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Teammates celebrate with Lucas Belanger, right, after the Mount Vernon goalkeeper made the game-winning save in a penalty-kick shootout against Cosby in the state championship game on June 9 at Westfield High School.

They're State Champions

Majors beat Cosby in penalty-kick shootout in state final.

> BY JON ROETMAN THE GAZETTE

he Mount Vernon boys' soccer team had overcome a 3-7-1 start to the season and won a pair of postseason penalty-kick shootouts to reach the state championship match. But when Rahim Costa-Dorsey, a Division I-bound goal-scoring force, had his attempt thwarted by Cosby goalkeeper J.C. Fuller during sudden-death

PKs on the most pressure-packed of prep soccer stages, the Majors were one successful Titan PK from ending their resurgent run to the state final

But thanks to a pair of clutch saves by senior goalkeeper Lucas Belanger, any sense of impending doom for the Majors gave way to euphoric celebration.

Belanger saved the ensuing Cosby PK to keep the Majors alive. After each team converted its next attempt, Mount Vernon senior Erik Rodriguez put the ball in the net, placing the pressure back on Cosby. With the Titans needing a successful PK to continue the shootout, Belanger made another save, ending the match and giving the Majors the

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The Mount Vernon boys' soccer team won the 2013 AAA state championship with a 0-0 (6-5) penalty-kick shootout victory against Cosby on June 9 at Westfield High School.

'A Big Deal'

After years of delay, analysis will finally consider options for Route 1.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE The Gazette

fter years of waiting, the Richmond Highway corridor may finally be receiving the attention of state leaders.

This week, Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell announced that the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation has initiated a multimodal alternatives analy-to Quantico. This

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roadway."

Virginia has long

been known as a

highly congested

— Gov. Bob McDonnell

section of highway has a long "Route 1 in history as a suburban stretch, replete with strip malls and tourist attractions. Now it may finally be home multimodal transportation that could transform the area by making people less reliant on automo-

"This is a big deal," said state Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36). "We will finally be able to move forward with something — whichever alternative is recommended by the analysis."

For Puller, the alternatives analysis is a long time coming. At one point, the analysis was going to be funded by the federal government. But then that fell through. So Puller introduced legislation for a transit study, then fought to obtain funding in a General Assembly that is often ambivalent about transportation problems in Northern Virginia. For the last few months, Puller has been working with director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation Thelma Drake to craft a process in

which a consultant would conduct an alternatives analysis for the

"Northern Virginia is one of the fastest growing regions in the state," said Drake in a written statement. "We need to examine the most viable options to address the transportation needs and improve mobility within the Route 1 study area to address current and future needs.'

eral different options for Route 1 - widening the road; light rail such as streetcars; heavy rail such as Metro; and busrapid transit such as the one now under construction in Alexandria. The amount of public right-ofway for road development varies considerably

along the corridor, which has a mix of land uses. That presents state leaders with a set of transportation problems that are expected to be at the heart of the analysis.

"Route 1 in Northern Virginia has long been known as a highly congested roadway and any resident of the area knows well the delays that are frequent and all too common," said McDonnell in a written statement. "This analysis will enable DRPT to take a comprehensive look at the traffic situation and determine what steps would best help to alleviate congestion and improve the daily lives of those who live and work in the

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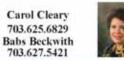
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News



Members of the West Potomac High School Wolverine Athletic Booster Club and Mount Vernon High School Athletic Booster Club join with VOICE member congregations to celebrate progress for securing quality school playing fields and youth recreation facilities in the Mount Vernon/Route 1 corridor.

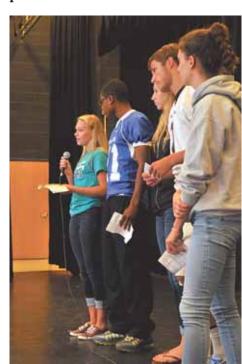


Carla Claure, a 17-year old young woman who grew up in the Audubon mobile home park, unveiled a plan created by Spanish-speaking neighborhood moms to turn an underutilized parking lot and vacant commercial space into a soccer field and larger neighborhood center for the Audubon Mobile Home Park and Murraygate area. Currently, there is no public park less than one mile from the neighborhood that has more than 1,500 youth.

Celebrating Progress



Tina Brevik talks with West **Potomac High School Booster** president Rick Genuario.



West Potomac and Mount Vernon High School student athletes Brendon Moutrey, Maggie Heltel, **Madison Pessel James Harkless** and Margie Wood speak to the gathering on Monday evening.

200-person event, organized by the community organzation VOICE, brought together Route 1/ Mount Vernon/Lee area youth, parents, and faith leaders to celebrate progress to improve youth recreation facilities and programming in the area on Monday evening, June 10, at West Potomac High School.

In the last year, VOICE leaders allied with West Potomac and Mt Vernon High School youth and parents to:

* Work with Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) to identify the first \$1.4million for synthetic turf fields at the high schools;

❖ Get the field at Muddy Hole Farm park re-lined so it is now regulation-size and new football goal posts installed working with Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), and

❖ Hold two Spanish-language sports/activities registration events in Audubon Mobile Home Park where more than 1,000 youth live — and secure a commitment from the management to open the basketball court on the property, clean up and pave

a street and build a small soccer field for youth in Audubon. Monday's gathering was hosted by VOICE member congregations



Melinda Caldwell of **Bethlehem Baptist Church** collects commitment cards from the more than 200 in attendance.



football and track coach Jeremiah Davis.



The Rev. Tuck Bowerfind, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, speaks with Mount Vernon High School Booster president Mike Gailliot and Richard McFarland at the conclusion of the meeting.



Mount Vernon High School Booster president Mike Gailliot addresses what still needs to be done to reach the goal of the new turf fields at the high school. With Gailliot is Carla Claure.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Good Shepherd Church and others) — and ally organiza-Catholic Church, and VOICE of Mt Vernon (made up of members from St Luke's Episcopal Church, Mount Vernon Unitarian

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Community Day. 1-5 p.m. at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Park, 8115 Fordson Road. Enjoy food, moonbounce, train, finger printng services, music and more to celebrate Gum Springs 180-years.

TUESDAY/JUNE 18

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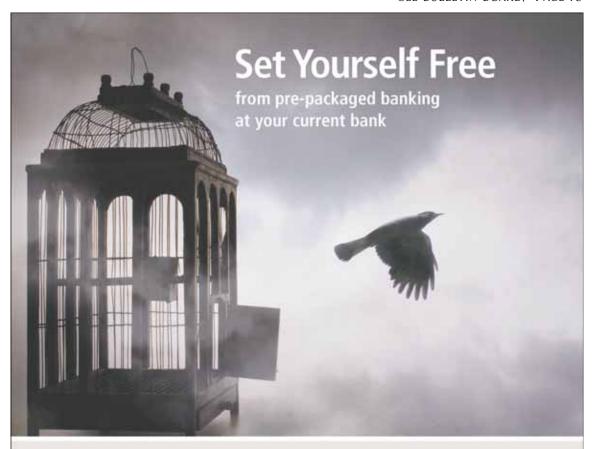
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Authority Renames Visitors Center

In recogniton of Norma Hoffman's commitment to environmental protection.

By Gerald A. Fill The Gazette

he Fairfax County Park Authority has decided to name the Huntley Meadows Park Visitor's Center after Norma Hoffman for her longtime commitment to the park.

Shortly after the Park Authority acquired the Huntley Meadows wetlands park in 1975 the idea of constructing a four-lane highway through the park gained momentum. Hoffman, who moved with her family into a home nearby around that time and became a regular volunteer at the park, soon realized what would be the highway's impact on the park.

She is credited with saving Huntley Meadows Park by providing the leadership to organize a grass roots effort that eventually brought to a halt what seemed at the time an almost certain plan to construct the highway through the park that would have connected Telegraph Road to U.S. 1. The fight to block the road took decades to achieve. According to observers the effort to stop the road construction would not have been possible without the quiet determination, organizational brilliance, and relentless effort of Hoffman. To mount support for not constructing the road, she founded the Citizens Alliance to Save Huntley (CASH), mobilized a large group of supporters, enlisted the pro bono legal assistance of Covington & Burling, and provided the steady leadership that not only stopped road construction plans but generated a renewed focus and appreciation for the 1,400acre freshwater wetlands park and its value to the

Thus, the political effort and debate to halt the plan to build the road through the park also strengthened the park's community support and participation that continues today.

Educational programs for children and adults, and appreciation tours and programs about the diverse and abundant wildlife are regular features of the park. But there is more to the story about the 38 years of volunteer work Hoffman devoted to the park: Not content to focus only on the park, she also organized a successful effort to get the Park Authority to acquire a nearby historic property which was in neglect and disrepair, now called Historic Huntley. Originally built in 1825 for Thomson Francis Mason, the son of George Mason and a former mayor of the city of Alexandria, it has recently been restored and is on the National Register for Historic Places, and is now open for visitors and students of historic properties.

