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Walt Whitman Middle school students stopped at the Mount Vernon estate along the bike route on National Bike to School Day. Everyone was all smiles as they made a pit stop for water and a breather along the nearly 9-mile route to school.

## Cycling on National Bike Day

Students and teachers bike to school.

BY VERONICA BRUNO  
THE GAZETTE

**W**alt Whitman Middle School was one of more than 30 Fairfax County public schools participating in National Bike to School Day on Wednesday, May 7. National Bike Day is part of the national program Safe Routes to School.

The program is designed as an effort to promote greater physical activity and reduce traffic congestion, most especially in an area that heavily relies on cars to get to and from most locations. Bike to School Day was also a way to enjoy the area's trails and beauty while biking with teachers and friends from school.

To prepare students and school officials for the exercise, the schools held planning and bike assemblies, compiled information packets and provided tips on its Safe Routes to School web page. Support also came in the way of bike helmet giveaways, bike valet parking, free bike charms and various



**Regla Pino Perez, a school counselor at Walt Whitman Middle School was the organizer of the event for the school. After a water break, the biking group took off along the Mount Vernon Trail to Fort Hunt Park, en route to the final destination, their school.**

receptions for participating students and their parents.

Safe Routes to School was sponsored by a grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation. The program's goal is to encourage more physical activity for kids and to lessen the impact of cars in the area. "While it is great to promote biking to school on one day, we would like to see schools regularly encouraging active transpor-

tation as the default for getting to school and reducing the number of cars in kiss and ride. With less traffic around schools biking and walking becomes much safer and reduces air pollution caused by idling cars waiting to pick up or drop off," said Sally Smallwood, Safe Routes to School Coordinator for the FCPS Office of Safety and Security.

## Keeping Youth Happy and Healthy

NEXUS Conference discusses best strategies.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE GAZETTE

**A**ccording to the Fairfax County 2012-2013 Youth Survey, youth with fewer assets were more likely to be depressed. These assets include high integrity, extra-curricular activities, help from parents, and more.

This topic, along with ways to promote positive health for children and youth, was discussed at this year's NEXUS conference at the Virginia Hills Center on May 9. The conference centered on ways to keep youth mentally and physical happy and healthy.

Dr. Stuart White, a post-doctoral research fellow at the National Institute of Mental Health, was the keynote speaker. White spoke about the knowledge NIH is gaining regarding brain function and

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PHOTO BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE GAZETTE

**Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) speaks about legislation related to mental health passed in Richmond during the past session of the General Assembly.**

## Supervisors Defer Landfill Decision

If approved by board, Lorton landfill will operate until 2034.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS  
THE GAZETTE

**B**efore a public hearing on May 13 in which more than 99 people signed up before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors regarding an application to extend the life of the Lorton landfill until 2034, Frank McDermott, an attorney representing EnviroSolutions, said he had never

experienced such nastiness and misrepresentation in a land use case.

The EnviroSolutions application to extend operation of its construction landfill until 2034 has led to controversy in the Lorton community and beyond. Despite months of debate, the decision was deferred by the Board of Supervisors to June 17.

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# NEXUS Conference Discusses How To Keep Youths Safe

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the neurobiology of aggression.

The conference was dedicated to the late Cliff Hardison, who served as principal of West Potomac High School.

Sal Olivio, a teacher at West Potomac High School, and students Amilcar Martinez and Tanah Kaisa, addressed ways they are promoting positive mental health at their school. Suicide prevention has been a major topic, as well as anxiety and safe sex practices.

**BECAUSE CYBER BULLYING** has been such a major issue for teenagers, the school started a West Potomac twitter hashtag-#WPchainreaction to spread positivity around West Potomac. The school also recently marked Social Media Awareness Week, which Olivio said reminded students if they didn't have anything nice to say to not say it at all. But in addition to watching what is said over social media, it's important to know whom youth are talking to on these sites. Parents need to remain vigilant of what their children are doing on social media sites, said Ed Ryan, the gang prevention coordinator for Fairfax County.

Sex trafficking is a major problem in the area, Ryan said, and social media is often used to search for possible girls.

"Facebook is one of the number one recruitment tools," Ryan said.

Sex traffickers use the site to look for vulnerable girls with low self-esteem. In a time when some teenagers share nearly every detail of their life through Facebook, this isn't too hard to do. For example, teenagers who frequently post things like "I hate my life," and "Nobody understands me" are prime targets for traffickers, who will message the girls with compliments, and attempt to draw them in.

Fairfax County Public Schools recently adopted a curriculum for students in grades six through 12 that provides information on sex trafficking and educates them on ways to stay safe.



Stuart White, Deborah Tyler, Alexander Case, Theresa Carhart and Teresa Chapman talk about Fairfax County Public Schools at the NEXUS forum on building strong health outcomes for children and youth on May 9 at the Virginia Hills Center in Rose Hill.

**PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION** were major themes at the conference. After the incident involving state Sen. Creigh Deeds and his son Gus, who stabbed his father before killing himself after he was released from an emergency custody order when a bed couldn't be located for him within the six hours allowed by law, some legislation was passed in Richmond to try to prevent further tragedies from occurring.

"It's unfortunate that we had to have that happen in order to do anything about it," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44), who provided an update on legislative activities related to mental health. Following this year's General Assembly session, law enforcement is now required to notify Community Services Boards immediately when they take someone in for mental health issues.

On April 30, Surovell said that an online bed registry went live that lists all available beds in the state.



Jessie Ellis, the prevention manager at the Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, and Jack Dobbyn, SCYPT co-chair and Mount Vernon representative to the Human Services Council, speak about services for youth at the NEXUS conference on May 9 in Rose Hill.

Equity was another topic at the conference. Within Fairfax County, there are pockets of inequity, and this is being addressed through SCYPT (Successful Children and Youth Policy Team).

