

Shining in Pyramid Art Show

Students from Fairfax High and its feeder schools displayed their portfolios and individual works, March 21, in the Fairfax Pyramid Art Show. Pictured here is Rachael Wray, Fairfax senior.



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Fairfax County Public Schools: Go Inside the Classroom with Teachers

Coming in April: Visual and Performing Arts

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

This Just In:

Michelle Henry, health specialist and physical education teacher at Liberty Middle School, has been named the National K-12 Health Teacher of the Year by the American Association for Health Education.

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.

Students Engaged Through Technology

It may sound like something from a James Bond movie, but the Smart Pen is a teaching tool that is helping students of all ages.

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."



PHOTO BY KATHY STRAUSS/IMAGEWORKS

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.



PHOTO BY VICTORIA ROSS/THE CONNECTION

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.

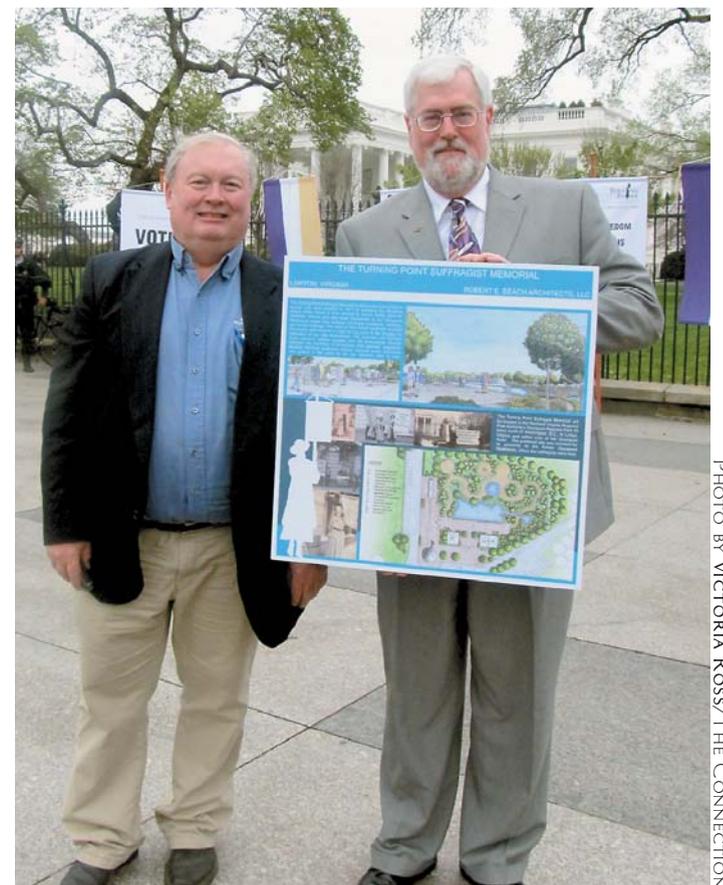


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From left, John Houser, manager of Occoquan Park and liaison to the TPSM association, stands with architect Robert Beach, who displayed plans for the \$7-\$9 million memorial in Lorton. "This whole story of women's contribution to history is mostly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

Fairfax City Council Elections to Be Held May 1

Balancing “small-town” charm with “big-city” concerns.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Covering just 6.3 square miles and with a population of 23,000 people, the City of Fairfax prides itself on its “small town” charm, rich history and first-rate facilities and services.

There’s Historic Blenheim, the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, as well as numerous popular festivals and civic events. The city’s annual Chocolate Lover’s Festival draws thousands of visitors from across Virginia and surrounding states, and the city is a landmark destination for Civil War en-

thusiasts. It boasts a vibrant downtown with a blend of trendy bistros and boutiques, and a nationally-recognized parks and recreation department.

In May 2009, the city was ranked in the “Top 25 Places to Live Well” by Forbes Magazine. Forbes noted the city’s strong public school system, high median salary, and its strong entrepreneurial environment for start-ups. The rate of sole proprietors per capita places the city in the top one percent nationwide

As local leaders like to say: the city combines the charm of a small town with the opportunities of a thriving urban area.

But the desire to maintain a thriving small-town atmosphere – one strategically located in the epicenter of the ever-expanding, increasingly diverse Fairfax County – presents challenges as well as opportunities to community leaders.

Since 1970, according to the U.S. Decennial Census, Fairfax County’s population doubled to just over 1 million residents in

Results from 2010 Elections

(Information provided by the Virginia Public Access Project. The winners of the 2010 election are denoted with an asterisk.)

***Steven Stombres:** 14.7 percent with 1,778 votes
 ***David Meyer:** 14.1 percent with 1,705 votes
 ***Jeffrey Greenfield:** 13.3 percent with 1,608 votes
 ***Eleanor Schmidt:** 13.2 percent with 1,602 votes
 ***Joan Cross:** 12.9 percent with 1,561 votes
 ***Daniel Drummond:** 12.5 percent with 1,517 votes
Michael DeMarco: 11.3 percent with 1,363 votes
Cristina Lee Gaines: 4.4 percent with 528 votes
Gerald T “Jerry” O’Dell: 3.2 percent with 392 votes
Gary Rasmussen: 0 percent, withdrew from race

2010. During the same time period, the city’s population remained fairly static: in 1970, there were 21,970 residents; in 2010, there were 22,565 residents.

The city is sometimes perceived as an exclusive enclave that makes its own rules, and owns the playbook. Its fierce adherence to independence results, at times, in friction and turf battles with its geo-political neighbors. There are ongoing debates between city and county officials over trans-

portation funding and maintenance, water rates, revenue resources and public school administration.

At times, the lines between city and county are blurred. The city maintains its political independence from Fairfax County, yet remains the county seat. The City of Fairfax owns its public schools, but they are administered by the Fairfax County Public Schools system under a contractual agreement. Fairfax County contains an exclave in the city’s central business district, in which many county facilities - including the courthouse and jail - are located.