In addition, she mounted a successful campaign



The visitors' center at Huntley Meadows Park has been named for Norma Hoffman.

to acquire an additional 100 acres of wetlands to Huntley Meadows Park.

Her husband, Fred Hoffman, describes her: "She has a soft manner; does her homework; and has a knack for mobilizing support while simultaneously negating opposition to her positions. She has the kind of determination and organizational ability that creates winning situations."

Her daughter, Lisa Hoffman, said, "Her brilliance was in creating the groups that Margaret Mead spoke of and is one my mom's favorite quotes 'never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world' She found and nurtured flocks of park supporters — scientists to build a case for protecting the wetlands, pro-bono lawyers to wage legal fights, well-placed officials, sympathetic lawmakers, devoted nature lovers. She inspired them to get involved ... and when they had success, gave all the credit to them.... Her generous spirit extended even to her foes, who learned her tiny stature hid the heart of a lion. Even after decades of pitched battles, she had no enemies. Opponents, sure, but no enemies."

Carolyn Gamble, recently retired site manager for the park, said, "Norma is my hero. Having the visitor center named for her means her story will continue to inspire future generations. Visitors will learn how one woman's courage, courtesy, persistence, and intelligence saved a wetlands park."

Cathy Ledec, president of the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park, said, "I know now when I walk the

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Norma Hoffman's Early Years

"I was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts. As early as 3 years old I began to take dance lessons. I loved to dance. By the time I was a teenager I was a paid chorus line dancer at the prestigious Latin Quarter Club. I did two shows a night, and was paid \$40 a week, a very good sum at that time.

"I graduated from high school but didn't go on to college. My family couldn't afford to send me to college during the Depression.

Then I met and married my husband Fred, and we moved to Washington,

D.C. where he took a job as a newspaper reporter. We first lived at Park Fairfax before moving to our present home.

"I had one child, Lisa Hoffman, who I am proud to say is an accomplished journalist and now a desk editor for the Scripps Howard News Service.

"As for my work history, soon after we moved from Boston I went to work on Capitol Hill for Congressman Isadore Dollinger, and then Congressman Christian Herter, who eventually became U.S. Secretary of State. I loved working for

him. Much later I worked as a volunteer and managed former Sen. Hubert Humphrey's Presidential Campaign in the city of Alexandria. I eventually left the Hill and accepted a job which gave me first-hand exposure to environmental protection issues while working for the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. I have been happily married for 68 years to Fred, a former Associated Press reporter, and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs during the tenure of Secretary of Defense Cap Weinberger."



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POLITICS

Establishment Wins Democratic Primary

State senators beat out first-time candidates for lieutenant governor and attorney general.

By Michael Lee Pope
Gazette Packet

wo first-time candidates had a hard time beating back the establishment this week, as two state senators won the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor and attorney general Tuesday night. State Sen. Ralph Northam (D-6) of Norfolk will be the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor to go against Republican candidate E.W. Jackson. And state Sen. Mark Herring (D-33) of Loudoun County will be the Democratic candidate for attorney general against Republican state Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26).

"The fact that they were already elected state officials in a low-turnout election gave them name recognition and gave them a base that served their interests," said U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11). "If you had doubled the turnout, those assets would not have been as prominent."

The turnout was very low, with only 140,000 voters participating. That gave an edge to the sitting state senators, both of whom had the backing of Senate Minority Leader Dick Saslaw. Across Virginia, party insiders dominated the precincts. That made it difficult for the two first-time candidates to break through. Aneesh Chopra of Arlington, a former chief technology officer for President Barack Obama, was running for lieutenant governor. And Justin Fairfax of Fairfax County, a former federal prosecutor, was running for attorney general.

"We are going to have this monochromatic slate again and I'm really disgusted," said Honorah Price, Democratic precinct captain of Park Lane in Arlington. "I don't really think it's so much a victory for the

establishment as it is a victory for people who don't really understand what it takes to win in Virginia."

THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY offered a stark contrast to the Republican nominating contest, which was originally supposed to be decided in

a statewide primary. Last year, Tea Party supporters of Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli seized control of the executive committee and changed the rules. Instead of selecting the state of candidates in an election, party leaders decided to use a convention. That led moderate Republican Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling to drop out of the race, leaving Cuccinelli unopposed. On the Democratic side, nobody stepped forward to run against former Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe.

"There's no question that the 2013 Democrat ticket will be among the most liberal in Virginia history," said Dave Rexrode, campaign manager for Cuccinelli in a written statement Tuesday night. "If elected, all three candidates will seek to advance ideologically driven, Washington, D.C. policies that will only exacerbate the uncertainty felt by so many job creators across the commonwealth."

Watching the results filter in at Cafe Asia in Rosslyn, many Democrats who fought for Chopra and Fairfax were deeply disappointed. Even though they vowed to work for the slate of Democratic candidates in the fall, they also felt a sense of loss that the ticket could not have been more liberal. Campaign staffers and volunteers said a ticket with Chopra and Fairfax would have added a sense of diversity because Chopra has Indian roots and Fairfax is an African American.

"I'm optimistic that candidate like Aneesh and Justin can continue to be successful in the future with the lessons learned," said Dave Stroup, who served as digital director for the Chopra campaign. "These weren't complete blowouts, so it shows that people are open to new ideas."

THE RACE lieutenant governor is usually a sleeper — an afterthought to the gubernatorial race and a stepping stone for candidates trying to make their way to the top of the ticket. Not this year. Because the state Senate is tied between 20 Democrats and 20 Republicans, the winner of the race for lieutenant governor may end up holding the balance of power. Democrats feel energized because they are running against a Republican who has compared Planned Parenthood to the Ku Klux Klan and called gays sexually "twisted."

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— U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (R-11)

"Tea Party candidate E.W. Jackson has proven that his extreme views and rhetoric would divide Virginians and prevent bipartisan progress," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Virginia. "Our Democratic nominee, Ralph Northam, will work tirelessly to bring mainstream values and a bipartisan approach to the office of the lieutenant governor."

The campaign for lieutenant governor threatens to overshadow the race for gov-



Aneesh Chopra greets supporters at Cafe Asia in Rosslyn Tuesday night.

Election Returns

Candidates for Lieutenant Governor	Votes	Percent
Ralph Northam	76,463	54 percent
Aneesh Chopra	64,408	46 percent
Candidates for	Votes	Percent
Candidates for Attorney General	Votes	Percent
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ernor because Jackson has been such a lightning rod. In a fiery speech to the Republican convention, Jackson declared that he would stand up for traditional marriage and strongly oppose abortion. Since he has secured the spot on the ticket, however, Jackson's public statements have become more muted. After Tuesday night's election, Jackson attacked Northam and the Democrats for wanting to campaign on "divisive social issues." Jackson also sought to blast

the Democrats for allowing public participation in the process of selecting candidates.

"After a historically low turnout at an expense of millions to Virginia's taxpayers, Democrats have selected Ralph Northam as their nominee for lieutenant governor," Jackson said in a writ-

ten statement Wednesday morning. "Northam's selection is just another part of the most liberal ticket in Virginia history."

THE CAMPAIGN for attorney general is expected to be a more difficult fight for Democrats, who have not been able to filed a successful campaign for that office since 1985. That's when Del. Mary Sue Terry (D-13) of Patrick County was able to score a victory against Republican candidate W.R. O'Brien, a former University of Richmond

football star who represented Virginia Beach in the House of Delegates. For the last six election cycles, Republicans have dominated the campaign for attorney general. That includes the current governor, who is a former attorney general as well as the current attorney general, who is running for governor.

"The GOP candidate for attorney general, Mark Obenshain, may not give fiery, rhetorical speeches like you hear from Rev. Jackson, but he's just as dangerous," said Herring in a written statement after securing a victory Tuesday night. "That's not the Virginia we want. We are sick of the abuse of authority and this fall we will end it."

Democrats have already indicated that they are want to focus their campaign for attorney general on the same social issues that have dominated the race for lieutenant governor. Last week, Democrats organized a conference call to draw attention to a bill Obenshain introduced in the General Assembly that would have required women who have a miscarriage without a doctor present to report it to police within 24 hours or face jail time.

"Frankly, the extremism — real extremism — of Republican ticket is such that a lot of swing voters and moderate Republicans are going to peel off," said Connolly.



About 140,000 voters participated in Tuesday's election.

PEOPLE

Todds Named Lord, Lady

County honors Becky Todd, late husband Jeff.

BY ALEX McVeigh
The Gazette

Becky and Jeff Todd have been active in the Mount Vernon community for more than 30 years. Through their work with Todd Restaurants, the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and many other groups, the couple has made a major impact on the community.

Jeff Todd was killed in a car accident in July 2011. On Tuesday, June 4, Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) recognized the couple as Lord and Lady Fairfax for the district.

