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Students Experience Life in the Trenches

Robinson seventh-graders simulate a soldier's life in World War I.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Chances are, some 600 seventh-graders at Robinson Secondary won't soon forget what life was like for soldiers during World War I. That's because they recently participated in a simulation of life in the trenches.

"This is an awful, inhumane period of time," middle school Social Studies Department Chairman Susan Reade told her students at the outset. "I need you to use your imaginations and commit to this. I need you to think, 'What if this were real and there were bullets flying and bombs going off? How would I feel?'"

She and four other social studies teachers recreated an hour-long, battle-zone atmosphere over three days, while students huddled together on the floor, under long tables in a darkened room. Images of war were projected on a screen while the teacher read excerpts from Erich Maria Remarque's "All Quiet on the Western Front."

"We're trying to communicate the horrors

of the living conditions relevant to WWI and the weapons of destruction created then," said Reade. "This piece gives them the opportunity to really feel, hear and believe they're in a battle situation. It should be uncomfortable and

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— Susan Reade

thought-provoking. Anytime you have kids in an interactive situation, where they can put themselves in that state and time, it'll be more meaningful for them and they'll really remember it."

One session involved 31 students in Reade's sixth-period class, and she prepared them beforehand for life in the trenches. She said the border between Germany and France contained 475 miles of trenches, which were fought over for three years.



Students write in journals while huddling under tables serving as WWI trenches.

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"Ten million people died in WWI because we had the bullet and bomb capability to do it," said Reade. "Soldiers dug trenches in the dirt, underground, with tree roots, insects crawling all around and rodents. This is a filthy, dirty place, and this is where you live, eat and try to sleep, 24/7, no matter the weather."

"Your uniforms are wool, so they itch, and lice are a tremendous problem," she said.

"Rain turns the dirt into mud and your feet are always wet, so you get trench foot. It's almost unlivable, and the noise of the bombs overhead is continual. Soldiers will have shell-shock and uncontrollable ticks. Some were hospitalized and traumatized for months and years afterward."

The worst thing, said Reade, was the poi

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It's Official, Community Center Now Open

New, \$5 million center opens doors with ribbon-cutting, opening ceremonies.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Geraldine Sherwood's remarks were brief at the Saturday, Feb. 12 grand opening of the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center.

"Thank you, thank you, thank you," she said, to guests invited to the Recognition Brunch Saturday morning before the public ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"Mike McCarty [the City of Fairfax's parks and recreation director] is not going to have to hear me say 'I hope I live to see the opening.' I'm still here," she said, drawing laughter and applause from the 200 guests.

Sherwood had donated \$5 million to build the cultural arts center memory of her late husband, Stacy Sherwood, who served the Fairfax community for many years.

The Recognition Brunch, which took place in the 5,000 square-foot Sharpe perfor-

mance hall, honored the many donors, stakeholders and city staff who worked for three years to transform the idea of the community center into a reality.

"The community center has been a part of the dialogue for decades, and we now have the community center that the community wants," said City of Fairfax Mayor Robert Lederer. "It's a crown-jewel facility. It was conceived and designed by and for the community, and we're very proud of that and very thankful to the Sherwood family."

U.S. Rep. Gerald E. Connolly (D-11) also attended the brunch with his family, where he was recognized for his support and his generosity.

"One of the beatitudes of politics is 'Blessed are those who are brief, for they shall be reelected,'" he joked. "With this center, we have transformed the public life this community."

In a video shown at the brunch, Geraldine



Michael McCarty, the City of Fairfax's parks and recreation director, shows Geraldine Sherwood the donor's wall in the center's spacious reception hall.

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Sherwood explained some of her reasons for donating money to be used for the center.

"Back in 1947, when I started teaching

in the county, there were no concerts anywhere," she said. "It was a wasteland in D.C.

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Experiencing Firsthand the Horrors of War

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son gas created for that war. "If you get it in your eyes, it causes blindness," she said. "If it gets in your throat, the acid burns your lungs and you take days to die."

For the simulation, students wore surgical masks, but social studies teacher John Perriello had one girl briefly don a real gas mask for illustration. Then, while students crouched under tables in their "trenches," Reade had them write down everything they saw, heard and smelled during their experience.

With battle scenes projected onscreen, Reade would intermittently yell, "Incoming!" as she and Perriello smacked the tops of the tables hard with mop handles and big blocks of wood, while a soundtrack of shooting and explosions played loudly.

"Write for me what you're afraid of," Reade told the students. "What are the dangers? How are you preparing yourself to face them? What are you thinking about? You've been shelled for three days in a row; how does your head feel? You've been on the ground awhile now; how do your legs and back feel?"

The teachers also blew shrill whistles, from time to time, and rang cowbells to simulate the bells warning that a gas attack

was coming. "It's poisonous, chlorine gas," shouted Reade. "Is your mask on tight enough? The mask itches and scratches and covers your whole face. It gives you claustrophobia. How do you feel?"

Detailing more about what the soldiers went through, she said, "Besides protecting your head, your helmet was your bathtub and what you ate meals out of. One piece of bread and one tin of meat is your ration for 24 hours. How will you make it last? The rats have nibbled on your bread. Will you still eat it? The meat is spoiled, but you eat it anyway and feel sick."

They also had mail call, with some "soldiers" receiving mail, and others, nothing. Again, students wrote how they felt. Afterward, they shared their thoughts about the whole experience.

"It was like it was real," said Brendan Benning. "You could hear the bombs exploding and the machine guns. It was like you were right there. My back was sore and the cramped position hurt. It feels like the 'bang, bang, bang' would never go out of your head." He said he would have tried trading his spoiled meat for smaller pieces that were better, but "It would be disgusting living there. I'd have to have a stick to beat up the rats."

Charlotte Hyland said it enabled the stu-

dents to put themselves in the soldiers' places. "You had a good sense of what they felt," she said. "The positions we were sitting in, the noise and the screaming were almost scary, and it was much worse in the actual war. I don't think I could have coped with it. Those soldiers must have been really strong to have gone through that."

In her "letter," she received a Starburst candy with a note saying, "A treat from mom and dad."

"It made me happy that they didn't forget about me," said Charlotte. "It also made me remember I wasn't dead, but was still alive and who I was."

During the simulation, she said, "I was scared. Everything was loud, it was hot and it hurt lying down. I just wanted to get out of there. It's hard to imagine what it was like doing that for years."

John Anderson said it was fun, but that he could see how bad it was for those actually there. "It gives us a real picture of what it would be like," he said. "A lot of people go off to war not realizing how bad it is." He added that the simulation would leave more of an imprint on the students than just reading from a textbook.

John, too, was happy to get mail. "My mom and dad told me what was going on at home," he said. "It made the problems

of war lift up for a couple seconds so I could remember the good parts of life."

Lucas Puranen also liked the simulation. "It was very loud," he said. "It must be annoying always having bombs and planes overhead. It was also disgusting, but real soldiers have to live with it. They'd be stronger mentally because of all the things they'd gone through, if they were still sane. Having to sleep in the mud with the constant sound of rats was gross." Lucas also wondered how well the gas masks really worked. "I have to respect the current U.S. troops for all they do," he said. "I don't know how they do it."

