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Maria Bernero of Springfield wields a cat o' nine tails during her performance of the Polovetzian Dances from Alexander Borodin's opera 'Prince Igor.' Bernero and other members of The Virginia Ballet Company perform this weekend at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale.

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Former GMU Dancers Return Home

Mark Morris Dance Group performs at Center of the Arts.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

When the Mark Morris Dance Group takes the stage at George Mason University's Center for the Arts on Friday, Feb. 4, it will be a homecoming of sorts, both for the dance troupe and some individual performers.

The world-renown company is based out of New York City, but has a close relationship with the university, said Dan Joyce, an associate professor in the School of Dance at GMU and a former 10-year member of the Mark Morris Dance Group, or MMDG as it is frequently called.

"We're very lucky that this is one of their frequent stops," Joyce said. "We're able to bring a more sophisticated show to an audience."

The School of Dance and MMDG have a mutually beneficial relationship: Members of the company, and sometimes Morris himself, often provide workshops or master classes leading up to their performances at GMU for students in the dance program, and sometimes those same students end up joining the company professionally.

At least two of the dancers in the performances on Feb. 4 and 5 are GMU alumni — Rita Donahue and Billy Smith.

Joyce has fond memories from his 10 years in the group, including traveling the world and working with Morris on several film and opera projects.

"It was really wonderful to travel all over the place and do high-level work in beautiful venues," he said.

But when one of his colleagues at GMU had an opportunity to work with a professional dance company, she asked Joyce to fill in for her and teach some classes within the dance program. It was an opportunity to put down some roots and sleep in the same bed for more than two nights in a row, Joyce laughed.

And now, he gets to work with students who might dream about joining a group like MMDG, students who can learn from Morris himself or one of his dancers, an opportunity almost unheard of outside a major metropolitan area.

The nice thing about GMU, Joyce said, is that students there are close enough to Washington to see major dance companies when they pass through town, but have enough peace and quiet and what Joyce



PHOTO BY BRYAN SNYDER/MMDG

The Mark Morris Dance Company brings their interpretations of modern dance to the George Mason University Center for the Arts on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4 and 5.



GMU alumni William Smith III and Rita Donahue will be performing with the Mark Morris Dance Group on Feb. 4 and 5.

considers a kind of isolation to study their craft.

"For the dancers who get that one-on-one time with him, in one of the master classes, that's incredible," he said. It's an advantage for those who later go on to audition for MMDG, because while others might be awestruck over being in the presence of a legend, GMU students may have already met Morris and worked with him.

For this visit to GMU, MMDG will be performing four pieces: The Washington area premiere of "Petrichor," set to the music of Heitor Villa-Lobos, originally performed at the Cutler Majestic Theater in Boston last October. The group will also perform three

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— Dan Joyce, associate professor at GMU, former member of the Mark Morris Dance Group

pieces from Morris' repertory: 1990's "Going Away Party," a piece set to the music of Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys; 1999's "Silhouettes," set to the music of Richard Cummings' and 2008's "Excursions," a piece choreographed to music by Samuel Barber.

When possible, Morris said he likes to use live accompaniment instead of recorded music, calling it an "equal partner in every show we do." The piece "Going Away Party" uses recorded music, "because it is a particular recording session that produced these wonderful performances and it is nearly impossible to replicate."

Morris got his start studying Spanish dance at the age of 9 and quickly added ballet and folkdance.

"It's something I do well and allows a close relationship with music," he said. "Dance continues to be fun and interesting and challenging to me."

Music itself is an inspiration to Morris, who said he makes up dances in response

to what he hears.

He does have his favorites, however. His favorite piece of choreography is "Romeo & Juliet: on Motifs of Shakespeare," his danced version of Shakespeare's classic tale set to the music of Prokofiev.

"It's my best work to date," he said. "I like watching my work performed by the brilliant dancers in the company. I also love to watch dancing generally."

Returning to GMU is a pleasure for Morris.

"We've been involved with GMU for a long time," he said. "We've been appreciated and supported by the university and the community. We have a regular following, we participate with the dance department. We like it there."

See a Show

The Mark Morris Dance Group will put on two performances, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 4 and 5, at 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts. Tickets, and more information on the performances, are available through GMU's website, www.gmu.edu.

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Rachel Snow of Springfield and Gwynneth Lau of Springfield are 'veil dancers.'

Dance, Dance, Dance

Variety of styles to be presented at Jan. 29-30 gala.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

When the Fairfax County Dance Coalition (FCDC) formed in 2008, it was mainly to advise Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale campus on its stage renovations. But the coalition decided to take things a step further.

"We have a lot of excellent dancers trained in Fairfax County, but they go elsewhere for careers because there's nothing here for them," said FCDC President Sherri Shortell. "So we want to make this county a place where they can work; we want Fairfax County to become a center of dance excellence."

Toward that end, the Coalition is presenting its first annual gala, "A Celebration of Dance," Saturday, Jan. 29, at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 30, at 2 p.m., in the theater of NOVA's Annandale Campus at 8333 Little River Turnpike.

"We're trying to let the general public know there are professional dancers and dance companies right here," said Shortell. "So we thought the best way to do that was to have a performance."

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. To buy them, or for more information, visit www.dancefairfax-gala.org, or contact any of the participating dance organizations.

Nine companies will entertain, including: BalletNova, Classical Ballet Theatre, Dancin' Unlimited Jazz Dance Co., Dream in Color Foundation - Impact Dance Co., Encore Theatrical Arts Project, Lasya Dance Co., The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax, Center

Stage Dance Co. and the Virginia Ballet Co.

