

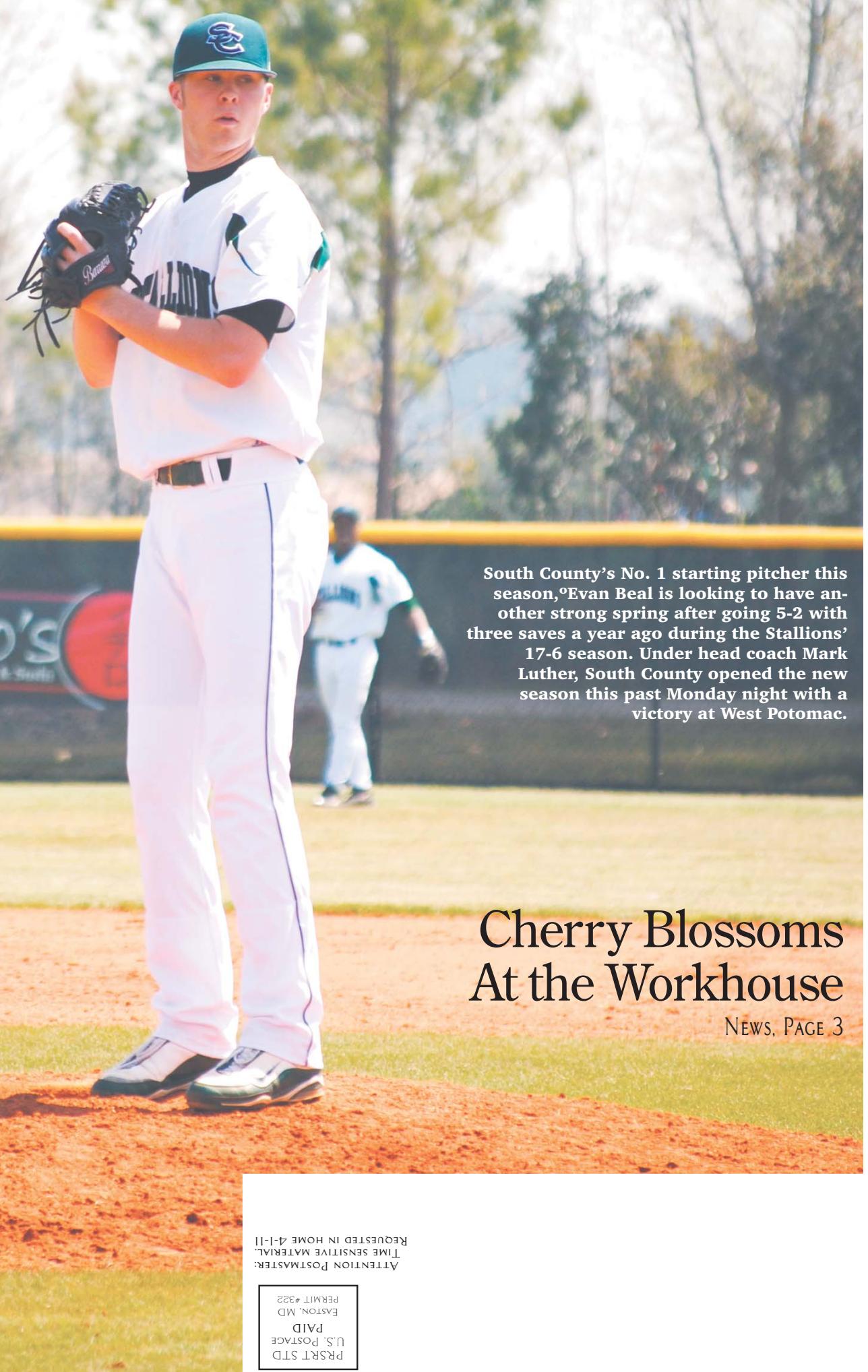
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Top Stallion Pitcher

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South County's No. 1 starting pitcher this season, Evan Beal is looking to have another strong spring after going 5-2 with three saves a year ago during the Stallions' 17-6 season. Under head coach Mark Luther, South County opened the new season this past Monday night with a victory at West Potomac.

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Incinerator Purchase Goes Up In Flames

Board of Supervisors chooses to continue lease agreement at Lorton facility.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors ruled out a government purchase of the \$432 million Energy Resource Recovery Center in Lorton, a privately owned facility better known as the county's trash incinerator, on March 29.

The supervisors voted 9-1 to extend Fairfax's public-private partnership with Covanta Energy, which currently owns the plant, under a new agreement. Fairfax County staff is expected to finalize the new contract with Covanta and bring it back before the board for approval over the next 60 days.

"Renewing the contract on the terms county staff has negotiated provides an economical, safe and secure way to ensure Fairfax County residents have reliable, affordable and environmentally preferable trash disposal for the next 30 years," said Fairfax County Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large).

Under the new agreement, Covanta will own and operate the incinerator until 2041, but Fairfax will continue to own the land on which the incinerator sits, said Bulova. This arrangement requires Covanta to lease the incinerator property from the county, even though the private company owns the facility outright.

IN FEBRUARY, Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin had recommended that the supervisors purchase the incinerator rather than sign a new lease agreement with Covanta. The company had been asking too much of the Fairfax and buying the plant appeared to be cheaper for the county in the long run, he said.

"Staff believes it is still negotiating with Covanta but [the agreement] is not to a level that we should continue a long-term relationship with them," said Griffin on Feb. 22.

At that time, the supervisors also indicated they weren't satisfied with the deal Covanta presented. The county board unanimously voted to give Covanta a list of "must haves" for Fairfax in the new contract.

If Covanta declined to accept these terms, the supervisors said they would be likely to

move forward with the purchase of the waste management plant.

Bulova said the threat to purchase the incinerator did ultimately produce a better financial deal for the county this month. The new agreement saves Fairfax \$300 million over the life of the 30-year contract when compared with previous agreements that had been presented, she said.

"When we looked into purchasing the incinerator, it gave us some leverage with Covanta and put us in a much better bargaining position," said Bulova.

Other supervisors characterized the new agreement and success of this month's negotiations differently, saying the contract closely resembled the one had been on the table in early February.

"There has not been any substantial change to the contract," said Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield).

"The terms we laid out were not accepted by Covanta. That is why I think the purchase [of the incinerator] remains the better option. Nothing has moved substantially since Feb. 8," said Supervisor Gerry Hyland

(D-Mount Vernon).

Hyland, who represents the communities that surround the incinerator, was only county board member to vote against extending the county's agreement with Covanta.

"That agreement, in my opinion, does not go far enough," said Hyland, who wanted the county to move forward with purchasing the facility.

In an interview, Bulova acknowledged that the county didn't get everything it wanted from Covanta.

"Time was out and I think we negotiated as good a deal as we possibly could have," she said.

FAIRFAX'S NEW ARRANGEMENT with Covanta doesn't give the county enough power over what outside waste might be burned at the facility, said Hyland.

Given the shortage of landfills and other waste management options on the East Coast, the supervisor worries that the Lorton incinerator might attract trash from several neighborhood states. More trash trucks on the roads could aggravate the traf

Workhouse Joins Cherry Blossom Festival

Journey to Japan during Workhouse Arts Cinema event.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

From Harajuku "girls" to Pokémon, manga and anime, Japanese culture has permeated and energized American pop culture for decades.

This weekend, the public can explore Japanese culture through the Lorton Workhouse Arts Center's quarterly Cinematic Tourist program. Film-lovers can experience everything from the stark beauty of Japanese cinema in its golden age with "Rashomon," to the popular anime film, "Steamboy."

"This two-day event will include contemporary and classic film screenings, coupled with artist workshops and demonstrations featuring traditional arts and food from Japan and Japanese influence," said Joseph Wallen, the center's theater and film director.

