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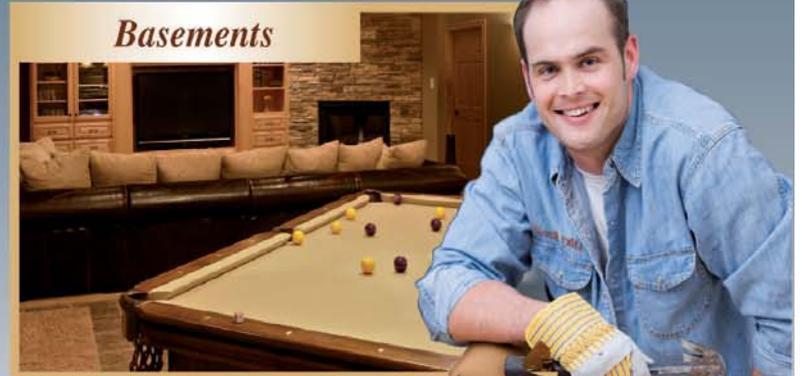
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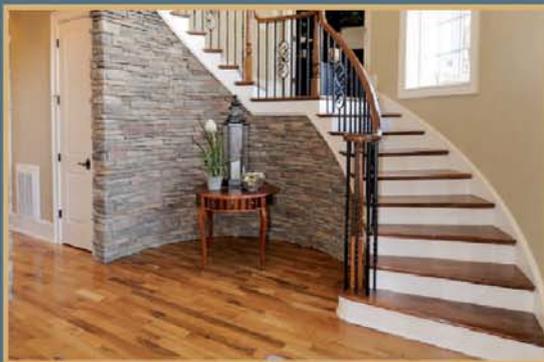
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From left, senior Becca Allen, sophomore Katie Rees and senior Tess Higgins debate as a jury as part of Langley High School's production of "12 Angry Women."



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## Langley Men, Women Get 'Angry'

Langley High School presents "12 Angry Men" and "12 Angry Women."

BY ALEX McVEIGH  
THE CONNECTION

Students at Langley High School will get a chance to get their anger out on the stage as the Saxon Stage presents "12 Angry Women" and "12 Angry Men." The two productions tell the story of a jury tasked with deciding the fate of a young man accused of murdering his father. As the deliberations progress, the jurors learn about their own fears, prejudices and morals.

"We both want to see each other do well, but there is also some competition between the boys and girls," said senior Hayley Mueller, who plays Juror #4.

The play was originally written as "12 Angry Men" in 1954. A few years later, author Reginald Rose wrote "12 Angry Women." Though the script retains the same basic premise, a single juror claiming

reasonable doubt and swinging jurors one by one to his side, they differ in tone.

**THE TWO CASTS** avoided watching each other's rehearsal, in order to make sure they stayed independent of each other.

"We didn't work together at all, we wanted to form our own characters," said sophomore Charlie Weir, who plays Juror #11.

The play takes place on the hottest day of the year in New York City and director Phyllis Jaffe cranked the heat up during rehearsals to lend to the effect.

"It was sort of frustrating working in the heat, you have to stay sharp, which is hard," said senior Becca Allen, who plays Juror #12. "Usually its cold onstage, which makes it easier to stay focused. But is also makes it easier to act like it's hot."

The final juror to be swayed, Juror #3, is bitter throughout the play at the defendant, identifying him with his or her estranged son. The two Juror #3s, seniors Nicole Kang and Jay Mamana, each drew from different inspiration for their characters.

"It's very personal with my character, she was hit by her son during an argument," Kang said. "The

### Saxons Onstage

Langley High School will be presenting "12 Angry Women" on Feb. 16 and Feb. 18, and "12 Angry Men" on Feb. 17 and Feb. 19. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., and are in the Langley Auditorium. Tickets are \$10, \$8 in advance, and \$15 for both casts if purchased ahead of time. More information can be found at [www.saxonstage.com](http://www.saxonstage.com).

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Jurors discuss the fate of a young man in Langley High School's Production of "12 Angry Men."



PHOTOS BY KIM MORAN

Pictured from left are the Churchill Road Safe and Drug-Free Bookmark contest winners: Sydney Bamdad, Kelly Walton, Sophia Shiells, Kira Zaccardelli, Rehan Javaid and Esther Oh.

## Being Safe And Drug-free

Great Falls residents can take part in a national biological survey as local bird election unfolds.

Churchill Road students recently participated in the 2011 Annual Safe and Drug Free Bookmark Contest, sponsored by Fairfax County Public Schools' Student Safety and Wellness Office. More than 200 Churchill Road students used their creativity and artistic talents to design bookmarks exemplifying the theme: "The key to being safe and drug-free." Organized by Churchill Road counselor, Alex Mantel, entries were judged by CRS staff members; then the six finalists were selected by

Churchill Road's Student Council Association officers at their biweekly meeting. The winners in the Kindergarten to 3rd grade group are third graders: Sophia Shiells (1st place); Kelly Walton (2nd place); and Sydney Bamdad (3rd place). For grades 4 through 6, the winners are: 5th grader Esther Oh (1st place); 4th grader Rehan Javaid; and 5th grader Kira Zaccardelli (3rd place). The first place entries in each age group will be judged against winners from other Fairfax County elementary schools.



Churchill Road Student Council Association officers Aria Zand, Charlotte Sununu, Katie Bellaschi, David Kim and Kelley McCormick tackle the difficult job of selecting the winning bookmarks.

**Chesterbrook PTA Online Auction has something for every age, taste and budget.**



## Chesterbrook PTA Launches Online Auction

The Chesterbrook Elementary School's Online Auction is now up and running, offering four Taylor Swift concert tickets, autographed sports and Hollywood memorabilia, salon and spa indulgence packages, and rounds of golf at some of the area's premier golf and country clubs. From hard-to-get tickets for sporting events, getaways near and far, gift certificates to the Washington area's most delicious restaurants, and kid-favorites such as a Nintendo Wii and Pump It Up! packages, this auction has something for every age, taste and budget.

The Online Auction started Sunday, Feb. 13 at 2 p.m. and closes March 6 at 10 p.m. All proceeds go to the Chesterbrook PTA to support the school by providing educational enrichment opportunities, from classroom purchases to technology upgrades.

Register for the online auction at [www.biddingforgood.com/chesterbrook](http://www.biddingforgood.com/chesterbrook)

## MCA to Hold Winter Membership Meeting

The McLean Citizens Association Winter Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. The guest speaker from Fairfax County will be Deputy Director of the Department of Management and Budget Joe Mondoro.

Mondoro will talk about county budget matters and will answer questions from the audience. It is important to remember that the staff doesn't set policy; the Board of Supervisors does.

The meeting provides the opportunity to learn where the county's fiscal house is and where it may be in the future. Plan to attend and bring a neighbor, a friend or both.

The McLean Community Center is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue in McLean. Free parking is available.

## Del. Comstock's Amendment Passes Unanimously

Delegate Barbara Comstock (R-34) introduced a budget amendment that would allow school districts to shift any portion of eligible FY 2012 Virginia Preschool Initiative funds toward implementing all-day kindergarten. There are 37 schools in Fairfax County that do not yet provide all-day kindergarten. The House of Delegates passed the budget amendment unanimously on Thursday, Feb. 10. The budget, House Bill 1500, was passed with bipartisan support, 69-28.