Hyland called Jeff Todd an "inspirational business and community leader" and praised him for his diverse contributions to the area

"As the head of Todd Restaurants, Jeff Todd's charm and charisma made him a natural leader outside the restaurant industry. As chairman of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, he worked to link business to the community."



Becky Todd is named Lady Fairfax by Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) Tuesday, June 4. Her husband Jeff, who died in 2011, was also recognized.

Hyland said. "As a board member for Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services and Mount Vernon-Lee Educational Partnerships, as well as United Community Ministries and the Mount Vernon PTA, he worked to improve the lives of countless mount Vernon residents."

The Mount Vernon High School athletic field, a Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Scholarship and road next to the Roy Rogers in Woodlawn (which is owned by Todd Restaurants) have been named after Jeff Todd since his death.

His wife Becky has proven to be a true steward of her husband's legacy, as she has continued to run Todd Restaurants and support causes like the United Community Ministries and many local parent teacher groups.

"Mrs. Todd has continued the finest tradition of civic service exemplified by her husband," Hyland said. "Through her work and the work of Todd Restaurants, the Roy Rogers restaurants in Woodlawn, Belle View and Manchester Lakes have become community institutions."

Two Cappies for WPHS

Acting garners recognition.

rea schools brought home a variety of awards from the 14th annual Cappies Gala, Sunday night, June 9, at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. West Potomac high School won two Cappies/

Robinson Secondary captured the Best Musical honor for "Hairspray," and Madison won the Best Play award for "Lend Me a Tenor."

West Potomac's awards were for Supporting Actor in a Musical and Lead Actor in a Musical for its production of "Young Frankenstein, the Musical."

Junior Ben Roberts received the Lead Actor trophy. "I'm a bit in shock," he said afterward. "A few years ago, theater was on the back burner for me, and then I started taking it seriously as a career option. So this is another step in the right direction and it feels incred-



Supporting Actor in a Musical: David Jarzen,

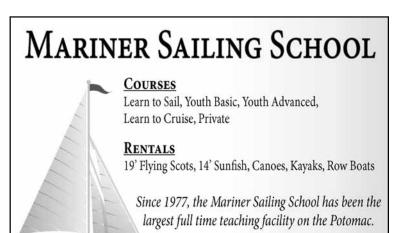


Lead Actor in a Musical: Ben Roberts

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Winning a starry statuette for Supporting Actor was freshman David Jarzen. "I'm just so excited and I thank everyone," he said. "It's a great experience to be here. I played Igor and had a hump, so staying in character for the whole performance — even when the lights were out — helped the critics notice me."

— Bonnie Hobbs





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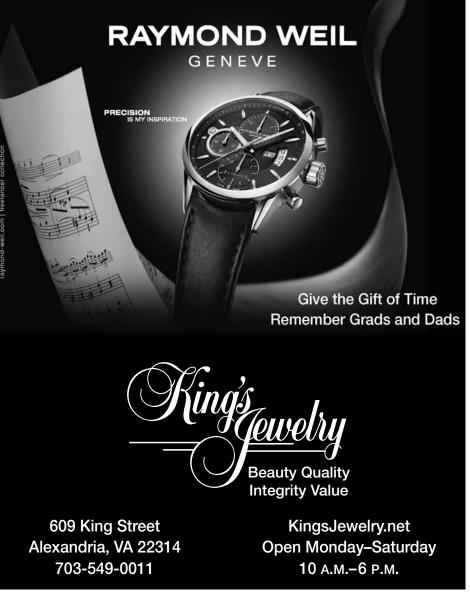
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OPINION

Police Lack Oversight

To the Editor:

The following open letter was addressed to Sharon Bulova, chairwoman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

I am writing once again to express my dismay that Fairfax County still does not have an independent Police Oversight Review Board despite numerous past recommendations for the creation of such an organization.

I no longer live in the county, but I am the father of David Masters. David was shot to death by a

Fairfax County police officer on Nov. 13, LETTERS 2009 while sitting in his truck at a stop at the intersection of

Route 1 and Fort Hunt Road. I don't know any more about the circumstances of this grim fatality now than I did then and now, as then, the records of this tragedy are not available to anyone outside the police department.

The officer who shot my son was ultimately and I must say secretly fired by the then police chief, David Rohrer. But even that was done without any admission of culpability by anyone in the county.

I don't understand why the Virginia Freedom of Information Act gives blanket exemption to police matters, and I would change this if I could.

But this, in reality, is another reason why the creation of a Fairfax County citizens police review board is so important. As it is now, the police department can, and seemingly does, operate in a culture of complete autonomy without fear that its actions will be held up to any kind of scrutiny. I have pointed out before, and I will point out again, a citizen's review board would not only protect the public from unjustified actions by the police, it would protect the police department from unjustified criticism by the public.

I am aware of a recent letter to you from Nicholas Beltrante, executive director of the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability in Fairfax County, and I fully support the objectives of this organization; however, I disagree with his premise that you should look for a new police chief who supports the creation of an oversight board.

That responsibility is yours and you should exercise it regardless of what the police chief thinks should be done. Obviously the

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Mike Levy with 8-yearold daughter Stephanie, mother Martha and wife Jill over **Memorial** Day at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania.



ME & MY DAD Photos submitted for Father's Day.

Todd Foley enjoys the afternoon at Grist Mill with his boys Chase and Carson, and wife Carrie.



William Philip Bennett (Grandpa Bill) of Alexandria, with his first grandchild and namesake, William O'Bannon Vermylen (Obie) of Menlo Park, Calif.



Father Neil Levy with his three princesses: Dee, Lia and Ulani.

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Authority Renames Park's Visitors Center for Hoffman

trails, listen to the wind rush through the leaves on the trees in autumn, and when I hear the birds singing loudly, it is really Mother Nature saying thanks to Norma for making sure that we can still have this special place to enjoy all of us who follow in your footsteps can be proud to say that we learned from you and we will con-

tinue to enjoy all that is Huntley now replicated for other Parks in Meadows Park, all because of you." Park Manager Kevin Munroe, in announcing to park volunteers the decision by the Park Authority to name the visitors center after Norma Hoffman, included the following accomplishments:

❖ Created the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park, the first such Friends group in Fairfax County,

the county.

Created the Citizens Alliance to Save Huntley (CASH) to stop the road from going through the park; an effort that took several decades

❖ Founded the citizens group that advocated for making the Historic Huntley Mansion a Fairfax county park authority property

❖ Leading countless programs at the Park and inspiring thousands of children to love and appreciate nature. Commenting on having the visitor center named after her, Norma Hoffman said, "It is a great honor and I am deeply moved by

The future of the park rests in the hands of generations yet unborn and, therefore, we must continue to urge parents, teachers, and others to promote visits to the park by each generation of our children so that they will acquire the love of the park and its inhabitants as we have. In this way we will recruit new generations of supporters to provide the eternal vigilance that is necessary to preserve and protect this fragile urban wetlands."

BULLETIN BOARD

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THURSDAY/JUNE 27

Colonial Republican Women

Meeting. 6:30-9 p.m. at Virginia Hills Administration Center, 6520 Diana Lane. Refreshments will be served. E-mail colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com or 703-624-3252.

SATURDAY/JUNE 29

Healthy Living. Join us for a special event about healthy living from 1-3 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Featuring lively discussion, tasty treats, and children's activities. Visit mvuc.org.

TUESDAY/JULY 16

Meeting. 1 p.m. The Mount Vernon

Genealogical Society will meet in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center.The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will feature a presentation by Nancy Wing titled Treating the Sick and Wounded: Civil War Medical Records." Visit www.MVGenealogy.org.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 26-28 Fort Hunt High School 50th

Anniversary. Celebrate the school's 50th anniversary with events every day. To have access to all the information and events, register at www.fhhs-alum.org.
There will be gatherings at local

restaurants, dinner and dancing, music and more. There will be a cook-out on Sunday at Fort Hunt Park, vintage car show, live entertainment by local bands including alumni of the school. For a

list of hotels and full event listings. visit www.fhhs-alum.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 29

Enchanted Miniature Dish Garden

Workshop. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create a little mini garden to take home. \$45/person plus \$20 for supplies. Register at www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Program needs a

volunteer to greet people and answer phones one day per week from 10:30 a.m. - noon to star as soon as possible. Contact Fairfax County's Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186,

VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov,

or visit Volunteer Solutions at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/ olderadultservices and click on volunteers

Fairfax County's Meals on Wheels needs drivers and a coordinator. Contact Fairfax County's Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 703-

VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit Volunteer Solutions at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/ olderadultservices and click on volunteers.

Volunteer to host an exchange

student for the school year 2013-14. These foreign teens (15-18 years old) want to attend high school here in Northern Virginia, and experience life as an American teen. They are looking forward to becoming an active member of their new host family. Academic Year in America (AYA) is a non-profit organization, and the Department of State does not allow payments to host families. Visit www.academicvear.org or call local coordinator Louise at 540-286-1561.

VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov, or visit Volunteer Solutions at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/ olderadultservices and click on volunteers.

AARP Tax-Aide, a national volunteerrun tax counseling and preparation service for low to moderate income and elderly citizens, needs volunteers to electronically complete and file federal and state income tax forms for the 2013 tax season. The program offers free five-day training using IRS computers and software. Volunteers become IRS Certified Tax Counselors after completing and passing the IRS examination. Visit www.aarp.org/ money/taxes/info-2006/ volunteer_aarp_tax_aide.html.

ONGOING

The New Gum Springs Civic Association will start a new Cub Scout Pack for boys ages 6-10 and adult leaders. For more information call 888-740-6009 or visit

www.gumspringscivicassociation.com School Board Member, Dan Storck,

Mount Vernon District representative, hosts community office hours the second Saturday of each month: Sherwood Hall Library: 1-3 p.m. Members of the community are invited to stop by to ask questions or to discuss concerns. No appointment necessary. If you have any questions about the community office hours, please contact Dan Storck at Dan.Storck@fcps.edu or his assistant, Barb Larsen at Barbara.Larsen@fcps.edu.

Band musicians, young and old, are invited to join the **Mount Vernon** Community Band. Rehearsals are Tuesday 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School band room, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. There are no auditions. The Mount Vernon Community Band is a nonprofit

community service organization that has performed in the Mount Vernon area since 1978. 703-768-4172 or www.mvbands.com.

Alzheimer's Association support groups provide a place for people with Alzheimer's, their caregivers, family members, and/or friends to share valuable information, caregiving tips and concerns throughout the Alzheimer's journey. Groups are facilitated by trained group leaders and are ongoing, free and open to the community. There is a meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway. Call the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 703-359-4440 or 800-272-3900 before attending a group for the first time to verify meeting information, obtain directions or other information about the group. A complete list of all groups in the National Capital Area region can be viewed at www.alz.org/nca.

Postpartum Support Virginia sponsors a free, bi-monthly support group for women suffering depression and/or anxiety during pregnancy or in the first year following childbirth. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at Inova Alexandria Hospital, Health Education Center, rooms 1-2, 4320 Seminary Road. Contact comoderator Susan Doyle at suzjdoyle@gmail.com or 571-403-

The Boy Scout Troop 1906 is seeking members. They meet every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church Parsonage, 7836 Fordson Road. Visit

www.boyscouts-ncac.org/colonial for

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tives analysis will define what the needs are along the corridor. Then the consultant will consider a range of potential solutions. Stakeholder groups will confer with the consultant during the analysis, and members of the public will be asked for their input. When it's all said and done, the analysis will make a recommendation as to which kind of transit is preferred along the corridor — a topic that's already at the center of a debate in southeast Fairfax County.

"For a long time, people have thought that reality on the highway is we are going to build heavy rail like Metro down the corridor," said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay last month. "My hope is that this puts this to bed and says there are other ways to invest in transit on the highway that don't detonate a community and don't turn it into Tysons Corner."

Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) disagrees.

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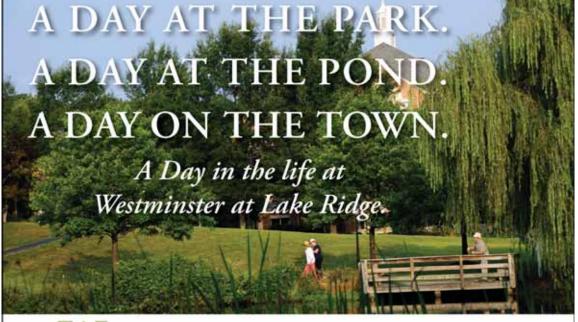


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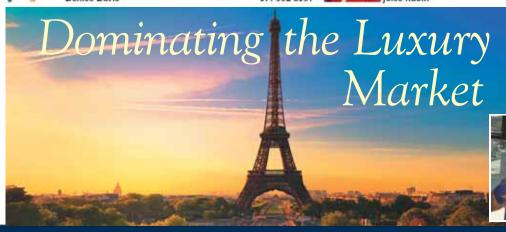
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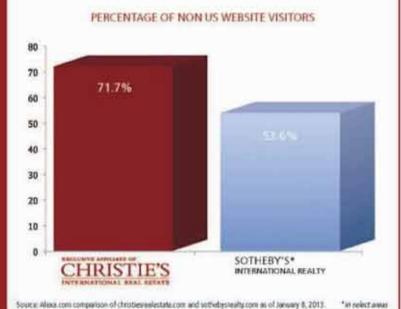


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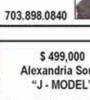


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Designing a Colorful World Local interior design experts offer suggestions for choosing paint colors for one's home.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL THE GAZETTE

hoosing paint for one's home can be a daunting task. Colors often look different on paint chips and fan decks than they do on interior walls. What are some of the secrets to making the right choices? Local interior designers offer suggestions.

Jean P. Freeman, professor of interior design at Marymount University, says considering a room's lighting is a good starting point. "What is the lighting in the room, sunlight from the exterior [and] overhead lighting?" she asked. "The amount of light would assist in determining how dark or light the walls could be. To brighten the room obviously lighter colors are preferred; but to add excitement bright colors with enough light would be a great choice."

Before painting an entire room, look at the paint samples in a variety of lighting conditions, advises Hope Hassell, specialty designer at Sun Design in Burke. "Natural light has a tendency to wash out colors that otherwise look good in artificial light," she said. "Always look at the paint sample throughout the day so you can see what it looks like in morning sun versus afternoon sun versus at night when there is no natural light in the space."

Artificial light also impacts the way paint looks in a room. "Fluorescent light can make a cream or beige paint take on a yellow hue," said Hassell. "Other colors that are in the space are also a huge factor when selecting a paint. Colors can often enhance and affect the paint around them. Make sure to apply small areas of paint near the different colors in the room, whether it is the trim around the door or the wood stain of the floor or cabinetry."

Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors in Bethesda encourages homeowners to consider the mood that they'd like to create in a room when selecting paint. "It's important to figure out the overall feel of



Local designers say brightly colored accent walls, such as the orange used in this basement created by Sun Design, is a current trend in interior paint colors.

the space, such as warm or cool," she said. "What kind of energy do you want to get out of a space? For example, family rooms often have a lot of energy and therefore, people tend to use brighter colors. In the living room, consider a softer palette for a retreat-type setting. Deciding on a room's energy and tone are good starting points."

Susan Hergenrather, assistant professor of interior design at Marymount University agrees that paint colors help create a room's mood. "Think about the different mood of a red room versus a blue room," she said. "Most people have a palette that they are instinctively drawn to, for example violet and yellow green. Look at the colors you already have in your home and build your palettes around the things that you love whether it is your favorite sofa or your mother's antique carpet."

Hergenrather also suggests simplicity. "Always use a color scheme. For example, complimentary colors work well for almost everyone," she said. "Pick up a color wheel and use it. Too many colors make an interior too complex. Keep it simple. Also remember there are many colors in a space, not just the paint colors. Don't forget to consider the color of the floor as one of the colors in the room."

Test before buying is another suggestion that Hergenrather offers. "Always site test colors. Manufacturers have sample pots for this purpose," she said. "Put the colors on your walls in several different places and live with them for a few days before making the final decision."

WHAT ARE THE CURRENT TRENDS in

paint colors? "For interiors, I'm using a lot of grays," said Meyer. "Previously, for more than a decade, beiges were popular, but now gray tones are in. Taupes are also popular right now in terms of paint colors."

Hassel said, "We are experiencing that people are starting to be more adventurous with bright colors that make a statement. Whether it is painting one wall a peacock green for an accent in a living room or painting the front door a flame orange, bright, saturated colors are being used on the inside and outside of homes."

Freeman said that intensity in color is popular now. "Bright colors with flare or pastels that seem to represent ice cream colors are all part of the current trends," she said. "Neither should be dull, but both should be more intense. Pick up the colors of your favorite piece of upholstery and see the types being played, one against the other. Opposites do attract in colors and everyday life.'

For those with historic homes who want to recreate the hues of a forgone era, designers say that many manufactures now have palettes that replicate historic colors. "I particularly like Farrow and Ball but they are expensive," said Hergenrather. "However, with paint, as with anything, you get what you pay for. If red is a favorite of yours use a high quality paint such as Benjamin Moore Aura ... great stuff that really cov-

Meyer also suggests paint created with historic homes in mind. "I'd look at Benjamin Moore's Historical Color options such as Manchester Tan," she said. "It's a great neutral. For historic blue-green tones, try Woodlawn Blue, Yarmouth Blue or Hollingsworth Green."

Freeman said, "An interesting phenomena is that the historic colors in homes was much brighter and more pure than was originally understood. Colors from historic homes faded due to the type of medium used; linseed oil and other liquids did not hold the color particles and the deep rich colors didn't last. Today we are able to create those rich, but not necessarily bright color waves."