According to Jack Dobbyn, SCYPT co-chair and Mount Vernon representative to the Human Services Council, SCYPT works to ensure that all children are developing

into healthy, happy adults.

Early childhood development and education is a priority for SCYPT, Dobbyn said.

"The difference in preparation at the kindergarten level would blow your mind," he said. NEXUS is an outreach committee of the Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health's advisory board, and aims to promote well-being for children and youth.

## Supervisors Decide To Defer on Landfill Proposal

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Although an application was approved in 2006 for the landfill to close in 2018 and build a park on the site, that has fallen through due to liability issues. In addition, the applicant says that the landfill will not reach capacity by 2018.

But homeowners and other Lorton citizens say they've had enough of the landfill, and want it to close in 2018 as previously decided. Many are also upset that EnviroSolutions is not sticking to its original approved application in which a park would be built on the landfill after it closed in 2018.

"The landfill issue is a problem, not only for my business, but all business in Lorton," said Jacquelyn Nunez of Exit Realty Associates and Lorton Station Merchants Association.



The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on the EnviroSolutions application to extend operations of the Lorton landfill until 2034 on May 13. The hearing lasted late into the night and ended with a deferral of the decision to June 17.

Property values are negatively affected by the landfill, opponents argue. Some mentioned the stigma Lorton has received as the home of the former D.C. prison, and the

stigma it is currently receiving as a "gateway to trash."

"We'd like to see an image change. And we don't believe keeping that landfill would

help the image change," Nunez said. "We want what the other parts of Fairfax County enjoy — property without trash."

**SUPPORTERS OF THE APPLICATION** cite its green energy components, which includes the construction of wind turbines, solar panels and geo-thermal capacity.

The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce supports the EnviroSolutions application, Holly Dougherty, president of the organization, said at the public hearing. The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce also supports the application.

"This landfill is a component of the economic redevelopment on Richmond Highway, as well as the development of Tysons, Reston, and other commercial centers," Dougherty said, echoing supporter's con-

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### Board Defers Landfill Decision

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cerns that if the landfill is closed, construction debris in Fairfax County would have to be transported far away, doubling the cost.

Many Lorton citizens, including Nick Firth, president of the South County Federation, and Larry Clark of the Spring Hill Community Association, are opposed to the application because they say the green energy components that EnviroSolutions is proposing are an example of "greenwashing."

If EnviroSolutions does not build the green energy components, they must pay the county a total of \$10 million.

Instead of wind turbines and other green energy components, Lorton will be left with a landfill, says Bill Lynch, whose business park is near the landfill. Lynch says the green energy is a smoke screen for what the application actually is — the extension of a landfill — and that EnviroSolutions can easily buy their way out of the green energy park.

Lynch is also concerned with the 70-foot berm that will be constructed if the application is approved.

And some residents are upset that the landfill will continue to be the gateway to Fairfax County.

"Every time you pass by one of the wealthiest counties in the nation, this is what you'll see," Firth said at the hearing.

The Mount Vernon Group of the Sierra

Club recently changed positions on this issue, writing in a letter on May 8 that they are concerned with some aspects of the EnviroSolutions application.

"Given ESI's recent history, we are concerned that the county would end up with a larger landfill and no renewable energy benefits. Coupled with the fact that ESI recycles only a small portion of the construction and demolition debris (CDD) at this site and that at least half the CDD they landfill is from out of state, this casts serious doubts on the so called 'green aspects' of the project or its economic benefit to Fairfax County," the letter stated.

**THE PUBLIC HEARING** and discussion regarding the application lasted until after midnight, with the Board of Supervisors listening to a variety of views of the issue. Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland, who is opposed to the application, continuously questioned supporters of the application during the public hearing. He also wanted the Board of Supervisors to make a decision on May 13, but a motion to defer decision until June 17 was passed.

The majority of Lorton residents who spoke at the meeting voiced their opposition to the application.

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## Hometown Hero

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE

**S**erviceMaster of Alexandria owner and president Jane Gandee was honored May 13 by the Salvation Army National Capital Area Command for her company's dedication and support as a community partner to the organization.

As part of National Salvation Army Week, the National Capital Area Command held its annual United in Service breakfast at Hamilton Live in Washington to pay tribute to Gandee and ServiceMaster of Alexandria along with other key community partners. Guest speaker for the event was Pulitzer Prize-winning author and MacArthur Fellow David Finkel.

"ServiceMaster is privileged and honored to serve alongside the dedicated men and women of the Salvation Army," said Gandee, who serves as vice chair of the Salvation Army at Alexandria Citadel Corps advisory council. "The time honored tradition of the Salvation Army and the great work they do for humankind is unparalleled."

Washington Gas was presented with the William Booth Award in recognition of its longstanding community work through the Washington Area Fuel Fund. Also recognized was a senior couple from Montgomery County for a legacy gift to The Salvation Army's Harbor Light Center, as well as GEICO, Monumental Sports, Corporate Executive Board, Harley Owners Group of Fairfax, Kiwanis Club of Prince George's County, Old Bridge United Methodist Church, Interstate Van Lines and the Association of Legal Administrators.

"This is a well-deserved recognition of Jane's passion and dedication to helping those in need,"

**Salvation Army honors Gandee, ServiceMaster for community service.**




PHOTO BY KEN FORSYTHE

**ServiceMaster of Alexandria owner Jane Gandee is honored as a key community partner by Majors Lewis and Jacquelyn Reckline of the Salvation Army National Capital Area Command at the United in Service breakfast May 13 at Hamilton Live in Washington.**

said Burke and Herbert vice president and Alexandria Citadel Corps advisory council board chair Walter Clarke. "We are very proud to have her as our vice chair and grateful for her service to the community."

