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### **Unnatural Selection**

### State and local leaders clash over responsibility of secondary roads.

By Michael Lee Pope THE GAZETTE

ho is responsible for fixing potholes on Fairfax County roads? State leaders in Richmond want to hand over control to transportation officials at the Fairfax County Government Center. But Chairwoman Sharon Bulova is joining with leaders in Loudoun County and Prince William County to oppose the move. In a joint letter to the General Assembly, the local government leaders in the three Northern Virginia jurisdictions and Chesterfield say that they oppose the shift in responsibility as an unfunded mandate, one that would hurt taxpav-

"To put it bluntly, devolution would require a local tax increase," the joint letter concluded. State control of local roads dates

back to the Great Depression, when leaders in Richmond stepped in to handle infrastructure needs that were going unmet because local governments were broke. Some say the system is outdated and ill-equipped for the modern era, especially because local governments can respond more effectively to needs in Fairfax County than state officials in the Virginia Department of Transportation headquarters on East Broad Street in Richmond.

"Listen, I'm a child of the '70s," said Transportation Secretary Sean Connaughton, a former chairman of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors. "I'm a big fan of Devo, which was short for devolution."

Connaughton says Virginia is one of the only states in the country where state officials have the responsibility of maintaining local SEE ROADS, PAGE 5

### Cheerfulness of the Long-distance Runner

### Steve Coffman, 64, to run his 35th Boston Marathon.

By Ed Simmons, Jr. THE GAZETTE

ixty-four years old, he's lean and light on his feet, his hair thick and white, and he glows with health and resilient cheerfulness.

Steve Coffman, a physical education teacher at Hollin Meadows Elementary School who turns 65

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Now in his 34th year of teaching, marathon runner **Steve Coffman teaches** physical education at **Hollin Meadows Elemen**tary School where he helps coach the Running Club.

### Easter Eggstravaganza

Five-year-old Amirah works on creating a jeweled egg with sequins and colored stones at the Gum Springs Community Center on Saturday, April 7. More photos, page 3.

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Juile tries on her bunny mask.



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Yvette Allston asks the children in the cafeteria to move into groups for the games in the cafeteria after lunch.

### Easter Eggstravaganza at Gum Springs

he staff at the Gum Springs Community
Center held an Easter Eggstravaganza on
Saturday, April 7. More than 60 children
and their parents participated in the afternoon
events. Easter baskets were filled with grass,
goodie bags with treats were distributed, lunch
was served
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was served in the cafeteria and crafts followed. The children made Easter bunny masks and jeweled eggs and colored in drawing sheets before going into the gym for a few games. At 3 p.m., the children paraded outside for an Easter Egg Hunt in the field



Bianca Flood works with her youngest child Serenity Dawson while Kennedy Dawson finishes up a coloring page.



Sultan Zikria takes a photo of his youngest child Aleya while she plays with her mask that her mom Sherry helped make.

## Coffman, 64, To Run His 35th Boston Marathon

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this July, will run his 35th consecutive Boston Marathon this Monday.

He's also a veteran of 20 Marine Corps Marathons and 17 others in places like Michigan, New York City, Hawaii and the Caribbean. And in 1988 he ran in the Greece Marathon following the "Original Run" from the Plains of Marathon into Athens ending at the Olympic Stadium. That's a total of 73 marathons.

"I enjoy it just because I feel good when I run," he said. "I feel it benefits my health overall. I like the challenge of it too. There's a certain mystique to that distance (26.2 miles)."

His fastest time in the Boston was two hours 34 minutes in 1981 when he was 34. His time now is a little over four hours. Training, he runs 45 to 50 miles a week, then two weeks before the race he drops back to three miles a day to give his body "some rest."

Growing up in Detroit, Mich., Coffman ran track in high school and competed in the quarter-mile, but no long distance events. A few years later as a young Marine in the early 1970s stationed in Hawaii he started training for the Marine Corps' quarterly three-mile run for the physical fitness test. He found he enjoyed it. About that time Frank Shorter in 1972 won the gold medal in the marathon for the Olympics. That captured his imagination.

Then Dr. Jack Skaff started up the Honolulu Marathon Clinic and Coffman decided he'd go for the challenge. "I thought it sounded like a good thing to do and so I just gradually increased my distance, and of course the Marine Corps encouraged me in my fitness and training, so I had my first marathon in Honolulu in December, 1973. That's how I started."

After his stint in the Marine Corps ended in 1975, he returned to Michigan and to Michigan State University to work on his master's degree in adapted physical education, then beginning his first teaching job. In 1977, he fell in with a running group called the "Belle Isle Runners" and found them excellent company.

"Some of them had run the Boston Marathon. I thought this might be another goal for me, to try to get in the Boston Marathon and run that. Eventually I qualified," he said. He particularly enjoyed the company of Bob Keiss, his mentor, now 83 and still running, though no longer the marathon.

In 1978, Coffman ran his first Boston Marathon. The winner that year was Bill Rodgers, known as "Boston Billy," famous for winning the Boston Marathon four times.

A few months later running in the Old Kent Riverbank Run in Grand Rapids, Mich., Coffman found himself in another race with the famous "Boston Billy." "I thought I'd see if I could stick with him for the first mile," Coffman remembered.

"So we go through the first mile there in the 15-mile race and it was five minutes and 12 seconds and I'm really running pretty hard, and of course there's another 14 miles. He looks down at his watch and I'm just behind him, and he kinda goes 'D—! Too slow!' And he just takes off like a rocket and of course I'm gasping for air."

Humbling too, he recalled, is the Boston Marathon's famous Heartbreak Hill. But "once you get on top of it and start going down it's just fantastic and it is pretty much downhill from there to Boston."

An inspiration too for Coffman is knowing that his wife Jackie will be waiting for him at the finish line. With her will be his grand-daughter Julia, 6, who last year joined him running the last 75 yards over the finish line. He gave her his medal. She's been "in training" for this year's finish, Jackie Coffman said.

Steve Coffman also encourages running at Hollin Hall Elementary School where he coaches the Running Club along with coordinator Denise Osini and numerous parent and teacher volunteers, including student volunteers from the West Potomac Track Team. For young people, his advice is "just get out and start. Try a shorter distance just to see if you enjoy it. Then gradually add on distance."

He encourages young and new runners to participate in Fort Hunt Park's mile-long "Fox Trot Run" which takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving. The Hollin Meadows Running Club turns out in force for the event. "A great thing for kids too is the Marine Corps run held in the parking lot of the Pentagon the day before the Marine Corps Marathon at the end of October," he said.

The Hollin Meadows Running Club has about 100 members, about one-fifth of the school.

Look for Coffman this Monday, April 16, Patriots Day, in the Boston Marathon's third wave that gets underway at 10:40 a.m.

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woman. Allegedly he spit on the victim when she exited a business

#### STOLEN AUTO / TRESPASS

7900 block of Audubon Ave., March 30, 5:30 a.m. Officers responded for a suspicious noise coming from a vacant apartment. Two men ran from the apartment and fled in a vehicle that was unlocked and running in the parking lot. The vehicle was located. but not the suspects.

#### **ROBBERY**

Lockheed Blvd. / Saul Road, March 31, 12:30 a.m. The victim flagged down an officer and reported a robbery. The victim was assaulted by two individuals who were armed with handguns. They fled after taking

#### DESTRUCTION

200 block of Fort Drive, April 1 between 7 a.m.-8 p.m. The homeowner reported that someone attempted to force entry. The front door was damaged, but it appeared nothing was missing from the home.

