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Lake Braddock pitcher Michael Church earned a complete-game victory against West Springfield in the Patriot District championship game on May 21 at South County Secondary School.

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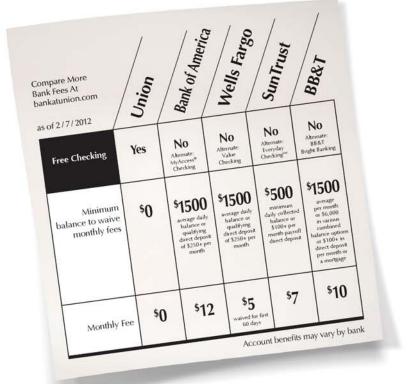
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## News Voter ID Bills Signed

McDonnell directs state to send every voter a new voter card before **Election Day.** 

> By Victoria Ross The Connection

Robert overnor McDonnell (R) signed watereddown versions of Virginia's Republican-backed voter identification bills on Friday, adding the Commonwealth to the growing list of states adopting stricter voting standards.

Under the new law, voters will be required to show ID before they cast their ballots, a measure that Democrats in the Virginia General Assembly have said will disenfranchise many voters, especially minorities, the poor and the elderly.

To subdue critics, the Governor signed measures expanding the type of ID acceptable at the polls - which include a utility bill or a Virginia student ID card - and directed the State Board of Elections

to send every registered voter a new card before the 2012 presidential elections in November.

"Every qualified citizen has the right to cast one vote. Not two votes; not zero votes," McDonnell said in a statement released Friday. "This legislation does two things. It increases the forms of identification that can be used for purpose of voting, while helping to further prevent voter fraud and ensuring Virginians that they can have faith that votes have not been fraudulently cast."

THE PREVALENCE - or absence - of voter fraud is at the heart of the debate over whether Virginia or other states need any new legislation.

"The 'voter identification' bills are a solution in search of a problem," said State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) in an email on Saturday. "Our current system is working fine. By agreeing to these gratuitous changes, the Governor is making the system less open and convenient to law-abiding citizens."

State Sen. David Marsden (D-37) has said that using voter fraud as a justification for new voter identification rules is a smokescreen for voter suppression. "When we've asked these legislators (in Virginia) to cite one example of voter fraud, they just can't do it," Marsden said.

Even McDonnell noted Virginia's "tradition of honest elections" and a voter compliance rate of nearly **JUST BEFORE** McDonnell's pronouncement, the 2009.

Currently, Virginia voters are allowed to vote without ID by signing a sworn affidavit affirming their identity. Under the new law, voters without ID cards will still be able to vote provisionally, on the condi-



The Burke Centre polling place at the Commons Community Centre preps for Election Day.

### Acceptable Forms of ID

Under the new legislation and existing law, the following are acceptable forms of ID for voting:

- Virginia voter registration card Social Security card
- Valid Virginia driver's license Any other identification card issued by an agency of the Commonwealth, one of its political
- subdivisions, or the United States Any valid student identification card issued by a Virginia
- institution of higher education A valid identification card issued by an employer containing a photograph of the voter A copy of a current utility bill
- A copy of a bank statement A government check
  - A paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter

tion they provide proper ID later for the vote to be counted.

"Some have argued that there are voters who do not have any form of ID to bring to the polls. For that reason, we will be sending every voter in Virginia a free voter card between now and Election Day to ensure they have at least one form of ID to bring with them to the polls," McDonnell said.

In addition to issuing every active voter a new card, McDonnell also ordered election officials to coordinate a public education campaign to help raise awareness about the approved ID to the polling place on Election Day, and the process for obtaining a free voter card if someone does not have a form of ID.

McDonnell said the additional steps his administration is taking to implement this legislation ensure that no voter is "overly burdened by the provisions included in this legislation."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, a bipartisan research organization, Voter ID continues to be a high-profile and highly-contentious issue in many state legislatures. Currently, 32 states have voter ID legislation pending, and several states have pushed for rigorous laws that require voters to present a state-issued photo ID card.

