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THE ANNUAL FAIRFAX GAMES

This year's Games are heating up, as teachers prepare to take their pent-up aggression out on students

John Shoupe
R.I.P.

It's that time of the year again! Time for the annual Fairfax Games: and you know what that means: time to round up the slackers, skippers, and all-around misbehaving students!

The Fairfax Games began in 1998 when a generation of slacking, skipping, and all-around troublemaking students nearly caused the school district to shut down due to a bureaucratic backlog generated by having to deal with them. Drastic measures needed to be taken.

And lo the School Board sent forth a decree: "All who shall slack, skip, or otherwise create difficulty in school instead of focusing on their learning will be gathered up on April 15, and the greatest offenders among these shall be placed in an arena of their instructor's choice, and given one chance to escape their teachers' wrath and redeem themselves."

Teachers are given a weapon of their choice, while miscreant students are left to fend for themselves. If the student escapes their doom, they are given a free ticket to stay out of school for the rest of that year. Students selected to participate are those who have demonstrated the most egregious records of skipping school, creating disturbances in the school environment, or otherwise slacking off and not doing their assignments.

Buzzing with excitement, teachers eagerly anticipate dishing out payback to the students who cause them endless amounts of problems, like the moun-

dria. Huntley Meadows is an ideal location to hold the Games, with its stretches of hickory and oak trees, tall grass, water ponds, and plenty of hiding spots



From last year's Games; as one student escapes, English teacher Tom Cadorette gleefully delivers a beating to another, John Shoupe, who failed to get away.

tains of paperwork they must fill out, or meetings they must attend when a student doesn't do what they are supposed to. "It's a fundamental unfairness of the universe," says English teacher Kati Ellsberry. "When a student doesn't follow the rules, it creates significantly more work for me. But I feel like the Games balance the scales... I can't wait to hunt the little b**t*rds down!"

Now for the exciting news! This year's Fairfax Games will be held at Huntley Meadows Park, located here in Alexan-

so that the offenders have some semblance of a fighting chance. These elements should come together to create a terrific game!

The decision to hold it at Huntley Meadows was made after last year's Games, held in Fountainhead Regional Park, which resulted in too many escaping victors, and an unfortunate accident involving a nearby picnicking family and their poodle, Fluffy.

Last week, School Board member Ryan McElveen released this year's list

of participating students for the 2014 Games: Six students from Edison, four from Mount Vernon, four from Falls Church, five from West Potomac, and a whopping eight from South County. With the amount of students from South County, which boasts the highest number of victors since the Games' inception, it is expected to be a great game. South County has had at least two victors from every game for the past 12 years. They may not be attending their classes, but they sure are learning those survival skills!

The last time WestPo had a victor was in 2010, when the Games were held at Green Spring Garden. There were a total of 13 participants that year, two of which were from WestPo. As the other 11 participants were quickly taken down, the two Wolverines were about to make a clean getaway through the treacherous arena, until they were cornered by a roving pack of P.E. teachers. Thinking quickly, the victor tripped her teammate, leaving him behind to be scooped up by the volleyball nets the gym teachers were using to ensnare them, enabling her to race across the finish line... and to victory! That was a Games moment no one will ever forget!

Hopes are high for this year's Games: teachers will be rooting for teachers, students for the students -- it should prove to be quite the event! There is a bumper crop of new delinquents, and some seriously angry faculty to chase them -- see you at the Fairfax Games!

New changes for the SAT are on the way

College Board is now requiring prep classes for high school underclassmen

Fiona Penn
Focus Editor

As the 2013-2014 school year comes to an end, the College Board has begun to make changes to the requirements of taking SATs. In addition to purchasing the SAT prep book, freshman and sophomore students now are now required to take a prep class as a part of their full-year curriculum which will be added as an eighth period for the 2014-2015 school year. This will also involve an extension of the school from 2:05pm to 3:30pm.

The College Board has chosen to add this required course to attempt to improve test scores and give everyone a fair chance at taking this test, regardless of socioeconomic factors. Both the standard and advanced diploma will also require this class starting for the

graduating class of 2017.

For the first semester, students enrolled in the course will focus on the verbal, or written, sections of the SATs.

They will be required to study and memorize 100 SAT related vocabulary words each night. During each class period there will be a quiz on what was previously learned the class before, and consequences of failing will include being given a timeout and a \$10 fine for each failed quiz. Students unable to pay the fines could be subject to corporal punishment.

For the second semester, students will be solely focused on the math portion of the SATs. They will be required to

excel in Algebra, Geometry, Algebra 2, pre-calculus, and calculus -- all at the same time. In addition, they will be required to solve problems using

long division, fractions, and decimals without the help of a calculator. Students will be tested on each subject at the end of every week and must pass the

mass section with at least a B or above. Retakes will not be allowed.

The course's grading scale will be a modified version of the current one, and will be implemented in September 2014. The SAT Preparation Grading Scale is as follows: A (100-98), A- (97-94), B+ (93-90), B (89-87), B- (86-83),

C+ (83-80), C (80-77), C- (77-74), D (74-70), F (69-0). These changes to the grading scale were approved by the state and will be implemented in every school. They must meet all these requirements and pass the class during freshman and sophomore year. There will be no retaking the class or a summer school program to make up for the failing grades. Students will have one chance and one chance only to pass, or else they will not be allowed to graduate. Ever.

These changes were revised and approved of by area school boards, with the strong endorsement of parents as well. State governments and colleges are wholeheartedly backing the changes, believing that it will improve test scores overall, and maybe even have some educational benefit as well.

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West Potomac Secondary School: WePo+Sandburg=Secondary School

West Potomac to be combined with Sandburg Middle School to form West Potomac Secondary School

Carly Mulvihill
Fund-Embezzler

Get excited West Potomac students because we will have some new visitors soon. Next year, due to the extensive renovations that are being executed at Carl Sandburg Middle School, all students and teachers at Sandburg will be relocating to West Potomac until the renovations are finished. This means that all classes for middle and high school students will take place in one building and a large number of trailers.

The main effects of the transition will increase class size to an average of 40 to 50 students per class, and the school day will be extended several hours just for our school to accommodate with the complex scheduling.

Students who have younger siblings who attend Sandburg will shadow their older siblings at West Potomac for the last month of school to get used to the larger, three-building layout of our school. If a

seventh grade sibling must attend their older sibling's AP Calculus class with him or her, the shadowing experience will be necessary to the success of the new program.

