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Junior Nathalie Goudy watches as her model, junior Margo Swomley, walks down the runway in the dress she designed for the show.

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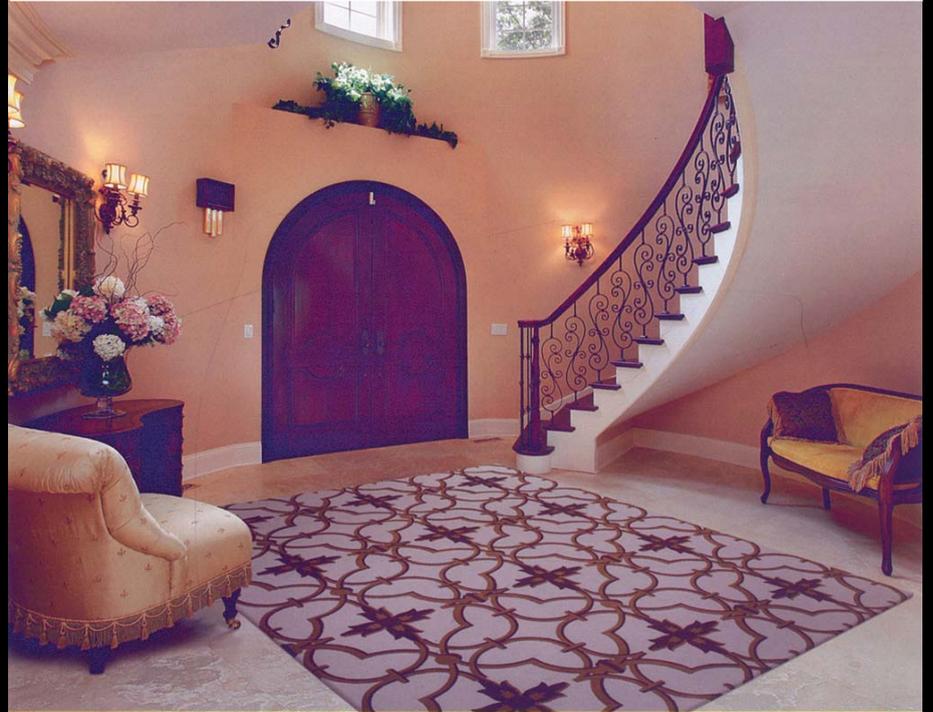
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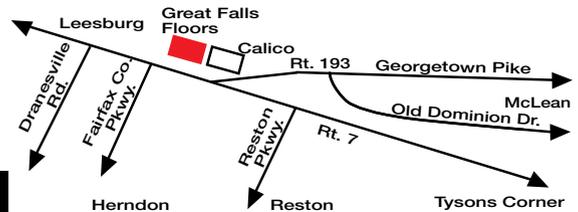
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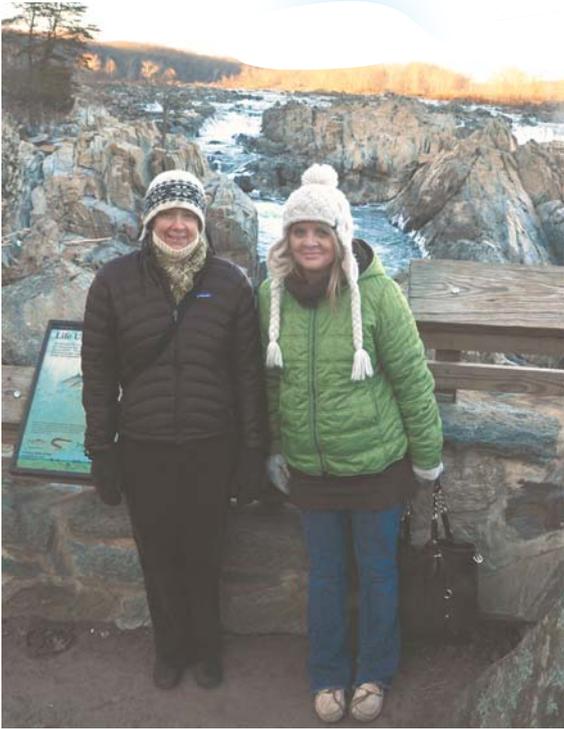
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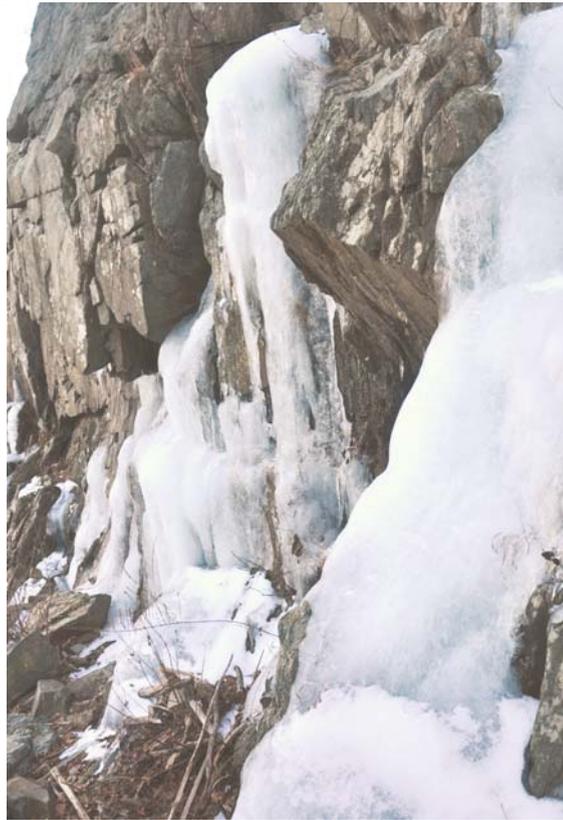
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# WINTER FUN

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From left, Elayne Doliber and Brigitte Aronhime enjoy a winter day at Great Falls Park. Great Falls and Riverbend Park are open throughout the winter, and offer unique opportunities to enjoy nature.



This frozen spring is one of the sights at Great Falls Park during the winter months.



PHOTO BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

Riverbend Park, located upstream of Great Falls Park, offers birds, plants and other wildlife on display that is unique to the winter season.

## Enjoying Winter Outdoors

### Parks offer unusual opportunities for winter fun in Great Falls.

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Though it might seem natural to spend the winter months huddling beside a roaring fire, Great Falls offers many opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors. Parks such as Riverbend and Great Falls offer a chance to enjoy natural beauty without the crowds.

