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At the public hearings on the Fairfax County budget, several citizens urged the Board of Supervisors to consider a meals tax in order to continue to "Invest in Fairfax."

Meals Tax Possible for County

Tax could generate \$88 million in revenue.

By JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

At a public hearing on the 2015 budget, Fairfax County resident Kimberly Adams joined numerous other individuals who urged the Board of Supervisors to consider a meals tax.

"To have the quality of life that we've come to depend on in Fairfax County, we must move the needle closer to the regional average when it comes to taxes. We must not be afraid to look for new streams of revenue, such as a meals tax for instance," Adams told the Board of Supervisors at the budget hearings. "Never have I actually thought, well, there's a meals tax in Alexandria, so I'll drive 10 more minutes into Fairfax and order my pizza. I go to the place that's convenient and where I want to eat."

Echoing the concerns of citizens like Adams, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova announced the establishment of the meals tax referendum task force on April 22, which will study this possible source of revenue and make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors by June 17.

"Throughout the past months as this board and the community have deliberated on the advertised fiscal year 2015 budget, a number of individuals and organizations have urged us to put the question of a meals tax to the voters," Bulova said at the meeting.

Kate Hanley and Tom Davis, former chairmen of the Board of Supervisors, will lead the task force in deciding whether a referendum for a meals tax should occur, and when this referendum would appear on the ballot.

IN VIRGINIA, counties are only able to establish a meals tax with a voter referendum.

At a rate of 4 percent, a meals tax could generate at least \$88 million. Many cities within and around Fairfax County have a meals tax.

"Several of our surrounding jurisdictions have a meals tax, but the Town of Clifton, Prince William and Loudoun counties do not. I have and will continue to be adamantly opposed to a meals tax and any referendum on this issue as it is directed at a single industry. I believe this is the wrong time to add another tax on our county residents and while some of it will be paid by visitors the bulk will be paid by our county residents," Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity wrote in an email on April 30.

In April 1992, voters struck down a meals tax proposal that appeared on the ballot in Fairfax County. "There has been a growing sentiment during re

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Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova announced on April 22 the creation of a meals tax referendum task force.

Board Adds Early Voting Site

Residents can cast absentee ballot at Mount Vernon Government Center.

By JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

After Del. Patrick Hope and Del. Scott Surovell encouraged the Fairfax County Electoral Board to open more in-person absentee voting centers, early voting will soon be available for the Congressional primary in June at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

Hope released a press announcement calling for an early voting center in the area, citing the fact that the only in-person absentee voting location is at the Fairfax County Government Center, which can be up to a 90-minute round trip for Mount Vernon residents.

"This is unacceptable. I understand that Fairfax has not traditionally had early vote locations other than the main government center for primaries. However, while that may have worked well

for an 11th district primary, or a 10th district primary, it does not serve the residents of the 8th district," Hope stated in the April 18 press release.

On April 28, the Fairfax County Electoral Board unanimously voted to establish an early voting center in the 8th congressional district.

Surovell points out that unlike Falls Church, the city of Alexandria and Arlington, the other localities in the 8th district, Fairfax County is not a compact geographical region. Thus, more than one in-person absentee ballot location is necessary for residents who live far from the Fairfax County Government Center, which is located just east of Fair Lakes.

"It's pretty upset about that because I thought it would minimize the amount of Fairfax County resi

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Animal Instinct

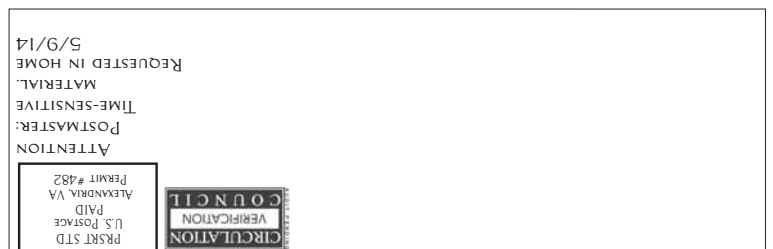
Democrats in 8th district primary divided over focus on animal rights.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Candidates in the Democratic primary for Congress have a wide range of views on animal rights, an issue that has become one of the legacies of retiring U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8). During his years in

office, Moran has worked to require detailed labeling of fur garments and ban the sale of "animal crush videos." He's also supported efforts to improve animal care standards on farms and worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to enforcement of humane

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MVHS Featured in Career Tech Celebration

Preparing students for 21st-century workforce.

BY VERONICA BRUNO
THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) students and staff from the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) gave a tour of their training program at the school the morning of April 23. The ACTE program is part of the school's affiliation with the International Baccalaureate Career-related Certificate program, an in-depth curriculum that helps students prepare for careers in high-demand fields.

The agenda began with welcome remarks from MVHS CTE and ACTE leaders as well as the school's principal, Nardos King. The organization broke off into two separate groups to illustrate demonstrations in two dedicated fields: Culinary and education.

The culinary group performed an "Iron Chef"-style cook-off in the high school kitchen. The second group took the panel on a tour of the school's pre-school facilities. Jessica Sabbahi told the group that going through the program gave her a "better feel for teaching." She added that the curriculum had provided fundamental help with resume-writing and creating lesson plans. The education facilities include a community pre-school that provides instruction for neighborhood children. The school also includes a daily Head Start program as well.

The group reconvened for a panel discussion including Fairfax County school Board Vice Chair and Lee District Member Tamara Derenak Kaufax and U.S. Department of



CTE student Nana Asumadu gave a tour of the kitchen used for the culinary group demonstration to Robin Khan, Communications and Marketing Manager for International Baccalaureate Organization and Brendan Desetti, Legislative Liaison for ACTE.



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Tamara Derenak Kaufax, Fairfax School Board vice chair and Lee District member, thanked everyone for coming to the event.

Education, ACTE, IBCC, and school administrators and participants. Through a question-and-answer session, students described their experiences as challenging and fulfilling. Among the areas being studied in the program are business, accounting, international culture, ROTC, culinary arts and education.

CTE training works to facilitate student engagement and prepare them for the 21st century workforce. Data provided by ACTE shows that students who participate in CTE courses are more likely to graduate high school, attend post-secondary educations and perform better on standardized tests.

"CTE helps us develop and grow as we're making these decisions," said participant Charles Evans.

For more information about the program, visit <http://www.acteonline.org/>.



Nathaniel Ogden, seated with Kristina Gehrki (a marketing teacher at the school), spoke about the importance of the program at the panel discussion.



Nardos King, principal for Mount Vernon High School, spoke about the need for including more girls in the program. Seated to her left was Catherine Imperatore, ACTE's research manager.



CTE Education participant, Jessica Sabbahi, gave a demonstration of the education training she and the other students received in the program. They also gave a tour of the on-site pre-school in Mount Vernon High School where they practiced their training. Audience members included Brendan Desetti, (from left) ACTE Legislative Liaison Lina Perez, ACTE Marketing and Membership Manager Sabrina Yen, ACTE Graphic Designer Lourdes Jatigo, ACTE Marketing Coordinator, and Megan Healy, Virginia Department of Education Director of STEM.



Emmanuel Nolasco, a Sports Marketing participant in the program, answered questions from the panel during the forum portion of the event. Seated to his left was Christian Rodriguez. Also pictured were participants (from left in background) Davon Ferguson, Berhane Alemayehu, Gery Fabrega, Nasser Yasin and Austin Eich.

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Fairfax County police warn residents to not park their cars in vacant dark areas.

Airbag Thefts on the Rise

Doesn't take long to steal.

BY SYDNEY KASHIWAGI
THE GAZETTE

This year, Fairfax County has become one of the biggest suppliers of stolen airbags for Virginia's auto-parts black market.

Since January, more than 50 airbags have been stolen in Fairfax County alone, and, in April, Arlington reported that a dozen airbags had been stolen.

"There's a huge demand for it on the black market," said AAA Mid-Atlantic Spokesman John Townsend. "It's one of the hottest items in terms of auto parts."

Brand new airbags typically run for about \$1,000, but a stolen one can cost anywhere from \$50 to \$200 according to the National Insurance Crime Bureau. And each year, about 50,000 airbags are stolen from around the country, which cause an annual loss for drivers and insurers of about \$50 million.

A manager of an auto body repair shop in Fairfax says that for the past five years that he's worked at the repair shop, he has seen at least one to two customers come in each year who have had their airbags stolen. He said that he mostly sees Honda vehicle owners come into the shop because the airbags were stolen from their cars.

According to Townsend, airbag theft is especially prevalent in the region because cars are often about 10 years old, and once a car is more than 5 years old, he says that parts become more valuable than the car itself.

But regardless whether a car is old or young, Townsend says that thieves can steal airbags in just

a matter of a few minutes, even in broad daylight. "All it takes is a special tool to break into it and just pop it," said Townsend.

Fairfax County police spokeswoman Shelly Broderick says that although the majority of cars robbed in Fairfax were locked, thieves did not hesitate to smash the cars' windows to take the airbags. When airbags are stolen, she says that they are also often sold to repair shops.

Unlike other stolen auto parts, it's often difficult to tell whether or not an airbag has been stolen.

If your airbag is stolen, Townsend recommends contacting your insurance provider immediately.

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— John Townsend, AAA Mid-Atlantic Spokesman

But for those who are getting new airbags installed, Townsend says that to ensure the airbag you are getting wasn't stolen before, you should always go to a reputable auto body shop and purchase the airbag directly from the dealer or manufacturer so that it's sealed when you get it. Townsend also recommends that drivers always ask their insurer to take a second look at the airbag before it's installed.

"If you buy [an airbag] that's been compromised, it can compromise your safety and not only your safety but the safety of your passengers and anyone else you have riding in the car," said Townsend.

So far, Broderick says that no other airbag thefts have been reported since the April 4-10 stealing spree, but that Fairfax residents should never leave valuables out in their vehicles, or park in dark vacant areas. Broderick recommends that if residents see any suspicious activity in their neighborhoods, to call police immediately.

Anyone with information about these airbag thefts is asked to contact Fairfax County Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS(8477).



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Girl Scout Troop 1838, based in the Belle View Elementary School area, spent part of their school spring break on a service project to prepare festive Easter Baskets for families in UCM's Transitional Housing program. They organized an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at the group's monthly Life Skills dinner, with several Brownies and Cadettes helping out as well.

Feeling Repercussions of Winter

Schedule adjustments for Northern Virginia public school students.

BY SYDNEY KASHIWAGI
THE GAZETTE

This winter, thousands of area students were given more days off than expected. Day after day, parents, students and faculty received notice that school had yet again been cancelled due to the heavy snow and cold weather, which forced students and faculty to watch one of the coldest and heaviest winters since the 2010 Snowmagedden from home.

But even though all of the snow has melted and summer is right around the corner, public schools across the region are still feeling the repercussions of winter.

"My kids had a great year despite Mother Nature's better efforts," said Jessica Wehrman, a mother of two Maury Elementary School students in Alexandria.

To meet the state's 180 days, or 990 hours of mandatory education instruction, schools across Northern Virginia and Maryland had to come up with plans to make up for the days they missed during the heavy snow.

Alexandria City public school students missed 10 days of school this year because of the winter weather. Since ACPS has 183 days of school, which include built-in make-up days, ACPS was able to meet the state requirement by using those built-in make-up days and adding minutes to its middle schools in order to finish the school year according to schedule. But had any more days been missed, ACPS would have needed to make up another day into summer.

Wehrman says that she was relieved to find out that her children did not have to stay in school longer than they needed. "You start making summer plans around January or February," said Wehrman. "That's when summer camps start registration, and camps have varying refund policies."

Arlington was one of the few public school juris-

dictions that did not have to add on any full make up days at all. This year, APS students missed only nine days of school, and therefore were able to instead turn their early release days into full days of school to meet the state's 990 hours of mandatory instruction.

"It's great that we didn't have to make up so many hours," said Ida Olkkonen, a mother of two at Arlington's Key Elementary School.

But other public school jurisdictions like Fairfax, were less fortunate this winter. Fairfax students stayed home for 11 days, and had to add on five make-up days this year, which has taken away five days from summer.

FCPS Public Information Officer John Torre says that after March 17, which was the final day that school was cancelled, every possibility was explored before they were forced to add on another day into summer.

Virginia public schools have the option of filing an appeal waiver to the state's department of education to try to avoid extra make-up days, but although FCPS' considered requesting for a waiver, the VDOE said that FCPS would not be given one.

June 25 is now the last day of class for Fairfax students, an extension that parents like Nishta Gupta, an Edison High School mother of two, thinks is unnecessary.

"They should have more days built into the schedule," said Gupta, who is thankful that she and her family did not have any travel plans this year. "It's not a good idea to make them up."

Montgomery County was another public school jurisdiction that had to make up days to account for the 10 days of school that were lost during the winter.

"Every week it was storm, after storm, after storm, so we had to find some way to make up some of those instructional days that were lost if we did not receive a waiver," said Gboyinde Onijala, a MCPS spokeswoman.

But in April, Maryland's state superintendent granted MCPS a waiver that allowed them to go four days less than the mandatory days of instructions if MCPS held just two make up days.

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Democrats Divided on Approach to Animal Rights

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slaughter requirements. Now that he's stepping down, though, advocates for animal rights may be losing one of their key supporters.

"To a certain degree, I imagine that most candidates running for office want to be their own person," said Geoff Skelley, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "But I think you could probably put animal rights supporters who make that a priority issue in the same wing of the party as environmentalists, and so this is not the kind of issue candidates can ignore."