100 percent in a survey of localities from the last Fairfax County Office of Elections launched a campresidential and gubernatorial elections in 2008 and paign to alert voters to new voter registration cards the state is in the process of mailing to approximately 195,000 county voters this week.

But the cards are being mailed only to voters affected by Congressional redistricting and voters still holding a SEE BILLS. PAGE 5



**Robert Hegerich directed The Wakefield Chorale for** the past 30 years.

### **Director Retires** On a Happy Note

By Rita Rogers

n Sunday, May 20, at NOVA, Robert (Bob) Hegerich directed The Wakefield Chorale for the last time. After 30 years of leadership, he stepped down and will start a new phase in his life, yet to be announced. With his unique one-finger style of directing, he will be missed not only by the 70 plus singers of all ages (from 13 to 90) but the many senior citizens we sang for in the senior resi-



friendships were formed within the group because everyone was so friendly, reaching out to newcomers to make them feel welcome. And there were even several marriages.

This last performance had an almost full house, and received a standing ovation. President David Goode presented a gift to Hegerich and flowers to the soloists.

The history of this group goes eight members, Bob Hegerich, Mary Hegerich, Carolyn Dankel (accompanist), Mary Anna Stavovy, Sylvia Buonincontri,

Harold Kinback, Ken Fitzgerald (deceased), and Jim Gilstrap (deceased), formed and called themselves The Wakefield Chorale. Over the years, the group of eight grew to the current membership.

Through all these years, Hegerich worked tirelessly selecting the music, programming the concerts, and patiently putting up with our

comments, jokes, and antics - all without pay. Several years ago, due to the relaxed atmosphere of the group, Don Wallace (jokingly) presented back to the fall of 1982 when Hegerich with a whip to keep us in line!

> A special party is planned for Hegerich in June. He certainly deserves it.



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card that included their Social Security Number (SSN), which will be replaced with a system-generated identification number.

Now, every registered voter will get at least one new voter card. The cards mailed out this week also indicate a language preference.

According to Cameron Quinn, Fairfax County's chief elections official, as a result of the 2010 Census, Fairfax County falls under Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, which requires the county to provide voting and elections-related materials in English and Spanish.

She said Fairfax County is now providing voter information and materials for Spanish speakers. And the county's website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections has a Google Translations line that can translate information into Spanish and several other languages.

Quinn said that while the Fairfax County and state websites are up-

Voter Information

- ✤ If you have not received a new card, but would like to check your voter registration status and information, go to the Virginia State Board of Elections at www.sbe.virginia.gov/ For more information, go to Fairfax County Office of
- Elections website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ elections ✤ Or contact the Office of Elections at 703-222-0776, TTY 711

dated, not all voter election web pages and links have been updated with the new congressional district

information. "Those voters whose congressional district changed as a result of redistricting are currently being mailed a new voter card," Quinn said. "Whether or not you received a new voter card, if you have questions or to be certain you know your congressional district information, refer to the county or state election office's website for the correct information or call us at 703-222-0776."

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## **OPINION** Remembering on Memorial Day

### Time to honor, also time to ensure proper care of veterans.

n February, Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner, 49, of Fairfax, was the highest ranking military officer to die in the war on terror. Hildner died Feb. 3, 2012 in Kabul province, Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2012, there is just one reported death in Iraq, and more than Editorial 115 in Afghanistan.

Nearly 50,000 U.S. Military service members have been wounded in the war on terror, although that number is likely to be revised upward. The New York Times reported earlier this month that the military confirmed traumatic brain injury in more than 220,000 of the 2.3 million troops who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The long-term consequences of many of these injuries are unknown, but they will require a national commitment to excellence in health care for both active duty military personnel and veterans.

On Memorial Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. This is one place where we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. Military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Aaron Carson Vaughn, 30, was one of 30 American service members and 22 Navy SEALs killed Aug. 6, 2011 when their Chinook helicopter was shot down in Afghanistan. Vaughn's family has ties to McLean and Burke. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly, and their two children.