#### ROBBERY

Lockheed Blvd. / Saul Road, April 2, 10 p.m. The victim reported two suspects armed with handguns robbed him. They took his wallet and fled.

### ANIMAL BITE

5800 block of North Kings **Highway,** April 4, 2 p.m. A postal carrier was making a deliver when a

dog approached and bit the carrier. The victim was treated for minor injuries and the dog, which had a current license and vaccination, was routinely quarantined for 10 days.

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The state would like Fairfax County government to take financial responsibility for the maintenance of all secondary roads in the county.

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of the '70s. I'm a big

— Transportation Secretary

**Sean Connaughton** 

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### æaders Clash over Roads

roads. Cities and towns already take care of their ments. Even if hundreds of millions could be earown roads, and Arlington County has long maintained its own infrastructure. That's why the secretary and others want the three largest jurisdictions in Northern Virginia to assume an increased respon-

sibility. Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland says the concept could work, but only if the state is willing to fork over enough cash to go along with the responsibility.

"It would be essential that the money follow the devolution," Hyland said. "Or else you are going to have revolution on the part of local governments."

THE COALITION of local government chairmen says that after

years of neglect, Virginia's transportation funds are nearly depleted. The Virginia Department of Transportation estimates that 34 percent of secondary roads in Virginia are substandard, which means that way of the county and said, 'Here, it's yours. Take state officials would be handing over substandard

resources with little or no way to pay for improvemarked to bring these roads up to standard, the local governments would be on the hook to pay for maintenance in the future.

"Our roads are in deplorable shape," the leaders

wrote in the joint statement to the General Assembly. "As the nation pulls from the constraints of recession, the risks associated with devolution pose an even greater threat to the vitality of Virginia."

Bulova likes to compare the process of devolution to ownership of a car that has failed all the inspections. All of the tires in Bulova's metaphor are flat. It needs a paintjob. Many repairs are needed. Like the state's system of secondary roads, which she says are "de-

plorable," the imaginary car is more of a burden than

"It's as though the state coasted it into the drive-SEE ROADS, PAGE 10





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## **OPINION**

## On Funding the Silver Line

### Commonwealth will collect the dividends, but refuses to invest; Northern Virginia pays.

EDITORIAL

together commission a study now to determine how much growth is stimulated by the opening of the Metro stations in Tysons and along the toll road out to Dulles, how many new jobs created, quantify how much that growth leads to increased income and sales tax, and how much revenue (taxes) would get shipped off to Commonwealth coffers.

There should be a way to keep that money here in Northern Virginia.

Residents from around the region will pay for the majority of the construction of rail to Dulles via the Dulles Toll Road.

Virginia is all too happy to benefit from one of the biggest drivers of the Northern Virginia economic engine, Dulles Airport. Rail to Dulles, part of the plan for the airport since its conception, is a key part of supporting the expected volume growth in passengers and other commerce at the airport. But at every turn, the state has pushed paying for the rail line onto Northern Virginia, onto Fairfax and Loudoun county governments, onto property owners in the cor-

orthern Virginia localities should ridor and especially onto drivers on the Dulles Toll Road.

> While Virginia had committed to contributing an additional \$150 million to the rail project, and at various points the governor and the General Assembly dangled \$200-300 million, it now appears that money will not be forthcoming. It was never enough.

> > This is one more example of the Commonwealth of Virginia happily collecting revenues, including income and sales taxes, generated from the economic vitality of Northern Virginia,

then forcing Northern Virginia residents to pay for the infrastructure of that economic activity out of local funds and personal pockets.

The most recent Virginia Department of Aviation report identifies at least \$17.5 billion in annual economic activity in Virginia from Dulles and Reagan National airports, with Dulles providing the majority of that. The number of jobs created and maintained by this activity is staggering, and in Virginia, the state collects 100 percent of the income tax; there is no local income tax.

The state collects the income tax from the good jobs generated here in Northern Virginia by the airports, by the high tech firms, by the business innovators, by proximity to the Pentagon and the federal government. Then the governor celebrates the result, that Virginia is top ranked as business friendly.

The Commonwealth collects much of the tax revenue that results from this activity, but would pay only three percent of the \$6.2 billion cost of rail to Dulles. This will force more than 80 percent of the costs of building rail to Dulles to local drivers and property owners. The toll road contribution is projected at 57 percent of the total.

Having major airports adequately served by rail and other transportation options is more than an amenity, it is part of sustaining the economic benefit that comes from major airports. The question is not whether we should be building rail to Dulles, but about who benefits and who pays.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### **County Attracts New Residents**

To the Editor:

When the Census Bureau released their American Community Survey of County-to-County Migration last week, I was happy to

hear that Fairfax County was the number one destination for people moving to the Washington Metropolitan region. The migration statistics help demonstrate what many Fairfax residents already know: Fairfax County is a great place to live, work, play, and grow older comfortably.

Daisy Troop #1697 at St. Louis Catholic School presented UCM's Development and

and cookies from their spring "Cookies and Canned Food" drive on March 22. The food will be distributed by UCM's food pantry, which provides 500 families in need

Communications Officer, Sarah Stone (far left), with 280 pounds of donated food

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great place to start a business, a

courses, and bike trails to choose from. We also can claim a well-established arts community, world class shopping and dining, and numerous historical and cultural attractions.

It's important to recognize that Fairfax County is attractive to new residents because of our diversity. We are home to people of many different backgrounds and cultures and consider our diversity one of our greatest assets.

Apart from all of the statistics, facts, and figures, I believe there is another more intangible reason that Fairfax County tops the region in new residents. Everywhere I go across the County, I continue to hear that people enjoy the "mood" here in Fairfax County. We are a community that is innovative, curious, resilient, and caring. Even during tough economic times we have worked together in a positive way to maintain the quality of life that our community values.

### **Sharon Bulova**

Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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### LETTERS

### Full Time Attention

To the Editor:

Virginia House of Delegates Member David Englin (D-45) has announced that he was unfaithful to his wife. As a result, he has stated that he will not run for reelection to his delegate seat so that he can take the time to repair his marriage. The announcement is noteworthy because the next election for his delegate seat does not occur until November 2013, 19 months from now. The announcement begs the question: If Delegate Englin needs to refrain from running for reelection in order to repair his marriage, why has he decided to hold on to his delegate seat until the end of 2013?

The answer to this question could not possibly involve politics. Mr. Englin's delegate seat is among the most reliably Democratic in the entire Commonwealth of Virginia. There is little question that whomever replaces Mr. Englin will also be a Democrat. Thus, were Mr. Englin to resign now, a special election would be held to choose his successor and the seat will continue to be in Democratic hands.

Virginia Code Section 24.2-228.1 describes the procedure for replacing a Constitutional Office holder who resigns his or her position. The procedure involves the governing body of the County or City in which the vacancy occurs to petition the appropriate Circuit Court to issue a writ of election to fill the vacancy. The 45th District encompasses portions of the City of Alexandria, Arlington County, and Fairfax County. There are three Circuit Courts with jurisdiction over these areas and I presume the jurisdiction with the largest population residing in the 45th District would be the one to be petitioned.