Unlike Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax has a mayor-council form of government. The mayor and six council members are elected every two years on an at-large, non-partisan basis during elections held separately from most local elections. Instead of November, city residents cast their ballots on Tuesday, May 1, which, some argue, keeps voter turnout unnecessarily low.

EDITOR’S NOTE

The Connection asked all City Council and City of Fairfax mayoral candidates to provide answers to the following questions, and to limit their answers to 100 words or less. The bonus question was optional.

1. How do you balance and maintain vibrant economic development in the City of Fairfax with the city’s “historic” quality of life?
2. Tell us how you would close the gap in the city’s budget deficit? (Would you consider selling the city’s water to a utility?)
3. Given that the city sits in the middle of Fairfax County - yet maintains its independent status - how do you plan to work with county and other regional decision-makers? (What do you believe are the top 2-3 areas where the City and County need to cooperate?)
4. What do you think are the top 3-5 issues facing the City of Fairfax in the next decade?
5. Why should people vote for you instead of your opponents?

v Bonus Question: Tell us something about yourself that most people don’t know.
 For more information on the City of Fairfax, go to www.fairfaxva.gov.

City of Fairfax Council Candidates



MICHAEL J. DEMARCO

- ❖ Married to Joanne, father of three children, Anna, Emilia and Antonio
- ❖ Lived in City of Fairfax since 2000
- ❖ Chairman of the Fairfax City Economic Development Authority and a member of the Regional Board of Advisors for HSBC Bank USA
- ❖ Active in the Mosby Woods Community Association and St. Leo the Great Parish
- ❖ Degrees in political science from Penn State; economics from Temple and an MBA in finance from Columbia University



DAN DRUMMOND

- ❖ Married to Kerry and father to Sadie, Patrick and Liam
- ❖ Bachelor’s degree in political science from Old Dominion University and a master’s degree in government from Johns Hopkins University
- ❖ Director of Public Relations, Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc.
- ❖ Member, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments and Transportation Planning Board (Alternate); former member, City of Fairfax Economic Development Authority and Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
- ❖ Cub Master, Pack 1113; St. Leo the Great Catholic Church Parishioner; Fairfax Little League Board of Directors



JEFFREY C. GREENFIELD

- ❖ Life-long City resident
- ❖ Homeowner in Windy Hill (1998–present) and Fairview (1992–1998)
- ❖ Eagle Scout, Troop 882
- ❖ Master’s degree in public administration (1992) and Bachelor’s degree in political science (1989)
- ❖ Graduate of Fairfax High School, 1985; Graduate of Leadership Fairfax, Inc., 2000



DAVID L. MEYER

- ❖ Bachelor’s degree in political science, Randolph-Macon College; Master’s degree in public administration from American University
- ❖ Senior executive, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- ❖ Served as president, Fairfax High School PTSA; president, Old Lee Hills Civic Association; Director, Historic Fairfax City, Inc.
- ❖ Co-author of Fairfax, VA – A City Traveling Through Time
- ❖ Assistant scoutmaster Troop 187; Appalachian Service Project



CATHERINE S. READ

- ❖ Born and raised in southwest Virginia.
- ❖ Bachelor’s degree in government and politics from George Mason University in 1984.
- ❖ Worked for many years for Long & Foster before starting own company in 2007: Creative Read, Inc. which provides social media marketing consulting services.
- ❖ President of the Centreville Rotary Club; board of directors of Our Daily Bread.
- ❖ Three children who graduated from Fairfax High School and lives with her husband, Tom Greeson, at Providence Square.



ELEANOR “ELLIE” SCHMIDT

- ❖ A resident of the City since 1969; currently serving first term on City Council
- ❖ Executive Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer at Cardinal Bank
- ❖ Bachelor’s degree from the University of Missouri
- ❖ Community activities include: member and past president of the Kiwanis Club of Fairfax; board of directors of Fairfax County Crime solvers; board of directors of Historic Fairfax City, Inc.; Leadership Fairfax, Inc.; chair of the Independence Day Celebration Committee; Industrial Development Authority, City of Fairfax 2020 Commission; Festival of Lights and Carols Committee and Chocolate Lovers Festival Committee



STEVEN STOMBRES

- ❖ Married to Kristen; three children (Katie, Ellie, and Jimmy)
- ❖ Staff Member, U.S. House of Representatives, 1993-Present; U.S. Army Reserves (Retired) 1987-2009
- ❖ Member of Fairfax City Council 2008-Present
- ❖ Bachelor’s degree in history from Virginia Tech

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1. Q: How do you balance and maintain vibrant economic development in the City of Fairfax with the City’s “historic” quality of life?

DeMarco: Economic growth can effectively advance the public good when the entire community works together to create and implement long-term solutions. A

strong economic base supports the quality of life amenities we have all become accustomed to. But we must all realize that economic growth takes many shapes and forms and we need active participation from everyone to support targeted mix use development and re-development, pro-active small and medium business recruiting and expansion, commercial property revitaliza-

tion, all while actively shaping regional mass transit solutions, public works projects, code enforcement and zoning. We can be a community and a destination.

Drummond: The City has a unique “sense of place” that continues to separate us from other localities in Northern Virginia. We protect our residential neighborhoods, in-

sist on high quality development projects and seek to strike a balance when it comes to the “size and scale” of a project. As the economy continues to improve we need to increase our efforts in attracting top class retail shops, grocery stores and restaurants that complement the unique character of

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Mayoral Candidates

R. Scott Silverthorne and Gerald T. "Jerry" O'Dell run for the office.

First elected in 2002, Robert F. Lederer, the five-term mayor of Fairfax City, announced in December that he will not run for another two-year term, and will retire in June. R. Scott Silverthorne, a current city councilman and Gerald T. "Jerry" O'Dell are vying for the seat. The Connection contacted O'Dell repeatedly, through email and phone, and he did not respond to questions. Here are Silverthorne's responses:



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Bio

- ❖ 19 year veteran of the City Council
- ❖ Lifelong resident of the City of Fairfax
- ❖ Executive search consultant

**Mayoral Candidate:
R. Scott Silverthorne**

Q: How do you balance and maintain vibrant economic development in the City of Fairfax with the City's "historic" quality of life?