Local observances of National Salvation Army Week will conclude with a breakfast event for service members and their families at Fort Belvoir on May 16. Local Salvation Army staff will deliver 800 fresh Dunkin' Donuts to all military personnel coming to and from the base that morning.

The Salvation Army National Capital Area Command and Alexandria Citadel Corps provides care to anyone seeking help in the following areas: basic social services (rental, mortgage, utility and grocery assistance), homeless nutrition program, transitional housing and case management for women and their children, alcohol and substance abuse treatment, disaster relief and youth music, culture, arts and education. To make a donation or find help, visit [SalvationArmyNCA.org](http://SalvationArmyNCA.org) or call 1-800-SAL-ARMY.



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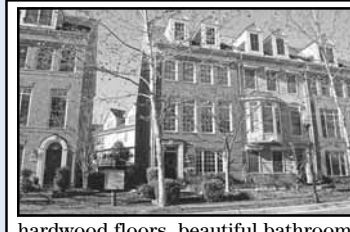
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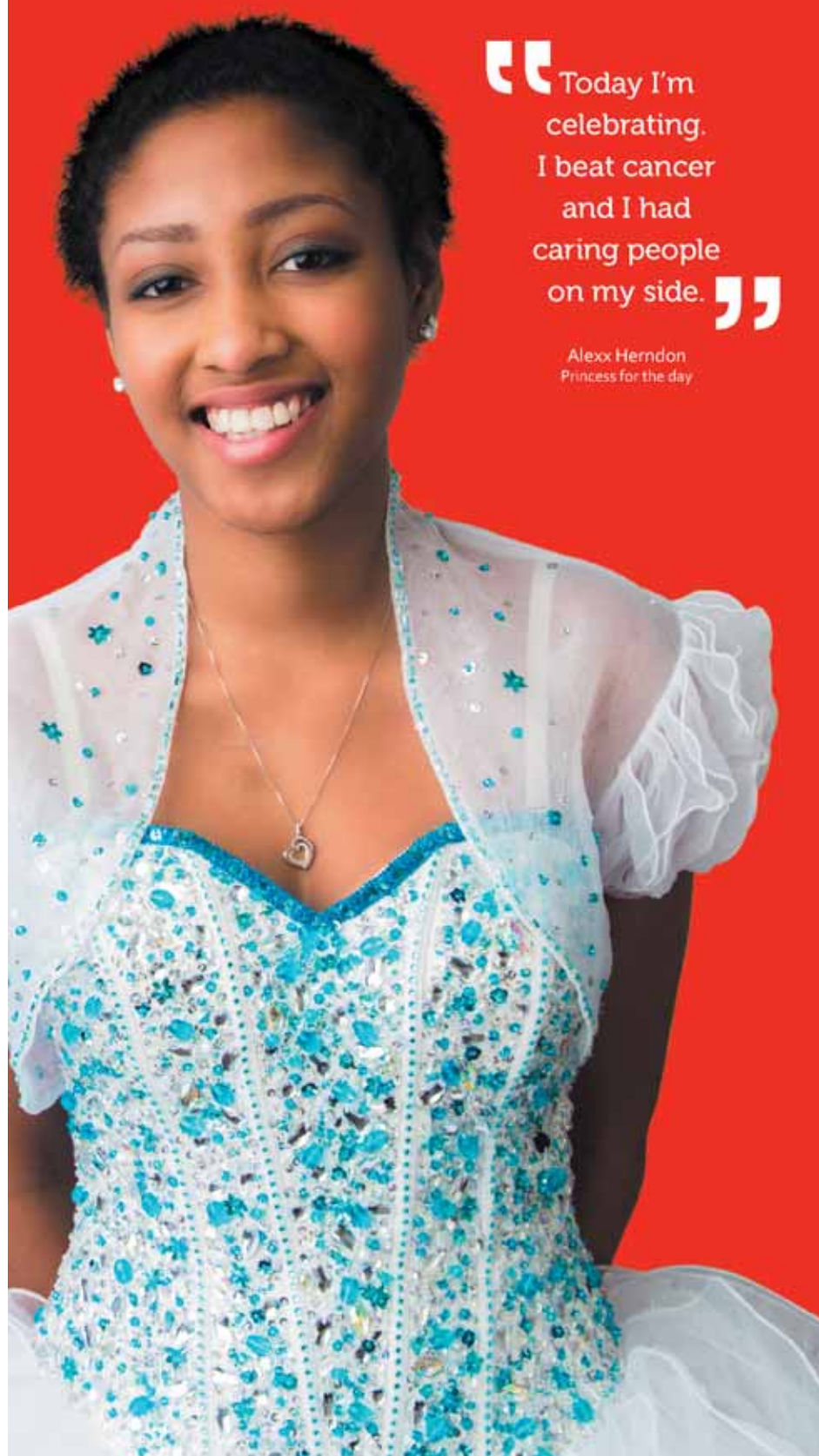
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## PEOPLE



Pastor Keary Kincannon, in black hat, rounds up nonagenarian Ruth Arthur, right, to be honored by fellow volunteer Debbie Bessert (not pictured).



High plains drifter Dale Turner, left, shares a "tickled pink" moment with Judy Borsher, pastor's wife and deputy marshal.



Cowpoke Garde Johnson whips up some mighty fetching tunes on his trusty guitar.



Queen of the Silver Dollar, Sarah Heckman is lassoed by cowpoke and minstrel Garde Johnson.



Bejeweled former saloon girl Sharon Emory is chairman of the trustees and a consummate volunteer.



Buffalo hunter Jackie Martin leads the posse of Methodist Women at Rising Hope.

## Volunteers Mosey Up for Hoedown

### Scores honored for good deeds at Rising Hope.

BY ED SIMMONS, JR.  
THE GAZETTE

**H**ome on the range, it was a time for tall boots, cowboy hats and "no discouraging words" at the Rising Hope Hoedown which feted the church's scores of volunteers from the Mount Vernon community and surrounding churches, Friday, May 2, at the South County Building.