Delegate Comstock issued the following statement about the Budget Amendment: "I am pleased that the House of Delegates voted unanimously for my budget amendment. The amendment will give a school district the option to shift money, for one year, from pre-school funds to complete the implementation of all-day kindergarten in districts that do not yet have all-day kindergarten in all of their schools. This will make approximately \$3 million available for Fairfax County with a 50-50 match from the state, instead of the higher match we have for K-12.

"This budget amendment will help Fairfax County close the gap and help provide all-day kindergarten in all of our schools. I look forward to continuing to work with our parents and the community to ensure that all of our kindergarten students are being treated equally."

## NEWS



**Members of the Spirit of Praise Dance Youth Ensemble from Greater Little Zion Baptist Church in Fairfax received a standing ovation after their performance.**



PHOTOS BY VELLMA LUMIC/FAIRFAX COUNTY

**Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, celebrates the event with Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill).**

# Black History Month Celebrated

**Spirited singing, dancing and preaching highlight Fairfax County's celebration.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

Sounds of clapping, singing and shouts of "amen" rang out as Kennedy Saunders began singing the uplifting spiritual "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

With its message of struggle and hope, the hymn has long been a staple at African-American churches, and was quoted by the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery at Barack Obama's presidential inauguration.

But Saunders wasn't singing for his congregation at Antioch Baptist Church in Fairfax Station.

Along with the Antioch Baptist Choir, he was performing for more than 300 people who gathered at the Fairfax County Government Center auditorium Friday night to celebrate Black History Month. The free program, titled "Embracing Our Youth, Our Heritage and Celebrating All Cultures," was sponsored by Fairfax County, in partnership with Cox Communications.

"Joy is for everyone. We're all brothers and sisters, and that's what we're celebrating tonight. Black history is the history of everyone," said Emma Marshall, who organized the popular event along with Tilly Blanding and Dale Wallace. All are social workers for Fairfax County.

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**, celebrated each February, officially began in 1976, and this year arrives on the heels of the 25th anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The stirring music program mixed dance and step performances with up-tempo gospel music. During an emotional performance by Maharold People, Jr. & The Tribe of Praise, the audience danced along

and cheered the group's soaring vocals.

The audience gave standing ovations after energetic routines by The Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Step Team of Herndon, and the Greater Little Zion Baptist Church Spirit of Praise Youth Dance Ensemble of Fairfax.

"It's an awesome, inspiring program," said Debora Brown, an employee for the County's Women Infants and Children (WIC) program. She performed an interpretive dance selection, and has been coming to the celebration for 18 years. "This is an opportunity for us to love and celebrate our background, and look forward to positive changes in our future," she said.

The event included remarks by Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Supervisor Catherine Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill). Supervisors Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) and John C. Cook (R-Braddock) also attended the event.

Bulova choked up recalling an episode from her childhood. "When I was growing up in the 1950s outside of Baltimore, I didn't know anyone who was African-American." On an afternoon walk, she and her siblings wandered into a neighborhood they had never seen before. "A boy who was about my age came out to shake our hand," Bulova recalled. "He was African American. He invited us inside his house to have some cookies his mother had made. It opened up a whole new world for us ... It pleases me so much to see how our world has changed for the better."

Hudgins mentioned the county's many historically black churches, such as Cartersville Baptist Church in Vienna, which was founded in 1863 by free African-Americans. "When others were not serving the

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**Twenty-eight Fairfax County Public Schools students** will be performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Feb. 20, as part of the wind ensemble Flutopia. Performer include Brandon Austin, Ali Dettmer, Jessica Hiemstra, Will Morgan Palmer, Victoria Palmer, Maddie Boyles, Amanda Meneses, Katie Lopes, Leanne Poussard, Michael Poussard, Lake Braddock Secondary School; Katie Moody, Dana Rosenberg, Jenna Weida, Katy Maher, Evie Masterson, Emma Andrews, Lydia Carlson, Laura Feibelman, Emily Hertzler, Olivia Staton, Julia Henderson, Jen Harazin, Drew Witter, Julia Morris, Dylan Reiser, Kenny Venskus, Kerrigan Strong and Will Crowley. The students will perform in "A Breath of Fresh Air" presented by the Distinguished Concerts International New York series.

**Peter-Christoph Schmidt** of McLean has been named to the honor roll at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Tx.

**Rachel Nicole Adams** of Mc Lean has been named to the fall 2010 dean's list at Juniata College of Huntingdon, Pa. The junior psychology major is the daughter of Gregory Adams and Colette Marcellin.

## Black History Celebrated

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African-American community, the church served as a substitute and continues today to have a prominent place in our community," she said. She emphasized the community's need to stay connected and get to know each other. "We acknowledge we are a county about all people," she said.

**AFTER THE MUSICAL PROGRAM**, the crowd moved into the Board of Supervisors' chamber to hear the keynote speech by Vice Admiral David L. Brewer, III, U.S. Navy (retired). During his career in the U.S. Navy, Brewer, who was born in Farmville, commanded two ships and won numerous awards for combat efficiency and community service. He also received the Naval War College's Distinguished Graduate Leader Award. He targeted his speech to the youth in the audience, and did a humorous question and answer session with the group.

Mark Cannady of Lorton said he brought his two teenage daughters and wife to the celebration to hear the inspiring music, and hear Brewer "preach."

"This is always a fantastic event, and I really enjoyed the focus on youth tonight," Cannady said.

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# General Assembly Mandates Autism Treatment

Law would require some insurance companies to pay for certain therapies.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

Over the past few weeks, four year-old Quentin Tidd has started to say a few words and to repeat sounds he has heard.

For Quentin, who has autism, this was a major and somewhat unexpected leap forward in his development. Experts have told his family that Quentin might be able to make more progress if he spent more time in one-on-one behavioral therapy, said his mother, Jennifer Tidd.

"My son is considered nonverbal so this really was a breakthrough," said Tidd, who lives in Reston.

Unfortunately, the extra therapy that Quentin needs doesn't come cheap. Tidd said her family currently pays about \$40 per hour out of pocket for individual treatment, which Quentin receives approximately twice per week.

Like many other families, the Tidds discovered their insurance policy did not cover any of behavioral and speech therapy that doctors say Quentin requires.

"Some insurance companies charge higher premiums if an autistic child is on the policy. They charge more but they refuse to pay for treatment," said Tidd.

Tidd said her family spent their Christmas break discussing how they could rework their finances so they could afford more hours of one-on-one therapy for Quentin. Experts have said this type of early intervention could improve Quentin's functioning for the rest of his life, according to Tidd.

Still, the family finances are already a bit stretched, especially with one child enrolled at Virginia Commonwealth University.

"Honestly, we would probably be paying for more therapy if we didn't have child in college," said Tidd. "But we would find a way to afford it now."

Tidd has thought seriously about going back to work to pay for extra hours of treatment for Quentin but she doesn't necessarily trust another person to take care of her son. Tidd has no problem sending her older children to daycare, but she would worry about handing over Quentin to a caretaker that did not have special training to deal with children who have autism.

"There are days when he is just impossible. He can be very difficult. You worry that you are not going to be able to find someone who will treat your child the right way when he is screaming and kicking and throwing a tantrum," said Tidd.

