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Honoring Veterans

Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School rolled out the welcome mat for veterans of U.S. military service as part of the sixth annual History Channel's Take a Veteran to School Day on Friday, Nov. 8. Brigadier Gen. William Cole (front) and Col. Danny Pummill (Ret.) walk down the line of students, greeting them all, shaking hands and giving "high fives."

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Investing in Youth

Leaders in Mount Vernon to consider budget effort to help at-risk schoolchildren

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

What kind of investment should Fairfax County make in at-risk youth? That's a question now under consideration by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, which is considering a resolution that would urge county leaders to make strategic investments during the upcoming budget cycle. Advocates say this part of Fairfax County is facing a crisis of at-risk youth, and unless critical investments are made now, a generation of children will be lost to poverty, crime and disease.

"It's important in the sense that it's dealing with not so much today's youth but the youth down the road," said Christopher Low, co-chairman of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations. "If we deal with it today it kind of feeds into that."

At issue is a range of budget issues that will soon be before members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board, everything from prevention services and intervention programs offered by the county to diversion programs designed to keep children out of the court system. One of the chief recommendations is a

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Marshall To Lead Stratford Landing ES

Moves from Garfield's 370 students to 904 at new school.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

On Dec. 2, Dr. Maureen Marshall, Ph.D., will be the new principal of Stratford Landing Elementary School. She has worked at the diverse Garfield Elementary in Springfield since 2002.

Marshall, 44, was named Principal of Year for Fairfax County in 2011 and won the Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award that same year.

Her personality can be summed



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Maureen Marshall is the new principal of Stratford Landing Elementary School in Alexandria.

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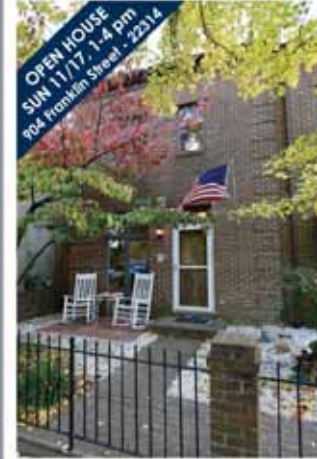
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Veterans Meet with Students at Fort Hunt Elementary

Fort Hunt Elementary School parents and family members who serve in the armed forces visited classrooms Monday, Nov. 11 to tell students about their roles in protecting the country. Topics ranged from aviation to law enforcement and several service branches were represented.

This is the fifth year the school has observed Veterans Day with this program. It has become a way for students and staff to show their appreciation for — and learn more about — the military community that surrounds them.



Maj. Tim McGrew, U.S. Army, speaks to Meghann Dailey's Kindergarten class.



Maj. Keith McManus, U.S. Army, speaks to Rachel Smith's Kindergarten class.



Lt. Col Troy and Lt. Col Cheryl Sullivan address Veronica Lindeman's first grade class.



LCDR Troy Taraglia helps a student put on a flight vest in Meghann Dailey's Kindergarten class.



CDR Cory Culver, U.S. Navy, talks to sixth graders.



LTC JC Conmy, U.S. Army, speaks to third graders.



Capt. Karin Kulinski, U.S. Navy, speaks to fifth graders.

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Kindergarteners place flags in front of the school in honor of veterans.



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Fairfax County Fire Chief Richard Bowers, left, is joined by School Board member Dan Storck, Dorothy McAuliffe, Robert Sowell of Apple Federal Credit Union and other volunteers for a photo with preschoolers in their new coats at the Oct. 30 Firefighters Coats for Kids distribution day at Penn Daw Station 11. The partnership with Operation Warm distributed more than 2,200 new coats to area children in need.

Keeping Kids Warm

Firefighters distribute 2,200 coats to children in need.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Future First Lady of Virginia Dorothy McAuliffe joined Fairfax County Fire Chief Richard Bowers Oct. 30 at Penn Daw Station 11 as the Firefighters Coats for Kids Foundation and Operation Warm distributed more than 2,200 new coats to children in need.

"The big difference this year is that most of our coats were made in America," said Capt. Willie Bailey, founder of the Firefighters Coats for Kids program. "We started this in Northern Virginia and now it has spread to over 50 other fire departments and unions throughout the country."

Spearheaded for several years by Bailey and members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, this year's coat drive is the third since joining forces with the Pennsylvania-based nonprofit Operation Warm and focused on distributing coats that were made in the U.S.A.

"By collecting and purchasing coats that were made in America, we helped save over 200 jobs in the U.S.A.," Bailey said.

Primo's Restaurant provided food for the dozens of retired firefighters and volunteers who gathered before dawn to sort through the coats and prepare them for distribution to representatives of 60 area schools and nonprofit organizations.

Additional sponsors of the coat drive include Local 2068, Progressive Firefighters of Fairfax County, Kilroy's Restaurant & Sports Bar, Apple Federal Credit Union, Fire & Rescue Retirement Association, Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, Service Employees International Union -VA 512, Rotary Club of Tysons Corner, Nationwide Credit Corp., Promax Realtors,



Coats for Kids founder Capt. Willie Bailey is congratulated by U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8).



Local school children show off their new coats courtesy of the Firefighters Coats for Kids Foundation.

ACT for Alexandria, Modern Tech Solutions, Alexandria Pest Services and Rutherford of Alexandria.

"This shows the incredible power of our community," said Mount Vernon District School Board representative Dan Storck to the firefighters and volunteers in attendance. "You see that no one is left behind. Thank you for seeing the needs of our community and addressing them."



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Keynote Speaker Col. Danny Pummill (ret.) spoke to the students, encouraging them to work towards what they want to be when they grow up. Then, he presented their principal, Dr. Pamela Simpkins, a veteran herself, with a Challenge Coin.

Mount Vernon Woods Elementary Welcomes Veterans



Brigadier Gen. William Cole is escorted by two Student Council members to their classroom. Each veteran was escorted to a classroom to speak to students and answer questions.



Specialist Mohamed Mustafa spoke to Hagan Trees’ fifth grade class. They kept him busy with a steady stream of questions and enthusiastic reactions to his answers.



The visiting veterans and other special guests, along with their student ambassadors.



Dr. Libby O’Connell, chief historian for the History Channel, talks to the students about the event they are a part of.



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The annual Scouting for Food drive on Saturday, Nov. 9 was a community-wide success. United Community Ministries estimates a record-breaking collection again this year, surpassing last year's seven tons of food donated, collected, sorted and packed all in one day by community volunteers. Scouting for Food is a family affair for the Yokeley family of Troop #888 at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church. Showing off the plastic collection bags donated by Safeway are, from left: Scout Leader Richard Yokeley, son Garrett, wife Kim, and son Gavin. To find out how to help with a holiday food or children's gift drive, visit www.ucmagency.org or email marcos.castillo@ucmagency.org.

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'Avenue Q: School Edition' on Stage

Beyond the Page Theatre Company of West Potomac High School continues its performances of "Avenue Q: School Edition" on Nov. 14 and 16 at 7 p.m. and Nov. 17 at 2 p.m.

The musical that tells the story of a recent college grad name Princeton (David Jarzen) who moves into a shabby New York apartment all the way out on Avenue Q. There, he meets Kate Monster (Lizzy Rader), Rod, the Republican (Eddie Perez), Trekkie (Sam Rainey) and Lucy (Emily Carbone), and other colorful types who help Princeton finally discover his purpose in life.

"Avenue Q: School Edition" is rated PG-13; par-

ents should use discretion however based on the maturity level of their children. Recently the theatre company performed a 45-minute version of the show to the Virginia Theatre Association High School Theatre Festival. Beyond the Page Theatre Company was awarded Best Ensemble - Acting, Best Overall Ensemble, Honorary Mention for Overall Performance and Lizzy Rader (Kate Monster) was named to the All-Star/All State Cast.

All performances are at West Potomac High School in the Kogelman Theatre at 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria. Tickets are \$12 and are available at the door and available online at <http://wphsavenueqschooledition.brownpapertickets.com>



PHOTO BY LAURA MARSHALL

Adam Ashley, Tommy Richman, Frankie Littleton, Winston Leslie and Stephanie Frazier in rehearsal.

Children's Theatre To Present 'High School Musical'

Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre kicks off its 2013-14 season by bringing Disney Channel's High School Musical to the stage Nov. 15-24. The cast showcases more than 40 young actors representing 22 area schools.

The musical follows the students of East High as they deal with issues of love, friends, and family while balancing their classes and extra curricular activities. Troy, the resident jock, and brainy Gabriella cause an upheaval when they

decide to audition for the high school musical.

Although many students resent the threat posed to the "status quo," Troy and Gabriella's alliance might just open the door for others to shine as well. "High School Musical" is entertainment for the whole family.

Showtimes are Nov. 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. in the Bryant Alternative High School at 2709 Popkins Lane.

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English Conversation. 2 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Adults can converse with other adults learning English. Free. 703-971-0010.

English Conversation. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Adults can converse with other adults learning English. Free. 703-339-4610.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Mini Bazaar. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parkers Lane, sponsored by the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary. Enjoy a day Christmas shopping for loved ones. Something for everyone. Christmas ornaments, fresh pecans, jewelry, toys and more. Call 703-360-2969.

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Adults can converse with other adults learning English. Free. 703-765-3645.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Music provided by the Mount Vernon Swing Band. Refreshments provided. \$4. 703-765-4573.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

English Conversation. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Adults can converse with other adults learning English. Free. 703-765-3645.

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

Affordable Care Act Talk. 3-5 p.m. at AAUW, 200 Cameron Station Blvd. Two panelists will present their views on the act. Free. Hosted by Alexandria and Mount Vernon branches of AAUW. Contact Danielle Beach for more information: 202-494-9796.