As an official participating organization of the 2011 National Cherry Blossom Festival, the Workhouse Arts Center has focused its quarterly event on Japanese film and

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Lorton Workhouse Arts Center is participating in the 2011 National Cherry Blossom Festival by presenting Japanese films and activities this weekend. Here, staff members take part in festival activities at the National Building Museum in Washington, D.C.

Herrity: Lyme Disease Epidemic 'Largely Ignored'

Governor's Task Force on Lyme disease hears stories of loss, pain and frustration.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Tricia Platas, a Springfield mother of four, sat in front of Gov. Bob McDonnell's Lyme Disease Task Force on Tuesday, March 24, clenched her hands together, and testified about losing her 9-year-old daughter, Amber Marie, to Lyme disease.

"It was a few months after her ninth birthday when we really knew something was wrong," Platas said. "She woke up one morning in so much pain that she could not walk to the bathroom. This was a little girl who loved to laugh, loved to sing and dance. Amber was the light of our lives."

Platas cried when she told the panel and 120 attendees how desperate she was to make the many doctors she saw with Amber to take her daughter's "mysterious" illness seriously. In her frantic search for a cure, she took Amber to a doctor who strapped the little girl to a bed, and waved foul-smelling oils in her face. "Amber was screaming. I just can't believe anyone would do that," she said.

"I wanted them to treat my little girl right, so I wouldn't always ask the right questions, or demand answers. I feel terrible about that," she said. "You have to push for answers."

Amber Marie Platas died on April 22, 2002, at Children's National Medical Center.

Platas was one of 25 area patients and caregivers who testified about their experiences with Lyme disease at Immanuel Bible Church in Springfield. They shared stories of pain, fear and fatigue with the eight-member panel of health department officials and legislators' representatives. It was the fifth public testimony hearing about the spread of Lyme disease in the Commonwealth.

Led by Michael Farris, chancellor of Patrick Henry College in Purcellville, the task force will propose recommendations to the governor after its final hearing April 25. Farris' wife and seven of his 10 children have been diagnosed with Lyme disease. The task force is comprised of physicians, wildlife officials, veterinarians and other experts.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 900 new cases of Lyme disease were reported in Virginia in 2009, a number the CDC acknowledges could be ten times higher due to under-reporting and inaccurate diagnostic tests. In Fairfax County, 250 cases were reported last year, according to the Fairfax County Health Department.

A deer tick takes about 36 hours to transmit Lyme disease, according to the CDC. The longer the disease goes undiagnosed and untreated, the greater the chances are for brain, heart and joint problems.

"We're here tonight to listen to people's stories, hear their recommendations and advocate for more public awareness and education," Farris said.

A well-known constitutional lawyer, Farris is the founder of the Home School Legal Defense Association (HSLDA) and Patrick Henry College, a Christian liberal arts college that is aimed at home-schooled students.

"Lyme disease is dramatically misdiag-

nosed, and there is too much denial by doctors that chronic Lyme does not exist," Farris said.

Mikey Pedersen, a 14-year-old Vienna resident, told the panel that his case of Lyme disease went undiagnosed for a year despite seven doctor visits. He said doctors attributed his symptoms to growing pains. The delayed diagnosis allowed Lyme and co-in-

fections to spread throughout his body causing rashes, severe joint pain, and fatigue.

Kristin Sheridan, a Vienna mother of a teenage daughter with Lyme disease, told the panel her fam-

ily spent four years seeing 30 doctors, visiting seven hospitals and receiving more than 15 diagnoses before they found a team of doctors determined to get her daughter well.

She gave the panel a list of specific recommendations for the panel to consider, including spraying the edges of school fields and soccer fields with Permethrin, an in

"It saddens me to see how many people are still being made sick by this horrible little bug."

— Tricia Platas

NEWS BRIEFS

Local Man Gets Five Years For Unlawful Wounding

After pleading guilty in January to felony unlawful wounding, Fairfax Station resident Ray Romano was sentenced March 18 to five years in prison.

In an Aug. 5, 2010 affidavit for a warrant to search Romano's Karmich Court home for possible evidence, Fairfax County Police Det. Eric Deane detailed the case against him. Deane wrote that, on that date, Romano and another man got into a fight in front of Romano's home.

"During the fight, Romano stabbed [the victim] several times with a knife, causing multiple cuts about [his] person," wrote the detective. Afterward, the injured man fled on foot.

Romano lived with the woman who owns his home, and Deane noted that Romano told her about the altercation. Furthermore, he wrote that this woman saw Romano "cleaning blood out of a bathroom [inside her home]" and then watched him take cleaning supplies outside.

Then, that same day, between 9-10 a.m., she found the victim in need of medical attention and took him to Inova Fairfax Hospital for treatment of his injuries. The hospital staff notified police and an investigation ensued.

"[The victim] described the details of the stabbing to the officers and identified Romano as the perpetrator," wrote Deane. Police then arrested Romano who, according to the detective, said he'd "acted in self-defense."

On Aug. 9, 2010, Pfc. Mashawn Jones of the Mason District Station wrote an affidavit to search Romano's 2001 Toyota Camry. Jones stated that Romano was seen cleaning his vehicle, the morning of Aug. 5, and was observed taking "a large, folding knife" out of his pants pocket and placing it back inside.

Jones also wrote that police saw blood in the driveway of Romano's home, near where his car had been parked. Then while searching that vehicle, police seized a black shirt and a knife; they then arrested Romano.

The grand jury indicted him in October and he pleaded guilty, Jan. 24, in Circuit Court. He returned March 18 to learn his punishment and, at that time, Judge Jane Roush sentenced him to five years in prison, followed by three years probation.

— BONNIE HOBBS

Pothole Repair Ties Up Fairfax County Parkway

A contractor of the Virginia Department of Transportation tied up traffic in the Burke area along Fairfax County Parkway on the morning of March 29. Workers blocked lanes of traffic during morning rush hour in order to repair potholes on the thoroughfare.

In early March, Gov. Robert McDonnell (R) directed Virginia's transportation department to undertake a "pot-hole blitz" to fix roads that were damaged during the winter.

In Fairfax County, workers are supposed to refrain from starting morning repairs until 9 a.m., when the traffic on local roads is not as heavy. Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) said it was clear that the contractors had blocked off the road well before 9 a.m. on March 29.

McKay got caught in the backup on Fairfax County Parkway and was late for a Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting as a result.

McKay's commute, which normally takes between 30 and 45 minutes, ended up lasting 2-1/2 hours, he said. When McKay finally got up to the Burke area of the parkway, he found that workers had whittled down the road to just one lane northbound, the source of much of the traffic problems.

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Sharing a Love of History

Mary Lipsey, cemetery preservationist, historian, selected as Fairfax County Champion.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE CONNECTION

Mary Lipsey is a great friend of history, especially in Fairfax County. The former history teacher at Lake Braddock Secondary School has spent the past few years extensively researching the genealogies of families and connections lost to time in a far-flung group of private cemeteries across the county.

A quick glance at the website for her organization, the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association, shows that she's helped organize restorations in almost a dozen private cemeteries since her first project, a restoration of the final resting place of John and Mary Marshall in April 2008.

"We get a lot of candidates for Eagle Scout projects come out with their groups and they clean up the cemeteries while we supervise," said Lipsey, of the organization, now a fully-fledged non-profit organization. That status means they can accept donations from area businesses or good neighbors who want to help Lipsey and her team reclaim historic cemeteries.

The Marshall cemetery was a disaster area when she first came across it, and, along with fellow History Commission member Lynne Garvey Hodge, Lipsey found her calling.

"We thought it would be a great project for the History Commission, but then we decided it'd be better off as a non-profit."

The secret to cleaning tombstones, especially ones that are hundreds of years old, is a soft brush and distilled water, she said.