Creating Attractive Access

By John Byrd

n many respects, well-executed universal design speaks to the hope that a better world is not only possible, but within our grasp. Certainly the intention is to include people with challenged mobility. And it follows that a good universal design solution can be an enhancement not just for one person, but for everyone.

"The thinking in our culture has really evolved on this issue," said accessibility design specialist Russ Glickman of Potomac, Md. "It is much more common today to find a special needs mobility solution so perfectly rationalized that the improvement extends beyond how the house works to how it looks."

Of course, as a practical matter, finding a www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Chris Cassidy, who is completing graduate studies, can now travel from the front door to a waiting ride at the foot of the drive without assistance.

Front elevation universal design solution is both functional and architecturally appropriate.

skilled change-agent who gets the vision can be difficult. Just ask Grace Cassidy.

The Cassidy family has occupied a twolevel brick ranch near Lake Accotink for 15 years. Son Chris, who is now a graduate student at American University, was diagnosed with muscular dystrophy when he was not quite 3 years old, and shortly thereafter the family moved to the pretty ranch on a corner lot with a sloping hill. A second child was born. Life went on, hampered only by occasional struggles in moving Chris' scooter as he got older. Gradually, Chris's natural drive to independence became a factor. To help him get from the front of the house to sidewalk, for instance, the family

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Sports



Mount Vernon goalkeeper Lucas Belanger reaches up to punch the ball away from the goal during the state championship game against Cosby on June 9 at Westfield High School



Mount Vernon senior Simond Kargbo looks for a way to escape three Cosby defenders during the state championship game on June 9 at Westfield High School.



Rahim Costa-Dorsey (26), Erik Rodriguez (19) and the Mount Vernon boys' soccer team defeated Cosby in a penalty-kick shootout to win the state championship on June 9 at Westfield High School.

Mount Vernon Boys' Soccer Captures State Championship

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2013 AAA state championship with a 0-0 (6-5) victory at Westfield High School.

After Belanger's game-winning save, the Majors rushed to the corner of the field in celebration of winning the school's first team state championship since the football program brought home a title in the fall of 1983

"I have no words for this," Rodriguez said. "It just feels awesome."

Mount Vernon and Cosby were scoreless at the end of regulation and neither team scored during four five-minute overtime periods, resulting in a penalty-kick shootout. After five rounds, the teams were tied at 4-all, resulting in sudden-death PKs.

Costa-Dorsey, who made his first PK attempt, came up empty on his second try when the ball deflected off Fuller and hit the right post. Costa-Dorsey appeared devastated after his attempt came up empty, but as it turned out, the VCU-bound forward had nothing to worry about.

"I was just so scared," Costa-Dorsey said.
"I couldn't believe that I missed that PK, but I think the goalkeeper made a great save. But then Lucas on the other side, he had my back. He saved me."

After Fuller's save, the Majors needed a Cosby miss to keep their season alive.

"I was just thinking, 'that's it," Belanger said. "If I don't save it, it's game over. And if I do, then we're still in it; we've still got a chance."

Belanger gave his team a chance.

Mount Vernon's Simond Kargbo and Cosby's Kevin Bachouros each converted their respective attempts. Rodriguez followed with his second successful PK and Belanger took care of the rest.

"I took my time going back to the line on the kick to see what they're doing," Belanger

said. "When he was putting the ball down, I had a general idea of where he was going to go. I wasn't completely sure, but then once he was running up to the ball, I was positive and I just wanted to [reach] as far as possible."

Kargbo made a pair of PKs for Mount Vernon, and Daniel Obour made one.

Belanger also helped Mount Vernon win penalty-kick shootouts against T.C. Williams in the Northern Region quarterfinals and Forest Park in the state quarterfinals.

"I'm actually in shock that we did it," first-year Mount Vernon head coach Tony Garza said. "I'm shocked that we put it all together. We came in with eight losses — the most losses a state tournament team had — and we prevailed and went all the way through, so it was great."

Aided by the return of Costa-Dorsey and Belanger, who each re-joined the Majors late in the regular season after playing academy soccer, Mount Vernon overcame a 3-7-1 start to win 11 of its final 12 games. The Majors' only loss in the final month was a 3-1 defeat against Oakton on May 31 in the Northern Region championship game.

Garza, the former head coach of the Mount Vernon girls' soccer team, took over as head coach of the boys' team after his twin brother, Robert Garza, left after the 2012 season to take the head job at Robinson. Prior to leaving, Robert Garza led the Majors to the region quarterfinals in three consecutive seasons. In 2012, Mount Vernon won the National District championship and finished 14-2-2, ending its season with a penalty-kick shootout loss to

Robinson.

This season, the Tony Garza-led Majors stumbled out of the gate, starting 0-3-1.

"When we first started the season, our first thing was, hey, we're going to win everything again and just pick up where they left off last year," Tony Garza said, "and after the first couple games we could see that we had a lot of work to do. The boys weren't clicking. It was where every single person, instead of working as a team, it was more individual work on the field instead.

"... The season, I think we started off thinking that we were going to pick up where we left off last year, what my brother built, but we realized it was harder than we thought it was."

Garza said the turning point of the season was a 2-1 loss to Hayfield during the regular season on May 2. Belanger and Costa-Dorsey had returned and the Majors played well, but failed to get the win. From there, Mount Vernon won 11 of its final 12, including a 6-1 victory against Hayfield on May 17 in the National District championship game.

The Majors beat Fairfax and T.C. Williams in the regional tournament before knocking off Woodson in the semifinals to earn a state berth. After losing to Oakton in the region final, Mount Vernon beat Forest Park in the state quarterfinals, defeated Midlothian in the semifinals and beat Cosby in the championship match.

"The biggest thing, though, is for the boys and the community," Tony Garza said. "When we go to away games to schools out west — no disrespect to any of the schools out west — but a lot of boys, they hear stuff [from people] — you're Route 1 trash, you're poor. Some of the boys, they block it out. The Route 1 corridor, the community of Route 1 and Mount Vernon needed this win. We needed that [winning feeling]."



Mount Vernon's Aldaid Rodriguez controls the ball against Cosby during the state championship game on June 9 at Westfield High School.

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Letters

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sooner you get on with selecting a new police chief the better.

> **Barrie P. Masters** Sanford, Fla.

Ensure Funds For Education

To the Editor:

Congress is currently debating our country's budget right now, but education does not seem to be a top priority.

In Virginia alone, primary and secondary education has lost \$14 million in funding, putting over 190 teachers and aides at risk for losing their jobs. As a graduate of the Virginia Public School System, I had supportive teachers who were given resources that enabled them to help students succeed.

Today, we face the risk of losing those resources, especially for programs like Head Start and Special Education. My youngest brother is autistic and in the fifth grade in a Fairfax County Public school. Throughout his education, he has had amazing teachers who gave him the tools he needed to succeed, including most recently with his SOLs. He was having trouble taking tests with the computer, becoming easily flustered and confused. His teacher worked with the school administration to allow him to take his standardized tests using pen and paper on a separate schedule from the other kids, which gave him more comfort.

If the education budget takes away funding from the schools, the children will suffer because teachers will no longer have the resources to spend their time or energy on the students. I hope that decision makers on this budget, like U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine, will seriously consider the implications of cutting funding for education.

Rachelle Husband

MILITARY NOTES

Marine Corps Pfc. Kaleb M. Madison, son of Kathleen McQueen of Lawton, Okla., and Joseph Madison, of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, SC, designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Alexander D. **Thompson** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Thompson is the son of Melissa Thompson of South West Street, Alexandria. He is a 2006 graduate of Westlake High School, Waldorf, Md. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2010 from St. Mary's College

Navy Seaman Apprentice Franklyn A. Zelaya, a 2005 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Navy Seaman Felix K. Tofah, daughter of Afadina Kuenyhia of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Air National Guard Airman Jason R. **Bushlow** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Bushlow is the son of Virginia Bushlow of Northwinds Drive, Charlestown, W.Va., and Steve Fletcher of Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. He is a 2007 graduate of Freedom High School, South

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"Twentieth Century" a wild ride at LTA.

By Jeanne Theismann The Gazette

scar Jaffe has a problem. Following a string of flops, the theatrical impresario is desperate to find a financial backer, a hot script and a dazzling leading lady. He finds all three aboard the Twentieth Century, a luxury train and the latest comedy farce now playing at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

Originally a 1932 play by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, "Twentieth Century" went on to film success in 1934 with John Barrymore and Carole Lombard. In 2004, the award-winning playwright Ken Ludwig adapted the madcap comedy about a flamboyant theatrical producer who boards the 20th Century Limited train for a cross-country trip during which he hopes to lure his former protégé, the film star Lily Garland, into starring in his latest unnamed — and in this case unwritten — script.