MONDAY/NOV. 18

Talk. 12:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Alzheimer's Association presents "Conversations about Dementia - Tips to Help Families: Doctors, Medications, Legal and Financial." Free. 703-765-4573.

Hollin Hall Senior Center Open House. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Take a tour, class, meet people and more. Free. 703-765-4573.

Intermediate Level Powerpoint. 6 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Learn how to increase PowerPoint skill. Must know the basics. Free. Registration required. 703-765-3645.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

Genealogical Society Meeting. 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. "Genealogy and New Deal Relief" presented by John Deeben of the National Archives. Free. Visit www.mvgenalogy.org or 703-866-2478.

One-on-One Internet/Computer Training. 8 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Adults can get help with basic skills. Call for appointment.



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Chamber's New Logo

Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce unveiled a new logo as part of a move to update its image in the community. Combined with a new tagline — Connecting Business and Community — the chamber's new identity replaces a logo and seal designed more than 50 years ago. Above, Chamber chairman Michael Gailliot unveils the logo with designer Ellen Hamilton and task force chair Gavin Carter. See www.mtvernon-leechamber.org.



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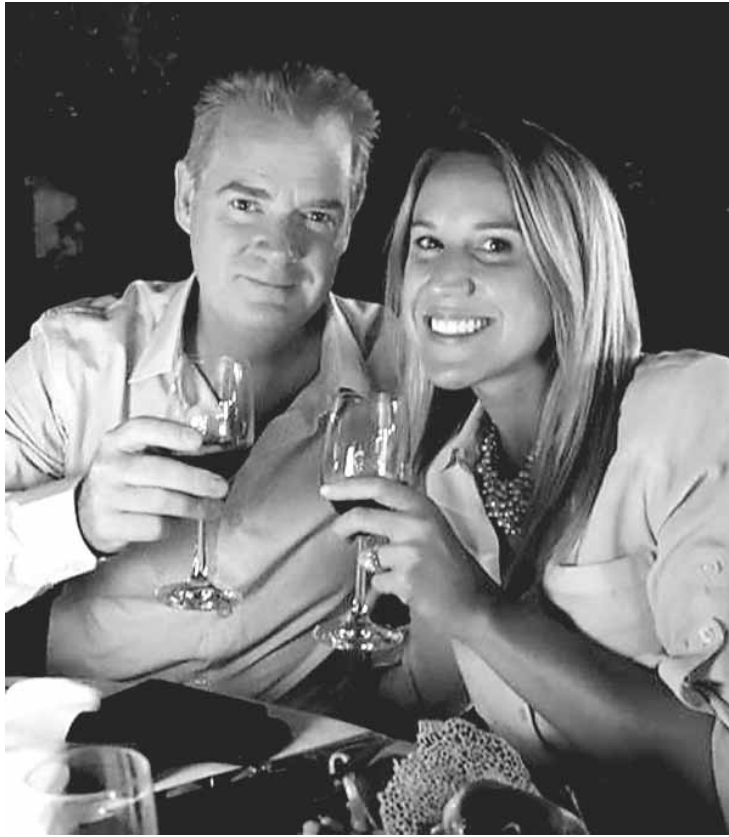
Rausch, Halligan Engaged

Sandra and Jeff DeFord of Alexandria and David and Phyllis Rausch of Coronado, Calif. announce the engagement of their daughter, Faye Michelle Rausch, to Karl Gerard Halligan, son of Michael and Maureen Halligan of Dublin, Ireland.

The future bride, a 2001 graduate of West Potomac High School, Alexandria, went on to secure a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from the University of Tampa. She is currently employed as a senior project manager for Sequence, an award-winning professional events production firm based in New York City.

The future groom received both a bachelor and master of science degrees in economics from University College Dublin. He is currently the operating owner of Park Avenue Bar & Grill in Union City, N.J.

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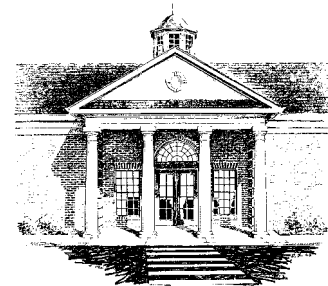
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OPINION

Proof Every Vote Matters

Elections have consequences, including close races.

Tuesday morning, a full week after an Election Day that included races that were more suspenseful than anticipated (and also many races that were foregone conclusions), we are probably more than a month away from certifying the winner of the Virginia Attorney General race.

At press time, the State Board of Elections reported, unofficially, that Mark Herring (D) had 1,103,610 votes with 49.89 percent of the vote; Mark Obenshain (R) had 1,103,493 votes with 49.88 percent of the vote. The 5,152

write-in votes are huge in a race that at one point had Obenshain ahead by 15 votes.

The process of canvassing or verifying the vote has been revealing, including a malfunctioning voting machine that had more than 2,000 votes uncounted in Fairfax County, a voting machine in Richmond that hadn't been counted at all and many smaller errors. Human error and computer error are to be expected.

EDITORIAL

It will make a difference which man is elected as Attorney General. The current Attorney General, Ken Cuccinelli, demonstrated the influence that office can exert on many fronts, from academic freedom and scrutiny to the challenge of health care reform to implementation of environmental regulations to investigations of the household staff of the Governor's mansion.

Del. Tom Rust (R) won reelection by just 57

votes, with 50.1 percent of the vote over Jennifer Boysko with 49.74 percent. Del. Barbara Comstock (R) won reelection with 50.64 percent of the vote over Kathleen Murphy (D) who received 49.19 percent, a margin of less than 500 votes. All results are still unofficial.

Consider another close race, in November 2007: then state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) won re-election by less than one-half of a percentage point, with an edge of just 92 votes out of 37,185 ballots cast, beating Democrat Janet Oleszek. Approximately 32 percent of registered voters in the 37th District cast ballots at the polls in that election.

Retiring Del. Jim Scott was elected in 1991 with a margin of a single vote.

Just a few of many examples that prove that every vote really does matter.

— MARY KIMM

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Library Reorganization Deserves More Work

BY SHARON BULOVA
CHAIRMAN/FAIRFAX COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

In September, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors called for the suspension of a major reorganization proposed to our Fairfax County Public Library system. The suspension was requested in order to provide more opportunity for outreach to concerned library employees and patrons so that proposed changes could be explained, evaluated and vetted among stakeholders. The Connection Newspaper has covered this issue.

As our nation and Fairfax County have struggled with the effects of the Great Recession and its lengthy aftermath, we have needed to make reductions to the many services and programs the county provides. Throughout this time, our Board has sought to maintain taxes at a level that is affordable for our community. I applaud our County staff for proposing efficiencies and reorganizations during this time that have helped us maintain high quality services that also save taxpayers money.

Over the past few months, I have received a



number of letters, emails and phone calls regarding the proposed library reorganization as well as the "floating collection" and issues around the discarding of books. I believe, based on the feedback I have received, that the reorganization as proposed

was too much for the organization to absorb. Many of the ideas contained within the plan, however, have value and should continue to be explored. Our shared goal is to make sure our libraries continue to be the vital and vibrant places that our community can enjoy and rely upon well into the future. The quality of our collection and the services we offer should reflect the standards Fairfax County residents expect.

I would like to thank members of the Library Board of Trustees and library staff for their efforts during the past few months as they have conducted a series of discussion forums on the proposed changes. I understand the meetings have been constructive and have included

some spirited debate. I especially want to thank Deputy County Executive Dave Molchany for his personal investment of time and energy to assist library staff with ensuring a thoughtful and insightful process. Our Board has asked for a progress report from the Library Board of Trustees to be presented at our Board meeting on Nov. 19 and I am looking forward to hearing directly from them.

During these recession years, library systems around the country have had to reduce hours, cut services or even close library branches; Fairfax County is not alone in this struggle. Libraries across the country have also been exploring innovative ways to contain costs while at the same time maintaining or even improving services to meet the needs of their residents. I am confident that Fairfax County will prove to be a leader in achieving this goal.

This issue has served to energize those in our Fairfax County community who appreciate the value our outstanding library system affords us. Thank you for rallying to support our libraries!

SHARON BULOVA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciate Improvements

To the Editor:

A couple of weeks ago, you published my letter reporting missing pedestrian connections to the bus stop and curb at the northeast corner of Richmond Highway and Fordson Road. The developer of the new strip mall on that side of the Highway between Boswell and Fordson had constructed a magnificent new path — without reaching the few feet to the

bus stop or corner. A few days ago, I noticed framing in place to

complete both connections.

I sent copies of my letter to both [Mount Vernon District Supervisor] Gerry Hyland and the project engineers, but I can't say if either ensured the new concrete in response to my letter or planned it all along.

The important thing is that those responsible have taken responsibility and action, and pedestrians are now much more welcome and safe.

Everyone involved gets kudos, whatever the sequence of events.

Larry D. Huffman
Alexandria

Progress In the 44th

To the Editor:

I find it encouraging to know there are indeed principled men and women all across the district who stand with me on the issues. I know this because, by the enabling grace of God, over 5,000 of them came out to the polls to vote "Joe Glean" on Election Day 2013.

They came out to vote, not because anyone had predicted in advance that I would win. But because they share my confidence in knowing, so long as we continue to stand courageously on God's

side, we do win — regardless of any political façade that might seem to suggest otherwise.

In Virginia House District 44, over 5,000 people came, voted and secured the true victory that conscience requires. And for that, I am extremely grateful.

Statewide, among those House of Delegates contests involving an independent or third party candidate (20 races in all), our campaign placed among the top three. And among those vying to unseat a Democrat incumbent, our campaign has, in fact, tied for first place.