"Then, you wonder, should we take the chance of putting him in a daycare situation? If I don't go to work to pay for this



Springfield resident Teresa Champion spoke to the crowd gathered in Richmond to lobby on behalf of a bill that would require insurance companies to provide some treatment for Autism. Fairfax County Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), pictured in the background, was one of the sponsors of the bill.

additional treatment, he is not going to progress as he should," said Tidd.

**RELIEF** may be on the way for Tidd and other parents of children on the autism spectrum that are in similar predicaments. The Virginia General Assembly recently passed a bill that would require some insurance companies to cover treatment for children with a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder.

The Virginia House of Delegates passed the legislation 74-24 on Feb. 2, with the support of every Fairfax County delegate. Two Fairfax representatives, Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) and Del. Tom Rust (R-56), were chief sponsors of the legislation in the House.

The Virginia Senate passed a very similar bill 28-11 on Feb. 8, with all but one Fairfax senator, George Barker (D-37), supporting the bill. Sen. Janet Howell (D-42), also from Fairfax, sponsored the senate legislation.

Howell, who carried similar bills for the past two years, said she got involved with autism advocacy in part because her grandnephew, who lives in Arizona, is "severely autistic." She was impressed with the services he was provided but frustrated that so many children in Virginia were being unable to get the same treatment.

"He receives wonderful treatment but he doesn't live in Virginia. He lives in Arizona and they have a [insurance] mandate," said Howell.

**HUGO**, who sits on the House subcommittee overseeing mandated benefits, said he was moved by some of the testimony he heard from parents around the state.

One woman told the subcommittee that she had two children with autism but could only afford treatment for one. Another man asked the delegates to let his child "out of the darkness."

"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, who represents Clifton and Centreville.

"I think this is an important bill. If we don't do something, we risk leaving these kids in the darkness," he said.

Even though the legislation passed both chamber by large margins, legislators and advocates alike have said they are unsure whether Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) plans to sign the bill into law. When contacted by The Connection, McDonnell's office said the governor had not reviewed the bill yet.

**"Self-insured companies do not have to provide this benefit and at least 55 percent of people in Fairfax work for self-insured companies."**

—Del. Mark Sickles (D-43)

"We have no idea what he is going to do. His office is being pretty mum. But his [campaign committee] did give the Virginia Autism Project a \$5,000 contribution last year so we know he is supportive of the cause as a whole," said Lynn Miller, a Fairfax parent of two boys with autism who lobbied for the bill.

**AUTISM ACTIVISTS** have been trying to get some type of mandate for insurance companies to cover autism spectrum disorder in Virginia for about a decade, though the effort has become more focused over the last three years, said Teresa Champion, a Springfield resident.

"When a parent gets a diagnosis of autism from a doctor, they also get a prescription for therapy like speech therapy and behavioral intervention and they will file a claim with their insurance company. Then, the insurance company will send a letter back saying that the treatment is not medically necessary," said Champion of the current situation in Virginia.

According to Champion, the type of intensive therapy that will really make a difference, particularly for toddlers and very young children, could cost \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year, which few families can afford.

"When we began working intensively with my son, he was considered to have moderate to severe autism. But after six months of intensive treatment, he was moved into the mild to high functioning category. He improved after this therapy but we couldn't afford to keep doing it," said Champion, whose son is now 17 years old.

**PROPONENTS** of the bill have also learned to pare down their expectations. Three years ago, the advocates had proposed a bill that would have required insurance companies to cover treatment for children with autism until they were adults.

This year, they narrowed their focus to toddlers and children in preschool, in order to make the legislation more palatable to fiscal conservatives in the House of Delegates. They also put a cap on services of \$35,000 per year, said Champion.

"A lot of people in the House don't like the government mandating anything. That was the primary resistance. There was also a fear about what the cost might be," said Champion.

Twenty-three other states have passed similar legislation, so Champion and supporters of the bill were able to provide the legislators with data on the cost incurred in other states. Of particular concern was the impact it might have on the state budget, since the benefit would be extended to employees of the commonwealth, said Champion.

"South Carolina thought it would cost \$18 million and it ended up costing \$2 million last year. The data shows that the doom and gloom about this bill's impact on budgets doesn't exist," she said.

Children with autism also are likely to cost Virginia more as adults if they don't receive early intervention services, said autism advocates.

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 the greatest threat to local government's fiscal health was not the wave of aging baby boomers as previously thought but the rapidly growing percentage of young adults with autism.

"Without this bill, the cost to society is huge because the incidence of autism is only growing," said Champion.<sup>9</sup>

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## Assembly Passes Autism Bill

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**IF THE BILL** becomes law, it will still be the most narrowly focused and limited of all state mandates related to autism. Most other states allow a wider age range to be covered or have a higher spending cap for services. In one case, Minnesota, there is no upper age limit or cap on spending at all, said Champion.

Even under this legislation, there are families whose insurance still won't cover services for autism spectrum disorder.

The legislation would not apply to companies with 50 or fewer employees. Employers who are self-insured, including large corporations, are also exempt from the mandate. Individuals who buy plans for their families on the open market are also not covered by this legislation.

"Self-insured companies do not have to provide

this benefit and at least 55 percent of people in Fairfax work for self-insured companies," said Del. Mark Sickles (D-43).<sup>o</sup>

Sickles voted for the bill but said he worries that it might cause more small businesses to stop providing insurance to their employees altogether.

"This is most expensive mandate on businesses that we have imposed since I have been here. With all the talk of Obamacare and what the federal government is doing, we have turned around and imposed this very expensive mandate on a certain set of businesses in Virginia," said Sickles.

The delegate said he has also seen an opinion from Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's office which suggested the \$35,000 annual cap on services was not legal because a federal law mandating parity for mental health treatment. If the cap was removed, the mandate could become even more expensive to meet, said Sickles.

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# OPINION

## Important Step for Autism

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

Thanks to Delegates Tim Hugo and Tom Rust, along with state Sen. Janet Howell 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 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.

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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](http://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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### Support New License Plate

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.

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 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.

State Sen. David Marsden of Fairfax County and Del. Luke Torian of Prince William County have graciously offered to patron our bills, SB 804 and HB 2245, respectively.

In order to receive consideration of our request, we must collect a minimum of 350 pre-paid license plate applications. Information on obtaining the license plate design and application can be found on our website at <http://vtfoundation.wsiefusion.net/license-plates.html> or Facebook at [http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_166407600652928&ap=1](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_166407600652928&ap=1)

Please join us in spreading the word so that all who wish to honor the 32 and survivors can have the means to do so.

**Joseph Samaha, Michael Pohle, Susan Carney, Jody McQuade, Bev Bluhm, Mike White, Lily Habtu, Uma Loganathan, Suzanne Grimes and Kavita Suratkal**  
The Board of Directors of the VTV Family Outreach Foundation, Centreville

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Time for New Leadership

To the Editor:

When School Board member Jane Strauss visited our Spring Hill Elementary School PTO meeting Feb. 9, our ridiculously large class sizes were a major point of discussion. (My son's fifth grade class currently has 36 students!) To date, Ms. Strauss has done nothing to alleviate overcrowded classrooms for the constituents that she claims to "represent."