Current seniors will be unaffected by the transitions but for current juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, the new program will take a significant adjustment. Students will have to sacrifice the diverse course selections offered in the past for smaller amounts of classes to choose from because classrooms will be in use for the middle schoolers. Also, sports teams will open up to students in all grade levels, so there will be extra competition in the tryout phases for most teams.

A positive result of this transition, however, is course requirements such as the personal finance requirement and the required two years of gym will be eliminated. These requirements will be dropped in an effort to encourage students to graduate early to cut down on hallway traffic in the school building. If

students finish all of their high school requirements before their senior year, they may then complete the college application process early and take part in an early graduation. Therefore, as a result of this option to take advanced courses and graduate early, classes will be mixed with students from grades seven through twelve.

The newly named West Potomac Secondary School (WPSS) will begin operation next school year and will offer older students the unique opportunity to mentor seventh and eighth graders through their high school years and help advise them on the difficult transition. Mentoring a younger student can be used for community service hours throughout the year. Juniors and seniors will also have the opportunity to act as unpaid student teachers to help out in large classes. WPSS will offer tons of exciting, unique opportunities for students and teachers and will certainly be an experience everyone will remember.

CAFETERIA REPLACED WITH RESTAURANT CHAINS

Claudia Santa Anna
Who Knows

It was officially announced this past weekend by the school board that all Virginia high schools' cafeterias will soon be replaced by new joint Chipotle and Chick-Fil-A restaurants, with plans for the West Potomac location to be completed and opened by early November. The two restaurants have partnered with students and staff after a petition last year pushing for the project to be passed, claiming the lunches usually offered in the cafeteria have declined in taste and health. Though the excitement of the petition never took off, the issue took notice by the school board in May of last year. Only bits of information about this project has been leaked since. The new restaurants will be located where the cafeteria currently located, and the construction of the stores will begin in mid-July.

The new school restaurants will feature the same layout and menu as in all regular stores, but there will be one slight difference to the high school versions. "A new class will be introduced during the 2014-2015 school year that will allow students to get the chance

of working behind the registers, gaining experience with preparing healthy meals, and access knowledge needed for a career in the culinary arts," announced one school board member at the Fairfax press conference. At West Potomac this course will be offered as an academy class. You might be wondering, "Well, I already signed up for my classes for next year." You'll be able to sign up for the course by simply visiting your counselor and asking to change your schedule. "We understand that this news is coming at a late notice, but are confident of [the success of] this exciting new program," added the official.

"I'm so excited," exclaims junior Harold Homberg. Homberg brought his lunch to school today, and it is not hard to predict that he'll be bringing it again tomorrow, and the day after that, and the day after that. "I haven't brought the [school's] lunch since freshmen year, when I went home with a bad case of food poisoning." The more and more we interviewed other students about this new information, the more it seemed certain that most of his peers agreed with him. "It's about time," says one senior when asked about the project, who explained further that she was one of the original signers of the petition. "The

idea never really took off here [at West Potomac High School], but I'm glad that the school board noticed it."

Now let's talk money. You might remember that the drastic new budget cuts the Fairfax County School Board is taking this school year. How do they have the money for replacing the cafeteria? We dug deeper into the matter and discovered that by replacing the cafeteria with commercial restaurants, the school board is actually saving money. Chipotle and Chick-Fil-A will give about 40% of sales to the school, and with the high hopes of the success of the new plan, it is predicted that the school board will actually make huge sums of money off this. "It's a win-win; the school gets money, and students get an enjoyable and healthy lunch everyday," sophomore Drew Black says. "It will feel good helping the school, and I can never pass up a chicken sandwich."

So what do you think of the cafeteria being replaced? Are you excited for the change, or will you miss the familiar smiley-face french fries and rubbery french dogs that have been sitting on your lunch tray since kindergarten? One thing is for sure: the new restaurants are sure to be the spice of next school year.

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Rap career gets a head start at WPHS

Erin Conway
Rapper's Apprentice

Many seniors at West Potomac High School are headed to college in the fall. Some are headed to the military, and others are off to work. Some students might even be taking a gap year to figure out what they want to do. Still, there are two young men, James Harkless and Joseph Richards, that are taking a completely different path after graduation.

West Potomac students and faculty have seen them on the morning news during Wolverine Time. Harkless and Richards are on air Wednesdays and always have a comical section on Fridays, and almost always include a rap as part of their production. West Potomac students and staff are not the only ones who notice their impeccable talent.

Roc-A-Fella Records happened to discover Richards and Harkless' broadcast and were completely mind blown by the talent they displayed. They thought their raps were creative, unique, and extremely well performed.

Roc-A-Fella Records was looking for a fresh face (or two in this case). They wanted something new and refreshing in their studios. They had been all over the America, from high school to high school, looking for students with unique and special talents. Nothing caught their eyes or ears until they came to West Potomac High School and heard Harkless and Richards on WPTV. And, like all of West Potomac of course, they were in complete awe.

Presented with this great opportunity, Richards and Harkless could not help but smile ear to ear. Harkless comments, "I'm not surprised. It was just a matter of time. We are pretty amazing at what we do."

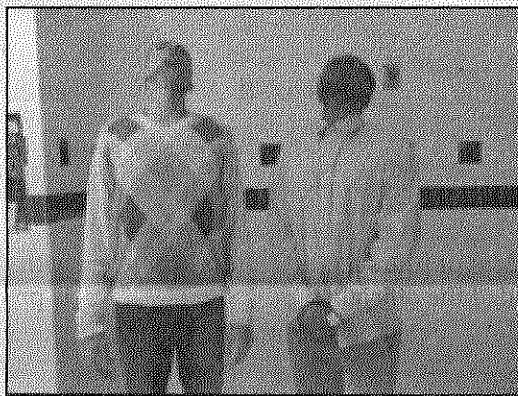
The rappers grew up together since elementary school. They both knew they were destined for greatness, and school was clear-

ly just not their thing. Richards says they got into rap together in middle school when they

When asked about how he specifically realized he had a talent, Richards replied, "We would listen to Eminem and we both really liked him. So we both wrote raps and got a beat and listened to one another. I think it was then I realized how truly amazing I am."

Both know they still have a long way to come. What started out as a pass time in middle school, blossomed into a potential career for the pair. They are still working on WPTV, focusing on any improvements they can make to their raps. Harkless adds, "We are just trying to stay grounded right now, which is hard to do with all that's happened recently. We can't deny the talent that's been given to us so what's the point of being modest?"