With veteran director Roland Branford Gomez at the helm, this send-up of Hollywood demands larger than life performances and the veteran cast led by David James as Oscar Jaffe and Margaret Bush as Lily Garland more than delivers.

Anyone who saw James' dynamic performance in "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" at Port City Playhouse knows that he is a formidable talent. As Jaffe, his desperation is balanced by the mighty stage presence of Bush, a remarkable comedienne with flawless timing who nails Lily's larger-than-life diva persona.

Gomez and producers Jim Howard and Robert Krause have assembled a cohesive, well-balanced cast that includes the inimi-



Gary Cramer (Matthew Clark), Heather Norcross (Anita Highland), James McDaniel (Owen O'Malley), and Kathy Fannon (Ida Webb) star in The Little Theatre of Alexandria's production of "Twentieth Century," running through June 29.

table Kathy Fannon and James McDaniel as Jaffe's scheming cohorts Ida Webb and Owen O'Malley, Gary Cramer as would-be financier Matthew Clark, Cal Whitehurst as the Conductor, and Timothy Rowe as George Smith, Lily's agent and current paramour.

Without a weak performance in sight, the secondary cast is equally as strong with Michael Gerwin as Dr. Grover Lockwood, Heather Norcross as his mistress Anita Highland, Bob Cohen in the dual role of Jaffe's

rival Max Jacobs and a Toledo police detective, Paul Tamney as the nutty Passion Play actor, and Ben Norcross as the train's porter.

A gleaming art deco set by John Downing and Bill Glikbarg — three adjoining compartments in the same car — is an artful recreation of the famous transcontinental train that enhances the rapid pace of scene transitions.

Adding to the award-winning production team are Jean Schlichting and Kit Sibley,

who provide the breathtaking costume designs, with lighting design by Ken and Patti Crowley and sound by David Correia.

A screwball comedy with over the top performances, "Twentieth Century" is a sassy revival where the fussin', fightin' and fondlin' make for another fun ride at LTA.

"Twentieth Century" is playing now through June 29 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

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E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

ONGOING

Summer Classes. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-10 can participate. Register at www.artatthecenter.org or 703-201-1250.

Theater Performance. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., presents "Ghost-Writer." Performances are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. through Sunday, June 16. Tickets are \$45-\$55; \$25/student. Visit www.metrostage.org or 703-548-9044 for tickets.

Student Design Competition. Come see Woodlawn transformed from a historic house museum into a

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Watercolor Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 23, see "Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorist" at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Hours at the Historic House are Wednesday-Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m. and at the Horticulture Center are Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m. Visit potomacvalleywater colorists.org.

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Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 30, the artists of Studio 4, Old Town, 218 N. Lee St., Suite 101, have created 2D and 3D artworks on the themes of pride and equality. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Visit www.facebook.com/WorkhouseStudio4.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, June 30, see work by Patrick Sargent at Printmakers Inc. For this exhibition, Patrick Sargent brings together his military background with his artistic talents to create large woodcuts based on his experiences. Printmakers Inc. is at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-683- 1342.

Art Class. Running through Saturday,

Aug. 31, classes meet 9:15 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Bring toddlers or preschoolers for guided exploration of clay, paint, collage, drawing and building in a supported studio environment. Classes held at Art At The Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Register online at www.artatthecenter.com.

Distillery Open. George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill open through Oct. 1. \$17/adult, \$8/child, 5 and under are free.

This **exhibit at Fort Ward**, located at 4301 W. Braddock Road, features objects from the museum collection, to tell this story of the event that launched the Civil War in Alexandria. Free. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Life in Civil War Alexandria

Exhibition at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. This exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, -10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

SUMMER CAMPS

Mt. Vernon Community Children's Theatre Summer Camp. Children can participate in either a one-week all-day session July 22-26 or a two-week session, with the option of either morning, afternoon or all day from July 1-12 (no 4th) or July 29-Aug. 9. Children will learn about all

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aspects of theatre through games, rehearsals and a final showcase. Visit www.mvcct.org/camps.php or 703-360-0686.

The American Backstage Company is offering a variety of summer classes and workshops, many which are free. Located at 5380 Eisenhower Ave. Visit www.americanbackstage.com for a

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www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ ArtCamp or email ArtCamp@TheDelRayArtisans.

ArtCamp@TheDelRayArtisans.org. Camp will be at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The gallery is handicap accessible.

Spanish Immersion Camp for Tots. Monday, July 8-Friday, July 12. Children ages 3-5 will enjoy games, art and sngs and more. \$325/ child. Register online at www.sssas.org/smmertimesreg.

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Clio's Kids: A History MiniC.a.m.p. Tuesday, July 23-Thurday,
July 25, 9 a.m.-noon for children
ages 5-7. \$105 includes snacks and
souvenirs. Visit

www.alexandriava.gov/historic/lyceum/default.aspx?id=43632.

THURSDAY/JUNE 13

Lecture. 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Potowmack chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society will discuss "Celebrating the Natural Communities of VA," including plant roots and their fungal partners. Free. 703-642-5173.

Second Thursday Music. 7 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Tom Dews performs with Henry Cross and Ron Goad. \$10. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear Live Jazz. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/ home.html or 703-544-5313.

Jazz Evening. 6-9 p.m. at locations on King Street near the waterfront. There will be interactive art activities, live music and art receptions. Some locations are free, but some have a charge. Visit secondthursdayoldtown.com.

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Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see HEM perform. \$25. Visit www.hemmusic.com

Opening Reception. 6-9 p.m. eight painters, including Alexandria Christine Gray, have been selected as finalists for the Bethesda Painting Awards. Their works will be on display at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Free.

Performance. 7 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ellouise Schoettler will perform a one-woman piece about Arlington National Cemetery. A coffee and dessert reception will follow. \$10. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035

Comedy. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Chris Barnes performs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/ home.html or 703-544-5313.

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Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St.
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science and technology. Visit
www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/.

Tango Performance. 7 p.m. at Minnie Howard Auditorium, 3801 W. Braddock Road. QuinTango will perform with student performers. Free. Visit www.quintango.com or 703-548-6811.

JUNE 14 THROUGH JULY 21

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SATURDAY/JUNE 15

Workshop. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Adults and children work together to choose a "legend" in their family, write their story, and make it into a handmade storybook to take home.

Pride Party Reception. 6-9 p.m. the artists of Studio 4, Old Town, 218 N. Lee St., Suite 101, have created 2D and 3D artworks on the themes of pride and equality. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Visit www.facebook.com/WorkhouseStudio4.

Book Signing and Discussion. 4 p.m. at The Gallery at Convergence. Mike Stavlund will sign and discuss his book "The Reshaping of Faith in a

Year of Grief." Free.

Workshop: DIY Plant Markers.
9:30-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road.
Look at creative ideas for plant labels from frugal to decorative and then use your creativity to make some to

take home. \$35/person. Register at www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173.

Tasting Party: Coffee Cupping. 10
a.m.-noon at Green Spring Gardens,
4603 Green Spring Road. Taste a
selection of specialty brews to discern
the nuances that give each a
signature flavor and hear the story of
coffee's transformation from bean to
beverage.

Performance. Margot MacDonald opens for Emmet Swimming at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.Birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. or 11 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear Dana Fuchs. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

Music Performance. See Emmet Swimming at 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. All ages welcome. \$20. Visit www.birchmere.com for tickets.

Summer Reading Open House. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Learn all about the 2013 Summer Reading

all about the 2013 Summer Reading Program for children ages -15. Free. Door prizes and refreshments provided. 703-768-6700.

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to Chester, a reading therapy dog. Registration required, 703-339-4610. Book Signing & Discussion. 4 p.m.

Book Signing & Discussion. 4 p.m. at the Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Join the conversation with Mike Stavlund as he discusses wrestling with God in the midst of personal tragedy as described in his book, "A Force of Will: The Reshaping of Faith in a Year of Grief." For more information call 703-998-6260.

Art Exhibit. River Farm Gardens will be exhibiting "Elegance of Spring" by artists Armen Kankanian, Nancy Zieglar, Bettina Gehring and Nathan Leibowitz. Reception: June 16, 10 am to Noon.

Bookmaking Workshops for Kids.
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Arlington National Cemetery: 'My Forever Home'

Storyteller Ellouise Schoettler to perform on Flag Day.

By Senitra T. McCombs The Gazette

toryteller Ellouise Schoettler will perform her one-woman show, "Arlington National Cemetery: My Forever Home," at the Athenaeum on Flag Day, June 14, at 7 p.m.

"Arlington National Cemetery: My Forever Home" tells the story of how Schoettler began exploring the stories of those buried with her 3-year-old daughter, Gretchen, and husband James A. Schoettler, M.D., who served as chief of psychiatry at Andrews Air Force Base during the Vietnam era. Her husband was buried at Arlington National Cemetery last August.

"We were married for 57 years so you can imagine that I have been visiting him a lot, and that got me thinking about our Forever Neighbors and noticing the living who spend a lot of time there visiting them," she said.