In any event, I sympathize with Delegate Englin and support his judgment that saving his marriage is more important than representing the 45th District. I do, however, disagree that in so doing he should hold on to the delegate seat until the end of 2013. Delegate Englin should resign now and allow the citizens of the 45th District to be represented by someone who is able to give their full time and attention to the issues confronting his constituents.

> H. Jay Spiegel Mount Vernon

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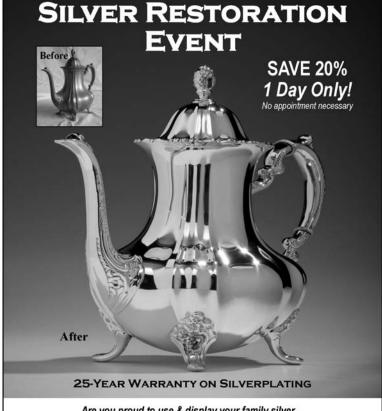




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### Help Cleanup Little **Hunting Creek**

On Saturday, April 14, at noon, Del. Scott Surovell and Supervisor Jeff McKay will host a creek cleanup for Little Hunting Creek in coordination with the Friends of Little Hunting Creek and the Alice Ferguson Foundation Potomac River Cleanup.

Little Hunting Creek and its tributaries are currently listed as impaired streams by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality due to elevated levels of e-coli, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's), and impaired macro invertebrate environments. It is also significantly polluted with litter.

The staging location is in the Sequoyah Condominiums parking lot, 7950 Seven Woods Drive. Gloves and bags will be provided.

Volunteers should wear appropriate clothing and waterproof shoes. RSVP so sufficient supplies can be provided. For more information and to RSVP go to bit.ly/ creekcleanup.

### Gala To Support New Hope Housing

New Hope Housing's Gala 2012 fundraiser will take place on Saturday, April 21 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Waterford Reception in Springfield. The evening's program will unfold "On the Boardwalk," with attendees invited to come in sea-side inspired dressy casual.

A reception and silent auction will kick off festivities, followed by dinner, a live auction, and dancing.

Individual tickets begin at \$150. Go to www.newhopehousing.org for other donation levels.

Tickets will be held at the door.

New Hope Housing provides shelter and a full-service approach to helping homeless families and individuals transition to a better life.

Its clients receive food and shelter, and also help accessing health care and finding jobs, educational opportunities, and permanent housing.

### Chamber Hosts Workshop on Contracting

Learn about opportunities to contract with the IRS and the GSA with "Contactsfor-Contracts" hosted by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. Jacob "Jake" Hansen, director of procurement for the Internal Revenue Services, and Damon McClure, deputy director for Center IT Schedule Operations Integrated Technology Service, Federal Acquisitions for GSA Schedule will be the featured speakers on Thursday, April 19, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., at the Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Meet the decision makers and learn what is needed to stay competitive in today's contracting environment. Early bird cost is \$25 for reservations by April 13, and then \$35. Contact the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce at 703-360-6925 or make reservations online at www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org

### Hollin Hills Tour Highlights Modern Style Residences

The Hollin Hills House and Garden Tour will be held Saturday, April 28 from noon to 6 p.m.

The homes were designed by architect Charles Goodman and are noted for their expanses of glass and integration with their wooded an hilly environment.

The theme of the tour is: "Modern: Then + Now" and will include homes with the original footprint and those that have had additions designed which are compatible with the Modern style.

Prior to the tour starting, resident and architect, Tom Kerns, FAIA, will give a brief history of Hollin Hills. This will be at 11 a.m. at the Hollin Meadows Elementary School, 2310 Nordok Place.

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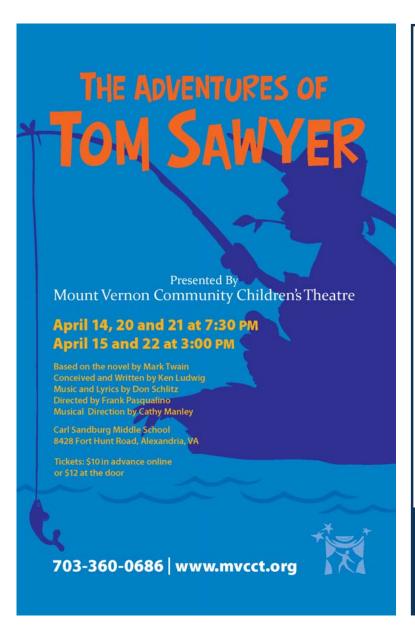
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### News

## Roads

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it," Bulova said. "And now it's our responsibility to fix it up."

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usually argue for more power, the debate over devolution turns the traditional paradigm on its head. The five chairmen acknowledged in the joint statement that responsibility of the commonwealth's secondary road system is an example of an instance where "constituency and economics of scale" point to state-level responsibility. The stakes are high because if Connaughton is successful in shifting responsibility in Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Chesterfield, more jurisdictions will be asked to step up in the fu-

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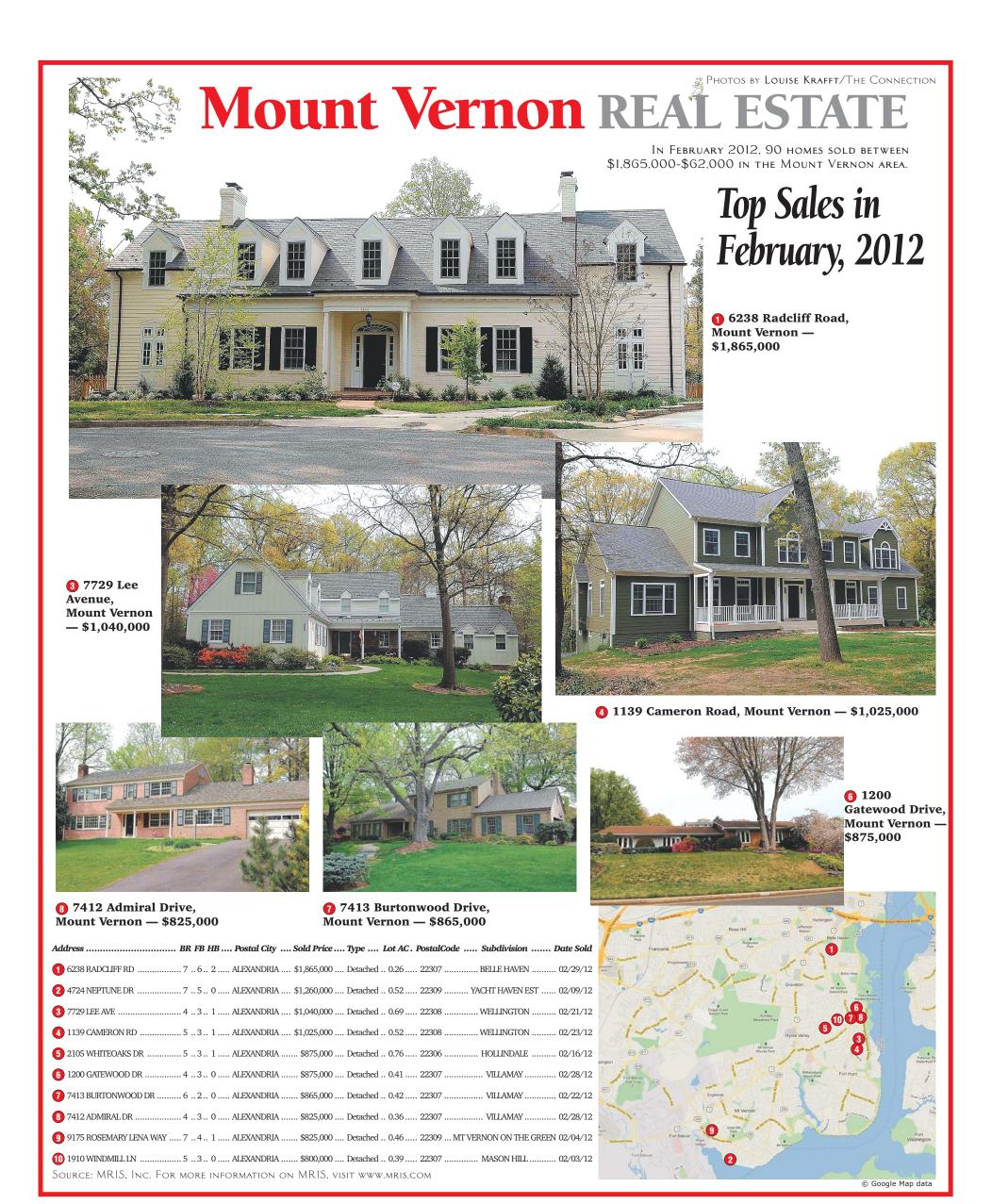
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# Creating a Dream Bathroom