While class sizes grew, Strauss voted to increase administrative spending - including her 2007 vote to spend \$130 million on a second extravagant Administration building. She also voted to spend money on renovations for other schools while Langley HS languishes in the renovation queue. Langley HS is in such poor condition that the LHS PTA bought toilet seats for the school last summer!

And for the one popular countywide issue that was born in the heart of her district - Fairgrade - Strauss' lack of advocacy was profound. At one point, she even lobbied our Fairgrade executive board to kill weighting for honors

courses. Thankfully for FCPS students, Fairgrade stood its ground.

As it stands, the Langley/McLean HS pyramid remains without full-day kindergarten and we have the largest class sizes in the county. Thanks to a lack of proper financial resources from Ms. Strauss and FCPS, our PTAs and PTOs are forced to purchase essential items for our area schools.

If Ms. Strauss wants to vote for programs that benefit schools in other parts of the county and not in our area, then she should run as an At-Large candidate for School Board. She should stop making claims that she "represents" the interests of all the children in the Langley/McLean/Herndon HS pyramid because her record clearly shows she does not.

It's time for a new generation of leadership. Nearly two decades on the School Board from Ms. Strauss is long enough. Kids and taxpayers in the Dranesville district - particularly in the 22101 and 22102 zipcodes - deserve better.

**Catherine Lorenze**  
McLean Parent to three FCPS students

*The writer is a member of Fairgrade Leadership Team, and Co-founder of Fairfax Education Coalition.*

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# NEWS



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**Traveling Players Ensemble's Summer Theatre Camp offers theatre experience outdoors.**

## Auditions Set for Summer Theatre Camp

Traveling Players Ensemble announces auditions for the advanced programs of its 2011 Summer Theatre Camp at the Madeira School.

The Traveling Troupe, an advanced Shakespeare program for rising 10th through 12th graders, will perform Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*. Auditions will be held from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21 at the Lake Anne Complex (1609-A Washington Plaza in Reston). Students should prepare a 14-line Shakespearean monologue. The program runs from June 20 to Aug. 6.

The Commedia Troupe, which teaches the Italian improvised style of *Commedia dell'Arte* for rising 9th to 12th graders, will perform an adaptation of the Anglo-Saxon epic *Beowulf*. Auditions will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Great Falls Library (9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls). Students should prepare a short piece (see website for details). The program runs from July 18 to Aug. 19.

Both programs feature intensive rehearsals, small ensembles and performance tours, taking their plays to outdoor venues like the Limekiln Theater, Douthat State Park and Colonial Williamsburg.

Both auditions require a fee of \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Registration information is available at 703-987-1712 or [www.travelingplayers.org](http://www.travelingplayers.org).

Need-based scholarships are available for all programs.

Traveling Players Ensemble is a professional theatre company whose mission is to bring great theatre into the great outdoors. The company offers many other summer day camps for rising 6th to 12th graders which require no audition.

The camp is in residence at The Madeira School in McLean. The camp's signature purple buses provide daily transportation from throughout the DC Metro area.

For more information, visit [www.travelingplayers.org](http://www.travelingplayers.org) or call 703-987-1712.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Send School Notes to [mclean@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:mclean@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**Twenty-eight Fairfax County Public Schools students** will be performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City on Feb. 20, as part of the wind ensemble *Flutopia*. Performers include Brandon Austin, Ali Dettmer, Jessica Hiemstra, Will Morgan Palmer, Victoria Palmer, Maddie Boyles, Amanda Meneses, Katie Lopes, Leanne Poussard, Michael Poussard, Lake Braddock Secondary School; Katie Moody, Dana Rosenberg, Jenna Weida, Katy Maher, Evie Masterson, Emma Andrews, Lydia Carlson, Laura Feibelman, Emily Hertzler, Olivia Staton, Julia Henderson, Jen Harazin, Drew Witter, Julia Morris, Dylan Reiser, Kenny Venskus, Kerrigan Strong and Will Crowley. The students will perform in

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This **NOTICE** of elections to select members of the 2011-2012 Governing Board of the McLean Community Center is officially given to residents of Small District #1 of the Dranesville District, Fairfax County, Virginia (referred to as "Small District #1"). The McLean Community Center operates as a Special District Agency of the Fairfax County Government through a Memorandum of Understanding between Fairfax County and the McLean Community Center. On February 8, 1984, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the Memorandum of Understanding, which authorizes the elections. The McLean Community Center is funded by residents of Greater McLean for their use through a real estate tax surcharge, the result of a 1970 Small District 1A-Dranesville bond referendum.

Elections are held on **McLean Day** at Lewinsville Park, 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia. This year, McLean Day is on **Saturday, May 21, 2011**.

#### **Voting on McLean Day takes place from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Only Small District #1 residents are eligible to run for seats on the 11-member McLean Community Center Governing Board and to vote in the election. Residents are not required to be property owners in Small District #1 in order to run for the Governing Board or to vote in the election.

**Candidate Qualifications:** Each resident who lives within Small District #1 is eligible to run for a seat on the Governing Board within the appropriate category.

The Governing Board seats to be filled through the election are:

**Three (3) Adult Governing Board Seats:** Adult candidates must be residents of Small District #1 and must be at least eighteen (18) years of age by McLean Day. The candidates who receive the three (3) highest numbers of votes will serve three-year terms on the Governing Board. (If you need help determining whether you reside in Small District #1, please contact the McLean Community Center at 703-744-9348 or elections@mcleancenter.org.)

#### **Two (2) Youth Governing Board Seats:**

One (1) Governing Board youth seat for teens living within the McLean High School boundary area  
One (1) Governing Board youth seat for teens living within the Langley High School boundary area

Teen candidates must live in Small District #1 and must be between fifteen (15) and seventeen (17) years of age by McLean Day. One candidate from each high school boundary area receiving the highest number of votes will serve a one-year term on the Governing Board. High school boundaries are set by the Fairfax County Public Schools.

**NOTICE TO TEENS:** You must live within Small District #1. However, you *do not* have to attend either McLean or Langley High School. You can attend another school, including one that is outside of Small District #1, or you can be home schooled.

In some cases, you might live within the boundary of one of the two high schools, but attend school in the other school high school boundary. For example, you could attend McLean High School, but live in the Langley High School boundary, or vice versa.

***You must run for the youth board seat for  
the high school boundary area where you live.***

You can find your high school boundary area by entering your home address in the Fairfax County Public Schools' boundary tool at <http://boundary.fcps.edu/boundary/>.

**Remember:** No matter where you attend school, you must still live within Small District #1 and run for election in the correct high school boundary area. (If you need help, please contact the McLean Community Center at 703-744-9348 or elections@mcleancenter.org.)

**Candidate Petitions:** Nominating Petitions may be obtained at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia, 22101, beginning at 9 a.m. on **Tuesday, February 22, 2011**. Adults seeking to become candidates for a seat on the Governing Board must get the signatures of ten (10) residents of Small District #1 who are 18 years old or older (by McLean Day). Teens seeking to become candidates for a youth seat on the Governing Board must get the signatures of ten (10) residents of Small District #1 who are between 15 to 17 years old (by McLean Day), and who live within the same high school boundary area where the candidate lives.