Spc. Douglas Jay Green, 23 of Sterling, died Aug. 28, 2011. when insurgents attacked his unit using a roadside bomb in Kandahar province, Afghanistan. Green enlisted in 2007, after attending Potomac Falls High School.

Other Virginia losses since Memorial Day 2011:

Capt. Jesse A. Ozbat, 28 of Prince George, Va., died earlier this month on May 20, 2012 in Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked his unit with a roadside bomb.

Constructionman Trevor J. Stanley, 22, of

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Command Sgt. Maj. Guitaud Leandre, 13th ESC, hands Cindy Hildner an artillery shell moments after it was fired from a cannon in her husband's honor at Fort Hood Feb. 9. Brig. Gen. Terence J. Hildner of Fairfax died in Afghanistan Feb. 3.

Virginia Beach, Va., died April 7, 2012 while deployed to Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. Stanley, a Seabee, was assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion

Pfc. Michael W. Pyron, 30, of Hopewell, Va., died Jan. 10, 2012 in Parwan province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 25th Signal Battalion, 160th Signal Brigade, 335th Signal Command Theater, East Point, Ga.

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Maj. Samuel M. Griffith, 36, of Virginia Beach, Va., died Dec. 14, 2011 in combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan.

Staff Sgt. James Ronald Leep Jr., 44 of Richmond, died Oct. 17, 2011 at Forward Operating Base Kalsu near Iskandariya in Babil province, Iraq.

Spc. Levi Efrain Nuncio, 24 of Harrisonburg, died June 22, 2011 when enemy forces attacked his unit with small-arms fire in the Narang district of Kunar province, Afghanistan.

Capt. Michael Wray Newton, 30 of Newport News, died June 11, 2011 in Meymaneh, Faryab province, Afghanistan.

HERE ARE the names of other local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan and in support of the "war on terror." We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan:

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, Va., died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire. Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device. Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach, was

one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents at-

tacked their vehicle with a roadside bomb. Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett II, 27 of Oakton, died Jan, 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son. But the senior Sharrett has battled to learn the truth about his son's death, that he was killed by his lieutenant in the confusion of a firefight. Just last month, April. 2012, Sharrett Sr. obtained documents confirming some of the details of his son's death and a subsequent cover-up, according to Tom Jackman of the Washington Post

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb in Iraq. He was 22. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), an amazing organization which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen. This Memorial Day weekend, TAPS will bring together survivors in Arlington for the 18th National Military Survivor seminar, along with a 'good grief" camp for children who have lost a parent.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

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U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17, 2005.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq. 1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria, and Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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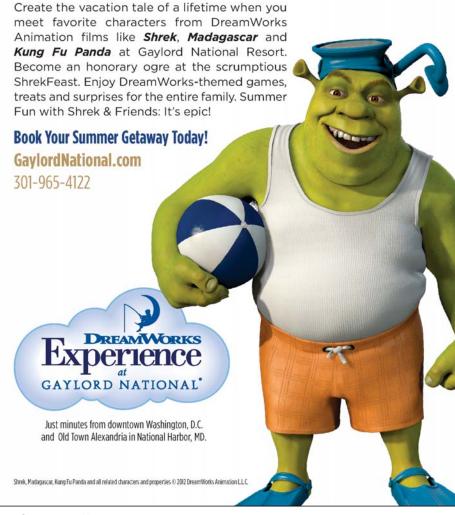
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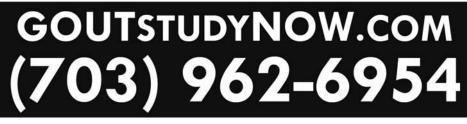
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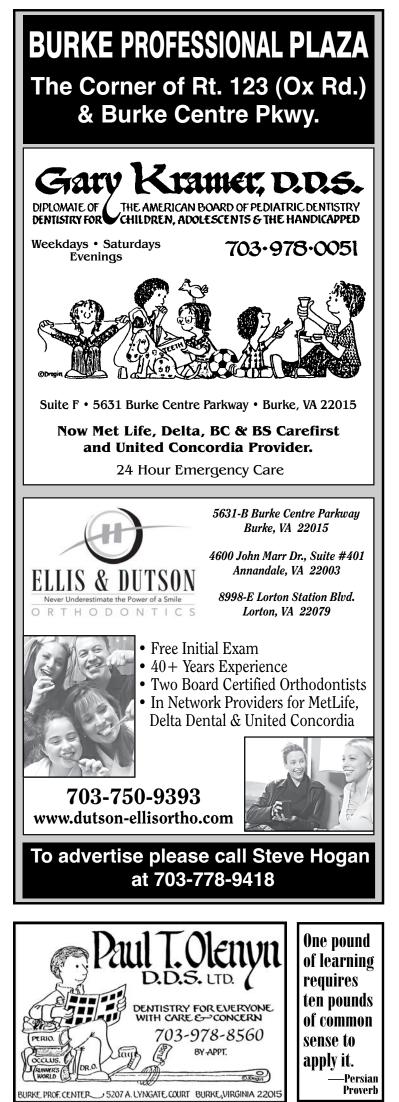


