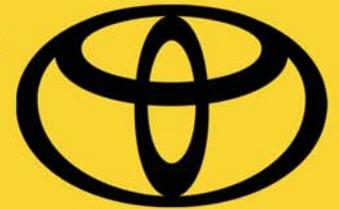
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