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When was the last time you visited a classroom? You may remember the desks, the chalkboard, or even the heavy copy of the dictionary sitting on top of the bookshelf.

Today's classrooms are dynamic and interactive settings where students learn from teachers who use a wide variety of resources and tools in the classroom to engage and empower students. Whether they are creating unique lesson plans or inviting professionals into the classroom to share their experience with students, teachers provide opportunities for students to be curious and stimulate thoughts and ideas.

Sometimes the art of teaching requires the use of unique methods

to engage students. Jeff Lonnett, an art resource teacher at Mosby Woods Elementary School, is doing just that. Mosby Woods in Fairfax is one of 16 schools in the Washington, D.C., area that partners with the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts as part of its Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA) program.

Through CETA, Lonnett works with teachers throughout the school to help them develop knowledge and skills to integrate the arts into other subjects such as history, math, language arts, and science.

"Our sixth graders recently completed a unit on the Revolutionary War and were asked to design propaganda posters promoting a real political position of the Revolutionary War," explained Lonnett.

"Art highlights the importance of learning at every opportunity," said Lonnett. "You can probably get through life without being an artist, but art teaches storytelling, problem solving, and creative thinking that you need for so many other things in life."

Teaching students the skills they need to lead responsible, fulfilling, and respectful lives is one student achievement goal in Fairfax County Public Schools. Tom Harlow works with more than 50 physically disabled students from around the county to help them develop the resilience and self-confidence required to deal effectively with life's challenges. He's the adapted physical education teacher at Falls Church High School.

Harlow started a program to bring general education students into the adapted PE classes to work with his students. It is called the Peer Teaching Program.

"At the beginning of the year, I have my students introduce themselves in front of the whole class and talk about what they can do," said Harlow. "Self-advocacy is an important skill and it makes them more confident."



The peer teachers get to know the other students helping by them participate in activities such as fishing, kite flying, in-line skating, archery, and much more.

"It's a win-win situation," said Harlow. "The students who serve as peer teachers come in to help, but by the time the class is finished, they have learned a lot about each other, especially about the ability of the other students. The physically disabled students enjoy working with their peers and have a lot of fun."

Every year, more and more students ask to be a part of the Peer Teaching Program.

"The Peer Teaching Program helps knock down walls that should never be there," said Harlow.

Knocking down walls on the other side of the county is Linda Martin, a resource teacher for the advanced academic program at Dogwood Elementary School in Reston. She is passionate about fostering interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

"Children are naturally curious and should be given simulated opportunities to innovate, create, and resolve unique problems," said Martin. "That's what we try to do through our clubs, camp, and classes."

Martin sponsors the Girls Excelling in Math and Science (GEMS) club at Dogwood and organizes the GEMS conferences annually.

"I believe very strongly in bringing professionals into the classroom to give us authentic experiences. Our students need to meet people in the field who are doing these things now. Suddenly their work is elevated. It has purpose, relevance, and there is a vision that starts to take shape in their minds."

"I never forget that this is their childhood and I am their teacher and I am creating indelible memories for them. I don't want them to just learn and remember things. I want their learning to be unforgettable."



Getting To Know Us

School-Based Technology Specialist Patrick Ledesma

"These are exciting times to be a teacher," says Patrick Ledesma, school-based technology specialist and special education department chair at Holmes Middle School in Alexandria.

"The greatest fulfillment as a teacher is helping students learn. The wide availability of technology tools today, when combined with effective teaching practices, provides almost unlimited ways to inspire students."

Whether students use mobile computing devices such as netbooks, tablets, and iPads in the classroom or teachers use interactive whiteboards and classroom response systems, Ledesma says it will be the technology advances promoting more equitable student access to technology, rather than a specific brand or device, that will allow us to "inspire, enable, and empower all students to meet high academic standards, lead ethical lives, and demonstrate responsible citizenship," which are FCPS student achievement goals.

Ledesma says it is critical for students to be able to use technology to prepare for careers.

"Technology is seamlessly integrated into many job procedures and responsibilities today. Walk around any workplace or office, technology is evident somewhere in the background. To prepare students to use technology, we must continue to give students as many opportunities as possible to use technology in the learning process," he said.

"More importantly, we must focus on empowering students to be successful in applying higher level thinking skills. The more students are successful in activities that promote these skills, the more prepared they will be to use any technology available to them in the future."

Did You Know?

More than 10,000 (70 percent) of FCPS teachers have master's degrees and more than 370 FCPS teachers are certified by the National Board of Professional Teaching Standards, the highest credential a teacher can earn.

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The Smart Pen contains a computer that can capture handwriting and simultaneously record audio. The user taps a specially made sticker placed in a Smart Pen notebook to record the writing and audio.

"My students are extremely excited and motivated when they use the Smart Pen," said Courtney Taylor, a kindergarten teacher at Parklawn Elementary School.

Taylor has multiple uses for the Smart Pen in her classroom.

"Recently each student wrote a report about polar animals and recorded themselves reading what they wrote," said Taylor. "Now any student can pick up the reports, use a Smart Pen to tap on the special dot in the notebook and listen to their classmates read their reports. It is a technology that fosters independence and engagement."

Taylor also records herself reading stories so her students can use free time to listen to a story on the Smart Pen and follow along in the book.

"The pens are very user friendly and my students love using them. They are even generating their own ideas on how we can use them!"



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Honoring the Past, Empowering the Future

Group reenacts Silent Sentinel protest during Women's History Month.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Nearly 100 years ago, a group of women stood in front of The White House and launched a revolution without guns or bloodshed.

Instead of throwing bricks, the protesters threw words at a newly-elected President Woodrow Wilson. The women stood silently for months, carrying signs that read: "Mr. President, what will you do for Woman Suffrage? How Long Must Women Wait for Liberty?"

After months of escalating tension – and after 200 suffragists were jailed, beaten and force-fed at the Occoquan Workhouse – Congress passed the 19th Amendment on August 18, 1920, which gave women the right to vote.

The Commonwealth of Virginia was one of 12 states that initially rejected the amendment, subsequently ratifying it on Feb. 21, 1952, 33 years after the amendment became part of The U.S. Constitution.