"We're a very eclectic group, with dance styles ranging from ballet to contemporary, jazz, hip hop, Indian and tap," said Shortell. "It's a great show. There's definitely something for everybody. A lot of us haven't seen what the other groups are doing, yet, so it'll be exciting to discover what everyone else is bringing to the table."

Representing the City of Fairfax are Center Stage Dance Co. and The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax. Directed by Shortell, Centre Stage's seven dancers — five females and two males, ages 15-30s — will perform three numbers.

They'll be tap dancing to "Cool World Stomp" while decked out in tuxedos. "It's a very exciting, upbeat piece with intricate steps and dancers entering and exiting throughout the song," said Shortell. "It changes tap styles so the audience will see both rhythm and Broadway tap."

To Janet Jackson's smash hit, "Rhythm Nation," Center Stage's tappers will don black leather, switching to street clothes to perform the show's only hip hop number, "What I Do," by Chris Brown.

Shortell's dancers have been rehearsing since September, and she says the toughest part has been meshing the rehearsal schedules of students and adults. But directing them gives her great satisfaction.

"I founded Center Stage in 1990 and have taught the adults in the company since they were little children, so it's wonderful to have

that continuity," she said. "They're all more than just my dancers — they're more like a family. And my son, Alex, who's almost 17, is performing, so that's a joy, too."

Also proud of his group is Benn Savage, who's headed the dance school, The Center for Ballet Arts, for 18 years, and its performing company, The Ballet Arts Ensemble of Fairfax, for 15 years.

The dance company is part of the nationwide dance organization, Regional Dance America. "There are 23 companies its Southeastern Region and we're the only dance company in Virginia in that region," said Savage. "This gives my dancers the opportunity to get work in the professional world."

His dancers will perform the ballet number, "Sarabande," at a dance festival in April in Montgomery, Ala., and he's thrilled about it. "They send scouts to these festivals," he said. "So there are opportunities for scholarships to major dance schools and for trainee and apprenticeship programs with major ballet companies."

Savage is also pleased about the dance gala at NOVA. "I'm excited about the Dance Coalition show because it gives my kids a chance to perform this dance in a theater before going to the festival," he said. "We have about 46 dancers in the company, mostly female, ages 12-20, but two men will also perform in 'Sarabande' and it's impor-

tant for people to see men dancing, too."

The Ballet Arts Ensemble will dance two, different numbers in the gala. For Saturday's show, some eight or nine dancers will perform a contemporary, modern-dance number, "Holding on. Letting Go," choreographed by Stephanie York.

"She's a talented, young choreographer, and this gives her an opportunity for other people to see her work," said Savage. "It may even launch her career as a choreographer. She does intricate choreography requiring strength and technique, and the dancers are doing it quite well."

On Sunday, 13 of his dancers will perform "Sarabande," professionally choreographed by Richard Rholdon of New Orleans. "It's done en pointe — most-demanding technically in dance — and is reminiscent of old, French Court dances to beautiful, rich, textural music," said Savage. "This gala will give us a chance to show our versatility. I'm glad we get to do both numbers and that my kids get to perform alongside all the other participants."

Each company has 10 minutes to dance. Regarding the rest of the program, BalletNova will do a classical ballet piece, "Grand Tarentella," and Classical Ballet Theatre will perform, "Paquita." The Virginia Ballet Co. will do Polovetzian Dances from "Prince Igor."

Dancin' Unlimited Jazz Dance Co. will perform a contemporary number, "The Theory of Sound," and a Broadway, Bob Fosse-style dance called "I Gotcha." Dream in Color Foundation - Impact Dance Co. will



Layna Lamons of Burke is a slave girl and her dancing partner, John Finnegan of Fairfax is Kumon the slave trader.

"We want Fairfax County to become a center of dance excellence."

— Sherri Shortell, president, Fairfax County Dance Coalition

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WINTER FUN

Fun In the Pool, If Not The Sun

It may not be beach weather, but that doesn't mean you can't swim indoors.

BY CHELSEA MUTH
THE CONNECTION

This time of year, Speedos appear only in conversation, in talk of New Year's resolutions and far-off beach vacations. They are definitely not spotted in public. Unless, that is, you're headed to the Burke Racquet and Swim Club. Inside the chlorinated facility, the training ground for five past U.S. Olympians, countless swimmers suit-up to work out and get energized.

From aquatics classes to competitive swim teams, Burke Racquet and Swim Club's 56,000 square foot facility has buoyed swimmers since 1985. BR&SC's team of therapists, staff, and instructors welcome anyone, novice and world champion alike, who wants to dive into the pool.

"Currently, about 250 swimmers train at Burke Racquet and Swim," said Pete Morgan, general manager and head coach of the nationally acclaimed Curl-Burke swim team.

Morgan, a University of Virginia graduate who has coached Olympians, nationally and abroad, has been with BR&SC since day one. Coaching the original Curl Swim Club – founded by



PHOTO BY GINA URICOLI/THE CONNECTION

Swimmers do practice drills during their three hour practice on Tuesday, Jan 25, at the Burke Racquet and Swim Club.

instructor Rick Curl – Morgan brought the nationally recognized team to BR&SC in 1985. Renamed Curl-Burke, the swim club now has six training locations, the largest of which is BR&SC.

