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**Spirited singing, dancing and preaching highlight 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.

“We’re all brothers and sisters, and that’s what we’re celebrating tonight.”
— Emma Marshall, organizer of Fairfax County’s Black History Month Celebration

**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 Maurice & 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 Deborah Brown, an employee for Fairfax 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 to see celebrating. Page 17

**Fairfax County Incinerator Debate Heats Up**

Business community opposes county recommendation to purchase incinerator.

By Julia O’Donoghue
The Connection

By the end of Fairfax County’s first in formation session on ownership of the Interstate 95 waste-to-energy plant, better known as the Lorton incinerator, it was clear exactly who had taken an interest in the topic.

About 20 people showed up for the Jan. 31 meeting at the Fairfax County Government Center at least one-third came from the county’s business community. About a quarter worked directly for a company related to waste management or trash disposal.

None of these business-types appeared pleased with Fairfax County Executive Tony Griffin’s recommendation that Fairfax purchase the incinerator, a privately-owned facility where most of the county’s trash is burned.

Fairfax government staff conducted three information sessions on the incinerator purchase during the second week of February. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will hold also host a public hearing on the issue Feb. 22. Griffin said he expects the supervisors to vote on the incinerator purchase during the last two weeks of March.

The purchase of the incinerator has the potential to touch nearly every resident and business in Fairfax. If the cost of waste disposal increases, trash haulers are likely to impose higher service fees on local businesses and households, said critics of the proposal.

“We are very against this recommendation. … We will be in touch with the supervisors on this as we already have been. This is very dangerous for businesses of all types in Fairfax County,” said Jim Corcoran, president and chief executive officer of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, in an interview.

Instead of purchasing the incinerator, Griffin has said the county could extend its current agreement with the facility’s owner, Covanta Energy Corporation, an approach that local business leaders would prefer. Fairfax could also “do nothing” and simply allow its current contract with Covanta to expire, which has gotten little support from any interest group.

**GRIFFIN SAID** purchasing the plant is the most fiscally prudent option for the county. Fairfax government staff estimate extending the county’s agreement with Covanta would cost $556 million over the next 30 years and purchasing the facility would only cost the county $432 million during the same time period.

The cost of letting Fairfax’s contract with Covanta expire and turning the plant over to the whims of the free market would be $1.1 billion, according to county staff estimates.

Though Covanta operates and now owns the plant, Fairfax covered cost of its initial construction in the late 1980s and a significant facility upgrade six years ago with revenue bonds. In fact, the county made its final payment on debt associated with the facility earlier this month, said Griffin. According to Griffin, Covanta is asking for a 30 percent increase in “tipping fees,” the amount of money charged for per ton of trash. In the out years, that increase would go up 50 percent, which is why a proposal to purchase the incinerator appears more cost effective than renegotiating a rental agreement with the private company.

The Lorton incinerator produces about $24 million in annual revenue for Fairfax County. The facility converts some of the trash it burns into energy, which is then purchased by Dominion Power. According to Griffin, Covanta is asking for a larger portion of the profits accrued by the sale of energy at the plant.

**BUT EVEN IF** the county bought the incinerator, Fairfax wouldn’t reap any financial benefits from the purchase for the next 25 years.

Fairfax staff figures show that much of the savings from the incinerator purchase

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West Springfield Woman Killed in Crash

Detectives from the Crash Reconstruction Unit continue to investigate the crash that killed Sharon Parish, 57, of 7998 Blooms Road, on Wednesday, Feb. 9, around 9:10 p.m. on Ox Road.

According to a Fairfax County Police release, a 27-year-old man was driving southbound on Ox Road in a 2000 Chevrolet. Parish was driving northbound on Ox Road in a 2000 BMW. When Parish attempted to turn left onto Henderson Road, the Chevrolet struck her BMW. The 27-year-old driver was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries. Investigators have determined that speed, not alcohol, is considered a factor. No charges have been filed. Investigators would like to hear from anyone who may have witnessed the fatal crash. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477), e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text “TIP187” plus your message to CRIMES (274637) or call police at 703-691-2131.