In fact, the words were most encouraging.

"Your volunteer support has made a dif-

ference in the lives of thousands," said Pastor Keary Kincannon in his message. He did most of his "rearin' up" in Oklahoma before moving to a home near Mount Vernon. His cowboy boots and Western regalia are trademarks.

"Our various food-related ministries alone leverage nearly 10,000 hours in volunteer support and almost a half million dollars in donated food," he said.

"You should feel good about giving your time and resources. I know your support is a blessing to all who come in need."

Foremost among the volunteers honored

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was nonagenarian Ruth Arthur who works two full days weekly in the Rising Hope "Milk & Honey" Food Pantry.

"Every month she drives the food donations from Cameron United Methodist Church to Rising Hope for distribution," said fellow Home Bound ministry volunteer Debbie Bessert.

"Sometimes her trunk and back seat are overflowing with donations and she never complains. These tasks are but a few of her many contributions. ... She is unfailingly

kind to others."

Serving the homeless and needy, Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church is located at 8220 Russell Road just off Route 1 between Hybla Valley and Woodlawn. Those who'd like to volunteer or donate are invited to stop by.

For more fun for a good cause, all are invited to the Rising Hope Gala Oct. 3. Purchase tickets at [RisingHopeUMC.org](http://RisingHopeUMC.org).

The Hoedown's barbeque feast was catered gratis by Famous Dave's, another major community volunteer.

## Back from Atlanta with More Than 25 Awards

**A**t 6 a.m., the morning of April 24, more than 120 students, 19 chaperones, three teachers, and one administrator, arrived at Walt Whitman Middle School to take three buses and head to Atlanta to participate in the 2014 Music Showcase Festival.

When it was over, the Whitman Music Ensembles were awarded more than 25 awards. Band Director Barbara Dobberstein said this was the first time in her years of teaching that her students had received a perfect score.

### AWARDS WON:

#### Overall Outstanding Instrumental Performance

- ❖ Sinfonia Orchestra
- ❖ Beginning Percussion Ensemble
- ❖ Mixed Chorus

#### Superior Ratings with a Gold Medal:

- ❖ Symphonic Band
- ❖ Wind Ensemble (won an additional trophy for receiving a perfect score from one of the judges)
- ❖ Beginning Percussion Ensemble
- ❖ Sinfonia Orchestra
- ❖ Mixed Chorus
- ❖ 8th Grade Women's Chorus

- ❖ Men's Chorus
- Outstanding Sections:**
- ❖ Clarinets from Wind Ensemble
- ❖ Sopranos from Mixed Choir
- ❖ Soprano 1s from Women's Choir
- ❖ Baritone 1s from Men's Choir
- ❖ Double Basses from Sinfonia Orchestra

#### Soloist Awards:

- ❖ Soprano Soloist: Rosemarie Spollen
- ❖ Alto Soloist: Ra'ina Naputi
- ❖ Baritone Soloist: Ricky Harris
- ❖ Baritone Trio: Naclareo Peirce-Baldon, Denilson Zapata, and Walker Zaman
- ❖ Cole Kochanowski from the Wind Ensemble
- ❖ Caden Bacz from the Wind Ensemble.



The Whitman Wildcat Music Ensembles

The teachers are Sara Prince (Chorus), Kelley Williams (Orchestra) and Barbara Dobberstein (Band).

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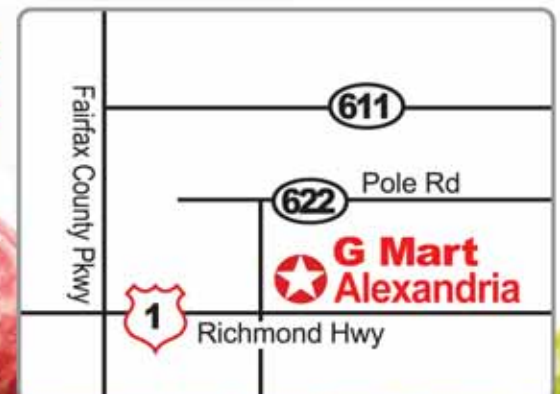
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# OPINION

## Virginia Proves Elections Matter

### Health and economic issues are entwined.

Some people continue to assert, either with their words or by simply abstaining, that voting just doesn't matter. Here in Virginia, nearly every day we prove that is incorrect.

All of Virginia's elected representatives who are elected by the entire state are of the same political party. They are all Democrats: Gov. Terry McAuliffe, Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam, Attorney General Mark Herring and Virginia's two U.S. Senators, Mark Warner and Tim Kaine.

None were elected by a landslide but the trend is undeniable; the results are tangible.

Herring won his race over Mark D. Obenshain (R) by fewer than 200 votes out of more than 2.2 million votes cast. But that slimmest of margins has cleared the way for a new approach on many issues, especially after the previous four years of Gov. Bob McDonnell and Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

In January, Herring announced his office would support legal arguments that Virginia's

ban on same sex marriage is unconstitutional. Judge Arenda Wright Allen on Valentine's Day overturned that ban, and on Tuesday, May 13, the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond begins the process that should result in same sex couples being able to marry in Virginia.

#### EDITORIAL

In April, Herring advised that Virginia students who are lawfully present in the United States under the Federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program qualify for in-state tuition, provided they meet Virginia's domicile requirements.

This week, Gov. McAuliffe began administrative processes to blunt the effects of restrictive regulations placed on women's health centers that provide abortion, that would essentially have forced most to close by applying onerous standards intended for hospitals.

"I am concerned that the extreme and punitive regulations adopted last year jeopardize the ability of most women's health centers to keep their doors open and place in jeopardy the health and reproductive rights of Virginia women," McAuliffe said. He also began the process of changing the makeup of the Board

of Health via appointments, including returning James Edmondson of McLean to the board.