"There's fewer people, so there's often a chance to see more wildlife," said Tina Driskell, a seasonal naturalist at Riverbend Park. "We also get a lot of seeds that get washed down the river, so you'll see some very rare plants too."

**THE 400-ACRE PARK** includes 2.5 miles of trail along the Potomac River. Many local hikers take advantage of the lack of crowds during the winter.

"I love to come out here in the winter, probably even more than in the warmer weather," said Allie London of Vienna. "Once you get moving, the cold isn't a bother especially while bundled up, and it's so neat to come out here with less people, even better when the river is frozen like it is now."

The park is also part of the flying path for migratory birds headed south for the winter, which offers more of a variety for birders than the usual patterns.

"Some of the best photos I've taken in this area have been here at Riverbend in the winter," said Omar Chadhuri of Great Falls, who comes out on weekends to take photos of birds. "I think the highlight of my sessions here was when I saw a winter wren, which comes from Canada, and if you time it just right, you can catch them as they come down the east coast."

The park hosts weekly merit badge classes, where local scouts can come to satisfy requirements. Badges such as Wilderness Survival, Astronomy, Camping, Environmental Science and Indian Lore are offered.

More information about Riverbend can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/riverbend).

**A FEW MILES DOWNSTREAM,** Great Falls Park also offers opportunities to enjoy the outdoors in the winter. The park keeps regular hours during the winter, and is a popular destination for many in the region.

"You'll see some different animals, the migrating birds, pretty much everything but the reptiles," said Park Ranger Rachel Berger. "We don't close any trails, so people still come out. We even have people barbecuing out there."

Stan Barrow of Falls Church is one such winter-time griller, and he said it's just as much fun in the winter.

"I always get strange looks at the office when I come in on a Monday in January talking about the weekend at Great Falls, but it's actually a lot of fun," Barrow said. "We warm our hands around the grill, and as long as you eat the burgers before they get cold, it's a great time. I almost prefer it to the summer, there's no waiting around for an open grill or fighting with crowds."

Due to the speed and volume of the water coming through the falls, most of the water doesn't freeze, except the occasional ice floe that collects in the pools and eddies. The springs that come from the rocks freeze, forming long, icicle shaped pieces of ice that run down the rocks.

"You get a completely different view of the falls with no leaves on the trees, even from the lookouts," Berger said. "It's the kind of park that's really neat to see across the four seasons, because so much changes. For people looking to get out of the house and find some solitude, winter is a great time to do it."

More information about Great Falls Park, including a schedule of events can be found at [www.nps.gov/grfa](http://www.nps.gov/grfa).

### Winter Fun in Great Falls

#### JAN. 30

❖ Discovery hike at Great Falls Park, 2 p.m. Join a park ranger to explore a gorge, canal and the Potomac River. Dress for the weather, meet the ranger at the Visitor's Center.

#### JAN. 31

❖ Animal Vets workshop at Riverbend Park, 9:30 a.m. Spend a day checking health, weight, size of the park's exhibit animals, as well as other activities and games.

#### FEB. 6

❖ Ashbrook, Oorts and McKenna at the Old Brogue, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. seatings. Pan-Celtic music with a European flavor. Part of the Winter Celtic Concert Series, \$15 per show or \$78 for the entire series.

#### FEB. 9

❖ "Salem Baptist Church History and Future Hopes" by the Great Falls Historical Society, 9 p.m. at the Great Falls Library. Presented by Pastor Roland Smith of the Salem Baptist Church on Georgetown Pike.

#### FEB. 13

❖ Al Petteway and Amy White at the Old Brogue, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. seatings. Celtic harp, mandolin and percussion. Part of the Winter Celtic Concert Series, \$15 per show or \$78 for the entire series.

#### FEB. 20

❖ Matt and Shannon Heaton at the Old Brogue, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. seatings. Flute, bouzouki and vocals playing traditional Irish music. Part of the Winter Celtic Concert Series, \$15 per show or \$78 for the entire series.

#### FEB. 27

❖ Beth Patterson at the Old Brogue, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. seatings. Bouzouki queen from New Orleans. Part of the Winter Celtic Concert Series, \$15 per show or \$78 for the entire series.

#### MARCH 6

❖ Robin Bullock at the Old Brogue, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. seatings. Bouzouki, guitar, mandolin and fiddle wizard. Part of the Winter Celtic Concert Series, \$15 per show or \$78 for the entire series.

#### MARCH 13

❖ IONA at the Old Brogue, 4, 6 and 8 p.m. seatings. Fiddle, vocals, flute, bouzouki, bass and percussion playing high-energy Celtic music. Part of the Winter Celtic Concert Series, \$15 per show or \$78 for the entire series.

#### MARCH 18

❖ Amphibians After Dark at Riverbend Park, 7:15 p.m. Assist park naturalists with an amphibian survey. Learn how to identify frogs and toads by their calls, while exploring pools and ponds. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult.

Both inbound and outbound tunnel mining is complete and the tunnel smoothing shotcrete application for waterproofing is now underway.



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## 'Silver Line' Accelerates

Rail to Dulles runs 3.5 months behind schedule, accelerated work underway.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK  
THE CONNECTION

The managers of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project said Wednesday that last January's (2010) record blizzard and delays in utility relocation along the Route 7 resulted in a 3.5 months delay in the Phase 1 of the mammoth rail project.

The "scheduled substantial completion date is forecast for November 21, 2013," which is about 3.5 months behind schedule, the managers reported. On Dec. 22, 2010, the Metrorail managers gave Dulles Transit Partners, the contractor, "interim direction for schedule acceleration." DTR's recovery plan to recoup all lost time has been provided to the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority which is building the line and will direct the rail connection from West Falls Church to Dulles International Airport.

Pat Nowakowski, executive director of the Metrorail project told members of the Airport Authority, that the project managers have estimated for budget purposes that the acceleration will cost \$7 million dollars. He said the costs are being negotiated with DTR and could come in higher or lower than the \$7 million figure.

Accelerated work is underway, he said.

The delay came up in a briefing on the fourth quarter of 2010 for the Airport Authority at its Reagan National Airport headquarters.

Other key points in the briefing were:

- ❖ Construction is 27 per cent complete.
- ❖ Work on five stations continues to progress
- ❖ Final design is 95 percent complete
- ❖ Utility relocation is 99 percent complete.

❖ There have been no recorded injuries on the job since Oct. 1, 2010 and the recordable incident rate is 1.42 for 5.5 million work hours

George Morschauer, project executive director for DTR, said his firm has targeted safety on this project including letting workers craft their own safety techniques, continuous training and mentoring programs.