Competitive swimmers aspire to the likes of Olympic alumni Mike Barroman, Tom Dolan, Ed Moses, Mark Henderson and Roque Santos. Athletes looking for serious swimming turn to the youth-based Curl-

Burke Swim Club, with 11 training groups, from entry-level to Olympian, or Curl-Burke Masters, a program for more senior swimmers interested in maintaining fitness. Annual tune-up classes and clinics bolster Curl-Burke Swim Club and Masters.

Beyond Curl-Burke, BR&SC offers lessons for less competitive swimmers. Youth, preschool, and "Mommy & Me" classes teach children foundational skills. Adult classes include Back to Basics, a refinement of basic stroke technique, and Transitions IP, "an individualized program to bridge the gap between physical therapy and full range of activity."

Apart from swim lessons, the 25-yard, 12-lane pool still brims with aquatic recreation. Swim membership, which includes group fitness classes, caters to triathletes as well as senior citizens.

"We've got a ton of folks that pursue their own lap swimming for their fitness workout," said Morgan.

Aquatic Director Kim Spina runs reclining stroke and exercise programs, as well as private sessions. Daily aquatics classes — Aqua-fit, an ongoing program for members and guests, and Hydro-Fit, available for walk-ins — are "low impact, high inten-

sity" aerobic sessions, which "use the resistance created by water to produce a workout more physically challenging than many land classes."

This season the club introduced an Aqua Zumba class. As described by Morgan, Aqua Zumba "takes a popular dance class into the water, using the same kind of music for water adapted movement."

If swim teams and aquatics fail to excite, BR&SC has an ultimate option for fun: the pool party. The club hosts exclusive hour-long pool parties on Saturdays, as well as a once, monthly "Kids Night Out." On "Kids Night Out" the club takes kids off their parents' hands from 5-10 p.m. Children enjoy swimming, as well as pizza, snacks, rock climbing, and tennis. With pizza, a pool, and no parents in sight, what more could a child ask for?

"To me, aquatics are so much fun," said Morgan. "The suspension that you get in the water relieves the wear and tear on the limbs. I truly believe it's the sport for a lifetime."

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— Pete Morgan



Curl-Burke Swim Club's Head coach Pete Morgan explains the next set of drills to his swimmers in the pool. The club practices at the Burke Racquet and Swim club located at 6001 Burke Commons Road.

NEWS

Corrections

The article "FCPS Releases Its Recommendations" [Connection, Jan. 20-26, 2011] contained incorrect information. Kristy Stoddard's name was misspelled and her position was misidentified. She is the White Oaks Elementary School PTA president. Jennifer Broderick and Jennifer Echard are the co-presidents of the Oak View Elementary PTA.

Two Hayfield Secondary students were misidentified in the cover and story "Ready ... Set ... Improvise" [Springfield Connection, Jan. 20-26, 2011]. Their names are Francesca McConnell and MaryEllen Martelli.

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THURSDAY/JAN. 27

Interstate 95 Waste-to-Energy Facility Information Session. 7 p.m. South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. An opportunity for members of the public to discuss the future ownership of the Interstate 95 Waste-to-Energy facility located in Lorton. This meeting will be one in a series of discussions to consider the options before Fairfax County related to the future of Fairfax County's primary waste disposal facility. Contact Supervisor Hyland's office at 703-780-7518 or mtvernon@fairfaxcounty.gov.

FRIDAY/FEB. 4

Movin' On To Middle School. 10 a.m. Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Understand what to expect and learn strategies to help your child become a successful middle school student. Free. Register at www.fcps.edu/cco/prc/documents/MovinOntoMSflier.pdf.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 9

NARFE Springfield chapter Meeting. 1:30 p.m. The American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave, Springfield. With The Washington Post's "Dr. Gridlock," Robert Thomson, on his thirty years as a reporter and editor. jkadelg@yahoo.com or 703 313-9387.

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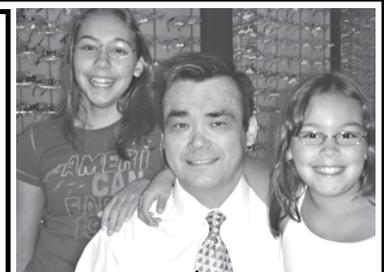


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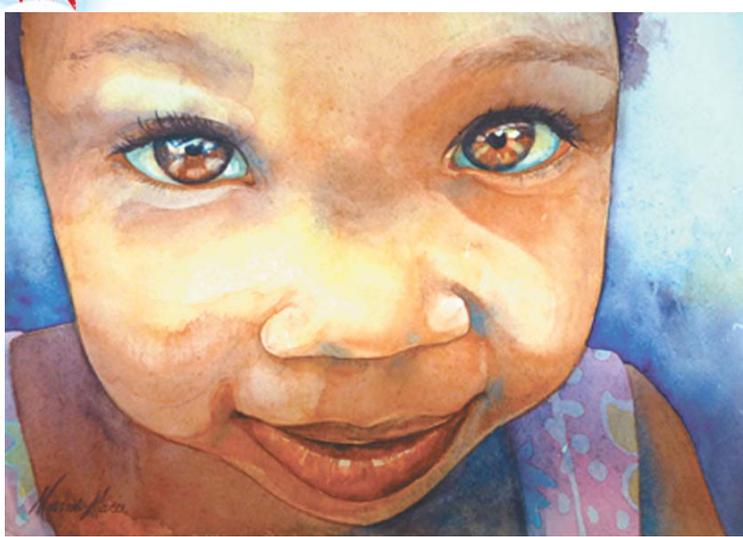
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"Annie." 7:30 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School Little Theatre, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Tickets \$12.
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FRIDAY/JAN. 28
Mason Jazz Concert. 8 p.m. at the George Mason University Center for the Arts Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Free. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.
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Deutsche Staatsphilharmonie. 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall,
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'Joy in Her Eyes,' watercolor, by Marni Maree