When asked about his position on animal rights, former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer said he was a fan of the 1975 book "Animal Liberation" by Australian philosopher Peter Singer, which argues against discrimination based on species. Since launching his campaign for Congress, Beyer has called on supporters to join a petition started by U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-Ore.) urging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to withdraw its plan to weaken Endangered Species Act protections for gray wolves.

"I continue to be strongly concerned about animal testing, especially as you move up the chain with dogs and cats and rabbits. It's just not right to put them through pain and torture just for human testing," said Beyer. "And I've already promised Jim Moran that if I win, I will join the animal rights caucus."

WHEN ASKED ABOUT animal rights, several candidates were not so sure whether they would join the caucus or not. Former Urban League of Northern Virginia president Lavern Chatman said she would ask for Moran about advice as to which caucuses she would join other than the Congressional Black Caucus. Alexandria Planning Commissioner Derek Hyra said he had no plans to join the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus.

"I probably would set my sights on other issues," said Hyra. "I would absolutely support a caucus like that. I don't know if I would necessarily be the best candidate to join that caucus."

Several candidates said they were proud that Moran had developed such a strong portfolio on the issue, and they hoped to continue his work although they didn't have any plans to pursue specific legislation. Del.



All 10 candidates for the Democratic primary to replace longtime U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) gather at George Mason School of Public Policy in Arlington this week.

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Charniele Herring (D-46), for example, said she admires Moran's recent efforts to limit the use of exotic circus animals. But she said she had no specific agenda on animal rights at this point in the campaign. Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille said he supports Moran's efforts, although it's not an issue he's focused on. State Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) said he wants to continue Moran's existing legislative agenda on animal rights.

"I've talked with Jim about the need to preserve the gray wolf and his work on labeling fur," said Ebbin. "But one of the things that we've got to do is follow through on Jim's legislation to make sure that chickens, when they are processed, are not boiled alive, which is not just an animal rights issue but is also a health issue."

TWO OF THE CANDIDATES pledged that if elected they would go after puppy mills, commercial dog breeding operations, that have been strongly criticized by animal rights supporters. That could be significant in the next Congress, when legislators might consider proposed regulations allowing puppy mills to sell dogs over the Internet.

"I'd like to shut the puppy mills down, frankly," said Hope. "A bill that's passed in a couple of states is devocalization of cats and dogs. I'd like to ban that practice outright."

During last year's campaign, Mark Levine said he wrote an op-ed criticizing attorney general candidate Sen. Mark Obenshain (R-26) for his stand against regulating or ban-

ning puppy mills. If elected, he said, he would crack down on the industry.

"I wrote an article that said if you hate puppies, here's your your candidate," said Levine. "They put them in cages, like, one on top of another, which is awful."

LAST WEEKEND, animal rights supporters rallied at the Capitol against breed-specific legislation targeting. For example, Prince George's County bans residents from owning pit bulls. Many animal rights advocates say breed specific laws are difficult to enforce and that no evidence exists to prove that they make communities any safer. When asked about breed-specific legislation, only one candidate — former Navy pilot Bruce Shuttleworth — said he opposed efforts to target pit bulls.

"Some of the nicest dogs I've ever met have been pit bulls," said Shuttleworth. "If a pit bull becomes less nice, it's probably because of the environment, and there's no reason we should be prejudiced against any animal breed."

One candidate said he supports breed-specific legislation.

"I think pit bulls are cruel," said businessman Satish Korpe. "They are a danger to society many times if they are not controlled."

Meals Tax Could Generate \$88 Million in Revenue

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cent years for our board to once again allow the voters to decide whether or not they wish to avail themselves of this additional source of revenue. Reasons for urging this include the desire to diversify the revenues we have available to fund schools, public safety, parks, libraries and human services," Bulova said.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland, who has proposed a meal tax sev-

eral times in the past, said that voters need to be better informed this time as to why they should vote for the tax.

"To be quite frank, the last time we put it to referendum, there was almost silence on the side of why we were asking people to do it. Most important, the questions should be what are we going to do with the money if it passes and we have a meals tax," Hyland said.

Adams, who is president of the Fairfax Education Association and part of the new

"Invest in Fairfax" coalition, said at the budget hearings that the extra revenue is needed for Fairfax County services that citizens depend on.

"If you can afford to eat out in a nice restaurant, you can afford to pay the four percent tax," she said.

AT A RECENT Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce event, Lee District Supervisor Jeffrey McKay told members that Fairfax County needs to diversify its revenue

and that there was pressure from school advocates to consider a meals tax.

"Will it pass if it's put on the ballot? I don't know. I think it's unlikely, to tell you the truth," McKay said at the event.

The meals tax referendum task force includes a coalition of organizations within the county, including the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, the Fairfax Education Association, the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance, and the Federation of Citizens Associations.

Help Control Invasive Plants

At a May 16 free workshop, the U.S. National Park Service will train volunteers in how to control invasive plants and protect the George Washington Memorial Parkway's landscapes, biodiversity, native plants and local property values.

The workshop will be held 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria. Bring a lunch for 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Field training will take place from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve.

Wear sturdy shoes, bring water and dress for the weather. Tools will be provided.

The workshop is free, but sign-ups are appreciated.

Contact Erik Oberg at 703-289-2542 or email erik_oberg@nps.gov.

The event is cosponsored by the National Park Service (www.nps.gov/gwmp) and the Friends of Dyke Marsh (www.fodm.org).

The National Park Service manages the parkway, but it is overrun with invasive plants like English ivy, porcelain berry and bush honeysuckle. Invasive plants pull down native trees and outcompete native plants, reduce shade, diminish wildlife habitat and obscure views.

A tree by the Mount Vernon Parkway is covered in English ivy.



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Fairfax County School Board Addressing Budget Shortfall

Budget shortfall is \$17 million.

The Fairfax County School Board is considering options to close a \$17 million shortfall in their 2015 budget. Superintendent Karen Garza presented the board with possible adjustments at a work session on April 28.

The school board is set to adopt their final budget on May 22. On April 29, the Board of Supervisors approved the FY 2015 budget, including a school transfer of three percent, short of Garza's requested 5.7 percent increase.

According to Garza, \$30 million is expected from the state, leaving the budget shortfall at \$17 million.

"This ballgame would be so different right now if it weren't for the additional \$30 million that we are anticipating from the state," Garza said. "It would be much more dire."

A recommendation was also made to delay step increases until November, which would save \$12 million.

"We know that we will have insufficient revenue to implement the full compensation package that we had talked about before, but we believe that we have

a good recommendation for taking care of our employees and making some long-term commitments to our employees that I think are very, very important," Garza said.

The new recommendations also provide money for AP/IB student fees, which means students will not have to pay for them, as was suggested in the earlier proposed budget.

"Unless we pay for the fees, we cannot require students to take the test," Garza said. "It gives you the opportunity to measure the effectiveness of the program, and otherwise you are not going to have a true effectiveness measure."

Garza said paying for the AP/IB test fees is a good investment.

"Yes we know that many of our families can afford those fees, but we have a lot of families where both parents are working two jobs and some of our students take up to six tests," Garza said. "Students see this as an additional barrier that we don't need to put in front of them."

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OPINION

Yes to the Meals Tax Referendum

Voters could decide on the tax in November.

Economic diversification is worthy goal. All of your eggs shouldn't be in one basket. All of your revenue shouldn't come from one source.

In Fairfax County, adding a meals tax at the same level as Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church and the City of Fairfax, 4 percent, could generate \$88 million a year. The county estimates that 25-30 percent of the meals taxes collected would be paid by non-county residents.

The inability to implement alternative revenue sources will mean continued dependence on one basket. The combined increase in the real estate property tax rate and home values

means that most homeowners will be paying hundreds of dollars more in property taxes regardless of their ability to pay.

In Virginia, localities have only the powers explicitly granted to them by the General Assembly. In Northern Virginia, the economic engine of the state, this has translated into heavy dependence on the real estate property tax to fund everything, because localities are allowed few revenue options.

Fairfax County has a task force studying the possibility of holding a required referendum to let voters decide on adding a meals tax. It would applied to "ready-to-eat foods and beverages wherever they are sold," but not vending machines.

Former Board Chairman Kate Hanley and former Board Chairman and U.S. Rep. Tom Davis will chair the task force and report back to the Board of Supervisors in mid June. If su-

pervisors approved the referendum, it could appear on the November ballot.

It's interesting that historically, Fairfax County voters overwhelmingly give the thumbs up to authorizing capital improvements to schools, parks and roads via bond sales, but in 1992, voters said no to the meals tax. It will be up to elected officials and advocates for schools, parks, libraries, public safety and human services to help make the case for the increase.

(Taxing income is a power the Commonwealth of Virginia retains for itself, and it is a mechanism that sends money from Northern Virginia to other parts of the state while forcing Northern Virginia localities to depend on property taxes.)

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County Budget Falls Short for FCPS

BY ILRYONG MOON

FAIRFAX COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMAN

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) continues to state that education is its top priority but its actions clearly do not match its words — not when county spending next year will increase by 3.6 percent while Fairfax County Public Schools' (FCPS) budget is projected to increase by just 1.6 percent over last year's adopted budget. Overall, FCPS will receive 52.4 percent of the county's budget, down from 52.7 percent this year. While this percentage change seems

small, that equates to more than \$12 million that FCPS would have received.

COMMENTARY

In his April 22 newsletter to residents, Supervisor Pat Herrity makes several misleading assertions about the FCPS budget. He suggests that the School Board already has available funding to meet the school system's needs, beyond the amount that will be transferred from the county and state. We would like to correct these misperceptions.

Supervisor Herrity suggests increasing the salary "lapse rate" (a salary lapse occurs during a job vacancy). FCPS' budgeted lapse savings are based on historical trends. FCPS has taken several steps to adjust compensation accounts in the FY 2015 budget including using lower salaries to budget for vacant positions and for new positions due to enrollment growth. Whatever is remaining in the compensation accounts, combined with other savings



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generated throughout the year, go into the ending balance which we use to fund the following year's budget.

Supervisor Herrity suggests eliminating pay raises for administrators to save \$13 million.

The cost of providing a step increase for all employees is \$41 million. Of that amount, the cost for the administrative positions in schools is \$1.7 million and central administrators account for \$300,000. To achieve his goal of \$13 million in savings, pay raises would need to be denied to employees who directly serve students including advanced academic resource teachers, work experience teachers, instructional support teachers, school counselors, librarians, audiologists, physical and occupational therapists, English for speakers of languages teachers, professional technical project teachers, public health attendants, public health training assistants, school-based technologists, psychologists, social workers, school clerical, school custodial, and school administration.

Supervisor Herrity also claims that many of our teachers are doing administration instead of teaching. He states that if we "take the total number of students in the school system and

divide it by the number of full time equivalent teachers, we should get a class size of 12." As our class size is not as such, he alleges that our teachers must be doing administration. This canard has been raised before by Supervisor Herrity and it is irresponsible for him to continue to deliberately mislead the public by using deceitful teacher-student ratios in his comments.

This doesn't result in purposeful conversation, but rather distracts the community from the real issue of fully funding schools. To clarify once again, "full time equivalent teachers" are much more than classroom teachers. They also include special education teachers, English for Speakers of Other Languages teachers, instructional coaches, speech therapists, guidance counselors, librarians, music, physical education teachers, and more. Although these professionals do not have assigned classrooms, they are all teaching and working directly with students.

It takes more than a single classroom teacher to provide a well-rounded and full education for FCPS students.

Moving forward, it's critical in budget discussions that disingenuous arguments are not used to refute or support one's position. This should not be seen as a School Board versus Board of Supervisors debate. We are partners. The School Board will continue to work closely with the Supervisors in an effort to develop long-term sustainable funding for FCPS and to meet the expectations of the community to maintain our world-class school system.

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THURSDAY/MAY 8

Home Improvement Workshop. 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior

Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Staying Home: Making Smart Choices for Easy Living program on aging in place. Experts share tips to minimize financial costs of home modifications, avoid scams and use local resources. Light refreshments provided. Free, reservation requested. Visit aarp.cvent.com/VA_May8 or call 877-926-8300.

Business Networking. 5:30-7 p.m. at Burke & Herbert Bank Franconia

Branch, 5519 Franconia Road. Networking mixer with the Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce. Free to chamber members and guests, \$10 at the door for others. Call 703-360-6925 for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 9

Health and Resiliency Conference.

10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at FCPS Virginia Hills Center- 6520 Diana Lane,

Alexandria. NEXUS presents "Access to Hope: Whole Child & Whole Health." Interactive discussions with public school leaders including students. Morning session, lunch and afternoon session, all free. Contact Lainge Bailey at lainge@earthlink.net, lainge@cox.net or 703-660-2327. Reservations needed for each session and luncheon.

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SATURDAY/MAY 10

Spring Vendor Fair and Yard Sale.

Yard sale 7 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot, fair 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. The PTSA hosts the spring vendor fair and yard sale. Vendor tables are \$25, tables for yard sale are \$10. Concurrent yard sale 7 a.m.-1 p.m. in the parking lot, with proceeds to benefit the All Night Grad Party. For fair, contact Dana Melvin at dana.melvin@cox.net, for yard sale contact George Vargas at vargasbe@aol.com or Kay Martinez at akam4@hotmail.com.

Community Office Hours. 10 a.m.-noon at the Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Hwy. and 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Office hours with Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District School Board Member for Fairfax County Public Schools. Stop by to ask questions or to discuss concerns, no appointment necessary. Contact Dan Storck at Dan.Storck@fcps.edu or Mary Ellen Hook at mehook@fcps.edu.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 14

Candidate Event. 7 p.m. at Guarapo, 2039 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Meet and greet with the 8th District Democratic candidates hosted by the Democratic Asian Americans and the Democratic Latino Organization of Virginia. Free, open to the public, light snacks will be served. Drinks and dinner can be purchased. RSVP is requested at <http://ht.ly/wwwPv>.