He said that DTR conducts a safety warning mes-

sage for the public on WTOP radio and said the public needs to be alert when driving and walking near the miles of work sites.

He said one man, driving with his son in the car, inadvertently followed a dump truck into a work zone and became stuck in the mud and the car had to be craned out.

Marcia McAllister, communications manager for the Metrorail project, said the Jan. 10, 2010 storm and its impact on utility relocation were at the core of the 3.5 month delay.

The storm itself delayed work and then the bulk of the power companies working on the relocation to restore power to the thousands of businesses and homeowners in the Washington area hard hit by the unusual snowfall.

McAllister said relocating the utilities was vital to the project. It meant shifting power lines for all the offices, homes, businesses along Route 7 and for shifting some sewer lines and other underground cables and connections.

"We have moved much of the wiring underground and you can notice along a lot of Route 7 that telephone poles and overhead power lines have disappeared," she said.

Nowakowski said the delay in getting delivery of new rail cars (now 2013 and 2014) has been eased. Metro has agreed to supply additional cars from its rolling stock for tests along the new "Silver Line," as the Dulles route is called, while delivery of the new cars is ongoing.

He reported that the project has to pay sales tax on materials and labor it buys and that this was not considered in the planning and that it has been paid from the project's \$312 million contingency fund.

McAlister said that when the project was first launched some believed the Virginia legislature would waive the sales tax on a public project, but that never materialized. The board members instructed Nowakowski to learn if the Virginia Department of Transportation has to pay tax on materials and labor.

Nowakowski said that about half of the nearly \$3 billion phase one budget has been spent.

The "Silver Line" was a project that many hoped would be built in 1976 when Dulles first opened. It is some 23 miles long and construction is in two phases. Phase 1 is Wiehle Avenue to Reston in 2013. Phase 2 is Reston to Virginia 772, beyond Dulles by 2015.



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Joda Coolidge, Vice President of Ways and Means for Newcomers, hands Ken Bradford from FACETS a folder full of checks totaling over \$6,000. From left: Mike Mackie, co-owner of The Wine Cabinet; Bobbie Dewar from Newcomers; Joan Pifer from Newcomers; Ken Bradford, Director of Development for FACETS, and Rande Jenus, co-owner of The Wine Cabinet.

## Great Falls Newcomers Supports FACETS

Valentines Dance to raise funds for area nonprofit.

More on FACETS

Newcomers of Great Falls raised over \$6,000 for the charity FACETS during its Wines for the Holidays fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 14 at member Barbara Rabil's home in Great Falls. Roughly 75 Newcomers and friends attended the event. Joda Coolidge, Bobbie Dewar, and Joan Pifer headed up the philanthropy committee for Newcomers.

For a \$20 donation per person, attendees were able to sample wines and food pairings falling under three separate themes: "Sweet Celebrations", "Holiday Dinners", and "Party Pairings". The Wine Cabinet in Reston provided the wines and donated 20 percent of every wine bottle purchase to FACETS.

In addition to the wine tasting, the evening included a Silent Auction and Raffle; these raised the bulk of the funds. Auction items included stays at several vacation homes, jewelry, restaurant and food certificates, tutoring lessons, flower arrangements, and artwork.

The Newcomers philanthropy committee is hosting its second event to benefit FACETS on Saturday, Feb. 12: the Great Falls Valentines Dance. The dance, which runs from 7:30 to 11 p.m., is being held at the historic Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road in Great Falls. The attire is "dressy casual." The popular local band Standing Room Only will be

FACETS, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit formed in 1988, works to break the cycle of poverty. The organization delivers educational and enrichment programs, advocacy and eviction prevention services, and case management to needy families and children in Fairfax County. In 2010 FACETS served over 5,000 individuals in the area; over half of them are children.

playing that evening.

Tickets are \$45 per person and include the live entertainment, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and two free drink tickets. The dance will also include an array of attractive silent auction items. Since Newcomers is sponsoring the event, 100 percent of the proceeds will go to FACETS and all donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

To purchase tickets, send your check – made out to FACETS – to Joan Pifer, 10914 Lake Windermere Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066. Include your home phone number on the check, and mail it by no later than Feb. 9. Tickets will be held for you at the Colvin Run Schoolhouse. For questions, call 703-444-5878.

Newcomers of Great Falls ([www.greatfallsnewcomers.com](http://www.greatfallsnewcomers.com)) is a social and philanthropic organization dedicated to fostering an atmosphere for residents to create friendships and get involved with the community. Newcomers will merge with the Great Falls Woman's Club in June 2011; the combined club will have roughly 240 members.

# SCHOOLS

## Langley High Participates in District Festival

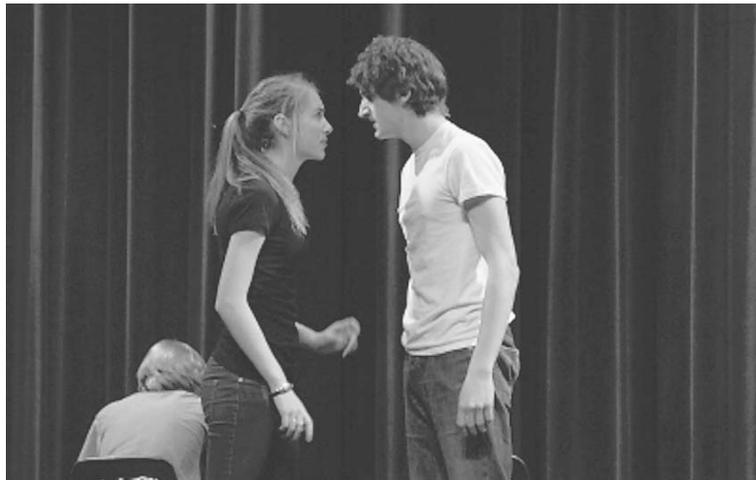
Langley High School advanced Theatre Arts students competed in the 2011 Liberty District Theatre Festival on Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011 at George C. Marshall High School.

This student directed short play district competition included area high schools such as Fairfax HS, Thomas Jefferson HS, James Madison HS, McLean HS, South Lakes HS, Stone Bridge HS, Langley HS, and Marshall HS. Under Drama Coach Phyliss Jaffe (Langley HS Theatre Arts Chair), student directors Justin Cecil (Jr.) and Hayley Mueller (Sr.), Langley students presented "Comings and Goings," by Megan Terry.

Actors Becca Allen, Natalie Bozorgzad, Nick Calandra, Chaffee Duckers, Tess Higgins, Cyrus Kingdom, Jay Mamana, and Kevin Nejad presented a riveting performance.