First Art Show, Gallery Fund Raiser

The POP Art Group of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is presenting its premiere Art Show, "Christ Calls Us to Creativity," on Sunday, Feb. 13 at the church, which is located at 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. The public may view this show at the church in the new POP Art Gallery during regular business hours from Feb. 13 through March 13. The opening reception will be Feb. 13, from 12:30-3 p.m. The show committee is honored to have the juror, Mr. Edward Knippers, speak during the reception beginning at 1:30 p.m. Belnavis Art Gallery is hosting the exhibit Hope for Haiti to raise money for the Lazarus Project, Haiti. This show will feature art by various P.O.P. Artists, Haitian Artists, art about Haiti and art donated to raise funds for the Lazarus Project, Haiti. The exhibit runs Feb. 2-27, at the gallery, which is located at 6208 Rolling Road, Springfield. A reception takes place on Feb. 13, from 1:30-4 p.m. For more about the gallery, go to www.belnavisartgallery.com.

FAITH NOTES

Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church will show the documentary "9500 Liberty" on Friday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at the church, 10125 Lakehaven Court in Burke. Admission is free. "9500 Liberty" recounts the battle over immigration policy in Prince William County when local elected officials adopted a law requiring police officers to question anyone they have "probable cause" to suspect is an undocumented immigrant. sabastian@sonjara.com.

Jubilee Christian Center, 4650 Shirley Gate Road in Fairfax, will have a new Bible Study on Tuesdays through March 8 at 9:45 a.m. entitled "Discovering Who We Are in Christ." \$15. Child care available. Register at 703-383-1170 or www.jccag.org.

Interested in the Catholic Faith? Classes will be held at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church in the Guadalupe Room in the Parish Center, 3700 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax, 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday. Contact Carolyn Smith at carolynsmith.stleos@gmail.com or 703-273-5369.

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton, offers services on Saturdays at 4:30 p.m., in addition to Sunday services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. www.uucf.org.

The Parkwood Baptist Church, 8726 Braddock Road in Annandale, Bible Study Fellowship will study of the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. The Day Women's Class meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays, and offers a children's program for ages 6 weeks-6 years. rdmarotto@cox.net.

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COMMUNITY



Supervisor Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee), center, talks with a few citizens on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 22, at the Lee District Open House. McKay hosts the annual information session to hear from constituents.



Visitors to the Lee District Open House on Saturday, Jan. 22 review some artwork by members of the Springfield Art Guild.



PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL

Deborah F Titus, director of ADA Project Exchange and Training Center, talks with Supervisor Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee).

Meet Jeffrey McKay

Supervisor Jeffrey McKay (D-Lee) hosts annual Lee District Open House on Saturday, Jan. 22.



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Edison's Eberline 'Dynamic' on the Vault

Senior wins all-around at gymnastics meet at Robinson secondary.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Edison senior Tia Eberline sprinted down the runway, pounded the springboard with her feet and used her hands to push off the vaulting horse, sending her head over heels through the air. She knew the result before her feet touched the ground.

Eberline executed a Pike Tsukahara vault, earning a score of 9.475 — the top individual vault score during a Jan. 20 gymnastics meet at Robinson Secondary School.

Eberline's performance on the vault helped her win the all-around competition with 34.975 points, edging West Potomac sophomore Marien Voorhees by less than half a point. Edison finished fourth in the team competition.

"You see the floor [when you're flying through the air] and I'm like, 'There it is,'" Eberline said. "You know a split second before [you land that you nailed it]. It's a great feeling."

Eberline walked over and high-fived head coach Pete Novgrad with both hands.

"I could tell by her angle off the horse" that it would be a successful vault, Novgrad said. "It's much easier if they get in low and they pop it up in the air and then when they're landing, they're dropping down. If they're traveling back and they don't get up in the air, then when they're landing, it's hard to break [momentum]."

Eberline finished third on the bars with an 8.75 and third on the floor with an 8.75. She posted an 8.0 during beam competition.

"[Winning the all-around is] good because I knew there was some tough competition, girls doing really good things," she said. "It's really uplifting to my spirits and confidence."

Eberline, 16, moved from Hawaii prior to her freshman year. She finished second in districts as a junior and has high expectations for the remainder of her senior season. Novgrad said vault is where Eberline shines, but talent in each event, along with a strong work ethic, makes her successful.



Edison senior Tia Eberline won the all-around competition during a Jan. 20 gymnastics meet at Robinson Secondary School.

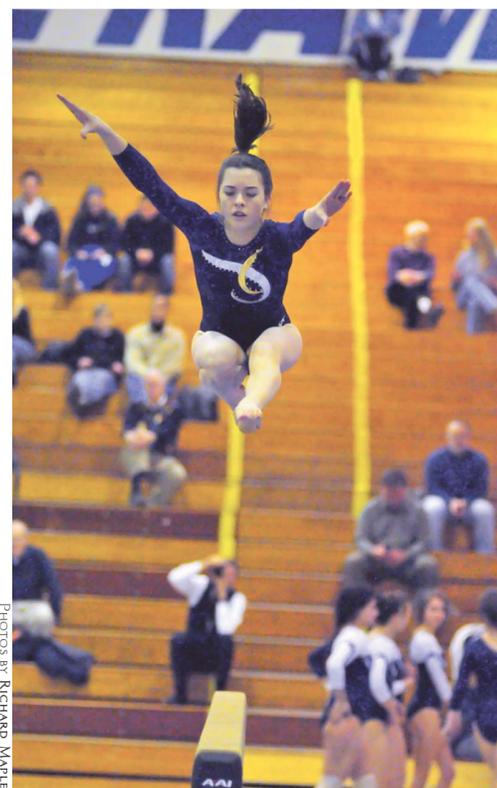
"She's strong in all four [events] but she's very dynamic on vault," the coach said. "You see her run down the runway very fast and you see the height she gets, that's hard to do. ... She's very hard on herself. She expects a lot out of herself, very demanding."