DRAPED IN PURPLE, white and gold banners, and wearing period clothing, 10 members of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association reenacted the Silent Sentinel protest on Wednesday, March 21.

"We want to keep history alive so that future generations know that women have done this, have been there," said Jane Barker, board chair of the TPSM Association, an all-volunteer non-partisan group dedicated to honoring the lives of the suffragists and establishing a memorial in their honor at Occoquan Park.

"With March being Women's History Month, we wanted to let people know about this important, but little-known, peaceful picketing of the President Woodrow Wilson White House - the first of its kind. They were brave women," Barker said.

The silent reenactors drew several curious tourists, including women's author Penny Colman, who recently published the book Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony: A Friendship that Changed the World.

"This is pretty cool. I was speaking at a conference, and I saw this email and thought I have to stop by here," Colman said. "This history is profoundly liberating for women. It challenges status quo."

After spending nearly two hours in front of The White House, and handing out educational leaflets to tourists, the group marched to Capitol Hill to urge lawmakers to support construction of the memorial.

The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association is currently fundraising for the creation of a \$7 to \$9 million memorial at Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton. The group is working with the Northern Virginia

Regional Park Authority to see the memorial built before 2020, the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Architect Robert Beach said the memorial will be located directly across from the former Occoquan workhouse.

Some of the design features for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial include:

- ❖ A memorial wall with 120 plaques for the women incarcerated for the cause, a waterfall and a copy of the "jailed for freedom" pin that Alice Paul gave to the women.

- ❖ Entrance plaza gates duplicating the White House gates where suffragists stood as "silent sentinels" in protest.

- ❖ Commemorative banners at the entrance, replicating those carried by the suffragists.

- ❖ A footbridge into a memorial garden symbolizing the advancement of the movement.

"At a time when the percentage of eligible voters casting a ballot continues to fall, it is important to reflect on how and why women were so long denied the right to vote," said Nancy Sargeant, the media and marketing chair of the TPSM committee. "It's also important to 'remember the ladies,' as Abigail Adams once said, who endured so much to win the right to vote."



Ten women reenacted the Silent Sentinel protest in front of The White House on Wednesday, March 21, to commemorate passage of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote. The event was organized by the Turing Point Suffragist Memorial Association, which is planning a suffragist memorial in Lorton.



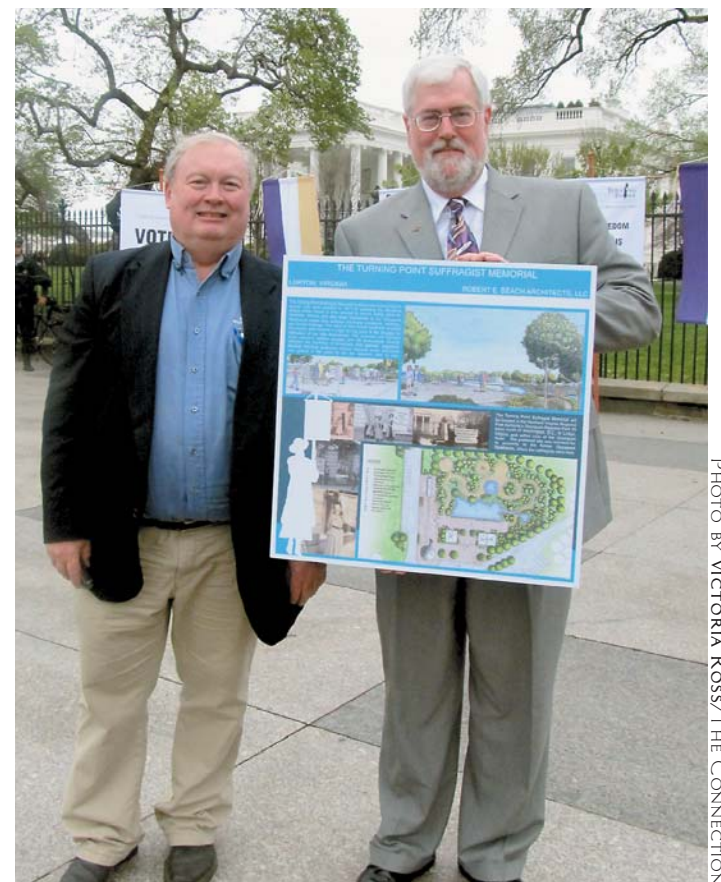
Reenactors of the Silent Sentinel protest accompanied members of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association to Capitol Hill after staging a reenactment of the historic protest in front of The White House on Wednesday, March 21. The reenactment, held during Women's History Month, commemorates passage of the 19th amendment giving women the right to vote.

"This whole story of women's contribution to history is mostly invisible," said John Houser, manager of Occoquan Park, and liaison to the TPSM association.

"Just look at all the monuments to men in this area, but try to find monuments to women," Houser said. "The suffragists are American heroes, not just heroes for women, and they have not been recognized

adequately in our history books or our monuments. We're changing that."

THE NEXT FUNDRAISING EVENT will be Wednesday, May 20 from 7-10 p.m. at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna. For more information about the event and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, go to www.suffragistmemorial.org.



From left, John Houser, manager of Occoquan Park and liaison to the TPSM association, stands with architect Robert Beach, who displayed plans for the \$7-\$9 million memorial in Lorton. "This whole story of women's contribution to history is mostly invisible," said Houser. "We want to change that."

Robinson Band Members Jazz It Up

The Robinson Secondary School Jazz Band performs at the Chantilly Invitational Jazz Festival this past weekend.

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THE CONNECTION



Matt Bishop plays trumpet for the Robinson Secondary School Jazz Band.



Kevin Thompson plays bass for the Robinson Secondary School Jazz Band.

The Virginia Grand Military Band Performs at Hayfield Secondary

The Virginia Grand Military Band has moved to the Rebecca S. Wilburn auditorium at Hayfield Secondary School in Alexandria. Members of the Virginia Grand Military Band are a veritable “who’s who” in the concert band world, and bring to each performance an artistry and professionalism which have earned them accolades and praise throughout the world. Many VGMB musicians are current or retired members of the premier U.S. military bands headquartered in the Washington, D.C. area. Other members are hand-selected wind and percussion musicians who travel from as far as Maine, New York, and Kentucky to perform with the 80-piece ensemble. The Virginia Grand Military Band has been presenting concerts in the Washington, D.C. area for nineteen years.