Local pros share the latest design trends for this essential space.

By Marilyn Campbell
The Gazette

pdating or renovating a bathroom can be a daunting project. From selecting tile and fixtures to choosing a tub and vanity, options are overwhelmingly plentiful. One source of inspiration when transforming a boring bath into a luxurious, spa-inspired retreat is the newly released National Kitchen and Bathroom Association's annual design trend survey. The 2012 list offers a snapshot of the latest in bathroom decor. Local designers and association members discuss the list and share their ideas for making stunning visual statement in this essential space.

**FREESTANDING TUBS.** The focal point of any bathroom is the tub. Local designers say a freestanding tub can transform a bathroom into serene sanctuary. "It is like your master bathroom is like a hotel," said designer Megan Padilla of Aidan Design. "We're seeing the emergence of the bathroom as a retreat or spa experience."

**POLISHED CHROME.** Bathroom accessories are increasingly bright and shiny as polished nickel and chrome finishes gain popularity. "Polished chrome tends to work especially well with grays, blues and white.



April Case Underwood uses an open shower and large tile to make bathing in this Alexandria bathroom a spa experience.

It is also an easy choice if you are budgetconscious." said Falls Church-based designer Allie Mann of Case Design/Remodeling. "Another choice is polished nickel. It has nice brown undertones that can pair well when you're going outside the traditional white and grey tones."

Some designers say that brushed metal finishes are still a practical choice for many homeowners. "Many people prefer brushed nickel because it shows fewer water spots and looks cleaner," said David Doughton, kitchen and bathroom designer at the Kitchen and Bath Factory in Arlington.

**WATER CLOSETS.** Designer April Case Underwood of Case Design/Remodeling has

seen a spike in the demand for bathrooms with a separate room for the toilet. "If the bathroom is large enough, a lot of people like to add water closets. Even though they are sharing a bathroom with a spouse or partner, water closets give them the opportunity to be a little bit more private when they are using the toilet."

**MEDICINE CABINETS.** As homeowners look for effective ways to add additional storage space, shelving and cabinetry in the bathroom, the time-tested medicine cabinet is making a re-emergence after a decline in popularity. "In [the Washington, D.C. area] where bathrooms are small, every inch of space is premium," said

Doughton. "Medicine cabinets are definitely a must in this area. I've even made units that are 60 inches tall that go behind a door to give people the ample amount of storage space."

Another option is a furniture-style vanity cabinet. "They are different from traditional cabinets because they look like a piece of furniture and can add a 'wow' factor to a bathroom," added Doughton.

**SOLID SURFACES.** When it comes to vanity tops, granite, quartz and marble are the top choices. "Quartz vanity tops are low maintenance, but some people want the natural look of granite," said Doughton.

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When it comes to vanity tops, solid surfaces are clear favorites. Granite, quartz and marble are the most popular choices. Arlington-based designer David Doughton installed marble counter tops in the master bathroom of this McLean home. He also added tub-cabinets for additional storage space.



Arlington-based designer David Doughton says furniture vanity cabinets, like those in the bathroom of this McLean home are increasing in popularity as homeowners look for effective ways to add additional storage space.

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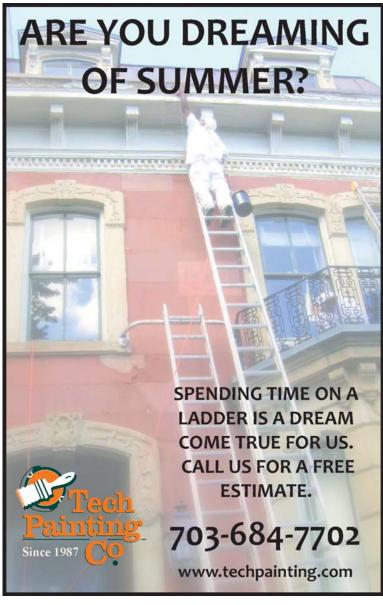
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As an alternative, Mann suggests an engineered stone known as Cambria. "It is man-made and is a good solid surface," said Mann. "It is not a porous material and does not require a lot of maintenance."

A National Kitchen and Bathroom Association survey found that another trend is the use of glass vanity tops. "It gives a bit of flair," said Mann. "It adds a little bit of interest to the space and gives it a little bit of charm and personality."

SHADES OF GRAY. While whites and off-whites continue to be the most popular color for bathrooms, gray is gaining ground as a versatile option. When used skillfully, gray color schemes can provide a distinguished backdrop without overpowering a design.

"What's nice about gray finishes is that it can accent just about any palette, especially blues or greens," said Doughton.

Mann used gray paint and white marble to turn an Arlington bathroom into a tranquil sanctuary "Gray is pleasing and calming," she said. "It has become the new neutral. [Designers] say it has become the new beige."

### TRANSITIONAL OVER TRADI-

TIONAL. For the first time since the National Kitchen and Bathroom Association began tracking annual trends, traditional is no longer the most popular design style. Replacing it is transitional style, a combination of traditional and contemporary elements that creates a classic, timeless design.

"I think some people may be afraid to commit to one style over another," said Doughton. "Transitional allows them to incorporate things that they like from both realms and blend them together. What you pair with it really determines which way it sways on the line between modern or contemporary or traditional."

LARGE TILE. Local designers say that large tiles for the floor and walls of the shower are a practical and popular choice. "What people like about larger tiles is that there is less grout involved so there is less maintenance and cleaning. It ends up looking like you have one piece of solid flooring in your bathroom," said Doughton.

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Mrs. Jones worked as a contract negotiator with the U. S. Government living in Alexandria and Bethesda. Upon her retirement in 1973, she moved to Warrenton living here until moving to Stuart to be near her son.

She was a member of the Warrenton Baptist Church and

She is survived by one son, James A. Jones, Martinsville, VA: five granddaughters and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 5 at 10 AM at Moser Funeral Home, Warrenton. Interment Bright View

Memorial gifts may be offered in Irene's name to the Alzheimer's Association, National Chapter Area, 3701 Pender Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030. Online condolences may be made at www.moserfuneralhome.com.