In the meantime, the gerrymandering of district lines for members of the General Assembly maintains the conservative, Republican super majority there. Those members of the House of Delegates in particular seem prepared to cut off their noses to spite their faces, to do almost anything to deny health care to more than 200,000 very poor Virginians who could be covered by expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Not only would this be fully covered by Federal funds for the first years and covered 90 percent thereafter, but it would bring enormous economic benefits to Virginia. McAuliffe is correct to look for ways to expand Medicaid administratively, bypassing the General Assembly. It has been done elsewhere.

"This is not just a health issue — it's an economic issue," McAuliffe said yesterday in announcing review of the regulations on women's health clinics, but the statement applies also to expanding health care in Virginia. "In order to grow and diversify our economy, Virginia needs to be open and welcoming to all."

— MARY KIMM,

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### New Stream Of Revenue

To the Editor:

On two visits to Norway we found the meal tax for food served in a restaurant to be 25 percent or more. I can tell you that Norwegians still eat.

And so did we.

In addition to requesting a yes or no vote, perhaps the referen-

dum should have voters vote for the Meals Tax percentage they favor.

- ❖ 4 percent
- ❖ 10 percent
- ❖ 25 percent and so on.

Twenty-five percent would not just be a "new stream of revenue," it would be a flood of new revenue.

**Jim McDonald**  
Alexandria

### More Study, Less Emotion

To the Editor:

John S. Glaser's letter "Benefits of Medicaid Expansion" in the May 1-7 Mount Vernon Gazette responding to my letter is typical of those who blindly push for something using whatever emotional data that suits their purpose and usually ignoring facts. For ex-

ample, he uses data from a study report, as I said in my earlier letter, that contains caveats and cautionary language to decision makers to take into account before making any decision about expanding Medicaid. The study most often quoted states on page one "The uncertainties increase after 2019 and that period was not part of the scope of the study." Under the Executive Summary it states "Given the overarching policy issues with PPAC, the reader should weigh the assumptions and caveats closely with conclusions and findings." The Virginia Senate Finance Committee also has caveats.

Mr. Glaser pushes too far when he states that veterans will be among those who will be hurt if Medicaid is not expanded now instead of carefully considering all factors before any decision is made as I and many others believe will help more than rushing to decide. I am a WW II and Korea war veteran and I have been helping veterans in need through Veteran's organizations (VFW, DAV and Wounded Warriors) for a long time. For Mr. Glaser to insinuate that I want to deny health care to veterans when he states "This is inexcusable affront to those who have served our country in war and peace." is disingenuous, insulting and disgusting.

Emotional data and scare tactics, as Mr. Glaser presents, doesn't

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### Snapshot

8:06 p.m., May 13, at Jeff Todd Field at Mount Vernon High, the Mount Vernon vs. West Potomac varsity soccer game is delayed because of lightning.

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# LETTERS

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help anyone especially those who need health care. I have never seen a major Federal program costing less than estimated. If the money is not there how does that help those who need health care? People who now go to the emergency room to get care probably will continue to do so because they have been accustomed to doing that for their benefit regardless of Medicaid. Mr. Glaser apparently believes that all those who want to ensure that Medicaid not only works in the short term but is there for the long pull are wrong and he is correct with his emotional arguments to expand Medicaid now. I remind him that Obamacare was passed on emotional arguments and rushed to enactment because it was going to do wonders for everyone. But instead, look at

the disaster that program is today. How does such disaster help those who need health care particularly the 6 million who lost their health care coverage because of Obamacare? And, how many more will be affected? We shouldn't let that happen by rushing to pass Medicaid expansion.

I believe it is better to delay Medicaid expansion until the data used to make decisions is substantiated and short and long term contingencies are dealt with for the benefit of all who may qualify for Medicaid. Keep in mind the old adage "Haste Makes Waste." And, we should not fall into that emotional trap that Mr. Glaser stresses. Considered decisions will truly help the needy rather than emotions.

**Frank Medico**  
Mount Vernon

## Bipartisan Voice

To the Editor:

I believe there is always a way to reach common ground with people I don't immediately see eye to eye with. But like many people, I have grown frustrated with politicians who are more interested in partisan talking points and political image than in compromise. Finding common ground in my everyday life is important to me and

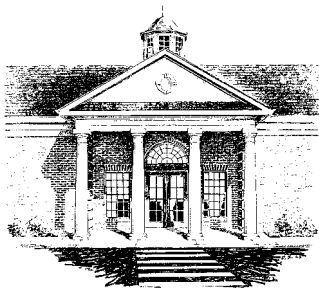
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When guests arrive and see fresh flowers, it signals to them that the event is special and festive, says Victoria Sanchez of Victoria at Home in Old Town Alexandria.

# Outdoor Entertaining

Local style gurus offer tips for alfresco soirees.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

The mild temperatures that usher in late spring and early summer beckon many outdoors for alfresco parties. Whether held on a patio, deck or veranda, the necessary logistics for coordinating even a simple gathering can be daunting.

Local tastemakers have unveiled the latest in elegant accessories, colorful furnishings and creative strategies for transforming a simple outdoor party into a chic and elegant endeavor. From serveware and centerpieces to lighting and cushions, style gurus explain how you can keep your cool while hosting a warm weather event.

"We love using our indoor-outdoor rugs as the starting point for decorating outdoor spaces," said Ann O'Shields of The Nest Egg in Fairfax. "We have a huge selection of patterns and colors from Dash & Albert that are perfect for grounding your space and creating an area to entertain."

Marrying comfort and style in outdoor seating can transform virtually any space into a festive oasis, say designers. Sunbrella fabrics are the ideal textile for upholstered furniture and throw pillows, says O'Shields.