For homework, the students had to write as if it were 1916 and argue that the U.S. should or shouldn't enter WWI. They had to give three reasons supporting their statement and list a factual event backing up one of their reasons. Reade also shared with them a letter her grandfather wrote home from that war, July 24, 1918.

A medical officer, he treated patients in a French field hospital. Describing a German air attack, he expressed contempt for anyone who'd do such a thing, but was confident the war would be over soon. "The spirit, courage and morale of our boys is the most wonderful thing," he wrote. "We know that victory is ours, sooner or later."

NEWS BRIEFS

Two Charged in Burglary

City of Fairfax Police have charged a 20-year-old City of Fairfax man in connection with a burglary at Dolce Vita Restaurant, sometime Jan. 31 or Feb. 1. Investigation revealed that the thieves forced entry into the business at 10820 Fairfax Blvd. and stole cash, a digital cash register and several bottles of alcohol.

Following an investigation by the Criminal Investigations Division, Ricardo Noel Marquina Guzman, 20, of the 4100 block Addison Road, Fairfax, was taken into custody on Monday, Feb. 14. Police charged him with one count each of burglary and grand larceny. He was held in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center without bond.

City of Fairfax Police also arrested a second suspect in connection with the burglary at Dolce Vita restaurant. Gregory Allen Madden, 21, of 3500 block of Timber Ridge Drive, Fredericksburg, was taken into custody Wednesday, Feb. 16, and charged with one count each of burglary and grand larceny. He, too, is being held in the county jail without bond.

VDOT Opening Stringfellow, Monument Ramps

In January 2008, Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) began a push to open the Monument Drive and Stringfellow Road ramps on I-66 to traffic during non-HOV hours. And on Monday, Feb. 28, VDOT will open these ramps to all westbound traffic during non-HOV hours.

"Opening the ramps will be of great benefit to those in the Fair Lakes/Fairfax Corner area and result in reduced drive time and congestion," said Herrity, "The ramps are critical transportation infrastructure that went unused most of the day. This is a common-sense, low-cost solution that will reduce trip time and improve air quality."

He also noted that the change has been a long process and wouldn't have happened without the "diligent support" of Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10), Gov. Bob McDonnell, Transportation Secretary Sean Connaughton, Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67) and Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully).

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NEWS

Shelter Hosts 'Be Mine, Feline'

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is currently hosting a special adoption, through Feb. 28, called "Be Mine, Feline," highlighting cats and kittens available for adoption. The shelter is including a special assessment of each cat's personality to help prospective adopters find the right feline for their family.

In November 2010, the shelter received 161 cats from a hoarding case at a single home. Many of those cats are now healthy and ready to go to safe, loving, permanent homes. Many other cats and kittens staying at the shelter this winter are also available.

"Throughout February, the shelter will be in the business of matchmaking, helping adopters match the right cat for their lifestyle and their home," said Dr. Karen Diviney, the shelter director.

To view cats (and other animals) available for adoption, visit the shelter Tuesdays through Fridays, noon-7 p.m.; and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Or, to adopt other types of animals, go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police to see the shelter's Adopt-A-Pet feature and learn more about an animal in search of a loving home. For more information, call the shelter at 703-830-1100.

Hazel May Coon, 87, Dies

Hazel May Coon, 87, died on Tuesday, Feb. 8, peacefully in her sleep at her home in Fairfax.

She was retired from Planning Research Corporation, where she worked as an administrative assistant.

The daughter of Edward Christ Heuer and Rose Lillian (Bartelt) Heuer, Coon was born on Aug. 19, 1923, in Muscatine, Iowa.

Coon was the widow of LeRoy Eugene Coon and is survived by her three children, Charles Coon (Janice), Janeth Doyle (Joseph) and Timothy Coon, one granddaughter Elizabeth Stotler (Jeff) and three great granddaughters.

Coon is preceded in death by her sisters Marilyn Johnson and Joycelyn Smith, and brothers Howard Heuer and Raymond Heuer.

A Memorial Service took place Saturday, Feb. 12, at 11 a.m., at the Everly Funeral Home in Fairfax. Rev. Andy Brock of Bluemont United Methodist Church led the service. Interment followed the service at the Fairfax Memorial Park in Fairfax.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058

To view obituary or send condolences online, visit www.EverlyFuneralHomes.com.

Paul VI, NOVA Partner for Dual Enrollment Classes

Starting with the fall 2011 semester, Paul VI Catholic High School in Fairfax is going to offer dual enrollment opportunities with Northern Virginia Community College. With dual enrollment, qualified high school students will be able to take college courses to earn college credit as well as high school credit. An informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. in the Paul VI library. Representatives from both the Paul VI faculty and NOVA dual enrollment program will be on hand to answer questions about the new program. Current and prospective Paul VI students and parents are invited to attend. To learn more, go to www.paulvi.net/dualenrollment or e-mail Michael Potter at mpotter@paulvi.net or Eileen Liberti at eliberti@paulvi.net.

Recycle During Electric Sunday

Residents may recycle old TVs, computers, peripheral electronic devices – such as keyboards, speakers, printers and scanners, as well as household hazardous wastes – including fluorescent light bulbs and tubes, for free, during Fairfax County's "Electric Sunday" events. The next one is slated for Sunday, Feb. 27, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the I-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Road in Fairfax. For more information, call 703-324-5052.

Blood Donations Urgently Needed

The supplies of blood and platelets in the local area are at critically low levels, so the American Red Cross urges residents to donate. They may do so at the Red Cross branch at 8550 Arlington Blvd. in Fairfax. For appointments, call Lori at 1-800-272-2123.

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COMMUNITY



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Members of the Options program at Paul VI High School, a program for students with mild to moderate intellectual disabilities, hold up signs to cheer on the swim team. From left are Sean Cross, senior from Herndon; Randi Lovett, sophomore from Centreville; Joe Gittinger, sophomore from Vienna; Tasha Adkins Blanch, senior from Arlington; Rebecca McKenna, junior from Sterling; and Evan Patchett, senior from Reston. (See more photos at www.connectionnewspapers.com)

Making a Big Splash

Paul VI swim team raises funds for Sprayground.

Members of the Paul VI Catholic High School took to the pool Wednesday, Feb. 9, not to practice or to compete, but to help out others. Team members swam laps in a Splash-a-Thon at

Oak Marr RECenter to help the Joey Pizzano Memorial Foundation, which is raising money for construction of the Special Harbor Sprayground. The handicap-accessible waterpark will be built at Lee District Park.



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Year of the Rabbit Celebration Hops to Fair Oaks Mall

JowGa Shaolin Institute opens the Lunar New Year Celebration at Fair Oaks Mall with a Dragon Dance. The dance traveled to both floors of the mall, much to the delight of onlookers. Hai Hua Community Center hosted the Lunar New Year Celebration Feb. 12 and 13, at Fair Oaks Mall. (See more photos at www.connectionnewspapers.com)

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OPINION

Important Step for Autism

Governor should sign bill that would require limited insurance coverage for needed therapy.