Bird Banding Presentation. 7:30 p.m., at the Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Dr. Bruce Peterjohn, Chief of the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory-Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, will present information that has been learned from banding birds. Free. Call 703-768-2525.

FRIDAY/MAY 16

Rye Whiskey Sale Begins. 10 a.m. at the Shops at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy., and the Distillery & Gristmills gift shop, 5514 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy. Made at George Washington's reconstructed distillery with authentic recipe and process. Bottles for sale at \$95 each in person only. Visit www.mountvernon.org/WhiskeySale.

Invasive Plant Training. 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., meeting at the Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane. National Park Service biologist Erik Oberg will conduct a training on how to identify and control invasive plants. Wear sturdy shoes. Free, but reservation requested at 703-289-2542 or erik_oberg@nps.gov.

SATURDAY/MAY 17

STEM Career Festival. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Students age 9-18 and parents are welcome to explore science, technology, engineering and math career options by meeting professionals and participating in activities. Free, registration encouraged; visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-nova-stem-career-festival-full-steam-ahead-in-2014-tickets-10413734761>.

Orchestra Auditions. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Immanuel Church on the Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. Auditions for the Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra and the Washington Metropolitan Concert Orchestra, both for young musicians. For complete audition information, requirements

and registration visit www.wmpamusic.org/wmyo-auditions.html for the youth orchestra and www.wmpamusic.org/wmco-auditions.html for the concert orchestra. Visit www.wmpamusic.org for more.

Conversation on Teen Stress. 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road. "Community Conversation on Teen Stress: Fostering Wellness and Resiliency" features Dr. Brad Sachs, psychologist and author, more than 60 breakout sessions and resource exhibit. Light lunch included. Free but registration encouraged, visit www.fcps.edu/dss/summit/index.shtml.

MONDAY/MAY 19

Voter Registration Deadline. For the June 10 Democratic primary election for U.S. House of Representatives. To register or update address, visit <http://vote.virginia.gov> or call 703-746-4050.

Orchestra Auditions. 4:30-9 p.m. in the Ainslie Arts Center at Episcopal High School, 3800 West Braddock Road. Auditions for the Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra and the Washington Metropolitan Concert Orchestra, both for young musicians. For complete audition information, requirements and registration visit [www.wmpamusic.org/wmyo-](http://www.wmpamusic.org/wmyo-auditions.html)

www.wmpamusic.org/wmco-auditions.html for the youth orchestra and www.wmpamusic.org/wmco-auditions.html for the concert orchestra. Visit www.wmpamusic.org.

TUESDAY/MAY 20

Lions Dinner Meeting. 6:30 p.m. at Pema's Restaurant, 8430 Richmond Hwy. Dr. Leslie Lesner shares information on hearing problems and hearing aides at the Mount Vernon Evening Lions dinner meeting. Socializing at 6:30, dinner at 7. Call Andrea Corsillo at 703-960-4973.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 21

Fundraiser Dinner. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at

Meadowlark Botanical Gardens, 9750 Meadowlark Gardens Court, Vienna. Benefit for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association features keynote by author Eleanor Clift, live auction, wine pull and "Petticoats in Politics," a one-woman musical. Tickets are \$100. Visit www.suffragistmemorial.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 29

Sports Physicals. 6-7:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria, entrance #1. \$50 pre-registered, walk-ins \$60, checks made payable to MVHS. Physical forms at www.fcps.edu/sports.

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Spring Update on Transportation Improvements

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
DELEGATE (D-44)



Spring has arrived which means a beginning to the construction season. Here's an update regarding transportation improvements in our area.

U.S. 1 WIDENING

Last week, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) started construction to six-lane U.S. 1 from Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway to Telegraph Road and reserve transit right-of-way in the center. The project will take two years and is funded by the federal government thanks to U.S. Rep. Jim Moran.

JEFF TODD WAY/MULLIGAN ROAD OPENING

In September 2014, Jeff Todd Way will open between U.S. 1 (Roy Rogers) and Telegraph Road finally restoring cross-county connectivity between Woodlawn and Hayfield after access through Fort Belvoir was shut down 13 years ago. Listen for the loud sigh of relief in 22309 after opening.

U.S. 1 TRANSIT

The U.S. 1 Multimodal Transit Alternatives Analysis Study is progressing. The

team is currently evaluating which transit option is the best option for our community.

The two-stop Yellow Line extension to Hybla Valley with bus rapid transit to Woodbridge or the "Hybrid Option" is the best choice to

bring the redevelopment, traffic, environmental, and quality of life benefits to our community. More than 400 people have signed my petition urging the consultants to accept this option. Please sign my petition and post up your comments at bit.ly/extendyellowline.

Additionally, state Sen. Toddy Puller secured a \$4 million in the senate budget which would accelerate the planning, engineering, and funding process for whatever option is recommended. We are fighting to ensure its inclusion in the final budget.

FORT HUNT PAVING

In my last online constituent survey, Fort Hunt Road was voted most in need of paving in the community. It was originally scheduled for paving in 2014, but 2014 winter weather expenses were double the anticipated amount and VDOT has sacrificed paving operations to make up the shortfall. Fort Hunt Road later this year or

next spring/summer at the latest.

NEIGHBORHOOD PAVING

Other significant paving work that was bid and contracted before the winter has begun in the Kirkside, Mason Hill, and Hollin Hills neighborhoods. I have posted a map showing this year's paving operations in the 44th District on my blog — The Dixie Pig at scottsurovell.blogspot.com.

SHERWOOD HALL LANE

In February of 2013, several people complained about increased speeds and illegal driving behaviors on Sherwood Hall Lane. At the request of Supervisor Hyland, I asked the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) to investigate options for increasing traffic safety.

After a public hearing and considering public input, the Fairfax County has recommended to VDOT that Sherwood Hall Lane be restriped to include bike lanes its entire length and that roadside parking be maintained. Additionally, a separate discussion is ongoing about the addition of one or two crosswalks to provide better access to Hollin Meadows Elementary School along with other improvements to facilitate safer pedestrian movement across the road.

VDOT has advised me that paving on Sherwood Hall Lane will begin around June 1 and take approximately 30 days to complete.

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FUTURE AREA IMPROVEMENTS

A few people have asked me when we can expect to see the results of the transportation tax increases passed last year. The new taxes became effective on July 1, 2013 so we have not seen 12 months of revenue yet. Additionally, the law requires \$100 million per year to be dedicated to the Silver Line for three years, so much of the new revenue is already allocated. Anyone navigating the potholes on Fort Hunt Road or seeing the hay that grows in our medians during the summer, can appreciate how large the secondary road maintenance backlog is today and VDOT is playing catch-up to get our roads back up to speed.

Finally, the planning process for the road allocations is ongoing and the Commonwealth Transportation Board is implementing new "objective" metrics to allocate road spending. I have concerns about the objectivity of the formula which I have raised and debated on the floor of the House since this idea was first proposed in 2010. Notwithstanding, there are many good things happening in our area on the transportation front and I am hopeful we will see some big changes over the next decade. It is an honor to serve as your state delegate. Email me at scottsurovell@gmail.com if you have any feedback.

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Balloons were flown May 2 to demonstrate to the community just how tall the proposed debris height, wind turbines and berm will be. In this picture, the height of the wind turbines is shown.

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A view of the Lorton landfill from a nearby community.

Balloon Test Shows Height of Proposed Landfill Application

Landfill public hearing is on May 13.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

If the EnviroSolutions application to extend the life of the landfill in Lorton is approved by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on May 13, just how tall will the debris look to those from the ground? Just how tall is 395 feet, anyway?

The proposed height was demonstrated to anyone within the area on Friday, May 2, who could catch a glimpse of the landfill off of Interstate 95 and Furnace Road when a balloon test was conducted.

Balloons were flown to give residents a general idea just how tall the landfill and 70-foot berm will be if the current application is approved.

Three balloons were flown at 395 feet, showing the proposed final debris elevation height. Two balloons showing the height of the wind turbines, which will be 180 feet on top of the landfill's final elevation, were also flown. Five balloons were also shown at the proposed 70-foot berm.

THE BALLOON TEST occurred a week and a half before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors is holding a public hearing on the application to extend the life of the landfill past the previous agreed upon date in 2018. Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland is opposed to the application.

The EnviroSolutions application to extend operation of the landfill until 2040 was the subject of a Planning Commission public hearing in late February that lasted until 3 a.m.

Many Lorton residents, including business owner Bill Lynch, are opposed to the appli-

cation because they say the green energy components that EnviroSolutions is proposing in return for being able to keep the landfill open past 2018 are distractions.

"It's a smoke screen to cover up massive expansion," said Lynch, whose office at Gunston Commerce Center is near the landfill.

Some residents, including South County Federation president Nick Firth, disapprove of the new application because a 2006 EnviroSolutions application was already approved in 2006, in which a park would be built on the landfill after it closed in 2018.

But Conrad Mehan, EnviroSolutions' director of government relations, has said that due to liability issues, they are unable to take ownership of the park.

On March 28, EnviroSolutions announced that it made changes to its application, reducing the requested extension of the landfill from 2040 to 2032, and also reducing the height of the landfill by 36 percent of 412 feet that had been approved.

When the application was voted on at the April 3 Planning Commission meeting, commissioners added on a list of issues they believe the Board of Supervisors should look at before approving the application.

Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan voted against the application, citing a number of concerns and saying the landfill did not serve as the proper gateway to Fairfax County and that wind turbines could negatively affect the bald eagle population at nearby Mason Neck State Park.

"There are more benefits to the county by denying than approving this application," Flanagan said.

Lynch, who plans on speaking at the public hearing on Tuesday, cites the buyout provisions in the new application. For example, if EnviroSolutions fails to provide infrastruc-

ture for the solar component, they must pay \$3 million to Fairfax County.

Lynch believes it is easier for EnviroSolutions to just pay the buy-out provisions, so the green energy components will be nonexistent and the community will be left with a landfill.

But Mehan said in an interview in March that EnviroSolutions is committed to the green energy components.

"Because they brought this up, there's a

penalty cause in the application, that if for whatever reason, we do not install and operate one of the four green energy technologies, we have to pay money. It's the equivalent of what it would cost for us to do it," Mehan said.

THE PUBLIC HEARING will take place on May 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the board auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center.

Sisters Open Tutoring Service

Above Grade Level of Northern Virginia recently opened its doors; a business born from two Northern Virginia sisters, Elizabeth Colon and Christa Huntley of Alexandria. Both new moms of infant daughters, they joined their passions for education and children.

Above Grade Level of Northern Virginia provides an in-home tutoring service for kindergarteners through 12th graders, including a free skills assessment. The program uses an in-home professional tutor, diagnostic evaluation and specialized teaching curriculum.

Colon and Huntley come from diverse career backgrounds. While Colon conducted employee training in the corporate world, Huntley delved into criminology and forensic research for the government. With more and more schools dealing with budgetary constraints and large student-to-teacher ratios, both saw a need for individual in-home tutoring.

Colon graduated from Penn State University with dual degrees in international politics and Spanish and resides in the Fredericksburg-area, with her husband



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Christa Huntley (left) and Elizabeth Colon, sisters and co-owners of Above Grade Level, Northern Virginia.

and daughter.

Huntley received her master's degree in forensic psychology from Marymount University and dual bachelor's degrees in criminology and psychology from Florida State University. Huntley lives in Alexandria with her husband and infant daughter.

For more information on Above Grade Level of Northern Virginia, call 571-620-0245 or visit www.AGLNOVA.com.

Easing Overcrowded Roadway

BY JIM MORAN
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-8)

A key section of Route 1 is finally getting some relief. Chronic congestion, compounded by the 2005 BRAC decision which brought an influx of nearly 13,000 new military and civilian personnel, plus a brand new hospital that can receive many more new visitors, has made commuting in this part of Fairfax County more difficult.

COMMENTARY

Thankfully, the federal government recognized that its role in addressing BRAC induced congestion was not only appropriate but necessary. Marking the start of an ambitious project that will use \$180 million in federal investment, I joined Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander Colonel Gadson, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly, state Sen. Toddy Puller, and Fairfax County leaders to break ground on widening this main thoroughfare on April 28.

Scheduled for completion in 2016, the Virginia Department of Transportation will use the \$180 million secured through an earmark I placed in the 2011 defense spending bill to expand a 3.5 mile segment of Route 1/Richmond Highway between Mount Vernon Memorial Highway and Telegraph Road.

In addition to widening the road from four lanes to six, intersections will be improved with new traffic signals and turn lanes that will shorten commuter times and ease congestion on the overcrowded roadway.



A 32 foot-wide median is also being set aside to accommodate future growth and enable the potential for light rail or bus rapid transit along the Route 1 corridor.

The economic viability of the Route 1 corridor depends on a robust transportation infrastructure that meets the needs of commuters and local busi-

nesses. These improvements will increase the quality of life for those who live and work in the surrounding communities. Improved transit through Fort Belvoir and reduced overall congestion will enhance access to the Fort Belvoir Hospital for thousands of patients, wounded warriors, and their families.

This day was a long time coming and would not have been possible if not for tireless work of Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, who administered the project, VDOT, Fairfax County, Fort Belvoir, Sen. Toddy Puller, Delegates Scott Surovell and Mark Sickles, Chairman Bulova, Supervisors McKay and Hyland, and Garrison Commander Col. Gadson. I am pleased to have been a part of this process, bringing federal economic assistance funds for a project that will continue making Northern Virginia one of the best places to live, work, and raise a family in the country.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Connect With a Child

To the Editor:

As we read recent news stories on children suffering through neglect, a local coach charged with sexual abuse, and families struggling to find services and shelter, we couldn't help but wonder—was there someone in each child's life who could have been a positive connection and made a difference? The truth of what we work for and promote at SCAN is that the simple, everyday interactions with kids do make a difference in their health, safety and happiness. That's why we launched our new community education campaign, Kids Need Connections, during National Child Abuse Awareness Month in April.