Cigarettes Ignite Office Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a commercial building fire on Saturday, Feb. 12 at approximately 6 p.m. The office building, home to Professional Tax Accountants, is located at 7009 Backlick Court in the North Springfield Park area of Fairfax County.

When firefighters arrived, they encountered heavy smoke and fire coming from an end unit one-story building and brought the fire under control in approximately 15 minutes. Because the structure was part of larger two-story townhouse office complex, the heavy volume of fire, and the potential for the fire to spread, the Incident Command struck a second alarm bringing approximately 60 firefighters to the scene. There were no injuries. The business was unoccupied where the fire broke out and the occupants will be displaced. Damage is estimated at $200,000.

According to fire investigators, the fire was accidental, caused by cigarettes thrown in a plastic waste basket.

Police Investigate Franconia Impaired Driving Crash

Fairfax County Police are investigating a crash involving an allegedly impaired driver who struck an officer’s cruiser, another vehicle, and a Fairfax Connector bus on Sunday, Feb. 13 around 9 p.m.

According to police release, the incident began when an officer saw a vehicle driving recklessly in the northbound lanes of Route 1 near Pohick Road. The car then struck the rear of the cruiser, accelerated and passed when the officer attempted to stop it. It swerved into the lanes of oncoming traffic several times and crashed after striking a car and a Fairfax Connector bus near Anderson Lane. No injuries were reported. Both directions of Route 1 near the Fort Belvoir entrance were blocked for approximately three hours as officers investigated the crash.

The driver, a 30-year-old Woodbridge man, was charged with felony hit and run, speeding to elude, driving while intoxicated, refusal to test and reckless driving. Police charged 31 individuals for driving under the influence of alcohol during the weekend of Feb. 11-13.

Blood Donations Needed

The supplies of blood and platelets in the local area are at critically low levels, so the American Red Cross is urging residents to donate. They may do so at the Red Cross branch at 7998 Backlick Court in Fairfax. For appointments, call Lori at 1-800-272-2123.

Dance, Dine and Learn

Fun and activities used to reinforce learning skills.

Students at Kings Park Elementary in Springfield dined and danced Feb. 9 and 10, through their SOLs (Standards of Learning) tests. Third grade students and their families enjoyed a pizza party then went to the gym to use kinesthetic learning to reinforce study skills and facts.

Kings Park Elementary parents and teachers join students in a dance.

Send notes to the Connection at news@connectionnewspapers.com or call 703-778-9416. Deadline is Friday. Dated announcements should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the event.

SATURDAY/FEB. 26
Fairfax County School Board FY 2012 Budget Forum, 9 a.m. Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. With four breakout sessions on employee compensation and benefits, the budget's impact on programs, how central office staff supports teaching and learning, and state funding challenges. www.surveymonkey.com/s/FY2012budgetforum or 571-423-1075.

MONDAY/FEB. 28
Republican Women of Clifton Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Clifton Elementary, 7010 Clifton Road, Clifton. Dr. Stefan Gorzula will speak about global warming fraud. 703-866-3707.

TUESDAY/MARCH 8
The Shepherd’s Center of Fairfax-Burke Dementia Care Givers Support Group, 12 p.m. Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Road, Fairfax. The group will meet on the second Tuesday of each month. 703-451-8626.
People

Gala Supports Fairfax Symphony

Valentine Pops event raises more than $115,000.

More than 350 people, including business and political leaders from across Northern Virginia, turned out for the Fairfax Symphony Valentine Pops Gala on Friday, Feb. 11 at the McLean Hilton.

Music director Christopher Zimmerman led a 60-piece orchestra in an after-dinner performance. Gala committee chairs Jennifer Gitner from USI and Karen Wallis from BB&T helped the event raise more than $115,000 for the symphony. Individuals and businesses donated more than 240 items including restaurant gift cards, airline tickets, vacation packages, sports packages, jewelry, wine and much more to the silent auction.