Thanks to Dels. Tim Hugo (R-40) and Tom Rust (R-86), along with state Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) and a majority of members of the Virginia General Assembly, for passing a bill that would require some insurance companies to provide limited but critically important coverage for therapy for children with autism.

Now, Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) should sign the bill into law.

"With these treatments, you can prevent some of these children from being impacted for life. You can make sure they do not become wards of the state," said Hugo. ... "If we don't do something, we risk leaving these kids in the darkness."

Behavior therapy at an early age can make the difference between a child who speaks and interacts and a child who is non-verbal. But the therapy, often not covered at all by insurance, can cost \$20,000 a year or more per child.

Consider the heartbreak of one family who was able to afford therapy for one of their children with autism. Unfortunately, the family has two children with autism.

As they become adults, children with autism will cost Virginia more if they don't receive early intervention services.

And this is a growing problem.

EDITORIALS

For example, in Fairfax County Public Schools, one in 83 students has been diagnosed with some form of autism, an 846 percent increase since 1997. Last year, the county's human services department announced that local government's fiscal health would be greatly impacted by providing services to the rapidly growing percentage of young adults with autism diagnoses.

Missing the Point

As the U.S. Department of Justice presses Virginia to provide services for people with intellectual disabilities and more options to live in the community, it's important to remember that it's not just a question of moving some current residents out of training centers.

Families across Northern Virginia and the state are stretching budgets, going into debt and hanging on by their fingernails as they care for family members with intellectual disabilities who should have "waivers" providing for services in the community.

Right now, more than 6,400 Virginians with intellectual and related developmental disabilities are on waiting lists for community-based services, according to the Arc of Virginia. Nearly 3,000 of these individuals are in urgent

need because they live with an aging caregiver, are at risk of abuse or neglect, or are aging out of foster care.

See www.arcofva.org.

Cheap and Effective Traffic Fix: Telework

While National Telework Week officially began Monday, Feb. 14, last month's commuting-home debacle probably did more to push individuals, governments and companies to contemplate real teleworking measures than any other advocacy.

Increasing the number of people who regularly work from home at least one day a week is the only possible cure for the current traffic nightmare in the region. On most days, rush hour in Northern Virginia is a pain. But it only takes one hiccup (a man threatening to jump of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge or an inch of badly timed snow) to bring the region to a standstill and worse.

Telecommuting can also be good for the environment, good for employee morale, good for families, good for productivity. And anything that decreases the chances of a 10-hour commute or being stranded overnight on the George Washington Parkway is a step in the right direction.

The technology exists to make this work.

- MARY KIMM

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Senate Passes 2011 Budget

Budget restores funding for 2010 education cuts.

BY SEN. CHAP PETERSEN
D-34TH DISTRICT

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the Senate passed its proposed budget by a vote of 37-3. This bipartisan budget represents an important first step to putting Virginia back on the road to financial solvency. In doing so, the Senate took some actions that rejected some recommendations of the governor, while accepting others.

Here are the important points:

First and most importantly, the Senate stripped out the \$150 million of General Fund money promised to transportation and used it to restore K-12 and higher education cuts from last year. This decisive action reaffirms a long-time Senate policy to use the General Fund (sales and income tax revenues) for education, while using the Transportation Trust Fund (gas tax revenues) for transportation. The Senate action also protects Virginia taxpayers, since the use of General Fund for transportation funding simply means that out-of-state users of our Virginia highways will pay nothing for their usage. That is not acceptable.

Second, the Senate paid \$100 million on our existing obligation to Virginia Retirement System, from which we borrowed \$620 million last year to balance the budget. You may hear

some state leaders claiming that Virginia currently "has a budget surplus." No, we actually don't. We have some extra revenue in hand from the expanding economy, but it is outweighed by our existing debts to VRS. Paying back that debt needs to be a priority.

Third, the Senate budget restores \$5 million cut from our state judicial system in 2010. Our new funding will fill vacant judicial positions, so that our courts can continue their first-rate track record in regard to resolving disputes promptly. When added to additional "599" money for law enforcement, our legal system will be a net winner under the Senate action.

Finally, the Senate added some accountability to state government by asking state agencies, like the Attorney General, to measure the hours spent on certain tasks so we can measure the actual "cost" to the taxpayer. Most private law firms use this commonsense method. We can certainly use it for the state's own law firm.

We will spend the last two weeks of February wrapping up the 2011 session and addressing any outstanding legislation.

I will be back in Fairfax by March 1. In the meantime, you can reach us at 804-698-7534 or Kathy@fairfaxsenator.com.

COMMENTARY

VTV Family Outreach Plates

To the Editor:

We would like the community to be aware of the "In Remembrance, April 16, 2007" license plate that we have requested the Virginia General Assembly to approve. Designed by 2010 Virginia Tech graduate, Zack Madrigal, the plate is simple and elegant. Our intent is to honor the 32 who died and the many who survived that tragic day.

LETTERS

Virginia residents can choose to personalize their plates, transfer their existing plate or receive a six-character combination from the Commonwealth. Many non-profit organizations, the military and colleges have specialized plates. For every license plate that is sold or renewed after the initial 1,000, organizations receive \$15. Such a program allows Virginia residents to not only show their loyalty but to financially support their organization as well.

VTV Family Outreach Foundation is composed of a majority of the family members of the victims and survivors of the April 16, 2007 tragedy at Virginia

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LETTERS

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Tech. Our mission is to promote and advocate for public safety and security of the nation's colleges and universities, and to provide assistance and services to victims of campus crime and their families.

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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 23

JSSA Parent Support Group for Young Adults Across the Autism Spectrum. 7 p.m. at JSSA, 3018 Javier Road, Fairfax. A monthly support group. Identifying community resources, building a support network and balancing one's own needs with that of an adult son or daughter. Register at 703-204-9100.

Community Meeting. Supervisor John C. Cook (R-Braddock) is hosting a community meeting on the Re-Zoning of University Mall. College Town Associates, the developer, will present its current plans as modified to reflect comments and concerns raised previously by county staff and by the community. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., at Oak View Elementary School, 5004 Sideburn Road, Fairfax.

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Home Life Style

Security, Convenience and Green Innovation

Northern Virginia companies debut home technology trends in Las Vegas.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE CONNECTION

Getting a lot of attention at this year's Consumer Electronics Show were several Northern Virginia companies who were among the more than 2,700 exhibitors displaying some of the world's most cutting edge home technology trends.

This year was all about the "apps" as more than 150,000 people from around the world descended on the Las Vegas Convention Center last month for the 2011 Consumer Electronics Show.

Homeowners can have more control over their homes using many newly developed smartphone applications, getting real time information from home security systems even when not at home, controlling room temperatures, raising and lowering window shades or even starting dinner or the laundry from anywhere with an internet connection.

Surveillance Systems, Archerfish: Reston

For homeowners looking for a home surveillance system, Reston's Cernium Corporation has developed the Archerfish Solo, an IP-based wireless camera that sends video clip emails to your smart phone or computer whenever it senses unusual activity.