Through her research, she found there is "a lot of life in Arlington National Cemetery"

— from caretakers who strive for perfection in their task to honor and preserve the memory of those interred to the service men and women's family and friends as well as other visitors.

She has included these stories along with her own in her performance.

One of the caretakers she spoke with said that he enjoyed working at Arlington National Cemetery because there is always something going on. It has between 25-30 burials a day. In addition, thousands of families and others come to visit their loved ones and friends.

"Down in Section 60 where the new casualties of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts are buried ... you see children running around and young families. And you are very aware that there is fighting going on," she said.

During her exploration of Section 60, she met the parents of a young man who served in Afghanistan who drive eight hours almost every holiday and stay for the weekend to spend with their son.

"Arlington is about service and sacrifice made by these military men and women and it is also about family," she said.



Ellouise Schoettler

One of her favorite personal stories in the performance is about seeing her grandson Danny wearing her husband's dancing shoes as he walked behind his grandfather's casket.

She also found that people would leave little tokens such as rocks with inscriptions on them on top of the tombstones. Schoettler began

collecting pictures of these tombstones.

"Every one of these tombstones has a story," she said.

Seeing the families visiting their loved ones reminded Schoettler of going to visit her grandfather's grave with her mother and grandmother back in Charlotte, N.C.

In addition, her performance will also highlight the ritual and history ingrained in the national cemetery.

"One of the things I love most is seeing the horses during the funerals. It is the only cemetery that uses the caisson and horses to take the casket to the grave site," she added.

The caisson is a wagon used to bring ammunition to the battlefield and to take away dead bodies during the Civil War.

Through this performance, she hopes that audience members will come "to value and appreciate the history of Arlington Cemetery and that it is as special today as it has ever been."

This summer she also will be performing her story at the D.C. Capital Fringe in July.

Schoettler has a bachelor's degree from Dunbarton College of the Holy Cross in Washington and a MFA from American University. She performs across the country and has two cable shows ("Stories in Time" and "Stories in Focus") on Channel 16 (Montgomery County).

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their art forms. Meet July and August's visiting artists on July 20 and Aug. 17. The Torpedo Factory is located 105 N. Union St. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 16

Arts and Crafts Festival. 9 a.m.- 7 p.m. Volunteer Alexandria hosts its 33rd Annual Old Town Arts and Crafts Festival. Featuring 60 local artists, food vendors, and a performance by Lynn Hollyfield and Michael Kelly, 1-4 p.m. The Art League of Alexandria will be offering children's activities. Free Event. Shuttle from Metro.

Carlyle House Tours. Noon-4 p.m. Free tours on Father's Day for all fathers and grandfathers at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. \$5/adults; \$3/children ages 5-12. Contact carlyle@nvrpa.org or call 703-549-2997.

Hair-Centric Events. Noon-4 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Holly Bass will perform "Come Clean," a ritualized performance in which strangers are invited to wash the artist's hair and engage in structured dialogue. Poet and performance artist Shelly Bell will become a touchable art exhibit, allowing others to explore her hair and identity. Amber Robles Gordon will invite attendees to participate in her elaborate Hair Shrine. Free. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Sunday Film Fest. 2 p.m. at Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Watch "The Bucket List." Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702

Father's Day Celebration. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. during the West End Farmers Market at Ben Brenman Park. Fathers can get their picture taken with a throne, a crown and robe. Lorton Art Center will also be there to talk about classes available at the center. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org.

Civil War. 1-5 p.m.Explore the Civil
War in Alexandria at the Alexandria
Archaeology Museum located at 105
N. Union St. Free. Visit
www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or
call 703-746-4399.

Father's Day Tour. Noon-4 p.m., Carlyle House at 121 N. Fairfax St., offers free tours on Father's Day for all fathers and grandfathers. Carlyle House served as General Braddock's headquarters during the French and Indian War. Cost \$5 for each adult, \$3 for children (ages 5-12). Call 703-549-2977

Father's Day Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Free for fathers and their families on Father's Day. Have a family portrait taken as you stand alongside the historic equipment that fought fires in early 19th century Alexandria. Youngsters will also receive a fire hat of their very own. Call 703-746-4994.

Father's Day Tour. 1-5 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum at 134 N. Royal St. offers free tours by Junior Docents on Father's Day for all visiting fathers. \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children (ages 5-12). Tour times with Junior Docents are from 1 to 5 p.m. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703-746-4242.

Father's Day Tour. 1-5 p.m. The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. offers free tours on Father's Day for all visiting fathers. \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children (ages 5-12). Visit www.apothecary museum.org or call 703.746.3852.

MONDAY/JUNE 17

Music Performance. See Tommy Emmanuel with Anthony Snape at

7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$45. Visit www.Birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Storyteller Ellouise Schoettler will perform a

one-woman show about Arlington National Cem-

etery 7 p.m. June 14 at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince

St. A coffee and dessert reception will follow. Cost

is \$10. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Evening Storytime. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Children ages 1-5 can wear pajamas and enjoy stories and activities about bedtime. Free. Registration required, 703-768-6700.

JUNE 18-AUG. 4

In Performance

Art Exhibit. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery is opening a **juried show** called "Where in the World." In this show, artists derive inspiration from travel and adventure. Free. The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery is located at 105 N. Union St. Call 703-548-0935.

TUESDAY/JUNE 18

Swing Dance. 9-10:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. TK the DJ provides the music. Free. Visit www.gottaswing.com or 703-35-

Partners in Art. 7 p.m. at Little
Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St.
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while enjoying a night at the theatre.
\$30. Enjoy a reception at 7 p.m. and
at 8 p.m. watch "Twentieth Century."
Tickets must be purchased in
advance by calling 703-549-2997.

Summer Reading Program Open House. 1 p.m. at Kingstown Library 6500 Landsdowne Centre. All ages can sign up for the program, check out books, get face painted and more. Free. 703-339-4610.

Harambee Readers. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Adults can discuss "Half of a Yellow Sun" by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. Free. 703-765-3645.

Martha's Mystery Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Adults can discuss "The Pigeon Pie Mystery" by Julia Stuart. Free. 703-768-6700.

JUNE 18-JULY 29

Gallery. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, 12 p.m.-9 p.m. Thursdays. Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union Street. Multiple Exposures Gallery presents "Michael Borek: What Would Sudek Do?," a solo show inspired by a Czech photographer who sought beauty in places that others dismissed. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 19

Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Lee District Park. Robin & Linda Williams will perform. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ performances.

Concert. Noon-1 p.m. at Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Music by Cathy Ponton King. Free. 703-746-

Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. The Hula Monsters provide the music. \$10. Visit www.gottaswing.com or 703-35-9882.

Groovy Nate. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. All ages can dance and sing with Groovy Nate and his puppets. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 20-22

Fest Too 2013. Fun, music, and art at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Call 703-998-6260 or visit www.convergenceccf.net.

THURSDAY/JUNE 20

Garden Stroll & Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the gardens with a master gardener docent who will tell of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in our 1784 historic house. \$28. Call 703-914-7987 to register.

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Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear Live Jazz. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/ home.html or 703-544-5313.

Twilight Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Concert by the Cruisers. Free. 703-746-5592.

Yappy Hour. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Fosters Grill, 2400 Eisenhower Ave. Free. Dogs welcome. Donations benefit AWLA.

Beauty of Indian Dance. 2:30 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. All ages can enjoy classical and Bollywood dance with Sumona. Free. Registration required, 703-768-6700.

Martha's Poetry Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Discuss the poetry of Edna St. Vincent Millay. Free. 703-768-6700.

The One Man Band. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. All ages can sing and dance to music by Peter McCory. Free. Registration required, 703-339-4610

Book Discussion. 7:15 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill

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FRIDAY/JUNE 21

Fairfax County NAACP Golf

Tournament. 2 p.m. shotgun start at Fort Belvoir Golf Course. \$100/person. E-mail fairfaxnaacp@gmail.com or call 703-591-4488 to register.

Music Performance. Focus Music presents folk/Celtic duo Acoustic Eidolon at 7:30 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. \$18/general; \$15/advance. Visit focusmusic.org for tickets or 703-380-3151.

Starting Genealogy. 7 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn how to start researching and interpreting records. Free. Visit nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Gardening: Waterwise Garden 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road.Learn how to use water

Road.Learn how to use water efficiently within your garden while still enjoying a beautiful landscape. \$10/person Register at www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173. Code: 290 288 4701

Music Performance. 8 p.m. or 11 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear the Devon Allman Band. Buy tickets at www.oldtown theater1914.com/home.html or 703-

544-5313.

Remembrance Walk. A walk remembering civil rights activists Samuel W. Tucker. Meeting 5:30 pm at 717 Queen Street. The 1/2 mile walk will be followed by refreshments and conversation at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street. Free.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 21-22

Music Festival. Del Ray Music Festival at the Del Ray Farmer's Market. Friday from 7-8 p.m. and Saturday noon-9 p.m. In addition to music the festival offers fun activities for the kids, food, and fun all around for everyone.