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### Recognition is Given for Play's Premiere

Robinson receives 10 Cappie nominations.

By Bonnie Hobbs The Connection

n November 2011, Robinson Secondary had the honor of performing the world premiere of an original play, Ken Ludwig's "Midsummer/Jersey." And now, that play has received 10 Cappie nominations for excellence in high-school theater.

It's a mash-up of Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream" and MTV's "Jersey Shore." Using modern language, it follows Shakespeare's story, but sets it in contemporary New Jersey.

Four "Guido" and "Guidette" teens in love are on a beach near where hairdressers are rehearsing the play, "Romeo and Juliet." Also there are two groups of feuding and magical fairies. When fairy Puck meddles in the lives of both the lovers and the actors, mad mixups and hilarity ensue.

A hit with both audiences and the Cappie critics, the show garnered nominations for: Best Play, Supporting Actor in a Play, Dan Barr; Comic Actor in a Play, Adam Bradley; Comic Actress in a Play, Carys Meyer; Featured Actor in a Play, Jamie Green; Ensemble in a Play, The Mechanicals (hairdress-Oberon's Crew; Makeup, Kayla Neal and Crew; Sets, Matt Lynch, Lindsev Rubin, Emily Rowson and Hannah Sikora; and Sound, Chris Mayhew and Christine Wagner.

win anything," said Director Chip Rome. "But it's very exciting to be recognized by our colleagues and as a school that does excellent he said. work. There are a lot of talented kids out there, and we're delighted to be among those getting a pat on nations. In acting, Robinson just the back – but many deserve it."

THE NOMINATION he wanted in tech categories, it vied against most is for Best Play because it all the nearly 60 schools participat-



ers); Creativity in Musicianship, Sarah Irving (center) as Titania and her band of fairies in Robinson's production of Ken Ludwig's "Midsummer/ Jersev."

means his thespians will perform ing in both genres. a scene at The Kennedy Center "It doesn't mean we're going to Gala, June 10, when the award its technical strengths, so it's pargreat honor to be nominated as nice balance of acting and techniamong the five best plays from cal nominations," he said. "And alby other students across the region such an impressive array of shows,"

> Besides the acting nods, Rome's also pleased about the tech nomicompeted against those schools performing plays, not musicals. But

"Robinson has been known for most all our nominated actors do tech work, as well."

stands out because of the contrast between his fairy king, Oberon, ally made the part shine – from perfectly timed sound effects."