Outdoor pillows by Elaine Smith are the top choice of interior designer and home furnishings boutique owner Victoria Sanchez of Victoria at Home in Old Town Alexandria.

She says that the cushions are polished enough to adorn a home's interior, but hefty enough to withstand exterior elements. "The pillows have grommets and embellishments, but are machine washable and can sit outside," said Sanchez. "Something like that can do a lot to spiff up the same old

furniture and set a tone for a festive environment."

When it comes to place settings and serveware, resist the urge to bring indoor dinnerware outside, eschew the disposable varieties, and instead opt for dinnerware made of melamine. "It is perfect for outdoor entertaining because it's durable and won't break if dropped," said Courtney Thomas of The Picket Fence in Burke. "A bright serving tray or bowl adds some fun to outdoor dining."

Whether from one's own garden or a favorite florist, no smartly dressed table is complete without fresh foliage. "Flowers go without saying," said Sanchez. "They add color, and when your guests walk in and see fresh flowers, it signals to them that the event is special and festive."

To create bouquets with bursts of vibrant summer colors, Evelyn Kinville of The Behnke Florist Shop in Potomac, Md. recommends graceful blossoms like lisianthus, iris, hydrangea and godetia. "These can all be used together. Godetia is very pretty and comes in cherry red, salmon and fuchsia," said Kinville.

When choosing a color scheme, try going back to the basics. "It goes back to color theory — stay with a color wheel," said Sanchez. "Opposites sides of the color wheel are always safe, like orange and blue.

Use lighting to create ambience. "Candles make great outdoor accessories, especially if you are entertaining at night," said Thomas. "Hang a few votive lanterns from nearby trees or use a row of smaller lanterns as a centerpiece on the table. Even placing a few tea lights on the table creates a warm glow."

Cold libations and melodies wafting through the air are summer soirée essentials. "For entertaining, it's always fun to have great music and refreshments which are fun to serve in buckets filled with ice and drinks," said O'Shields.

When in doubt, opt for understated décor.

"Keep it simple and colorful," says Sanchez. "No one knows what you forgot. They only see what is there."



Brightly hued, fresh flowers add a pop of color to outdoor table décor.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## LTA Presents 'Boeing, Boeing'

Comical farce stars a philandering architect engaged to three stewardesses.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE GAZETTE

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is presenting the non-stop comedy, "Boeing, Boeing," now through May 24. Set in a 1965 Paris apartment on the same day, the classic farce written by French playwright Marc Camoletti is centered on Bernard, a swinging architect engaged to three flight attendants all at once.

Bernard's life goes haywire when his friend Robert comes to visit and a newer, speedier Boeing jet messes up all of his careful planning. Inevitably, all three stewardesses come to visit at the same time, but the ending's not what you'd expect.

In 1965, "Boeing, Boeing" was made into a little-known film starring Jerry Lewis and Tony Curtis. In 1991, the play was listed in the Guinness Book of Records as the most performed French play throughout the world. This LTA version is beautifully directed by Roland Branford Gomez and produced by Jim Howard and Robert Kraus.

Joshua Rich, of Centreville, plays the lead role of Bernard who juggles the trio of flight attendants who are all engaged to him. "He's kind of a Playboy type and I think he respects women, but he's also trying to take advantage of them," said Rich. "He's confident and almost kind of brash because he's beat the system."

Above all, Rich said he hopes that audiences will be entertained with its happy ending. He said, "It's a very funny play and it's very professional, so I think people will be treated to an entertaining night at the theater."

Actor Patrick Doneghy, who plays the friend Robert and carries most of the play, is a classic fish-out-of-water who is a bit naïve but a genuinely good person who is

ready to fall in love and get married. "Over the course of 24 hours he learns that he is able to handle a great deal of stress and different situations better than he ever thought he could," said Doneghy.

He added, "Some of the challenges of working on a farce are getting to know and trust your fellow actors enough so that your timing and reactions can be so well in sync that it seems effortless."

Margaret Bush plays the loyal French housekeeper named Berthe who knows about her boss Bernard's philandering and works hard to accommodate his complex schedule. She describes her character as overworked, underappreciated, very opinionated and downright confrontational at times. "I'm the one who has to do all the work behind-the-scenes of this extremely complicated household, so I tend to be a bit grumpy," she said.

Her challenge was speaking with a French accent that was both believable and intelligible as well as fully fleshing out the character and balancing the demands of accurately portraying her while navigating the complexities of comedy.

"I hope audiences appreciate the quality of the writing..." she said. "The collaborative effort that goes into a production of this nature, and the gratitude that those of us on the stage feel for those who are not on the stage who make it all possible behind the scenes."

Katie Doyle plays the role of Gloria, a cheerful American flight attendant. "She is very independent and knows how to get what she wants," said Doyle. "She has very strong viewpoints on the world."

She said, "I don't want to give spoiler alerts, but I will say her viewpoints on love are very practical — she is very smart and uses her assets to get what she needs."



PHOTO BY DOUG OLIMSTED

**"Boeing, Boeing" is playing at the Little Theatre of Alexandria through May 24, and stars Kathleen Doyle (Gloria), Jennifer Patton (Gretchen) and Gabriela Coro (Gabriela).**

Her challenge was working with her somewhat controversial character. She added, "There are definitely some people who may not love some of my character's actions, and I had to work hard to keep her an endearing character."

Jennifer Patton plays the zany role of Gretchen, the German stewardess. "Gretchen is sweet, earnest, a little naïve, and slightly unhinged," said Patton. "She's from a small town, and her job with Lufthansa is definitely her first chance to see the world, so her struggle to balance her upbringing with the situations in the play comes through in some pretty hilarious ways."

Her challenge has been the physicality of the role. "In a lot of cases, Gretchen has been played by a tall woman, but I'm only 5-foot-2. My Gretchen is a short girl who doesn't know she's short, and that has been a lot of fun to develop."