As teen advocate Josh Shipp says, "Every kid is one caring adult away from becoming a success story." We couldn't agree more. We know positive adult-child connections are critical to keep children safe. We know that when a child feels loved and supported by multiple adults, they learn to value themselves and feel empowered to succeed.

So as the buzz dies down from April, we're challenging community members: How will you be a connection for a child?

We encourage you to take on this responsibility. That is how prevention works and families thrive. Here's what you can do:

- ❖ Schedule special time to catch up with your own child or a child in your community. Take a walk, toss a ball or eat a meal together.
- ❖ Take notice when a child or family is struggling. Smile and praise the child or parent — acknowledge that parenting is a tough but rewarding job.

- ❖ Create opportunities in your community for families to build new connections in safe, supportive environments.

- ❖ Connect with kids by volunteering.

We have additional ideas on our website. Visit www.scanva.org/kidsneedconnections to learn more, or consider joining us for SCAN's upcoming Volunteer Orientation on May 22.

Thanks to every community member who made April such a success. Now the real work begins.

Sonia Quinonez

Executive Director

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ONGOING

Art Exhibit. Through June 2, Courtney S. Hengerer's acrylic paintings on wood panels are on display for the exhibit "Playground" in Studio 21 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Opening reception to meet the artist Thursday, May 8, 6:30-8 p.m. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

Art Exhibit. Through June 22, "Words and Letters" in the Athenaeum gallery, 201 Prince St. This multimedia show from regional artists uses text as a component of visual art. Opening reception Sunday, May 11, 4-6 p.m. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Student Art Exhibit. Twenty T.C. Williams High School students selected as this year's National Art Honor Society inductees exhibit artwork through May 11 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Art Exhibit. "Sound of Butterfly," a solo exhibition of new work by Soomin Ham, a photographer and multimedia artist. Through May 11 at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Studio 312, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. except Thursdays, 1-9 p.m. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Photography Exhibit. "Threesomes," photography by Maureen Minehan in sets of three standalone images. On display in the Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St., Alexandria, May 13-June 22. Open daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m. except Thursday, 2-8 p.m. Opening reception Sunday, June 1, 2-4 p.m.

Art Exhibit. See "Spirit of Place: Dyke Marsh," an exhibition of photography by Anthony Peritore and sculptural works by Megan Peritore through May 18 in the Crossroads Gallery, located in Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, 3440 S. Jefferson St., Falls Church. Free.

Theatre One-Man Shows. Through May 25, two shows will be performed in repertory at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. The Thousandth Night by Carol Wolf and starring Marcus Kyd, and Underneath the Lintel by Glen Berger starring Paul Morella will be performed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 or 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sundays at 3 and 7 p.m. Tickets \$50 (students \$25) at 800-494-8497 or www.boxofficetickets.com. Visit www.metrostage.org for more.

Children's Theater. Arts on the Horizon presents "Sunny and Licorice" at The Lab at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Show is 30 minutes and best for ages 2-5. Performances are 10:30 a.m. May 30, June 4-6 and June 11-13; and 10 and 11:30 a.m. May 31, June 7 and June 14. \$8 tickets, purchase online or at the door. At each show the group will collect non-perishable food and canned good for Community Lodgings. Visit www.artsonthehorizon.org/sunny-and-licorice or call 703-967-0437.

Historic Attic and Alley Tours. 9 a.m.-noon through May 31 at the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. or at the Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. The curious are invited to visit rarely seen spaces at four of Alexandria's historic sites on this

special three-hour walking tour of Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden and Carlyle House Historic Park. \$35. Visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/GadsbysTavern.

All Alexandria Reads. Spring events mark Alexandria's annual one book, one community campaign. Adults are invited to ready the recently republished "When Washington Was in Vogue," a once-lost novel by Edward Christopher Williams which depicts the vibrant social life of Washington D.C.'s upper class African Americans during the Harlem Renaissance and jazz age. Younger readers are invited to read the picture book, "Harlem's Little Blackbird," by Renée Watson or the chapter book, "Bud, Not Buddy," by Christopher Paul Curtis. More than 50 related activities are planned through May; for full list of programs visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Spy Program at Mount Vernon. 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through June 1. Learn about spying during the Revolutionary War, including concealment codes, invisible ink and double agents. Self-guided programs with map provided. Free with admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/spy.

Art Exhibit. Through June 8 at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Meditations on the Boundless, an exhibit of acrylic paintings on yupo paper by Arlington artist Kimberly DiNatale. Gallery hours 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

Art Exhibit. "Women Legends of Alexandria: 2007-2013" art exhibit will be on display at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N. Washington St., suite 100. The exhibit will showcase portraits from the Living Legends of Alexandria project with selected works from the Del Ray Artisans. Show runs through June 27. Hours are Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Art Exhibit. "Printed Painted Potted," Avis Fleming's one-artist show of etchings, lithographs, monotypes, paintings and ceramics features landscapes of Ireland, Maine and Louisiana and birds, people and dogs. Through June 30 at Printmakers Inc., Studio #325 in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Open daily 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 703-683-1342.

Historical Exhibit. Through August at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. "Sit Down and Take a Stand" commemorates the 1939 library sit-in of five African American men and its mastermind, Samuel Tucker. One of the earliest occasions of individuals using the sit-in as an act of civil disobedience in the modern civil rights movement. Tuesdays-Saturdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 703-746-4356.

Doggy Happy Hours. 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Thursdays during the summer. Free, drinks sold separately. Treats and water for dogs, with pet boutique and service vendors. Portions of proceeds benefit People. Animals. Love. Visit www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-hour.html.

New Exhibit. Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus



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Held at the National Center for Latino Performing Arts, the event will honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the artistic community in the Washington metropolitan area.

QuinTango, a chamber tango quintet comprised of two violins, bass, cello and piano, has initiated thousands of new fans to the music of tango by engaging audiences with their sizzling fusion of traditional South American tango repertoire and classical chamber music style.

Under the leadership of long-time Alexandria resident and violinist Joan Singer, QuinTango has grown from a local music group to an internationally recognized touring ensemble who have performed at The White House, Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center Plaza, theaters in Uruguay, Argentina, Mexico, France, Costa Rica and throughout the United States. This summer QuinTango will tour Costa Rica, bringing 25 fans with them, in-

cluding six Alexandrians.

An active member of Alexandria's arts community and Arts Forum, QuinTango has created innovative arts education programs for the city's youth since 2009. With support from the Alexandria Arts Commission and RunningBrooke Foundation, the group has worked with students at Ramsay Elementary School, Mount Vernon Community School, John Adams Elementary School and Charles Houston and Mount Vernon Recreation Centers. This year QuinTango taught workshops on Tango and Soccer to students at Tucker Elementary School and coached young string students in All-City Sinfonia on the art of playing tango music.

QuinTango's award-winning artistry can be heard at the Music at Twilight concert at 7:30 p.m. on June 12 at John Carlyle Park. The concert finale will feature the Tucker Tango Team and All City StringTango orchestra performing with QuinTango. The concert is free and sponsored by Alexandria Parks and Recreation. Tickets for the May 13 GALA Hispanic Theater's Noche de Estrella are available at www.galatheatre.org.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Alexandria Cars & Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every

month. 8:30-11 a.m.

Songwriter's Showcase. Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Features a different Songwriter's Association of Washington artist each week. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for tickets.

George Washington's Mount Vernon has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon

request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Learn more at PresPassport.Monticello.org.

Art Exhibit. See "Sit Down and Take a Stand: Samuel W. Tucker and the 1939 Alexandria Library Sit-In" at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The exhibit focuses on the life of famed civil rights attorney Samuel Wilber Tucker, and highlights the role of Robert Strange, who was a runner between the library and Tucker's office, keeping Tucker abreast of developments. The exhibit runs through August. Free. 703-746-4356.

ENTERTAINMENT

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Summer Aquatics Classes. For youth and adults, including swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, Lifeguard Training, Swim Team Fundamentals and 2013 Gold Division Champions Wahoos Youth Swim Team. Register online at www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation or in person at the Registration and Reservations Office, 1108 Jefferson St. Contact Claudia Spencer at 703-74605414 or claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov.

Pre-School Studio. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. June 9-19, Mondays-Thursdays children ages 4-6 attend for explorations of clay, collage, drawing and painting as well as creativity, problem solving, collaboration and fun. Call 703-201-1250 or visit www.artatthecenter.org.

History Camp. The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum, is now registering for a camp for children ages 5-7. The camp runs Tuesday, July 29-Thursday, July 31, 9 a.m.-noon at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Clio's Kids Mini-Camp engages children in American history and life in historic Alexandria through artifacts, storytelling, singing, crafts, old-fashioned games and visits to nearby historic places. Cost is \$105, which includes snacks and souvenirs. Advance registration is required. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

Youth Summer Classes. Beginning Monday, July 7, Metropolitan School of the Arts offers pre-professional summer dance, music theater and acting camps, as well as a wide variety of youth summer camps

where students can explore and learn many facets of the performing and visual arts. Visit, www.metropolitanarts.org.

Martial Arts Camps. Potomac Kempo teaches Shaolin Kempo, a blend of Japanese Karate and Chinese Kung Fu. Potomac Kempo's locations will host a camp "virtual tour" of China July 14-18 at the new Huntington location, 5914 N. Kings Hwy.; and Japan, July 21-25 at the Foxchase location, 4617 Duke St. For children age 5-12. Campers will learn about art, cuisine, history and language. Morning and afternoon sessions or all-day option. Visit www.potomackempo.com/summer-camp or call 703-206-8064.

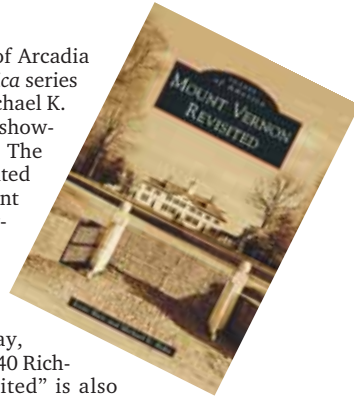
Metro Club After-School Program. Through June, the Metropolitan School of Arts presents an after-school program for grades 1-6. The program is located at both the Lorton studio at Workhouse Arts Center, 9517 Workhouse Way and in Alexandria at 5775 Barclay Drive. Programs will focus on the arts, including 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.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for anyone to develop life-drawing skills further. Just drop-in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint our live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Del Ray Artisans is located at 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for a schedule.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery

Book Signing

"Mount Vernon Revisited," part of Arcadia Publishing's popular *Images of America* series by local authors Jessie Biele and Michael K. Bohn, boasts more than 200 images showcasing the history of Mount Vernon. The modern history of the site is highlighted as well, showing how the development of Route 1 and the George Washington Memorial Parkway in the 20th century contributed to today's economic development and growth in the Mount Vernon area. Meet the authors for a book signing Saturday, May 10, 11a.m.-1 p.m. at Costco, 7940 Richmond Hwy. "Mount Vernon Revisited" is also available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at 888-313-2665 or at www.arcadiapublishing.com.



on 105 N. Union St. 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.

Theater Camp. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. To register, visit www.mvcct.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 8

Spanish Wine Tasting. 6-8 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 South Union St. Tasting led by Spanish wine expert Fletcher

Henderson. The event is free for USPH Wine Club Members and \$10 for non-members. The \$10 event fee will be applied to the purchase of any of the wines offered. Tapas will be served. Purchase tickets at <https://usph.webconnex.com/may8winetasting>.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 8-9

Student Dance, Film and Theater Festival. 7 p.m. at the West Potomac High School Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. West Potomac Academy Dance and Professional Television Production students are teaming up with West Potomac High School's Beyond the Page Theatre Company to produce "Kaleidoscope: Many Colors, One Festival." All dances, films and plays

included in Kaleidoscope reflect the psychology and use of colors. \$5 in advance, \$7 at door. Contact nemantelli@fcps.edu or 703-718-2636 for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 9

Farm to Table Dinner. 6:30-10 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Reception, tour and four-course dinner with products cultivated and produced on the Estate. Wine pairings included. Tickets are \$175 including tax and gratuity. Call 703-780-2000 or visit www.MountVernon.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 9-10

School Musical. 7:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams, Main Campus, 3330 King St., in the main auditorium. "A Chorus Line," a PG-13 show not suitable for young children. \$5 for ACPS students, staff and senior citizens; \$10 adults. Call 703-824-6800.

SATURDAY/MAY 10

Spring Fair and Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-noon at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Community yard sale and 40 vendors offering jewelry, Pampered Chef, handbags, fabric creations, crafts, gourmet coffee and teas, infused oils, sports memorabilia, vintage leather, skin care and wellness products, children's stuffed animals, clothing, books, crocheted baby blankets, Tupperware, baked goods and more.

Park Re-opening. 10 a.m.-noon at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Fairfax County Park Authority re-opens the park after a year-long wetland restoration.

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Guided, behind-the-scenes walking tours begin at 11:15. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/restorationproject.htm or call 703-324-8662.

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket for more.

House and Garden Tour. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. in Del Ray, begins at A Show of Hands, 2301 Mount Vernon Ave. Biennial event serves as a fundraiser for neighborhood projects and the Alexandria Scholarship Fund. \$20 in advance, \$25 day-of. Visit www.delraycitizens.org or come to the Del Ray Farmers Market April 26 and May 3. Volunteers welcome. Contact docentvolunteers@comcast.net.