In the acting arena, he said Barr

in the play within the play." Nominated for Best Ensemble are the Hair and Gone hairdresswinners are announced. "It's a ticularly satisfying that we had a ers, who are also putting on a play. There's such variety in this cluster of six people, said Rome, that they were "tremendously fun to watch." The sound nod was for "bringing power and echo to Oberon's voice when he got angry," said the director. "We also used a lot of the "who's pretty grounded, and his stage, so we hid wireless floor servant Puck, played by Adam Bra- mikes in the different levels of the dley. Adam's crazy physicality re- set. And we had to have lots of

### LBSS Odyssey of the Mind Team Competes at World Level

The Lake Braddock Secondary School Odyssey of the Mind team has won the right to compete at the World Level Competition to be held at Iowa State University May 22-26. International and U.S. teams progress to the World Level after rigorous competition at the regional and state levels. Team members are CheyAnne Rivera, Crystal Luong, Rusty Ford, help save an entire community Noah Woodruff, Nick Wilcher, Nan Denette and Ryan Ford.

This year the team chose the problem of Odyssey Angels. The team creates and presents a performance where students travel throughout one or more team-created places where they encounter negative situations. These "Odyssey Angels" change what they find and turn them into positive situations. On their journey, they help two individuals with different problems and from a bad situation. One Odyssey Angel cannot speak, and another has a special teamcreated power.



Team members of the Lake Braddock Secondary School Odyssey of the Mind team are, from left: CheyAnne Rivera, Crystal Luong, Rusty Ford, Noah Woodruff, Nick Wilcher, Nan Denette and Ryan Ford.

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skateboarding to gymnastics. Both he and Dan put in the kind of effort required to create something new, based on something familiar.' Nominated for Creativity in Musicianship is Oberon's Crew of male fairies. "We added them into the script, and the students created music for all the magical moments and effects that Oberon and Puck throw at the various characters," said Rome. "The actors used a cello, violin, piano and a thunder sheet to create the sound of fairy

"To me, the play is about love and that you're complete when you find your other half," he explained. "Titania's fairies needed male counterparts, and the last moments of the play have nearly everyone

magic."

paired up."

Rome said Meyer had the role everyone wanted - the over-enthusiastic hairdresser who wants to act all the roles in the play within the play. And, added the director, 'She's the one Puck transforms into the head of an ass - with whom Titania falls in love. This character is also from the Jersey Shore, so she has to do the dialect, enthusiastic hamming-it-up and singing badly on purpose inside a papiermâché head. Carys is very talented

and also a dream to work with." He also called Jamie Green a wonderful actor who throws himself fully into each project. "He hammed it up appropriately for his role of Robert, the hairdresser," said Rome. "And he was the wall



**Stephanie Keeney and** son Mason, 3, took a ride on the new and improved Burke Lake Park train on Sunday, May 20. "He's excited," Keeney said. "What little boy doesn't like to ride the train?"

Nico Materka, 2 1/2 with mom Meredith of Burke. "It's a big deal to ride the

train when you're a kid,"

Materka said.

### Burke Lake Train Attracts Families

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just four gallons of gas.

style," said Reagle, who esti- can Hiking Society. mates about 90,000 people ride the train each year.

cream."

he wanted to ride the train "at replaced, according to park ofleast two times, and get some ficials.

minutes and reaches speeds of 10 to 12 miles per hour.

more old-fashioned fun - a spin Inc. of Lorton.

on the carousel, a hand-dipped cone at the Ice Cream Parlor and ously throughout the day, on a walk on the park trail rated one of the 10 best urban fitness "This train never goes out of trails in the nation by the Ameri-

The miniature train track, which runs parallel to the shore-"We love riding the train," line of Burke Lake, passes said Meredith Materka of Burke, through a small tunnel, crosses who rode with her son Nico, 2 11 drainage culverts, and a 1/2. "It's an annual rite to come wooden trestle. Renovations inhere, ride the train and the car- cluded replacing existing ties, ousel and then get some ice- rails, and switches, reconstructing the stone base and replac-Mason Keeney, 3, who was ing the culvert pipes. Approxiriding the train with his mom, mately 1,500 linear feet of Stephanie, and dad Cody, said wooden retaining wall was also

The 2008 Park Bond provided The train takes riders over funding specifically for this 1.75 miles of track in about 10 project, which cost approximately \$897,000. Work was completed by general contrac-After the chug-along, there's tor Southern Asphalt Company,



Fairfax County's first miniature Central Pacific Huntington steam engine chugged over the new wooden trestle at Burke Lake Park on Sunday, May 20.