**DEADLINE:** Each resident seeking election to the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center shall file a completed petition with the McLean Community Center at the address shown below **on or before 5 p.m. on Friday, March 25, 2011:**

**McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Avenue  
McLean, VA 22101**

All petitions will be certified on **Friday, March 25, 2011**; candidates will be notified whether their petitions have been certified on the same date. The names of certified candidates will be published in newspapers having general circulation in the Dranesville District.

**Voter Qualifications:** Each resident who *lives* within Small District #1 is eligible to vote in the Governing Board elections (within the adult or youth categories, as appropriate).

When voting in the elections, the qualifications are:

**Adults:** Any Small District #1 resident who is eighteen (18) years of age or older by McLean Day is eligible to vote in the elections. Adult candidates may vote for up to three (3) adult candidates.

**Teens:** Any resident who is fifteen (15) through seventeen (17) years of age by McLean Day is eligible to vote in the elections. Teens may vote for one youth candidate from each high school boundary area (but not for two candidates in the same high school boundary area).

Verification of age and residence shall be determined from a driver's license, student identification card, birth certificate, or other satisfactory evidence. A verification process also is required for residents choosing to apply for absentee voting.

**Absentee Voting:** Residents may vote by absentee ballot. Applications for Absentee Ballot packages will be available at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia beginning on **Monday, April 11, 2011** at 9 a.m. Applications for Absentee Ballot packages may be requested in-person, by email at elections@mcleancenter.org, and by telephone at 703-744-9348. Please also refer to the McLean Community Center's Website for updated information regarding the absentee voting process ([www.mcleancenter.org](http://www.mcleancenter.org)). The **DEADLINE** for returning a **completed and signed Application for Absentee Ballot and the Absentee Ballot** to the McLean Community Center is **Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 5 p.m.**

**Election Results:** Election results will be posted on the door of the McLean Community Center on the evening of the elections. The McLean Community Center's Elections and Nominations Committee will report the results of the elections to Dranesville Supervisor John W. Foust, who will present the successful candidates to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at its next regular meeting following the elections. At that meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, after determining that it is in the public interest to do so, shall appoint to the McLean Community Center Governing Board:

The three (3) adult candidates who received the top three (3) highest number of votes

Two (2) youth candidates – the candidate who received the highest number of votes in each of the two (2) high school boundary areas

The appointment of new Board Members shall be effective upon action by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. Newly appointed Board Members will take office when they attend their first meeting of the 2011-2012 Governing Board. The 2011-2012 Governing Board's term runs from May 2011 through May 2012.

For more information about the elections, please call 703-744-9348 or email the McLean Community Center at elections@mcleancenter.org.

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## THURSDAY/FEB. 17

**Dan Bern.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**"12 Angry Men."** 7:30 p.m. Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. A courtroom drama about twelve jurors. \$10. [www.saxonstage.com](http://www.saxonstage.com).

**Book Discussion Group.** 7:30 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Call for title. Adults. 703-757-8560

**Paul Thorn.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

## 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](http://cfa.gmu.edu). [vaopera.org](http://vaopera.org).

**"Fuddy Meers" by David Lindsay-Abaire.** 8 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Stage Theater, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean. Claire's amnesia causes her to awaken each morning as a blank slate, and chaos arises as everyone tries to fill in the holes of her lost memory. A dirty puppet, an ex-criminal and a fake cop add to the dark comedy. 703-854-1856 or [www.1ststageysons.org](http://www.1ststageysons.org).

**Jammin' Java's Mid-Atlantic Band Battle IV Finals.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**"12 Angry Women."** 7:30 p.m. Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike, McLean. An all-female cast in a courtroom drama about twelve jurors. \$10. [www.saxonstage.com](http://www.saxonstage.com).

**Moonlight Garden Walk.** 6 p.m. Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Join park naturalist Casey Pittrizzi to explore at night. Search for nocturnal animals then warm up at a fire in the Visitor Center. Free. Reserve at 703-255-3631.

**Jonathan Edwards.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$24. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

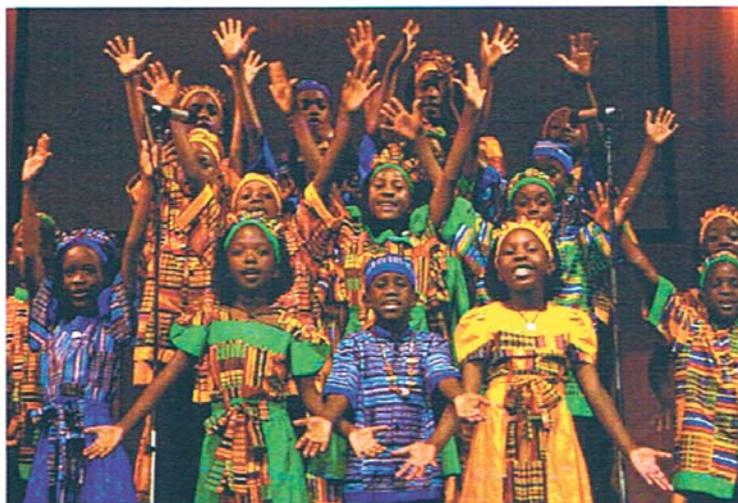
## SATURDAY/FEB. 19

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**The Downtown Fiction.** 5:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. [jamminjava.com](http://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 Grand Tier III. Tickets \$22-\$44, youth through grade 12 half price. 888-945-2468 or [cfa.gmu.edu](http://cfa.gmu.edu).

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**The Watoto Children's Choir will perform on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church, 8980 Brook Road in McLean. The choir has travelled internationally since 1994 as advocates for the estimated 50 million children in Africa, orphaned by HIV/AIDS, war, poverty and disease. Free, donations accepted. 703-893-5330.**

**Young Dubliners.** 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1624 Trap Road, Vienna. \$22. [www.wolftrap.org](http://www.wolftrap.org).

**"Motorcycles, Midgets and Mayhem."** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Center in Chantilly on Feb. 19-20 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The "Half Pint Brawlers" will wrestle, sign autographs and entertain. Motorcycle dealers, vendors, custom motorcycles and merchandise. \$7 for children, \$15 for adults. [www.kevmarv.com](http://www.kevmarv.com) or [www.halfpintbrawlers.com](http://www.halfpintbrawlers.com).

## SUNDAY/FEB. 20

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## FRIDAY/FEB. 25

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# 'Angry' at Langley High

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mother-son bond isn't there, and that's what leads to her feelings against the defendant. The boy on trial reminds her of her son, and she's punishing him."

Mamana says as a father, his character is more concerned with his son's masculinity, and that his wounded pride causes him to lash out.

"In his first monologues, my character talks about how he saw his son run away from a fight, and says 'I'll make a man out of you,'" he said. "It's revealed that the son eventually struck him during a fight, and he takes a sense of sadistic pride in that."

When it comes to the confrontation between Jurors #3 and #8, Mamana and senior Jordan Moeller, used their real-life friendship to dig at each other.

"I just keep baiting him into a confrontation until he snaps," Moeller said.

While the confrontation in the male version is more physical, Mamana has to be restrained from attacking Moeller, the female version is more dramatic. Kang tries to leap over the table at junior Chaffee Duckers, in a move that's less about physical violence than it is pure rage.

"It was written in the fifties, so the girls are very much stereotypes of women in that age," Jaffe said. "For example, [senior] Tu-an Truong, who plays Juror #7 is always cracking jokes, while his counterpart, [senior] Natalie [Bozorgzad] is much more biting and sarcastic."