Edison's Hannah Tecson finished first on the beam with a 9.2 and totaled 33.05 in

the all-around competition. Julianne Grignol scored 27.525 and Kristine Sweezey tallied 23.175.

Lee finished sixth out of seven teams with a score of 103.525. Leah Mitchell finished second on the floor with a 9.0 and led

the Lancers with an all-around total of 34.3. Mitchell scored 8.55 on the vault, 8.1 on the bars and 8.65 on the beam. Katie Stewart



Katie Stewart scored an 8.4 or above in three of four events at Robinson.

posted a 33.925 all-around score, producing an 8.85 on the vault, 8.025 on the bars, 8.65 on the beam and 8.4 on the floor.

Robinson won the team competition with a score of 130.825. Lake Braddock finished second with 127.3, followed by West Potomac (119.625), Edison, Thomas Jefferson (113.2), Lee and Annandale (77.875).

Lake Braddock's Caitlin Liberatore won the individual bar competition with an 8.95 and the floor with a 9.15. Robinson's Jessi Marco placed third in the all-around at 33.7.

"It's really uplifting to my spirits and confidence."

— Tia Eberline



The Edison wrestling team went 7-0 in the National District Duals on Friday and Saturday at Hayfield Secondary School.

Edison Wins District Duals

Hawks finish third in meet on home mat.

The Edison wrestling team has won three of the last four National District championships. With the 2011 district tournament approaching, the Eagles reminded opponents of their recent dominance.

Edison went 7-0 during the National District Duals on Friday and Saturday at Hayfield Secondary School. Head coach Scott Racek said the Eagles have room for improvement but he was pleased with their effort.

"For the most part, to win seven is good," the coach said. "I've got no complaints about that. ... It's hard to be disappointed going 7-0."

Wade Jacobson (135 pounds), Jeremy Wagner (140), Brock Jacobson (119) and Kevin Uruena (112) have been standouts for Edison.

"I've got nine seniors in this lineup," Racek said, "so we should be pretty good."

Host Hayfield finished 5-2, losing to Edison and Mount Vernon. Head coach Roy Hill, who has been with the Hawks program

for more than two decades, said he isn't pleased with how part of his team is performing.

"Our team is really two levels: we have six or seven good kids and six or seven kids who aren't very good," the coach said. "The good kids wrestled well, the other ones did not. It's very difficult to win in dual meet competition with half a team. ..."

"They're inexperienced but a lot of that inexperience is out of choice. You can gain

experience through things you can do to prepare yourself in the off season."

Chris Stone (160) went 7-0 during his third

competitive

event since returning from injury, bumping up to 171 to hand Mount Vernon's Dusty Floyd his only loss of the weekend. Brennan Reeder (152) went 6-1 during his first competition back from injury. Nathan Coburn (130) had been a standout this year. The National District tournament is Feb. 5.

— JON ROETMAN

"I've got no complaints about that. ... It's hard to be disappointed going 7-0."

— Scott Racek

Successful Lee Wrestling Team Readies for Districts

Lancers carry a 12-4 dual team this winter.

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

When it comes to the success Lee High wrestling coach Clarence Martin's team has experienced this winter, he can't say enough about his seniors and the leadership they have provided to their underclassmen teammates.

"It's been the result of the hard work of our seniors," said Martin, the program's fourth year head coach who has seen the Lancers build a 12-4 dual meet record going into the final few weeks of the regular season. "All the hard work is starting to pay off for those guys."

Lee's top wrestler this season has been senior Konbeh Koroma, currently the No. 4 152 weight class.

He has first place finishes at several team tournaments, including both the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School Holiday Classic (Alexandria) on Dec. 30,

and the Delmarva Classic (Salisbury, Md.) on Jan. 14. He was second at the talent-laden Patriot District Classic, which took place Jan. 7 at Northern High School in Owens, Md.

Koroma (28-3) earned Outstanding Wrestler after capturing the title at the Ben & Jerry's Holiday Classic Tournament at Woodbridge High School on Dec. 11. "I think he has the best work ethic of any wrestler I've seen," said Martin. "He wrestles all offseason, competes in club wrestling. He's focused right now on winning the state."

Other strong seasons for Lee have come from seniors Alex Moore (119 division), Brandon Greer (125), Kevin Parada (171), and junior Max Benitos (112), who has reached the finals of every tournament he has competed in.

"Those are my five guys who usually get it done," said coach Martin, of the winning seasons he has received from Koroma, Moore, Greer, Parada and Benitos. "They have all been top three [finishers] at all our tournaments."

As a team, the Lancers have finished in the top five at each of the last four team tournaments they have competed in — the Delmarva Classic (fourth), Patriot Classic (fifth), St. Stephen's & St. Agnes (fourth place), and Ben & Jerry's (third).