Patton said, "I hope the audience has as much fun watching it as we had working on it."

Gabriela Coro plays the sassy Italian stewardess also named Gabriela who oozes with

attitude. "She wants her life to be full of passion, and you can tell from the way she interacts with the other characters," she said. "Everything she does comes from a place of emotion."

She added, "Unfortunately for her fiancée, her default emotion is usually aggression."

She said that her challenge was mastering the Italian accent. "I wanted it to sound real and comfortable on stage, because if the audience couldn't believe it, then they wouldn't believe anything else about my character either."

Regarding the reception from the play, she said, "Everyone involved with the play has been so grateful for all the support from the community, and we hope the people of Alexandria are proud of the productions we put on."

*"Boeing, Boeing" runs through May 24 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Showtimes are Wednesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com) or call 703-683-0496.*

### CALENDAR

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Include date, time, location, description and contact for event: phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

#### 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](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

**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](http://www.boxofficetickets.com). Visit [www.metrostage.org](http://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](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org/sunny-and-licorice) or call 703-967-0437.

**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](http://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](http://www.mountvernon.org/spy).

**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-](http://www.Monaco-Alexandria.com/alexandria-hotel/doggy-happy-)



# ENTERTAINMENT

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**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 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](http://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.

## CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

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**Pre-School Studio.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood



Pat Wictor, Joe Jencks and Greg Greenway

## Brother Sun

Focus Music presents folk-pop trio Brother Sun — Greg Greenway, Joe Jencks, Pat Wictor — Sunday, May 18, 7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 North Quaker Lane. Greg Greenway, Joe Jencks and Pat Wictor have made their mark as veteran touring singer-songwriters, but Brother Sun is no songwriter's round. Fusing folk, Americana, blues, pop, jazz, rock and a cappella singing, Brother Sun is an explosion of musical diversity and harmony, in the finest of male singing traditions. Their voices are backed primarily by guitar and piano. Tickets: \$20/\$18 for advance sales and members. Visit [www.focusmusic.org/concerts\\_alexandria.php](http://www.focusmusic.org/concerts_alexandria.php) or call 703-380-3151.

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 [artatthecenter.org](http://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-Thursdays, 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

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Actors Gary Sinise, David Arquette, Adam Driver, Michelle Monaghan and Ron Livingston will be in Alexandria as part of the GI Film Festival.

# Alexandria To Host GI Film Festival

## Sinise, Arquette set to honor troops.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE

**C**ary Sinise, David Arquette and Adam Driver are just three of the celebrities who will be in attendance as the GI Film Festival heads to Alexandria May 19-25.

Known as “Sundance for the Troops,” the seven-day festival will open May 19 at the Old Town Theater with the world premiere of the Civil War epic “Field of Lost Shoes.” Starring Virginia native David Arquette, the feature film tells the true story of 274 Virginia Military Institute cadets who are forced to join the war before their time during the Battle of Newmarket.

“There is no question this is the most power-packed, emotionally compelling film line-up we’ve ever showcased,” said Alexandria resident and GI Film Festival president Brandon Millett. “These films will shock you. They will move you. They will entertain you. And I guarantee you will come away with a greater understanding of the experiences of military veterans of all generations and their families.”

The award-winning festival will include several celebrity receptions and features a line-up of 56 films that covers every aspect of military triumph and struggle from the Civil War to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Other highlights of the festival include an

advanced screening of the Sony/Affirm Films feature “When the Game Stands Tall” (May 22), the premiere of the documentary “The First Motion Picture Unit: When Hollywood Went to War” (May 23), and the East Coast premiere of the dramatic feature “Fort Bliss” (May 25) starring Michelle Monaghan and Ron Livingston.

“Fort Bliss is one of the most powerful films that I have seen that truly captures the additional struggles that women in the military face today,” said festival co-founder Laura Law-Millett, herself a veteran and mother. “Having to choose between her family and her profession is the toughest decision a woman can be forced to make. This film is a must-see for every woman who serves and for everyone who has loved a woman who served.”

With a theme of “Secrets and Spies,” the

opening night gala will be held May 19 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center with Arquette as special guest. Sinise, known for his role as Lt. Dan in the Academy Award-winning film “Forrest Gump,” will be in attendance at the May 23 Salute to Hollywood Patriots at the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

On May 24, U.S. Marine and actor Adam Driver will be on hand for screenings of short films profiling heroes of World War II and Korea followed by the Best of Festival awards and a special tribute to NBC Universal’s film “Lone Survivor.”

The festival will close May 25 with Monaghan and Livingston set to attend the world premiere of “Fort Bliss.”

For a full schedule of events, visit [www.gifilmfestival.com](http://www.gifilmfestival.com).

## CALENDAR

and souvenirs. Advance registration is required. Call 703-746-4994 or visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) for a schedule.

**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery 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.mvccct.org](http://www.mvccct.org).

### THURSDAY/MAY 15

**Genealogy Discussion Group.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Speaker Char McCargo Bah will demonstrate techniques for researching African-American

genealogy. Call 703-746-1751 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**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](http://www.paulandstorm.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://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](http://www.burgundyfarm.org).

### FRIDAY/MAY 16

**Alexandria Library Closed.** All branches closed for staff training. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://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](http://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 Wahoos Youth Swim Team will also be available on site. \$4 per person. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/c/8437](http://www.alexandriava.gov/c/8437).

**Future Fund Awards Gala.** 8-11 p.m. on the Cherry Blossom Charter, located behind the Torpedo Factory in Old Town, Alexandria, 105 N Union St. The Future Fund will celebrate its successful grantmaking in 2014 and raise funds to support its grant cycle in 2015 at its annual Awards Gala. The evening will feature hors d’oeuvres, an open bar and dancing. Tickets are \$75 for Future Fund members and \$95 for nonmembers. Visit [www.cfnova.org/ffgala](http://www.cfnova.org/ffgala) for more.