A: It's critical to include all the stakeholders including neighborhood leaders, developers and Historic Fairfax City, Inc., as we work together to promote responsible economic development to grow our local economy and minimize future tax increases. Promoting tourism will also serve as another means to develop local jobs, increase revenues and take advantage of our historic resources.

Q: How would you close the gap in the City's budget deficit? (Would you consider selling the City's water to a utility?)

A: Much of our fiscal 2013 deficit is driven by increases in school tuition costs, based on the County's proposed tuition contract, and a rapidly growing student population within the City of Fairfax. While we are early in the budget process, this year's budget is uniquely challenging and will likely require a combination of budget cuts (all expense items should be on the table), along with some revenue increases. It's my view that the council must continue to balance low tax rates with outstanding city services which is the hallmark of our community.

Q: Given that the City sits in the middle of Fairfax County - yet maintains its independent status - how do you plan to work with County and other regional decision-makers?

A: I am very proud of the working relationship between the city and the county. For years, the two jurisdictions have met quarterly to discuss issues of interest between the two bodies. One of the best

examples of our strong relationship was the construction of the state-of-the-art regional library located in the heart of Historic Fairfax, which was a collaborative effort. Development just outside the City's borders, transportation matters and the water use, are just a few of the issues that the new city council and the Board of Supervisors will be discussing in the near future.

Q: What do you think are the top 3-5 issues facing the City of Fairfax in the next decade?

A: Managing growth in a way that complements our small-town atmosphere, while moving the city forward with an aggressive economic development plan will be critical to the future of the City. If elected mayor, I will also pursue the creation of a strategic plan, and a full review of our City Charter. Finally, I will work with the City School Board to mitigate overcrowding at some of our schools, largely driven by an exploding student population and placement of county students into Fairfax City Schools.

Q: Why should people vote for you instead of your opponent?

A: The mayor has to know and understand the community. After nearly two decades on the city council, I am the most experienced and prepared candidate on the ballot. If I have the privilege of serving, I will never forget the virtues of what made our City great: our people, common sense leadership and our proud traditions.

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Council Candidates Discuss City of Fairfax Issues, Priorities

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our City while providing the amenities residents want and deserve. To do this we should focus on redeveloping existing older commercial sites around the City, especially along Fairfax Boulevard, to ensure that we continue to be a destination for businesses and people alike. As part of this, I believe we need to consider higher density, mixed use projects that will provide people the opportunity to call the City home.

Greenfield: The City's comprehensive plan and the Fairfax Boulevard master plan should serve as a road map to guide development to ensure we are building on the City's past while planning for its future.

Meyer: Historic districts play a vital role in strengthening economic life in communities of all sizes and locations. The City of Fairfax is fortunate to have so many surviving 19th and early 20th century structures – the key is to use these commercial structures in ways that compliment new or redeveloped adjacent properties to create streetscapes and vibrant economic zones that attract people to multiple destinations for each trip or visit. The City can encourage this type of use by creating aestheti-

cally consistent amenities, including walkways, lighting, and open space consistent with the historic essence of its commercial areas.

Read: There is a trend that is clearly seen all around us toward the development of mixed use properties: residential, office, retail & restaurant in one location. The comprehensive strategic plan that is currently underway needs to look closely at how we can blend those types of new style properties with the historic buildings, roads and traffic patterns we have in place. I also believe it's important to create more "community space" where activities are generated by people, organizations, artists and artisans that will draw people to the city. People don't just consume goods and services, they consume experiences – and we need to cultivate a city culture and identity that makes us a destination point.

Schmidt: It is important to focus on a balanced approach to economic development. A strong commercial base will provide economic vitality and a balance between the commercial and residential tax base. Preservation of our historic buildings and the promotion of our City's many cultural and recreational activities complement our com-

mercial base. Citizens, business owners and City officials need to work continuously together as partners.

Stombres: Encouraging economic growth and maintaining our historic quality of life are not mutually exclusive. We must continue to protect and preserve our City's historic assets so that future and current residents can enjoy the historic nature of our community. At the same time, we can attract new investment and protect current businesses by reducing the extra taxes they pay; replacing lost parking downtown, improving signage, and supporting hometown businesses with our patronage. We should also redevelop Courthouse Plaza so that an "anchor" which will attract more foot traffic downtown, can be established adjacent to the Historic district.

2. Q: How you would close the gap in the City's budget deficit: Would you consider selling the City's water to a utility?

DeMarco: The budget problem has been percolating for several years and the city still has passed over several viable opportunities to increase our economic base. At the same time, the city has also made some poor spending decisions. This year's budget will have to be balanced with shared sacrifice including higher residential property taxes. Real solutions start with recruiting small and medium sized businesses into the city to create good jobs and stimulate the strong economic activity that helps balance budgets. A critical decision like selling the water system must be a city wide decision and put to a referendum.

Drummond: The City is facing one its most challenging budgets in its 50 year history. We face the need to fund ever-increasing costs for high-quality government services residents deserve, including providing a top-notch education for our growing K-12 student population while at the same time keeping taxes low, especially as the economy continues to recover. The straight truth is that we will need to increase the real estate tax rate, make some additional cuts that don't directly affect services and delay some capital projects. It's about striking a balance and I look forward to working with my colleagues on Council to find common ground just as we always have. With regard to the City's water treatment system, any money it collects (i.e., through the sale of water) goes right back into the system and cannot be used for the general fund, including for covering any budget gaps. The Council is currently examining options to ensure we have a safe and reliable system that charges a fair price for water.