Lee also had an outstanding showing at the Spotsylvania Duels early in the season on Dec. 4. There, Martin's team finished second.

This past Saturday, Lee competed at the Patriot District Duals, a regular season showcase event and a preparation meet for the upcoming district championships. The Lancers finished third overall, behind top finishers South County and Annandale. The District Duals took place at T.C. Williams.

On Wednesday, Jan. 19, the Lancers hosted cross-town rival West Springfield in a dual meet known as "The Battle for Springfield." It was the second year of the event, in which the winning team is awarded a trophy. Lee won the meet for the second straight year. The evening was even extra special for the Lancers, who were celebrating their Senior Night.

"We had good [pre-match] ceremonies for the seniors," said Martin. "Their parents came in and they were given flowers."

Lee wrapped up the regular season on Wednesday, Jan. 26 with a dual meet at Edison High School. The district championships are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 5 at Annandale High School.

"I feel pretty good about the team going into the [district] tournament," said Martin. A year ago, the Lancers finished fourth at districts (based on regular season standings) and ultimately finished 10th at the region championships.

"We're a lot better this year," said Martin. "I enjoy having this team. They are good kids and they really get along well. We have good support from the families and the school."

"We're a lot better this year."

— Clarence Martin

Robinson's Velasquez Accepts William & Mary Offer

BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Jared Velasquez, the Robinson Secondary School senior who became one of the Northern Region's best all-around football players in recent years, made a verbal commitment on Tuesday, Jan. 25 to play the sport on scholarship at William & Mary

College (Williamsburg) next school year. The decision will become official on Wednesday, Feb. 2, the official annual NCAA signing day for high school athletes nationwide.

Velasquez, a 6-foot, 192-pound running back/defensive safety for the Rams, chose William & Mary over James Madison University, the other school he considered accepting a scholarship offer from. He made

his official visit to William & Mary last weekend, and had made his way to Harrisonburg to visit JMU for an official stop the weekend before.

Other schools in the running for Velasquez included West Virginia University and the University of Richmond, both of whom offered him scholarships as well.

Velasquez, a former youth football player within the local Braddock Road Youth Club,

attended a William & Mary football game this past fall season in which the home team Tribe defeated Richmond soundly. William & Mary, under longtime head coach Jimmie Laycock, is an annual NCAA Division 1 (smaller school) playoff team. The Tribe is a part of the Colonial Athletic Conference.

William & Mary has been recruiting Velasquez since his junior year at Robinson.

"They've always been there [in the recruit-

Rams' star was District Player of the Year on both offense and defense last fall.

ing picture]," said Velasquez, the region's top running back who, as a senior last fall, rushed for 1,300-plus yards and led the Rams to a 9-4 overall record and a trip to the Division 6 region playoff semifinals. "JMU got in the picture late. I took both [official] visits [to the two schools]. I thought William & Mary was more of a fit academically and athletically."

He has been impressed with Laycock, who

completed his 31st season at the helm of the Tribe last fall, and his coaching staff during the recruiting process.

"He's a really good coach and he's not going anywhere soon," said Velasquez, a solid academic student (3.4 GPA) who said he is considering studying engineering or pre-med in college. "I love the coaches there, they're good guys."

Velasquez is being tabbed to play a defen-

sive secondary position for the Tribe. In high school, along with being a standout running back, he was a three-year starter in the Rams' defensive secondary, playing at strong safety as a sophomore and free safety the following two seasons. As a senior he was the Region's Defensive Player of the Year. He earned First Team All-Region accolades, in fact, at defensive back, running back and as a kick returner. He was the Concorde

District's Player of the Year on both offense and defense.

Velasquez indicated he would be right at home focusing on the defensive side of the field in college.

"I love playing safety and love playing on defense and hitting people more than I love playing on offense," said Velasquez, a Fairfax resident. "Being back there, you see the whole field."

Great Wines for Next to Nothing

Recommendations for delicious wines for about \$10.

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. 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 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

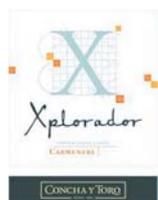
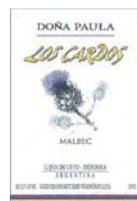
Doña Paula was established in 1997 by Chilean entrepreneur Ricardo Claro of the Claro Group with the purchase of 40+ year old Malbec and Chardonnay vineyards in Luján de Cuyo. The estate now consists of 1,878 acres of vineyards in the Tupungato and Luján de Cuyo regions. David Bonomi is chief winemaker,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

DOÑA PAULA
ARGENTINA



FROM PAGE 6

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.

Brad Berlin Presents: Evolution and The Journey Tribute, plus Unforgettable Fire and The U2 Tribute. 8:30 p.m. Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$17.50 advance, \$20 at the door. www.Jaxxroxx.com.

"Annie." 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Lake Braddock Secondary School Little Theatre, 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Tickets \$12. www.lbmusical.webs.com.

SUNDAY/JAN. 30

Faculty Artist Series: Mira Yang, mezzo-soprano. 7 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.

Apex Booking Presents: I Saw A Ghost and More. 4 p.m. Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$10 advance, \$12 at the door. www.Jaxxroxx.com.

MONDAY/JAN. 31

Faculty Artist Series: Harry Watters, trombone and Dr. Dickinson, trombone. 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.

Baby Signing. 11 a.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Learn to sign words and letters. Tickets distributed 30 minutes before program begins. Age 2 with adult. 703-249-1520.