The next concert is March 19, at 8 p.m., featuring Sibelius Symphony No. 5 and a pre-concert discussion at 7 p.m. led by Dr. Glenda Goss one of the foremost experts on Sibelius. The concert opens with a brief piece titled “Six Pieces for Orchestra” by Webern. Matti Raekallio, an eminent Finnish pianist, will play Beethoven’s Fifth (and final) Piano Concerto.

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People Notes

Air Force Reserve Maj. Morshe Dayan Araujo of Springfield was appointed as the national public relations officer of the Reserve Officers Association (ROA) at its national convention Feb. 2, in Washington, D.C. Araujo is responsible for advising the association on all communication activities and will serve as a non-voting member of its Board of Directors.

Araujo served 12 years on active duty and now serves as a reservist in the public affairs office of the Secretary of the Air Force at the Pentagon, working civic engagement issues.

Among those most proud of her selection are her husband David and sons Ariante De La Cruz, Christian, Elijah, and Jeremiah.

Macy Louise Warren of Springfield is as recipient of the dean’s award for academic excellence during the fall 2010 semester at Colgate University. To be eligible for the dean’s award, a Colgate student must achieve a 3.30 or higher average while carrying a full course load of four courses per semester.

Several students from West Springfield High School won awards from the Naval Order of the United States during the recent Virginia History Day competition in Williamsburg. Virginia History Day winners include: Emily Nagel of West Springfield High School, second place in Senior Individual Exhibit for ‘Braille: An Innovation That Is Here to Stay’, and Connor Chroman of West Springfield High School, third place in Senior Individual Documentary for ‘Assassins of the Sea.’ Chroman’s entry also won the senior award for the best entry dealing with naval history from the Naval Order of the United States.

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Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D-41) and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11)
**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 dark.”

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.

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.

**Cheap and Effective Traffic Fix: Telework**

While National Telework Week officially began Monday, Feb. 14, last month’s commutht-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 any given 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 from 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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**State Senate Approves Transportation Bill**

Bill would accelerate bond issuance from $300 million to $600 million per year for roads.

By Sen. Dave Marsden
D-37th District

Let me warn the reader. The following material is a bit dry but essential in understanding the transportation funding issues critical to our area.

The governor’s Transportation Bill (SB1446) passed in the Senate this last week. It is a three-year package for accelerating bond issuance from $300 million to $600 million per year for road construction based on bonds approved in House Bill 3202 passed in 2006. This will be paid for through anticipated federal transportation grants to Virginia over the three-year period. These bonds cannot be used for road maintenance.

It also creates an Infrastructure Bank from which localities can receive assistance, to help fund local projects and an Intercity Passenger Rail Operating and Capital Fund to improve intercity rail service.

Finally, the bill increases from $50 million to $200 million the total limit on revenue-sharing funds allocated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTBR) to certain counties, cities and towns in any one fiscal year and increases from $1 million to $10 million the per project cap on funds.

The House of Delegates’ version of the transportation bill involved the use of general funds normally used for schools, public safety and health care. This was not a good bill, and I would have voted against it if I were still in the House. I voted for the Senate version of the bill because we eliminated the use of general funds, which would negatively impact these core services.

This transportation measure does contain some risk, however, in that we cannot be 100 percent certain of federal revenue that will be awarded to Virginia for transportation. Congress is preparing to make significant budget cuts, and we would have to pay back these bonds with state general fund dollars if the revenue does not materialize at the anticipated level.

It is a great time to issue bonds for road construction as interest rates are at historic lows and construction bids are anticipated to be low. We will get a great “bang for our buck.” The downside, however, is that the governor has not proposed a long-term sustainable plan for funding transportation. In three years, we will have exhausted construction funds with no capacity to fund anything new. We would then be approaching a maintenance only system.