SATURDAY/JUNE 22

Alexandria Food and Wine

Festival. Noon-7 p.m. at John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle Square. Enjoy live entertainment, children's corner, food and wine tasting and more. Local restaurants will compete for best appetizer, best main dish and best dessert. A portion of the proceeds will benefit ALIVE! Inc. Free, but tickets are needed to sample food and wine. \$15/8 taste tickets; \$10/person to access the wine garden. Visit www.alexandriafoodandwine.com.

Old and New, Tried and True Vegetables 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road Discover some old and new edible plants new on the market.\$15/person Register at www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173.Code: 290 387 4201.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King St. Hear The Drifters. Buy tickets at www.oldtowntheater1914.com/home.html or 703-544-5313.

Jonathan Edwards. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Edwards, who topped the charts with the classic hit "Sunshine" in the 1970s, will perform songs from his latest release, "My Love Will Keep." Visit www.birchmere.com.

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deployed a fold-out ramp, which they refolded and removed at the end of the day.

As Chris became more accustomed to going places, the Cassidys stepped up their search for ways to appropriately retrofit the house itself.

"Finding someone who understood our range of requirements turned out to be a real problem," Cassidy said. "The contractors we discussed our needs with either didn't know what they were doing, or just turned us down outright. That's when I recognized that the kind of solution wanted was still considered pretty specialized."

Enter Russ Glickman, president of Glickman Design Build. What is particularly "specialized" about services provided by the veteran remodeler is that he's learned much of his craft by care-giving for his own son, Michael, who was born with cerebral palsy, and is also a college student living at home with his parents.

"I have been designing and remodeling homes for over 30 years," Glickman said. "About 15 years ago I really immersed myself in mastering about a dozen specialneeds building technologies. It's an evolving discipline that includes some very particular applications."

Glickman's search eventually led to certifications in Aging in Place (CAPS), Environ-



The Cassidy family has occupied this ranch on a corner lot for 15 years; owing to site challenges, most of the contractors they originally approached with their access requirements declined the assignment.

mental Access (CEAC) and Green Building (GACP). For Cassidy, though, the important difference was that Glickman came forward with ideas.

"Russ showed us how we could re-design the home's front elevation so that it would not only help Chris, but also create an outdoor family place and enhance our curb appeal. That intrigued all of us," Grace Cassidy said. "I began to see that there wasn't any reason why a universal design solution has to look like it was created for handicapped needs."

That said, the most evident difficulties

were inherent to the site itself. The plan called for a pathway in which Chris Cassidy could easily get from the front door to a waiting school bus at the foot of the driveway one level below. Since the existing downward path consisted of a series of staircases and walk-ways built along a rapidly-deteriorating brick retaining wall, the feasibility issues seemed daunting.

"Of course, there was an obvious site preparation component," Glickman said. "We had to cultivate the grade so that the scooter can negotiate it without difficulty. This entailed a certain amount of earth-

Details

Russ Glickman periodically offers workshops of accessible living and Aging-In-Place topics. Visit www.GlickmanDesignBuild.com or call 301-444-4663.

moving and re-compaction, which we secured with a two-part retaining wall system that now figures into the new landscaping plan."

The newly paved side walkway extends some 90 feet from the front door to the driveway, never rising faster than one inch per foot.

The space-constricted former front porch has been replaced by an L-shaped veranda that wraps the home's northwest corner as it segues to the new outdoor grilling deck.

Surrounded by matures trees and recently completed landscaping, the new outdoor space is elegant and private.

To assure traction and durability, Glickman specified Fiberon decking. For atmosphere, the railing caps are fitted with Azek night lighting — which creates a pretty effect on a warm night when the family gathers for a cook-out.

"But the greatest pleasure for me is how well this works for Chris," Grace said. "When I see him heading off for school, or coming up the hill on his own, it's the complete fulfillment of everything we'd hoped for."



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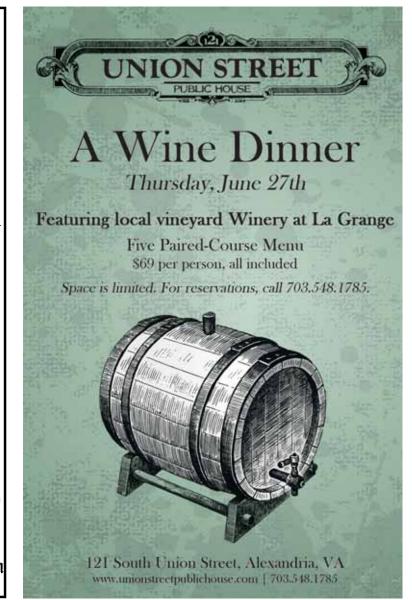
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St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School Congratulates the Class of 2013

We salute the 111 members of the Class of 2013 who graduated Saturday, June 8. Here are just a few of their accomplishments, both as individuals and as a group.

Academic

- Accepted by more than 150 colleges and universities in 30 states, the District of Columbia and the United Kingdom, including Harvard, Princeton and Yale.
- ♦ Academic honors program offers and academic scholarships, including:
 - Two National Merit Scholarship Finalists
 - Eight National Merit Commended Scholars
- 22 inducted into the Cum Laude Society
- More than one-third of the class was offered college scholarships or merit aid, including: selection as a U.S. Department of Education Presidential Scholar, Jefferson Scholar at the University of Virginia, William & Mary Scholar at The College of William & Mary, Bell Scholar at the University of Michigan, Meyerhoff Scholar at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, and McNair Scholar at the University of South Carolina.
- ♦ 85% were enrolled in one or more of our 23 Advanced Placement courses.
- Selected to participate in such prestigious programs as the Presidential Classroom, Virginia Governor's Schools, the Junior Science & Humanities Symposium at Georgetown University, the Student Climate & Conservation Congress, Model OAS, Model UN, and Model Judiciary.

The Arts

- ◆ Won Silver Keys and Honorable Mentions in the National Scholastic Art Awards.
- ◆ Artwork placed in the top five at the Best of the Independent Schools Art Awards.
- ◆ Artwork chosen for display at the Durant Center in the Northern Virginia High School Student Clay Competition and Exhibition.
- ♦ Received a rating of excellent in wind ensemble at the Virginia District X Festival.
- ◆ Received a rating of excellent in orchestra at the Virginia District X Festival.
- Performed in the District X Honors Jazz Ensemble.
- ◆ Participated in District X Band.
- ♦ Received a Superior on a solo at District X Solo and Ensemble Festival.
- Performed in all drama and musical productions, Evening of the Arts, and at Multicultural Night.
- ◆ Performed all four years in the Pit Orchestra for the musical theater presentations.

Community Service

- Helped prepare more than 15,000 sandwiches for Martha's Table, collected more than 1,000 food items for the Salvation Army, delivered toys, collected shoes, donated hundreds of coats and mittens, and volunteered more than 50 hours tutoring and raising money for local people in need.
- Donated hundreds of pounds of food to the Arlington Food Assistance Center and spent hundreds of hours working at local food pantries and food distribution programs for low-income families and the homeless.
- ♦ Walked, jogged, and ran for breast cancer, developmentally disabled young adults, cystic fibrosis, brain cancer, child cancers, epilepsy research, and homelessness.
- ◆ Participated in international causes in Romania, Africa and Haiti.
- ◆ Sent over 500 cards and letters to wounded veterans and candy to the troops, supported efforts for our partner school in Haiti, and spent more than 1,000 hours with a wide variety of local organizations in support of senior citizens, preschool children, the hungry, the homeless, the environment, animal shelters, low-income and immigrant families, and others in need.

Athletics

- ♦ 32 playing their sports next year at some of the country's top colleges and universities.
- ◆ Earned All-American status in boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse.
- ◆ Recognized as Athletes of the Year in field hockey, football, ice hockey, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, softball, boys swimming, girls track, and wrestling by the Alexandria Sportsman's Club.
- ◆ Led the field hockey team to the ISL Tournament Championship.
- ◆ Led the boys lacrosse team to the IAC Championship and the VISAA State Championship.
- ◆ Led the girls lacrosse team to the ISL regular season and Tournament Championship, and the VISAA State Championship.
- ◆ Earned IAC titles in wrestling and the 4x400-relay and the 400-meter boys track & field events.
- Participated in VISAA State Tournaments and Championship meets in girls basketball, cross country, field hockey, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys soccer, softball, swimming and diving, girls tennis, track and field, and wrestling.
- ◆ Set new school records in track and field, swimming, girls lacrosse, and softball.
- Many individual athletes were named to Academic All-American, All-American, All-State, Academic All-State, All-Met, and All-League teams for their performances throughout their Upper School athletic careers.



The members of the Class of 2013 have distinguished themselves in all areas of school life and in our community.

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