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Wilson, both of Alexandria.

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The theme of 2012 National History Day is Revo-

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\* Rebecca DeVille, Whitman Middle School,

second place, Junior Individual Exhibit, "Dorothea Dix and the Asylum Movement: Improving

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### 117 SOUTH LEE STREET

This Italianate style Victorian residence was probably an early public building along the 18th century waterfront. The south façade indicates early window and door configurations, which are "ghosted" in the old brick patterns. Mid-19<sup>th</sup> century architectural and interior trim details are from Victorian pattern books (1850 to 1875). These details, including the prominent bracket cornice, pierced metal door and window hoods, interior transom window and hand carved interior window trim in the entry, living room and dining room, indicate a major renovation during that time period. Also at that time, wood burning fireplaces were replaced with coal fireplace heaters. From 1902 to 2009, the home was occupied by the Bernheimer family who made some major improvements during the 1930s, most notably, adding second floor plumbing. The current owners completely renovated the home and garden in 2010, opening the kitchen to a new family room and walled garden. The garden features a large split boxwood salvaged from the original garden and a privacy hedge of Russian olive trees. Ken and Esther Carpi, owners.

### 212 South Fairfax Street (The Wright Garden)

The lots on which the dwelling and garden sit were purchased by Lawrence Washington in the original Alexandria land auction of 1749. He subsequently lost title when he failed to build within the required time. The property was later acquired by Dr. William Brown, Physician General in the American Revolution, friend of George Washington, fellow officer at Valley Forge and author of the first American "Pharmacopoeia." The emphasis in this elegant shade garden is on color, texture and spring blooms. Many of the boxwood and azalea plantings were present in 1969 when the current owner purchased the property. They were later moved when the gate was relocated from the side of the house to its present location. The small brick building at the back of the garden, once a smoke and spring house, is original. The patio was constructed using brick pavers excavated from the rear of the property near an old stable that is shown on an early map. Cobblestones, which were also unearth, were given to the city to use for repairing Alexandria's two cobblestone streets. The orangery was constructed by the current owner in 1991. Also of note are the espaliered ginkgo trees along the driveway. Mrs. Frank H. Wright, owner.

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The central portion of this Federalized Victorian was likely built during the first quarter of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Alexandria required that residents build on their lots within two years of possession. Originally, the dwelling unit would have been entered by the side door that today provides access to a closed al-

ley. In 1850, the home was signifi8cantly enlarged and an adjoining mirror image home was built for the  $\,$ two married sisters. The two properties were connected via a doorway at the top of the back stairs. In 1949, the dwelling was renovated by the Armfield family and an English garden replaced old dog kennels, which were used by the previous owner for their hunting dogs. In 1999, the kitchen was completely renovated by the current owners. Legend says that the house was visited each Christmas by the spirit of a mid-19th century gentleman. His visits ended when a new doorway was built between the living room and dining room. In the garden, the boxwoods planted in 1950 still thrive. A large triple trunk 4river birch shades the dining patio. The garden features specimen plantings of dwarf loropetalum, snowball viburnum and hydrangea. Mr. and Mrs. George Boteler, owners.

#### 206 Wolfe Street

This 19th century Greek Revival townhouse is built on the foundations of an earlier house which was destroyed by fire. On Jan. 4, 1871 at 11 p.m., a fire broke out in Frederick Schwoop's bakery at 210 Wolfe Street destroying the bakery and several adjacent structures, including 206 Wolf. The owner, a seaport captain, did not rebuild and subsequ3ently sold the property two years later. The current home was later rebuilt and has undergone multiple renovations, most recently last year. The result is a lovely, warm, bright and open interior. In 2010, the owners added a sunroom and outdoor porch off the master bedroom. The floor in the sunroom was purchased in Marrakesh during one of their travels. The garden features a Haddonstone fountain and understory trees such as Sweet Bay magnolia, Acer griseum, Stewardia pseudocamillia, camellias, poenies, boxwood, spring bulbs and Japanese perennials. This garden has evolved over the past 12 years under the stewardship of the owner who is a retired horticulturalist from the U.S. Botanic Garden. It has also expanded into the cobblestone lane beyond the garden walls. Betty and

### 613 SOUTH ROYAL STREET

This fine traditional brick town home was built over 30 years ago. Sited back from the street, raised beds in the front of the home feature hosta, daylilies, hydrangea and colorful annuals shaded by a mature cherry tree. During the last 10 years the owner has completed major renovations including second floor bedrooms and baths at the back of the first floor, an open an inviting new floor plan. The kitchen now opens to a dramatic volume ceiling in the family room with a stone fireplace and views of the garden. The owner has transformed the previous Japanese garden to a more casual space, adding traditional Virginia plantings while retaining a specimen Japanese maple. Also featured around the flagstone and brick terrace are cornus florida, rhododendron, crepe myrtle, peonies and a styrax. In addition, the owner converted a potting shed at the back of the property into a bar area with architectural arbor and a fountain to create a lovely outdoor entertaining area. A brick walkway on the south side of the property leads to a glass conservatory which floods the kitchen with natural light. Shelby Scarborough, owner.

### 215 Jefferson Street.

This fine  $18^{\text{th}}$  century home was last on the Historic Garden Week Tour in 1955. This property dates to 1782 when a free-standing dwelling was constructed on five lots. The original owner was the son of John Alexander, for whom the city is named. In the living room, the original windows and fireplace mantel can still be seen. It was not until 1966 that the large west addition was constructed. Recently, the home was completely renovated by the current owners offering a spacious family room opening to the expansive gardens. In 2010, the gardens were refreshed by noted landscape designer Jane MacLeish. Known as the Sally Ann Gardens, they consist of four areas: The parterre garden with Korean boxwood, tulips and hollies, the East garden featuring euonymus and sarcocci shrubs, the North garden lined with American holly and filled with hydrangeas and the West garden, composed of azaleas, euonymus and crepe leas and acuba. There are more than 50 boxwoods throughout the gardens, some dating back 60 years. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Jankowski, owners.

**Other places of interest** are also included in the Historic Garden Week ticket. Please note, tour tickets are not sold at the following locations:



The gardens of Ken and Esther Carpi and Betty and Ed Spar, which will be on Alexandria Garden Tour.

The Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden, 614 Oronoco Street at North Washington Street. Built in 1785 by Philip Fendall on land purchased from Revolutionary War hero "Light Horse Harry" Lee, this gracious historic house museum presents an intimate study of 19<sup>th</sup> century family life. Home to several generations of the famed Lees of Virginia (1785-1903) and labor leader John L. Lewis (1937-69), the house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Guided tours are offered 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the tour day. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org

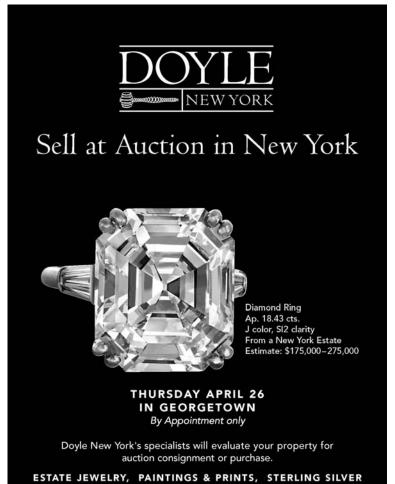
**Carlyle House Historic Park,** 121 North Fairfax Street. When Scottish merchant John Carlyle completed his riverfront house in 1753, this was the grandest mansion in the new town of Alexandria. The stone architecture, furniture and decorative finishes reflect Carlyle's status and wealth. The Garden Club of Virginia restored the front landscape to the mid-18th century period. A lovely garden with a boxwood parterre graces the rear of the house. The site is owned by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority. Guided tours are offered 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the tour date. Visit www.nvrpa.org.