"It's really rewarding," Lipsey said. And the research that goes along with the restoration work provides for great stories.

"We had a man from Nebraska contact us through the website whose family found letters that said a relative had fought in the Civil War near Camp Franklin in Alexandria in 1861," Lipsey said. "I did as much research as I could and found Camp Franklin in there but no record of a cemetery. He fought at the beginning of the war, but who knows? It's possible they may have moved bodies after the war, or the bodies could still be there."

She gets calls from across the country from people trying to track down their family history, which at some point had a connection to Fairfax County.

When a loved one died, they were buried near a family member's house, because burying them at a nearby cemetery meant they could only pay their respects once a month when they went to services, she said.

"These families thought so much of their loved one that they wanted them nearby," Lipsey said. "Now, no one's here anymore because we've become so mobile as a society. That's not right. No one's around to take care of the cemeteries anymore and they're all overgrown."



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Mary Lipsey is Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Sharon Bulova's choice for the Fairfax County Champion Award.

The work isn't just important to Lipsey, but to the entire county, and that's why she is the choice of Fairfax County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) for this year's Volunteer Fairfax Champion award.

"She's an outstanding, wonderful person," Bulova said of Lipsey. "She's really generously donated and given of her talent."

Bulova and Lipsey worked together a few years ago on Bulova's book, "Braddock's True Gold," and the two spent time identifying the families and cemeteries around the district to get a better idea of what made the Braddock district and county into what it is today.

"I believe she's now working on a history oriented event for the Oak Hill Celebration Day, which is one of the old mansions that was built around the same time as Mount Vernon," Bulova said.

"When she retired from the school system, Mary said if she could spend the rest of her life doing research, she'd feel like she died and gone to heaven. I think she's living her dream now and I'm so happy to recognize her for her work."

Lipsey doesn't care about the recognition but is happy if the award brings some attention to her work, along with some volunteers.

"I love learning the history of these families," she said. The recognition "humbles me. I do this because I feel it's something we need to preserve."

"Mary works so hard. I think of her as a sister historian," Garvey Hodge said. "In Fairfax County, we're so rich in history. This award makes a statement about how important it is to keep it and not lose it. It's so important to preserve and protect history so we can share it."

Lipsey is a "wonderful servant of history," Garvey Hodge said. "She's also an excellent committee person. She's a delight to work with and her follow-through skills are impeccable."

How To Help

For more information about the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association, go to www.honorfairfaycemeteries.org.

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Japanese, If You Please ...

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culture.

"We try to immerse people in a particular culture. It's a state of mind," Wallen said. "The idea is that we're looking at films about a particular region, by them or about them, and we complement that with visual arts, dance, music and food. The idea is the film is the anchor for the weekend."

During the weekend, Workhouse Studio artists Gretchen Kilmoski and Joan Yi will also have Japan and Cherry Blossom inspired work on display. Through the month of April, Kilmoski will have a selection of kimono fabric and sashiko garments on view in Studio Fiber Arts, located in Building W-6.

The event kicks off with a screening of Akira Kurosawa's "Rashomon" (1950), which won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film, and put Japanese cinema onto the world stage.

A Japanese film noir, "Rashomon" launched a genre of American psychological films in the 1960s and 1970s. In "Rashomon," a crime is reported by witnesses, each from their own point of view. Who is telling the truth? A priest, a woodcutter and another man are taking refuge from a rainstorm in the shell of a former gatehouse called Rashōmon.

"It's a classic example of Japanese cinema, and a signature work from legendary director Akira Kurosawa. The story is told out of order, so it resonates in more current films like 'Pulp Fiction,'" said Wallen, a former actor and producer.

On Saturday, the center presents "Steamboy"

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Ikebana Vessel Demo by Dale Marhanka. 4-5 p.m.

Oshie Demo with Storytelling by Anne Cox 5-6 p.m.

Vegetarian Sushi Culinary Demo by Chef Kathleen Linton 6-7 p.m. (vegetarian sushi only, no fish/meat) 6-7 p.m.

Film screening: "Steamboy" 7:30 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes prior to film screening.

(2007), one of the most elaborate animated features ever created: 10 years in the making, a total budget of \$22 Million, more than 180,000 drawings and 400 CGI shots. Featuring an ensemble voiceover cast including Anna Paquin, Patrick Stewart and Alfred Molina, the film is the first feature-length film by Katsuhiro Otomo.

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OPINION

In Praise of Workforce Housing

Fairfax County needs more affordable housing of all varieties.

After a recent vote to approve 270 apartments that would be rented to families with a variety of income levels, the three members who voted against it — John Cook (R-Braddock), Michael Frey (R-Sully) and Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) — called the project “subsidized luxury housing” which would compete with the private sector.

Fairfax County desperately needs a mix of affordable housing. The county offers a wide variety of options, from tiny efficiency apartments for a single person that can cost less than \$400 a month including utilities, to three-bedroom apartments that cost \$1,100 a month for families of four or more who could earn \$100,000 a year.

But there is not nearly enough such housing available. There are more than 12,000 families or individuals languishing on a waiting list that could take three years or more. Some families are waiting in homeless shelters.

This isn't a case of wanting to spread the wealth around. This is a serious economic development issue.

“Businesses today are seeking young creative professionals with state-of-the-art technology skills,” said Gerald Gordon, of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, calling workforce housing and this project in particular “fuel for the growth of our technology

and other businesses.” These workers often cannot, at the beginning of their careers, afford to live in Fairfax County.

“Opportunities to live close to where they work helps employees reduce commute time and improve their quality of life. And that translates into a business advantage,” said

Douglas Koelemay of Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC).

More than 70,000 households in Fairfax County have income of less than \$50,000 per year, less than half the area median income for a family of four, \$102,700, according to the 2008 US Census Bureau's American Community Survey,

More than 26,000 households in Fairfax County have income of less than \$25,000 per year.

Think about it for a minute. If you're reading the Connection in newsprint, chances are that your household has annual income of more than \$200,000 a year. How can any family survive on less than \$25,000 here?

Fairfax County has the largest number of renters with what is described as “worst case housing” in Virginia: More than 12,000 Fairfax County renter households pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing costs, have incomplete plumbing facilities and/or live in severe overcrowding.

cuss recommended changes.

The School Board and staff are committed to a safe and secure learning environment for all students and that will not change. But we also recognize that any process involving students can and should withstand periodic review that can lead to new procedures. I believe we can make improvements to our discipline process that will benefit our

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students, parents and schools. I encourage you to stay involved with our progress by visiting <http://www.fcps.edu/news/discipline.htm>.

Kathy Smith, Chairman
Fairfax County School Board

New Vision Of Leadership

To the Editor:

As a result, in March the School Board spent several hours outlining the issues that need further exploration, such as the length of time it takes to move through the process; timing of parental notification when a student is involved in an incident; and balancing the consistency of consequences with individual circumstances. In April, the School Board will review applicable state law requirements as well as an analysis of relevant data. In May, the Board will dis-

Richmond by over \$501 million annually without increasing taxes Virginians pay.

In fact, following my plan a Fairfax County household with the median income and average property value will realize a tax reduction. With a broader perspective, my plan directly benefits every locality in the Commonwealth, except one. Lee County in southwest Virginia indirectly benefits.

We create our choices. Fairfax County can lower real estate taxes by 24 percent to \$0.83 per \$100 of assessed value. Households would realize over \$400 in tax savings while county revenues remain relatively flat.

Or, we can lower real estate taxes by over 13 percent to \$0.93 per \$100 of assessed value. Taxpayers would realize a modest tax reduction while county revenues would increase by \$193 million to address local priorities.