Survival Tales. 4 p.m. Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton. Stories of children surviving scary situations. Age 6-12. 703-339-7385.

TUESDAY/FEB. 1

Death Angel, LaZarus A.D., Early Man, Bonded by Blood, Hexen and more. 6:15 p.m. Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$22 advance, \$25 at the door. www.Jaxxroxx.com.

FRIDAY/FEB. 4

Lynch Mob, Willie Basse, Baby Jayne, Kneel to Zod and More. 8 p.m. Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. Age 21 and up. \$17 advance, \$20 at the door. www.Jaxxroxx.com.

Mark Morris Dance Group. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The D.C. area premiere of "Petrichor," set to the music of Heitor Villa-Lobos, plus "Going Away Party," "Silhouettes" and "Excursions." A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$22-\$44, available at 888-945-2468.

SATURDAY/FEB. 5

A Life Once Lost, This Time It's War, Delusions and More. 4 p.m. Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. \$12 advance, \$15 at the door. www.Jaxxroxx.com.

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Family Financial Education

Classes. 9 a.m. Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carleigh Parkway, Springfield. Money matters, investments and savings. Free, including classes for K-12. 703-451-5320.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 9

"The War Comes to the Court House, Night of June 1, 1861." 7:30 p.m. Civil War Forum at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. With speakers Chris Godard as Lt. Col. Richard "Old Baldy" Ewell and David Meisky as Col. William "Extra Billy" Smith. Free and open to the public. 703-425-9225. www.fairfax-station.org.

Forget-Me-Not Benefit Show. 7 p.m. West Springfield High School Auditorium, 6100 Rolling Road, Springfield. Enjoy a variety of entertainment while supporting research for Alzheimer's Disease. Appropriate for all ages. \$7. pmlagerb@msn.com.

COLLEGE NOTES

Frank Knickerbocker of Springfield, majoring in university studies in the has finished the new cadet training week with the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets.

Thomas Ruggles of Springfield graduated in May with a bachelor of science from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La. He graduated from Robert E Lee High School in Springfield in 2005.

Macy Louise Warren of Springfield, daughter of Harry A. Warren and Helga S. Warren, is among the 853 students who entered Colgate University with the class of 2014 in late August. The class, selected from an applicant pool of almost 7,900 students, is the most diverse to enroll at Colgate.

Warren is a graduate of West Springfield High School.

Kenneth Joel Rubenstein graduated from The Pennsylvania State University with a bachelor of arts degree in broadcast journalism on May 15. He was also named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester. He is a 2006 graduate of West Springfield High School and is the son of Steve and Ellen Rubenstein.

Lauren Gertscher has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester at Radford University in Radford. Gertscher is a criminal justice major in the College of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences. She is a 2007 graduate of Lake Braddock Secondary School.

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OPINION

Risky \$400M Proposal Should Be Trashed

BY SUPERVISOR PAT HERRITY
R-SPRINGFIELD

Fairfax County staff has recommended moving forward on a proposal to spend more than \$400 million to buy a waste-to-energy facility currently owned by Covanta Energy, a private sector company that has owned and operated the plant since 1988.

The county is recommending the purchase instead of accepting Covanta's offer to extend the lease for another 20 years at similar terms to the last 20 years. County staff's own analysis shows the lease option to be a better deal for the county for the next 20 years than their own optimistic projections under a purchase. We need to trash this risky \$400 million purchase and let the private sector continue to successfully own and operate the plant.

I am also concerned about how this process has played out. The Board of Supervisors has been discussing this purchase for months, but all of that dialogue has taken place behind closed doors. While the closed door sessions were legal, this purchase will dramatically expand the size and scope of our government and put an enormous amount of risk onto taxpayers and we need to engage our citizens in an open and transparent way.

Public information meetings are being scheduled, but I believe a decision of this magnitude deserves a formal public hearing in front of the entire board and will be proposing that at the Jan. 25 Board of Supervisors meeting.

I have vocally opposed this purchase for many reasons.

Covanta has operated the plant successfully for the past 20 years and has been an outstand-

Supervisor decries lack of transparency in incinerator purchase decision-making process.

ing corporate citizen, sponsoring numerous community based organizations and participating in community events throughout the county

Covanta has also been recognized with many awards for their work including the 2010 Virginia Governors Environmental Excellence Award. In addition, they also provide Fairfax County with one of the lowest tipping fees (the price paid to drop off trash) in the region, ranging from \$26 to \$33 a ton.

COMMENTARY

Based on that history, it is hard for me to comprehend why our county government would make a purchase of this magnitude at the same time our citizens are demanding that governments at all levels return their focus to core government functions. Owning and operating a trash incinerator is not a core government function and should be left to the private sector.

SUPPORTERS OF this purchase argue "it gives us more control," "we can do it better" and "we might have lower tipping fees 20 years down the road." Those are not compelling reasons for the county to end an agreement that has worked well over the past 20 years and put \$400 million worth of risk onto the backs of the taxpayers — enormous amounts of risk for very little return, if any at all.

Because we are issuing debt to purchase the plant, it adds to our total debt thereby competing with our other capital needs. When in-

terest costs are included, the plant would cost more than \$800 million, even before any of the needed capital improvements are included. Why would we spend our scarce capital improvement dollars on a trash incinerator when we have such huge capital needs in public safety and school construction and renovation?