George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, 8 mi. south of Alexandria on the George Washington Memorial Parkway. Situated on the Potomac River, Mount Vernon was the home of George and Martha Washington. From the end of the American Revolution in 1783 to his election to the presidency in 1789, Washington replaced outbuildings, reshaped gardens, created new lawns, planted aligned roads and lanes Washington Pioneer Farmer Site features a distinctive replica of Washington's 16-sided barn and displays of his farming principles. With funding from Historic Garden Week, the Garden Club of Virginia has helped to restore Mount Vernon's bowling green, one of the major landscape features on this vast plantation. The Mount Vernon Ladies Association owns the property. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

American Horticultural Society at River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive. The headquarters of the American Horticultural Society overlooks the Potomac River and was one of George Washington's original properties. The property is comprised of 25 acres of gardens and grounds, which include perennial borders, annual beds, children's gardens, a meadow, a woodland, and picnic areas. The estate house was remodeled in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century and the property is described as a "gentleman's estate." Large porches offer a panoramic view of the Potomac River and gardens. Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visit

Woodlawn. 9000 Richmond Highway, 3 mi. west of Mount Vernon at the intersection of Rte 235 and U.S. Rte. 1. This Federal mansion was built on 2,000 acres that George Washington carved from Mount Vernon when his wife's granddaughter Nelly Custis married his nephew Lawrence Lewis. Designed by Dr. William Thornton, the first architect of the United States Capitol, the house contains fine Federal period furnishings, many brought from Mount Vernon. The garden was restored by the Garden Club of Virginia in 1958-60 and is owned by the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.woodlawn1805.org.

**Gunston Hall Plantation.** 15 mi. south of Alexandria off U.S. Rte. 1 on Rte. 242. This 550-acre National Historic Landmark was the home of George Mason (1725-92), author of the Virginia Declaration of Rights. The estate consists of a Georgian mansion, ca. 1755, and reconstructed kitchen, dairy, laundry and schoolhouse. The brick mansion exhibits elaborately carved woodwork enhanced by furnishings of the colonial period. The Potomac River is viewed through the original Deer Park. While no longer a restoration project of the Garden Club of Virginia, the Club assisted Gunston Hall with landscaping work in 1949-53. Open 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.gunstonhall.org.



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#### **SUNDAY/APRIL 15**

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E-mail announcements to the Gazette, gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

#### MONTH OF APRIL

- Harvest Assembly Baptist Church 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. At 8012 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Services are held at 8:30 a m : 10:30 a m : and 5 p m. Special dates:
- a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; and 5 p.m. Special dates: April 15: Pastor Nelson Snead, Pastor Abram and Bishop Donald Smith;
- April 29: Dr. David Cunningham, Dr. Regretta B. Johnson Ruffin and Bishop William Walker, Latta SC. Featuring: HABC Dance Ministries and the HABC Unity Choir Adults: \$40 13 & up; Children: \$20 12 & under Featuring: The Singing Angels, HABC Pastor's Praise Team Call: 703-799-7868.

#### **NOW THROUGH APRIL 29**

Childhood Memories. Works by artists inspired by their childhoods. Memories are endless: an experience, a trip, a gathering, an animal, a poem, a person or a place that brings one back to a childhood memory. Show exhibits April 6-29; opening reception April 6, 7-10 p.m. Open Thursday-Sunday. Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. 703-838-4827. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

### THURSDAY/APRIL 12

Exploring Activities for Alexandria's Seniors. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Free. Enjoy free exercise and activity demonstrations including recreation programs, aquatics, gardening, library activities and more. At Chinquapin Recreation Center, 3210 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-836 4414, ext. 10. Visit www.SeniorServicesAlex.org.

### FRIDAY/APRIL 13

Music for Brass Quintet. 8 p.m. Free. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

Mt. Vernon's Helping Hands. 4:30 to 10 p.m. Third-annual tennis charity event for youth and adults will be held at the Mount Vernon Athletic Club. It will benefit Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children Pediatric Oncology Programs with emphasis on children's access to education, promoting physical exercise and activities, and maintaining connections with family and friends while the children are hospitalized. Youth activities \$10, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult activities \$25 (\$30 at door), from 6:30-10 p.m. Walk-ins without tennis \$10. Silent Auction, Raffle, Food & Beverages and more. At 7950 Audubon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703 360-7300. Visit www.mtyac.net.

### APRIL 13 AND 14

**Spring Garden Market**. Vendors from throughout the mid-Atlantic region will be selling a wide variety of plants as well as garden supplies and garden art. Friday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. AHS members-only preview night is Thursday, April 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. Hosted by the American Horticultural Society. At River Farm headquarters, 7931 East Boulevard Dr., Alexandria. Call 703-768-5700. Visit www.ahs.org or call 703-768-5700.

### SATURDAY/APRIL 14

Cleanup of Little Hunting Creek. Noon to 4 p.m. Sponsored by Del. Surovell and Supervisor McKay and held in coordination with the Friends of Little Hunting Creek and the Alice Ferguson Foundation Potomac River Cleanup. Staging Location at Sequoyah Condominiums Parking Lot, 7950 Seven Woods Drive, Alexandria. Gloves will be provided. RSVP to bit.ly/creekcleanup

Life Line Screening. Get checked for blocked arteries, irregular heart rhythm, abdominal aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. Packages start at \$149. At Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit www.lifelinescreening.com.

#### **APRIL 14 TO 22**

"Tom Sawyer." MVCCT presents the play "Tom Sawyer," featuring 54 actors ages 8-18. Directed by Frank Pasqualino; Musical Direction by Cathy Manley. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. Show times are April 14, 20, 21 at 7:30 p.m.; April 15 and 22 at 3 p.m. At Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Visit www.MVCCT.org.

#### **SATURDAY/APRIL 14**

Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. 9 a.m.-noon. At Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, the Belle Haven Picnic area, off George Washington Memorial Parkway in the Mt. Vernon area of Fairfax County. Sponsored by the Friends of Dyke Marsh (FODM), the National Park Service, and the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Meet at the entrance to Dyke Marsh's Haul Road, near the Belle Haven south picnic area. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, sun protection and gloves. Cleanup supplies provided. Visit www.fodm.org, or call the National Park Service Information Line at 202-619 7222.

Service Information Line at 202-619 7222.

Singer Lera Lynn with Joan Osborne. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. At The Birchmere Music Hall, The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

Magi-Whirl 2012. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with strolling magicians; showtime at 7:30 p.m. Las Vegas Style Family GALA Magic Show staged by Ring 50 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and Bishop Ireton High School. Five world-famous magicians — one from Argentina. Tickets are \$12/adults, \$10/seniors and students; \$15/door — family packs available. At Bishop Ireton High School. Visit www.magi-whirl.org/gala/

BPAC Ride. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Take part in a 13-mile ride from Old Town to National Harbor. Meet at Founders Park, Oronco and N. Union Streets, Alexandria. RSVP: ionathan@ionathankrall.net.