Greenfield: The City's water system is an enterprise fund, thus selling it would have no impact on closing the City's budget deficit. Maintaining the lowest tax rate consistent with sustaining our outstanding ser-

vices should be our guidepost as we tackle another tough budget.

Meyer: The City is challenged financially this year because of increased costs for its school tuition contract with Fairfax County, storm water improvements, critically needed street improvements, and the replacement of its aging financial management system, among other needs. The City has experience some improvement in sales tax revenue as our economy begins to recover; however, continued fiscal restraint is mandatory to ensure that if revenue increases are required, they are as low as absolutely necessary. Our water utility system is an enterprise fund; receipts and expenditures for this activity are separate from the City's general revenue budget.

Read: There is no easy answer to the budget deficit. There have to be further cuts; however there will be a point at which we will not be willing to lose important programs, services or possibly staff. What things are we willing to go without and for how long? A modest increase in our "lowest property tax rate" with a sunset provision might be an effective part of closing that gap. Kicking the can down the road and putting off necessary improvements, maintenance or staffing just means the eventual bill gets larger as time goes by.

Schmidt: We are experiencing improving economic trends but there are still challenges ahead. It is essential to have a well disciplined approach to budgeting and spending. Over half of the City budget is comprised of non-discretionary expenses including our contract with Fairfax County for schools and other services. The identification of new sources of revenue will be needed as well as a focus on economic development resulting in new businesses to the City. In order to keep overall taxes as low as possible yet retain the quality services enjoyed by the citizens of Fairfax, we need to examine a combination of efforts to balance the budget including increasing revenues and managing spending.

Stombres: The regional economy continues to negatively impact our City budget; however, I believe we can keep our taxes low and maintain our first class services through a combination of tough measures to balance the budget. The City Manager's budget request calls for a spending increase of 12.4 percent over last year. While some increases, such as school tuition are unavoidable, we cannot sustain that much growth without enormous tax increases or jeopardizing services. We should consider decreasing general fund spending, implementing a hiring freeze for City staff, and increasing revenues through additional commercial investment in the City. Note: The water system is a separate fund and will not impact the City budget.

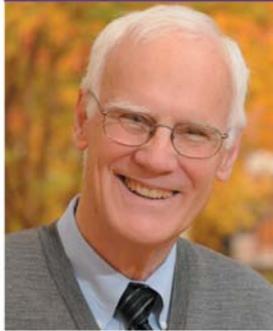
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Mary McLaughlin (on left) at the half-marathon with her sister, Sarah, who came from Philadelphia to cheer her on.

Fairfax Woman Runs Half Marathon

Raised money for LLS in honor of her brother.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax resident Mary McLaughlin ran the Rock'n'Roll USA Half Marathon with two goals in mind – to raise as much money as she could for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) and to honor her brother's memory. And on March 17 in Washington, D.C., she did both.

A student at Frost Middle School, Ryan McLaughlin was just 13 when he died of leukemia in 1999. His family became involved with LLS three months earlier, when he walked with them in a fund-raising Light the Night Walk.

Later, Mary's older sister Sarah, then a Woodson High student, began the nonprofit Young Hearts Foundation in their brother's memory to raise money for LLS and improve the lives of young people affected by long-term illness.

The sisters recruited students from Woodson High and Frost Middle schools to help and, between their fund-raising for the Walk and the inaugural Ryan McLaughlin Memorial Golf Tournament, that year they raised more than \$10,000 for LLS.

Eventually, Sarah turned over the Young Hearts reins to Mary and yet another sister, Regan. While attending Woodson, Mary helped lead it from 2003-2007 before leaving for college at Christopher Newport University.

She also continued her involvement with LLS by raising funds for medical research, providing support for affected families and raising awareness. During Mary's junior year of college in 2010, she was first runner up for LLS's Woman of the Year campaign, raising \$79,000 for the organization in just 10 weeks.

MARY GRADUATED in May
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2011 and now lives in Fairfax's Mantua community. She works for a large, private foundation and makes grants and advocates for education policy. She also continued helping LLS and, in the March 17 half marathon, she ran 13.1 miles to celebrate the 13 years Ryan lived before succumbing to leukemia.

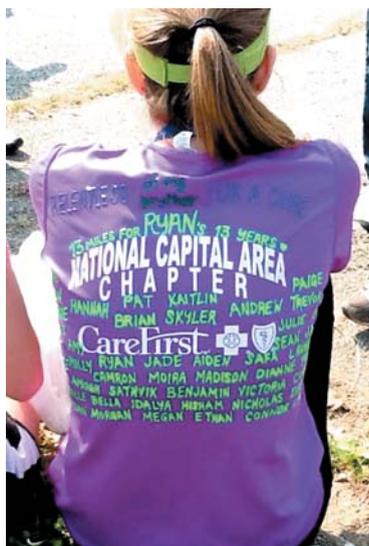
"A few months ago, I asked some friends if they would be up for running a half or full marathon with me to raise money for The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society," said Mary. By asking each of her friends to donate \$13, she initially hoped to raise \$1,300. She reached that goal exactly 13 days before the race and ended up personally raising more than \$1,500. Delighted, she said, "I can't thank my friends and family enough for all of their continued support and encouragement."

But that's not all. Sporting the name, Team Piggy Bank, Mary and her half-marathon teammates actually raised way more. "Not only did they agree to run a collective 91.7 miles at the Rock N Roll USA Marathon and Half Marathon, but the six of us raised \$8,500 in the search for a cure," said Mary. "Needless to say, I have really great friends."

But first came lots of hard work. Around the same time she asked these friends if they'd run with her, Mary began her personal training for the event. After running 1.5 miles on a cold, December afternoon, she had to walk back to her house because her body wasn't prepared for even that small distance. So she turned to the LLS' Team in Training program for help.