This is a real problem, so it is imperative that the governor propose a long-term funding mechanism for transportation as he has promised.

The jobs created by this transportation plan are important to a construction industry that is on its knees, and those jobs will spur the economy in Virginia. However, we are out of future borrowing options because we have reached our agreed upon debt service ceiling of 5 percent of the budget. We have a balanced budget in Virginia, always have, but passing this bill means that from now on we will have to pay up front for any transportation projects we want to undertake.

The differences between the House and Senate versions of this bill will be negotiated in conference between members of the Senate and House finance and appropriation committees.

In other news, we passed a balanced budget in the Senate that included this transportation bill, and that too will be negotiated in conference at the end of the current session. The Senate version contains a $100 million in additional funding for schools.

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Shari Tomasetti is a graduate of West Springfield High School. She graduated from East Carolina University, N.C., with a bachelor of science degree in exercise science. She obtained a master of science degree in exercise physiology and George Mason University, N.C., with a master of science degree in exercise science. She obtained a master of science degree in physician assistant studies and a graduate of West Springfield High School. She

John Delaney graduated from Archbishop Williams High School in Braintree, Mass., and received his bachelor of arts degree in history from Suffolk University, Boston. He is currently pursuing a juris doctorate from Massachusetts School of Law. He is employed by Quirk Associates in Cambridge, Mass.

A March wedding is planned. The ceremony will take place at the Church of the Nativity in Burke. A reception will follow at The Hotel Monaco in Washington, D.C. Following a honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, the couple will reside in Cambridge, Mass.

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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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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.

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

Herndon-based Simplicikey president Jason Pizzilo, right, demonstrates the new lockset to Oracle’s Joel Storm at the Consumer Electronics Show.

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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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, Simplicikey: Herndon

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

“We hired 11 people, all between the ages of 21 and 35,” said Carl Guerrieri, president of parent company Electronic Warfare Associates, a government defense contractor. “I told them to wander the world helping students develop their ideas into successful companies.”

The result is the Simplicikey lock, a remote controlled electronic deadlock.

“We wanted to make something worthy of a front door,” said D’Vall Garrison, vice president of sales and marketing. “The lock is all metal with a carbon 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 Simplicikey uses standard deadbolt installation and is available in three finishes.

“I started early this morning and haven’t stopped talking since,” said Simplicikey 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 an Internet connection, many major TV manufacturers are now producing Internet-connected HDTVs 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, Twitter and 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 and exterior home décor, landscape 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 fluorescent (CFL) bulbs. Designing a home with good natural lighting can down 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 Cabinets: Many are made from renewable and salvaged materials.

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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, Quentin Tidd, 4, 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 required.

“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 to 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 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-39), supporting the bill. Sen. Janet Howell (D-42), also from Fairfax, sponsored the Senate legislation.

Hugo, who carried similar bills for the past two years, said she got involved with autism advocacy in part because her granddaughter, 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.

“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.

“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,
ENTERTAINMENT

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Paws for Reading. 4-5:30 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 9595 Fred Oak Road, Burke. Practice reading with a trained therapy dog. Ages 6-12. Reserve at 703-240-3320.
Springfield Writers’ Group. 7 p.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. Share your work, give and receive feedback. Adults. 703-451-8055.
Lorton Library Book Club. 7 p.m. Lorton Library, 9220 Richmond Highway, Lorton. “Saint Maybe” by Anne Tyler. Adults. 703-339-7385.
Saturday/Feb. 19
Practice Your English. 7 p.m. Kingsstowne Library, 6500 Landstown Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.
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.
Hayfield Choral Boosters Broadway Way Night. 7 p.m. Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Broadway songs and dance tunes and a dessert buffet. Adults $10, students and seniors $7. 703-924-7547.
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VITA Tax Assistance. 10 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers who earned up to $49,000. Adults. 703-451-8055.
VITA Tax Assistance. 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landstown Centre, Alexandria. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers who earned up to $49,000. 703-339-4610.
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.
NTRAK Train Display. 1-4 p.m. Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11208 Fairfax Station Road, Fairfax.
FRIDAY/FEB. 25
Workhouse Film Institute: “Herb and Dorothy.” 7-10 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The story of Herbert Vogel, a postal clerk, and Dorothy Vogel, a librarian, who managed to build one of the most important contemporary art collections in history with very modest means.
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Chinese Scrolls On Display at GMU