Langley students, from left, Hayley Mueller, Chaffee Duckers, Kevin Nejad, Cyrus Kingdom, Becca Allen, Nick Calandra, Natalie Bozorgzad, Tess Higgins, Jay Mamana, and Justin Cecil.



Chaffee Duckers and Jay Mamana in 'Comings and Goings,' at the 2011 Liberty District Theatre Festival.

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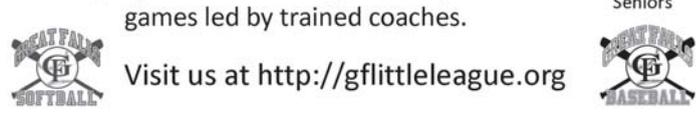
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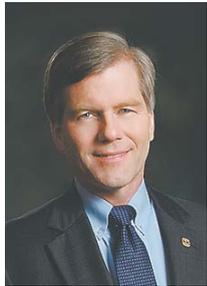
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# OPINION

## It's Time for Responsible Transportation Investment

Governor's plan will dedicate \$4 billion to transportation in next three years.

BY GOV. BOB McDONNELL  
(R)



COMMENTARY

The average Northern Virginia commuter spends 70 hours per year sitting in traffic, according to the Texas Transportation Institute's 2010 Urban Mobility Report. This is almost three days wasted — time that could be spent with family, working to improve our economy, or volunteering to make our communities better. This much time wasted in congestion is unacceptable.

That is why I have proposed a multi-faceted transportation package that leverages our resources to invest in needed transportation projects today. My comprehensive transportation package will inject \$4 billion into transportation in the next three years alone, without raising taxes. It will get drivers out of gridlock and put Virginians back to work.

Some have said that this plan, the single largest monetary infusion for transportation in decades, doesn't do enough for transportation. They say it won't fully resolve the Commonwealth's transportation needs. I agree that this plan is not the answer to every challenge we face. There simply is no single easy answer or funding source that can immediately solve Virginia's transportation challenges. Does that mean we should do nothing while the debate continues on transportation? I think not. This plan is a major step in the right direction.

Passage of our transportation package will fund 900 projects across our Commonwealth. Here in Northern Virginia, where I was raised, these projects include the extension of HOV/HOT Lanes on Interstate-95/395, the widening of Interstate 66, the widening of a key section of Rolling Road in Fairfax County to address the expected traffic impacts of BRAC, widening Route 7 in Loudoun County and widening Route 28 in Fairfax and Prince William counties. Those are significant projects that will have reduce the time you spend in traffic so you can spend more time at home and at work.

Here is how our plan works. We will simply accelerate the issuing of \$1.8 billion in bonds already approved by bipartisan majorities in the General Assembly in 2007. The funding sources are already in place to pay the debt service. By doing this, we can take advantage of record low interest rates and historically low prices for highway projects to get the most bang for the buck.

We will also issue \$1.1 billion in federal GARVEE bonds, which are federally authorized bonds sold to finance a specific capital project. In the case of these bonds, the state will use federal transportation funds to pay the debt service.

Additionally, we will use \$400 million in one-time money available from our successful audit of VDOT and last year's budget surplus to

create the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank which will support private and locality investments in projects that make our highway system safer and less congested. Eventually this bank will grow to \$1 billion by the end of our administration.

Not only will our plan get new roads built quickly, it will put thousands of Virginians to work at the same time. For every \$100 million spent on highway construction, it is estimated 3,000 jobs are created or supported. This plan will mean thousands of new jobs for Virginians in one of the toughest job markets in generations.

For all of these reasons, 43 major business and transportation groups, including the Northern Virginia Technology Council, the Dulles Area Transportation Association, the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance, and the chambers of commerce of Reston, Loudoun, the Dulles Area, Fairfax County, Prince William, Springfield and Arlington all strongly support this plan — the only comprehensive transportation program anyone has put forward to get roads built and reduce congestion. And, it is why state Sen. Chuck Colgan (D-29), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has signed on as a co-patron of the bill.

Rather than spend more years debating and pointing fingers, let's get started investing in transportation improvements today. This fiscally responsible, comprehensive transportation program will get new roads built now and will move our Commonwealth forward on this critical issue. It is attracting broad, bipartisan support and I encourage you to visit my website, [www.governor.virginia.gov](http://www.governor.virginia.gov) to read the details of my plan for yourself. I know that, working together, we can get traffic moving in Virginia.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Business of Government

To the Editor:

I read your editorial entitled, Transportation Plan without Substance [Great Falls Connection, Jan/ 19-25]. I think that you are right on the mark. I am in favor of the Commonwealth owning liquor stores, and earning money from that endeavor. Experience clearly shows that government is so much better at running things than are commercial interests. We have an excellent local example of that in the construction of the Capitol Visitors Center that was overseen by Congress.

Liquor is an evil substance so keeping prices high through lack of competition (at least for those persons unable to cross the Potomac to DC or Maryland) helps inhibit its use. I favor ending sale

of wine and beer through outlets not owned by the Commonwealth. What do grocery and beverage stores know about selling products anyway?

I am hoping that Governor McDonnell will consider importing some unemployed central planners from the old Soviet Union, and find even more sources of revenue by running more businesses. I suggest that community newspapers could be the next source of revenue.

Max Padon  
Great Falls

#### Time to Act Now On Global Warming

To the Editor:

As the 112th Congress and the

General Assembly begin their sessions, I remind legislators that their agendas should include addressing climate change. During cold periods such as January in Washington, it's easy to deny global warming, but the planet is indeed heating up. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the first quarter of 2010, famous for "snowmagedon," turned out to be the warmest first quarter on record. The year 2010 tied 2005 as the warmest year on record, and the month of June and the summer of 2010 were the warmest on record as well.

Our country cannot afford the costs of climate change, which include heat-related deaths, droughts, destroyed crops and infrastructure. Instead, we need the clean energy investments and jobs that a renewable energy revolution will bring. Studies like the one

by the University of Massachusetts have found that clean energy investments could create 1.7 million jobs. We know the facts and the relative costs, and the Virginia Commission on Climate Change, numerous scientists, multiple respected studies and countless authorities have urged Congress to act. How much more does it take? When will Congress act?

Linda Burchfiel  
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## THURSDAY/JAN. 27

**Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group.** 6:30 p.m. Sunrise of McLean, 8315 Turning Leaf Lane, McLean. 703-902-8102.