The band performs music for the “Classic Concert Band,” both original and transcribed, which has

stood the test of time and become part of the living history which is the American concert band. The music is a part of this living heritage and the interpretations are a result of over 20 years of research, study, and performance of this music by Virginia Grand Military Band conductor Loras John Schissel.

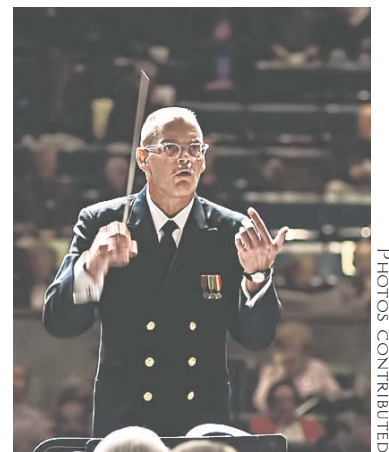
Schissel is the music director and conductor of both the Virginia Grand Military Band and the Cleveland Orchestra’s Blossom Festival Band, two of the finest bands of their type in the world. Schissel has traveled throughout the United States, Europe, and Asia, conducting orchestras, bands, and choral ensembles in a broad range of musical styles and varied programs. As a composer and orchestrator, Schissel has created an extensive catalogue of over 400 works for orchestra, symphonic wind band, and jazz ensemble. His musical score for the PBS special, Bill Moyers:



America’s First River, The Hudson, televised in 2002, received extensive coverage and acclaim. Schissel has appeared in the PBS documentary “If You Knew Sousa” for the American Experience series, as well as Ben Wattenberg’s Think Tank. He continues to serve as commentator on the Voice of America and for the

U.S. Information Service. Schissel is a senior musicologist at the Library of Congress and a leading authority on the music of Percy Aldridge Grainger, Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, and former Boston Symphony Orchestra conductor Serge Koussevitzky.

— JEFF ARWOOD, MANAGER



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

The Virginia Grand Military Band has been presenting concerts in the Washington, D.C. area for 19 years.

Upcoming Concerts

Remaining Virginia Grand Military Band concert dates are March 31 and May 26. All performances begin at 8 p.m. and take place at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria where ample free parking is available. Admission is \$20 for adults. Children under 18 are admitted free of charge. Further information may be found on the band’s web site: www.vgmb.com

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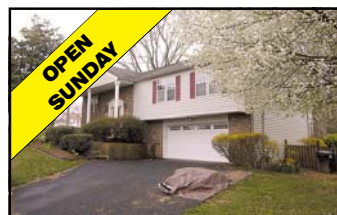
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NOVA Hosts Idol Finals

Area students
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Fairfax native Kelley Kime won third-place in the 9th Annual 2012 NOVA Idol finals with her rendition of the Etta James classic, "At Last." Kime is currently studying early childhood development at NOVA. For her efforts, she took home \$1,000 in prize money.



Robinson Secondary School eleventh-grader, Brian Bui, placed third in the 2012 High School Nova Idol finals on Friday night. He sang "Sunday Morning" by Maroon 5.



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The winner of the 2012 High School Nova Idol finals, Joao Versos, sang "Purple Rain," by Prince during the competition. Versos is a freshman at Potomac Falls High School.



Javad Jarrahi, an Information Technology student at NOVA, was a finalist in the 9th Annual 2012 NOVA Idol finals held on Friday evening at the Alexandria NOVA campus. Jarrahi performed the Stevie Wonder song, "Isn't She Lovely," and currently lives in Great Falls.



FAITH

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

St. George's United Methodist Church, 4910 Ox Road in Fairfax, will hold an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 8 at 6:30 a.m. Weather permitting, it will be held outside behind the church in the outdoor worship area. Afterwards there will be breakfast provided. www.stgumc.org.

Franconia United Methodist Church, 6037 Franconia Road, Alex-

andria, offers traditional Sunday church services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. plus Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Childcare is available 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. There will be a Terry Hall Concert on Saturday, April 14 at 4 p.m. with old spirituals, classic hymns, southern gospel favorites and more. 703-971-5151 or admin@franconiaumc.org or www.franconiaumc.org.

Clifton Presbyterian Church, 12748 Richards Lane, Clifton, offers Sunday worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Nursery care is provided. Christian education for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. 703-830-3175.

St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 6720 Union Mill Road, Clifton, conducts Sunday masses at 7:30 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. It also offers a Saturday vigil at 5:30 p.m. and a Thursday Latin mass at 7 p.m. 703-817-1770 or www.st-andrew.org.

Messiah United Methodist Church, 6215 Rolling Road, Springfield, has Sunday Worship at 8:15 a.m., with Holy Communion every Sunday; and 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the month. 703-569-9862 or www.messiahumc.org.

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And while school officials are still looking at “cyber-bullying” as novel and separate phenomena, it’s fair to say that for students, there is little distinction between the teasing, harassment and worse that happens on school grounds and the school bus and the nastiness, rumors and character assassination that takes place online. The combined effect, including the graphic, lasting, visceral attacks that are possible online, can make school literally unbearable for some, and more than unpleasant for others.

As adults, we can only be thankful that we escaped this environment before the advent of cell phone cameras and videos, instant posting to websites and other technological “ad-

vances.” (I have long believed that middle school, by its very existence, is unconstitutionally cruel and unusual punishment.)

Fairfax County undertakes an annual survey of all students in grades 8, 10 and 12 that gives insight into the lives of teens.

More than 30 percent of Fairfax County students recently surveyed reported being depressed in the past year.

This is probably not unrelated to the fact that 56 percent of students surveyed reported being bullied while 43 percent admitted to bullying others. This is consistent with findings from other areas, with 8th grade as a bullying “hot-spot.” In Fairfax County, 62 percent of 8th graders said they had been bullied and 55 percent admitted to bullying others. Of course there is some overlap in the two groups.

“We’ve seen that over 40 percent of the students who say they have been bullied have themselves bullied someone,” Mary Ann Panarelli, director of Fairfax County Public School’s Intervention and Prevention Services department told Connection reporter Alex McVeigh. “It’s not a matter of punishing it out of the system, it’s a matter of enacting a culture change.”