With my plan, we will take control of our roads, address traffic congestion, and provide solutions for the challenges created by BRAC. We will restore cuts in public safety. We will quicken our capital improvement programs for our county and our schools. We will fund full-day kindergarten without

placing other children in substandard facilities. We will protect and strengthen our safety net of human services. We will award a pay raise to county and school employees for the first time in years. We will provide tax relief. Our budget is a statement of our community's values, not just a book of numbers. We will honor our local priorities.

Supervisors have done their best at a difficult time. The question remains, of course, whether they will do this work or wait for new leadership.

Will Radle
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"It was absolutely ridiculous," said McKay.
The supervisors voted to send a letter to the Virginia Department of Transportation, complaining about the incident.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Schultz Runs For School Board

Four years ago, Elizabeth Schultz hosted a campaign fund raiser for School Board Member Liz Bradsher (Springfield) in Schultz's Clifton home. Now, the education activist is hoping to take Springfield School Board seat from Bradsher if necessary.

Schultz kicks off her campaign for the Fairfax County School Board's seat in the Springfield District April 2. The School Board race is technically nonpartisan, though Schultz is seeking the "endorsement" of the local Republican committee.^o

A mother of four boys, Schultz became active in local education issues approximately two years ago, when the school board started deliberating over whether to close Clifton Elementary, the local school some of her children attend.

Schultz was particularly upset that Brasher, who represents Clifton's attendance area, voted with the majority of the school board members to close the school last July. She has since become upset about other issues in the school system, including parental notification about disciplinary matters.

The Clifton resident sits on the executive board of the Fairfax Education Coalition, an umbrella group for local parent advocacy groups. She is also a founding member of Save Our Community Schools, which was put together after the school board voted to close Clifton and move a Falls Church school, Graham Road Elementary, over the objections of some of parents.

"It is important everywhere in the county that we preserve community schools. The school system seems to prefer elementary schools with 1,000 students now," said Schultz.

Schultz's family has been active in the Southwestern Youth Association, where her children play football, lacrosse, basketball and soccer. She is active member of the Republican Women of Clifton.

After her fourth son arrived prematurely, Schultz also become active with the March of Dimes and start to raise money in support of Inova Fairfax's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, she said.

If elected, Schultz said she would try to address issues surrounding school facilities. She would like to look at ways to accelerate several school renovation projects.

"Why is it taking so long to renovate schools?" said Schultz.

The Clifton resident is also interested in putting the school system's "checkbook" online, thereby making school system spending more transparent.

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Clifton Lions Pancake Breakfast

The Clifton Lions Club cordially will host its 42nd annual, old-fashioned Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 3, from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Clifton Presbyterian Church, located behind Trummer's on Main. Cost is \$6, adults; and \$4, children under 14.

It's all-you-can-eat and, besides pancakes, also served will be sausage, bacon, orange and apple juice, milk and coffee. All proceeds will support local charities. Diabetes screening will also be available at the event. For more information, see www.clcv.clubexpress.com.

McDonnell Vetoes P.E. Bill

Gov. Bob McDonnell (R) vetoed a bill on March 24 that would have required all elementary and middle school students to have at least 150 minutes of physical activity each week. McDonnell described the bill, which earned his very first veto, as an unfunded mandate for local school systems.

Fairfax County Public Schools had lobbied for the governor's veto, stating that it would cost well over \$10 million for the school system to implement the new physical education requirement.

"I think the governor did the right thing for the right reasons. I think he understands what challenges we face," said School Board Member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill).

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Supervisors Decide Not To Purchase Incinerator

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fic congestion in Lorton and along Interstate 95.

"Additional truck traffic would be a problem," he said.

Hyland had also wanted Covanta to provide more generous community benefits. The company currently helps pay for Fairfax's mass document shredding as well as computer and electronic disposal events, but Hyland said Covanta had done more in other communities where it operates.

Potential innovation in energy production and the power industry lead Bulova to steer clear of purchasing the incinerator.

Under the scenario presented the county executive, Fairfax was not expected to reap any financial benefits from buying the trash burner for another 17 to 20 years. By that time, advancements in technology could render the incinerator obsolete, said Bulova.

"There were many questions about changing technology and what the recycling market will be like 20 years from now. There are no short-term savings with the purchase option and there could be no long-term savings," she said.

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce also lobbied hard for the supervisors to reject incinerator purchase option.

"We are very pleased with the decision. Chairman Sharon Bulova has shown a lot

of leadership on this issue," said Jim Corcoran, president and chief executive officer of the Fairfax Chamber.

"It would have sent a very negative message for Fairfax to take over a facility from a private business," said Corcoran, who confirmed that Covanta is a chamber member.

The entire Board of Supervisors is standing for reelection in Fall 2011 and the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce is one of the most influential players in local politics. Over the last 15 years, the chamber's political action committee has donated approximately \$47,639 to Fairfax supervisors' political campaigns, according to the Virginia Public Access Project, a nonpartisan organization that tracks campaign finance data.

Perhaps more importantly, individual members of the chamber are also among the most generous donors to county board campaigns and frequently give more money to candidates endorsed by the chamber.

When asked if he felt the chamber's outspoken opposition to the incinerator purchase made a difference, Corcoran said: "I think it did. I think that was truly democracy in action."

Bulova and Hyland continue to worry about one aspect of the county's lease extension with Covanta.

The county is obligated to provide the facility with a certain amount of trash, oth-

erwise it has to start paying Covanta a financial penalty, said Hyland. The incinerator also has to receive a large amount of trash in order to produce the energy Fairfax ends up selling to Dominion Power every year, said Bulova.

So a decline in the amount of trash coming into the Lorton incinerator could result in the county having to pay a fine to Covanta and potentially losing revenue from the sale of energy to Dominion, costs that would ultimately have to be covered by the taxpayers.

Until recently, Fairfax has been able to guarantee that a significant amount of trash goes to the Lorton incinerator by requiring that all the county's homeowner associations, civic associations and businesses send their waste to the facility. But it may no longer have the authority to force the flow of all local trash to the local plant.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that a locality can only compel residents and businesses to use a particular trash disposal facility if a local government was using bonds to pay for the facility's upkeep. A municipality cannot force homeowners and businesses to use one particular waste management site if it is privately owned.

Fairfax finished paying off the municipal bonds taken out to pay for the incinerator's renovations in February and Hyland fears some trash haulers will start taking waste

elsewhere.

"Businesses do not have to continue to use the mass burner. There are [trash] haulers have their own private landfills in other parts of Virginia," he said.

This would not have been an issue if Fairfax had decided to purchase the incinerator this week. The county would once again be using municipal bonds to pay off debt on the facility and could require all local trash flow to the facility, said Hyland.

"Yes. It is absolutely an issue. It was the most compelling reason to support the purchase option," said Bulova.

The business community tends to think it is better to have more flexibility in the marketplace, like the option for businesses and homeowners group to have their trash hauled to a site of their choosing, even if it is not the incinerator.

"We really believe in the forces of the free market," said Corcoran of the trash flow issue.

Herrity also downplayed the threat of Fairfax falling short of its trash quota at the Lorton incinerator.

Open landfills and other trash disposal facilities are still quite a distance from Fairfax County. As long as the incinerator continues to have competitive rates, it was unlikely businesses or homeowners associations were going to find a cheaper for getting rid of their waste, he said.

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THURSDAY/MARCH 31

"Design for Murder." 7 p.m. Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. A murder mystery by George Batson. This performance is a dinner show. Tickets are available online, \$30 adults, \$25 youth, and must be purchased online before March 25. 703-660-2611 or www.acctonline.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 1

The Virginia Opera: Puccini's "Madama Butterfly." 8 p.m. at George Mason University Center For The Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. \$48-\$98. 888-945-2468 or www.tickets.com.