We even outperformed two "ma-
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ENTERTAINMENT



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Actors Jennifer McClean, Adriana Hardy, Shaina Higgins, Jean Hudson Miller, Nyla Rose DeGroat and Karen Lawrence in a scene from "Shiloh Rules" at Port City Playhouse.

'Shiloh Rules' In battlefield satire, no one is civil.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

"To hell with Yankee bitches," is but one of the razor sharp barbs slung in "Shiloh Rules," a Civil War satire by playwright Doris Baizley that takes no prisoners in a cleverly crafted production at Port City Playhouse.

Skillfully directed by Mary Ayala-Bush, "Shiloh Rules" is set in the present at Shiloh Battlefield Park in West Tennessee. The play opens on the eve of a major reenactment of the 1862 Battle of Shiloh, and though the rules of engagement are clear — no one is allowed in the park before dawn — a dedicated Union nurse and a mysterious Confederate refugee have slipped in along with their over-eager apprentices to compete for the title of Reenactor of the Year.

Playing rival Civil War buffs in this modern red state/blue state twist are Karen Lawrence as Mrs. Cecelia DeLaunay Pettison, a steely Confederate Southern belle, and Jean Hudson Miller as the stoic and proud Northerner Clara May Abbot.

Bitter enemies from past re-creations, each is mentoring a reenactor neophyte: Meg Barton (Jennifer McClean) is working with Miss Abbot while LucyGale Scruggs (Shania Higgins) is a zealous student of the South. The women try to outdo each other in authenticity as they prepare for the re-creation to come.

Thrown into the mix are Adriana Hardy as the Widow Beckwith, a likeable huckster who sells reenactment memorabilia, and Nyla Rose DeGroat as

Park Ranger Wilson, an African American woman not thrilled about the idea of reliving the Civil War, emancipation or not.

Illegally in the park after hours, Ranger Wilson attempts in vain to boot the hardcore reenactors, who blur the line as they seamlessly slip in and out of their Civil War characters.

Sterling performances by the all-female cast combine for a stellar production of Baizley's clever parody of reenactment follies. Hardy, in particular, sparkles as the Widow Beckwith, while Miller and Lawrence are mesmerizing in their historical personas.

With authentic costumes and set design by Ayala-Bush, lights by Chris Hardy and sound by Sean Doyle, the Port City Playhouse creative team cleverly immerses the audience in the fog of war without any actual fog. The inventive comedy vividly paints the battlefield mindset as the reenactment escalates out of control and into hilarity.

In the midst of all things sesquicentennial, "Shiloh Rules" is a humorous, thought-provoking and beautifully executed look at the Civil War reenactment craze as all six women poignantly discover

that some battlefield conflicts weren't left behind in 1862. With a stellar cast and rarely produced creative script, it's an evening of entertainment that is not to be missed.

The Port City Playhouse production of "Shiloh Rules" is playing through Nov. 23 at the Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. For tickets or more information, visit www.portcityplayhouse.org.



Adriana Hardy as the Widow Beckwith and the Park Ranger, played by Nyla Rose DeGroat.

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

ONGOING

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions to hone figure drawing skills. Drop-in with your supplies to draw live models. Fee: \$8-12. View the calendar at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

The West End Farmers Market will run Sundays from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. through November. Located at Ben Brenman Park, browse food, crafts and more. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union Street. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Book a Librarian. At the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St, for help with research or to better understand the library's databases and resources. Make an appointment by calling 703-746-1751.

Computer Tutoring. At the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Individual assistance from a librarian. Call 703-746-1751.

Encore Chorale. Mondays 10:30 a.m.-noon at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr. Register now for Encore Chorale's fall season. The group of singers, ages 55 and up, practice classical and holiday songs to prepare for December performances. \$150 tuition. Visit encorecreativity.org or call 301-261-5747.

Metro Club After-School Program. From Sept. 9-June 2014, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including music, dance, theatre, yoga and academics, as well as designated homework time. The program will run Mondays, 1-6 p.m., and Tuesday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Tuition runs from \$130-150. Call 703-339-0444 or visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

Art Exhibit. "Sacred Earth, Healing Water" by Anne Bouie at Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Runs through Nov. 11. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and during performances. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/ for more.

Art Exhibit. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents "Colors of Autumn" in Studio 18 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Exhibit runs Oct. 22-Nov. 17. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com or 703-548-0935.

Art Exhibit. See never-before-seen hats from Dr. Seuss's private collection along with prints and sculpture from the art of Dr. Seuss Collection. Runs Nov. 2-17 at P&C Art Gallery, 212 King St. Visit www.pcart.com.

Theater Performance. See "Shiloh Rules" by Doris Baizley, the second part of "A Salute to the American Voice." Performances are Friday-Saturday, Nov. 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 and Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 8 p.m.; Saturday matinees Nov. 16, 23 at 2 p.m. All performances are at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. \$18/adult; \$16/senior, military and student; \$14/groups of 10 or more. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.org.

Theater Performance. See "High

School Musical" by Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. \$12/person or \$11 for groups of 10 or more. Visit mvcct.org for more. Features over 40 members from local schools.

Art Exhibit. See "Concrete, Glass and Color," mosaic art by Jane Pettit at Crossroads Gallery at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church. Free. The exhibit runs Oct. 16 through Nov. 24. 703-578-7201.

Art Exhibit. See "Pursuit of Beauty" at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Juried by Tom Beck, the exhibit showcases fine art photography and will run through Nov. 24. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Through November, see Jenna Fournel's work at Huntley Meadows Park. Hours are Monday, Wednesday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from noon-5 p.m. Visit www.jenna4nel.com for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Del Ray Dozen Invitational Photography Show" at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Subject matter ranges from landscapes to portraits and a little bit of everything in between and the select photographers approach their craft in different ways—as traditional film shooters, digital image-makers, darkroom junkies, print makers, and experimentalists. Exhibit runs Nov. 1 through Dec. 1. For more information, visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Art Exhibit. Photographer Everitt Clark presents "Cities in the Air" from Nov. 7 through Dec. 2 in the Art League at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit will reveal how Richmond, Va., past and present intertwine. Free. Hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Thursdays from 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sundays from noon-6 p.m. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

Art Exhibit. See "Portent" in the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St., from Oct. 24 through Dec. 8. The works attempt to visually come to terms with, reflect or represent the magnitude of natural events. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Art Exhibit. See "Photographers at the Factory" Nov. 1 through Dec. 31 at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit celebrates FotoWeekDC. Hours are Thursdays 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; all other days from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Photographs will line the hall walls and in multiple studios. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery presents "Holiday Sizzle" in Studio 18 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Exhibit starts on Nov. 19, additional items will be added Dec. 9 and the exhibit closes Jan. 5. Free. Some items will be for sale. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com or 703-548-0935.

Art Exhibit. Artist John Gasco of Studio 4, 218 N. Lee St., suite 101, creates an art exhibit to honor the life journeys of transgender individuals. It will be on display through January. Gallery hours are Thursday-Saturday, noon-7 p.m. and Sunday from noon-5 p.m. or by appointment. Visit www.studio4oldtown.com for more.

African American Activists Exhibition. Through Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing photo-documentary project created in 2006 by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to identify, honor and chronicle people making current history in Alexandria. This free exhibit is at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 601 Wythe

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ENTERTAINMENT

Martha Washington Library

6614 Fort Hunt Road. Call 703-768-6700.

Kingstowne Library

6500 Landsdowne Centre. Call 703-339-4610.

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Drive. Call 703-971-0010.

Sherwood Library

2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-765-3645.

THURSDAY/NOV. 7

Terrific Twos and Threes. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays. Free. Registration required.

AT THE LIBRARY

Night Time Tales. 7 p.m. at John Marshall Library. Children ages 3-5 can listen to stories. Registration required.

Movies at Martha. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Adults and teens age 13 and up can enjoy a movie. Call for title. 703-768-6700.

SATURDAY/NOV. 9

Friends Book Sale. 10 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. All ages can find something.

Huntley Meadows. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library. All ages can explore the world of reptiles and amphibians. Free. Registration required.

Native American Story Program. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library. Children ages 5-8 can join Renee Gokey, Shawne and Sak-n-Fox Tribes, as she shares Native American stories, and take part in a hands-on activity. Free. Registration required.

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to a reading therapy dog. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

NANOWRIMO: Come Write In. 12:30 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Adults can take part in National Novel Writing Month and start writing a 50,000 word novel in one month. Free.

TUESDAY/NOV. 12

Small Wonders. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Stories, songs and games for ages 12-23 months with an adult. Registration required.

Second Tuesday Book Group. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library. Read a book of your choice, then bring it and be prepared to discuss it. Free. Visit secondtuesdaybookgroup.blogspot.com.

Sweet Dreams. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children can enjoy stories and songs with their families. Registration required for adults and children.

Martha's Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Adults can discuss "Gone Girl" by Gillian Flynn. Free.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 13

Rising Words, Rising Images. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Discuss "Ethan Frome" by Edith Wharton. For teens ages 13-18. Free. Registration required.

A to Zoo Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required.

Fall, Leaves, Fall. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and activities to celebrate Fall. Free. Registration required.

KNCAA Book Group. 2 p.m. at Kingstowne Center for Active Adults, next door to the Kingstowne Library. "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Child and Me Yoga. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 1-3 can use yoga pose, songs and nursery rhymes to imitate animals

you see at the zoo. Bring a yoga mat or beach towel. Free. Registration required.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Preschool Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays. Free. Registration required.

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to a reading therapy dog. Registration required.