In seeking that culture change, much of the outreach is dedicated to the bystander, the person witnessing someone being bullied, and their ability to make the bullying behavior less acceptable.

Students who witness bullying can say to the perpetrator: “Why would you say something like that? Why would you do that?”

Panarelli added: “Things like going up to the victim after, saying ‘I saw what happened, and don’t agree with it,’ helps that victim from feeling isolated.”

It’s the sort of lesson that can start very young. We can learn to say: “This is not right,” even in the face of fierce peer pressure. This ability to set boundaries which can begin in preschool will serve our children well later in life when they are resisting being a passenger in a car driven by someone who has been drinking or refusing to participate in rumors and ostracizing.

This starts with learning empathy, to care for animals, people and things who vulnerable and face challenges.

— MARY KIMM,

MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM, ON
TWITTER @MARYKIMM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It’s Discrimination and It’s Wrong

To the Editor:

The League of Women Voters was born more than 90 years ago from the long fight to get women the right to vote. Since 1992, when League members studied health care policy, we have worked to ensure access to quality health care for all. The League also has a strong commitment and belief that public policy in a diverse society must affirm the right of all individuals to make their own reproductive choices.

That’s why the League is so deeply concerned about recent proposals that would allow employers and health plans to block contraceptive services and discriminate against women.

By a narrow margin, the U.S. Senate recently defeated an amendment that would limit access to contraception for women if any employer or insurance plan has an undefined “religious or moral objection” to it. A couple’s decision about whether and how to limit the size of their family is a personal one and theirs alone to make. Giving employers the authority to limit available options is an inappropriate intrusion into the private lives of their employees.

We understand that not everyone agrees with the League on this subject. But we strongly believe that

public institutions, including schools and hospitals that receive substantial federal assistance, should not limit the health care choices available to their employees. While no organization should be forced to violate its religious principles, institutions that serve the public at large should show the same respect for their employees’ differing beliefs that they demand the community show for their own principles.

The League of Women Voters believes that all persons, regardless of gender, should be eligible for preventive health services. Allowing employers to exclude contraceptive services is discrimination based on sex, and it’s wrong.

**Jane E. George
Julia Jones**

Co-Presidents
League of Women Voters of the
Fairfax Area

No ‘Handwriting on the Wall’

To the Editor:

“Gov. Bob McDonnell should read the handwriting on the wall...” [Reference: “Veto Voter ID Bill,” Opinion Section, Connection Newspaper, March 15-21, 2012]. There is no “handwriting on the wall,” unless you mean Attorney General Eric Holder’s ignoring of and interference with states’ rights on everything from attempting to

enforce federal immigration laws which the federal government is not enforcing (Arizona and Georgia) or attempting to ensure the validity of the vote through voter ID bills (South Carolina and most recently Texas) which are anathema to liberals in general and Democrats in particular. While Democrats have long claimed Republicans try to suppress the vote, it’s also a longstanding contention that Democrats want illegal immigrants, certain ethnic minorities, dead people and cartoon characters to vote, of which, in fact, there was evidence in the 2008 election.

Despite however many registered voters in Texas (or Virginia) do not have the identification that the voter ID law would require, it is a liberal fiction to say such laws put an unbearable burden on voters, most of whom already have to show photo IDs to receive food stamps, apply for unemployment, buy alcohol or tobacco products, fly on an airline, make any major purchases (from cars to washing machines), and do countless other things, and especially when the proposed state law provides such photo IDs for free and in some cases even provides transportation to and from obtaining such IDs. Where is the burden? Where is the alleged suppression? Statistics have also shown that photo IDs actually open up the voting process and make it fairer

for all (Georgia).

The majority of states, thirty-one, already have voter ID laws of one kind or another, and the handwriting that’s really on the wall is that President Obama’s attorney general is just trying to do his part to ensure his own job by ensuring Obama’s reelection in 2012.

Colonel Chuck Fowler, JD
USA, RET
Lorton

Ensuring Integrity Of the Process

To the Editor:

One needs a birth certificate to play youth soccer and an i.d. presented for many trivial circumstances. Voting for public representation is far too important to treat with less gravitas than youth soccer [Editorial, “Reenacting a Dark History?, The Connection, March 7-13, 2012]. There is a responsibility to ensure the integrity of the process as there is a responsibility to exercise one’s voting privilege, among others.

Why is the Connection such a liberal rag?

Brent Emory
Vienna

BULLETIN BOARD

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

SATURDAY/MARCH 31

Fairfax County Women in the NAACP Voter Registration Drive. 2-4 p.m. Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. 703-470-2137 or www.fairfaxvawin.org.

TUESDAY/APRIL 3

South County Federation Meeting. 7:30 p.m. South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Fairfax. Southcountyfederation.com.

THURSDAY/APRIL 12

Springfield Christian Women's Connection. 11:30 a.m. Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. With Encore Consignment Boutique owner Virginia Barlow and former teacher and social worker Irene Hall. \$17. Reserve by April 10 at 703-590-6562 or SpringWmConn@yahoo.com.

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Hurtful Exchanges

Area high school students discuss cyber bullying.

VIEWPOINTS

The Connection high school interns – Nikki Cheshire (Langley High), Monika Bapna (Marshall High) and Mary Grace Oakes (Madeira) – asked area high school students:

- ❖ Do you think cyber bullying is more damaging than regular bullying? Does the fact that it's online make it more hurtful or easier to ignore?
- ❖ Have you or your friends experienced cyber bullying? What was it and what was your response?



Anna Fahlberg,
Grade: 12, Langley High School

“You can’t erase cyber bullying, and it’s more hurtful because you see it over and over again. It’s easy to ignore if it’s a private message, but it becomes worse than regular bullying if it’s posted for the whole world to see.”

“I’ve definitely seen people posting sly statuses on Facebook that are clearly directed at certain people. It’s definitely not acceptable, but I ... scrolled past it.”

Cody Jones,
Grade: 11, Langley High School

“Cyber bulling is worse, because you can say meaner things. It’s easier to say something rude online than face-to-face. It’s harder to ignore since it’s much easier to access.”

“There were a few cases I heard about, kids making fun of each other and ganging up on groups of five or more kids. I was never involved in any of it, though.”