**THE WOMEN'S SCRIPT** is a hybrid of both versions, the cast put theirs together from parts they

liked from both.

"In the guys version, my character has a bitter monologue towards the end, where he's pretty racist," said senior Tess Higgins, who plays Juror #12. "But that's not really the way a girl would speak, so ours is different at that part."

Brian Patterson, who plays Juror #12 in the male version, goes full-on with his character's racist rant, though he said "it was difficult to be so racist."

While the two casts didn't observe each other during rehearsals, Jaffe said there were clear differences in how the groups approached the play.

"The girls seemed to always want to talk things through beforehand," she said. "The guys were more interested in jumping right in and figuring things out."

Cast members said working with members of their own gender was a different experience, not many had worked with a single-sex cast before.

"It was interesting working as just a girls cast," said Bozorgzad, who plays Juror #7. "I think it helped us get a lot closer, when one person said something, we all were listening."

Jaffe said she originally thought of doing one show, but figured the two productions would allow for more students to get a chance on stage.

"I was thinking about just having a mixed cast, but when I found out about the women's script, I figured it would make for an interesting dynamic," Jaffe said. "I didn't let them watch any of the films, so they worked up their own interpretations of their characters, because once you see how someone else plays it, it's hard to wipe that from your mind."



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From left, seniors Hayley Mueller, Nicole Kang, Becca Allen and Taylor Goodson deliberate as members of a jury in Langley High Schools production of "12 Angry Women."

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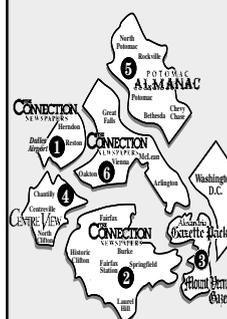
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## "Cunancer-drum"



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Living with cancer and dying of cancer. For many cancer patients, it's a conundrum we attempt to balance every day. "Living" sounds so positive, so optimistic; while "dying" sounds so negative, so pessimistic. When one says the word "living," the inflection in your voice seems to go up. When one says the word "dying," the inflection goes down. The word "living" conjures a smile, almost; the word "dying" not so much. Living is something you want to do, presumably; dying doesn't exactly present the same opportunities – so far as we know, anyway. Moreover, there's not nearly as much future in dying as there is in living. And since I'd just as soon take a definite over a maybe, I definitely would prefer living over dying. (From my pen to God's ears.)

As simple as my preference is however, receiving the terminal diagnosis that I did (stage IV lung cancer) really changes your priorities, and "simple" is the last thing your life will ever be. Consider the effect that shuffling a deck of playing cards has on the previous order of those cards; that's minor compared to a cancer patient's reality. The reality is 52 pick-up – cards scattered everywhere with no rhyme or reason as to how any of the cards got anywhere. Now, try to organize that indiscriminate and random chaos into some kind of meaningful arrangement, all the while enduring physical and mental/emotional obstacles to accomplishing the most important task in your life: trying to make order out of that chaos. Welcome to my/our whirled.

I've been told by many health care professionals that control, anecdotally speaking, is a very effective tool in fighting cancer/any terminal disease. In fact, my original oncology nurse shared the story of how cancer patients who drove more than 20 minutes to their chemotherapy appointments seemed to do better than those who lived closer; so much so, that patients who lived closer would drive an indirect route to the Infusion Center just so the trip took more than 20 minutes. Of course, there was nothing magical in the minutes, the magic was in the presumptive control and commitment that the patient was exhibiting.

Fact or fiction. True or false. Believable or not. Add in the amount of medical information a key stroke away on the Internet, some of it for-profit, not to mention all the solicited – and unsolicited (well meaning though it may be) – advice from family and friends; and the potential for contradictory, misleading and inappropriate courses of action/treatment (for your specific medical history/condition/diagnosis) is off the charts. Combine this with the patient's inability to filter and discern as keenly and objectively as before they were diagnosed and you have a series of disasters waiting to happen. The trick is, there is no trick; it's just life in the cancer lane.

And though it's a road I never thought I'd be on – certainly at age 55 (ever really, considering my immediate family's medical history; no cancer), I'm on it – full time! Trying to make the best of a bad situation is how I approach every day. Pretending – and maybe even denying – (there's no "maybe"), is how I approach every night. I'm not living to die; I'm dying to live (figuratively speaking). Every day, every result, brings new challenges. What matters, what matters not? It's a recurring theme. I wish I had the answer. I don't and that's the problem. Even though I've been on this cancer lane now for two years, there's no road map to direct me. Maybe a GPS would help.

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

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## Local Swimmers Shine at Region Championships

Langley captures team title on girls' side. Madison, Oakton, McLean, South Lakes and Herndon swimmers excel at postseason showcase.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Langley High girls' swim and dive team captured first place at the recent Northern Region swim and dive championships, held at Oak Marr Recreation Center Feb. 1-5.

The Saxons, coached by Ryan Jackson, finished the postseason event with 241 team points, ahead of second place Yorktown (218), third place Lake Braddock (167), fourth place West Potomac (152) and fifth place Westfield (149).

Finishing sixth through 10th place at the 23-team girls' meet were: South County (145), Robinson (143), Chantilly (138), Oakton (130) and Madison (119).

Other local teams of note included 11th place McLean (116 points), 14th place Herndon (68), and 19th place South Lakes (30).

**THE CHAMPION SAXONS** had first place finishes from senior Jayme Katis (200-yard freestyle) and sophomore Abi Speers (100-freestyle). Both were also a part of Langley's first place 200-yard free relay team, consisting of senior Meghan Overend, Katis, senior Megan Howard, and Speers.

Other top six place finishers by Langley girls' swimmers came from: Speers (second place in 50-free); Meghan Overend (fifth in 100-butterfly); Megan Howard (sixth in 100-fly); and Katis (second in 100-free).

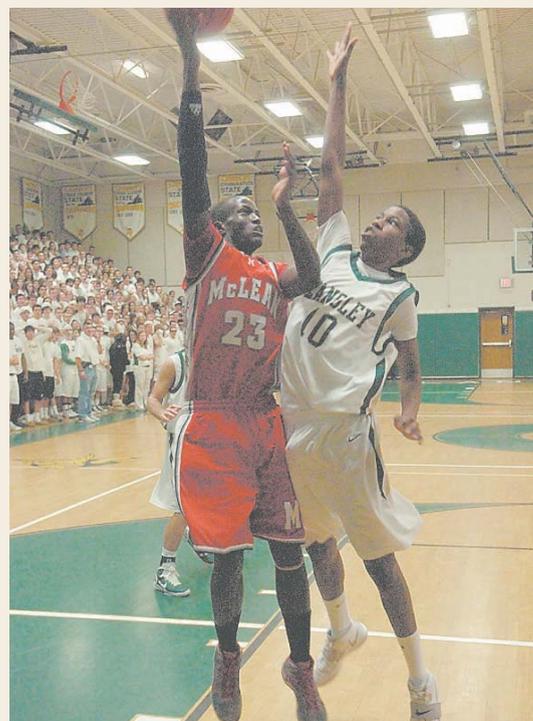
The Saxons' 400-free relay team of junior Allie Zeidan, Katis, Speers and Overend finished second overall.