Book Signing. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Costco, 7940 Richmond Hwy. Jessie Biele and Michael K. Bohn, authors of "Mount Vernon Revisited," a pictorial history of the Mount Vernon community. Visit www.arcadiapublishing.com.

Mothers Day Fashion Show and Dinner. 4-7 p.m. at the Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road. Live entertainment by Al Muntzie and the Renaissance Gospel Singers. Tickets range from \$7 for seniors to \$25 for couples, discounts for advance tickets. Contact Sharlene Jones at 571-332-1006 or Judy Garnett at 703-919-5143.

SUNDAY/MAY 11

Mother's Day Tea at Carlyle House. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. Call 703-549-2997 or visit www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park for more.

Civil War Sunday. 1-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Explore the Civil War in Alexandria with exhibits and artifacts. Free. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

Mother's Day Museum Tours. 1-5 p.m., at Old Town historic sites: Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.; Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St.; or the Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. In honor of Mother's Day, mothers enjoy free admission. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/calendar-of-events/spring.

Mother's Day Open House. 1-4 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Tour the firehouse for free. A photographer will take portraits of families next to historic equipment. Children will receive a fire hat. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or 703-746-4994 for more.

Art Exhibit Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. in the Athenaeum gallery, 201 Prince St. "Words and Letters" runs May 8-June 22. The multimedia show from regional artists uses text as a component of visual art. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

MONDAY/MAY 12

Barbeque and Bluegrass Bash. 6-8:30 p.m. at the Waterfront Market & Cafe, 7 King St. Celebrating 10th anniversary of ACT for Alexandria to benefit its programs; \$50 in advance, \$65 at the door. Visit www.actforalexandria.org.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Birchmere is proud to present Kina Grannis in concert. \$20.00 Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

History Seminar. 7:30 p.m. the Duncan Branch Library, 2501

Commonwealth Ave. Author and education E. Ethelbert Miller presents "Langston Hughes and the Harlem Renaissance." Free. Contact Kimberly Nathaniel at 703-746-1770.

TUESDAY/MAY 13

Art Discussion. 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Decorative arts specialist Oscar Fitzgerald will lead a discussion of the art deco movement in the United States. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

Singers Master Class. 7-9 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. Master class with Alex Fletcher, who will provide feedback to singers on the verge of careers including Q&A, presented by the Singers' Theater of Washington. Free. Visit www.singerstheatre.com.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 14

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Meet author John Muller who will discuss his book: "Frederick Douglass in Washington, D.C.: The Lion of Anacostia." Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

THURSDAY/MAY 15

Genealogy Discussion Group. 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Guest speaker Char McCargo Bah will demonstrate techniques for researching African-American genealogy. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Paul Storm to open for John Hodgman. Visit www.paulandstorm.com or www.Birchmere.com.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 15-17

School Musical. 7:30 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School's Loft, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. The school's 8th grade students fill roles on- and off-stage in the "Wizard of Oz". \$5 at the door, \$1 for children. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 16

Alexandria Library Closed. All branches closed for staff training. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Wine Tasting. 6-9 p.m., at Mount Vernon Estate. Mount Vernon's Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with exclusive evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by "George and Martha Washington," and live jazz. \$38. Visit www.mountvernon.org/winefestival, or call 703-780-2000.

Family Fun Night. 7-10 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center and Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Bring a pool float. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball and floating obstacle course. Swimming skill assessments for youth, a lifeguard skill demonstration and proper lifejacket sizing lesson. Sign-ups for summer camps and Wahoo's Youth Swim Team will also be available on site. \$4 per person. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/c/8437.

SATURDAY/MAY 17

Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Space #13, Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Perennials, natives and more. Grown in the gardens of Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners and in VCE Demonstration Gardens in Arlington and Alexandria. Visit



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This year's Del Ray House & Garden Tour includes the garden at the YMCA on Monroe Avenue, "a work in progress."

2014 Del Ray House & Garden Tour

Save the date for Saturday, May 10 and the 2014 Del Ray House & Garden Tour. This year's tour highlights 10 houses plus two featured gardens, a "work-in-progress" and a hospitality tent at the Del Ray United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$25 at the Del Ray Variety Store or Farmers Market. For more information and to purchase tickets online, visit www.delraycitizens.org. Proceeds benefit the Alexandria Scholarship Fund and community projects funded by the Del Ray Citizens Association.



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Ballet Performance. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Theater, 101 Callahan Drive. "Coppelia," will be performed by the Metropolitan Youth Ballet. The show is geared toward young audiences who can enjoy a 'meet and greet' with the characters after. Tickets \$7.50, visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

Firefighting in Civil War Alexandria Walking Tour. 1-3 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Learn about firefighters and firefighting during the Union occupation. For people age 10 and older. \$6/adults; \$4/age 10-17. Reservations required, www.alexandriava.gov/

FriendshipFirehouse or 703-746-4994.

Wine Tasting. 6-9 p.m., at Mount Vernon Estate. Mount Vernon's Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with exclusive evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by "George and Martha Washington," and live jazz. \$44. Visit www.mountvernon.org/winefestival, or call 703-780-2000.

Live Music. 8 p.m., at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. In partnership with the National Gallery of Art, the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will close its 70th season with pieces known to inspire renowned artist Edgar Degas,

featuring selections by Beethoven, Mozart, Gounod and Verdi plus special guests Anita Johnson and Matt Harding. \$5 youth (18 and under); \$10 students; \$20+ adults. Visit, www.AlexSym.org, or call 703-845-6156.

SUNDAY/MAY 18

Tea Tasting. 2 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Explore and taste teas served during the roaring 20s and time of Prohibition. Presented by certified Tea Specialist and Chef Laurie Bell. Call 703-746-1728 to register.

Garden Picnic. 4-6 p.m., at 1909 Windmill Lane. Join Fort Hunt Preschool & the Mount Vernon

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Unitarian Church for a wonderful afternoon of storytelling and musical performances in our enchanted walled garden. Proceeds from Stories and Music in the Garden will benefit the joint Natural Playground Project of Fort Hunt Preschool and the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church. In case of rain, the event will be held in the Chapel/Rainbow Room. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com/events.

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Live Music. 7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 North Quaker Lane. Folk-pop trio Brother Sun performs. \$20, \$18 for advance sales and members. Call 703-380-3151 or visit www.focusmusic.org/concerts_alexandria.php.

MONDAY/MAY 19

History Lecture. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Roman Honor versus Modern Morality. Learn how Roman honor and modern morality differ through an examination of historical texts, societal myths and archaeological findings. Free. Visit <http://nvfaa.org>.

MONDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 19-25

Film Festival. Venues in Alexandria and Washington. The 56-film GI Film Festival includes advanced screenings and world premieres, showcasing battlefield scenes and issues facing returning GIs on the home front.

\$245 all-access pass, \$70 for weekend pass May 24-25; military discounts. Visit www.gifilmfestival.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 20

Live Music. 7:30 in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Blackmore's Night. \$39.50 Visit www.blackmoresnight.com or www.Birchmere.com.

Historical Show. 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Alexandria Historical Society presents a show with "Rosie the Riveter," portrayed by actress Mary Ann Jung. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org.

FRIDAY/MAY 23

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jenn Grinels will open for 10,000 Maniacs. Visit www.Birchmere.com.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 23-24

Choir Performances. 8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. The Singers' Theater of Washington present Verdi's "I Lombardi," the Lombards on the First Crusade. \$20, \$15 students and seniors. Visit www.singerstheatre.com or contact singerstheater@gmail.com.

SATURDAY/MAY 24

Military Band Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Works included "Victory at Sea," "Hymn to the Fallen" and "America the Beautiful." Adults \$15,

students and children free. Call 703-426-4777 or visit www.vgmb.com.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Vertical Current to open for Eric Roberson. Visit www.Birchmere.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 24-25

Sunset Celebration. 6-8:30 p.m. both days, at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy. Evening tours of the mansion, with wine and desserts available for purchase on the lawn. Music, dancing, games and wagon rides. \$18 adults, \$12 children, free ages 5 and under; requires separate ticket from daytime admission and annual passes are not valid. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 25

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Revelations to open for Eric Roberson. Visit www.Birchmere.com.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 28

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Amelia White to open for Brandy Clark. Visit www.Birchmere.com.

THURSDAY/MAY 29

Live Music. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Bayanist Volodymyr Marunych and domrist Natalia Marunych perform Eastern European and Russian folk music with the Washington Balalaika's Great Russian Folk Orchestra. \$10. Visit nvfaa.org.

'Coppelia'

Metropolitan School of the Arts will premiere their first spring ballet, "Coppelia," performed by the Metropolitan Youth Ballet on Saturday, May 17, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Theater in Alexandria. "Coppelia" is the story of Swanhilda, a young girl who appears magically to bring a doll to life. The show is geared toward young audiences who may also enjoy a "meet and greet" with the characters after the show. Tickets are \$7.50, visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

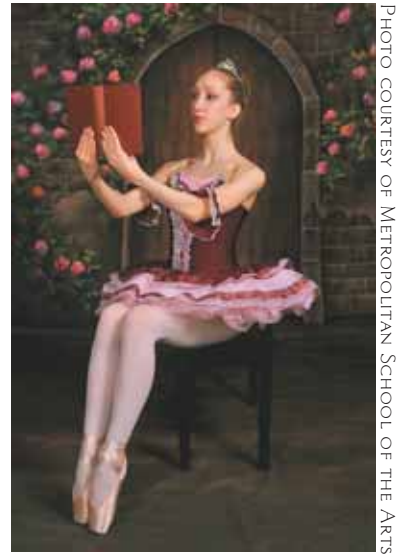


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\$4/age 10-17. Reservations required, www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse or 703-746-4994.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/MAY 30-31

Choir Performances. 8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. The Singers' Theater of Washington present Verdi's "I Lombardi," the Lombards on the First Crusade. \$20, \$15 students and seniors. Visit www.singerstheatre.com or contact singerstheater@gmail.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

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SCHOOLS

Hollin Meadows Elementary School Celebrates Earth Day



Community volunteers were hard at work on the grounds of Hollin Meadow Elementary School, during its 9th Annual Earth Day on April 26. The garden, which is a centerpiece of the school's education program, provides a different option for parents looking to be involved with their children's school.

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RENÉE RUGGLES
THE GAZETTE



Hollin Meadows students were out, spreading mulch and weeding, during the school's Earth Day event. They spend a lot of time in the garden, which has been incorporated into their educational program.



Arcadia's Mobile Market, housed in the bright green bus, came to the event bringing fresh applesauce and information about its different fresh food programs.

Chloe Harris, a high school student, is working with Hollin Meadows Elementary, on composting, as her Gold Award Project. Rachel, who is learning about gardening, at home, was finding all the worms in the composting box. Little brother Christopher looked on, preferring to hold treats from the baked goods table.



Chesapeake Native's plant display got a lot of attention. The non-profit had native plants for sale and information about opportunities to visit and volunteer at their greenhouse.



Whole Foods sushi demonstration table was popular. Children learned to make their own healthy sushi rolls from Emily (left) the marketing team leader and Chericia, a demonstration coordinator.

Early In-person Absentee Voting Available in Mount Vernon

FROM PAGE 1

dents who might participate in the primary, as compared with Alexandrians and Arlingtonians," Surovell said.

Now, voters will have the opportunity to cast an early in-person absentee ballot from June 2 through 7, on weekdays from 3:30-7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

The decision came a week after a lively discussion on Surovell's Facebook page, which included conversation with Fairfax County Electoral Board member Brian Schoeneman.

Schoeneman pointed out in the discussion that those residents unable to make the trip to the Government Center could consider mailing in their ballot, but Surovell said it's not that easy, as filling out the applications by mail can be time-consuming and somewhat confusing.

"A lot of times absentee ballots are rejected for stupid things, like if you didn't put your middle initial on the envelope," Surovell said.

There is a serious question as to whether absentee voting forms are accessible for some of his constituents along the west side of Route 1, Surovell said.

"A lot of my constituents on the west side of Route 1 maybe don't have a printer at home, they don't have internet, they don't have computers — the idea that they can just download a form and print it is not realistic," he said. "Many of them wouldn't know where to go get an absentee ballot application is they're needed. And a lot of time when you go to the government centers, they're all out, especially close to election time."

Surovell announced his endorsement of Hope, the only candidate in the 8th congressional primary who spoke out about this issue, on April 30.