Thomas Blazon,
Grade: 10, Langley High School

“Cyber bullying is on the Internet, so everyone can see that. Physical bullying can be kept secret. It’s more cowardly to cyber bully, and it’s emotionally more hurtful since it’s hard to know where to get help for it.”

“This guy started cussing at me online a few years ago, but I just unfriended and blocked him.”



Ian Lagoe,
Grade: 9, Langley High School

“Cyber bullying can be more hurtful since

it’s so easy to see. Everyone can see Facebook posts, which makes it worse than regular bullying.”

“I haven’t seen any cyber bullying, but I’ve heard of it happening.”



— NIKKI CHESHIRE

Michael Orndoff,
Grade: 11, Marshall High School

“I think that the fact that it’s online makes it easier to ignore. With cyber bullying, it’s easy to simply block or ignore what someone keeps telling you. But when someone bullies you in person, you actually know them, which makes it hurt more. You can stop someone from



sending texts or posting on your wall on Facebook, but you can’t stop someone from talking.”

“I’ve never personally experienced cyber bullying, and I don’t know anyone that’s experienced it either. Bullying someone in person seems to be more common than cyber bullying.”

Kevin Lam,
Grade: 11, Marshall High School

“I think cyber bulling is more damaging than regular bullying by a lot. The Internet is a big place that’s filled with lots of people you may not know. That element of being “unknown” makes it easier for people to be bullied and be the bully. In a cyber bully’s mind, in my opinion, by being unknown on the Internet would allow a cyber bully no restrictions on what the bully would have to say. As for being more hurtful or easier to ignore, it really depends on the means of receiving the cyber bullying.”

“Yes, my friends and I have definitely experienced cyber bullying, typically though it would really fall under the title of flame wars, which are basically comment wars between people on a topic. Usually I tend to ignore the whole situation once I feel no need to be part of it or if I don’t see an out to it.”



	Prevalence	Frequency							
		Never	1-2 times	3-5 times	6-9 times	10-19 times	20-29 times	30-39 times	40+ times
Overall	56.2	43.8	24.1	10.9	6.1	4.5	2.8	1.3	6.5
Grade									
8 th	61.8	38.2	26.6	12.2	7.2	5.0	3.0	1.5	6.4
10 th	55.8	44.2	24.3	10.6	6.1	4.2	2.8	1.4	6.4
12 th	50.6	49.4	21.3	9.7	5.1	4.2	2.7	1.0	6.6
Gender									
Female	56.0	44.0	26.4	11.8	6.1	4.0	2.4	1.1	4.2
Male	56.4	43.6	21.8	9.9	6.2	4.9	3.3	1.5	8.7
Race/Ethnicity ^a									
White	58.9	41.1	24.6	11.6	6.7	4.9	3.2	1.5	6.5
Black	49.8	50.2	20.4	9.6	5.5	4.2	2.3	1.5	6.3
Hispanic	51.7	48.3	24.2	10.5	5.4	3.5	2.1	1.0	5.0
Asian	55.6	44.4	25.0	10.2	5.9	4.2	2.4	1.2	6.8
Other/ Multiple	60.8	39.2	23.5	10.8	6.4	5.6	3.9	1.3	9.3

Notes. All percentages were calculated from valid cases (missing responses were not included). Frequency percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
*Racial categories do not include Hispanic students who are treated as a separate category in this table.

The 2010 Fairfax County Youth Survey table on the prevalence and frequency of students being bullied, taunted, ridiculed or teased by someone in the past year. Numbers are percentages.

County Takes Aim at Bullying

By ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION
SECOND IN A THREE PART SERIES.

Monitoring aggressive behavior is a primary concern of Fairfax County when conducting the annual Youth Survey. While fewer than 5 percent of students report gang activity or carrying a weapon, a majority of students have experienced bullying from one side or the other.

According to the survey, 49.4 percent of students reported “bullying, taunting, ridiculing or teasing” someone in the past year. More than 8 percent said they did so 20 or more times.

THE SURVEY also shows that 56.2 percent of students reported being bullied, taunted, ridiculed or teased in the past year, and more than 10 percent more than 20 times.

“We’ve seen that over 40 percent of the students who say they have been bullied have themselves bullied someone,” said Mary Ann Panarelli, director of Fairfax County Public School’s Intervention and Prevention Services department. “So we’re not talking about a clear-cut case of ‘good guy-bad guy.’ It’s not a matter of punishing it out of the system, it’s a matter of enacting a culture change.”

Since the question is phrased to include “teasing,” which isn’t regarded as seriously as bullying, the county focuses more on the victims and perpetrators involved in more than 20 incidents per year.

The county currently conducts a variety of awareness programs, and is working on a system-wide bullying intervention and prevention group. Panarelli says much of the outreach is dedicated to the bystander, the person witnessing someone being bullied.

“We’ve found in talking to students that in the moment, there really isn’t a comfortable way to identify what is happening, and try and stop it,” Panarelli said. “But things like going up to the victim after, saying ‘I saw what happened, and don’t agree with it’ helps that victim from feeling isolated.”

With the emergence of social media, bully-

Survey helps county create bullying outreach, cyber bullying prevention.

ing hasn’t been limited to school hours. With access to fellow students’ profiles and information online, bullying can happen online too. Cyberbullying is defined by the survey as “bullying through email, chat rooms, instant messaging, websites or text messaging.”

Almost one in seven, 14.1 percent, of students said they were cyberbullied over the last year, with 12.5 percent saying it was someone from their school. One third of students said they knew someone who has been “really hurt” by cyber bullying.

While cyber bullying most often stems from interactions at school, Fairfax County Public Schools has a limited authority over what happens off school grounds. But when it becomes harassment or worse, that’s where the Fairfax County Police become involved.