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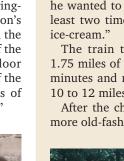
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- An Evening with Steve Forbert at 7 p.m.; In The Lobby Bar with The Blackjacks at 10 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.janmminjava.com.
- Friday Friends Book Club. 4 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. The Jacket by Andrew Clements. Ages 8-12. 703-249-1520.

#### SATURDAY/MAY 26

- Children's Show: The Smithsonian and Jammin Java present Shine & the Moonbeams. 10:30 a.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.
- Master Gardeners. 10 a.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Horticultural tips, information, techniques and advice for home gardeners. Adults. 703-293-6227.
- Vivacious, Bandits & Beggars and Crush Atlantic at 6 p.m.; Bands and Beats: Dia2ill, Maple, Raw Auras and Cigar Etiquette at 9:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.janmminjava.com.

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### **Celebrating Springfield Days**

Carnival rides and cotton candy – a FamilyFest tradition – will be at Springfield Mall May 31 through June 3 during Springfield Days 2012.

#### MONDAY/MAY 28

In The Lobby Bar: A Couple of Aholes present Comedy Open Mic Night. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.janmminjava.com.

#### TUESDAY/MAY 29

Moon Hooch. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.janmminjava.com.
English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-293-6227.

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Wildlife Wednesdays. 4:30 p.m. Hidden Pond Nature Center, 8511 Greeley Blvd., Springfield. Stream study. For age 3-6. \$6. Register at 703-451-9588.

**Dopapod.** 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. East, Vienna. www.janmminjava.com.

#### THURSDAY/MAY 31

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- **English Conversation Group.** 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English and improve your skills. Adults. 703-249-1520.
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- Vienna. www.janmminjava.com. **"A Foreign Affair" Concert.** 7 p.m. Lake Braddock High School. 9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Non-American musicians, including the Beatles, Queen, Adele, and more. \$5. spehrsson@cox.net.

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 1

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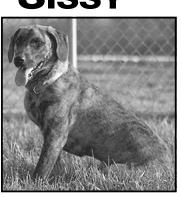
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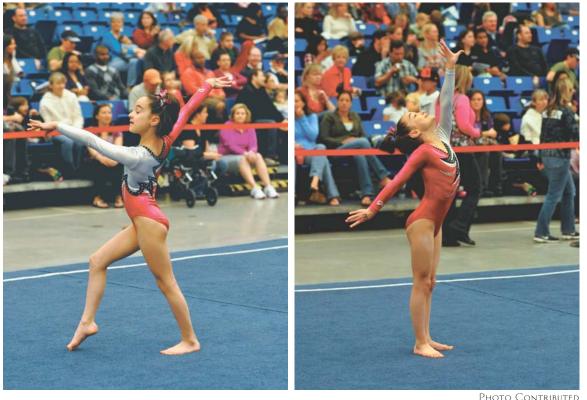
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### PEOPLE



In addition to winning the All Around title, Margo Gurian also won first place on the floor exercise with a score of 9.7.

### Area Gymnast Wins State Championship

Margo Gurian, 9, a third grader at Spring Hill Elementary School in Mclean, won the All Around title at the Level 5 Virginia State Gymnastics Championships held at Radford University on April 28. The All Around competition combines the scores from all four gymnastics events: floor exercise, vault, uneven bars,