Harkless and Richards do not need to pursue further education because their talent lies elsewhere: in the music industry. Soon enough Joseph Richards and James Harkless will be well-known, household names. They will be names that kids look up to and respect. Their creative raps will be an international sensation. Watch out Fat Trel, you've got competition from WPTV coming your way!



Joseph Richards and James Harkless pose for a potential album cover.

Selfie plague smarms the nation

Noor Javaid
Chihuahua

Quickly spreading across the U.S., the selfie plague is proving to be one of the deadliest epidemics since the Spanish influenza outbreak of 1918.

This unfortunate epidemic occurred when the first selfie was taken by Aro Gence, who claimed she was not aware what it would start. She loved her look that particular night and decided to snap a few pictures with her arm extended at a 130-degree angle. Even though she apparently suffered no harm, because of her nature as Patient Zero, she is being held in quarantine in Alcatraz.

While the source has been identified, scientists have had a hard time identifying what was spreading the disease, and how it has spread so quickly. Scientist and dragon-hunter Ima Eenius theorized that "this so-called Snapchat application on most smartphone devices is probably the reason for the rapid-fire selfie plague."

The virus has three distinct manifestations of selfie infection. The first and most common is that the exact moment someone takes a selfie to send to their friend, the victim's limbs stiffen in place; currently, there does not appear to be a way to unstiffen them. A second manifestation is "perma-duckface," where the victim's face remains fixed in whatever

silly face they made for the selfie. Like the stiffened limbs, there does not appear to be a treatment for perma-duckface. The ultimate and perhaps worst manifestation of this infection is that the victim turns into a Chihuahua within 24 hours of selfie self-exposure.

There are many reports of scared citizens retreating underground to bunker homes, with tunnels under construction to connect them together. Morse code and yodeling appear to be replacing smartphones as a methods of communication. Most smartphones or handheld devices are being used instead as flashlights, as torches are is far too 19th century for today's times, not to mention their potential for causing fires.

Scientists are diligently working to find a cure, but the plague has spread so fast and so far, there may not be enough time. The Centers for Disease Control strongly recommend avoiding the use of smartphones, or at the very least, deleting Snapchat and under no circumstances should one take a picture of themselves.

More ominously, there also does not appear to be any way to reverse the Chihuahua transformation, and roving packs of the tiny duck-faced dogs are apparently attacking humans whenever they see them. Anyone traveling above ground is advised to wear thigh-length boots, or padded protective gear around their ankles.

Quidditch sweeps into West Potomac

Katie Dickinson
Reporter

Listen up Harry Potter fans, specifically you Quidditch enthusiasts: starting next year, there will be a Quidditch Club at West Potomac. You may have heard of other schools and colleges that already have Quidditch Clubs, so this may not sound out of the ordinary. What sets WestPo apart is the new technology being provided: trial broomsticks to use in the fall Quidditch season.

The club will consist of 28 people and is co-ed. During the game there will be seven players on each team. Quidditch can be a rough sport, so extra players are very important to have.

The new club will play in the fall and use the soccer fields as their course. The soccer fields will be slightly altered to include the proper goal system. There will need to be three hoops on each side of the field. If a player gets the quaffle in the hoop they win 10 points.

West Potomac's broomsticks are state of the art, with technology similar to that of a hoverboard. The broomsticks are voice-activated and can fly up to eight feet off the ground. In keeping with

the school's colors, the broomsticks will be bright blue with silver bristles, with a bright white seatbelt mechanism to keep students from falling off.

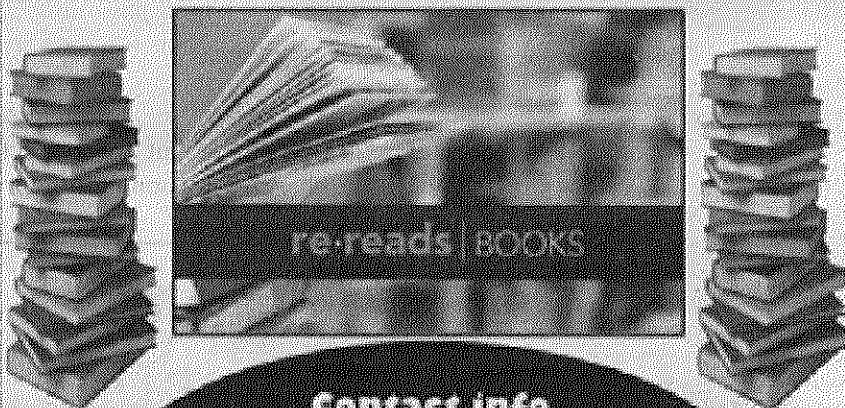
Due to safety precautions only students 16 or older will be eligible to join.

Since a lot of people are expected to join the Club, tryouts will be held to measure the athletic and magical abilities of the potential members. Even though Quidditch is technically a club, it will still be just as competitive as a regular sport. Tryouts will be held in mid-May so that Club members can practice over the summer and be ready to compete in the fall.

Coach Samantha Wells, is excited for the upcoming club. "I think this club will be an excellent addition to West Potomac! I am thrilled to use my expertise to teach these students the art of Quidditch," says Wells.

Wells is not a WestPo teacher, but a Quidditch expert volunteering coming to coach the school from Enchanted Preparatory School in London, England.

The Quidditch club is very similar to Muggle Quidditch, except WestPo's broomsticks will actually fly. Other than that minor deviation, the rules will pretty much follow Muggle Quidditch.