"If all these other candidates from Arlington and Alexandria aren't going to stand

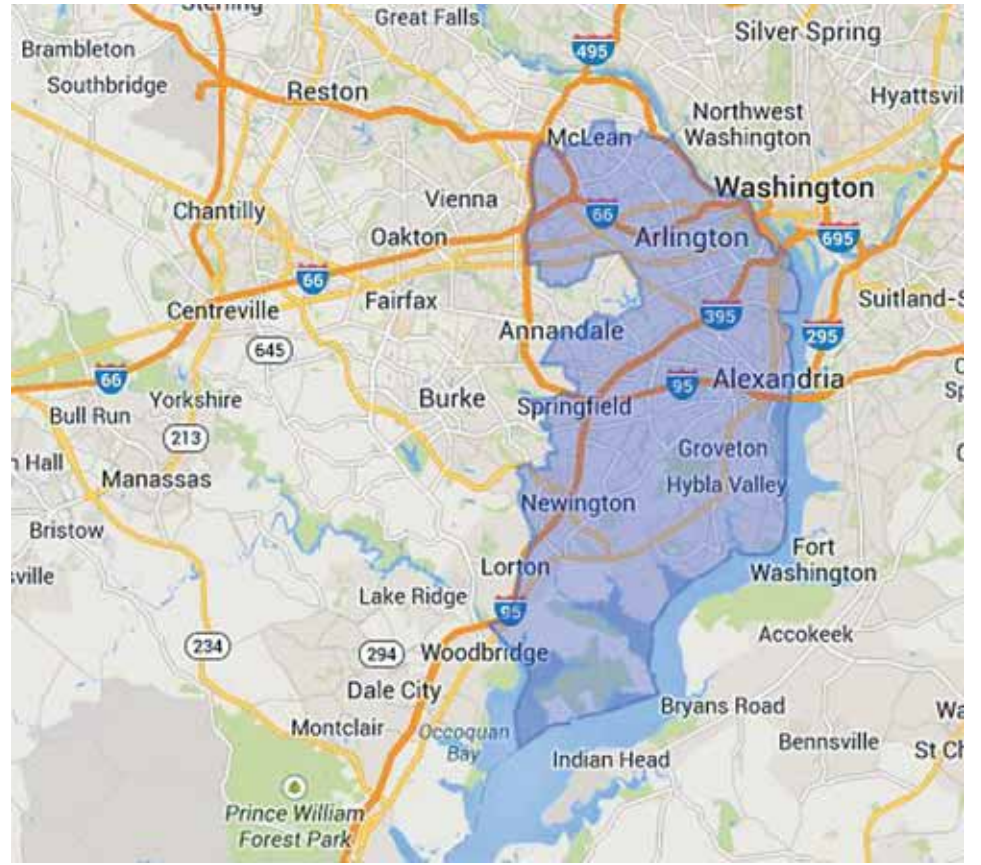


Del. Patrick Hope, who is running to replace U.S. Rep. Jim Moran in the 8th Congressional District, urged the Fairfax County Electoral Board to open more in-person early voting locations.



Del. Scott Surovell says that the early voting location at the Mount Vernon Government Center will hopefully make it easier for Mount Vernon residents to vote early.

up for Fairfax County voters when it comes to something as simple as voting, it worries me as to whether they'll stand up for them when it's time to get money for metro or time to fight for the widening of Route 1," Surovell said.



GOOGLE MAPS

The 8th Congressional District, Delegates Patrick Hope and Scott Surovell point out, is not compact geographically and needs more than one early voting center.

Still, early voting will only be available at two locations in Fairfax County.

"I am thrilled that working alongside Del. Scott Surovell, we were able to expand access to voting for the over 100,000 registered Fairfax County voters in the southern districts," Hope said in a press release on April 28. "This is a great step forward for south county. However, I would have liked to see even more hours and a location for northeastern Fairfax as well and I'm disappointed that no location could be opened

for those voters. Unfortunately they are still expected to go long distances to vote early in person."

Surovell said he thinks the in-person absentee early voting at the Mount Vernon Government Center will make it easier for Fairfax County residents to participate in the primary.

"Fairfax County is so big and spread out, so they should have more than one location, but I don't think they have the money in their budget to do so," Surovell said.

George Washington's Library Selects New Class of Fellows

The new Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington at Mount Vernon has selected 18 established and emerging scholars to serve as its newest class of fellows. The fellowship recipients will utilize the resources available at Mount Vernon and its new Library to conduct research in residence between September 2014 and August 2015 in six-month, three-month, and one-month terms.

During the course of their studies, these scholars will uncover new insights on the life, leadership, and legacy of Washington and the era in which he lived. Their proposed research topics range from the slave trade, to Washington's role in early-American agriculture, to the process of defining executive powers.

The fellowship program is an educational initiative of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, which opened the new 45,000-square-foot Library in September 2013. The

Library safeguards original books and manuscripts and serves as a center for scholarly research, leadership training, and educational outreach.

The following scholars have been named as part of the Library's 2014-2015 class and are listed with their proposed topic of study:

❖ Recipients of six-month fellowships: **Kate Elizabeth Brown**, Ph. D. candidate in American history, University of Virginia, James C. Rees Fellowship on the Leadership of George Washington, "Defining the Contours of Executive Authority: Washington, Hamilton, and Development of the Prerogative Power in Early Republican Law." **Dr. Bruce A. Ragsdale**, director of the Federal Judicial History Office, James C. Rees Entrepreneurship Fellowship funded by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, "George Washington at the Plow: Agriculture and Leadership in the Age of Revolution." **Dr. Dana John Stefanelli**, Ph. D. in history, "Building America's Capital: George Washington's City and the Economic Development of the United States."

❖ Recipients of three-month fellowships: **Michael A. Blaakman**, Ph. D. candidate in Early American history, Yale University, "Speculation Nation: George Washington and His Fellow Land Speculators in the Age of the American Revolu-

tion." **Kristen D. Burton**, Ph. D. candidate in history, University of Texas, Arlington, "John Barleycorn vs. Sir Richard Rum; Alcohol, the Atlantic, and the Distilling of Colonial Identity, 1650-1800." **Erin E. Eisenbarth**, Ph.D. candidate in decorative arts, design and material culture, Bard Graduate Center in New York, "Imagining the Founding Fathers: The Kountze Collection of George Washington Memorabilia and the Formation of American Identity." **Brendan J. Gillis**, Ph. D. candidate in history, Indiana University, "George Washington as Imperial Magistrate: Justice of the Peace, Local Authority, and Revolution in Virginia." **Dr. Nicholas P. Wood**, adjunct professor, University of Virginia, "Considerations of Humanity and Expediency: The Slave Trades and African Colonization in EAR Antislavery."

❖ The recipients of one-month fellowships: **Dr. Denver Brunzman**, assistant professor of history, The George Washington University, "Citizens and Subjects: British Naval Impressment in the Revolutionary Atlantic." **Dr. Cassandra Good**, assistant editor of the Papers of James Monroe, University of Mary Washington, "George Washington's Descendants and the Politics of Family in Early America." **Michael Hattem**, Ph. D. candidate in history, Yale University "Their history as part of ours"; History Culture and Historical Memory in British America, 1720-1776." **Ben-**

jamin C. Lyons, Ph. D. candidate in U.S. history, Columbia University, "John Jay and the Law of Nations in the Diplomacy of the American Revolution." **Dr. Holly A. Mayer**, History Department chair, Duquesne University, "Congress' Own: The 2nd Canadian Regiment's War for Independence." **Mary Richie McGuire**, Ph. D. candidate in science and technology studies, Virginia Tech, "Translating Natural Knowledge in an Age of Revolution: Tobacco, People, and Science in Benjamin Henry LaTrobe's Virginia Journals 1795-1798." **Brett Palfreyman**, Ph. D. candidate in Early American history, Binghamton University, "Peace Process: The Reintegration of the Loyalists in Post-Revolutionary America." **Craig Bruce Smith**, Ph. D. candidate in U.S. history, Brandeis University, "Rightly to be Great: Ideas of Honor, Virtue and Ethics among the American Founders." **Dr. John H. Sprinkle, Jr.**, research faculty member, University of Maryland, Architecture Planning & Preservation, "Frances Payne Bolton and the Preservation of George Washington's 'Overview.'" **Dr. Timothy D. Walker**, associate professor of history, University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, "Commercial Relations between Mount Vernon Estate and Portugal: Commodities, Ports & Merchants."

To learn more about the Library fellows, visit MountVernon.org/Fellows2014.



Jackie Davis, educational specialist with the National Parks Service, met T.C. Williams International Academy students at Dyke Marsh, Belle Haven Marina.



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T.C. Williams International Academy students removed several invasive plants within Dyke Marsh, including honeysuckle and English ivy.

Learning about Nature for Community Stewardship Day

Students took part in various Earth Week activities throughout the area.

Approximately 370 students from the new International Academy at T.C. Williams High School took part in Earth Week on Friday, April 25. International Academy students broke into groups across the area to participate in Earth Week activities along the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Students were instructed in the planting of native trees, aquatic plant restoration, litter clean-up, boat building, wetland management, water quality testing and boat building.

TC partnered with the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, the City

of Alexandria's Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Friends of Dyke Marsh, the National Park Service, Earth Sangha, Alexandria City Public Schools and INOVA hospital in the endeavor. In addition, there were many volunteers with the school and affiliated organizations as well as teachers that came out to guide the students in conservation activities.

The International Academy at TC is a two-year program designed to help recent immigrants to the U.S. in the area. This was the school's first Community Stewardship Day field trip.

— VERONICA BRUNO



Sarah Gamble, a park ranger with the National Park Service, walked T.C. Williams International Academy students to the focus areas in Dyke Marsh.



Ned Stone, a volunteer with Friends of Dyke Marsh described the differences between native and invasive plants in the area and how to spot them within the marsh for removal and re-planting.



Students posed questions to volunteer Fred Huntington at Windmill Park about various wetland solutions for the area.

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Despite Advances, Many Virginians Remain Uninsured

Affordable Care Act expands coverage, but more than 800,000 still have no health insurance.

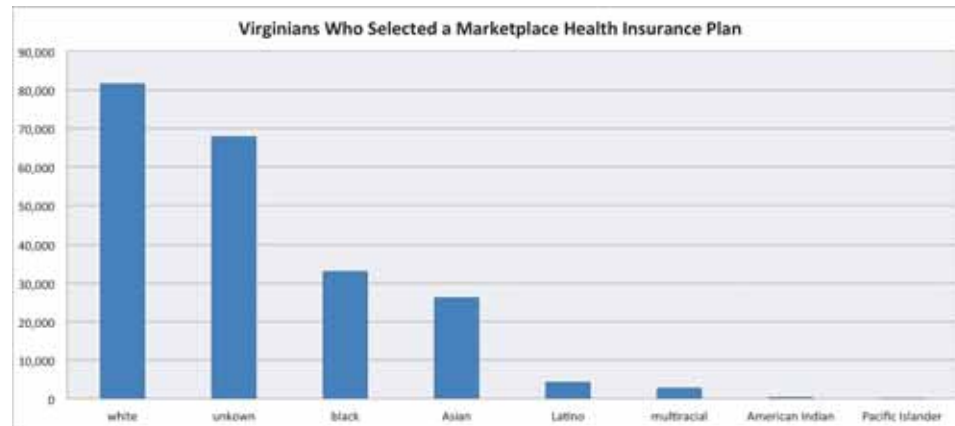
BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Since the federal marketplace for health insurance became available through the Affordable Care Act, more than 216,000 Virginia residents have selected a plan. But that's only a small fraction of the 1,030,000 Virginians who currently don't have health insurance.

So what is the state of the uninsured in Virginia?

That's difficult to answer, partly because some key statistics are not yet known and the politics of the Affordable Care Act are still unfolding. About 400,000 of those who do not have health insurance are awaiting the conclusion of the budget showdown currently underway in Richmond, where Republicans and Democrats are split about the wisdom of accepting federal money to expand Medicaid, a program that offers health insurance to those who live in poverty or with disabilities. State officials say 470,000 of those without health insurance are eligible for the marketplace, although it's unclear how many of the 216,000 who have signed up for a marketplace plan already had insurance and were just looking for a better deal.

The most recent data from the Department of Health and Human Services suggests that 87 percent of enrollees were uninsured before signing up. But federal officials only collect information about existing coverage when the recipients qualify for a subsidy or tax credit. As a result, some



say the states that run their own exchanges have better information because they ask for the information in a variety of ways, creating a balanced range of responses. By that measure, the percentage of people who sign up for marketplace health insurance had no previous insurance about 70 percent to 75 percent of the time.

"That is still way over half of them being previously uninsured, which is a good thing

some of the highest concentration of adults and children without health insurance. Manassas Park City, for example, has the highest concentration of uninsured adults in Virginia, 28 percent. Manassas Park City also has the third highest rate of uninsured children in Virginia, 11 percent. Meanwhile, information compiled by the Urban Institute shows that Fairfax County has 136,000 residents who lack health insurance.

"If you look at the rate of people without health insurance in Fairfax County, it doesn't look that high," said Deborah Oswald, executive director of the Virginia Health Care Foundation. "But if you look at the raw number of people without health insurance, that's a lot of people."

Supporters of the Affordable Care Act say the law has already started making progress for the

uninsured in Virginia. For example, people can no longer be denied coverage because they have a preexisting condition.

And the mandate that employers offer health insurance to their workers have removed people from the rolls of the uninsured. Plus allowing adult children to stay on their parents' plans until the age of 26 has already helped many people keep insurance they would have lost. By some es-

timates, without the Affordable Care Act about 1.3 million Virginians would lack health insurance.

"It's an excellent first step," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "It takes time for people to fully understand what's out there and what's available. We're talking about people who are struggling with medical expenses and jobs and don't have lots of time."

ALTHOUGH THE NEW statistics show some progress in Virginians without insurance selecting a plan through the federal marketplace, most of the attention in recent weeks has focused on the political fight over expanding Medicaid. For the first two years, the federal government would pick up 100 percent of the cost for that program. After 2020, though, Virginia would be on the hook for providing 10 percent of the cost of the program.

"That's \$240 million in today's dollars, but by 2020 that's going to be about \$400 million because of Medicaid inflation," said Del. Dave Albo (R-42). "It took me 15 years to get money for roads, and every time we had a surplus almost all of it got eaten up by Medicaid. So there's a lot of us that don't want to obligate Virginia to something we can't afford in the future."

Supporters of expanding Medicaid say Virginia can't afford turning down the deal, in part because money from taxpayers will be taken regardless of whether it's spent in the commonwealth or not.

That means Virginia taxpayers will be funding Medicaid expansion in New York and California while low-income people in Virginia continue to suffer.

By one estimate, that means about \$2 billion would be collected here in Virginia and diverted to help expand Medicaid in other states.