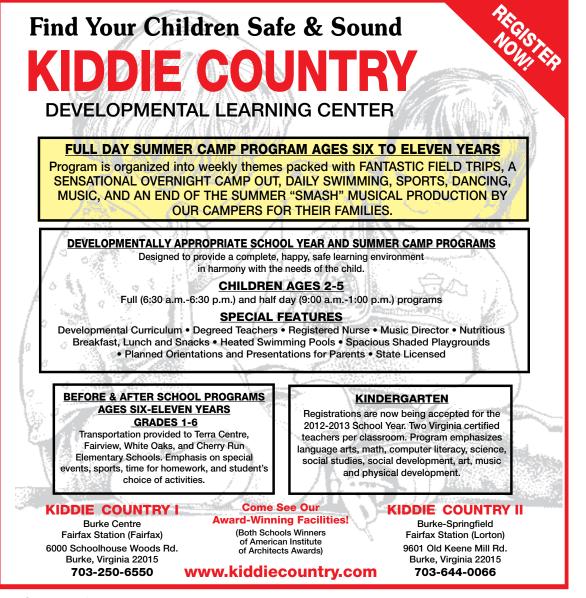
and balance beam. She had a combined score of 38.0. Margo also won first place on the floor exercise with a score of 9.7, second on both the vault (9.275) and the uneven bars (9.7), and eighth on the balance beam (9.325) in the individual apparatus competition. Margo trains at Capital Gymnastics in Burke.



Adam Glenn Lowe and Lisa Marie Stechschulte.

### Stechschulte, Lowe Engaged

John and Jodi Stechschulte of Columbus, Ohio, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Marie Stechschulte, to Adam Glenn Lowe, son of Roger and Alexis Lowe of Burke. The bride-to-be graduated from Upper Arlington High School in 2000, and received a B.S. in Mathematics from Cornell University and a M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from University of Maryland, College Park. Her fiancé graduated from Lake Braddock Secondary School in 2003, and received a B.S. in Psychology and a B.A. in Philosophy from James Madison University and a M.S. in Couple and Family Therapy from University of Maryland, College Park. The couple will celebrate their wedding at Upper Arlington Lutheran Church in Columbus, Ohio, this July, and then reside in Silver Spring, Md.





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West Springfield, they did a great job. That's the best he's been hit all year. Some of the

credit has to go to them and their approach

Trailing 3-0, West Springfield strung together three consecutive two-out hits in the

third inning, but a solid play by the Lake Braddock defense held the Spartans to just

one run. After back-to-back singles by

pitcher Frank Sturek and Boyd, Stevens doubled in a run. But on the play, center

fielder Gransback picked up ball, hit the

cutoff man, shortstop Jack Owens, who

threw home to cut down Boyd at the plate

In the fifth inning, West Springfield third

baseman Ryan Smith hit a fly ball to left

with home-run distance, but it sailed foul.

Later in the at-bat, he flew out to deep cen-

Catcher Donny Haeuptle went 2 for 3 with

"I was proud of the way we played," West

Springfield head coach Jason Olms said.

for the third out of the inning.

an RBI for the Spartans.

at the plate."

## Sports

## Lake Braddock Baseball Wins Patriot District

Bruins beat West Springfield for second title in three years.

> By Jon Roetman The Connection

hile Lake Braddock coaches and players hung out on the South County baseball field after the Patriot District tournament final, center fielder Alex Gransback and catcher Garett Driscoll snuck into the third-base dugout in search of a water bucket.

After acquiring the container, the duo headed back onto the field with the intention of soaking head coach Jody Rutherford with a celebratory shower. Gransback walked up and hugged Rutherford as an attempted distraction, hoping Driscoll would work his way behind the coach before

emptying

bucket's contents.

Instead, Driscoll

walked up behind

Gransback and

dumped the wa-

ter, leaving his

teammate to take

the brunt of the

aqua assault while

Rutherford es-

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"[Lake Braddock is] a tough team, no doubt about it. They're the team to beat in the region, in my opinion."

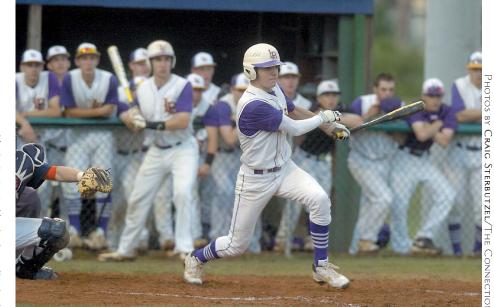
#### — West Springfield baseball coach Jason Olms

said. While their execution of postgame antics left something to be desired, the Bruins' in-game performance against

West Springfield was far more effective.