	Prevalence	Frequency							
		Never	1-2 times	3-5 times	6-9 times	10-19 times	20-29 times	30-39 times	40+ times
Overall	49.4	50.6	24.9	8.5	4.2	3.4	2.0	0.9	5.4
Grade									
8 th	54.5	45.5	28.9	9.5	4.9	3.5	2.0	1.0	4.6
10 th	48.8	51.2	25.0	8.2	3.9	3.5	1.9	0.9	5.4
12 th	44.5	55.5	20.6	7.7	3.6	3.3	2.0	0.9	6.3
Gender									
Female	43.8	56.2	24.8	7.5	3.6	2.5	1.4	0.6	3.2
Male	55.0	45.0	25.0	9.4	4.7	4.4	2.5	1.2	7.7
Race/Ethnicity ^a									
White	49.2	50.8	26.1	8.4	4.0	3.4	1.9	0.9	4.6
Black	51.0	49.0	23.0	8.4	4.6	3.9	2.9	1.1	7.0
Hispanic	49.5	50.5	24.3	8.9	4.5	3.4	1.9	1.0	5.5
Asian	46.9	53.1	23.6	8.2	3.7	3.1	1.6	0.8	6.0
Other/ Multiple	55.3	44.7	25.5	8.9	5.6	4.7	2.6	1.2	6.8

Notes. All percentages were calculated from valid cases (missing responses were not included). Frequency percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.
*Racial categories do not include Hispanic students who are treated as a separate category in this table.

The 2010 Fairfax County Youth Survey’s table on the number of students who have admitted to bullying, taunting, ridiculing or teasing someone in the past year. Numbers are percentages.

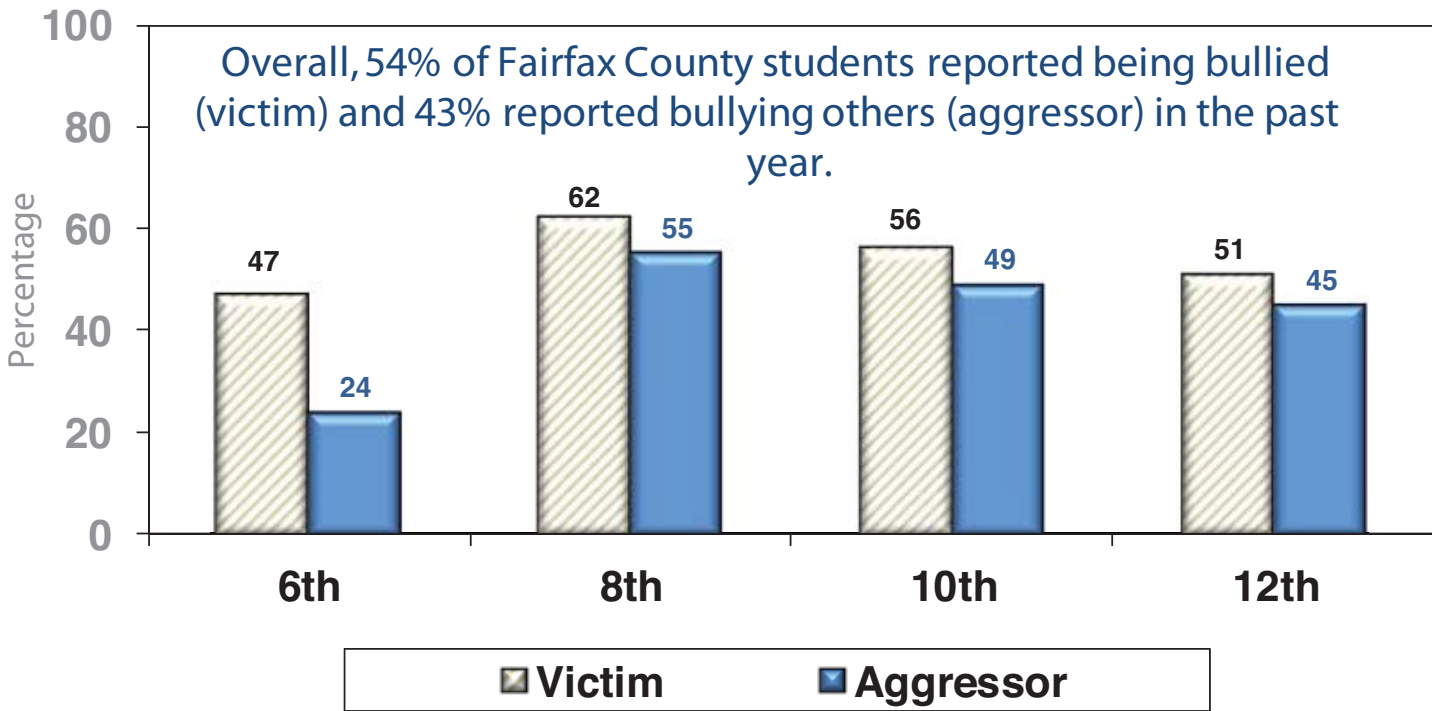
High School in Ohio, or Columbine.

“We can’t be scouring everyone’s Facebook page to see what’s happening, we need the kids who are going through this to come to us,” Ferguson said. “Any enforcement is simply trying to put someone on notice, we’re not concerned with punishment as much as we are with changing the destructive behavior.”

More than 70 percent of students said they would report cyber bullying incidents if it could be done anonymously.

“It used to be you only had to worry about this happening at school, but now it follows people home on their computers.”

— Capt. Bruce Ferguson



VIEWPOINTS



Ash Abbas,
Grade: 11, Marshall High School

“I think cyber bullying isn’t more damaging than regular bullying. Since it is online, I feel as if it is easier to ignore because it’s indirect unlike regular bullying.”

“Obviously, playing online games consists of a lot of cyber bullying. After playing many games, it just gets me irritated sometimes. But, most of the times I just ignore it.

— MONIKA BAPNA

Jennifer Oler,
Grade: 12, McLean High School

“I think it makes it a lot easier to ignore because you could delete the Facebook wall post for instance or delete your entire Facebook account for that matter. If someone came up to you and started bullying you in person, it is definitely a lot harder to not say anything but over the computer through any sort of social network or email or text message, you just don’t have to respond.”



Annie Wattenmaker,
Grade: 12, The Madeira School

“I’d say cyber bullying is more damaging because it can be done in sneaky and mean ways. When someone is cyber bullied, others can often see it online, which makes it way more harmful. If a bully confronts you directly, their words aren’t as planned out and they’re likely to say something less hurtful. With cyber bullying, kids have time to plan out what they’re going to say and plan a systematic way to hurt others. Also, cyber bullying can go viral. One post or video can be sent to thousands of people within a minute, unlike face-to-face confrontation, which only lasts for a certain amount of time.”