Chinese Scrolls from the Dr. Chi Wang Collection will be displayed in the Mason Hall Alumni Atrium Gallery at George Mason University. 4400 University Drive in Fairfax, with a Panel Discussion on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 5 p.m. and a Reception from 6-8 p.m. This exhibition represents the best of Chinese scroll painting from the 14th to the 20th century. Subject matter includes landscapes, figures, nature studies and visual entries into unusual places along with works of pure calligraphy. The exhibit is open through March 18, Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., and Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Saturday/Feb. 26
TobyMac Winter Wonder Slam Tour. 7 p.m. at the George Mason University Patriot Center, 4400 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. With Brandon Heath and House of Heroes. Tickets $15-$50, available through www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT.
Simple Gifts. 7 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. The trio performs Irish jig, American reels, Klezmer fiddle, Gypsy melodies, Balkan dance music and more. $15-$20. www.WorkhouseArts.org.
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VITA Tax Assistance. 10 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers who earned up to $49,000. Adults. For more, call 703-451-8055.
“Gianni Schicchi.” 8 p.m. George Mason University Harris Theatre, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The GMU School of Music presents the Mason Opera & Chamber Orchestra performing Giacomo Puccini’s satirical one-act opera. Tickets are $20 adult; $15 students/seniors, and a limited number of tickets are free for students with a valid Mason ID. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

SUNDAY/FEB. 27
Eluveitie, 3 Inches of Blood, Holy Grail, System Divide. Echotone and more. 6:30 p.m. Jaxx Nightclub, 6355 Rolling Road, Springfield. $17 advance, $20 at the door. For more information, go to www.Jaxxroxx.com.

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Koroma Graps Region Title

A year after postseason disappointment, Lancer wrestler garners crown.

By Rich Sanders
The Connection

At last year’s Northern Region wrestling championships, a loser’s bracket loss to Mount Vernon High’s Trey McClure prevented Lee High’s Konbeh Koroma from being among the top four place finishers at the 152-weight class and earning an automatic seeding at the following week’s Virginia State AAA tournament.

Koroma had missed out on states and that heartache stayed with him throughout the following year on into this current high school wrestling season.

On Saturday night, Feb. 12, at Fairfax High School, Koroma used last year’s disappointment to spur him on to greater things. The result was not simply finishing among the top four of his weight class (152) to qualify for states, but coming away with the 152 region crown. It was fitting that, in the championship finals, Koroma bested Mount Vernon’s McClure, 5-2, to claim his first region title.

“I said I was going to do this,” said an emotional Koroma afterwards, of his determination to win his weight class. “The [Mount Vernon] kid beat me last year and kept me from states. He beat me 9-1. I wasn’t mentally strong last year.”

But Koroma had more than enough mental, emotional and physical fortitude to go the next step to win this year’s region championship. He opened with an 11-3 major decision win over Robinson’s Daniel Mika in a first round match, then followed that up with an 8-4 decision victory over Stone Bridge’s Jonathan Faul in the quarterfinals. That put Koroma into the semifinals where he defeated one of the region’s best wrestlers, Westfield High’s Harry Van Trees, by a 10-8 score.

In the finals, Koroma was going up against McClure (46-2 record), a senior and two-time National District champion and the opponent who had dashed his hopes a year ago. This time, Koroma (36-1) got the best of the Major standout, earning the hard-fought decision.