## SATURDAY/JAN. 29

**Del. Barbara Comstock (R-34)** is holding a Great Falls Town Hall Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the Great Falls Grange, 9818 Georgetown Pike. Del. Comstock invites you to join her in Great Falls to discuss issues facing

the Commonwealth.  
**Conversations About Elder Issues.** 10 a.m. The Women's Center, 127 Park St. N.E., Vienna. Tips and strategies for effective communication within and between generations. With Jeannett Twomey, JD, Va. Certified Mediator and Sharon Schroer, JD. \$45, \$35 members. Register at [www.thewomenscenter.org](http://www.thewomenscenter.org) or 703-281-2657.

## MONDAY/JAN. 31

**Northern Virginia Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Meeting.** 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 6165 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. 703-256-2908.

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 2

**Raise Your Child's Social IQ: Stepping Stones to People Skills for Kids.** 7:30 p.m. Flint Hill Elementary, 2444 Flint Hill Road, Vienna. With author, social worker and psychotherapist Cathi Cohen. Open to parents of Flint Hill Elementary or Thoreau Middle School students. [www.fhespta.org](http://www.fhespta.org).

## THURSDAY/FEB. 3

**Volunteers for Change Orientation.** 6-7 p.m. Whole Foods, 143 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. Weekend and weekday evening projects. Register at 703-246-3895 or [aduffield@volunteerfairfax.org](mailto:aduffield@volunteerfairfax.org).

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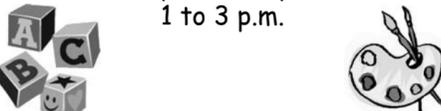
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**WINTER FIIN**



**Principal Matthew Ragone escorts Juniors Leyly Ram (left) and Sarah Benzaria (right) onto the stage. Ram and Benzaria are members of the Fashion class that was responsible for developing and executing the fashion show. Benzaria was PR Chair for the show.**

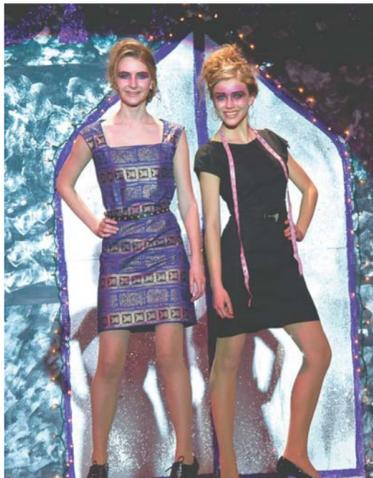
**Senior Farhana Khan, of Great Falls (center) stands between the models who will show her 12 dresses in the fashion show. The models (in no particular order) are Ana Loria, Celine Amini, Tarah Golzar, Niki Germano, Hayley Van Gorder, Morgan Hisey, Nicole Burkart, Maggie Gray, Danielle Lee, Jessie Wheat, Torrie Zarella, and Amanda Baker. The designs are meant to evoke animals.**

**A Fashion Fairyland at Langley High**

PHOTOS BY DEB COBB/THE CONNECTION

On Saturday, Jan. 22, Langley High School was transformed into a fashion fairyland as the thirty-six students in Langley's Advanced Fashion Marketing class held their show, Once Upon a Runway: A Fashion Fairytale. Over 160 students and 20 faculty members, including Principal Matthew Ragone, modeled original designs by 10 students and collections of outfits styled by students to reflect current fashion trends. The show, the largest production at the school, is entirely student-run.

**Sophomore Charlotte Fernlund, on left, models a dress designed by Sophomore Elizabeth Regan, right.**



**Alicia Underhill, a Junior, blows a kiss to the crowd at the end of the runway. Underhill was one of the co-directors of the student-run show.**



**Sophomore Elizabeth Regan sports her 'Bohemian' hair and makeup. She will be modeling a fashion 'trend' in the show and will have a dress she designed modeled in the show.**




**George C Marshall High School will be presenting two mid winter family one acts: "Wolf Tales" and "The Dogs are Coming," Jan. 27 and 28 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 29 and 30 at 2 p.m. Tickets \$5 for all, includes both shows. Free parking. Pictured: Marshall High students in 'Wolf Tales.'**

**ENTERTAINMENT**

Send announcements to [greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:greatfalls@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)

**THURSDAY/JAN. 27**  
**Jonas Sees In Color, Poema, Queens Club, Mercury In Summer and The Baby Grand.** 7 p.m. Jamin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jaminsjava.com](http://jaminsjava.com).  
**Two Family One Acts: "Wolf Tales" and "The Dogs are Coming."** 7 p.m. George C Marshall High School, 7731 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church. A Mother Goose spoof and Rayn Epreman's biographical piece about an Armenian girl struggling with prejudice & separation. \$5. 703-714-5450.  
**Ari Hest with Bess Rogers.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Indie-folk. \$18. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**FRIDAY/JAN. 28**  
**Mason Jazz Concert.** 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).  
**L.A. Theatre Works "The Real Dr. Strangelove"**. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$18-\$36, available at 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).  
**"The Drowsy Chaperone."** 8 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Glamorous brides, tap-dancing groomsman and more. \$17-\$19. 703-790-9223 or [www.mcleanplayers.org](http://www.mcleanplayers.org).  
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**David Jolley and Eduard Laurel.** 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Russian pieces from Reinhold Gliere, Alexander Scriabin, and Alexander Glazunov. \$35. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**SATURDAY/JAN. 29**  
**Hobey Ford's Golden Rod Puppets: Animalia.** 2 p.m. McLean Community Center Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean.  
**Deutsche Staatsphilharmonie.** 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The German State Philharmonic, conducted by Philippe Entremont on its first tour of the U.S., performing Strauss' "Till Eulenspiegels lustige Streiche" and Brahms' Symphony No. 4, Op. 98. Entremont also joins Sebastian Knauer on piano for Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos, No. 10 in E-Flat major, K. 365. Tickets are \$30-\$60, available at 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).  
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**Musical Tribute to Jim Tucker featuring The Lost Highway Band, Laurie Jones & SB2 and MHR** at 5 p.m. and **Passafire and Three Legged Fox** at 10 p.m. Jamin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jaminsjava.com](http://jaminsjava.com).  
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**John Eaton.** 7:30 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. Big band and jazz music. \$25. 703-938-2404 or [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**SUNDAY/JAN. 30**  
**Music for a Russian Festival.** 4 p.m. Saint Luke Parish, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. With the Washington Symphonic Brass, music by Prokofiev, Shostakovich, Tchaikovsky, Rimsky-Korsakov, Mussorgsky and more. Adults \$25, seniors \$20, students \$15. 866-962-7277 or [www.wsbrass.com](http://www.wsbrass.com).  
**Robbie Fulks and Timothy Bracken.** 7:30 p.m. Jamin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jaminsjava.com](http://jaminsjava.com).  
**Violinist Josef Spaekel.** 3 p.m. Alden Theatre, McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Free. [www.amadeusconcerts.com](http://www.amadeusconcerts.com).  
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**"The Reluctant Dragon."** 4 p.m. St. John's Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike, McLean. A children's operetta with music by John Rutter and words by David Grant, performed by vocalists Devin Wulff, Kara Morgan and Nigel Tangredi. Free, donations to the Music Fund accepted. 703-356-4902 or [www.stjohnsmclean.org](http://www.stjohnsmclean.org).