Author Discussion. 2 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Author Monet Bradley will discuss "The Prodigal Daughter: Life Transformation Journey." Free.

MONDAY/NOV. 18

Terrific Twos and Threes. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays. Free. Registration required.

A to Zoo Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required.

Cliffhanger Book Club. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Children ages 8-10 can listen to a story being read aloud. Free. Registration required.

TUESDAY/NOV. 19

Fall Stories. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library. Children up to 23 months can enjoy stories, songs and activities. Free. Registration required.

Harambee Readers. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library. For adults. Discuss "Lost in the City" by Edward Jones. Free.

Discussion. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Author Clarence Lusane will discuss his book "The Black History of the White House." Free.

Martha's Family Movie. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. All ages can watch a film based on a children's classic book. Free. Registration required.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 20

Fun for 2s & 3s. 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. at John Marshall Library. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required.

Kingstowne Historic Club. 12:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library. Meet and discuss various topics. Free.

THURSDAY/NOV. 21

Martha's Poetry Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Discuss the poetry of Amy Clampitt. Free.

Book Discussion. 7:15 p.m. at John Marshall Library. Discuss "11/22/63" by Stephen King. Free.

FRIDAY/NOV. 22

Bee Healthy. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children up to age 5 can enjoy a 20-minute puppet presentation on immunizations as well as healthy habits. Free. Registration required.

SATURDAY/NOV. 23

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to a reading therapy dog. Registration required.

NaNoWriMo. 12:30 p.m. at Sherwood Library. Adults can find space to write and fill their quota for NaNoWriMo. Free.

Chapbook Exchange. 1 p.m. at Martha Washington Library. Join for a Chapbook Exchange and Discussion. Free.

Washington St., through Sunday, March 23, 2014. 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.

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St. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

Art Exhibit. See "Primary Colors" art exhibit from Jan. 3-Feb. 2 at The Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists use the three primary colors without mixing them. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, 201 South

ENTERTAINMENT

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THURSDAY/NOV. 14

Receptions. 6-8 p.m. "Photographers at the Factory" at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit celebrates FotoWeekDC. Photographs will line the hall walls and in multiple studios. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Opening Reception. 6:30-8 p.m., meet photographer Everitt Clark and see his exhibit "Cities in the Air" in the Art League at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit will reveal how Richmond, Va., past and present intertwine. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

Second Thursday Music. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Veronique will perform. \$10/person. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Hard Cider Sampling Benefit Event. 7-10 p.m. at Virtue Feed & Grain, 106 S. Union St. Sample ciders from many companies such as Bold Rock, Cider Boys, Woodchuck and more while enjoying live music, appetizers, games, raffles and more. Proceeds benefit SCAN of Northern Virginia. \$15/person. Visit www.ontaponline.com for tickets. Must be 21 and over.

Opening Reception. 6-8 p.m. see "Pursuit of Beauty" at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Juried by Tom Beck, the exhibit showcases fine art photography and will run through Nov. 24. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 15

Mini Bazaar. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parkers Lane. Browse ornaments, jewelry, toys and more. Find gifts for everyone on the list. Sponsored by the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary. 703-360-2969.

SATURDAY/NOV. 16

Holiday Bazaar. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1608 Russell Road. Enjoy a silent auction, vendors, children's activities, food and more. Free.

Holiday Treat Classes. 9:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. learn how to bake cookies and other treats for dogs and cats. \$15/person. Reservations required. Visit www.petsage.com/events or 703-299-5044 to RSVP.

Holiday Craft Fair. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. Enjoy browsing the items from 45 local, handmade vendors, food and music. Visit facebook.com/tcwilliamshandmadeholidaycraftfair.

History of Fort Ward. 10 a.m.-noon at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. "Finding the Fort: A History of an African American Neighborhood in Northern Virginia, 1860s." The research project narrative discusses the early history of the area in and around Fort Ward Park, but focuses primarily on the heritage of African Americans in the Seminary area of Alexandria, from the Civil War period through the founding of the park. Free, but RSVP to 703-746-4554.

Theater Performance. 2 p.m. at Olde Towne Theatre, 815 King St. See a performance of "The Big Meow," adapted from the book by Elizabeth

Spires. \$10-\$20/person. Visit www.oldtowntheater1914.com or 703-544-5315.

Hair Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Experience an evening in the 1780s, with enormous wigs, ornamented poufs and all manners of hairstyles. Enjoy dancing, music and desserts. Period costume encouraged, but "after five" attire requested. Reservations recommended at shop.alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4242.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Emil de Cou, conductor of the NSO will lead the orchestra. Violinist Sarah Chang will also perform. Tickets start at \$20/adult; \$10/student with ID and \$5/youth. Visit www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Ireton Garwood Whaley Auditorium, 201 Cambridge Road. See William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." \$10/adult; \$8/senior, student. Tickets sold at the door. Visit www.bishopireton.org or 703-751-7606.

SUNDAY/NOV. 17

Civil War Sunday. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum in Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. See an original May 26, 1861, edition of "The New-York Tribune" detailing Colonel Elmer Ellsworth's death in Alexandria, a Peeps diorama illustrating Ellsworth's death, a TimeTravelers Passport exhibit featuring the Civil War drummer boy, a diorama of a heating system constructed in Alexandria to warm Civil War hospital tents during the winter of 1861, a cocked and loaded Wickham musket discarded in a privy during the 1860s, and an exhibit on a Lee Street archaeological site during the Civil War. Free. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Emil de Cou, conductor of the NSO will lead the orchestra. Violinist Sarah Chang will also perform. Tickets start at \$20/adult; \$10/student with ID and \$5/youth. Visit www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

Performance. 4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Coyote Blue dance and music from a new collaboration by Jane Franklin and percussionist Tom Teasley features images, color and sound from the Trickster myths of the American Southwest. \$20. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111 for tickets.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Focus Music presents folk/pop singer-songwriters Zoe Mulford and Brad Yoder. \$18/advance; \$15/member. Visit www.focusmusic.org for tickets.

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Philomela, a women's chamber ensemble, will perform a new work "Pieces of Night" by local composer Jonathan Kolm. \$15/adult; \$10/child or senior. Visit www.philomelavoices.org for more.

Dance Performance. 4 p.m. at Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Jane Franklin Dance presents "Coyote

Toasting Our Town

The Historic Alexandria Foundation, the organization known for issuing plaques to historically and architecturally preserved buildings, will hold its Toasting Our Town fundraiser Nov. 16, 7-9 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The wine tasting event will feature selections from Grape + Bean. Silent auction highlights include a stay in a vacation cottage on Cape Cod, dinner in a historic home and a duck hunting trip. Tickets are \$75 and proceeds will benefit the Historic Alexandria Preservation Fund, which, among other work, provides grants to historic applicants. Call 703-549-5811 or visit www.historicalexandriafoundation.org.

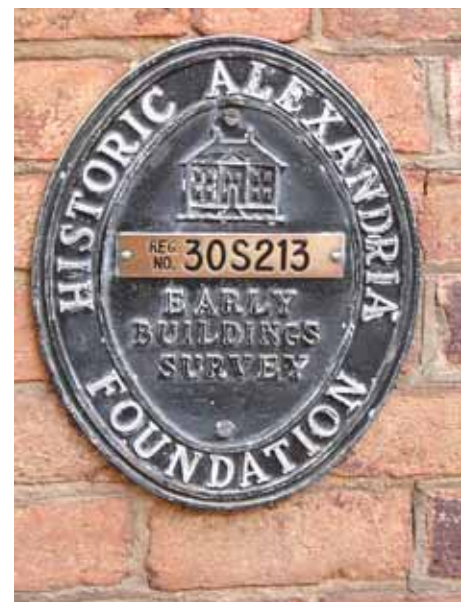


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Blue." Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111 for tickets.

Theater Performance. 2 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Ireton Garwood Whaley Auditorium, 201 Cambridge Road. See William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." \$10/adult; \$8/senior, student. Tickets sold at the door. Visit www.bishopireton.org or 703-751-7606.

THURSDAY/NOV. 21

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Joe Ely and Paul Thorn perform. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Story Telling. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ellouise Schoettler will tell the story of "Finding Gus." \$10/person. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Illustrated Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. "Volusia: Civilian, Slave and Soldier Experiences in the Civil War" presented by Amy Bertsch, former Office of Historic Alexandria public information officer. The presentation involves research into a rare photograph of enslaved people taken in Alexandria, and reveals how the Civil War impacted three groups of people on a large Duke Street property, then known as Volusia, and today known as Foxchase in Alexandria's West End. Free. Visit www.historicalexandria.org or 703-746-4554.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road. Watch the seventh-graders put on "The Princess Bride." \$5/adult; \$1/child.

FRIDAY/NOV. 22

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Preview Party. 7-9 p.m. at St. Mary's School, 400 Green St. Features more than 60 vendors specializing in arts, clothing and more. There will also be a bake sale, Christmas cafe, games, prizes, book sale and more. \$30/advance; \$35/door. Visit www.facebook.com/StMarysSchoolChristmasBazaar.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Ireton Garwood Whaley Auditorium, 201 Cambridge Road. See William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." \$10/adult; \$8/senior, student. Tickets sold at the door. Visit

www.bishopireton.org or 703-751-7606.

SATURDAY/NOV. 23

Christmas Bazaar. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Mary's School, 400 Green St. Features more than 60 vendors specializing in arts, clothing and more. There will also be a bake sale, Christmas cafe, games, prizes, book sale and more. Free. Visit www.facebook.com/StMarysSchoolChristmasBazaar for more.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Ireton Garwood Whaley Auditorium, 201 Cambridge Road. See William Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." \$10/adult; \$8/senior, student. Tickets sold at the door. Visit www.bishopireton.org or 703-751-7606.