"What is happening to the uninsured in Virginia really sits in the House of Delegates," said Nichols. "Will they agree with the Senate and the governor and accept large infusions of federal money to expand Medicaid coverage for the commonwealth or not? At the moment, the choice and fate of the uninsured is up to them. At some point, again, it will be up to the voters."

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by my lights," said Len Nichols, director at the Center for Health Policy Research and Ethics at George Mason University. "Of course, the number that would be covered who were previously uninsured would more than double that if Virginia would expand Medicaid."

ESTIMATES FROM the Census Bureau show that parts of Northern Virginia have

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MOTHER'S DAY

Going into Business with Mom

Mother-daughter Realtor teams say working together can work.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Allison Goodhart has a vivid childhood memory: pulling a wagon filled with pumpkins and her younger sister around her family's Del Ray neighborhood in Alexandria, helping to promote her parents' real estate business. Today Allison Goodhart works alongside her mother as part of Old Town Alexandria-based Goodhart Group of McEneaney Associates Inc., Realtors.

While mother-daughter business relationships can be difficult to navigate, especially in a competitive business like real estate, several local mother-daughter teams have figured out how to navigate the tricky waters. In light of Mother's Day this Sunday, they share their insights about what makes their relationships work, humorous stories about their roads to success and advice for others.

"During the fall, I would go up to the door and offer pumpkins with one of my parents' cards while my parents stood across the street and watched," said Allison Goodhart, who is now 28 and has held her Realtor's license since the age of 19.

After graduating from Dickinson College, Allison Goodhart went to work for her parents because they needed assistance. "This wasn't planned," said Sue Goodhart. "My husband and I had been in business for 22 years. We just really needed help the year that Allison graduated from college."



Marsha Schuman, Betsy Schuman Dodek and Rebecca Dodek make up the Potomac, Md., based Schuman team of Washington Fine Properties. "My 5-and-a-half-year-old daughter loves to say she is also a member of The Schuman Team," says Dodek.



Mother-daughter real estate team Betsy and Susan Leavitt of the Old-Town Alexandria based McEneaney Associates' Leavitt Team have been in business together for 14 years. They strive to prevent business transactions from jeopardizing their relationship.

Allison Goodhart started at the bottom of her parents' business, however. "One good thing is that I started in an admin position," she said. "Having worked my way up gives me more credibility with the clients."

The Goodhart family, which also includes another daughter Amanda, 24, describes themselves as close-knit, one of the keys to their successful business relationship. "We did everything with our kids," said Sue Goodhart. "We just really enjoyed our children and wanted to be with them. We're just a very close family."

They do, however, face challenges in business. "One thing that parents need to do is establish that there is a partnership. She is in on all of our decisions," Sue Goodhart said. "I have to remember that I can't make comments about the dress she's wearing that a boss or coworker wouldn't make. I can't say, 'Did you brush your hair this morning?'" "We have different styles," said Allison Goodhart. "We're often blunt with each other in a way that if it wasn't my mom I probably wouldn't be."

Sue Goodhart and her husband Marty decided that they wanted to grow their business and thought that Allison was the ideal choice. "I can say that Allison is phenomenal. She's got a great sense of how to run a business. She's very organized and on top of things," said Sue Goodhart. "From my point of view, the hardest part is stepping back and allowing my daughter to shine and not dominate the business."

MOTHERHOOD WAS actually one of the driving forces behind the formation of the Schuman real estate team. Marsha Schuman and her daughter Betsy Schuman Dodek began working as a real estate team in 1995. Then, four and half years later, Dodek decided to pursue a career in commercial real estate, which would allow her to meld both her sales experience and law degree.

Ten years later, Dodek decided to accept an invitation from her mother, who was now

working for Washington Fine Properties, to join her in the residential real estate business.

"After having a child, I wanted to figure out how to be a great mom and take my career to the next level at the same time," said Dodek whose daughter was 2 when she and Schuman formed Washington Fine Properties' Schuman Team, which is based in Potomac, Md. "I wasn't sure that commercial real estate would have afforded me the kind of flexibility that residential real estate does. My mother gave me an opportunity to be the kind of mother she was to me: a full-time mother while also being a career woman. I don't have to miss any of my daughter's milestones."

"I get to hear about all the daily nuances that take place with my daughter and her husband and my granddaughter," said Schuman. "It's wonderful to be able to see my daughter spend time with her daughter the way I did with my kids. It makes me so proud."

Schuman also credits her daughter for modernizing her business. "Betsy has taken me kicking and screaming into the age of technology. Twitter, Facebook and Pinterest have now become part of my vocabulary."

Schuman and Dodek keep both their business and personal relationships healthy with mutual respect. "I try not to pull rank," said Schuman. "We look at each other as professionals. Betsy calls me 'Marsha' rather than Mom. It makes our relationship at work much more professional."

"We try to start each day fresh," added Dodek. "There are days that don't work as smoothly as the next, but we have made it a point to focus on each new day and each new task. We are very busy, so we just don't have time to not get along."

Their relationship works so well that they're often mistaken for sisters, much to the duo's amusement. "Every once in a while when we are meeting with new clients, they think we are sisters, not mother and daughter, and Marsha glows," said Dodek. "And, my 5-and-a-half-year-old



From left: Sue, Amanda and Allison Goodhart describe themselves as close-knit. Sue and Allison, who are part of The Goodhart Group, say a strong relationship is one of the keys to their success in business.

daughter loves to say she is also a member of the Schuman Team."

BETSY AND SUSAN LEAVITT of the McEneaney Associates Leavitt Team in Old Town Alexandria have been a real estate team for 14 years. Their partnership was formed due to Susan Leavitt's unhappiness at work. She had received a master's degree in international relations at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and spent 14 years working on Wall Street, but something was missing.

"I thought about switching my career to the public sector. Well, after realizing that the bureaucracy was more than I wanted to deal with, my mom suggested real estate," said Susan Leavitt. "She had been an agent for over 20 years at this point and was one of McEneaney Associates, Inc.'s first agents."

The Leavitts said it takes work to keep their business relationship from damaging their personal relationship. "Just like a marriage, remember that one transaction is not worth jeopardizing the relationship," said Betsy Leavitt, explaining that in representing clients' best interests, they're often "on different sides of the table, which can get heated, but we seem to be able to resolve those ... cases."

They also try to capitalize on each other's strengths. "Mine is energy," said Susan Leavitt. "I take buyers around in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia. Betsy knows the market inside out and is familiar with all the builders, the neighborhoods, the histories of the area, so her expertise and knowledge is invaluable." Susan Leavitt says the greatest lesson she's learned during their 14-year partnership is the complexity of the real estate business. "It is very complicated to do correctly," she said. "You must act as a consultant for the client, outlining choices and the probability of certain outcomes of making those choices. Our job is to educate clients so that they feel comfortable and in control of their real estate transition, whether it is buying or selling."

Addressing Hearing Loss

“What?” May is Better Hearing and Speech Month.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

On any given workday, you might find Arlington resident Erin Weiner sitting in a family-friendly restaurant causally coloring or playing games with a young child. At first glance, she might be mistaken for any young mother entertaining her offspring while they wait for a meal. In actuality, Weiner, who is a speech-language pathologist, is employing what she describes as an innovative approach to therapy that involves working with a child in his or her natural environment.

“Real-time therapeutic sessions help children develop skills that they can effectively apply to day-to-day life,” said Weiner, of Erin’s Place for Therapy in North Potomac, Md.

Hearing loss affects more than 36 million Americans. During the month of May, Better Hearing & Speech Month, Weiner and other speech and hearing professionals are working to raise awareness about communication disorders and the treatments that are available.

“Most people don’t realize how the loss of hearing is interfering with their lives,” said Michael V. Massa, AuD., of Massa and Associates, Doctors of Audiology, with offices in Springfield and Mount Vernon. “Hearing loss is usually gradual and a spouse or family member will notice it first.”

Massa says that while hearing loss is most common in people aged 50 and older, it can affect patients from newborns to the elderly. Recognizing the warning signs and finding the proper treatment can be life-altering. “People come back and say ‘if I had known how much this would have helped, I would have come to see you much earlier,’” said Massa.

EARLY DETECTION IS CRITICAL. “Hearing loss can affect one’s ability to communicate with and engage others in the community,” said Jeffrey Edge, rehabilitation services manager for the Fairfax County Health Department. “The



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Dr. Michael Massa examines Vivian Graeves in his Mount Vernon office.

earlier you detect a hearing loss, the sooner you can take steps to hopefully decrease the impact of the loss on communication. Early detection of hearing loss is most important with infants and children as hearing is critical to developing speech and language skills and learning.”

Edge points to research from the National Institute of Health, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, which shows that speech and language development begins in the first six months of life and children who get treatment early develop better language skills than those who don’t.

There are certain signs that tell parents their children might be experiencing hearing loss. “Is the child responding to their name when the child isn’t looking at you?” asks Weiner. “Are they speaking as much as their peers? Are they saying ‘What?’ a lot? Do they seem to be reading your lips? If a fire truck with its sirens on goes by does the child look up? Are they having problems speaking at the right volume?”

Hearing loss in newborns can be hereditary or congenital, said Massa, but it is often caught early because of state laws that require newborn hearing screenings. “At birth we can tell if a child’s hearing is normal or not and this is critical because they have to develop speech,” said Massa.

MASSA SAID THAT the number of Americans with hearing loss has doubled within the past 30 years. “Some of that is due to the fact that

we have so many baby boomers,” he said. “Inner ear hearing loss is the most common type of loss.”

Sudden hearing loss is another common hearing disorder that usually occurs in one ear. “With sudden hearing loss, time is of the essence,” said Massa. “The person needs to be seen right away. Studies show that they have a better chance of recovering if treatment begins right away.”

When it comes to treatment, advancements in hearing devices now include the latest digital and Bluetooth technology, which can connect patients to their electronic devices, such as a television, a computer, a smart phone or cellular telephone phone, as well as induction loop systems found in theaters.

“Hearing devices have gotten really good with digital technology. How well a person is going to do with a hearing device is dependent on the type of hearing loss,” said Massa, who has been practicing for more than 30 years. “Fortunately most people can be helped by hearing devices. It is extremely important for those people to be seen by a doctor of audiology.”

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MVHS Coach Garza Not Pleased with 'Lazy' Majors

Defending state champions lose to undefeated W-L.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Lightning forced the Washington-Lee and Mount Vernon boys' soccer teams off the field Monday for an hour-long delay. When the Generals and Majors returned to action, one team came out ready to work, while the performance of the other group led to its head coach calling the team "lazy."

W-L sophomore Maycol Nunez scored off a Michael Katz corner kick in the 34th minute, Katz added an insurance goal moments later and the Generals defeated the defending state champion Majors 2-0 in a weather-shortened match at Mount Vernon High School. With the victory, W-L wrapped up the National District title. Teams from the former National District have continued recognizing a champion after the VHS's six-class realignment based on record against former district opponents. W-L, which is now in Conference 6, finished with a 5-0-2 record against teams from the former National District. Mount Vernon, which is now in Conference 13, is 1-2-3 against former National District opponents.

"We've actually battled this all season long," said Mount Vernon head coach Tony Garza, who won the 2013 AAA state title in his first season with the program. "Since after the fourth game, it seems like, second half, the boys just come out like the game's already over. They have no desire to finish playing the game. ... We're a very lazy team. I hate to be negative that way, but we're a very lazy team. They're still riding the high of last year's state championship win, [but] that was last year, not this year."

"As you can see from today's game, to every clear that we have, we are just basically jogging out while the other teams are forcing themselves out quickly, they're quick to the ball [and] we're just being reactive to everything. We're just a lazy team right now."

The game would eventually be called due to poor field conditions with 25:27 remaining in the second half, but not before the Generals scored a pair of goals. Play was originally suspended due to lightning with 23:15 remaining in the opening half and the teams locked in a scoreless tie. When play resumed, W-L took advantage of the wet grass field late in the first half as Nunez scored his team-leading 25th goal of the season off a Katz corner kick that came in low.

"We knew we had to put a couple goals in in case the game got cancelled," Katz said, "so we came out, tried to win and won the district title."

The victory improved W-Ls overall record to 10-0-2. The Generals have outscored



Mount Vernon junior Vandyke Gyau, left, leaps for a header during a May 5 match against Washington-Lee.

opponents 43-8 and have held the opposition scoreless in seven contests. Meanwhile, Mount Vernon's record dropped to 2-4-4. After a 1-0-3 start, the Majors 1-4-1 over their last six games.

"The biggest thing is that the team chemistry is not there," Garza said. "It's too much individual work out there. ... The biggest thing, honestly, that's on their mind is they like to hear their names being called from the stands from the girls and that's the problem that we're having right now, is too much ego."

It hasn't all been bad for the Majors. Garza praised the play of freshman midfielder Christian Osorio, who has played for the D.C. United Academy. Osorio's first action for the Majors was April 8 against South Lakes, Mount Vernon's third game of the season.

"The boy's fantastic," Garza said. "... He's a great distributor, he has great field vision, [his] foot skill is really good, too, when he's on [his] game, but he gets pretty frustrated when other people aren't moving to the ball. He does a lot of work and puts the ball on stride for people, but when people aren't making runs for him, he gets a little frustrated."

Junior midfielder and team captain Daniel Obour has played well for Mount

Vernon, along with senior goalkeeper Diego Castro, junior defender Vandyke Gyau and freshman forward Mauricio Sanchez, Garza said. Sanchez is the team's leading goal-scorer with six.

Last season, Mount Vernon started 3-7-1 before winning 11 of its final 12 games and capturing the AAA state title. With the postseason approaching, Garza is hoping the Majors, who now compete in Group 5A, can turn things around and make a run.