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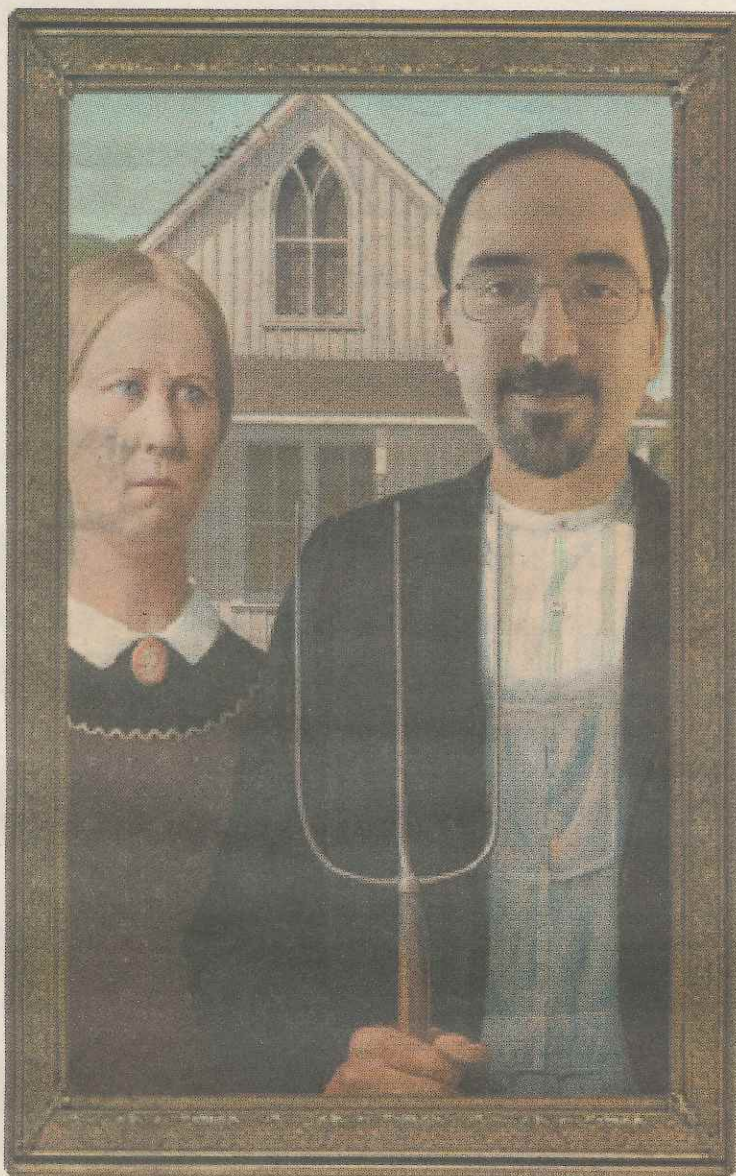
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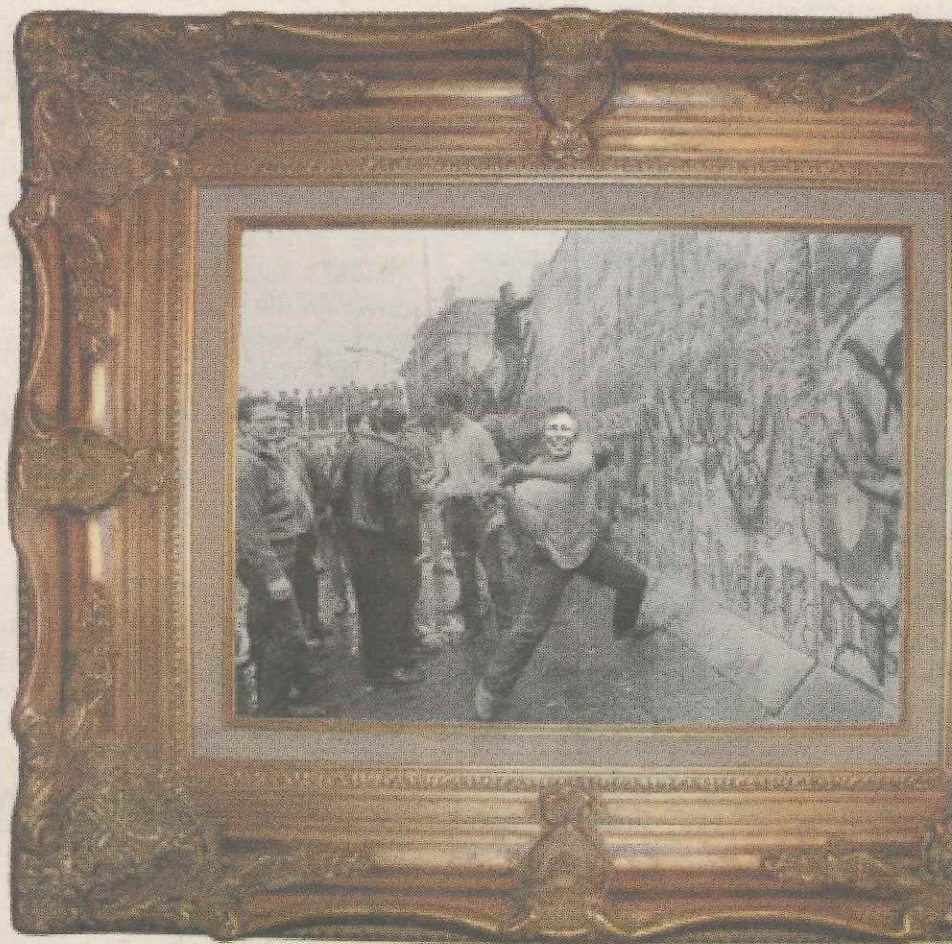
Mr. Rezendes and Mr. Olivo



An early draft of "American Gothic"