Oakton High's Janet Hu won two events - the 50-free and 100-back. She was also a part of the Cougars' winning 400-free relay team. Oakton's team members on that relay were: Hu, Stephanie Hallock, Kendall Lawhorn and Kaitlin Pawlowicz.

Individual girls' champions from area schools included Oakton's Pawlowicz (200-IM) and Madison's Kelly Corish (dive). Pawlowicz was also a second place finisher in the 100-fly.

Top six place finishers from the area included: Madison's Laura Kellan (fourth in 200-free); Marshall's Kather VanWinkle (third in dive); South Lakes' Emily Sennett (third in 100-fly); McLean High's Eva Greene (third in 100-back, fourth in 100-free); Herndon High's Ryan Murphy (sixth in 100-back); and Herndon's Jenna Van Camp (second in 100-breast-

## Saxons, Highlanders in District Tournament



**McLean High's Gordon Rogo (23) goes up for a shot during a regular season game against Langley. Defending for the Saxons is Daniel Dixon. Both teams began play in the Liberty District boys' basketball tournament earlier this week as the top seeded Saxons (15-7) hosted Marshall while McLean (13-7) was home against Stone Bridge.**



**Langley's Austin Vasiliadis (5) has control of the ball during the Saxons' recent game versus Stone Bridge. The Saxons (15-7 overall, 13-1 district) concluded the regular season in first place within the Liberty District standings.**

stroke).

**THE BOYS' TEAM CHAMPION** was Westfield High, which finished with 271 points, ahead of second place Woodson (188), third place Robinson (186), fourth place Madison (179), fifth place Lake Braddock (163), and sixth place Fairfax (145). Rounding out the top 10 team scores, were: seventh place West Springfield (137),

eighth place Langley (135), ninth place Oakton (128) and 10th place Chantilly (127). Other teams of note included: Marshall and Jefferson, which tied for eleventh place with 87 points; 15th place McLean (55); and Herndon and South Lakes, which tied for 18th place with 42 points.

Langley High's Chuck Katis finished first place in two events - the 200-IM and the 100-breaststroke.

He was also a part of the Saxons' third place 200-free relay team, which included: Katis, Ryan Natal, Alex Brumas, and Chris Barnard.

Other local individual first place boys' champions included: Marshall's Cyrus Hashemi (200-free); Madison's Ryan Fox (dive); and Oakton's Philip Hu (100-back). Hashemi of the Statesmen from Marshall was also a second place finisher in the 500-free.

## Two Saxons Earn Place Finishes at Wrestling Regionals

McLean High's Austin Miller also earns region medal.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he Langley High wrestling team finished a solid ninth place at last weekend's Northern Region championships meet, held Feb. 11-12 at Fairfax High School.

The Saxons, under head coach Jeff Mye, scored 58 total points. The team champion was Robinson, which captured its first region crown since 1991. The Rams finished with 260.50 points, ahead of second place and defending region champion Westfield (208). South County (118) finished third place, while Annandale (92) and Hayfield (78) finished fourth and fifth places, respectively, at the 30-team event.

Finishing sixth through 10th place were Lee High (69), Mount Vernon (65), Edison (62), the Saxons and Lake Braddock (54.50). Local school McLean High, under head coach Ken Jackson, tallied 23 team points for a 22nd place overall finish.

Robinson Secondary's Jack Bass, the 125-weight class champion, was named the region tournament's Most Outstanding Wrestler.

**FOR LANGLEY, 13-5** in team dual meets during the regular season, both Matt Wilson (152 weight class) and Jay Ives (135) earned fourth place individual finishes. The top four wrestlers in each weight class automatically advanced to this weekend's Virginia State AAA championships. The top six finishers

earned medals. McLean's Austin Miller finished sixth place at 125 weight class.

Wilson, in the 152 bracket, won his first two matches, defeating Wakefield High's Michael Rios by first period pin in his first match before defeating Oakton's Matt Norterangelo by major decision, 15-5, in his second match. Wilson was then edged by Mount Vernon's Trey McClure, 7-6, in the semifinals to fall into the loser's bracket. There, he bested Jonathan Faul of Stone Bridge by major decision, 16-6. That put him into the consolation finals for third place where Wilson lost to Westfield High's Harry Van Trees, 8-2, to finish fourth.

Ives, in the 135 tournament, earned a second period pin win over Stuart High's Ameer Ghousheh in his first match, then followed

that up with a 9-4 decision win over Westfield's Frank Aiello. Next, in a semifinals match, Ives lost, 8-4, to eventual champion Omar Maknassi of T.C. Williams to fall into the loser's bracket. Ives bounced back with a 13-8 win over Annandale's Jack Johnson to advance to the match for third place. There, Ives fell 9-2 to Lake Braddock's Rori Renzi.

**MCLEAN'S MILLER**, at 125 division, won matches over Centreville's Jerry Cowman by pin and Yorktown's Danilo Downing, 5-1, before losing to eventual champion Bass of Robinson by major decision to fall into the loser's bracket. Miller ultimately finished sixth overall following a loss to Hayfield's Sahid Kargbo, 8-5, in the match for fifth place.

The Virginia State AAA championships will take place this Friday and Saturday (Feb. 18-19) at Robinson Secondary.

# SCHOOLS

## Marshall Theater Presents Two Plays

BY MONIKA BAPNA  
THE CONNECTION

**T**he lights were there. The actors were ready. The audience shushed their children as the lights dimmed and the blood red curtain was slowly parted.

The sight that greeted was a lone janitor sweeping.

And then the action began. Out popped Caroline and Leo, the husband and wife, in search for the wolves, or the "wolfies" who ate their chicken.

Then the other characters were introduced like the wolves, who were as unconventional as their name, Matt and B.B aka Big Bad; then the three little pigs followed by Granny Blanne and her granddaughter, Rosie.

With Caroline's unique smell guiding them and Granny Blanne's splendid karate moves, out set the troupes in search of the wolf.

The Marshall High School theatre premiered *The Wolf's Tales* on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. This comedic retelling of *The Three Little Pigs* and *Little Red Riding Hood* had hilarious plot twists that kept the audi-

ence on the edge of their seats.

In addition, the play also differed from the regulars in that it interacted with the audience, which Kate Thomas, an elementary schooler, found extremely entertaining.

Contrasting to the play was the second play they performed called *The Dogs are Coming*, a poignant story written by a junior Rayn Epreman, a true story about her great grandmother and father who were Armenians.

"The first time we performed the *Dogs Are Coming* it was for a very different audience," said senior Brian Potter, who played a Greek Man in the play.

This sentiment was echoed by one of the audience members, Clyde Will-Cox. "The kids in the audience would have a hard time connecting to the loss present in the play or the depth of the play," he said. "But Marshall always does a good job with its plays and I really enjoyed it."

With the issue about Marshall's earlier play, *Chicago*, and its suggestive parts Marshall specifically chose *Wolf's tales* to balance out the play.

"We wanted to show that we do a variety of plays," said Trena Weiss-Null the theatre teacher at Marshall. "With the positive feedback I got from doing *Peter Pan* last year I wanted to make sure we do a play every year that the community as a whole can enjoy."

*The Wolf's tales* was also an opportunity for the characters to improvise and set their own voice in their characters Weiss-Null said.