Anniversary. Why Not? at 200 King St. will celebrate its 50th year. The first 50 customers will receive a gift bag and everyone will be entered in a raffle. Hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The toy drive will also kick off at this event, so bring an unwrapped, new toy for donation. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Why-Not-Shop/159764110715051>

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. The Sunrise String Quartet will perform music from Mozart, Turina and Shostakovich. \$20/adult; \$15/senior; \$10/student and teachers. 703-765-4342.

SUNDAY/NOV. 24

Story Telling Workshop. 1 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ellouise Schoettler will show how to combine genealogy and storytelling to create family stories everyone will want to listen to. \$10/person. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

FRIDAY/NOV. 29

Shop Local. More than 50 independent boutiques will open early with shopping deals. Participating stores will offer discounts starting at 6 a.m. Also enjoy free parking during the day and restaurants opening early with discounts and more. Visit www.blackfridayalexandria.com for a list of participating businesses.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/NOV. 29-30

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Seldom Scene & Dry Branch Fire Squad will perform. \$35.

Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

TUESDAY/DEC. 3

Theater Performance. 10:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents "Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition." \$8/child and adults. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org for tickets.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 4

Theater Performance. 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents "Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition." \$8/child and adults. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org for tickets.

Magic Show. 7 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. See a performance by International Brotherhood of Magicians Ring 50. Bring a canned food item or toy that will be donated to the Alexandria Citadel of the Salvation Army. Visit www.ibmring50.blogspot.com.

Thursday/Dec. 5

Theater Performance. 10:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents "Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition." \$8/child and adults. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org for tickets.

Friday/Dec. 6

Theater Performance. 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. at W-3 Theatre at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Arts on the Horizon presents "Drumming with Dishes: The Holiday Edition." \$8/child and adults. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org for tickets.

Holiday Open House. 6:30-9 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Enjoy food, refreshments and music while browsing items for purchase. Door prizes will be given. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Holiday Market. 6-9 p.m. in the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The Del Ray Artisans will offer handmade work from local artists, handmade ornaments and bake sale items to benefit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

TC Craft Fair

The Fourth Annual Handmade Holiday Craft Fair will be on Saturday Nov. 16 from 10 am-4 pm at TC Williams HS. This free event will host to over 40 local, handmade vendors, live music from the TC Jazz Band, food and titan gear sales, raffles, and more. Follow on facebook at facebook.com/TCWilliamsHandmadeHolidayCraftFair

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Investing in Youth

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\$262,000 appropriation for the South County Evening Reporting Center, which was funded by a grant that's about to expire. The center is a place for at-risk youth to physically report and spend time under supervision.

"It's a place to get connected back to their school and do their homework and be involved in safe and appropriate out-of-school activities," said Louise Cleveland, chairwoman of the health and human services committee of the council. "Very often this is a place when you can pick up that a kid is having difficulty reading and wanting to drop out of school."

A DRAFT RESOLUTION that will be circulated later this week lays out a number of possible budget priorities for county officials to consider. Some of them are directly related to how the annual budget is created. For example, one of the potential recommendations directs the county executive to estimate year-to-year risk of diminished funding from federal and state resources so money can be included in the county budget. Other potential recommendations call for increased funding for the Community Services Board, model programs for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and extended hours for computer labs at libraries.

"What we are hoping for is some attention to the problems of youth in our area which affect everything from education to the criminal justice system to the quality of life and the prospects for those kids," said Judy Harbeck, chairwoman of the education committee. "What we have found is that waiting until the Board of Supervisors and the county executive put out their budget is really too late."

One of the potential recommendations focuses specifically on the county's legislative agenda for the upcoming session of the General Assembly. The draft resolution identifies a need for regulatory flexibility to enable caregivers of children and youth to sustain their participation in the workforce. One way to accomplish that would be to allow people graduating from

school or leaving a job a three-week grace period of continued benefits before cutting off access to daycare vouchers. Another legislative item on the agenda is increased funding for youth behavioral services, particularly children in special need programs and services of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

"Their government is failing them," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "These kids are being asked to go to school with a hand tied behind their back."

THE RESOLUTION will be formally considered at the Nov. 20 meeting of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations.

Leaders of the effort say they have been working behind the scenes for the last three months to create a series of recommendations for county leaders in advance of the budget process. The text of the resolution calls attention to pressing needs in Fairfax County, using the strongest language possible to call attention to the needs of at-risk youth.

"A more or less perfect storm of fiscal constraints and uncertainties has stimulated extensive efforts to consolidate and redesign smart services that could serve ever greater numbers of those with greater need at the same or lower cost," the resolution explains. "We call attention to needed services that serve an increase in county funding incorporated into planning for FY15 and beyond."

With the exception of \$262,000 for the South County Reporting Center, none of the budget priorities have funding levels associated with them. Supporters of the resolution say that's because of the vagaries of the budget process, which has yet to take shape. Identifying dollar amounts would be difficult if not impossible because of how funding for these kinds of programs comes from multiple sources.

"Most of these services involve collaboration, so part of the money is from the state and part is from the county and part is from a grant," said Cleveland. "So what you have to do is get a county executive estimate on what the cost of something might be based on all these different entities."

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— draft resolution under consideration by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations

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Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

Mount Vernon High School has been awarded a 21st Century Learning Community Grant which will enable them to begin an **after-school program** benefiting many students. The program will operate Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 2:15-5 p.m. Transportation on Wednesday and

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Environmental Policy Commission Public Information Meeting on New Stormwater Regulations

Monday, November 18

When: 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Where: City Hall (Sister Cities Room 1101), 301 King Street
The City of Alexandria's Environmental Policy Commission (EPC) encourages residents to attend a public information meeting about the City's draft Environmental Management Ordinance and Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance, documents that are designed to meet new state regulations and water quality pollution reductions required by federal regulations, reducing pollution in the Chesapeake Bay. For more information on the City's Environmental and Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance changes visit:
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Announcement to Dental Patients of the Alexandria Health Department

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The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2014, include the following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,850 to \$3,950†.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$9,500 to \$9,750.
3. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,050 to \$1,090†.
4. An increase in the Account Charge from \$35 to \$36.
5. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$9.20 to \$9.80†.
6. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.29 to \$2.42 per 1,000 gallons of water.
7. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$3.45 to \$3.55 per 1,000 gallons of water.
8. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.
9. An increase in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$44 to \$45.
10. An increase in the Returned Payment Charge from \$17 to \$20.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org/rates/index.htm>. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 to be included in the record of the public hearing.

†Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.



Charles Gang, owner of Helen Olivia Flowers in Old Town Alexandria, creates fall centerpieces using full-sized pumpkins as vases.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CONKLYN'S FLORIST

Creating a Feast for the Eye

Local designers share ideas for a striking Thanksgiving table.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

While a menu of turkey and gravy will satisfy the belly this Thanksgiving, a well-designed centerpiece that reflects the warm hues of fall will be a feast for the eyes.

From vivid floral arrangements that spring from gourds to tables piled with seasonal produce, local floral designers say that when it comes to creating Thanksgiving table décor as tantalizing as the meal itself, the options are vast.

Charles Gang, owner of Helen Olivia Flowers in Old Town Alexandria, and his team of designers often create colorful combinations of flowers and fruit in rich hues. "As far as fall arrangements, we're [using] fruit like apples and pears, we're seeing mini pumpkins in arrangements," he said.

In fact, Gang suggests creating arrangements using full-sized pumpkins as vases. "We're doing a lot of rustic hydrangeas, a lot of roses in deep orange and germini in a variety of colors like orange and violets," he said.

Floral designer Laurie Diver, of Conklyn's Florist in Alexandria and Arlington, often uses glass cubes and bubble vases as a receptacle for her arrangements. "Flowers in orange, gold and maroon are great for fall," she said. "I also like to use hydrangeas that are green tipped with burgundy edges and lilies in rust, yellow and orange."

David Hicks, owner of Conklyn's, doesn't shy away from unconventional flowers. "We have a wholesale

shop that is open to the public," he said. "Two or three times per week, we import flowers from South America like kangaroo paws [a tubular flower] that come in bronze and rust and cottage yarrow that come in bronze and yellow."

Another surprise for fall, says Diver, are tulips. "We usually don't see them again until spring, but now we have an assortment of parrot tulips in orange, yellow or a combination of both with tattered edges that look very artsy."

Great Falls-based designer Alison de Wit of Distinctive Floral Designs, who isn't afraid to add a harbinger of spring to her autumn arrangements either, said, "A lot a spring flowers are available from Dutch markets."

She also combines traditional flowers with modern varieties. "You can combine a traditional hydrangea with a chartreuse spider chrysanthemum for a bright and unusual floral combination."

Floral designer Rachael Rinaldi, of Reston Floral Design in Reston, combines dried oak leaves with chrysanthemums in orange, burgundy, yellow or magenta. "Every fall, mums in rich colors are popular."

Hicks has seen a recent spike in the number of consumers who want to create budget centerpieces at home. "You can take eight to 12 blooms of cymbidium orchids in green and orange and put the elongated stems in a glass cylinder with some curly willow to give it contrast," he said.

Hicks also suggests that those who want simple elegance "gather four hydrangeas and put them in a square glass container with rocks at the bottom and you have a simple and elegant centerpiece."



Laurie Diver, of Conklyn's Florist, often creates arrangements with orange, yellow and gold flowers nestled in glass cubes.

"We're doing a lot of rustic hydrangeas, a lot of roses in deep orange and germini in a variety of colors like orange and violets."