The Grandest Congress: The French and Indian War in Alexandria. Noon to 4 p.m. Donation of \$5. Spring, 1755: Major General Edward Braddock, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America convened a meeting of five colonial governors at John Carlyle's Alexandria home. Among Braddock's objectives was to secure funding for his upcoming campaign against the French. Carlyle called this gathering "the Grandest Congress ... ever known on the Continent." Peek in on the meeting inside and enjoy the sights and smells of 18th-century style food being prepared for a grand dinner for Braddock and the Governors. Costumed interpreters will be on site to answer your questions.

Growing Flowers and Vegetables in Containers. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Learn how to grow flowers and vegetables in pots, planters or other containers for maximum beauty and bountiful crops on your deck, balcony, porch or patio. Sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension, with the support of Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia. At the Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. To register, call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com or visit www.mgnv.org

Explore Alexandria's Firefighting History. 1 p.m. Tickets are \$6/adults; \$4/youth. The walking tour, "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting Past." As they walk through Old Town, participants will learn about volunteer firefighting in early Alexandria and stop at historic buildings that once served as fire stations. At Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred St., Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.friendshipfire house.net or by calling 703-746-4994.

George Washington's Whiskey for Sale. 10 a.m. George Washington's home, Mount Vernon, will have the limited edition George Washington Rye Whiskey available for sale on April 14 at 10 a.m. This is a limited edition rye whiskey made at George Washington's reconstructed distillery – 600 bottles are available for sale. Each 375 ml bottle retails for \$95; purchases are restricted to two bottles per person. The whiskey will be available for sale in person only at the Distillery & Gristmill site gift shop and The Shops at Mount Vernon. The

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whiskey sale hours are: Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY/APRIL 15**

Gala Concert. 7 p.m. Free. Celebrating the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friday Morning Music Club (FMMC). Will showcase the Avanti Orchestra, the FMMC Chorale, and several winners of the Washington International Competition (WIC) that is held annually by the FMMC Foundation. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NVCC, Alexandria Campus.

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p.m. Will feature tables, talks, and tours including brief talks about MVUC's solar and geothermal systems and its green storm-water-management system. There will be a bird walk and a tour of the grounds to identify and discuss invasive plants. A live bee hive will be displayed - weather permitting and a basket of bee-related products will be raffled. Ethical eating cooking demonstrations will provide free samples and the Young Unitarian Universalists will sell Boca burgers. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. RSVP to green@mvuc.org

**SUNDAY/APRIL 15** 

www.beausoir.org.

Beau Soir Ensemble. 4 p.m. Donation of \$10. This D.C.-based

viola, flute and harp trio, will present a free concert at Immanuel

Debussy and a world premiere by composer Christopher Dietz. At Immanuel on the Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Visit

on the Hill in Alexandria. It will perform music by Telemann,

Family and Friends Day. 11 a.m. With Guest Speaker: Reverend Sonja Flye-Oliver. At Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, 606-A South Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-836-7332.

Ladies' Tea at Gadsby's Tavern. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$30/ person. At Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. Make reservations at 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystevern.org.

Claudia Schmidt and Dulcie Taylor. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/ general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.focusmusic.org. call 703-501-6061.

### **MONDAY/APRIL 16**

BPAC Meeting. 7 to 9 p.m. The Alexandria Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The agenda includes: Bike to Work Day Plans, upcoming local elections, community bicycle rides, Bike to School Day (May 9), the Bicycle and Pedestrian Documentation project and more. At the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria.

Spring Golf Outing. Noon check-in; 1 p.m. Shotgun start.
Format: Captain's Choice (scramble); handicapped foursomes. Fee: \$250/person. All golfers receive a round of golf and a golf cart, full access to driving range and putting green, a boxed lunch, refreshments during play; a BBQ dinner following play. A Fundraiser for The Campagna Center at Mount Vernon Country Club. Contact Lee Stenberg at 703-224-2351 or lstenberg@campagnacenter.org.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. Free. Featuring the U.S. Air Force Band-Concert Band and Singing Sergeants. At Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

Mini Open House. 1 p.m. Tour Hollin Hall Senior Center with Jan Kestyn, enjoy refreshments, and peek in on some ongoing sessions. An opportunity to participate in programs on this day. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573 and ask for Julie.

Masters of Tradition. Celebrating the art of Irish music with seven of Ireland's most compelling musicians, including Fiddler Martin Hayes and singer Iarla O Lionaird. Will appear at The Birchmere Music Hall, The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

### TUESDAY/APRIL 17

Nina Tisara Discussion. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Artist-photographer Nina Tisara will speak on the beginnings of the Living Legends of Alexandria project and tell the stories behind some of the portraits at an Artist's Talk at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center for the performing and visual arts. Thirty-seven black and white portraits — the Legends of 2008, 2009 and 2010 – are on view at the Center through July. The Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street, is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.n 10 p.m. Visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com.

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. Featuring the band, All Wheel Jive. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Free. Speaker Robert D. McLaren presents a lecture on DNA Testing for Genealogy: The Basics. Meets at the Hollin Hall Senior Center.

Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or publicity@mvgenealogy.org. WEDNESDAY/APRIL 18

**Usonian Architecture.** 9:30 a.m. Free. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will feature Peter Christiansen, a longtime docent, speaking about the "Usonian" Pope-Leighey House, situated on the grounds of the Woodlawn Historical Home. Mr. Christiansen is an authority on Frank Lloyd Wright and will speak about the man and this type of architecture. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, King Teddy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

Mount Vernon At Home. 2 p.m. Virginia's premier

"Village" is holding it's spring information sessions every other Wednesday in April and May. Mount Vernon At Home is a nonprofit organization that helps residents in the Mount Vernon community "age in place" The information session will give residents an opportunity to meet with volunteers, members and support services that are available in our community. Wednesday, April 18 and May 2 at 2 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library. Volunteer opportunities are available. Call 703-303-4060 or mountvernonathome.org

#### THURSDAY/APRIL 19

Rhino Wars. 6:30 p.m. Alexandria resident and National Geographic staff writer Peter Gwin will speak at The Potomack Company about his book "Rhino Wars: The Violent Underworld of Black Market Medicine" in conjunction with Potomack's auction of a collection of wild game hunting trophies with proceeds going to the International Anti-Poaching Foundation. At The Potomack Company Auctions & Appraisals, 526 North Fayette St., Alexandria. Visit

www.potomackcompany.com.

Beverley Hills Garden Club Meeting. 10 a.m. to noon.

Presentation by Dr. Robert E. Lyons on "Ornamental Plant Choices for the Cultivated Landscape." Lyons is a professor of Landscape Horticulture and Director of the Longwood Graduate Program at the University of Delaware/Longwood Gardens. He will discuss breeding breakthroughs, solid garden standards and plants with untapped potential. Meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall of Westminster Presbyterian Church,°2701 Cameron Mills Rd, Alexandria.°Contact Amy Reed at ahreed703@yahoo.comoor 703 837-8861. **Silver Restoration.** 12 noon to 5 p.m. Melissa Kenis, a silver restoration expert, will be at Silverman Galleries, Antiques and Antique Jewelry, 101 North St. Asaph St., Old Town Alexandria. She will give recommendations and

estimates on repairing and refinishing sterling heirlooms. **Author Katie Truitt.** 4 to 6 p.m. Will sign copies of her book, The Hillbilly Debutante Cafe. At Hollin Hall Pastry Co. & Shop, 7920 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria.