Olivo relaxes at Woodstock, 1969



Rezendes shows the Berlin Wall whose bo

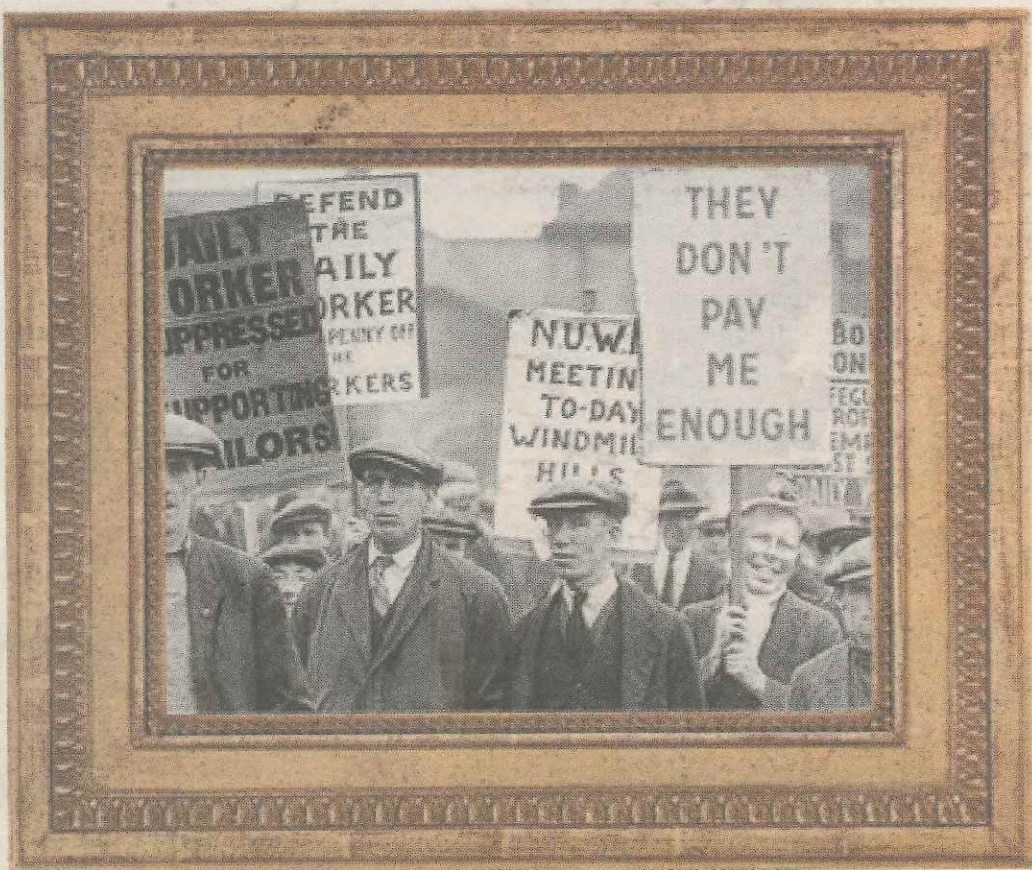


Rezendes and Olivo quit The Beatles after

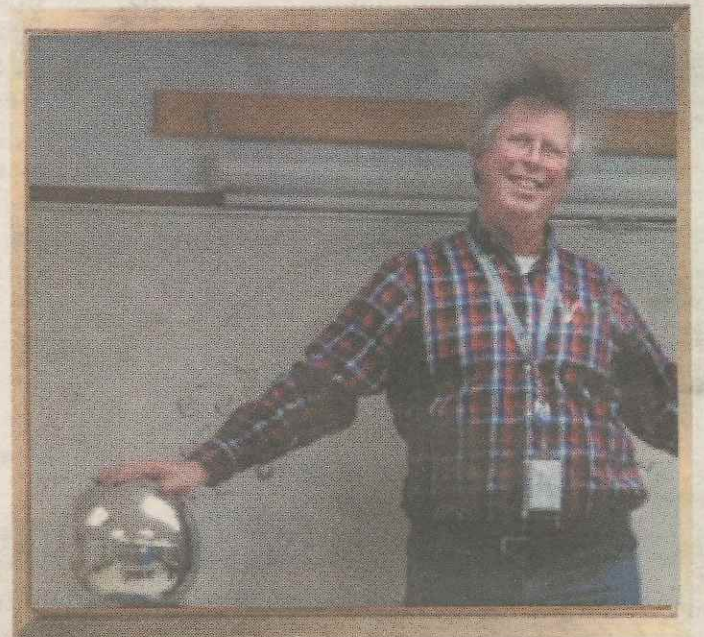
While historians at the Metropolitan Museum of Art examined some iconic photographs and paintings, they noticed something peculiar: the same two men appeared in many of the images. The men were identified as teachers here at West Potomac, Mr. Rezendes and Mr. Olivo. After some questioning, they admitted to having traveled back in time repeatedly, just to be a part of many historical events. The Met has created a gallery just for these photos, now made even more infamous by Rezendes and Olivo.

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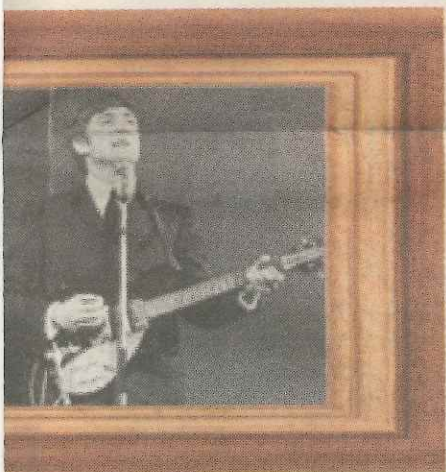
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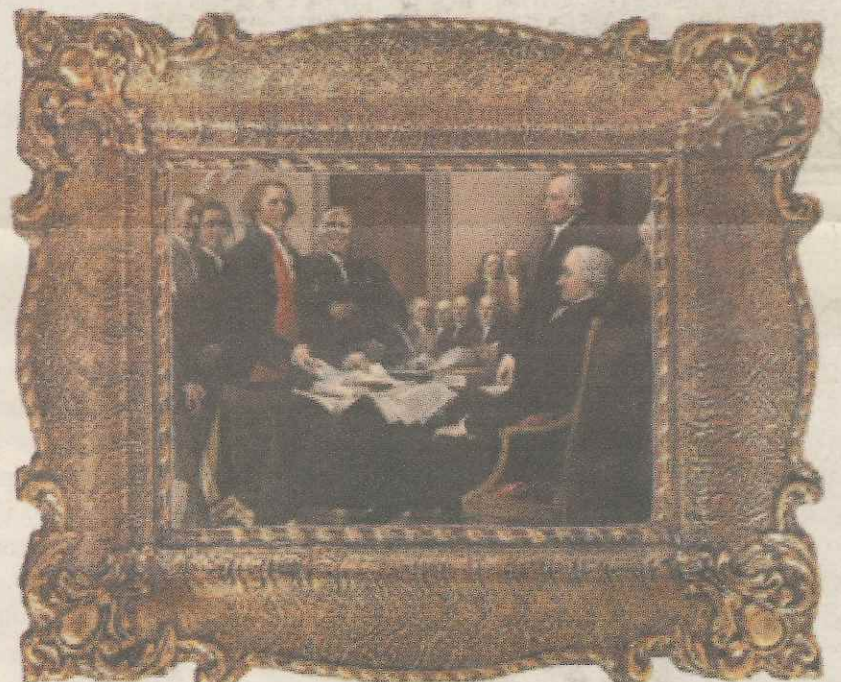
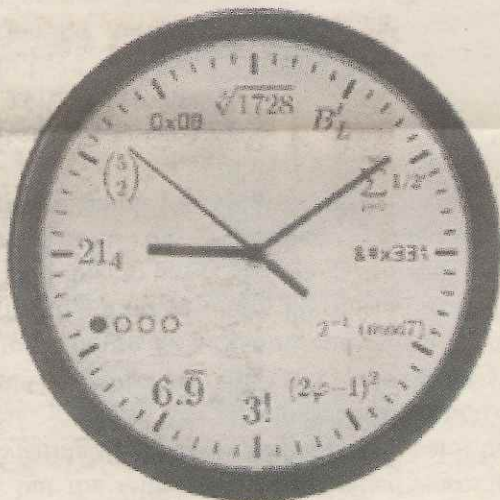
"They Don't Pay Me Enough"



Time traveling in action



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Rezendes gives the Declaration a check minus



Rezendes gives Martin Luther King Jr. some moral support

"The past is
over-rated.
No good
coffee."