— Charles Gang, owner of Helen Olivia Flowers

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Home LifeStyle



Sallie Kjos of GreyHunt Interiors in Chantilly suggests homeowners pay attention to the type of art that catches their attention and base their décor around it.

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Choosing Art

Local designers offer tips on how to banish blank walls.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

When Anne McCloud and her fiancé, Mark Graham, moved into their Herndon home two years ago, with the exception of a large, deep red Chesterfield sofa, a present from Anne's parents, the furniture they had was left over from graduate school: a tattered antique chair in need of reupholstering and two side tables. The walls were bare except for a mirror that hung over the fireplace. Other than reupholstering the chair in a tapestry fabric with colors of gold and wine, their home remains unchanged today.

McCloud is finally ready to create a polished interior, however. She wants to purchase wall art that complements their existing sofa and chair. She wants their art collection to grow in harmony with their furniture purchases.

"We want to buy some original art," said McCloud. "We're even considering having a piece commissioned, but we're not sure how to coordinate the colors and we cannot afford to hire a professional interior designer. So we're doing this on our own."

WITH SO MANY CHOICES in art, fabrics and furnishings, it's easy to feel overwhelmed when it comes to do-it-yourself interior design. Building a collection of art that you love and combining it with furniture that fits your style can be overwhelming for interior design novices.

Mia Belotti, an interior designer and owner of Maison et Jardin, Ltd. in Great Falls, said there are two ways to approach the design issue. "If you have an expensive piece of art, then you choose furniture around it. If you already have furniture, choose art that goes with it."

Scale and size are important. "You have to create a balance," said Belotti. "If you have a large piece of furniture against the bottom half of a wall, a small painting will look awkward hanging over it."

Designers agree that choosing art is personal. "I never tell clients what to like," said Sharon Kleinman,

of Transitions by Sharon Kleinman in Potomac, Md. "People's homes should be about what they like and what speaks to them."

Kleinman says it is possible to create a harmonious room with two opposing styles such as antique and modern. The key, she says, is in details such as framing. "If you have a traditional interior with antique furniture," she said, "I would have no problem taking a Picasso and putting it in a very ornate frame."

Some homeowners are also perplexed when it comes to color coordination.

"I don't think art has to match furniture," said Kleinman. "You don't want it to clash, but it doesn't have to match. If I had a room with soft blues and yellows, I wouldn't throw a painting in that had harsh colors like red and black. You want colors to be complementary. If the interior of the room is warm color, the colors in the painting should be warm. The same is true with cool colors. The more neutral the room, the bolder the art can be."

Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design in Bethesda, Md., suggests that in the case of McCloud, furniture in bold colors does not have to dictate bold art. "In fact, neutral art on bold walls or in a room with bold-colored furniture can have a great impact," she said.

However, she said, "It's wise to match a color in at least one of the more prominent paintings, as it adds to the peacefulness of the room. Not all the paintings have to match, but keeping one of the tones consistent makes the components of the room harmonious."

Chantilly-based designer Sallie Kjos of GreyHunt Interiors suggests that homeowners pay attention to the type of art that catches their attention. "If you have a passion for an artist, for example, Victoria Salvano, then base your decor around the colors that you are drawn to," she said. "For example, with her vibrant work, keep your main pieces such as the sofa, chairs and drapes simple and clean and add in pops of color such as teals, blues, fuchsias in your pillows, accessories, trimmings and throws to give punch and life to the room while tying in the art work."

Kjos also suggests grouping smaller pieces of art. "Go for a collage of different items or artwork," she said. "One of my favorites is taking old empty frames and hanging items inside, such as family pictures that are all framed the same that are smaller, a set of plates, candle sconces or whatever is special to you."



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up as approachable, personable, and with a good sense of humor. Her No. 1 focus has always been on the children, she said. "I always frame the decision with 'what's best for our students.'"

With Garfield's student population at 370, she wanted to strengthen her leadership skills in another type of school. To that end, her goal is to make Stratford Landing (with 904 students) "the greatest place for 'teaching' and learning, with strong family, school and community relationships."

At Garfield, she already knows everyone's names and their families. She said "to replicate that in a larger manner will be a challenge

.... How to build those relationships with students, staff and family — knowing there's 2 and a half times as many of them."

She added: "I like to know all of my students personally, so I am going to have to know how to do that in a quick way, and also their history."

She is eager to transfer to a new place to learn its history and what's important there — "what are their hopes and dreams for them, and building where we want to go together is important."

At Garfield, 60 percent of its students are on free and reduced lunches. Stratford landing has less than 20 percent of students on free lunches. It is also an Advanced Academic Level IV Center (GT) and offers Foreign Language Experience (FLEX). There's a Discovery Garden, math competitions and Word Masters club. Its business partners are the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club and Alexandria Elks Lodge No. 758.

According to Betsy Fenske, former Cluster 5 assistant superintendent, "Maureen is one of the strongest instructional leaders I know in terms of her focus on student achievement." She added: "She really works very diligently with her staff to make sure they are accommodating for all of children's needs."

At Garfield, Marshall has worked with a program called "Responsive Classroom," that focuses on children being a contributing member of the school community. She has built a whole school culture on respect for each individual's character and academic success. Basically, it focuses on children learning how to be respectful of one another and working on caring for each individual and their character and academic success.

"I not only want kids to excel academically, but I want them to have strong character and be future civic leaders," said Marshall. "And to make sure kids make the right decision, even when nobody's looking."



PHOTO BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE GAZETTE

Maureen Marshall is the new principal of Stratford Landing Elementary School in Alexandria.

Garfield PTA President Liz McGhan says Marshall's a great principal to work with. "She knows so much about the development of a child," she said. "She also motivates, she cares about the staff, and she supports the parents."

Christine Slattery, assistant principal at Garfield, calls Marshall a "gift and a gem" with a contagious personality who is great at building relationships. "She's innovative and she thinks outside the box," she said. "And she's a model of our school mission statement."

Originally from New Windsor, N.Y., Marshall graduated from Boston College with a degree in early education and special education. She received a master's in curriculum and instruction with a concentration in reading as well as a doctorate in educational leadership from Virginia Polytechnic University.

Marshall started her career in Hawaii Public Schools in special education from 1991-93. She moved to Fairfax County and taught special education at Springfield Estates Elementary in 1993. In 1999, she was chosen to be a LEAD Intern at Crestwood Elementary. In 2000, she took a leave of absence to work for U.S. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine as her legislative assistant. She came back to the county in 2002 and worked as assistant principal at Garfield Elementary until 2005, and principal thereafter.

Her goal? "Stratford Landing is a great school. It has an excellent reputation. I want to take it from a great school to one of the greatest in Fairfax County," she said.

Marshall is married to Jim Finley, and the couple has two daughters: Addison, 5, who goes to Fort Hunt Elementary, and Paige, age 2 and a half, and black Lab named Roxy. They live in Fort Hunt, about two miles away from Stratford Landing, and attend Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

MILITARY NOTES

Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class

Juliet F. Pradier

graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Pradier earned distinction as an honor graduate. She is the daughter of Jewell Pradier of Fredericksburg, and Frank Pradier III of Leesburg. The airman is a 2003 graduate of Mount Vernon High School and received a bachelor's degree in 2007



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from Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond.

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Philip S. Hays** graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. Hays is the son of Ann and James Hays of Alexandria. He is a 2007 graduate of Mount Vernon High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in 2011 from



Hays

George Mason University.

Army Reserve Pfc. **Tamba T.S. Sam-Manimoi** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Sam-Manimoi is the son of Samuel Sam-Manimoi of Alexandria.

Army Reserve Pfc. **Eric A. Argueta** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. Argueta is the son of Blinda and Jose Argueta of Alexandria. He is a 2011 graduate of Mount Vernon High School.

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West Potomac senior Katie Genuario placed ninth at the 6A North region cross country championship meet on Nov. 6 at Burke Lake park.

West Potomac's Genuario Qualifies for States

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

West Potomac harrier Katie Genuario collapsed from over-exertion during the 2012 Northern Region championship meet at Burke Lake Park. Then a junior, Genuario recovered from the spill and finished 14th, good enough to qualify for the state meet.

During states, however, Genuario ran cautiously after her experience at regionals, she said, and ended up finishing 23rd.

"Last year ... I really wanted to race faster than I was capable of," Genuario said. "But I've been training hard for another year and I've been making improvements."

One year after her tumble at regionals, Genuario returned for the 6A North regional championship meet on Nov. 6 — her final race at Burke Lake Park. The senior produced a personal-best time of 17 minutes, 53 seconds and finished ninth, earning a trip to states. Genuario's time was 22 seconds faster than her 2012 regional mark of 18:15.

"I felt really good," she said. "I was really excited. It was my last race here at Burke Lake. ... I was really excited to run. I PR'ed last week and I was just hoping to PR again."

Genuario finished with a time of 17:58 during the Conference 7 championship meet at Burke Lake Park on Oct. 30, placing fifth.

West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta won the 6A North region title with a time of 16:31, the third-fastest time in course history. Lake Braddock's Hannah Christen finished second (17:19), followed by Oakton's Allie Klimkiewicz (17:21), Lake Braddock's Katy Kunc (17:35) and Robinson's Macey Schweikert (17:39).

Oakton won the team championship with a score of 66. Washington-Lee finished runner-up (92), followed by West Springfield (113), Lake Braddock (118), Robinson (148) and Battlefield (192). The top six teams earn a state berth.

Next up for Genuario is the Group 6A state championship meet at Great Meadow at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 15.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE GAZETTE

DeMornay Pierson-El ran for two touchdowns in his final high school game on Nov. 9, but it wasn't enough to beat T.C. Williams.