"I look at the regular season as a tune-

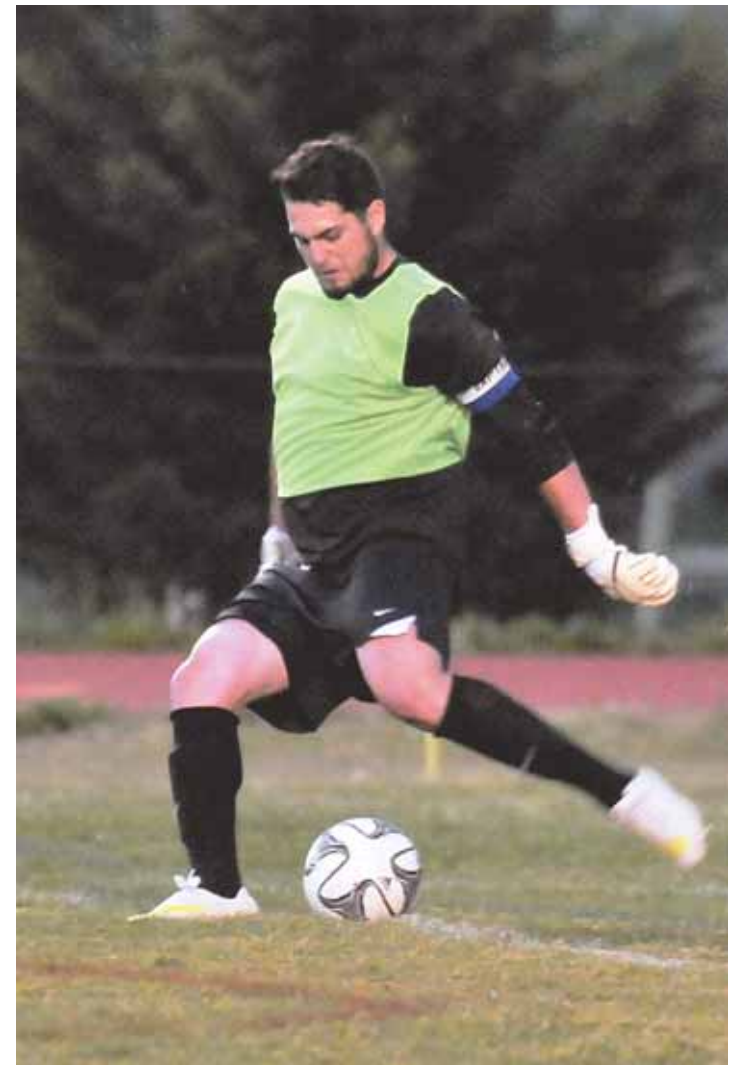
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West Potomac High School student **T. Lucas Makinen** took third place in the Planetary and Earth Science category at the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair in Lexington, Virginia. Lucas wondered what impact less Arctic Sea ice coverage would have on the Earth's absorption of solar radiation and investigated whether the ice caps are a mirror of the earth.

His comparison of various optical properties of ice and snow formations resulted in his winning 1st place in Northern Virginia Regional's and 3rd place in the State Planetary and Earth Science category at the Virginia State Science and Engineering Fair in Lexington, VA.

Lucas has been invited to present his results at various organizations such as The Optical Society of America, NOVAC (Northern Virginia Astronomy Club), and the CIA.



Mount Vernon goalkeeper Diego Castro kicks the ball during the Majors' May 5 game against Washington-Lee.

up," he said. "The tournament is what counts the most. I look at the regular season as a tune-up, getting them ready for the tournament. The tournament starts in two weeks. We talked after the game and there's a great chance, we're hoping, that we're taking all this aside and fixing the little nicks here and the nicks there and putting everything back together ... so we can make a run again."

The Majors will travel to face Stuart at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8.



Lucas Makinen

With 11 Fairfax County Public Schools students competing at the state level, **Nena Abernathy** of Mount Vernon High School won first place and

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ME & MY MOM A gallery of photos submitted for Mother's Day.



Jill Levy with daughter Stephanie, 9, enjoying the beautiful spring weather.



Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova: "Just minutes after giving birth to my daughter Karin in 1971. I was 24 and we are in Fairfax Hospital."



Sharon Bulova's daughter Karin with her first child, Finnian ("Finn") in Seattle on June 23, 2011.



Amy Friedrich Serr, formerly of Alexandria, with her four children in March: clockwise from bottom is Amy, her sons Noah, Enoch and Elijah, and her daughter Desire.



Amanda Chandler of Alexandria with daughter Claire on the beach in Rehoboth on July 4, 2012.

Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for Construction of Skills Training Facility U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, Virginia

The Army has prepared an EA that considers the proposed construction of a Skills Training Facility at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. This facility will enable consolidation of existing training activities at Fort Belvoir into a new 96,000 square foot building on a 10-acre parcel at the Davison Army Airfield area of the garrison. The proposed development activity includes surface parking for up to 180 vehicles and internal site improvements required to support 190 personnel at the facility. The EA considered the effects of the project on land use, plans, coastal zone management, natural resources, socio-economic factors, traffic and transportation, air quality, and utility systems and concluded that the project is not expected to result in significant adverse environmental impacts. Therefore, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required. The EA and FNSI may be viewed online at: www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocssection2.asp. Paper copies of the EA and draft FNSI are available for review and comment at the Fort Belvoir Van Noy Library and the following Fairfax County, Virginia libraries: John Marshall Branch, Kingstowne Branch, Lorton Branch, and Sherwood Regional Branch. Comments on the EA and draft FNSI should be submitted to: Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, ATTN: Public Works, 9430 Jackson Loop, Suite 100, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5116; or by e-mail to: imcom.fortbelvoir.dpw.environmental@us.army.mil. Comments must be received no later than 30 days after publication of this Notice of Availability. Subject to review and consideration of comments submitted by individuals, organizations, or agencies during the comment period, the Army intends to issue the final FNSI at the conclusion of the comment period and to proceed with the proposed action.

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For general inquiries contact Cynthia Davis, Contract Specialist at 703.746.3921.
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OBITUARY
Michael Edward Heisley, 77, of St. Charles died on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Delnor Hospital in Geneva, IL. He was born March 13, 1937 in Alexandria, Virginia, the son of Ernest Feagans Heisley and Emily Ford Chisolm Heisley. Mike is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Agnes Mullikin Heisley; his children, Theresa Heisley Nesbitt (Mark) of St. Charles, Barbara Ellen Heisley Rogers (Christopher) of Jupiter, FL, Michael Edward Heisley (Carol) of St. Charles, Emily Heisley Stoeckel (Kevin) of Chicago and Judith Heisley Bishop (Leland) of Washington, D.C.; his 12 grandchildren, Kielan Nesbitt, Alexander Rogers, Mary Heisley, Joseph Heisley, Annabelle Heisley, Annaka Stoeckel, Olivia Stoeckel, Britta Stoeckel, Declan Stoeckel, Emily Bishop, Liberty Bishop and Marguerite Bishop. He is also survived by a sister, Mary Elizabeth Finnegan (Daniel) of Alexandria, VA. In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded in death by his brothers, E. Stephen Heisley, Joseph A. Heisley and Leo A. Heisley.
A funeral Mass for Michael will be held at 10:30 A.M., Friday, May 2, 2014 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 6N491 Crane Road, St. Charles, IL 60175. Private burial will be held at a later date in Alexandria, Virginia.
Visitation will be held from 2:00-8:00 P.M., Thursday, May 1, 2014 at the Malone Funeral Home, 324 East State Street, Geneva, IL 60134.
To honor Mike's memory, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or contact Karen Ward (901)578-6855 or karen.ward@stjude.org.
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Obituary
Evelyn DeMay Beyer
On Saturday, November 9, 2013, Gloucester VA. Born (1922) in Masury, Ohio to Ceril and Rose Starr DeMay. She graduated from Ohio State U. in 1942. She married serviceman, George Beyer, Army Corps of Engineers in Nov. 1943. She was a Dec. 1943 graduate of the Curtis Wright Cadet Corps at Penn State U. She taught Math at Groveton High School in Fairfax County for 20 years. She was a longtime volunteer for AARP Tax-Aide and INOVA Mt. Vernon Hospital Auxiliary. She was a member of St. Louis Catholic Church in Alexandria, VA, serving with their funeral reception team; she attended and volunteered at the Church of St. Therese in Gloucester, VA. Preceded in death by husband, George, and children, Judith and William, she is survived by daughter Janet, grandchildren: Alan, Bryn, Scott and Andrew; and three great grandchildren. Friends are welcome to visit and reminisce with family Thursday, May 15, from 4-8 p.m. and at a memorial celebration on Friday, May 16, at 11 a.m. at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA 22315 (just south of the intersection of S. Van Dorn St. and Franconia Rd.) Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Red Cloud Indian School, c/o Rev. George Winzenburg SJ, 100 Mission Dr., Pine Ridge SD 57770-2100, or to the charity of your choice.

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Ruth Lincoln Kaye, age 95, of Alexandria Virginia, research historian and musician, died April 30, 2014, with family by her side.

Ruth was born to the Reverend Dr. and Mrs. C. Arthur Lincoln on December 3, 1918 in Buffalo, New York. She graduated from Daytona High School in 1935 and received a BA in English, History and a Certificate in Music from Randolph-Macon College 1939. She married the late Merwin Whitcomb Kaye in 1953 and had three children, all living: Merrie Lincoln Kaye, Arthur Lincoln Kaye and Larisa Elizabeth Kaye Hinton.

Ruth was passionate about music. She attended college on a piano scholarship and was a piano teacher from 1944 - 1957. She was a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church choir for fifty years. Ruth also had an avid interest in history and genealogy. She was a member of the Society of Mayflower Descendants as well as other organizations including the National Genealogical Society, the Alexandria Historical Society and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She was elected 2010 Alexandria Historian of the year. Ruth was the author of numerous historical writings including over 300 local house histories, the History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Legends and Folk Tales of Old Alexandria and many local and national genealogies.

A family and friends visitation will be held in Norton Hall at St. Paul's from 5-7 pm on Friday, May 9. The funeral service will be at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 11 am on Saturday, May 10, with interment at the church cemetery on Wilkes Street. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to The St. Paul's Foundation, 228 S Pitt St, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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Storck Sets Office Hours

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Members of the community are invited to stop by to ask questions or to discuss concerns. No appointment is necessary.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Vaughn Bassett of West Potomac High School finished third in the Physical Therapy event at the 34th annual HOSA (Future Health Professionals of America) State Leadership Conference held in Roanoke. Winners earning first, second, or third place are eligible to participate in the HOSA National Leadership Conference.

Fifteen FCPS students won awards in the write-off competitions at the JEA-NSPA Conference, including these West Potomac High School students: **Lily Weisblatt** — Feature Writing, Honorable Mention; **Margaret O'Meara** — Review Writing, Honorable Mention; **Anna Jurkowski** — YB Copy-Caption: Academics, Excellent; **Kathryn Schwabacher** — YB Layout: Inside Pages, Excellent; **Jhoonyoung Kim** — Graphic Design: Logo, Honorable Mention; **Amy Crow** — Photo Story, Honorable Mention; **Josh Shelton** — On-Air Reporter, Honorable Mention; **Claude Atkins** — Short Documentary, Honorable Mention; and **McKenzie Beeby** — Short Documentary, Honorable Mention.

Fairfax County Public Schools students recently competed in the Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) state leadership recognition conference in Virginia Beach. Thirty-nine students from six Fairfax County Public Schools competed in 16 categories. Winners at the middle school level included Sandburg Middle School's **Kennedy Zampese**, Promote and Publicize FCCLA (silver). Sandburg Middle School also achieved the following membership recognition awards: the Middle Level Affiliation, recognizing that every family and consumer sciences student at Sandburg is a member of FCCLA; the Increasing Chapter membership by 20 or more members award; and the reddest chapter level status in the Race for Red membership campaign. Sandburg was also recognized for having the third highest percentage increase in members in Virginia.

Family Career and Community Leaders of America is a national student organization that encourages young men and women to become leaders and address personal, family, work, and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences Education programs.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Comfort Zone, an organization that helps give grieving children a voice, a place, and a community in which to heal, grow, and lead more fulfilling lives, seeks volunteers. There is a volunteer training Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the VT/UVA Northern Virginia Center, 7054 Haycock Road, Falls Church. To register, visit www.comfortzonecamp.org/volunteers/ application.

Fairfax County needs **volunteers to drive older adults** to medical appointments and wellness programs. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov. The **Kingstowne Senior Center** needs instructors for classes in art and bridge as well as an experienced boater to discuss boating. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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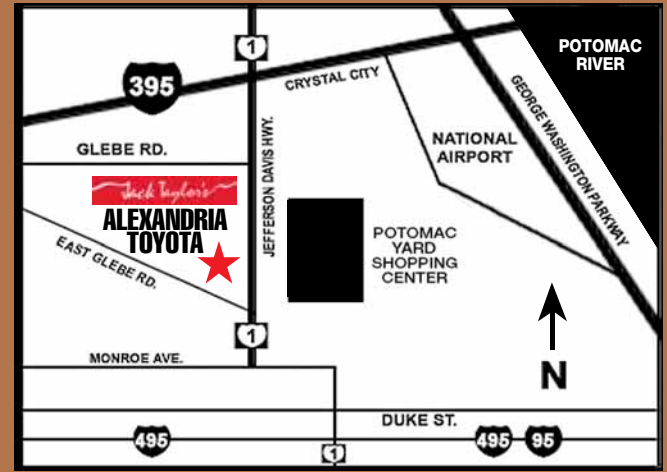
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