"There's been a lot of interest in the Solo," said Debbie Shuey of Archerfish, a CES exhibitor for the last three years. "We've had far more people stopping by this year than the last two."

Homeowners can use Archerfish to view live video via computer, smart phone or tablet devices, as Shuey demonstrated by monitoring the cameras at Reston Skate Quest cameras from the show floor in Las Vegas.

"The number of people interested in this for personal use has multiplied tremendously," Shuey said. "Even our competitors have been stopping by."

Debuting at CES this year was the Archerfish Solo Flood Light Adapter, which allows the camera to be installed simply by screwing it into an existing flood light socket.

"We're continuously developing products to help consumers keep an eye on the places that matter to them," said Cernium president Craig Chambers. "The Archerfish Flood Light Adapter makes installing the Solo as easy as screwing in a light bulb."

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Herndon-based Simplikey president Jason Pizzillo, right, demonstrates the new lockset to Oracle's Joel Storm at the Consumer Electronics Show.

Tablet Times Two, Entourage: McLean

McLean-based Entourage Systems used this year's CES to launch the Pocket Edge, a portable version of its bestselling Entourage Edge.

"We just launched last year and are doing very well, especially internationally," said Entourage vice president Doug Atkinson. "As a consumer device, we are just getting started and are excited to be here." The mission is to provide an all-inclusive personal technology device that combines the functions of several products into one solution.

Both the Entourage and Pocket Edge are dual screen e-reader, Android-based tablet computer, notepad and audio/video recorder and player. Connected to the internet, it can manage any connected home security system or smart appliances. Prices start at \$349.

"We can build a tablet by cutting off half, but then we'd be just like everybody else," Atkinson said. "But people still write and along with many other features, we offer that with our product."

WWW.ENTOURAGEEDGE.COM



Jon Kelman demonstrates a light-up security vest by Fairfax Station-based MAXSA Innovations.



Entourage vice president Doug Atkinson, left, demonstrates the new Pocket Edge to David Goldhagen of San Antonio.



Skip West, founder of Fairfax Station-based MAXSA Innovations, displays his latest home technology solutions at the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas last month. West teaches the course "From Geek to Gazillionaire" at George Mason University.

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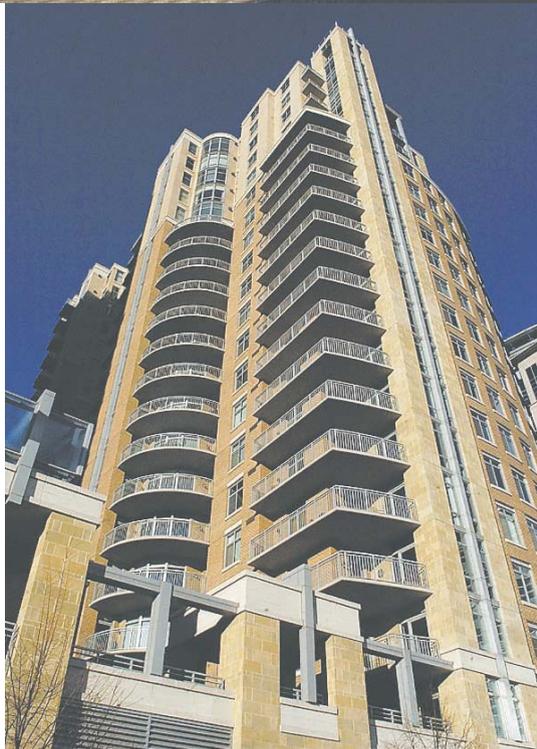


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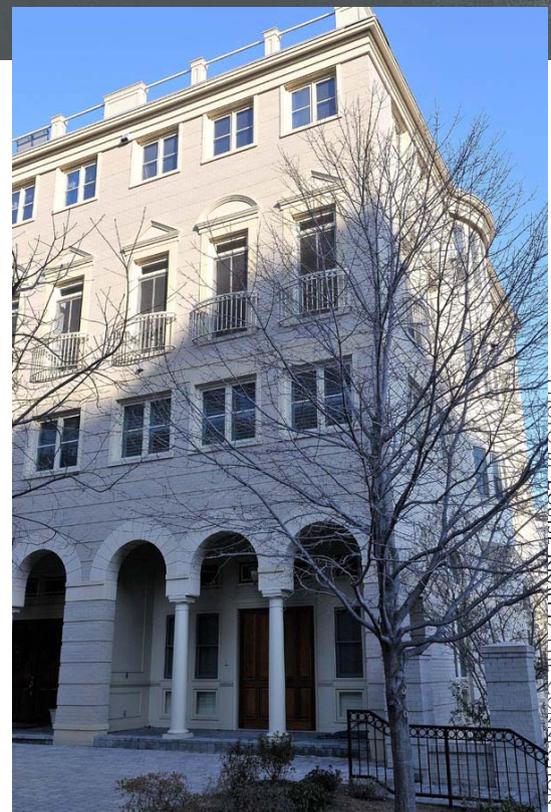
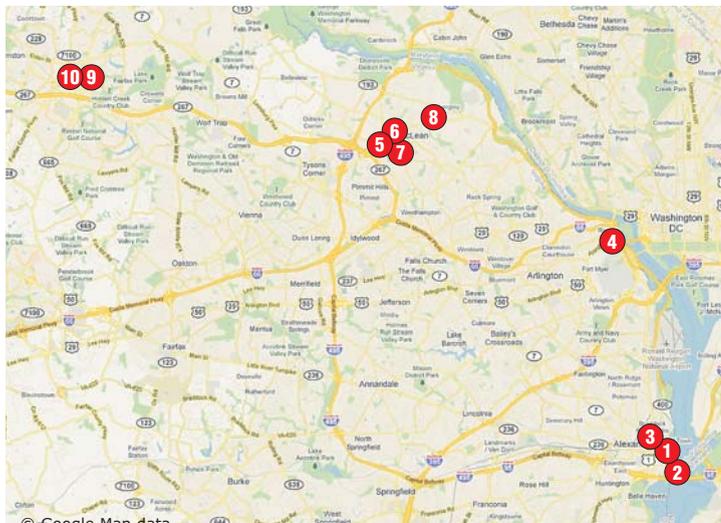


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Home Life Style

Security, Convenience

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Going Green, MAXSA: Fairfax/Fairfax Station

Skip West is no stranger to the crowds of the Consumer Electronics Show.

"This is my eighth year here and it just keeps getting better," said West, founder and president of the Fairfax Station-based MAXSA Innovations. "I love inventing new products and this is the place to introduce them to consumers."

West debuted a dozen new items at this year's show, most focusing on "green" technology.

"We now have solar powered motion activated flood lights, along with our solar walkway lights for decks, stairs and driveways," West said. "We've been taking lots of orders and getting a great response."

MAXSA also offers laser garage parking systems and personal devices such as a reflective safety vest with 16 LED lights, devices to avoid automobile/deer collisions and special flashlights.