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Cinematic Tourist Series: Japanese Film & Animation. 7:30 p.m. Gallery W-16, Second Floor, Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox

Road, Lorton. A screening of the film classic "Rashomon," in Japanese with subtitles. \$5-\$7. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

SATURDAY/APRIL 2

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- ❖ 7:30 p.m. Film screening, title to be announced. Film tickets \$5-\$7.

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WEDNESDAY/APRIL 6

American Red Cross Blood Drive. 1-7 p.m. Silverbrook Elementary School Gym, 9350 CrossPoint Drive, Fairfax Station. Register at FNA5810@cox.net or 703-690-5810.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Old Time Radio Alive and Kicking

George Mason University's Theater of the First Amendment presents 'Live Wire.'

By DAVID SIEGEL
THE CONNECTION

For a very short time a special treat is coming courtesy of the George Mason Theater of the First Amendment. A treasure trove to feast the eyes and ears called "Live Wire" will be making its way to both Fairfax and Manassas in the coming days. Audiences will find themselves within the powerful ambiance and "adrenaline rush of doing live radio back before the days of tape and digital precision," said Rick Davis, director of Mason's limited run production of "Live Wire."

Davis described "Live Wire" as fast-moving and creative. "Everyone will find something to connect with," he said. Yet, the production is far from merely paying tribute to "a vanishing aspect of American life and culture" in its authentic, vivid re-creations. Using a variety show format with an assortment of comedy, music and serious issues "the audience will recognize a lot of their own daily lives," said Kevin Murray, managing director of Mason's Theater of the

Where and When

The George Mason Theater of the First Amendment will present performances of "Live Wire" at two locations — the Hylton Performing Arts Center, 10960 **George Mason Circle, Manassas, and** George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. The show is presented in Manassas on Friday, April 15, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$19-\$35. Call 888-945-2468 or visit: Hyltoncenter.org. The show is presented in Fairfax on Sunday, April 17, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$18-\$36. Ca

First Amendment.

"Live Wire" material was drawn from George Mason University's extensive Federal Theatre Project archives. With the foresight of the late Lorraine Brown, Mason houses an extensive library of American theatrical history. The Federal Theatre Project existed for a few short years between 1935-39 as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal and the Works Progress Administration (WPA). To Murray, The Federal Theater Project is noteworthy and to be remembered. "For a brief period,



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Kevin Murray, left, Gordon Canyock and Andrew Knoche rehearse a scene from 'Live Wire.'

there was a government-supported theater program that was designed to put thousands of performing artists back to work," he said.

For Ilona Dulaski, one of the "Live Wire" cast, the production will allow audiences to be part of a moment in time when the imagination soared as voices and sound effects streamed into American homes through the broadband and wireless technology of the day, "cutting-edge radio." The production will give the audience the wonderful opportunity to be "transfixed and transported to an amazing period of time."

"Live Wire" will be interwoven vignettes using newly discovered material in the Mason Federal Theater Project archives. These will run the gamut from comedy to mystery, musicale and the "strong, vigorous, muscular" writing of the late 1930's about "hot" issues all while using the radio and theater devices of the day according to Davis. For example there will be a "Living Newspaper" segment; a dramatic play within the play inspired by and scavenged from the blistering news of the late 1930's made into a dramatic sketch. The comedic skits will use every day events.

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Volunteers For the 23rd Annual Watershed Clean-Up. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Clean the park and surrounding roadways. All ages welcome. Meet at the marina to sign in and receive an assignment. Dress for the weather and wear clothes and sturdy shoes that can get muddy. To be held rain or shine. 703-569-0285 or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/accotink.

2nd Saturday Art Walk. 6-9 p.m. Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Meet each building's featured artist, a reception in W-16 from 6-7 p.m. and more. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

Russian National Ballet Theatre: "Romeo and Juliet." 8 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With choreography by Petipa and music by Tchaikovsky. Based on Shakespeare's classic tale of star-crossed lovers and family hatreds. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$27-\$54. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

Oldies But Goodies (OBG) Cocker Spaniel Rescue. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Petsmart, 6535 Frontier Drive, Springfield. Meet cockers of all ages available for adoption. All dogs are spayed or neutered. Volunteers will be available to help potential

adopters and answer any questions on the dogs. www.cockerspanielrescue.com or 703-533-2373.

SUNDAY/APRIL 10

Columbian Singer Juanes. 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Circle, Fairfax. Tickets are \$39-\$125, available at www.ticketmaster.com or 703-573-SEAT. Accessible seating is available for patrons with disabilities by calling 703-993-3035. www.patriotcenter.com.

Russian National Ballet Theatre: "Swan Lake." 4 p.m. George Mason University's Center for the Arts Concert Hall, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With choreography by Petipa and music by Tchaikovsky. Inspired by the German legend of Odette, a princess who was turned into a swan by an evil sorcerer's curse. A pre-performance discussion, free to ticket holders, begins 45 minutes prior to the performance on the Center's Grand Tier III. Tickets \$27-\$54. Youth through grade 12, half price when accompanied by an adult. Charge at 888-945-2468 or cfa.gmu.edu.

THURSDAY/APRIL 14

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$7-\$15. www.ringling.com or 202-683-3238.

FRIDAY/APRIL 15

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey circus. 10:30 a.m. and 7:30

p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot Drive, Fairfax. Tickets \$7-\$15. www.ringling.com or 202-683-3238.

"Honk!" 7:30 p.m. Robert E. Lee High School, 6540 Franconia Road, Springfield. The musical story of the Ugly Duckling. Tickets \$10 adults, \$5 children. akberting@fcps.edu.

SATURDAY/APRIL 16

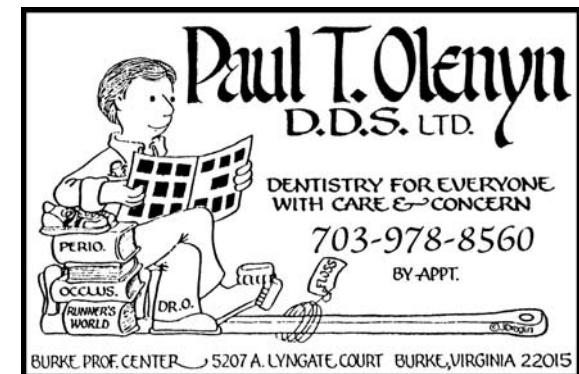
Funatical: Taking Comedy to the Extreme! 7:30 p.m. Northern Virginia Community College Ernst Cultural Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. An intercultural, interfaith comedy tour that breaks stereotypes and bridges gaps between Muslims, Jews, Christians and other faiths. Proceeds benefit the Nooristan Foundation, a 501c3 nonprofit that provides support for charitable and educational projects in Afghanistan. \$25-\$40. www.funaticalcomedy.com.

Gallery After Hours: Ballroom Social Dance. 7:30 p.m. Gallery W-16, Second Floor, Workhouse Art Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Ballroom dancing, complimentary refreshments and cash bar. 7 p.m. Ballroom mini-lesson, with a focus on Foxtrot, \$5. Dance tickets \$18-\$20 per couple. www.WorkhouseArts.org.

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Stallions' Baseball Finally Gets Started

**Following rainouts,
South County bats
are lively in win over
West Potomac.**

By RICH SANDERS
The Connection

At first glance, it would seem to be a difficult challenge for the South County Secondary baseball team to improve on last year's 17-6 overall record. But the Stallions have eight of their starters back from last year's successful squad and are hungry to atone for a tough ending to the 2010 spring, the result of a first round Northern Region playoff loss to Centreville.

"We've set our sights pretty high and expect to be better this year," said South County head coach Mark Luther.

Following an early spring in which poor weather has resulted in several postponements of exhibition or regular season games, South County finally opened its season this past Monday night, March 28, with a Patriot District game at West Potomac. The Stallions, in the make-up game from last Friday night, came out blistering the baseball, accumulating 17 hits on way to a 15-4 win over the Wolverines.