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BY MIKE POTASHNIK AND DON WINKLER  
 I-WINEREVIEW

**A** lot of people make New Year's Resolutions they can't possibly keep, like "I'm going to stop drinking good wine, and save my money for a 96 inch LCD, LED, HD, 3D TV." Well, to mix metaphors, now you can have your cake and drink it, too, while watching that new TV. All you have to do is find good quality wine that costs almost nothing.

From our travels and writing this past year, we came across many producers who offer delicious wines at terrific prices. Two which we especially like and are happy to share with readers are located in neighboring countries in South America.

One is Concha y Toro Chile's single largest winery, the other is Doña Paula, a large commercial winery in Argentina. Concha y Toro produces a series called Xplorador; Doña Paula's series is called Los Cardos.

## Concha y Toro Xplorador

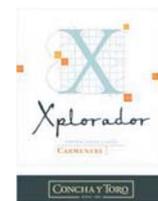
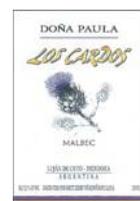
Last year in Santiago we sat down with Concha y Toro's chief winemaker, Marcelo Papa, to taste through almost the full range of wines. We reported the results of that tasting in The Wines of Chile on [www.i-winereview.com](http://www.i-winereview.com). However, we never reported on Concha y Toro's line of entry level wines, Xplorador. Xplorador wines have suggested retail prices under \$10 a bottle, which usually translates into something less at your local neighborhood store.

How, you ask, can a respectable winery like Concha y Toro make such inexpensive wines? There are a lot of reasons, of course, but the main one is that the fruit for these wines is sourced mainly from Chile's Central Valley where the yields are high. Then, under the direction of winemaker Tito Urzia, that fruit is fermented and aged in large stainless steel tanks, not expensive, small French oak barriques. Don't kid yourself. This process isn't going to produce Chateau Margaux. But you can get perfectly good, drinkable wines.

Nothing complicated, not particularly nuanced, just pure, plain good fruit. This makes them easy drinking, either as an aperitif or with a meal. The **Xplorador 2009 Cabernet Sauvignon** is a fruit forward Cabernet Sauvignon showing mostly red plum and berry fruit on the nose with just a hint of brambles and earth. It's a straight-forward, uncomplicated wine, but it's also surprisingly tasty, balanced and easy to drink. The **Xplorador 2009 Merlot** is a wine that definitely needs to be drunk with food. It has nice red plum fruit on the nose and palate, but it also has a green herbal note that can nicely comple-



**Don Winkler and Mike Potashnik of i-WineReview.com, a McLean-based publication.**



ment the right kind of food (think brussel sprouts, asparagus, and other vegetarian fare). The **Xplorador 2010 Malbec** shows cherry and raspberry aromas and vibrant fruit on the palate. It's quite delicious, albeit lighter than the typical Malbec coming out of Argentina.

## Doña Paula Los Cardos

Doña Paula was established in 1997 by Chilean entrepreneur Ricardo Claro of the Claro Group with the purchase of 40+ year old Malbec and Chardonnay vineyards in Luján de Cuyo. The estate now consists of 1,878 acres of vineyards in the Tupungato and Luján de Cuyo regions. David Bonomi is chief winemaker, and Edgardo Del Popolo is viticulturalist.

Los Cardos is Doña Paula's entry level wines which sell for \$10-12. The fruit for most of the wines comes from the Finca El Alto in Ugarteche (Luján de Cuyo) and the high altitude (1100 m) Finca Los Cerezos in Valle de Uco, the zone closest to the Andes and therefore the coldest and best suited for early-ripening varietals, especially Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay. **Doña Paula 2010 Los Cardos Sauvignon Blanc** shows good varietal character with an opulent style. It has an effusively fragrant nose of grapefruit and nettles and a citrus, pear and herbal palate of very good intensity. This is a very good wine and an excellent value!

**Doña Paula 2009 Los Cardos Chardonnay** is in the ripe, New World style with a nose of smoke, ripe citrus, and honeydew. It's ripe on the attack with good integration of fruit and oak and shows good acidity on the finish.

Fresh plum and blackberry waft from the glass of the dark ruby purple **Doña Paula 2009 Los Cardos Malbec**. There's a sweet, tangy attack of blackberry fruit with notes of underbrush, tar and earth and good purity of fruit on the finish with firm, ripe tannins. This wine offers everything, and at a very reasonable price.

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To the Editor:

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Further news of WRAP's recent SoberRide success can be found online at <http://www.wrap.org/pdfs/2010HolidaySoberRideEnd.pdf>.

Again, thank you for your most welcomed focus on this local, lifesaving program.

**Kurt Gregory Erickson**  
McLean

The writers is President & CEO of Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP).

## Throwing Good Money in the Trash

To the Editor:

The notion of Fairfax County spending \$400 million of our hard-earned tax dollars to procure the Lorton trash incinerator seems not only counterintuitive but chock full of irony as an incinerator is exactly where that money will end up when it could easily be used elsewhere in a more productive manner.

That this proposal has not been summarily rejected by the entire Board of Supervisors is demonstrative of elected officials who still do not get it.

These are trying economic times for folks in Great Falls, McLean and Herndon, as well as the rest of the Commonwealth, who are concerned about the plummeting values of their most valuable asset – their homes, increasing tax rates and the rising unemployment that is creeping into places it has not since the days of the Carter administration.

Apparently the plan is that although Covanta would operate the facility through 2016, the \$400 million county purchase would result in significant savings by 2029. That would be 18 years of real dollar payments for 13 years of undefined savings. Sound familiar? Actually, this is an unnecessary boondoggle that our children and their children will be saddled with long after this Board of Supervisors has been relieved of their duties. Call, write or e-mail your elected supervisor and remind him or her that this \$400 million can better serve our community in the education of our children and the much needed transportation infrastructure.