Wolverines Drop Season Finale

The West Potomac football team ended its season with a 24-14 loss to T.C. Williams on Nov. 9 at Parker-Gray Stadium.

SPORTS BRIEFS

With a playoff berth up for grabs, the Wolverines tied the score at 14-all on the final play of the first half, when quarterback DeMornay Pierson-El found the end zone on a 3-yard run. But T.C. Williams held West Potomac scoreless the entire second half and the Wolverines finished the season with a 4-6 record.

T.C. Williams took the lead for good when quarterback Darius Holland connected with Alex Bledsoe on a 20-yard touchdown pass with 6:51 remaining in the third quarter. On West Potomac's ensuing possession, the Wolverines lost a fumble at the TC 1-yard line.

Pierson-El, who is committed to the University of Nebraska as a slot receiver and kick returner, scored two rushing touchdowns in his final high school game.

"He's a great player," T.C. Williams linebacker Kyreem Walton said. "He showed why Nebraska picked him up. He showed his DI potential."

Mount Vernon Football In the Playoffs

The Mount Vernon football team's season will continue despite a 3-7 record.

The Majors dropped their regular-season finale to Wakefield, 27-19, on Nov. 8, giving the team five straight losses.

While a 3-7 mark would likely not have been enough to get Mount Vernon into the postseason last year, the Majors appear to be benefitting from the VHSEs six-class realignment.

Last season, Mount Vernon competed in Division 5 of Group AAA, where eight teams advanced to the Northern Region playoffs. This year, the Majors are one of 16 teams from the 5A North region to make the playoffs.

Mount Vernon is seeded No. 13 and will travel to face No. 4 Tuscarora at 7 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15.



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Elite Band Member

Allie Woodbury, West Potomac High School's member of the 2014 U. S. Army All-American Marching Band, with WPHS band director Steve Rice. Woodbury will join an elite group of marching band members who will perform during halftime of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl at the Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas, on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014.

HOME SALES

In September 2013, 90 homes sold between \$3,000,000-\$77,000 in the Mount Vernon area.

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8140 STACEY RD	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,100,000	Detached	0.50	22308	TINKLE A H
4201A DANDRIDGE TER	6	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$880,000	Detached	0.38	22309	KEUHLING
1804 HOLLINDALE DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$875,000	Detached	1.43	22306	HOLLINDALE
3708 CARRIAGE HOUSE CT	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$800,000	Detached	0.44	22309	RIVERWOOD
2211 CAVENDISH DR	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$782,500	Detached	0.26	22308	STRAITFORD LANDING
3709 CARRIAGE HOUSE CT	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$758,000	Detached	0.38	22309	RIVERWOOD
1911 MASON HILL DR	6	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Detached	0.35	22307	MASON HILL
2213 WHITEOAKS DR	5	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Detached	0.47	22306	HOLLIN HILLS
8312 WAGON WHEEL RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Detached	0.30	22309	RIVERSIDE ESTATES
6906 PARK TERRACE DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$715,000	Detached	0.32	22307	WESTGROVE
8609 CUSHMAN PL	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$704,000	Detached	0.24	22308	WAYNEWOOD
6126 EDGEWOOD TER	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$690,000	Detached	0.20	22307	BELLE HAVEN
7411 REBECCA DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$690,000	Detached	0.58	22307	HOLLIN HILLS
1403 WAKE FOREST DR	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$690,000	Detached	0.24	22307	WESTGROVE
2217 FORDHAM DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Detached	0.28	22307	FORDHAM VILLAGE
2210 BASSET ST	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$645,000	Detached	1.12	22308	STRAITFORD LANDING
8409 MOREY LN	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Detached	0.37	22308	COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC
4310 AGNEW AVE	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$628,000	Detached	0.43	22309	MT ZEPHYR PARK
4401 NEPTUNE DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$597,000	Detached	0.50	22309	YACHT HAVEN EST
5793 HUNTING CREEK LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$595,000	Townhouse	0.03	22303	HUNTINGTON MEWS
3826 ELMWOOD TOWNE WAY	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Townhouse	0.07	22303	ELMWOOD
5988 GRAND PAVILION WAY	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$565,000	Townhouse	0.03	22303	PAVILIONS AT HUNTINGTON
8400 FORT HUNT RD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Other	0.34	22308	FORT HUNT
2107 BASSET ST	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Detached	0.32	22308	STRAITFORD LANDING
4227 SONIA CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Detached	0.07	22309	MOUNT ZEPHYR COMMONS
4321 AGNEW AVE	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Detached	0.46	22309	MT ZEPHYR PARK
8417 CROSSLEY PL	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$549,000	Detached	0.24	22308	WAYNEWOOD
2413 RYEGATE LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Detached	0.26	22308	STRAITFORD LANDING
3804 MARYLAND ST	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$539,000	Detached	0.24	22309	WOODLEIGH WOODS
6716 WOODSTONE PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$529,900	Detached	0.17	22306	WOODSTONE
9123 VOLUNTEER DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$520,000	Detached	0.48	22309	MT VERNON FOREST
6710 TAHALLA DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Detached	0.45	22306	COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES
1505 DARE CT	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Detached	0.37	22308	HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE
3704 ADRIENNE DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$500,000	Detached	0.51	22309	SULGRAVE MANOR
2411 POPKINS LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$488,250	Detached	0.34	22306	POPKINS LANE
6716 ANTHONY ST	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Detached	0.26	22306	JACKSON HALL
8603 CAMDEN ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$470,000	Detached	0.31	22308	STRAITFORD LANDING
8632 BRADDOCK AVE	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$466,000	Detached	0.10	22309	MOUNT VERNON HILLS
5903 MOUNT EAGLE DR #618	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22303	MONTEBELLO
7926 NEW MARKET RD	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$443,000	Detached	0.23	22308	HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE
4422 COLDBROOKE CT	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$430,000	Detached	0.24	22306	STONEBROOKE
7585 GREAT SWAN CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$426,000	Townhouse	0.03	22306	GROVE AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS
6805 STONEYBROOKE LN	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$419,000	Detached	0.20	22306	STONEBROOKE
2816 JEFFERSON DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$410,000	Semi-Detached	0.08	22303	JEFFERSON MANOR
8229 CARLWOOD RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Detached	0.58	22309	ENGLESIDE
2451 MIDTOWN AVE #928	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$394,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22303	MIDTOWN ALEXANDRIA STA
2512 POPKINS LN	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$385,500	Detached	0.50	22306	POPKINS HEIGHTS
5723 EVERGREEN KNOLL CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$375,500	Townhouse	0.03	22303	LOFTRIDGE
7832 GUM SPRINGS VILLAGE DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.03	22306	VILLAGE AT GUM SPGS
7431 GRUMMAN PL	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$370,000	Detached	0.19	22306	HYBLA VALLEY
6628 CAVALIER DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$359,900	Detached	0.19	22307	BUCKNELL MANOR
6520 BRICK HEARTH CT	2	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$358,500	Townhouse	0.03	22306	SOUTH KINGS STATION
6364 CHIMNEY WOOD CT	2	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$355,000	Townhouse	0.03	22306	SOUTH KINGS STATION
3700 WOODLEY DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Detached	0.53	22309	WOODLEY HILLS
7818 COLONIAL SPRINGS BLVD	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.03	22306	VILLAGE AT GUM SPGS
7903 MOUNT WOODLEY PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$344,900	Townhouse	0.05	22306	MT WOODLEY MANOR
3206 AYERS DR	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$335,000	Detached	0.50	22309	SUNNY VIEW
3012 COLONIAL SPRINGS CT	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$334,900	Townhouse	0.03	22306	VILLAGE AT GUM SPGS
2106 ARLINGTON TER	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$328,000	Duplex	0.08	22303	HUNTINGTON
2214 DARTMOUTH DR	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$325,000	Duplex	0.08	22307	BUCKNELL MANOR
5903 MOUNT EAGLE DR #815	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$324,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22303	MONTEBELLO
3714 HAMPTON CT	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$322,000	Townhouse	0.04	22306	WOODSTONE
5813 HIFER DR	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$320,000	Duplex	0.09	22303	HUNTINGTON
6942 WESTHAMPTON DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$319,900	Duplex	0.08	22307	BUCKNELL HEIGHTS
2257 SWEETBRIAR DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$317,000	Duplex	0.08	22307	BUCKNELL MANOR
7148 STRAWN CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$305,000	Townhouse	0.03	22306	WOODSTONE
8515 HALLIE ROSE PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$300,000	Townhouse		22309	SKYVIEW PARK
6502 BOULEVARD VW #B2	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$284,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22307	BELLE VIEW
6601 WAKEFIELD DR E #B1	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$280,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22307	BELLE VIEW
4100 MAIN ST	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$277,500	Detached	0.47	22309	RUSSELL G C
2311 MARY BALDWIN DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$275,000	Duplex	0.09	22307	BUCKNELL MANOR
3912 ELMWOOD DR	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$250,700	Detached	0.19	22303	BURGUNDY MANOR
6620 POTOMAC AVE #C2	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$249,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		22307	BELLE VIEW
4315 CEDARLAKE CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$247,000	Townhouse	0.05	22309	PINEWOOD LAKE
2451 MIDTOWN AVE #815	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$230,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22303	MIDTOWN ALEXANDRIA STA
6618 POTOMAC AVE #B2	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$195,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22307	BELLE VIEW
8616 SHADWELL DR #70	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$182,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22309	OLDE MILL
3828 MONTE VISTA PL #B	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$179,000	Townhouse		22309	SEQUOYAH
8656 VILLAGE SQUARE DR #8656	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$165,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22309	VILLAGES THE
2059 HUNTINGTON AVE #202	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$164,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		22303	HUNTING CREEK CLUB APTS
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3937 SONORA PL #C	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$155,000	Townhouse		22309	SEQUOYAH
4354 PEMBROOK VILLAGE DR #46	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$150,000	Townhouse		22309	PEMBROOK VILLAGE
3827 EL CAMINO PL #13	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$150,000	Attach/Row Hse		22309	SEQUOYAH
3968 WOODHUE PL #8	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$150,000	Townhouse		22309	SEQUOYAH
8037 PANTANO PL #17	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$145,000	Townhouse		22309	SEQUOYAH
6429 RICHMOND HWY #203	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$126,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		22306	HUNTINGTON WALK
8047 PANTANO PL #5	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$77,000	Back-to-Back		22309	SEQUOYAH

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U.S. 1 Version 2.0: Reducing Congestion

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
DELEGATE (D-44)



Belvoir, Huntley Meadows and Alexandria, plus commuters to cross Little Hunting Creek — U.S. 1 and the George Washington Memorial Parkway (GWP) — and no route west between Lockheed Boulevard and the Fairfax County

Parkway (or Woodlawn after Mulligan Road opens in about six months). This creates numerous choke points, like those at Kings Crossing and Buckman Road and at Woodlawn Plantation when U.S. 1 is widened through Fort Belvoir in about four years.