AFTER THREE MONTHS' COACHING, she was able to run the half marathon on St. Patrick's Day in 2:31:11. "My friends and I now consider six miles an 'easy' run," she said. "I've certainly come a long way, and I couldn't have done it without the incredible coaches and support of Team In Training."

But most of all, Mary said, "I honestly credit Ryan with everything I've had the chance to do. He continues to be my driving force every day."



On the back of Mary McLaughlin's shirt were the names of all 51 people for whom she was running.

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Interrupting Harassment and Bullying

Empowering bystanders to intervene, students to set boundaries.

With a controversial and much discussed new movie, "Bully," coming out this week, local school districts continue to wrestle with the issue of bullying in the schools.

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
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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
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Ensuring Integrity Of the Process

To the Editor:

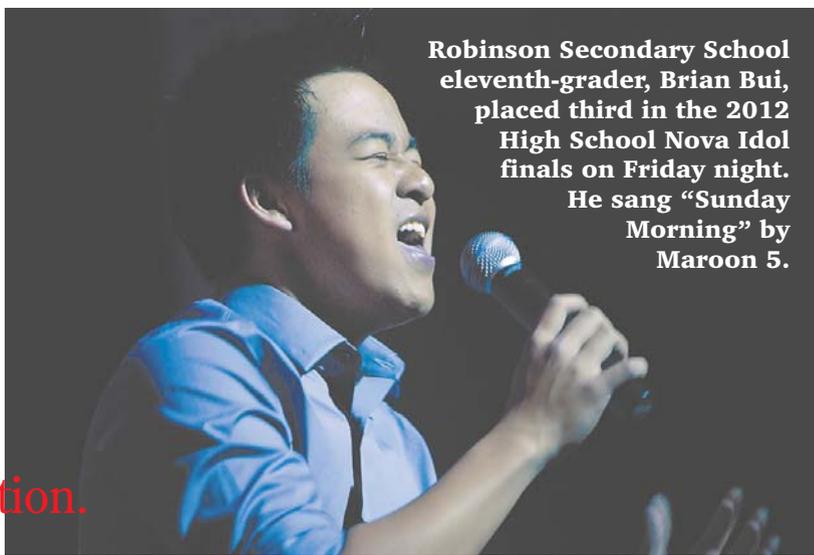
One needs a birth certificate to play youth soccer and an i.d. presented for many trivial circumstances. Voting for public representation is far too important to treat with less gravitas than youth soccer [Editorial, "Reenacting a Dark History?," The Connection, March 7-13, 2012]. There is a responsibility 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

SPRING FUN
NOVA
Hosts Idol
Finals

Area students participate in singing competition.



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.

PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

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.



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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 bullying 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 bullying 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*									
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.

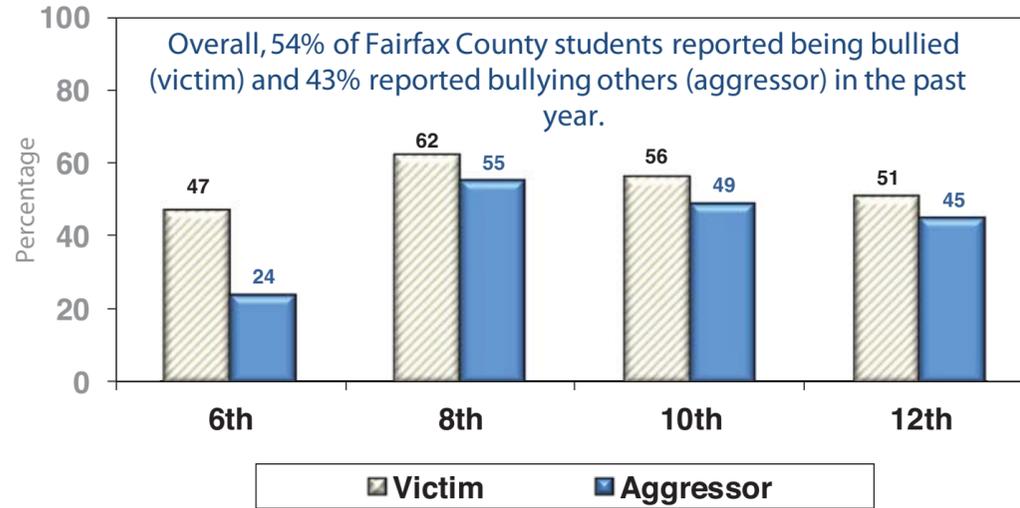
The county currently conducts a variety of awareness programs, and is working on a system-wide bullying intervention and prevention group. Panarelli says much of the outreach is dedicated to the bystander, the person witnessing someone being bullied.

"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-

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.



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	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
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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

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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.

Survey helps county create bullying outreach, cyber bullying prevention.

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."

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A Searching Play

The Theater at Mason presents 'The Life of Galileo.'

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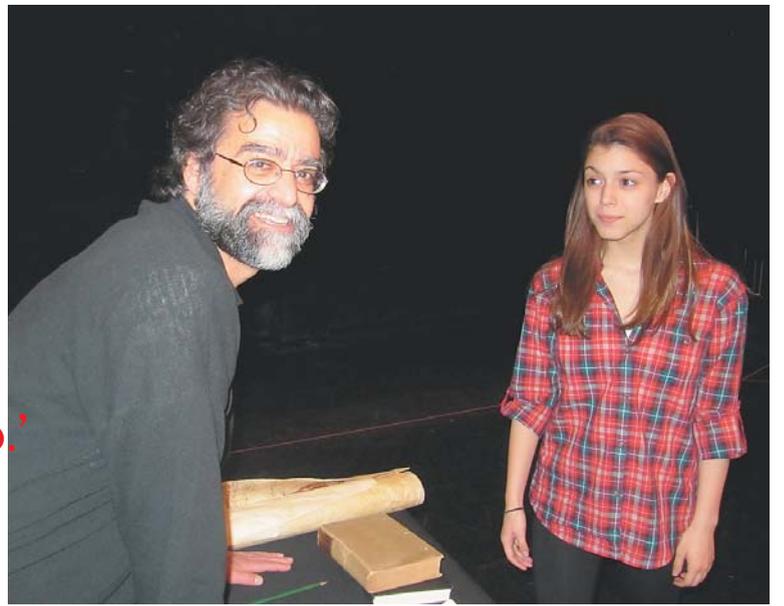


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From left Matthew Vaky and Brittany Martz in the Theater at Mason production of "The Life of Galileo."