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## Not Just Any Friday...



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

But Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, the date of my most recent post-scan appointment with my oncologist. The date when the results of those previous week's scans will be shared with Dina and me. The appointment when we will learn if my stage IV lung cancer has progressed – or not. And what we learned is, news we can live with: "No change." The tumors have not grown or moved. The status is quo. I am doing "Amazing," according to my oncologist. Two years into my treatment, and it's not, to invoke a Boston expression, "Katie bar the door," which means trouble, sort of, figuratively speaking.

So what's next? No one knows for sure and that's the problem. Although not nearly the problem the original pain in my ribcage has turned out to be. But still a problem. A problem of the unknown. What to do, how to treat, a patient who has now outlived his prognosis and who has been on a chemotherapy drug – Avastin, longer than any other patient his oncologist has previously treated, and a patient who is asymptomatic and progressing as well as I am? "Uncharted territory" is how my oncology nurse has described my future.

But it's a future. A future that two years ago was not exactly promised to me. Not that promises are likely ever made to cancer patients during chemotherapy, but you get the idea I'm sure. And not that I ever took the characterizations personally but, after all the testing is completed to determine "the underlying problem" (as I call my lung cancer/diagnosis), you become a statistic, a compilation of data – which, according to medical science/history indicates/corresponds to a certain time line (I hesitate to use the term "deadline" anymore). And neither is that time line promised, but presumably, there is some methodology to their madness and statistical presumptions, so it's a bit hard to ignore. Although, you try.

Nevertheless, it's a weight – and a wait, too. It's all about what happens next: results from lab work, X-Rays, CT scans, MRIs, physical examinations, etc., to determine your fate. Some of it is in your control, most of it is not. And upon reflection, you may recall what your oncologist said to you back in February 2009: there are exceptions to every rule – and he hopes that you are one of them. However, he was not the least bit encouraging. Presumably he is duty-bound and medically and ethically motivated as well, not to provide too much false hope. In my case, he didn't. Moreover, he suggested that perhaps I take that vacation I always wanted to. WHAT!?

But here I am, two years post diagnosis; an exception to the rule. You can now officially throw the statistics out the window. And though I am thrilled to be here (Duh!), here is where few of us have ever been before, unfortunately. As a result, there are no real treatment protocols to follow and so my oncologist has much less medical data on which to rely and more anecdotal-type feelings from me, the patient, to consider as he/we decide how best to proceed/how to treat. Not that the diagnosis/treatment-to-date hasn't been collaborative, it has; it's more that, treatment going forward, there's less conventional wisdom on which to rely and more dependence on unconventional wisdom – mine, to decide dosages, frequency of chemotherapy and scans, etc.

This new decision-making, combined with where I am relative to my original prognosis/time line scares the living daylights out of me – if you want to know the truth. If you don't want to know the truth, welcome to the other half of my brain. Can you say dichotomy? (I can't, anymore than I can say "deadline".)

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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# Langley Boys Remain Unbeaten in District Play

Saxons hold off talented Highlanders in pivotal cross-town basketball contest.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

In a key cross-town rival, Liberty District boys' basketball game, the Langley Saxons jumped out in front early and went on to defeat a scrappy, determined McLean Highlanders outfit, 57-47, last Friday night. The contest was played in front of a large, enthusiastic crowd at Langley.

"We got off to a great start early and that really helped," said Langley head coach Travis Hess. His Saxons remained unbeaten in district play at 8-0.

The first place Langley squad, two-time defending district tournament champions, opened up a 13-6 lead after one quarter of play. The Saxons, 10-6 overall this season, held a 26-20 halftime lead and a 37-33 advantage after three quarters. McLean would rally to take the lead early in the fourth quarter but the Saxons ultimately outscored the Highlanders in that final stanza, 20-14, to go on to the 10-point win.

McLean, with the loss, slipped to 9-7 overall and 5-3 in district play. The Highlanders played a good overall game but fell just short.

"It was a good game," said McLean head coach Kevin Roller. "Langley got out of the gate with an early lead as [Saxon guard] Austin Vasiliadis took advantage of a couple of mental mistakes on defense and we missed a number of early open shots early on."

Vasiliadis, a junior guard for Langley, finished with nine points, second in team scoring in the game behind senior guard David Adams (14 points). Other scoring contributions for the Saxons came from junior guard Daniel Dixon (8 points), senior guard Braden Anderson (7), junior guard Joey Robinson (6), junior guard Tristan Evans (5), senior guard Jeff Cochran (4) and senior post player Brenden Dwyer (4).

McLean's top scorers were junior guard Gordon Rogo, who scored a game-high 19 points, and junior front court player Thomas Van Wazer, who finished with 15 points. Sango Amolo, a junior guard, contributed seven points for the Highlanders.

**MIDWAY THROUGH** the first quarter, after Langley had started out the game well, McLean went to a 1-3-1 zone defense for the first time this season. The Highlanders began playing better defensively as a result and remained in the defensive alignment.

"It proved very effective in slowing down Langley's penetration and after three quarters we had closed the lead to 37-33 through great defensive effort," said Roller.

The Highlanders' offense also came to life as the visitors were able to have success running the floor.

"Our transition game picked up, particularly in the third and early fourth quarters," said Roller. "A quick spurt early in the fourth gave us a lead and the game went back and forth for the next few minutes. In the end, Langley made a few more shots. In particular, David Adams was able to come up with a loose ball and got fouled on the shot for a three-point play that was crucial, to stretch the lead to five with less than



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**McLean's Brian Godla defends as Langley's Austin Vasiliadis goes up for a shot during last Friday night's rival meeting between the Highlanders and host Saxons.**

two minutes remaining. In the final few possessions, Langley made their free throws and defended well and the game ended at 57-47 - the largest [lead] margin of the game."

Roller credited playmaking guard Vasiliadis with playing a major part in leading the Saxons to the win over his squad.

"He only had nine points, but Austin Vasiliadis played a very strong game," said Roller.

It was the second meeting of the season between the two local squads. Back on Dec. 17, Langley won a down-to-the-wire, 43-42 game at McLean.

Perhaps the two squads will meet for a third time during the upcoming district tournament playoffs in mid-February.

"If we are fortunate enough to meet them again in the district playoffs, I think the third game will be as exciting as the first two," said Roller.

Langley, still undefeated in the district, has district wins thus far over McLean (twice), Fairfax, Stone Bridge, Marshall, Jefferson, Madison and South Lakes.