"*The Dogs are Coming* on the other hand was an IB project, but became our Virginia High School League (VHSL) show," Weiss-Null said.

Though not having won the VHSL competition and the divided views of the judges the cast decided to perform the play again in Marshall.

Senior Yara Alemi, who directed the *Dogs Are Coming*, called the play "phenomenal." She added that the cast were hard working and had a level of professionalism that is usually very hard to see.

"Rayn is going to continue to work on this play and expand it some more," Weiss-Null said. "We are really looking forward to doing this in the future with students writing their own plays."



**The Dogs are Coming: Mary (Hannah Rak), left, with Mother (Mackie Quirk) and brother Ariaore (James Lex) eat dinner at their home.**

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**The wolves (Brady Thomas, left, and Niel Will-Cox, middle) and the pig (Sarah Chapin).**

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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.

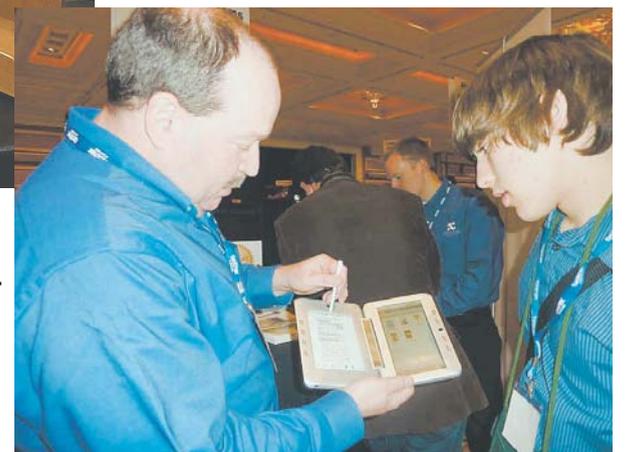
Both the Entourage and Pocket Edge are dual screen e-reader, Android-based tablet computer, notepad and audio/video recorder and player. Connected to the internet, it can manage any connected home security system or smart appliances. Prices start at \$349.

"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."

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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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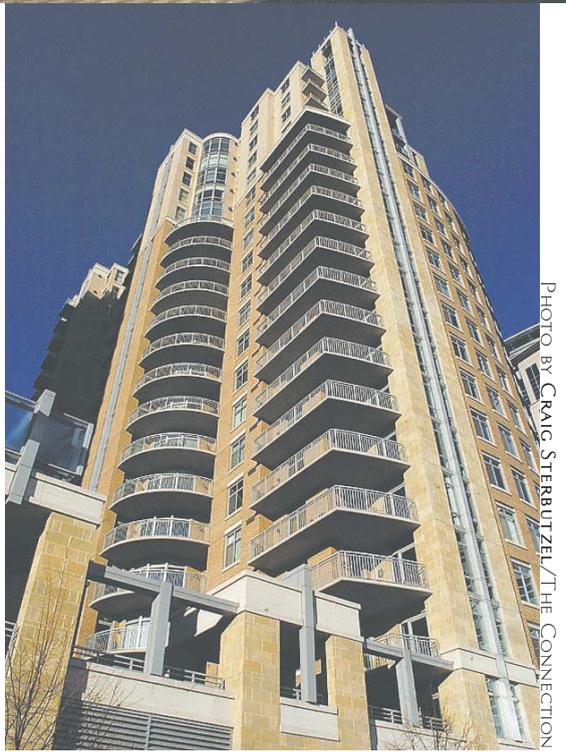


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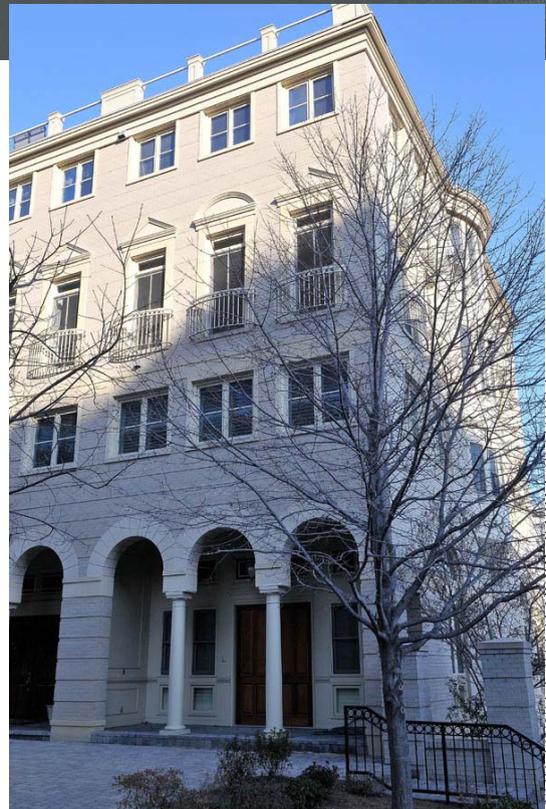
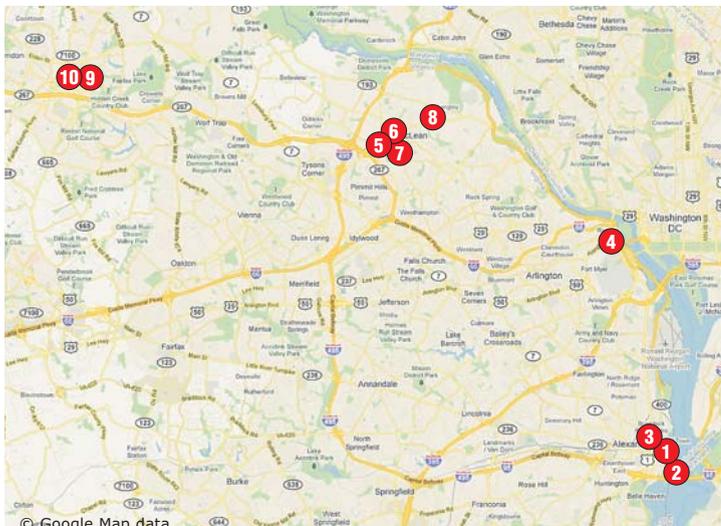


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# Security, Convenience

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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."

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## 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."

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## 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

**SOURCE:** Capital Home & Garden Show

- 1. Energy Efficient Appliances:** The refrigerator is one of the home's highest consumers of energy. Use the water and energy-saving settings on your refrigerator and dishwasher.
- 2. Lighting:** Use compact fluorescents (CFLs). Designing a home with good natural lighting cuts down on the need to use electricity.

**3. Biodegradable Cleaning Products,** and use common supplies like baking soda and vinegar.

**4. Indoor air quality:** Look for products that don't have synthetic formaldehyde resins. Proper ventilation will help maintain superior indoor air quality.

**5. Green Cabinetry:** Many are made from renewable and salvaged materials

**6. Skip the bottled water.**

**7. Green Flooring:** Consider cork, bamboo or concrete flooring.

**8. Countertops** and backsplashes made

of recycled glass that make stunning backsplashes.

**9. Buy Local and Organic:** Buying local keeps fuel usage at a minimum, supports local economy and encourages local farming. Check out a local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program.

**10. Solar Water Heating** can save your household up to 35 percent of its energy use and prevent tons of carbon dioxide entering our environment over the life of the system. Many states also offer tax credits.

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