Under its new banner, Theater at Mason is presenting "The Life of Galileo" by Bertolt

Brecht. It will be the initial production of a fresh initiative to provide emerging artists at George Mason University with a training ground for work in stage and screen. There will be an emphasis on closely working with area professional creative artists.

Theater at Mason will provide an innovative way of teaching, according to Ken Elston, Mason Department of Theater Chair. "Working professional, mentoring the emerging artist, empowering students of theater to create, while modeling the best of professional processes and ethics."

"The Life of Galileo" was written and revised in the 1930s and 1940s when fascism was on the rise and then defeated. The drama is Brecht's historical dramatization of Galileo's 17th century trials. Galileo was tried because of his radical notion that "the sun

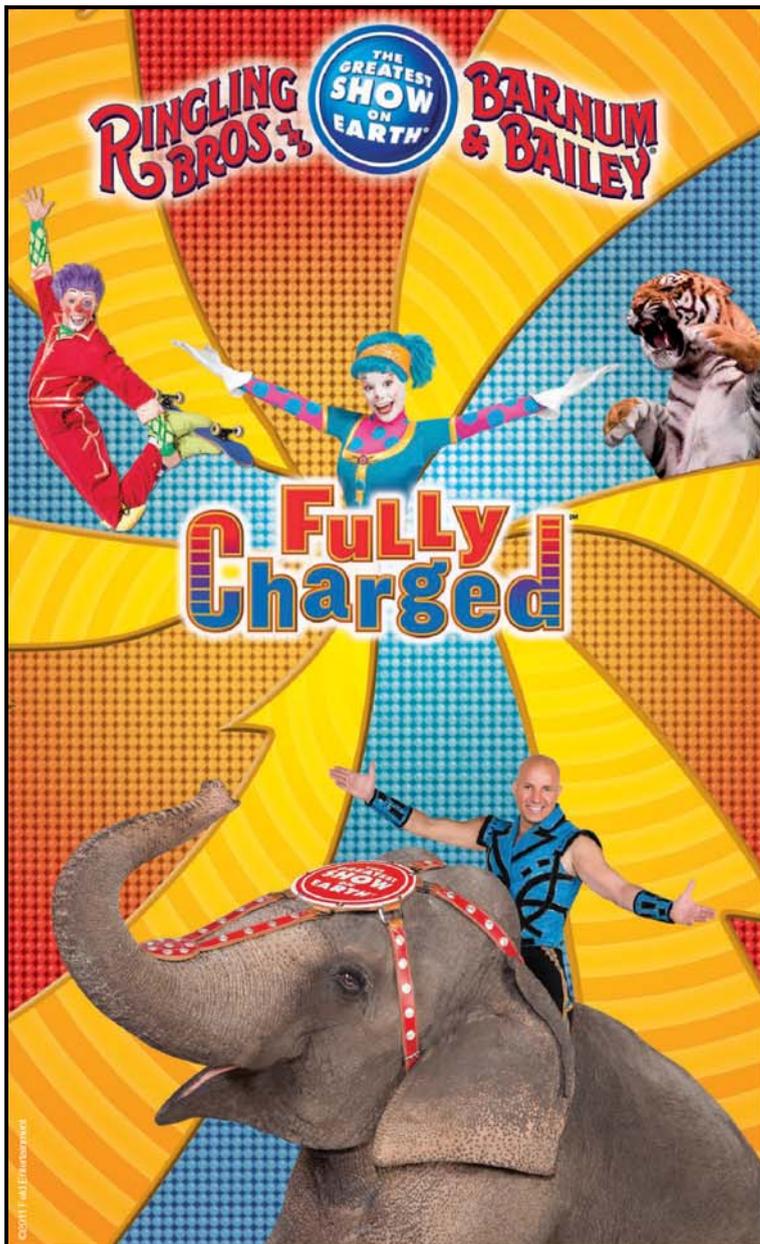
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"The Life of Galileo" presented by Theater at Mason, Harris Theater, George Mason University, Fairfax. Performances through April 7. Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, March 31-April 1 at 2 p.m. and Sunday, April 7. Tickets: \$15-\$20. cfa.gmu.edu or 888-945-2468.

is still, the earth is on the move." His use of the then new-fangled telescope helped him reach his conclusion.

At a recent rehearsal, "focusing on the next generation of working theater practitioners," Director Rick Davis led his cast of over 20 through warm-up, verbal and physical exercises. He described the ex-

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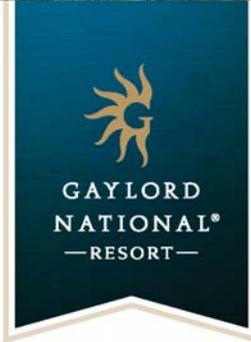
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FRIDAY/MARCH 30

School Art Show. 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Bernadette School, 7602 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Artwork by students in kindergarten-8th grade. cboneo@stbernschool.org.
March Into Spring with Native Run and Friends. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

SATURDAY/MARCH 31

Virginia/DC Percussive Arts Society Day of Percussion. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. South Lakes High School, 11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston. With drum set artist/historian Daniel Glass, marimbist Rebecca Kite, the US Airforce Band Percussion Section, the Washington Pipe Band, the Youth Orchestra of Prince William Percussion ensemble and more. Door prizes, exhibit hall and more. \$7-\$15. 571-335-4289 or www.pas.org/Chapters/VirginiaDC.