“My best match was winning against Van Trees [in the semifinals],” said Koroma, this year’s Patriot District champion. “My head gear kept coming off [in that bout]. Then, in the finals [against McClure], I wasn’t going to lose. I said, ‘No one is taking this from me.’”

Koroma, a senior, credited Lee head coach Clarence Martin, as well as the Lancer assistant coaches and “all the Gunston wrestling people” for helping him during his quest to become a high school region champion.

“I have great coaches,” he said.

On Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-19, Koroma will compete at the state championships, set to take place at Robinson Secondary.

OTHER LOCAL WRESTLERS who finished in the top four in their respective weight classes at last week’s regionals to qualify for states included: Hayfield’s Chris Mulligan (third place at heavyweight), Edison’s David Lazo (fourth at heavyweight),

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Shoulder Injury Stops Edison’s Brock Jacobson

Freshman finishes 119-pound region runner-up.

Members of the Edison wrestling program speak highly about the future of freshman Brock Jacobson, who captured the 119-pound National District championship on Feb. 5. But the talented youngster didn’t think he would get so far so fast.

Jacobson reached the championship match on Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Northern Region Tournament at Fairfax High School. Facing Robinson’s Jake Smith, Jacobson’s determination gave way to pain and frustration when he suffered a left shoulder injury, leading to a loss by medical default. Jacobson said he felt the shoulder “come out completely” just weeks after suffering an injury to his right shoulder.

“I was kind of mad that that happened because I just came back from my right shoulder” injury, Jacobson said. “I’m mad because I couldn’t finish the match.”

Jacobson’s runner-up finish helped Edison finish eighth as a team with 62 points. Eagle heavyweight David Lazo placed fourth and Jeremy Wagner (140) and Camilo Rodriguez (189) finished sixth.

Edison captured the National District crown one week earlier. Jacobson said he was unsure whether he would be able to compete at states. Regardless, he’s pleased with what he’s accomplished.

“I’m a freshman,” he said. “I thought I was just going to place here [at regionals but] not make it to the finals. I’m just glad that I made it and got the opportunity to wrestle one of the best kids in Virginia.”

— Jon Roetman

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Sports

Hayfield’s Smith Honored

Are Sportsman’s Club president Marc Leon, Hayfield coach Octavia Pitt and Smith at the ceremony which took place at the Old Dominion Boat Club in Old Town.

Region Wrestling Tournament

Hayfield’s David Cox (fourth at 215 weight class), Lake Braddock’s Cory Smith (second at 171), Lee’s Kevin Parada (fourth at 171), South County’s Christian Merino (second at 160), South County’s Brett Stein (third at 140), Lake Braddock’s Jake Sage (fourth at 140), Lake Braddock’s Rory Renzi (third at 135), Hayfield’s Nathan Coburn (third at 130), Edison’s Brock Jacobson (second at 119), Lee’s Alex Moore (fourth at 119), and South County’s Hunter Manley (second at 103).

The region team champion was Robinson, which captured its first region crown since 1991. The Rams finished with 260.50 points, finishing 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.

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Animal 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, 12-7 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 703-830-1100.

Autism Bill

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the insurance company will send a letter back saying that the treat is not medically necessary,” said Champion of the current situation in Virginia.

According to Champion, the type of intensive therapy that would 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.

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.

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 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), who represents Frascati, Springfield. Sickles voted for the bill but said he worries that it might cause more small businesses to stop providing insurance to their employees altogether.
would not come until 2036. In fact, if the county owned the facility, “tipping fees” would be about the same or slightly higher for the next 17 years than they would be under a contract extension with Covanta, according to a graph on Fairfax County’s website.

Several assumptions are also built into the county financial projections regarding the incinerator. If the county were to purchase the incinerator, the government would continue to outsource the operation of the facility to a private company, possibly Covanta. Fairfax has estimated how much such a contract would cost over the next 30 years, said Charlie Forbes, assistant director for disposal and resource recovery with Fairfax’s solid waste management program.