Pollen as a Window Into the Past. 7:30 p.m. How Ecologists Use Pollen to Reconstruct Past Vegetation. Dr. Emily Southgate will illustrate how paleoecologists use the unique characteristics of pollen preserved in sediments as a window on the past. At Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Visit www.vnps.org.

### APRIL 19, 20, 21, 22

Spring Book Sale. The Friends of the Beatley Central Library in Alexandria host "It's Raining Books, Hallelujah." Preview is Thursday, April 19 from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Continues Friday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, April 22 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Prices: paperbacks \$1; hardbacks \$3. At the Charles E. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1702 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

### **APRIL 20 TO MAY 5**

"Someone Who'll Watch Over Me." Tickets are \$18/adults; \$16/military, seniors and students; \$14/groups of 10. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays, April 20 to May 5, plus Tuesday, May 1. In addition, there will be matinees on Saturday, April 24 and May 5, starting at 2 p.m. At the LAT at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria.

### **APRIL 20 AND 21**

Colin Hay in Concert. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call the Birchmere at 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com; for tickets, call Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000 or order online at www.Ticketmaster.com.



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### Sports

### WP Boys' Soccer Falls Victim to Nimiry's Hat Trick

### Wolverines drop Patriot District opener against T.C. Williams.

By Jon Roetman The Gazette

.C. Williams defender Manuel Benites let fly with a lengthy sideline throw-in that found teammate Alexander Wolz, who headed the ball in the net during the first half of the Titans' April 10 matchup with West Potomac.

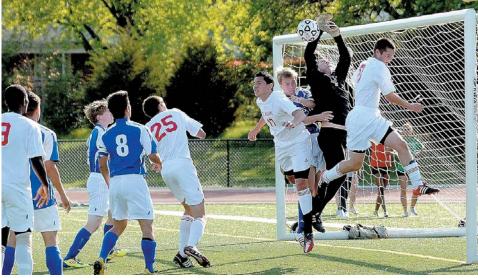
More than eight minutes later, TC's Mauricio Salvatierra initially came up empty on a penalty kick, but managed to score after the ball ricocheted off West Potomac goalkeeper Erik Liner.

In the opening minute of the second half, Benites booted a corner kick that Abdel Al Nimiry put away for his second goal of the evening.

The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team had struggled to capitalize on scoring opportunities early in the season, managing just six goals in five games en route to a 0-4-1 record. Against the Wolverines on Tuesday, the Titans found several ways to get the job done. Nimiry scored a career-high three goals and the Titans cruised to a 5-0 victory in their Patriot District opener at Parker-Gray Stadium. Playing for the first time in 18 days, West Potomac dropped to 2-3 with its third straight defeat. The Wolverines haven't scored a goal since losing 3-2 to Edison on March 21.

Against T.C. Williams, West Potomac head coach Andrew Peck said the Wolverines didn't come out ready to play.

"My goal every year is to be in the district finals, but we're not going to do it if we continue to play like this," Peck said. "T.C. Williams is a quality squad, but we



West Potomac goalkeeper Erik Liner goes up after the ball in a crowd against T.C. Williams on April 10.



West Potomac sophomore midfielder Ben Cermak kicks the ball against T.C. Williams on April 10 at Parker-Gray Stadium.

have [to play some teams that] are even better throughout the rest of the season. It's just going to get harder; it's not going to get any easier. [If we can't play better than]

West Potomac junior midfielder Cesar Franco, right, goes for the ball against T.C. Williams' Abdel Al Nimiry, who scored three goals for the Titans on April 10.

we did today, it's going to be a long year."
West Potomac hung around early and had
a goal erased by an offside call. The Wolverines and Titans were locked in a scoreless tie for 25 minutes before T.C. Williams
opened the floodgates.

"West Potomac has got a good group," T.C. Williams head coach Martin Nickley said. "They have some players that are going to cause some trouble in these matches coming up because they can do a lot of individual one-on-one stuff."

One of those players is senior forward Joy Mainoo, who leads the Wolverines with five goals this season. Peck also praised the efforts of his goalkeeper Liner, and defenders Pace Woods and Michael Poulin.

West Potomac opened the season with wins against Marshall (5-0) and Hayfield (1-0) before falling to Edison (3-2), Stuart (2-0) and T.C. Williams.

The Titans' victory on Tuesday came 12 days after TC earned its first win of the season against Chantilly, 3-0. With back-to-back victories and more goals in their last two games than in their first five, the Titans are hoping to ride momentum into their district schedule.

"We've been getting a lot of chances, but we haven't been able to put them away," Nickley said. "The positive in the matches was we weren't able to score, but at least we were making the opportunities. Then it's just been a matter of us continuing to work on that confidence in front of the goal."

If the Titans were lacking confidence around the net, Tuesday's win should help. Nimiry scored the team's final three goals, securing a hat trick in the 57th minute.

"That was a great performance," Nickley said. "He was playing [multiple] positions on the field. He's such a hard worker. [Some of his] goals he creates because he's an opportunist — he puts himself in a position to score."

Nimiry took a modest route when describing the key to his three-goal effort.

"I couldn't do it by myself," he said. "I did it with my teammates. My teammates helped me out. If it wasn't for my teammates, I wouldn't have any goals."

One of his teammates acknowledged N i m i r y 's hustle.

"He's one of the players in practice who

where."

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— West Potomac boys'

soccer coach

**Andrew Peck** 

practice who just never stops," Benites said. "He's always giving 100 percent all the time, every-

While Benites didn't score, he showed his offensive value as a facilitator in set pieces. His ability to generate considerable distance on his throw-ins led to TC's first goal, when he found Wolz in the 26th minute for a header to the far post.

"He always makes his run right to the front post," Benites said. "He looks at me right before I throw it. He said 'Hey, I'm going front post, front post.' I found him and [the throw was] just like a beam, just right to him. It skipped right off the head right to the far post. It was great."

Benites also takes many of the team's corner kicks.

"Both with the throw-in and with his corner kicks, he has such good control of the ball," Nickley said. "The trajectory with which the throw-in comes in is just the perfect height for little flick-ons and nod-ons. He strikes the ball so well both from shooting and the delivery — and he works really hard at it. ...

"He was a driver of the ball because he was a field goal kicker [for the school's football team], but he's now putting a curve to it in there, as well, which is very effective."

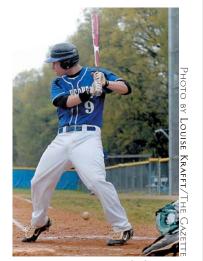
West Potomac will return to action at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 12 with a home game against West Springfield.

### – Sports Brief –

### WP Baseball, Softball To Face Lake Braddock

The West Potomac baseball and softball teams will travel to face Lake Braddock at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13.

After 10 games, the Lake Braddock baseball team was 9-1 and ranked No. 1 in the Washington Post's top 10. The Bruins' softball team was undefeated through nine games and ranked No. 8. The West Potomac baseball team won four straight games prior to returning from spring break, including an 11-3 victory against Woodson on April 3 in the championship game of the Alexandria spring break tournament. The Wolverines' softball team won nine of its first 10 games while hitting what is believed to be a school-record 17 home runs, and averaging better than 11 runs per contest. Seniors Morgan Maniglia and Jasmine Picini each had six home runs.



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