"We were happy with that," said Luther, of the heavy hitting production in the win. "We spread it out throughout the line-up."

Prior to the West Potomac game, it had been 23 days since the Stallions had taken the field against an opponent — that occurring during a pre-season game versus Mount Vernon. So South County was more than ready to get in a game and unleashed against West Potomac.

"We've had bad luck with the weather," said Luther.

SEVERAL PLAYERS put together productive games against the Wolverines. Mike



Tyler Frazier of South County releases a pitch during the Stallions' season-opening game at West Potomac this past Monday night. Frazier tossed four shutout innings and earned the win.

Egbert, a senior designated hitter, smacked four hits, including a double, and batted in four runs from the No. 8 position in the line-up. Andrew Rector, a junior outfielder, also had a big night with three hits, including a double, from the leadoff position. Seniors Mike Perez, the clean-up hitter and catcher, and third baseman/shortstop Luke Bondurant both hit doubles and finished with two hits apiece.

On the mound, senior pitcher Tyler Frazier, who will be the Stallions' shortstop when he is not on the hill, threw four shutout innings, throwing an efficient 43 pitches and allowing just one hit, to earn the win.

Frazier, a right-hander, enters the season as South County's No. 2 starting pitcher. He

pitched only sparingly a year ago but, according to Luther, began to emerge as a real talent on the mound during this past offseason. Frazier has earned a college scholarship to play baseball at UNC-Greensboro next school year.

"He started only two games last year," said Luther, of Frazier's limited pitching outings in 2010. "He just has really blossomed over the summer and fall. He's a tall kid and has really

grown into his body. He's throwing the ball much harder."

The Stallions' top starter this season is University of South Carolina-bound Evan Beal, a senior who was originally scheduled to start in games versus Kettle Run (Fauquier County) over the last couple of weeks. But both scheduled road dates versus Kettle Run — the original March 16 season opener, and the March 22 make-up — were rained out. The two teams are trying to set up another make-up, which could occur on Wednesday, May 4 at South County.

Beal, a hard-throwing right-hander with an outstanding curve, went 5-2 with three saves last year. In two of his starts, he struck out 13 batters. He was the hard-luck loser, allowing just two base hits, in the Stallions' region playoff loss to Centreville. Beal was scheduled to pitch earlier this week in a district home game versus Lake Braddock on Tuesday.

This Friday at 8 p.m., the Stallions will play a district game at W.T. Woodson.

Over spring break week (April 18-22), South County will travel to Myrtle Beach, S.C. where it will look to defend its title at the Mingo Bay Classic.



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE CONNECTION

South County junior pitcher Kyra Ketch threw a complete game shutout against West Potomac in her first varsity start on March 25.

Ketch Handles Pressure, Pain

Junior pitcher thrives in shadow of former standout Dunham.

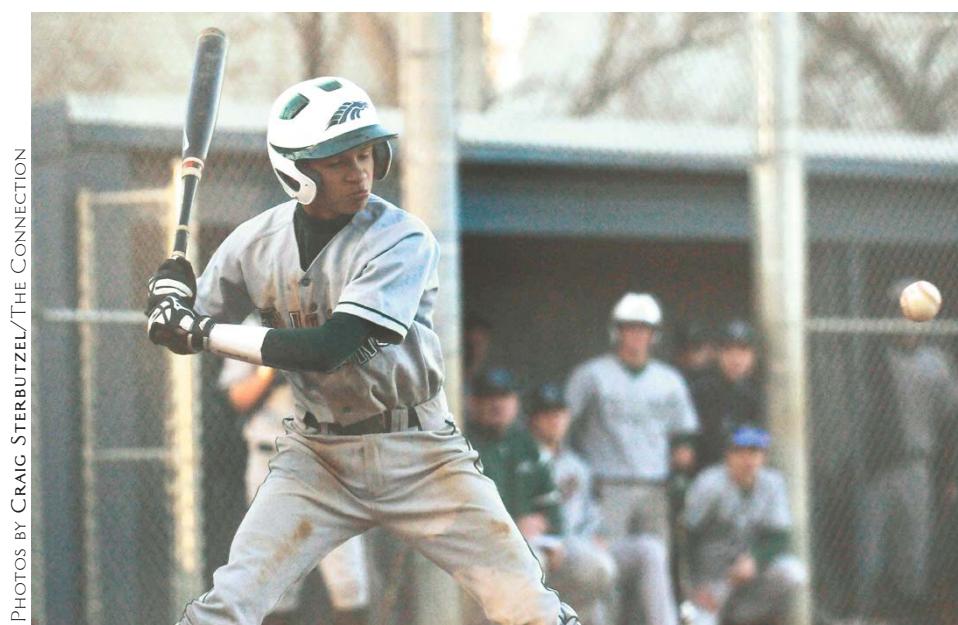
By JON ROETMAN
The Connection

South County pitcher Kyra Ketch took a line drive off her right shin against West Potomac on March 25, sending the junior to the ground in agony.

The pain provided a convenient excuse for Ketch if the pressure was too much and she wanted to come out of the game. It was her first varsity start in the circle and she was the first South County pitcher to face a Patriot District opponent since the 2010 graduation of former standout Chelsey Dunham, who struck out more than 1,000 batters in four years as a Stallion and went on to play at Yale. It was the bottom of the third inning and now was the time to get out if the pressure was too much.

"She took that ball off the shin," South County head coach Gary Dillow said, "and the first thing she said when we got out there is, 'I want to keep pitching.' That's her first varsity start."

Ketch shook off the discomfort and went on to hurl a six-inning, complete game shutout as the Stallions defeated the Wolverines 10-0 at WPHS. Dillow said he plans to rotate Ketch and freshman Rebecca Martin in the circle, but on this cold Friday night in Alexandria, Ketch pitched like the staff ace. The head coach acknowledged there would be pressure on whomever followed Dunham as South County starting pitcher,



Alex Carrington, a senior infielder for the Stallions, stands up at the plate against the Wolverines.

SPORTS



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Snow Leads Bruins

Bruin midfielder scores six goals.

As players returned to the field after a timeout with 16:38 remaining in the second half on Tuesday, March 29, Lake Braddock girls lacrosse coach Victor Chen encouraged the Bruins not to be comfortable with their two-goal lead against an athletic T.C. Williams team.

"You've got to keep pulling away," he shouted from the sideline. "They're too dangerous to keep close."

Freshman midfielder Allie Snow took it upon herself to make sure Chen's instructions didn't fall on deaf ears.

In less than a minute, Snow padded the Bruins' lead with a pair of goals, part of a 6-1 run that helped Lake Braddock secure a 19-15 victory at Minnie Howard in Alexandria. The Bruins' record improved to 3-0, including 2-0 in the Patriot District.

Snow led Lake Braddock with six goals. After the freshman scored back-to-back goals coming out of the timeout, she found the net for the final time with 12:56 remaining, giving the Bruins a 16-11 advantage.

"I can't say enough things about her," Chen said. "As a freshman, what an incredible talent."

Snow is just one member of Lake Braddock's corps of young talent. Sopho-

"I can't say enough things about her. As a freshman, what an incredible talent."

— Victor Chen

more midfielder Taylor Livick scored four goals for the Bruins, and freshman midfielder Kristen Gaudian and sophomore attack Alexis Torres each added three.

"Probably some of the best talent that Braddock has seen in a long time," Chen said, "has finally come through and pays off."

Junior attack Summerlin Meredith scored two goals for Lake Braddock and junior midfielder Shelby Crow added one.

Lake Braddock trailed 6-4 late in the first half when the Bruins responded with five consecutive goals and led 9-7 at halftime.