Children's Shows: The Smithsonian and Jammin Java present Secret Agent 23 Skidoo. 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

March Into Spring with Native Run and Marcus Hummon. 8 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

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.

SUNDAY/APRIL 1

TBS and Mercury Rising at 1:30 p.m.; **An Evening With Willy Porter** at 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

Real Security, Without the Blanket. 2 p.m. City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North St., Fairfax. Kevin Graunke, CSB, on finding calm and security through practical prayer. Sponsored by First Church of Christ, Scientist, Fairfax. Free. christiansciencefairfax.com or 703-707-9641.



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.

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MONDAY/APRIL 2

Children's Music Performance Series. 10:30 a.m. Old Town Hall, 3999 University Drive, Fairfax. First and third Mondays of each month. Free admission. 703-352-2787 or www.fairfaxarts.org.

April Fools Stand-Up Show. 6:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

TUESDAY/APRIL 3

"Down To The Islands" with Cody & Bj. 11 a.m. Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke. Interactive music show for ages 2-11 years. Singing, limbo, play in the band. Meet Cheyenne, a live macaw parrot. Free. 703-644-7333.

Tom Lohrmann, Bandits & Beggars and Brightwork. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 4

Bunny Bonanza. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Heritage Farm Museum, Claude Moore Park, 21668 Heritage Farm Lane, Sterling. Interact with live rabbits, meet the Easter Bunny, and

enjoy hands-on exhibits and crafts for all ages. Discover opportunities to volunteer to work with animals in our area. \$3-\$5. www.heritagefarmmuseum.org.

Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. 7 p.m. George Mason University Patriot Center, 4500 Patriot circle, Fairfax. "Fully Charged." Pre-show Party one hour before show time, free to ticket holders. \$14-\$30. 800-551-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com.

Daughter of Stars and Westmain. 7 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. www.jamminjava.com.

George Winston. 8 p.m. The Barns at Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. New Orleans R&B oriented, melodic folk piano and stride piano. Includes canned food drive. \$35. www.wolftrap.org.

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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, Alexandria, 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.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 8304 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield, offers casual worship services on Saturday evenings at 5:30 p.m. featuring contemporary music. More traditional services take place on Sunday mornings at 8:15 and 11 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:45-10:45 a.m. for children and adults. The church also offers discussion groups for adults. 703-451-5855 or www.poplc.org.

Kirkwood Presbyterian Church, 8336 Carrleigh Parkway in Springfield, supports a Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) program on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All mothers and children are welcome. The program provides mothers an opportunity to get to know other mothers through discussions and craft activities. Register at the church or call 703-451-5320.

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A Searching Play

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ercises as "chaotic but wonderful...within a cauldron of learning."

Davis discussed his "great desire to create magic with the play" as he guided the actors through the rehearsal process working on lines and blocking. When asked about "The Life of Galileo" he said, "it is a great classic work by an eminent playwright. A searching play about science and faith, about new ideas and entrenched beliefs. The debates within the play still resonate."

Matthew Vaky, a professional actor and director stars as Galileo in the show. He also mentors the non-

professional Mason actors, assisting them with the process of making live theater. He has over 60 shows to his credit with teaching experience at DC's Studio Theatre and GALA Hispanic Theatre. Vaky described his role as Galileo as "a great challenge, one to sink my teeth into." He said, "how wonderful it is to work with the talented emerging artists with their enormous energy and desires to succeed."

Brittany Martz is one of the Mason students, cast in the critical role of Galileo's daughter. To Martz, "the play is so inspiring with its message about looking forward to the future. And I was drawn to my character's sense of loyalty and how she gives of herself."

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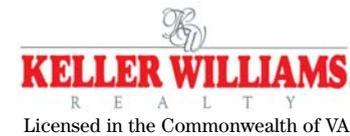


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The Lee High boys' soccer team (1-2-1), under head coach John Millward, was able to hold off a late charge by the Oakton Cougars to win 1-0 in Lee's home opener this past Tuesday night, March 27. After a quick re-start,

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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 shutout 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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The U-14 Springfield Pride girls' soccer team lost their first game at the Baltimore Mania Tournament before winning their next three to win a championship last Sunday.

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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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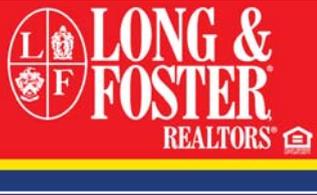


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 One level living at its Best! This Rambler has it all - updated eat-in kitchen with 42" cabinets & silestone, updated baths, hardwood flooring, new carpeting and fabulous family room addition. Freshly painted throughout with decorator touches! Close to VRE, Metrobus & top-tier schools!
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Clifton **\$1,150,000**
 Engulf yourself in classic elegance in this distinctive 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath luxury home in the sought after Balmoral Greens neighborhood of Clifton. Situated on a beautifully landscaped 3 acres private setting.
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Alexandria **\$519,900**
 Terrific buying opportunity in Beverly Hills! Single family home with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, 3 levels, and one car garage. Hardwood floors. Sunporch. Rear patio. Wonderful deep yard - great for expansion! Fabulous location.
Betty Barthle 703-425-4466



Fairfax **\$539,900**
 3 level split with soaring ceilings, unique floor plan, Formal LR & DR, 1st floor Family Room w/FP. Glass sliding doors lead to a relaxing deck, perfect for entertaining, 4 Nice size BR's, 2 1/2 Baths, and a lower level Recreation Room, plus a 2 car garage.
Sheila Adams 703-503-1895



Burke **\$529,900**
 9919 Coffey Woods Rd. Beautiful 5BR/3BA home backing to common area playground. Large fenced in back yard with deck & shed. Updated. Vaulted ceilings. Large eat-in kitchen. Open floor plan perfect for entertaining.
Diane Sundt 703-615-4626