-Mr. Rezendes

Justin Bieber Role Model: You better bieleb it!

Madison Harden
Reporter

With the face of an angel and a personality to match, Justin Bieber rises above the rest as this year's celebrity role model. Not only has he been extremely successful in his singing career, but he has set aside time to be involved in all sorts of community projects. He has been working on creating a good reputation for himself through the press and social media, and always interacts with his fans and makes them feel special. Each and every one of his songs is an instant hit and spread deep, influential messages. In essence, Justin Bieber is simply a very well-rounded individual.

It is always important for a celebrity to be involved in his or her community. Many have gone to Africa to visit the starving children, or dramatically discuss animal abuse in a commercial. These things surely touch the heart, but Justin Bieber has gone solo, creating a project so original it blows the lid off of everyone else's efforts. Just recently, Bieber visited his local jail to meet his fellow unfortunate Beliebers. He even dressed much like them in order to make them feel comfortable with themselves and their past. It was said that he was escorted by police officers for his protection, but the selfless Bieber spent more than an hour visiting the cells as well as the hearing court. He later waved to his screaming fans outside the jail while he waited for the police cars to escort him back to his house. Recent reports state that he is even making a donation, about the same amount as a DUI fine, to pay for any jail expenses. His involvement in his community is so unique that it sets a great example for those who look up to him.

Press and social media are always involved in celebrities' lives and can sometimes really bring them down, but Justin Bieber has really been working on creating a very good reputation for himself through all this craziness. While it has been tough work, Bieber admits that he feels he has succeeded in many ways. He is constantly filling up his fans' Twitter feeds. He will tweet updates about his life to inspirational quotes, and he never forgets to express his love towards his Beliebers.

On an average of one tweet per day, Bieber is constantly tweeting about how much he appreciates his fans and likes to make them feel very loved

and special. Bieber's selflessness provokes him to often post selfies for his fans, most times without his shirt on, giving his fans the gift of swooning over him. The Biebs is constantly uploading something new on every social media website, which allows him to stay well-connected with his fans. Another way he likes to keep up a good reputation is through the press. He knows this is tough since the paparazzi are often very hard to please. Many agree, however, that he has done an excellent job. He is often extremely polite to the critics, no matter what they say to him. He has also never threatened or cussed out the paparazzi, showing true potential and greatness.

Not only has Bieber been working on a good reputation, but he is working on amazing songs as well. They all come from his heart, which makes him such an inspirational artist. All his songs have been hits, from "Baby" to "Boyfriend." The lyrics are so deep and real that they truly touch every listener's heart. Often, a girl will start crying just listening to them. Bieber says, "I'm crazy, I'm nuts. Just the way my brain works. I'm not normal. I think differently." Even Bieber himself agrees that he is such an original artist, and on top of it all, he has such a gorgeous voice. No one can deny that he has one of the most gifted voices in the world.

Bieber has probably been one of the most inspirational celebrities of our time, ever since he started his career as a twelve-year-old. He has never gone astray, and puts a lot of time and efforts into not only his music, but into his community as well. The Biebs does so much for his fans as well, from keeping them updated on his life to letting them see him shirtless. He makes sure he does not let anyone down. Everyone is confident this celebrity will not end up sharing jail cells with Britney Spears and Lindsay Lohan. Keep up the wonderful work, Justin; we're all rooting for you!



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Justin Bieber's pure and giving personality makes him the perfect role model for everyone to follow and look up to.

Hugh vs. Himself

"[Insert witty sub-headline here]"

Q. Faucet
Reporter

Hugh Moffitt, a perpetrator of lies shilling for the multi-national evil corporation Taco Bell, has infiltrated various mass media agencies to spread his hardline anti-fresh food beliefs. A prime example of his libelous nonsense is his article "Why Taco Bell Is Better Than Chipotle," a half-baked, truth-deficient attempt at destroying the public opinion of a reputable company, all the while praising the corporate dog-food sold at Taco Bell.

To make matters worse, his article contains "facts" and tidbits that are completely false or untruthful. He even had the nerve to mention that Chipotle had very few items on its menu. Obviously Moffitt has never even been to Chipotle, because if he had, he would have known that there are toppings, sauces, and ingredients that the customer may choose from to complete his or her Mexican masterpiece.

I sat down with Dr. Jimmy Rustles, an expert on food and journalism, to uncover the truth about the healthiness of Taco Bell and Chipotle. "Chipotle isn't that healthy, but it caters to a crowd of healthy, attractive customers so they can call themselves healthy and nobody bats an eye." Taco Bell, according to Dr. Rustles, is a different story. "Taco Bell calls themselves fast food, which is inherently unhealthy, and they live up to it." Dr. Rustles goes on to note that "the customers of Taco Bell are, by all estimates, appear to be like any other human being on the exterior, but whose vital organs have been transformed by continued exposure to Taco Bell food, requiring them to consume more and more of it." Ominously, he added, "they are essentially host creatures for the parasite that is Taco Bell."

The blasphemous anti-Chipotle bias unearthed in Moffitt's article is devastating not only to the community as a whole, but to the fragile hearts and minds of Chipotle part-time workers, customers, and corporate middle managers. Together, with open minds, we can end this destructive discrimination against a fair and honorable company. Moffitt needs to answer for his libelous untruths, and should march to the nearest Chipotle and spend the day apologizing to each and every worker and customer who enters it.