“No I haven’t experienced cyber bullying myself but I’ve watched girls say horrible things about other girls on Facebook.”

Kristen Bilowus,
Grade: 12, The Madeira School

“I think cyber bullying can be more dangerous because it is more public than in-person bullying. If it happens online, the whole world can access it and perpetuate the abuse. It is harder to ignore something that you are reading in front of you than something that you experience that you can block out of your mind.”

“I have not, but I have heard stories of how negatively it can affect kids. I would delete my social networking sites and move on from the incident if I were cyber bullied.”



Makenzie Parent,
Grade: 12, The Madeira School

“Cyber bullying is more damaging because its on display for a wider audience, can last for a longer time, and can take a lot more forms, such as online posts, photos, etc.”

— MARY GRACE OAKES





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NEWS

LCAC Recognizes Local School Teacher with Founder's Award

Longtime Lorton resident and Fairfax County school teacher, Barbara Rizer, was recognized by the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC) for her dedication to helping individuals and families in southeast Fairfax County through her volunteer efforts with LCAC. On March 10 at LCAC's annual fundraising gala, the LCAC Board of Directors presented Rizer with the organization's inaugural Founder's Award for her commitment and passion for fulfilling LCAC's mission of enhancing the quality of life in the community through individual and family services, community programs, and partnerships with other organizations.

For over seventeen years, Rizer has worked as an LCAC volunteer to ensure that people have access to basic needs such as food, emergency financial assistance for rent or utilities and clothes, as well as championed the need for tutoring and after-school programs for local children.



PHOTO BY STEVE HUNT/MOUNT VERNON VOICE

Barbara Rizer, center, stands with Lynn Swogger, LCAC's Board President, left, and Linda Patterson, LCAC Executive Director, after receiving the Founder's Award at LCAC's March 10 "Spring into Action" Gala.

She has been involved in a myriad of roles with the organization over the years. She played an instrumental role in moving Lorton's Attic, LCAC's thrift store, to a more visible location on Route 1 and has worked hard to make the store a success. Rizer served on the Board of Directors, including six years as Treasurer, and it was during this time that she advocated and convinced the Board of Directors that the organization should pursue outside grant funding. Rizer worked on numerous

fundraising galas and grew the event into a fun and festive evening with live music and dancing. Given Rizer's work as a teacher it is not surprising that she also launched LCAC's tutoring program. She advocates for LCAC's mission in all aspects of her life, including her work as a math teacher at South County Secondary School.

To find out more about LCAC, visit their website at www.lortonaction.org or call 703-339-5161.



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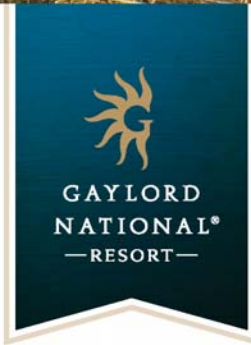
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CALENDAR

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THURSDAY/MARCH 29

South County Battle of the Bands.

7 p.m. South County Secondary School, 8501 Silverbrook Road, Lorton. Local rock bands compete for prizes. Raffle and door prizes. All proceeds benefiting the South County Class of 2012 All Night Graduation Party. \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. 703-493-9146 or plstillman@msn.com.

English Conversation Group. 7 p.m. Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke. Practice English and improve your skills. Adults. 703-249-1520.

Learning English. 7 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Conversation group for adults learning English. 703-339-4610.

FRIDAY/MARCH 30

“The 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee.” 8 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. \$15-\$20. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 31

Mac Miller with The Cool Kids and The Come Ups.

8 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. A rapper from Pittsburgh, Pa. Tickets \$25-\$35 at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities at 703-993-3035. www.patriotcenter.com.

Public Reception: Art...For a Change. 2-4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. An artistic outreach program that focuses on the power of visual arts to enrich lives and evoke change. The exhibit will be open March 30-April 8. www.workhousearts.org.

VITA Tax Assistance. 10 a.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers who earned up to \$50K. Adults. 703-339-4610.

VITA Tax Assistance. 10 a.m. Richard Byrd Library, 7250 Commerce St., Springfield. IRS-certified volunteers help taxpayers who earned up to \$50K. Adults. 703-451-8055.

“The 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee.” 8 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. \$15-\$20. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

“Sinbad: the Untold Tale.” 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. \$8-\$12.. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Mega Match-a-thon Adoption Event. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road, Fairfax. All cats and dogs will receive a free spay/neuter prior to being adopted. Dog adoptions for the event will cost \$40 and cat adoption \$20. Sponsored by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. 703-830-1100.

Virginia Grand Military Band. 8 p.m. Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Performing works by Fillmore, von Suppe and Goldman. Adults \$20, under 18 free. 703-426-4777 or www.vgmb.com.

Food Drive. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Giant #0798, 8941 Ox Rd., Shoppes at Lorton Valley, Lorton. Items collected during this event will be donated to the Lorton Community Action Center (LCAC), a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization, dedicated to improving the quality of life for underprivileged families and children in the Lorton, Virginia area. Sponsored by Jack and Jill of America Inc., Burke-Fairfax Chapter. 410-903-6253.



The Fairfax County Animal Shelter, 4500 West Ox Road in Fairfax, will have a Mega Match-a-thon Adoption Event on Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, April 1 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. All cats and dogs will receive a free spay/neuter prior to being adopted. Dog adoptions for the event will cost \$40 and cat adoptions will be \$20. The event is sponsored by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. 703-830-1100.

SUNDAY/APRIL 1

Mega Match-a-thon Adoption Event.

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Spring Festival and Egg Hunt. 1-3 p.m. Springfield United Methodist Church, 7047 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Easter Egg Hunt, crafts, popcorn, games, and bounce houses. Free. 703-451-2375 or sum-cares.org.