"I sold my last company but didn't like being retired," said West, who teaches the course "From Geek to Gazillionaire" at George Mason University. "I love helping students develop their ideas into successful companies."

West, one of the first to produce the now popular battery powered votive candles, donates his salary from GMU to a student business competition.

"I love what I do and have been fortunate in my success," West said. "It's very rewarding to help my students see their dreams become reality."

MAXSAINNOVATIONS.COM

First Impressions, Simplikey: Herndon

If the employees of Herndon-based start-up Simplikey all look young, it's because they are.

"We hired 11 people, all between the ages of 21 and 35," said Carl Guerreri, president of parent company Electronic Warfare Associates, a government defense contractor. "I told them to wander the world for a year to come up with an idea that best utilized our technology."

The result is the Simplikey lock, a remote control electronic deadbolt.

"We wanted to make something worthy of a front door," said D'Veil Garrison, vice president of sales and marketing. "The lock is all metal with a carbon

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Debbie Shuey monitors security at the Reston Skate Park as part of the Archerfish demonstration at the Consumer Electronics show in Las Vegas last month.

core center deadbolt, concealed light-up keypad and remote key fob that works from up to 50 feet away."

The slim design lock is programmable with up to 16 different codes and runs on 4 AA batteries.

"This is our first time at CES," Garrison said. "It's great seeing all the first adapters' eyes light up when they see the lock."

The Simplikey uses standard deadbolt installation and is available in three finishes.

"I started early this morning and haven't stopped talking since," said Simplikey president Jason Pizzillo. "But people love the product and it's been a great show."

WWW.SIMPLICIKEY.COM

There's an App for That

Arguing over the remote may soon be a thing of the past as smartphones and tablet computers take control of your home theater system. In a world where all you need is an Ethernet cable and ISP, every major TV manufacturer is now producing internet-connected HDTV and 3D displays, all easily controlled and monitored by mobile apps.

On screens that can reach up to 90 inches (on a soon-to-be-released Mitsubishi plasma display), smart TVs and the newest apps allow web surfing from your sofa. You can also connect with friends via Facebook, Google Talk and Twitter as you watch your favorite programming. Also expected to gain ground in the home theatre arena is gesture controlled TV, which uses technology similar to the Xbox Kinect.

Capital Home & Garden Show, Feb. 25-27

The Capital Home & Garden Show will feature hundreds of displays and exhibits this year, with a special emphasis on "Going Green." Exhibitors include all aspects of home design and improvement, gardening, kitchen and bath remodeling, flooring, roofing, doors, windows, fencing, pools, interior and exterior lighting, home entertainment, interior designs and much more. Get ideas, investigate new products, gather information and meet the professionals who can help. **Dulles Expo Center, Feb. 25 - 27**, www.capitalhomeshow.com.

10 WAYS TO GOGREENER

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Rams Dominate Wrestling Tournament

Strong showing by Rams has them rolling heading into states.

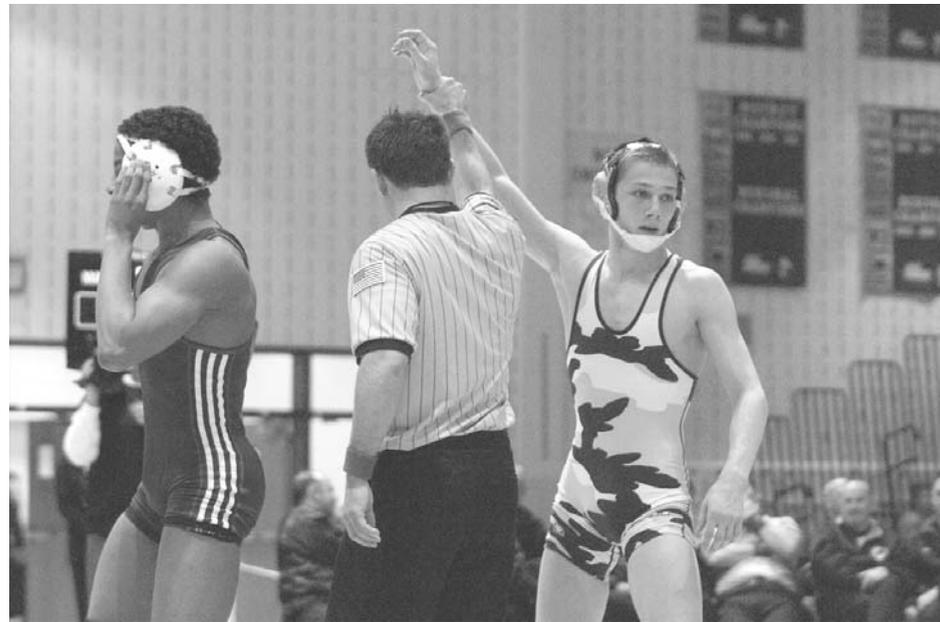
BY RICH SANDERS
THE CONNECTION

Robinson Secondary's wrestling team has almost always been one of the top programs in the Northern Region. But capturing region titles has never been a given for the Rams. Going into last weekend's region championships, the program had not taken a region title since 1991.

"We've been in the mix every year," said Bryan Hazard, the Rams' 15th year head coach who was a Robinson team member way back on that region title team in 1991.

It's been a long time coming, but Robinson garnered another region championship last Saturday night. The Rams, in dominant fashion at the two-day region tournament event held Feb. 11-12 at Fairfax High School, saw seven of their wrestlers win individual titles on way to garnering, with relative ease, the team crown. Hazard's squad tallied 260.50 points to finish well ahead of runner-up and defending region champion Westfield (208), a team that, a week earlier, had captured the Concorde District title ahead of second place Robinson.

South County was the third place team at regionals, well behind the Rams and Bulldogs with 118 points but ahead of fourth place Annandale (92), fifth place Hayfield (78), and sixth place Lee (69). Rounding out the top 10 teams at the 30-school event were seventh place Mount



Robinson's Brooks Martino was the 135-weight class champion at last Saturday evening's Northern Region wrestling finals at Fairfax High School.

Vernon (65), eighth place Edison (62), ninth place Langley (58) and 10th place Lake Braddock (54).

Other local teams at the postseason meet, included 13th place Fairfax (50.50 points), 21st place Thomas Jefferson High (24), 26th place Woodson (21.50), and West Springfield.

Robinson will next move on to this Friday and Saturday's Virginia State AAA championships, which take place at the Rams' home gymnasium at Robinson.

Robinson won the state title in 1985. The current squad is hungry to gain another this weekend.

"I think we have a team that can perform [exceptionally] at the next level," said Hazard, of states. "But we have to do it. We need some heroes."

Robinson had plenty of heroes last week in winning its fourth region crown in 30 years — the other region title teams coming in 1981, 1985 and 1991. The Rams got individual championships from the following wrestlers: Jake Pinkston (heavyweight); Wes Jones (160); Brooks Martino (135); Jack Bass (125); Jake Smith (119); Dallas Smith (112); and Lucas Sodergren (103).

So in 14 weight brackets, the Rams took home seven titles.