Nash Grier knows what it means to be a girl

The Internet's foremost expert on being a girl sets wonderful standards

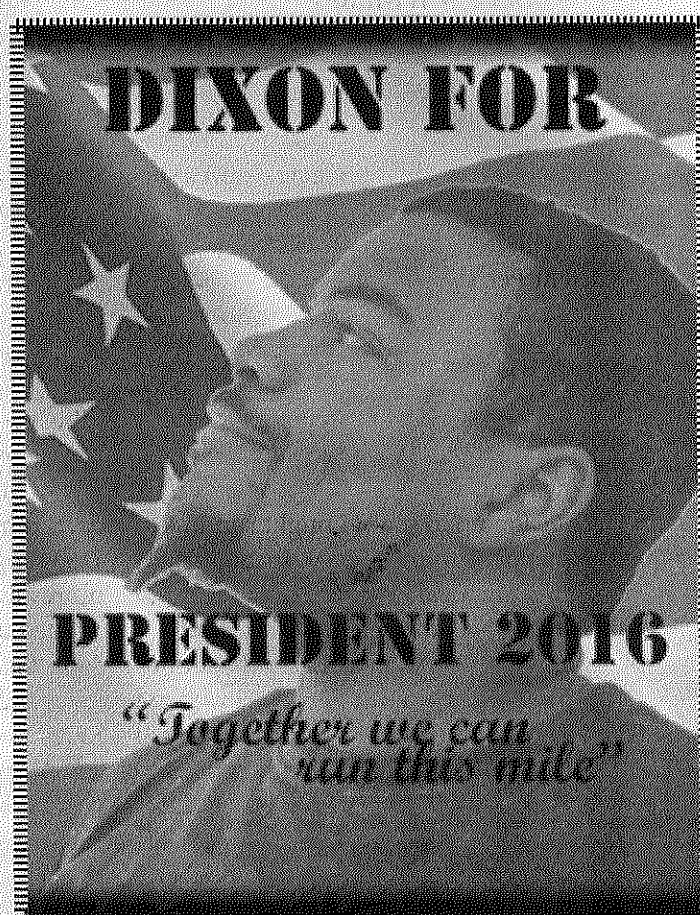
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Girls, we all know the struggle of finding a boyfriend is too real, but thankfully, our friends Nash Grier and Cameron Dallas have set rules for us to follow to help us get boys' attention.

Many girls have said these suggestions have helped them become exactly what guys want them to be, and that the long wait for guidelines like these is finally over. Here are just a few examples: Entertain them, stay on top of them, have dreams and aspirations, text them first, are not too easy, don't play hard to get too much, like a prude, don't be obnoxious, wear long socks, have freckles, have dimples, don't wear too much makeup, don't do your eyebrows, be short, don't wear lipstick, act innocent, shave off ALL your body hair, play "girl sports," but above all... Make sure you BE YOURSELF!

Inspired by this list, a list of what girls look for in guys has recently been compiled. Included in the list are pieces of advice such as: never speak, wait on us hand and foot, back massages at request, be a five-star chef, just make sure you always are there to be our personal assistant, therapist, chauffeur, financial provider, and chef. We hope you have taken these suggestions to heart and keep them in mind as you continue through your dating career.

No matter who you are, always make sure you change yourself to whatever people's expectations are. Allowing other people's standards become the outline of how you live your life is the best way to maintain a healthy relationship, and not to mention a healthy outlook on yourself. So next time you are looking for a serious long term relationship, or even just a date to the prom, keep what they expect of you at the front of your mind. Make sure your world revolves around their expectations.



Spring break 'Boot Camp' to make up 11 snow days

Taylor Haas
Reporter

This year's "polar vortex" has brought more snow to Virginia than has been seen in several years, with Fairfax County schools experiencing eleven cancellations, nine delays, and one early dismissal this school year. This has resulted in a total of 97 missed hours of instruction. Previous retractions of holidays and extensions of the school year, as well as the suggestion of extending the school day have resulted in backlash from the community, so the Fairfax County School Board recently announced its decision to convert Spring Break into a mandatory 24-hour makeup boot camp where students will live on campus in order to fulfill the state-mandated hours and get students back to their regular schedules sooner.

Fairfax County had already made several actions in an attempt to fulfill the required quota of schooling set forth by the state, including adding back school on President's Day and extending the school year by four days. Neither actions were well received by students, with the general consensus being that the school should simply disregard any cancellations beyond the measly three days allotted for inclement weather. FCPS student Sabrina Bishop exemplified this attitude in her tweet, "I can't believe @fcpsnews cancelled summer for 11 snow days!!! #unfairness."

The county's response was the announcement of "Spring for Success" Boot Camps to be held at each high school. In order to maximize instructional time while still allowing for spring break activities, students will live at school throughout the camp, transitioning seamlessly from social time to study periods.

Students will attend all seven classes each day, with recreational time being built into each school's individual schedule. Gymnasiums will be converted into sleeping quarters and construction will begin in the next week to expand locker-room shower facilities.

Boot Camp schedule will be as follows--

6:00 am	Breakfast in the Cafeteria
7:20 am	1st period
8:50 am	2nd period
10:20 am	3rd period
11:50 am	4th period
1:20 pm	Lunch/Outdoor Period
4:20 pm	5th period
5:50 pm	6th period
7:20 pm	7th period
8:50 pm	Dinner
10:00 pm	Mandatory Homework/Study
11:00 pm	Lights Out

"I think this experiment will be extremely successful in both making up this year's missed educational opportunities," observed Principal Alex Case, "plus it will have the added benefit of bringing students even closer together in an intensively collegial environment. Case went on to say that he "[looks] forward to packing my sunglasses and sunscreen in order to make the most of the outdoor period by the rock."

Students are encouraged to bring board games, outdoor clothing, and other school-appropriate methods of entertainment to benefit the entire student body in this program. Students are also advised to bring sleeping bags as only a small number of cots will be provided.

Schools to offer new, unique language classes

Matavin Williams
Reporter

While we all know the language we can apply to take as an elective, an anonymous source has informed me that there are three new choices students will have in the future.

One choice will be Incan throat-speaking, developed in ancient Peru, which is starting to make a major comeback. When I sat down to get opinions about this, students were actually very positive! "I'm really excited for this class because its such a useful language to know! All professions have at least one use for it!" says Christian Jefferson, who plans to use this language when he becomes an Astronaut. "While I'm up in space I might run in to a creature that happens to only speak Incan throat-speak. It's such a practical language if you want to explore the galaxy!" Who can argue with that? .

Another new language to be added will be Simlish, a language from The Sims. For those who are unfamiliar with The Sims, it is a game where you live life as your character. You may be surprised to find out that I am actually very experienced in Simlish. It's a beautiful language, with easy roll-off-the-tongue sentences like "Shooflee Wabadeba-doo!" roughly translated as "Help, I'm on fire!"

One plus to knowing Simlish is that if you choose to become a Sim after college, it'll come in handy to know their language. Imagine yourself as a multilingual lawyer in a court with an all-Sims jury, and you can't help but know you'll have a much better chance to sway them.