"I am pleased with the way we are playing right now," said Hess, whose team was riding a seven game win streak following the win over McLean. "Our defense and rebounding continue to improve and I think that is a big part of our success. Offensively we are continuing to grow in our new offense. We are good at spreading people out and forcing a fast paced tempo. We are a fairly deep team."

The Saxons were scheduled to play district games this week at Fairfax on Tuesday, Jan. 25 and home against Stone Bridge this Friday night, Jan. 28.

McLean was scheduled to play district home games this week against Jefferson on Tuesday and Marshall on Friday.



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Team America, whose roster includes players from McLean, Fairfax, Springfield, and Mount Vernon, handily won their first two games, 7-2 against the Rush from Pennsylvania and 7-3 over the Blue Magic Lightning of Maryland. The third game versus the Manchester Elite proved more challenging but Team America came out on top, 4-3, with a last minute goal by Falls Church's Ohjay Porteria.

The win over the Elite advanced Team America to the championship game against FC York. Team America players worked in sync brilliantly the whole game to win by a score of 7-0. Despite numerous attempts by FC York, Team America's goalkeeper, Robby Maffei of McLean, helped his team earn the shutout win. A total of seven Team America players scored goals during the tournament. Team America is coached by Larry Dunn and Patrick DaCosta.

**McLean Youth Soccer** Spring 2011 Registration is ongoing on MYS' web site at [www.mcleansoccer.org](http://www.mcleansoccer.org) for all returning and new families. MYS offers various programs for children ages 4 thru 18, including Recreation, Travel, McLean Premier Soccer Travel, U5 for Pre-K players, and TOP Soccer for children with special needs. The season will begin the week of March 28 and extend thru mid-June. Register no later than Jan. 31 to take advantage of the early discounted registration fees. For more in-

formation, contact the MYS Club Administrator at [admin@mcleansoccer.org](mailto:admin@mcleansoccer.org) or call the MYS Office (703) 506-8068.

### The Langley Saxonette Dance Team Clinic

will take place on the evenings of Feb. 8 and 11, from 4:40 to 6:30 at Langley High School. The dance team will perform at the Langley girls' basketball game on the 11th. The Saxonette dance team welcomes all fourth through eighth graders, of all experience levels, to the clinic sessions. Contact [wanda.brown@gmail.com](mailto:wanda.brown@gmail.com) or go to the Langley High School Dance Team website for registration information.

### The Madeira School swim/dive team

in an ISL private school meet held last Friday night, Jan. 21, defeated Sidwell Friends, 103-82, to improve its season record to 3-2. Junior Brittany Jansen won both the 50 and 100 free races to pace the Snales. She was joined by two-event winners and teammates Christa Ann Saunders (200 IM and 100 backstroke) and Maddie Alagia (200 and 500 free). Saunders is a senior member of the Madeira team, while Alagia is a sophomore.

Also taking first place victories for Madeira were junior Ann Griffin in the 100 free event and sophomore Grace Johnson in the 100 fly.

In addition to placing first in all the individual events, Madeira swept the relays with wins in the 200 medley relay (Saunders, Griffin, Jansen and Alagia); the 200 free relay (freshman Michaela Saunders, senior Rachel Tang, Griffin and Johnson); and the 400 free relay (Saunders, Jansen, Alagia and Johnson).

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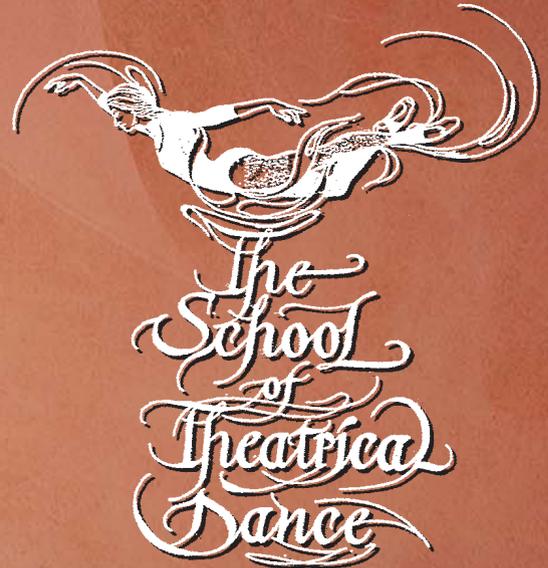
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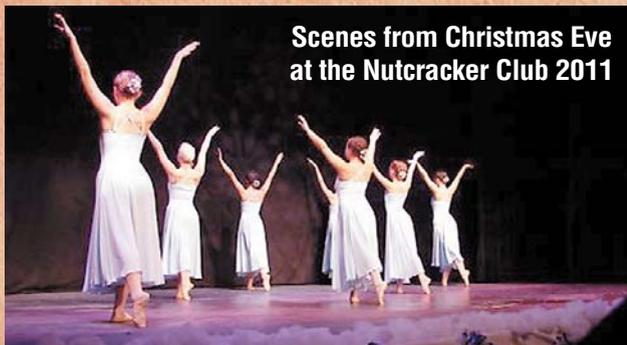
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Frost- Bridget Hott, Ashley O'Banion, Kate Fitzgerald, Paige Evans, Leah McSteen, Lauren Megrue, Katherine Boruff

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Skaters on Rockwell Pond- Aya White, Kaitlyn Pham, Sophia Nickles, Sonia Prasad, Clara Clemson, Joanna Lundquist, Sarina Prasad, Jenna Walter



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Mistletoe Mischief- Joanna Lundquist, Alex Lundgren



Nutcracker Chinese Variation- Rebecca Anger, Kate Fitzgerald, Lauren Megrue, Karsyn Lawler

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Candycanes- Sara Warrington, Gabrielle White, Mary Hagen Grow, Page Tofil, Adrianna Lundgren, Karsyn Lawler

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### For Children

Twinkletoes Ballet  
Ages 2-3

Footlights on Broadway Camp  
Two Groups

Ages 6-7 & 8-10  
June 27-July 1,  
Daily 12-4pm

Dance Fantasy Camp

Ages 4-5  
July 5 - July 9,  
Daily 9:30-12

### For Youth-Teens

Starshine Drama Camp and Dance Intensive  
July 11-July 23, Weekdays  
(Drama, 12-4:30) (Dance, 4:30-6)

Summer Company I with Florian Rouiller  
Intermediate-Advanced students age 13 and up  
July 5-July 9, Weekdays 4-7pm,  
Saturday 10am-1pm  
Parent Open House Friday 6pm

Summer Company II with Florian Rouiller  
Intermediate-Advanced students age 13 and up  
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