Issuing \$400 million worth of debt to make this purchase could have catastrophic consequences for our county as it has for other counties across the country. Seven years ago, Harrisburg, Pa., borrowed money for its trash incinerator and that decision brought the city to the verge of bankruptcy. The amounts of trash that were promised never materialized, so the incinerator didn't bring in enough money to pay off the bonds. As a result, the city's finances have been ruined and Harrisburg now pays among the highest tipping fees in the country. Fairfax County and its citizens could be exposed to the same risks.

There is a better option. Covanta has agreed to extend the lease which would give us the same control over trash that we have had for the last 20 years, competitive tipping fees and the ability to renegotiate again in 20 years. County staff's own analysis shows the lease option to be a better deal for the county for the next 20 years than their own optimistic projections under a purchase. This can be done without the risk of spending \$400 million of our scarce capital dollars to purchase the plant.

I will continue to push for a lease extension instead of purchase and for an open and transparent process including a public hearing.

Things Heat Up

BY SEN. DAVE MARSDEN
D-37TH DISTRICT

This week is typically the busiest week of the session and it did not disappoint. Each day consisted of more than 20 events, meetings and legislative hearings.

I spent a great deal of time rewriting bills I had previously introduced to meet the needs of various individuals and groups who wanted to improve the bill or insure that it did not have unintended consequences. Lobbyists and representatives of non-profit public interest groups were very helpful in doing some of the work while my staff, legislative services (who wrote the initial drafts) and I were in constant communication to insure that the bills did what was intended. Sounds easy but language is a funny thing, it can have unintended meanings or trigger conflicts with other parts of the Code of Virginia. The result was two successful bills getting through committee.

The first successful bill dealt with rewriting the code to clarify the services and placements available to foster care youth who could not be returned home or placed with relatives (kinship care). Five agencies and individuals were

involved in discussions over several days to get it right.

The second successful bill was passed easily in my Local Government Committee, but now, the Virginia Association of Counties (VACO) wants to amend the bill on the floor of the Senate. It does not look like we can agree or work something out. Compromise is not always possible. The bill will not work if I amend it the way they would like. I have to fix this by Monday or the bill gets voted on as is. Perhaps the House of Delegates will see it VACO's way when the bill is sent over there and amend it accordingly. This will create a difference in the Senate version of the bill and the House version. A conference committee of delegates and senators will then be appointed to resolve the differences. If they cannot agree, the bill will die.

My defeat this week was an attempt to reimburse the State Police for costs they incur for records they reproduce for attorneys as a result of civil subpoenas they have filed. Attorneys and their clients would have to pay for what they now get for free. The Courts of Justice Committee is made up of attorneys, so this bill was killed. Not surprising.

During second week of 2010 session, General Assembly gets busy.

The most interesting issue brought to my attention this week was that automobile dealers can be required to renovate and modernize their facilities by auto manufacturers. Fair enough, but they also require the dealers to use renovation construction materials from vendors the manufacturers have chosen. These are often from overseas firms that have charged up to five times more than U.S. suppliers. This has to stop. We need to create law that gives our auto dealers the right to meet the requirements of manufacturers through U.S. (Virginia?) suppliers that will help reduce renovation costs, support jobs here at home and keep the costs of cars down.

I also met this week with groups and individuals concerned about insurance coverage for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. I support requiring Virginia insurance companies to provide this coverage so that Virginia's children can receive treatment prior to starting school. This will give them the best chance to succeed in the classroom and to live independent and productive lives as they grow up. I have introduced a bill this year to allow parents or grandparents of children diagnosed

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WINTER FUN



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The 'veil dancers' at The Virginia Ballet Company, in no particular order, Rachel Snow of Springfield, Gwynneth Lau of Springfield, Siphon Kargbo of Falls Church, Imani Curry-Johnson of Springfield and Annie Sneed of Springfield rehearse for this weekend's show at Northern Virginia Community College.

Dance Gala This Weekend

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do a contemporary jazz piece, "Redemption," and the Lasya Dance Co. will perform "The Flow," a traditional Indian dance with varying tempos.

The dance companies are all nonprofits, so the Coalition is currently trying to broaden the scope of the affordable venues here available for their performances. So, said Shortell, "We'd ultimately like to build a performing-arts center somewhere in

Fairfax County." Meanwhile, they're looking forward to the upcoming gala.

"All the directors have worked hard together to put this on – it's been wonderful," said Shortell. "Instead of being competitive, it's really been inspirational and a joy working with them. And this way, all of us get to introduce our students to each other's styles; I'm so glad I'm involved. It's going to be an excellent show; I hope people will come see what Fairfax County has to offer."

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with autism or a developmental disability to create a third party trust that would allow \$2,000 tax deduction per year from taxable state income to provide for respite care and other needs as the child gets older. We provide these incentives for college

savings, why not for these young people and their families who are in such great need?

The controversial bills will start coming before legislative committees this week. A lot of darned if you do ... darned if you don't votes will take place. Will update you next week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Brain Injury Recovery

To the Editor:

Our hearts go out to all touched by the tragic shooting of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.). This incident raises many issues: gun control, access to public officials, effectively identifying mental stability, etc. But the one thing that hits home for everyone is that anytime, anywhere anyone may suffer a brain injury. Generally, the recovery process is long and challenging and measured over years. It's tough not just on the patient, but also on their friends and family. To make matters worse, insurance typically only covers a small portion of the services needed for the patient's full recovery.

When a brain injury patient has trouble with regaining language skills (speech, writ-

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If you are interested in learning more about the process of regaining language skills following a brain injury, or for a source as the Giffords' story continues to develop, contact me at 703-346-7111.

Sheri Singer
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The Department of the Army intends to publish a Draft FOST
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