Pinkston, at heavyweight, was a 3-2 finals winner over Westfield's Tyler DeLeon (35-11 record), the defending region champion. A freshman, Pinkston showed the demeanor and coolness of a seasoned athlete.

"I'm very proud," said Pinkston (30-11). "This is my first [region] tournament championship and I worked hard for this. All the

"We need some heroes."

— Bryan Hazard, Robinson head wrestling coach

sprints and [hard work] in practice has paid off. At the beginning of the season I knew I would do some things but never would have imagined winning the region."

Pinkston, in reaching the finals, won matches over Edison's David Lazo second period pin), Marshall's Matt Crawford, 7-4, and, in the semifinals, Woodson's Carson Brown (third period pin).

Jones (44-6), a senior with 150-plus career wins, bested senior Christian Merino of South County, 5-2, in a hard-fought title match. Jones, this year's Concorde District champion, built a 5-1 third period lead and held off the talented Merino (30-5). Jones reached the championship match with wins over Falls Church's Mohammed Umaid (first period pin), T.C. Williams' Marvin Gomez (second period pin), and, in the semis, Hayfield's Chris Stone (8-0 major decision).

At 135 weight class, Robinson's Martino (39-6) captured his second consecutive region crown with an efficient 6-0 title match win over T.C. Williams senior Omar Maknassi (33-4). Ahead 2-0 in the second period, Martino, a junior, used a reversal on his opponent to increase his lead to 4-0 with 1 minute, 15 seconds remaining in the period. Late in the third and final period, he earned takedown points to account for the final score.

Martino made it to the finals by defeating South County's Ryan Bishop (second period pin), Mount Vernon's Cody Marino (second period pin), and Lake Braddock's Rory Renzi (20-5 technical fall) in the semifinals.

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Fairfax's Vanderplas Wins in Front of Home Fans

Rebel senior records only pin of final round.

Athletic accolades are nothing new to Joseph Vanderplas. The senior left-hander is such an accomplished pitcher, he received a scholarship to play baseball at the University of Tennessee.

On Saturday, Feb. 12, the home crowd at Fairfax High School showered Vanderplas with applause not for his work on the mound, but for his dominance on the mat.

Vanderplas pinned Westfield's Jacob DeLeon in the third round of the 215-pound championship match during the Northern Region wrestling tournament — the only pin recorded by any grappler during the finals round. Rebel fans erupted when Vanderplas earned the title.

"It felt great just knowing I had worked hard for it all season," Vanderplas said, "and

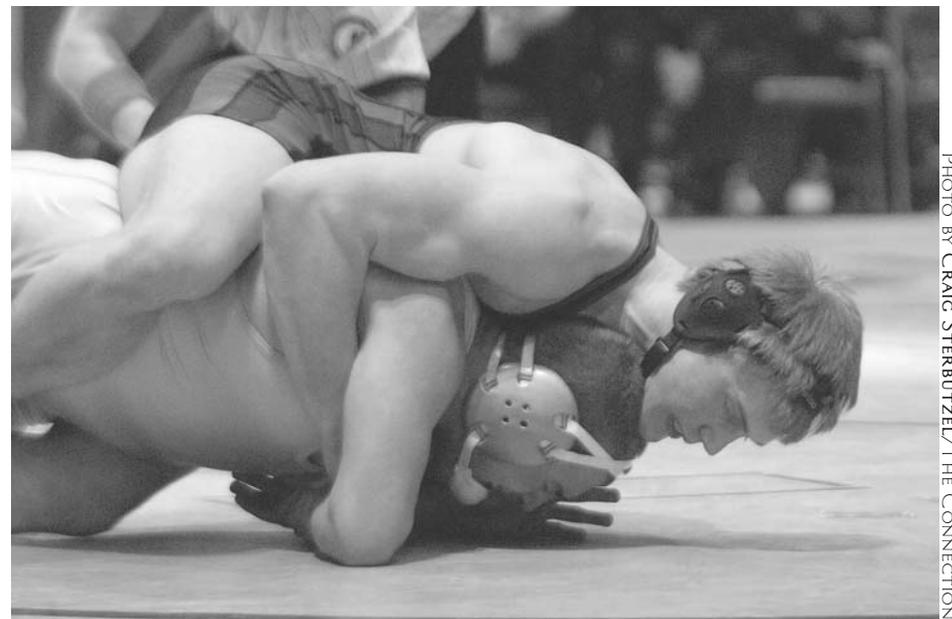
it was finally going to happen. ... I think this is my biggest accomplishment — besides getting a scholarship to Tennessee — in any sport."

Vanderplas won the award for most pins in the shortest amount of time, recording three in 7 minutes, 45 seconds.

Fairfax finished 13th with 50.50 points. Nick Lowstuter (103 pounds) finished sixth. Robinson won the team title with 260.5 points, followed by Westfield (208) and South County (118).

The state tournament will be held Feb. 18-19 at Robinson Secondary School. Vanderplas said he wants to knock off North Stafford's Justin Tribble, who has beaten the Fairfax grappler twice this season.

— BY JON ROETMAN



Fairfax senior Joseph Vanderplas, top, pinned Westfield's Jacob DeLeon to win the 215-pound Northern Region title on Saturday at Fairfax High School.

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SPORTS

Rams Roll To Top of Region

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In the 125 weight class, Robinson's Bass, who a week earlier had won the Concorde District title despite being the No. 5-seed, experienced another winning weekend, taking the region crown by major decision, 12-2 over Annandale's Dane Harlowe, a two-time region champion. Bass (38-6), a freshman, went on to earn Most Outstanding Wrestler honors during brief post meet ceremonies.

During the regular season, Bass missed four district dual meet matches as the result of an injury. Thus, he was not one of the top seeded wrestlers at districts. But he has proven to be at or close to full strength over the postseason and has two titles to show for it.

"I'm peaking at the right time," said Bass. "I'm wrestling my matches and staying focused."

He was naturally pleased with his finals win over Harlowe (29-5), a junior and three-time Patriot District champion, but felt he could have done even better.

"I didn't capitalize on a lot of stuff," he said. "I like to always push the pace."

Bass is looking forward to states.

"I have a lot of confidence in myself and feel I'll do pretty well [at states] and be even stronger [physically]," said Bass, who made it to the finals with wins over Fairfax High's Kevin Richards (first period pin), Woodson's David Taves (second period pin), and McLean's Austin Miller (21-7, major decision). "As a team we out-train everybody and push each other."

In the 119 finals, Robinson's Jake Smith (39-6) built a 2-0 lead before the match was stopped with 1:19 remaining in the second period. Smith's opponent, Edison's Brock Jacobson (44-9), was injured and the match could not be resumed. As a result, Smith was the champion by injury default. It marked the second region title for Smith, a former state runner-up. Jacobson, a freshman, earned accolades as the National District champion at his weight class two weeks ago.

Smith said Jacobson hurt his shoulder during a fall when Smith moved ahead 2-0 in that second period. He felt particularly bad for his opponent because the two have been acquaintances since their youth and have practiced and competed against one another over the years.