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Women’s Association of Northern Virginia Benefit Fashion Show, Luncheon & Raffle. 11 a.m. Springfield Golf & Country Club,

8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Proceeds benefit the Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) of Northern Virginia, a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the well-being of children, improve parent-child relations and prevent child abuse and neglect through public awareness, parent education and advocacy. Tickets \$35. 703-250-6636 or 703-549-0190

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SPORTS

The Lee High boys' soccer team (1-2-1), under head coach John Millward, was able to hold off a late charge by the Oakton Cougars to win 1-0 in Lee's home opener this past Tuesday night, March 27. After a quick re-start,

SPORTS ROUNDUPS

and some quick midfield play, Luis Aguilar, a senior forward, found senior midfielder Jamie Ahmed, who took a one-touch into space then placed a 36-yard shot into the upper net with 12 minutes left. Lancer junior goalie Douglas Gutierrez had his first shutout of the season and tallied eight saves in the net. The Lancers' next home game will be after the spring break when they take on visiting Patriot District opponent Lake Braddock on Tuesday night, April 10 at 7.

The Springfield Youth Club (SYC) Pride United under-14 girls' soccer team was crowned champion of the Classic Level at the Baltimore Mania Tournament, which took place March 24-25 in Jarrettsville, Md.

Coached by Stu Pierson, United was able to battle back after a loss in their first game - notching a shut-out win in their second game, a 1-0 shootout victory in a semifinals

match, and then a 2-1 finals triumph in the championship game.

A month earlier, the Pride United had also captured the championship of the Elite Level during the Richmond Kickers Ultimate Cup Tournament, held Feb. 24-26.

The team is looking forward to a successful WAGS season in Div. 3, beginning this weekend. More information on Pride United can be found on the team website at <http://sycprideunited.teamopolis.com/members/default.aspx>.

Springfield Storm White followed up its recent Arlington Invitational Spring Soccer Tournament win with their biggest championship victory yet as they garnered the coveted gold medal in the girls' under-12 Championship Division (eight versus eight) of the Jefferson Cup, held March 17 and 18 in Richmond. The Jefferson Cup is one of the largest and most prestigious youth soccer tournaments in the country, attracting teams from approximately 35 states and receiving more than 1,400 applications to play.

Over the weekend of March 10-11, Storm White won the highly competitive Arlington Invitational Spring Soccer Tournament (11 versus 11). And last week, the locals took the title at the Jefferson Cup.

"We are very proud of our Storm players, who showed both great skill and joy in their first full-sided matches (Arlington) and in their first Jefferson Cup," said head coach Mark Heilbrun. "The kids simply love to step on the field and play, and these two tremendous tournaments are a reflection of that and also provide a great foundation for Storm White."

Storm White, which receives additional professional training from Gayle Wilson, Curtis Wilson and Tony Howard, is generously sponsored by local businesses Kay Jennings Springfield Toyota; Mannix Heating and Cooling; Peter K. Cocolis, Jr., DMD, Family and Cosmetic Dentistry; Elhady Orthodontics; and Glory Days Grill. Storm White is a part of the Springfield/South County Youth Club and competes within the Washington Area Girls Soccer League (WAGS).

The Fairfax Little League will celebrate its Opening Day on Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Festivities will start with the annual parade behind Paul VI High School and move on to Chilcott Field, located in Fairfax City. Following the ceremonies, there will be a Challenger game to officially begin the new season.



PHOTO/COURTESY SYC STORM WHITE

SYC Storm White won its second big tournament title over a four-week period with their championship showing at the prestigious Jefferson Cup, held March 18 in Richmond.



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Public Notice – Environmental Permit

Purpose of notice: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the filling of wetlands and streams for the improvement and realignment of Lorton Road (Route 642) and Furnace Road (Route 611) in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Public comment period: For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: March, 30, 2012 to April 30, 2012

Permit name: Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

applicant Name, address and permit number: Fairfax County Department of Transportation, 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, Virginia 22032; VWPP No. 11-1460

Project description: Fairfax County Department of Transportation has applied for a new permit for the Lorton Road widening project which consists of improvements and widening to 2.8 miles of Furnace Road and Lorton Road. The project site is located along both sides of Lorton Road (Route 642) from its intersection with Ox Road (Route 123) to Silverbrook Road (Route 600), and along Furnace Road (Route 611) from its intersection with Lorton Road to Ox Road in Fairfax County. The permit would affect approximately 1.34 acres (2,927 linear feet) of surface waters, consisting of permanent impacts to 0.92 acre of palustrine forested wetland and 0.30 acre (2,313 linear feet) of stream channel, and temporary impacts to 0.12 acre (614 linear feet) of stream channel. The activity proposed in the permit will affect Giles Run and unnamed tributaries to Giles Run in the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the affected area, the applicant will purchase 1.84 wetland credits from the Loudoun County Wetlands and Stream Restoration Bank and 5,304 stream condition units from the Northern Virginia Stream Restoration Bank. DEQ's preliminary decision is to approve the permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information: Margaret Quigley; Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193; Phone: (703) 583-3892; E-mail: Margaret.Quigley@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (703) 583-3821. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed below.

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Under a power of sale contained in a certain Deed of Trust from Sang Eun Park and Sang K. Park, as grantors, to Samuel N. Moore, as trustee, for the benefit of Ann Marie Dolan and Patrick Joseph Dolan, Trustees of the Ann Marie Dolan Trust, as beneficiaries, dated January 14, 2005 and recorded on January 19, 2005 in Book 16898 at Page 0242 as Instrument No. 2005002486.014 among the Land Records of Fairfax County, VA ("Deed of Trust"), with an original principal balance of \$190,000.00, default having occurred under the terms thereof, and pursuant to a Deed of Appointment of Substitute Trustee dated February 17, 2012 and recorded on February 23, 2012 in Book 22145 at Page 1254 as Instrument No. 2012008671.007 removing Samuel N. Moore as Trustee and appointing John D. Eubank as Substitute Trustee, the Substitute Trustee will sell at public auction at the front door of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, on

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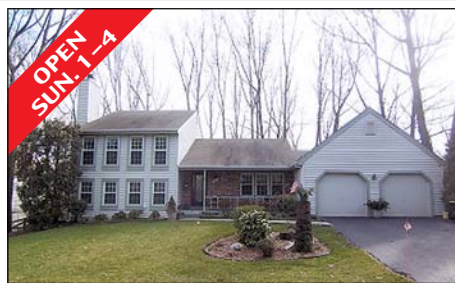
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