The Lake Braddock baseball team pounded 10 hits and played solid defense behind starting pitcher Michael Church en route to a 7-2 victory against West Springfield on May 21 in the Patriot District championship game. The Bruins captured their second district title in three years, improved their record to 20-2 and secured the district's top seed heading into the Northern Region tournament.

Lake Braddock reached the state tournament last season and is ranked No. 1 in the Washington Post's top 10 poll. However, the Bruins aren't going to let high expectations keep them from enjoying success in the early stages of what could be a deep postseason run.



Lake Braddock senior Dylan O'Connor went 2 for 3 with a two-run double and made several nice plays in left field during the Patriot District title game on May 21.

"You've got to get them one by one," senior left fielder Dylan O'Connor said. "This is what we look forward to. We haven't looked past a district championship at all. This is what we wanted to win first and luckily we've got this, now we can move onto the region."

Rutherford echoed the senior's statement. "We're going to take the time to enjoy

this," the coach said. "It's harder when you're expected to win. It's a little bit more of a grind; it's a little bit more pressure on you. That part of it is tough, but we're definitely going to enjoy it. We definitely have plans for winning more games, but we'll take time to enjoy this because you never know how many more games we'll play this year."

O'Connor went 2 for 3 against West Springfield, including a two-run double in the fourth inning. In left field, O'Connor made a trio of fine catches in the late innings.

Lake Braddock led 6-1 in the sixth inning when West Springfield shortstop Taylor Boyd hit a deep fly ball with one on and nobody out. O'Connor went back and made an acrobatic catch near the fence. The following batter, center fielder Nick Stevens, hit a fly ball that O'Connor chased down in foul territory.

In the bottom of the seventh, O'Connor ended the game with another catch on near the fence.

"[O'Connor] had a really, really good basketball season. I was hoping when he came out this year that that would kind of carry over to the baseball field and it really has," Rutherford said. "Tonight, [he had a] big game. He wanted to take charge and be a leader. It was a great game for him. We've had confidence with him. He does a lot of things for us — a lot of small things that don't show up in the stats. He's been invaluable for us."

Second baseman Matt Spruill got Lake



ter.

Lake Braddock catcher Garett Driscoll tags out West Springfield's Taylor Boyd during the third inning of the Patriot District championship game on May 21.

Braddock on the board first, smacking a two-run home run to center field in the second inning. Designated hitter Nathan Parker delivered a run-scoring single in the second and Gransback drove in a run with a sacrifice fly in the fourth. The Bruins' seventh run scored on a West Springfield wild pitch in the sixth.

Church, the co-Patriot District Pitcher of the Year, earned the victory with a completegame effort on the mound. He allowed two runs — one earned — and eight hits in seven innings while walking one and striking out five. He threw 61 of 101 pitches for strikes and held the Spartan lineup to one earned run despite throwing a first-pitch strike to 11 of 27 batters.

"It wasn't by any means his best effort, physically," Rutherford said. "Mentally, he was tough as he always is. Physically, he struggled with command early in the count. "[Lake Braddock is] a tough team, no doubt about it. They're the team to beat in the region, in my opinion."

Lake Braddock had six players named first-team all-district: Spruill; Owens; third baseman Alex Lewis; Gransback; pitcher Thomas Rogers and Church. Rogers and Church were named co-Pitchers of the Year and Rutherford received Coach of the Year honors.

Haeuptle and pitcher Connor Tagg received first-team accolades for West Springfield.

Lake Braddock will host Wakefield, the No. 4 seed from the National District, at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 25. West Springfield will host Washington-Lee, the National District's No. 3 seed.

"District championships are awesome for us," Church said. "It's just one step closer to a state championship."

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