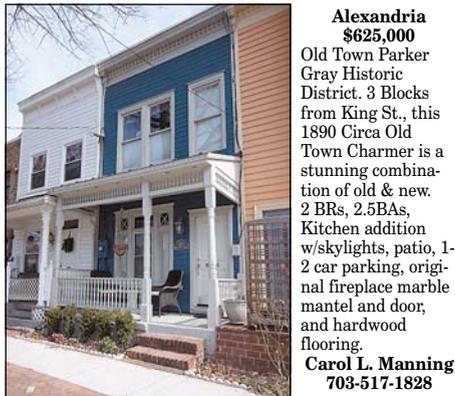
Herndon **\$475,000**
 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, hardwood floors on the main level & new carpet on lower level. Recreation room/bedroom/den & exercise room on lower level with walkout to rear yard. Large country kitchen. Cozy living room fireplace. Relax on the enclosed porch or patio. Beautiful landscaping with decorative fish pond. Minutes to Fairfax County Parkway or Dulles Toll Rd.
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Falls Church **\$895,000**
 Stunning & Spacious! Brand new on the market. Located on edge of McLean—so convenient for commuting & shopping. McLean HS. Bump-outs on 3 floors. Big beautiful windows, skylights, hardwood flrs, lots of built-ins, long granite counters. Huge MBR suite & new MBA. 5BR, 3.5BA, FP deck, 2 car garage. Lots of "NEW" thru-out. Private in back. No HOA fees. MUST SEE HOME. You'll love it.
Carol Nibbelin 703-591-6533



Annandale **\$519,000**
 Four level detached home with 5 BRs, 2.5 Baths, new kitchen, updated windows, fresh paint, hardwood floors in dining & living rooms, and much more. Frost and Woodson School District boundary change in Fall of this year.
Judy McGuire 703-581-7679



Alexandria **\$625,000**
 Old Town Parker Gray Historic District. 3 Blocks from King St., this 1890 Circa Old Town Charmer is a stunning combination of old & new. 2 BRs, 2.5BAs, Kitchen addition w/skylights, patio, 1-2 car parking, original fireplace marble mantel and door, and hardwood flooring.
Carol L. Manning 703-517-1828



Fairfax **\$525,000**
 Beautiful 4-level split in sought-after Kings Park West. Renovated kitchen w/granite & SS appliances, updated baths, skylights, family room w/fireplace, walkout to screen porch & great fenced backyard. Hardwoods, designer paints, new carpet, garage, & plenty of storage. Sought after schools & minutes to Metrobus, VRE, GMU & shopping.
Mary Hovland 703-946-1775
Cathy DeLoach 571-276-9421



Burke Centre **\$718,000**
 Extended & Remodeled - Main Level MBR Suite! 3,750 sq ft 5 BR, 3 BA, 2 HBA, gourmet Kitchen w/island & cathedral ceiling, M/L MBR w/dressing area & Luxury MBA, open flrpln, hdwds, Living room w/gas fpl, huge deck, o/size 2 car gar, backs to trees.
Amanda Scott 703-772-9190



Ashburn **\$369,500**
 TH, 3BR, 2FB, 2HB, 1 Car Garage, End Unit, Finished Walkout Basement, Many Upgrades, Deck, Patio, Backs to Woods, approx. 2600 sq. ft. Excellent Condition.
Mario Macaluso 703-568-5001



Woodbridge **\$239,900**
 Remodeled in 2012! Two-level single family home features four bedrooms and two baths. Updates include windows, carpeting, doors, driveway, stainless steel appliances, maple cabinets, granite counter and ceramic tile.
Lucia Ferguson 703-407-8737



Fairfax Station **\$1,398,000**
 What a Setting! Eleven-acre property in the heart of Fairfax County! Custom Contemporary Home with floor to ceiling stone fireplace and walls of windows and decks to enjoy incredible views of pond, barn and pastures.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Clifton **\$789,000**
 Gorgeous Modern Victorian Farm House. 5 private acres. 4BR, 2.5BA, 3310 sq. ft. Open updated kitchen & luxury master bath. Large front porch & beautiful sunroom. New hardiplank siding & new roof. Robinson School Pyramid.
Jen Boyce 703-582-0321
John Boyce 703-425-JOHN (5646)



Fairfax **\$529,700**
 Beautiful end unit with Brick Front! Great location, easy access to commuter routes and shopping centers. Large eat-in Gourmet kitchen with Granite counters. Open floor plan with main level study/office. Upper level laundry center. Large walk-out lower level with Rec Rm w/gas fireplace and full bath. 2 car garage.
Carol Hermandorfer 703-216-4949



Warrenton **\$599,900**
 DC Side on 1.4 acres. Picturesque setting for this gracious colonial with over 4500 square finished space. Classic center hall with hardwood floors, first floor library, glorious sunroom and so much more! Finished lower level with walkout to decking and gazebo. Large workshop and kennel with electricity. Large workshop and kennel with electricity. Open 4/15 - 1-4pm.
Ellie Wester 703-503-1880



Clifton/Little Rocky Run **\$589,000**
 Perfect 10! 4 BR, 3 1/2 BA spacious colonial, 2 story foyer, new kitchen and bath, many improvements. Large, treed lot. Immaculate.
Ann Grainger 703-503-1870



Fairfax Station **\$775,000**
 This beautiful Colonial is sited on a spectacular, serene 5 acre lot with a lovely yard, circular driveway, screened-in rear porch, deck and walk ways. Features a spacious master bedroom with sitting room, bright eat-in-kitchen, formal dining, very functional living room, immense family room and 3 fireplaces.
Ngoc Do 703-798-2899



Fairfax Station **\$1,275,000**
 This impressive custom home sits on five level, manicured acres with great views. The gourmet kitchen, great room, covered porch, balcony, deck and pool create a resort environment for entertaining. With nearly 7,000 square feet of well thought-out living space, the home offers six bedrooms, six full baths, a circular driveway and a three-car garage.
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