Staff has also predicted that the sale of energy would produce as much as $100 million in revenue in the out years, though the county’s contract with Dominion — the local power company — expires in 2015. Fairfax has offered no clear plan about who might purchase this energy produced by the plant after that date.

In a statement on the website, Fairfax has said that it intends to sell the power generated at the incinerator after 2015 “in a different manner to maximize revenues.”

Fairfax estimates of the incinerator’s purchase price also heavily rely on the county producing a larger amount of trash in the years to come.

Fairfax would use “tipping fees” collected at the incinerator to pay off the bonds used to purchase the facility. These “tipping fees” — and consequently the fees residents pay for trash pickup — would only remain stable if the amount of trash coming to the incinerator increases over time. A certain amount of trash would also need to keep the plant operating 24 hours per day, seven days per week, which is required if it is also going to use a reliable power source from which the county can sell energy.

On its website, Fairfax County has said that the amount of waste produced per capita in the locality has stayed fairly stable over the last several years. But Bill Lecos, former president of Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce, said trends across the country show the amount of trash produced per person diminishing over the last 20 years, partly because of recycling programs.

“The amount of trash we are producing seems to be going down on a per capita basis. In Fairfax, do you get to a point where solid waste has diminished below the level needed to produce [energy]?” said Lecos, who was the head of a Fairfax trash task force in 2004. Lecos now works for an association that represents local waste management companies, though he said he was speaking as an individual and not for his employer. His association does not represent Covanta.

According to Lecos, Fairfax could have to increase fees if the amount of trash going to the incinerator decreased significantly. It could also start bringing more trash from other localities to make up for a deficit in Fairfax trash.

In its proposal to the county, Covanta has offered to sell the energy produced by the facility’s upkeep, said Lecos. “If that court case went through, then everything would be responsible for any particular volume of trash at all,” said Robby Demerity, the Fairfax chamber’s vice president for government affairs.

Yet county staff warns that the incinerator, under private operation, could become a dumping ground for trash from all over the Northeast United States. Several municipalities, including those in New York and New Jersey, are looking for a place to store their waste. Covanta could decide to offer up capacity at the Lorton incinerator to the highest bidder, whoever they are, said Forbes.

If Fairfax owned the facility, the county would also have a say where trucks going in and out of the facility came from. Fairfax could also restrict the types of waste that are burned at the incinerator, said Grif- fin.

 “[A private operator] would result in more vehicles coming into the county. … They might be dependent on waste from the outside. Medical waste could be disposed of at the incinerator [under private ownership],” said Forbes.

In addition to wanting to control over what trash comes into the county, Fairfax also has an incentive in preventing trash from leaving the locality. After that date.

“We are recommending the purchase because it is the cheapest option.”

— Charlie Forbes, Fairfax County Waste Management
tunity for us to love and celebrate our background, and look forward to positive changes in our future,” she said.

The event included remarks by Fairfax County Chairwoman of the Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) 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,” she said. 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 said. “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-American slaves. “When others were not serving the 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 Adm. David L. Brewer, III, U.S. Navy (retired). During his career in the U.S. Navy, Brewer, who was born in Farmville, commenced 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.

### School Notes

On Saturday, April 2, children and adults will be competing in a Speed Stacking tournament at North Springfield Elementary. Students grade K-6 and adults (parent/child event) are invited to bring their best skills to the table where they can compete in the three rounds of single stacking and pair up later in the day for doubles stacking. Registration is $3 at the door. Light snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. Doors open at 8:30 am. North Springfield Elementary is located at 7602 Heming Court, Springfield. To learn more, contact Suzanne Metz at semetz@fcps.edu.

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**Employment**

**4. Must be able to communicate effectively with residents and staff**

**3. Must be willing to work short shifts (2 hours)**

**2. Must have at least two years home care agency experience**

**1. Must hold current Virginia CNA license**

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