Second, our entire transportation network is very car-centric. Cyclists put their lives in their hands and have no good way to get around our area or anywhere south or west. The rate of pedestrian deaths in the 44th District is double the state average.

Third, growing congestion has pushed commuter cut-through traffic onto secondary roads such as Fort Hunt Road, Old Mount Vernon Road, Sherwood Hall Lane

and the GWP.

The U.S. 1 corridor should become more walkable, “bikeable,” transit-friendly and interconnected so that people can move efficiently. Congestion will only worsen when we add 40,000 new people over the next 30 years, 17,000 new jobs and whatever the U.S. Army throws at us with the next round of base realignments (BRAC) scheduled for 2015.

What are the options? New dedicated bus lanes on U.S. 1 would provide some relief, but they will not generate the kind of redevelopment our area really needs. However, new bus lanes may be a bridge to the long-term solution.

I have serious reservations about light rail on a highway with a 45-mile-per-hour speed limit and dozens of stop lights.

It is unlikely that light rail would reduce commuter travel times versus car or bus travel. Reducing commuting times makes a transit mode attractive to people. Plus, there are significant engineering questions about whether light rail cars can climb over Beacon Hill given the grade.

A Yellow Line Metro extension would not only move the people who are already here,

but also the people coming in the future. A Metro extension can also stimulate attractive redevelopment that will create more interconnected local roads, such as more crossings of Little Hunting Creek or other connections between neighborhoods, along U.S. 1 and to help alleviate congestion.

A Yellow Line extension would give tourists better options for visiting Mount Vernon Estate and Woodlawn Plantation. It would give commuters, contractors and others more options to get to Fort Belvoir, the new U.S. Army Museum and points north such as Washington, D.C., and the Dulles Metro Corridor.

While extending Metro is the most expensive option, I am hopeful that once this study is complete, it will prove to be the most obvious solution.

A critical piece of the U.S. 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis is public input. Please participate in the community discussion.

Next week I will focus on how this study will help improve our environment. If you have any feedback, please email me at scottsuovell@gmail.com.

It is an honor to serve as your state delegate.

This is the third article in my weekly series examining the U.S. 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis, our transit choices and why extending the Metro subway Yellow Line is the best alternative. Last week, I focused on how our transit choice for the highway will improve outcomes in our schools. This week I focus on traffic.

U.S. 1 has a long history. The road’s current alignment through the 44th District is a consolidation of three or four local roads realigned between 1915 and 1935 into U.S. 1 and widened in the early 1970s. Before the Shirley Highway (now I-395) in 1941, it was the major north-south road in the eastern U.S.. Afterwards, it just became a major north-south road. Today, it remains the primary way in, out and through the 44th District.

U.S. 1’s current configuration presents many problems. First, there are only two ways for the 120,000 people between Fort

COMMENTARY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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major party” candidates (71st, 95th) and ran “neck and neck” with three others (3rd, 19th, 53rd), whose campaigns were backed by thousands of dollars (and in one case, tens of thousands). In comparison, it will be remembered that my candidacy was backed by little more than a prayer. And yet we did just as well, if not better, than each of these other contenders.

And although the final outcome of the 2013 election is not exactly as we would have it, surely our accomplishment at the polls will be accepted as a victory. Not from the perspective of those brutes who hold democracy to be “the rule of the mob.” But from the vantage point of righteousness — and in the judgment of One who continues to hold “obedience” and “moral integrity” in the highest regard, no matter how irrelevant/outmoded these traits are viewed and portrayed by Virginia’s ruling class, political establishment.

For all those who chose to rally round my campaign despite the odds, I thank you and pray God’s blessing on you for your support and encouragement.

Joe Glean
Alexandria

Someone More Mainstream

To the Editor:

After last week’s election, Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) thanked his constituents for reelecting him, in a post on his blog. In so doing, he explained that “Not a single bill I carry can pass the House of Delegates without at least 17 Republican legislators vot-

ing for it.” This is sort of true since the makeup of the House of Delegates in the wake of the election is 67 Republicans and 33 Democrats. In order to achieve 51 votes for any of his legislative proposals, Delegate Surovell would need to convince all of his Democratic colleagues plus 18 or more Republicans.

In February 2012, my letter was published in the Gazette going into detail about Delegate Surovell’s legislative record and explaining that even among Democrats he is way out of the mainstream. Some of the highlights (better described as low lights):

1. He was one of only 18 delegates to vote against the Constitutional Amendment that would make it more difficult for the government to exercise the eminent domain power to seize private property.

2. He was one of only three House patrons for a bill to reinstate the State Estate Tax.

3. He supported a bill seeking restoration of civil rights (including the right to vote) for certain classes of convicted felons.

4. He was one of only two House patrons for a bill seeking to impose a 20-cent plastic bag tax.

5. He was one of only two House patrons for a bill seeking to almost quintuple the state’s cigarette tax.

6. He was one of only seven House patrons for a bill seeking to impose a 5 percent gas tax.

7. He was one of only two House patrons for a bill seeking to repeal tax credits for the coal industry.

Forget about the 18 Republicans; Delegate Surovell rarely gains agreement from the other 32 Democrats. In last week’s election, Delegate Surovell did not face a major party opponent. It is the privilege of the

citizens of the 44th District to continue to reelect a delegate who is out of touch with his own party, a party holding one-third of the seats in the House of Delegates. In his blog, Delegate Surovell expressed the hope that he would earn the confidence of the residents of the 44th District who voted for his opponent in the election.

Voters in the 44th District have two years in which to contemplate whether it continues to be appropriate to reelect a delegate who is so far out of the mainstream of his own party that it is unlikely he will ever succeed in getting anything significant done

for 44th District residents, unless gaining approval for yet another Route 1 transportation study (transit study in this case) can be considered to be a great accomplishment. Of course, Delegate Surovell has had other legislative accomplishments, as he has reported in his blog.

The point is that more could be done for residents of the 44th District were they represented by a more mainstream delegate, even a Democrat.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon



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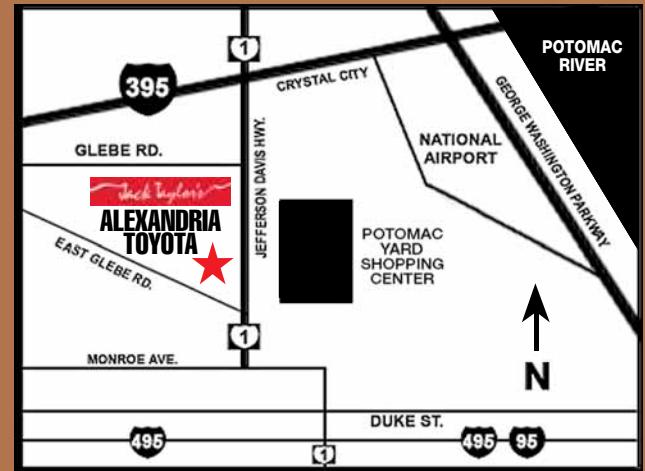
Celebrating SLES’s 50th

At the Stratford Landing Elementary School PTA meeting Tuesday, Nov. 12, Del. Scott Surovell presented SLES’s new principal, Dr. Maureen Marshall, and vice principal Larry Caines with a 50th Anniversary Proclamation for the school.

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Veteran approaches General Washington's tomb for the Veterans Day wreath-laying.

Veteran Day Wreath-Laying At Mount Vernon Estate

The Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution joined the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution to celebrate Veterans Day. During an all-day watch at the tomb of George Washington at the Mount Vernon estate, many veterans and their families participated. Throughout the day, members of the chapter handed each veteran that visited Washington's grave a red carnation to place at the tomb's entrance. The chapter also mans a book of honor which each veteran at the tomb is asked to sign. The book is kept in Mount Vernon archives throughout the year.

At 2 p.m., Regent Sarah Hardy of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter joined SAR members for a ceremony to lay a wreath inside the tomb. Veterans Paul Wagoner and Donald Kellerman of the George Washington Chapter, SAR, were selected to place the wreath. Barbara McJoynt, member of Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, read George Washington's prayer as she has done for the past 28 years.

The ceremony has been a traditional Veterans Day honor for the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter for many years.



Regent Sarah Hardy of the The Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, addresses the crowd.



Fife and drum players participate in the event.