The last new option will be advanced Doge, an evolution of the language from the popular Internet meme, where English is adapted to sound more like the way we know that a dog thinks. "I first signed up for this class because I thought it would be an easy class," said Gabby McFerguson. "But the more I thought about it, I realized that this language would not only look incredible on a college résumé, but employers would trample each other to get me to work for them." At first, Doge appears to be easy to read and speak, but the more advanced you get, the harder it is to learn it. I wanted to know more so I went to meme specialist John Giffson. "I speak fluent Doge," Giffson told me, "and I have to tell you, it may seem easy but looks can be deceiving. Much hard wow!"

Any of these languages would be an excellent choice to broaden both your college résumé and your future career prospects. We should all be grateful to the decision-makers who have had the vision to expand our choices -- many yes happy!

School board announces mandatory Saturday school

Ashley Pak
Reporter

This year, Northern Virginia has had a surprisingly heavy wintery mix this season. The 2013-2014 school year has had 11 snow days and __ 2-hour delays. Compared to previous school years, this has to be considered the best year to be a senior. Not only have they had less school while being diagnosed with Senioritis, but also are still planning to graduate on June 17th, 2014. There seems to be a different fate for the freshman, sophomores, and juniors of Fairfax County. Rumors are floating around saying that the school year will be extended into late July/early August and students have already started to riot.

The school board has reviewed several options of possible methods for meeting the standard of required days in class within the school year. In previous years such as the 2002-2003 school year when there were also too many snow days, the school day had been extended to around 2:50pm for 30 days. For our case this year, there are two possible options the school board is considering; one is extending the school year toward the end of July and early August; and two is requiring seven full days of Saturday school.

From an inside source, a student had received a quote from an unnamed newly appointed Superintendent on the situation. "We [the school board] have reviewed many options and have changed our previous plan of extending the school year into summertime and have finally decided on requiring Saturday school. It will be enacted on April 26th-June 7th, 2014." This means that for those seven weeks, each Saturday, we will be in class from 7:20am-2:05pm. This will interfere with many peoples work, sport, and family schedules.

Students are absolutely enraged by this and are completely against it. They've begun to graffiti the rock and walls of the school protesting against the decision. A select group of students are planning on skipping school every day in attempt to catch the school board's attention. Junior Emily Gaddy says, "I'm so against this because Saturday mornings are my only day that I get to sleep in. I really want to organize a school riot now!" When many seniors were asked how they felt about the situation at hand, most replied with the same carefree answer "I'd rather have the school year be extended into the summer because either way I still graduate on June 17th, and after that I'm done." Not only are students unhappy about this, but also teachers are as well. Anatomy and AVID teacher Ms. Dana Hubbard comments on the circumstance. "We better not have Saturday school because then I'll be too tired to go to the clubs at night!"

Seniors have found this winter to be a blessing. Especially on Twitter, they are commonly known as, "The seniors who never went to school," but now they will be required to go to Saturday school. The school board does not play when it comes to making up missed school days. Although this has been a different winter for our area, if it is to happen next year, the county will be more prepared. So watch out Jack Frost; Fairfax County is ready for you.



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West Potomac art teacher runs massive slavery ring

Ray Rhatican
Reporter

Longtime West Potomac art teacher Adam Sanchez has always been known as a shady fellow, building a reputation of peculiar behavior. From his profound love for wall-mounted singing fish to his insistence on picking New Mexico to win the NCAA Tournament every year, "Steezy Sancheezy" has made himself a blip on the radar of every sane member of the West Potomac community. But now it is possible that the Avicii-hating DJ has gone too far.

Reports have swirled for months that criminal activity has been taking place

in his fifth period ceramics class, and recent accounts from students have given these rumors legitimacy. The stories confirm the notion of a dark slavery ring within the walls of Springbank. While students were initially excited to "get an easy 'A' and make some pots," the harsh reality quickly set in. Long hours and cruel working conditions greeted the students entering the dark, damp room. Mothers noticed that their children weren't bringing home any of their work.

That's because their work was no longer in West Potomac. Where'd it all go? "Tijuana," said junior sculpture "student" Luke Pinney. "I've seen the

transactions," said Pinney "he sells our work in bulk in exchange for things he needs. Usually goats. He only drinks goat milk. I've also seen him trade 20 vases for a truck of bees. I didn't even know you could buy a truck of bees. What on earth is Sanchez going to do with a truck filled with bees. Actually, I don't want to know. Nothing good can come from a truck of bees. Good Lord."

When asked to comment, Mr Sanchez said, "First of all, you've gotta do what you've gotta do. Secondly," he continued "New Mexico is winning it all. You'd be a fool to think otherwise. Don't stand here and pretend you don't know that. And lastly, when my perfect

bracket wins me a billion dollars, I'm not bringing you treasure hunting."

School and county administration declined to comment officially, saying only investigations are "ongoing." An unnamed newly appointed superintendent added, "There's something fundamentally wrong with a man that legitimately thinks that New Mexico will win the tournament."

"What he chooses to do with his ceramics class," she added, "is his prerogative. But we will not sit here and allow a teacher so unstable that they believe the Lobos of New Mexico will make it out of the round of 32. That isn't a very safe environment for our students."

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Baby-faced agents fool everyone in an undercover narcotics operation, 6500 Quander Road

Lilly Lane
Reporter

Patrick Dew and Xavier Jones, also known as Matthews and Collins, have worked for four years on uncovering West Potomac's increased drug sales and use within the school. They acted like any other high school student by joining school activities, going to football games, and making friends within the West Potomac population. They even did homework.

"I thought I was done with homework," says Dew. "And there I was sitting at a desk taking notes and struggling with calculus." Calculus was not the only thing that these agents struggled with. "My first few weeks teachers would call 'Xavier' and someone would have to nudge me to remind me that my name had been called. Luckily everyone just thought I was distracted," Jones confides. Dew and Jones had to learn to adapt to the high school lifestyle. Learning what

was considered 'cool' compared the fads that were around when they were in high school, was a challenge for them. "My first day undercover I thought I was being super cool and fitting in when I took out my Justin Bieber notebook to take notes in. That night I had to run to Office Depot and get a plain black notebook," Jones laughs. Keeping up with the pop culture references and what is trendy was the first step in reliving high school hell. The next step for these officers was staying undercover. During lunches they would go off campus for "lunch" and really give reports of their findings to their superiors. "One time the security team tried to expel us because we were leaving campus so much," Dew sighs. "We had to call the captain to get us cleared, but it worked out in the end because now we didn't have to worry about getting caught by the school officials." It was a close call for Dew and Jones but in the end they completed their task with flying colors.



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Patrick Dew and Xavier Jones have been working with the specialty division 6500 Jump Street undercover as high school students for the past four years, working to uncover the source of West Potomac's increasing drug sales.