"It's hard to go against someone you know," said Smith.

Smith made it to the finals by winning matches over McLean's Nick Echeverria (first period pin), Annandale's Rawand Shamdin (first period pin), and Madison's Robert Dooley, 3-1.

Robinson's Dallas Smith, in the 112 finals, defeated Westfield's Brett Campbell, 5-2. The match was scoreless after one period before Campbell, with 40 seconds remaining in the second period, earned two points at the edge of the mat with a reversal to go ahead 2-0. But early in the third period, Smith turned his opponent over and earned five points to take control of the match and ultimately earn the win.

It was the second straight region crown for Smith (30-5), who a year ago reached the state finals.

Two weeks ago in the Concorde District finals, Smith lost to Campbell, 4-1.

"I lost to him one time [in five meetings this year]

at the district finals," said Smith, of rival Campbell. "I had to get my head together [for the region finals meeting]. I thought about [the district finals loss] every minute this week and didn't want to talk about it."

Of the region title match win, Smith said, "The match didn't go the way I thought it would. I didn't think I'd get a five-point throw [sequence]. I knew I was going to win after that."

Smith, who made it to the finals with wins over Marshall's James Cusack (first period pin), Annandale's Jon Le (second period pin), and Oakton's Eddie Gerow (first period pin), is looking forward to states.

"I have to work even harder this week and hope to be at the first place podium [at states]," he said.

Robinson's Sodergren (34-11), a freshman, won his 103 finals match in close fashion, 4-3, over South County freshman Hunter Manley (44-6). Sodergren earned a two-point takedown early in the first period to go ahead 2-0. Manley got escape points early in the second and early in the third period as well to tie the match at 2-2. But within the final minute of

the match, Sodergren, from the ground, earned a two-point takedown to go up 4-2. Manley closed within 4-3 and nearly scored in the final seconds but Sodergren held on to gain the championship win.

— Jake Smith

"It was a close match," said Sodergren, who won the Concorde District championship two weeks ago. "I just tried to keep going and eventually came out on top. He's a little lankier than me and strong, and he kept pushing."

Sodergren, in his road to the finals, defeated South Lakes' Kevin Argueta (15-0, technical fall), Mount Vernon's Eriq Dahlum, 6-2, and West Potomac's Ian Thompson (first period pin).

Two other Robinson wrestlers made it to the region finals before finishing second. Zak Depasquale (33-10), at the 145 finals, lost to unbeaten Ryan Forrest of South Lakes, 10-1 (major decision). Forrest, the Liberty District champion, improved to 45-0. Depasquale had reached the finals with wins over West Springfield's David Branson (first period pin), Washington-Lee's Jared Deiner (13-1, major decision), and Stone Bridge's Pat Taylor, 6-0.

Also making it to the finals for Robinson was Santiago Valdez at 130 weight class. The junior (37-8) made it to the championship match with wins over Lake Braddock's Sean Haskett (second period pin), McLean's Andy Chung (second period pin), and Hayfield's Nathan Coburn, 5-4. In the finals, Valdez lost to unbeaten junior Henry Majano (40-0 record) of Wakefield High by a close 3-2 decision. Majano led 2-0 after one period and 2-1 going into the third. Early in the final period, Majano went ahead 3-1 with an escape point. Late in the match, Valdez got within 3-2 with an escape point in the closing seconds.

Robinson wrestlers Tim Fitzpatrick (171) and Shon Tron (140) both earned fifth place medals.

Jake Smith, Robinson's 119 champion, said he and his teammates were thrilled to win the region title over Westfield. But the upcoming states are what Robinson has really been looking forward to.

"Our team has always been strong and we have a good rival with Westfield," said Smith. "But winning the region really means nothing. We have our eyes on states. That's really all that matters. There's no reason why we shouldn't win the state title."

Robinson Student Acts in 'Les Miserables'

'The ideas and conflicts are timeless.'

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

A drama and turmoil of the French Revolution will burst upon the stage when Centreville Presbyterian Church's community theater group presents the musical, "Les Miserables." It features a cast and crew of more than 60, with a live orchestra and students from 26 different schools — including Robinson Secondary senior Lauren Rowson.

"The talent is so high," said Director Zoe Dillard. "The kids are just wonderful, and they've been a pleasure to work with."

Show times are Thursday-Friday, Feb. 24-25, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 26, at 2 and 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 27, at 2 p.m., at the church, 15450 Lee Highway in Centreville. Tickets are \$10 at the church office or via www.centrevillepres.com. For more information, call 703-830-0098.

Rowson portrays Fantine. "Although she's only in her 20s or 30s, I see her as a broken-down woman," said Rowson. "She



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From left, Molly Nuss of Madison High; Alex Johnson, Chantilly; Nick McDonough, Langley; and Lauren Rowson, Robinson, take a break from rehearsing.

loved a man who then left her. She had his child, Cosette, and had to give her up to keep her a secret. She works in a factory

where the other workers hate her and the foreman harasses her."

"Fantine struggles to live a clean life be-

fore she's forced into prostitution to keep a roof over her child's head," said Rowson. "And the people caring for her daughter lie to her so she'll give them more money."

THIS IS THE first show Rowson saw as a child, so she's thrilled with her role. "Fantine has a strength and pride that she keeps through all her hardships," said Rowson. "Everything she does, she does for her daughter. I usually play comic parts, but this role has such depth, and this character really develops the theme of self-sacrifice. She leaves such a good impression on everyone and is a very moving character."

Rowson especially likes the number, "On My Own," sung by Eponine, the daughter of the family keeping Cosette. "It captures Eponine's character so beautifully. It's about how all the bad things in her life are worth it, as long as she has the hope of someday being with Marius, the young man she loves."

Rowson said the story would strike a chord with the audience because "it explores people's ability to change and redeem themselves. One of the lines, 'to love another person is to see the face of God,' sums up the themes of mercy, redemption and self-sacrifice running through the show. And all the music is incredible."

CALENDAR

To have community events listed, send to south@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416 with questions. Deadline for calendar listings is two weeks prior to event.

FRIDAY/FEB. 18

Wagner's "The Valkyrie." 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The second opera in "The Ring Cycle," performed by The Virginia Opera and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. Tickets \$44-\$86, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.vaopera.org.

Jammin' Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle IV Finals. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

"Oklahoma!" 7:30 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Advance tickets \$8, at the door \$10. www.fxplayers.org.

Jonathan Edwards. 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$24. www.wolftrap.org.

SATURDAY/FEB. 19

Kena Shrine Temple Mardi Gras Ball. 7:30-11 p.m. Grand Ballroom, Kena Temple, 9001 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. Music, dancing, Cajun cuisine, door prizes, costumes and more. Admission \$35 per person. 703-573-4202 or www.kena.org/Shop/tickets.htm.

The Downtown Fiction. 5:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Hot Tuna Blues. 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Blues, jazz, bluegrass and folk by Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's

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Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association.

Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church, 10125 Lakehaven Court, Burke. Advanced beginners waltz moves at 7:30 p.m. Open dancing 8:30-11 p.m. Two step, waltz, line, swing, cha cha and more. Couples and singles welcome. Admission \$5-\$12. www.nvcwda.org or 703-860-4941.

Young Dubliners. 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. www.wolftrap.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 20

Wagner's "The Valkyrie." 2 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The second opera in "The Ring Cycle," performed by The Virginia Opera and the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. Tickets \$48-\$98, available at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.vaopera.org.

"Oklahoma!" 2 p.m. Fairfax High School, 3501 Rebel Run, Fairfax. Advance tickets \$8, at the door \$10. www.fxplayers.org.

Fairfax Symphony Orchestra 48th Annual Dorothy Farnham Feuer String Competition Finals. 2 p.m. Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike, Fairfax. Featuring nine finalists in grades 8 through 12 from northern Virginia. Free, public invited. 703-563-1990 or www.fairfaxsymphony.org.

TUESDAY/FEB. 22

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library,

10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227.
Twilight Tales. 7 p.m. Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Listen to stories before bedtime. Age 3-6 with adult. 703-978-5600.

THURSDAY/FEB. 24

Brendan James and Matt White. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. jamminjava.com.

Our Daily Bread Empty Bowls Fundraiser. 6:30 p.m. Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. A meal of soup and bread, with live music by the Fairfax Saxophone Quartet, a silent auction and raffles. Purchase a hand-crafted bowl for a donation of \$25 and up. Families welcome, \$10 per child or \$20 for two or more children (bowl not included). Proceeds benefit Our Daily Bread, a non-profit that provides aid to working families in Fairfax County. www.our-daily-bread.org or 703-273-8829.

Little House Studio Recital with the Morrison Brothers. 7:30 p.m. Bangkok Blues, 926 West Broad St., Falls Church. Music from Beatles and bluegrass to Natalie MacMaster and Green Day, performed by Little House Studio students under the guidance of director Larry Rice. Pop/country/rock recording artists Truman and Willie Morrison of The Morrison Brothers Band will be joined by Larry Rice on fiddle. Free admission. 703-534-0095 or www.LarryRiceMusic.com/lessons.html.

Chinese Scrolls from the Dr. Chi Wang Collection. Mason Hall Alumni Atrium Gallery at George Mason University, 4400 University Drive in Fairfax. Panel discussion at 5 p.m., and Opening Reception 6-8 p.m. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

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Sherwood

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too. ... You did not see the concerts that you see today. Certainly, there was nothing here, that's for sure. When we started choral concerts at Fairfax High School, we had a great turnout."

The one-story center is named after Geraldine Sherwood's husband, Stacy C. Sherwood, who came from a prominent Fairfax family. Born in 1922 on Main Street in the Town of Fairfax, Stacy Sherwood followed in his family's footsteps in his dedication and service to the community. Like his father, Albert, Stacy Sherwood was a former town councilmember and, like his brother, he was a member of the city's Board of Zoning Appeals. According to city officials, it was Stacy Sherwood who proposed the purchase of land that led to the formation of George Mason University.

"Through this donation, the family has left an enduring legacy," Lederer said.

The center got its first public audience after the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Nearly 100 community residents, many parents with small children, toured the 12,000 square-foot facility. Musical performances and children's entertainment continued throughout the afternoon.

In the Activity Room, Mr. Skip entertained children with music and storytelling, along with face-painters, balloon artists and crafts in the Greenfield Art Room. In the main hall, the prince and princess Chick-Fil-A cows made an appearance and posed for photos with their many young fans.

Wendy Dine, who heard about the event on Facebook, brought her 3-year-old twins — Miranda and Sammy. "This is a beautiful place. We're planning to move to Fairfax, and now that we see this, it makes us want to be a part of the community even more," Dine said.

Fairfax residents Emily Marciniak and Heidi Dudek brought their young daughters for the entertainment, and to check out the rehearsal space. "We love the dance studio. It's a great space, and I wanted to see because we are thinking about taking lessons here," Marciniak said.

City Councilmember Jeff Greenfield and his wife, Lisa, who donated the funds for the Greenfield Art Room, said he wanted a way to honor his parents Mary and Ray, longtime residents of the City of Fairfax. His father, Ray, died in 2001. "I came by myself to the center for the first time earlier this week, and I'm glad I did. It was very emotional moment," Greenfield said, adding that the center was the "cherry on top of the sundae."

During the grand opening, Lederer announced the City of Fairfax Mayor's Ball, the first formal gala to be hosted in the center. In collaboration with Fairfax Spotlight on the Arts, the event will take place April 15, from 7 p.m. to midnight to celebrate the city's 50th anniversary.

"I'm very happy to see it being a usable space," Geraldine Sherwood said. "My hope is that this center will bring decades of enjoyment and remain a beautiful and cherished space for everyone who lives here."

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SL & HJ, LLC trading as Hunan Deli, 7200-V Telegraph Square Drive, Lorton, VA 22079. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Beer & Wine on and off premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Hyun-Jung Yi, Vice President

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Improved by the premises known as 4526 Little River Run Drive, Annandale, Virginia

In execution of a Deed of Trust from Long P. Le and Lan Thi Ngoc Hoang, dated March 14, 2008, and recorded March 21, 2008, Deed Book 19843 at page 1005 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judicial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia, on

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Lot 32A, Little River Mews, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 5895 at page 270, among the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 4526 Little River Run Drive, Annandale, Virginia 22003.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$35,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 5.75 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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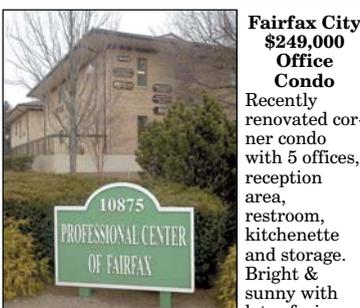
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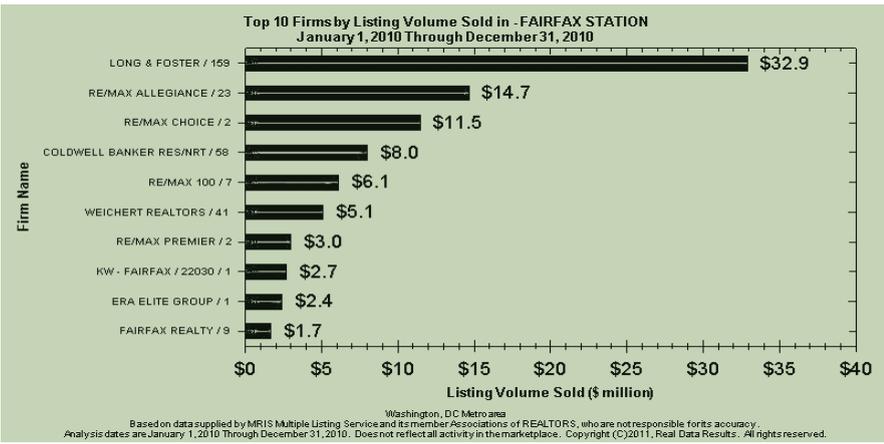


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