TC pulled with one on three occasions in the second half, but Lake Braddock always found a way to gain separation.

The Bruins' 19 goals were a season high, surpassing a 12-goal effort against West Potomac on March 25, but the 15 goals al-

lowed were also tops for the season. The Titans were the first team to score at least 10 goals against the Bruins.

"That's something that we can't do," Chen said. "We're not a team that can go blow-for-blow, especially against a team like TC that's really dangerous [and] that can score quickly. We've just got to play better team defense."

Lake Braddock will host West Springfield on April 4, at 7:15 p.m.

"If we're competitive and we do our job," Chen said, "then everything else will fall into place."

— JON ROETMAN

Lake Braddock freshman midfielder Allie Snow scored six goals during the Bruins' victory against T.C. Williams on Tuesday.

Stallion Pitcher Ketch Plays Tough

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but he was pleased with how Ketch handled it. "It's a lot of pressure," he said. "It's funny. When we were handing out uniforms, neither one of them wanted anything to do with No. 4 because [Dunham wore it]. I can't say that I blame them. I wouldn't want to wear that number after Chelsey wore it for four years and did everything that she did."

"[Ketch] certainly upheld the pitching legacy for South County tonight. She pitched her tail off."

Ketch worked her way out of bases-loaded jams in the first and fourth innings and stranded a runner on third base in the sixth. No.

7 said she's going to be herself rather than trying to live up to what Dunham accomplished at South County.

"There's a little bit of pressure and a little bit of stress, but it's fortunate that I get to be on a good team with good coaches that have coached such great teams before," Ketch said. ... "I'm not going to try to

compare myself to Chelsey Dunham because she's a completely different person. I don't want to hold myself up to her expectations. I'm just going to try my best and be happy with me."

Well, there is one way she'd like to emulate Dunham.

"I'd like," Ketch said, "to keep up the Stallion tradition of winning districts."

Offensively, the Stallions got a lift from senior Julia Kastner, who broke a scoreless tie in the third inning with a two-run home run to center field. Freshman Haylea Geer added a run-scoring single in the inning.

South County lost seven seniors from last year's team that started 25-0 before losing to McLean in the region semifinals. Four days after blanking West Potomac, the Stallions' inexperience finally caught up to them, when they lost to Lake Braddock 12-2, the program's first district loss since the early part of the 2007 season. South County (2-1) will look to bounce back on April 1, at 6:30 p.m., at Woodson.

"I'm just going to try my best and be happy with me."

— Kyra Ketch

WEEK IN SPORTS

Robinson Tennis Wins

The Robinson Rams shut out the Oakton Cougars on the home courts on Thursday. Freshman Aaron Christian at No. 3 ran away with his match, winning 10-1. Jacob Schreiman played well at No. 6, using numerous passing shots to win 10-2. David Smiley won easily at No. 4, 10-4. Seniors Tim Ferrell and Michael Cable also won, 10-5 and 10-4, respectively. The most competitive match was at No. 5 where Dillon Meyer fell behind 5-2 but staged a big comeback to win, 10-7. His Oakton opponent started out blazing hot. He took Dillon's high bouncing forehands early and controlled the points, hardly missing on his forehand. However, Meyer kept his focus and gradually turned the tide. The Cougar lost his focus and faded out of the match. That completed the singles shutout.

Ferrell and Christian teamed up to win 8-2 as did Amit Gupta and Meyer. Stephen Paul and Dayton Coupland pulled out the third doubles, 8-6.

COMMUNITY

Memorial a Turning Point for Women

Memorial honors sacrifice of suffragists who were detained at nearby Workhouse.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Her silent protests led to imprisonment, sleep deprivation and brutal force-feedings when the young woman, a Swarthmore graduate, finally resorted to a hunger strike in jail.

"Then the prison doctor, assisted by two woman attendants, placed a rubber tube up my nostrils and pumped liquid food through it into the stomach. Twice a day for a month, from November 1 to December 1, this was done," she later told a reporter.

This may sound like current news about the brutality against women in Afghanistan or Darfur, but it's an account given by a suffragist Alice Paul in 1918 to The Philadelphia Tribune.

Paul was one of thousands of picketers who stood every day for months in front of the White house in 1917, pleading for the right to vote.

Instead of throwing bricks, the protesters threw words at President Woodrow Wilson. "Mr. President, what will you do for Woman Suffrage?" and "How Long Must Women Wait for Liberty?" were among the placards that greeted the newly elected president daily. Many were arrested and jailed at the Occoquan Workhouse in Lorton and the D.C. Jail annex.

After months of escalating tension and violence against the suffragists, Congress passed the 19th Amendment on Aug. 18, 1920, giving half the population of the United States the right to vote. However, the Commonwealth of Virginia was one of 12 states that initially rejected the amend-

ment, subsequently ratifying it on Feb. 21, 1952.

"In this area, there are dozens of monuments to the men who made history, but you will be hard-pressed to find monuments to women. The suffragists are American heroes, not just heroes for women, and they have not been recognized adequately in our history books or our monuments," said John Houser, manager of Occoquan Park.

Houser is liaison to the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Committee (TPSM), an all-volunteer non-partisan group dedicated to honoring the lives of the suffragists and establishing a memorial in their honor at Occoquan Park. The memorial began as an initiative of the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority.

Chaired by Jane Barker of Clifton, the TPSM committee has been working for three years to raise awareness of the suffragists and the important role Fairfax County played in one of the most significant events in U.S. history.

"The committee has researched the events at the Occoquan Workhouse and the suffragist movement, and we feel this is worthy of being a national memorial," said Barker, who noted that in 1917, more than 120 suffragists were imprisoned in the workhouse, then part of the Lorton Prison complex, in retaliation for picketing the Woodrow Wilson White House for the right to vote.

Barker said fund raising efforts for the \$5.7 million memorial are just kicking into high gear. She said plans are for the memorial, which will be located in Occoquan Regional Park, to be complete at least by 2020, the



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In August 2010, Jane Barker and John Houser bury a time capsule at the future memorial site to commemorate the 90th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gives women the right to vote.

100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

Last spring, Robert Beach of Robert E. Beach Architects, unveiled plans for the memorial during a fund-raising event at Meadowlark Botanical Gardens in Vienna.

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 the design 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 suf-

fragists.

❖ 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."

"They are great Americans who got the vote for half the population," Houser said. "This memorial is long overdue."

For more information on donations or history, go to www.suffragistmemorial.org.

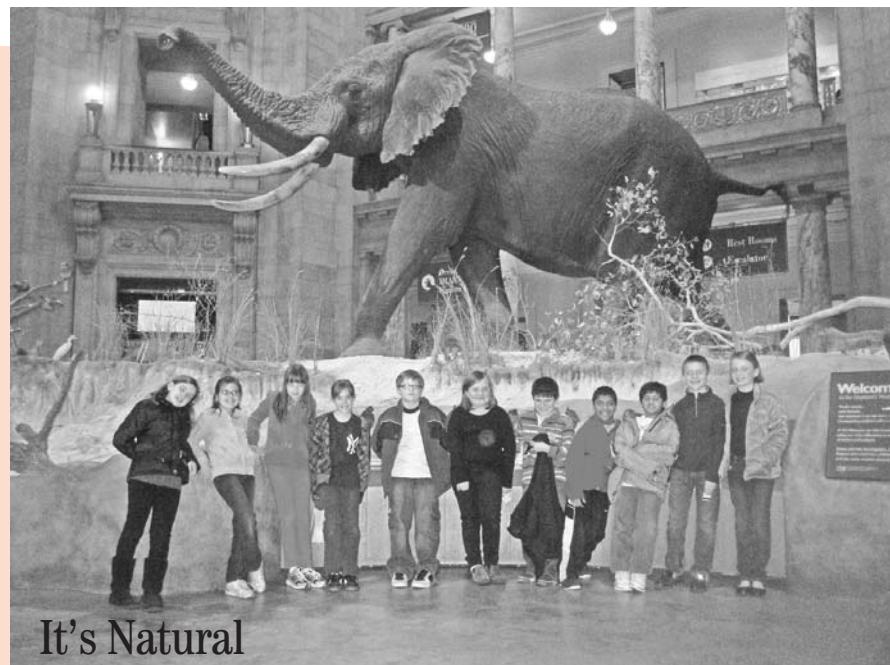


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It's Natural

Fourth grade students from Clifton Elementary enjoy a day studying science outside the classroom at the National Museum of Natural History. Pictured are members of Kathy Owens' class.



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A group of kindergarten through fifth grade students in the FLEX Chinese class at Clifton Elementary performed in the festivities at Fair Oaks Mall to welcome the Chinese New Year. The students said a few words in Chinese to the large audience and then performed the dragon dance.

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Hannah S. Sager, a resident of Fairfax Station, has recently been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall semester.

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sect repellant, to kill ticks as well as West Nile Virus.

"I've no doubt both my kids got bitten by ticks on soccer fields," she said. Sheridan also said parents of children diagnosed with Lyme need to understand the process for Special Education Certification for "other health issues."

"This certification provides families and the school with the flexibility needed to handle the waxing and waning symptoms, the additional days of absence," Sheridan said.

Sarah Beasley, a 29-year-old Fairfax woman, told the panel that she is living proof chronic Lyme exists. In 2000, she was a senior at James Madison University and participated in Army ROTC for fun. But then she started having serious muscle and joint pains.

"As soon as each day was done, I'd limp to my apartment and crash into bed," she said. "My whole life, I had been a six-hours-kind-of-sleep-girl. Suddenly, I would sleep for 13 hours and wake up feeling like I had been hit by a Mac truck." After 10 years and more than 10 different doctors, Beasley, the director of a local education association, said she is on the path to wellness.

At the end of her testimony, she dumped out a large bag of medications, herbs, supplements and vitamins. "Please understand that it takes all of these to keep me going in the way that I need to function," she said. "Without them, I will be that girl that is confined again to the downstairs couch." She added that she wants the panel to encourage research and protect doctors who actually understand "this spreading, debilitating disease."

Marjorie Veiga, a Lyme disease patient consultant and mother of a teen daughter diagnosed with Lyme disease, said the biggest myth about Lyme disease is that it is easily diagnosed and treated.

"It is difficult to diagnose due to the unreliable screening tests and due to the migrating and remitting symptoms," she said. "Also, ticks can carry multiple pathogens. If these are not diagnosed and treated, the patient may continue to be unresponsive to multiple therapies."

"These heartrending cases of misdiagnosis, financial ruin, and social isolation are difficult to hear as we travel throughout Virginia," Farris said. "But it is important to gather first-hand testimonies about the personal impact of long-term illness. One of our most important goals is to allow people to be heard."

The final Task Force hearing on the educational needs in Lyme and tick-borne disease will be Monday, April 25, at 1 p.m. in Fairfax. A location has not been announced yet.

"I was so moved by all the stories given at the meeting that night," Platas said in an interview after the three-hour hearing. "It saddens me to see how many people are still being made sick by this horrible little bug."

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) attended the hearing, and has listed Lyme Disease Awareness as one of his priorities.

In 2009, Herrity, along with Supervisor Michael

"We have an epidemic that we're largely ignoring."

— Supervisor Pat Herrity
(R-Springfield)

Fairfax County Tracks Lyme Disease Cases

For the past 10 years, reported cases of Lyme disease have been on the rise in Fairfax County. In 2009, the number spiked to 260 cases.

"Approximately 250 cases of Lyme disease were reported to the Fairfax County Health Department in 2010," said Dr. Peter Troell, medical epidemiologist with the Fairfax County Health Department (FCHD). "These reported cases represent only a portion of the cases of Lyme disease in our community and are used primarily to follow disease trends. We know that many other cases go undiagnosed and/or unreported."

The good news, Troell said, is that Fairfax County employs a more comprehensive approach than many other areas in the nation, where the focus is solely on how to avoid ticks.

The county's approach includes: tracking human cases, tick surveillance, outreach to health care providers to promote early diagnosis and treatment, deer management and public education.

In May 2010, Fairfax County Chairwoman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large) and Supervisor Linda Q. Smyth (D-Providence) hosted a town hall meeting at the Fairfax County Government Center, featuring county staff and two of the two of the nation's leading experts on Lyme disease.

"Lyme disease is on the rise in Virginia and the United States, according to the CDC," said Bulova. "As people spend more time outdoors because of the warm weather, we want them to know how to protect themselves from the ticks that transmit Lyme disease."

— VICTORIA ROSS

Frey (R-Sully), conducted a town hall symposium on Lyme disease at Centreville High School. He said he became concerned about the prevalence of the disease after hearing from many of his constituents afflicted with the disease.

"We have an epidemic that we're largely ignoring," he said, adding that he hopes the panel considers that one of their recommendations should be to pass legislation similar to that enacted in Connecticut, where doctors are allowed to prescribe extended doses of antibiotics without fear of malpractice lawsuits.

According to "The Connecticut Post," passage of the bill in May 2009, which allows physicians to diagnose chronic Lyme disease, and treat it with long-term antibiotics was one of the "cornerstone moments of Lyme disease politics over the last decade."

Similar bills have been introduced in Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New York and Maryland that would compel insurance companies to pay for antibiotic treatment for chronic Lyme disease CLD.

"For Swine Flu, we went on full red-alert, but more people are afflicted with Lyme disease, and it's time we take it seriously," Herrity said.

Those who did not attend the hearings, but want to share how they've been affected by the disease may e-mail Farris at lyme@phc.edu.



South County Secondary School Key Club participants at the Valentine's Day party included: Kaylyn Duda, Peter Ta, Zsharlene Jimeno, Cezar Bagonton, Shana Kim, Joyce Kwon, Elly Slugg, Jeffrey Cheng, Kelsey Cummings, Karina Aulakh, Judy Cummings, Megan Pitts and her son.

Two Key Clubs Organize Dance

Eleven members of the West Potomac High School's Kiwanis community service Key Club joined by 10 Key Clubbers from South County Secondary School co-sponsored a Valentine's Day dance on Feb. 16 at the Hollin Hall Senior Center on Shenandoah Road. A number of seniors participated in the dancing, games, and dinner with the teenagers. Famous Dave's catered the barbecue dinner.

The students organized the event, including the decorations, the dance, the contest to "Pin the Heart on Cupid," and other activities. The students crowned a senior King and Queen of the Dance. Hollin Hall staff awarded door prizes.

The Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club sponsors these two Key Clubs as well as those at Mount Vernon High and Hayfield Secondary.

NEWS BRIEFS

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Some were surprised that McDonnell vetoed the bill, which passed the House of Delegates in a 55-40 vote and the state senate 38-2 in February.

McDonnell's wife, Maureen, has made fighting childhood obesity a priority during her tenure as Virginia's first lady. A state wide government survey taken in March 2010 revealed that one in five children ages 10 to 17 is obese. The survey found that the obesity rate in Northern Virginia was approximately 20 percent among students this age.

Several local Northern Virginia legislators supported this bill during its initial vote.

VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE BILL - Del. Bob Brink (D-48), Del. David Englin (D-45), Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), Del. Patrick Hope (D-47), Del. Mark Sickles (D-43), Sen. George Barker (D-37), Sen. Mark Herring (D-33), Sen. Janet Howell (D-32), Sen. Dave Marsden (D-41), Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36), Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35), Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple (D-31)

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SCHOOL NOTES

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