### 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 [www.ext.vt.edu](http://www.ext.vt.edu).

**Guided Tours of Fort Ward.** 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road. Soldiers in Union Army uniforms will lead tours of historic

Fort Ward. About 90 minutes each. Program is weather dependent. Free. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://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



# ENTERTAINMENT

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](http://www.AlexSym.org), or call 703-845-6156.

## SUNDAY/MAY 18

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

**Confronting Slavery at Lee-Fendall House.** 1 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. Joseph McGill, founder of the Slave Dwelling Project, will be staying overnight in Lee-Fendall House's slave quarters and giving a presentation. A special tour will be part of the program and the museum will raffle a chance to stay overnight in the slave quarters. \$10. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org) or call 703-548-1789.

**Memorial Day Flag Placement.** 1-4 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King

St. Participants are requested to place flags on veterans' graves, with a cookout celebration afterwards for all volunteers. Free. Wear walking shoes. RSVP to [info@IHCHPS.org](mailto:info@IHCHPS.org).

**Tea with Martha Washington.** 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Join Martha Washington as she discusses 18th-century tea customs, as well as clothing of the period. Girl Scout groups and families with children in grades 2 or above are welcome, party attire is requested. \$25 per person, \$20 for reservations of 6 or more. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or call 703-746-4242.

**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.

**Jazz Music.** 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 North Alfred St. Ronny Smith Quartet, "Honoring the Tradition, Jazz and Beyond." Call 703-549-1334 or visit [www.meadechurch.org](http://www.meadechurch.org).

**Garden Picnic.** 4-6 p.m., at 1909 Windmill Lane. Join Fort Hunt Preschool & the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church for an afternoon of storytelling and musical performances. 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](http://www.forthuntpreschool.com/events).

**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](http://www.mountvernon.org/winefestival), or call 703-780-2000.

**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](http://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. \$245 all-access pass, \$70 weekend pass May 24-25; military discounts. Visit [www.gifilmfestival.com](http://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](http://www.blackmoresnight.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://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](http://www.alexandriahistorical.org).

## THURSDAY/MAY 22

**Art Lecture.** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at The Art League Gallery, Studio 21 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780. Martha Wilson, pioneering feminist artist and founder and director of the Franklin Furnace, speaks as part of the Art League's anniversary lecture series. Reception at 6:30 p.m., lecture at 7. Free, but registration encouraged. Visit [www.theartleague.org/content/events\\_special\\_exhibits](http://www.theartleague.org/content/events_special_exhibits).

## 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](http://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. Email [singerstheater@gmail.com](mailto:singerstheater@gmail.com) or visit [www.singerstheatre.com](http://www.singerstheatre.com).

## SATURDAY/MAY 24

**Civil Rights Saturday.** 2-4:30 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. With book signing, author reading, storytelling activity and exhibit discussion. Space is limited, reservations are recommended. Call 703-746-4356.

Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).

**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](http://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](http://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 5 and under; separate ticket from daytime admission, annual passes not valid. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org).

## SUNDAY/MAY 25

**Runs and Family Festival.** 7:30 a.m. on Eisenhower Avenue between Elizabeth Lane and John Carlyle Street. Half-marathon with 5K and 1K kids fun run. Free festival with face painting, balloons, yoga, kids' obstacle course, beer garden and more. Races start at 7:30 a.m., festival 8:30-noon. Half-marathon \$70, 5K \$40, 1K \$5 to benefit international charities. Visit [www.mc-coop.org](http://www.mc-coop.org).

**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](http://www.Birchmere.com).

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# Yellow Line Petition, Hybrid Tax Refunds and I-495 Changes

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL  
DELEGATE (D-44)



## COMMENTARY

Last week, I wrote about the status of some transportation projects in our community. Here are a few more important things.

### Sign the Yellow Line/ Hybrid Option Extension Petition

The state's consultants are busy crunching numbers, population projections and funding options and evaluating community input to prepare recommendations on the mode of transit we should have on U.S. 1 for the next 20 years. I strongly believe that the "Hybrid Option" or the two-stop Yellow Line Extension with stations at Beacon Hill and Hybla Valley with dedicated bus rapid transit to Woodbridge is the best option. Having Metro on U.S. 1 will help revitalize the corridor, generate economic development, and enhance the environment, our schools, and our quality of life in the Mount Vernon and Lee areas.

I have set up a petition for people to sign, show support and comment on why the Hybrid Option is the best option. More than 400 people have already signed, in addi-

tion to the 400 who indicated support for a Yellow Line Extension on my 2014 constituent survey. Please go online and sign my petition at [www.bit.ly/route1petition](http://www.bit.ly/route1petition).

Get your family and neighbors to sign. It will take you less than a minute. We need to show strong community support.

### I-495/U.S. 1 Express Lane Merge Changes

One of my constituents complained to me about the short merging space for traffic moving onto the Beltway/I-495 Express Lanes from northbound U.S. 1. Right now, there are only about 100 yards to merge from the exit into the left hand lane, a place where cars are coming out of Maryland, usually traveling at over 70 miles per hour. After all, they are the "express" lanes.

I submitted a request to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) who agreed and in the next few months, VDOT plans to substantially lengthen the merge. This will make the merge for Mount Vernon residents much safer.

### On July 1, some important new laws affecting vehicles will also go into effect.

#### Hybrid Tax Repeal

State Sen. Adam Ebbin and I made eliminating the hybrid tax a priority and succeeded in persuading the General Assembly to repeal it. The repeal will go into effect on July 1, 2014 and customers who have pre-paid to register their hybrid vehicles for multiple years will be entitled to a refund for the pre-paid registration years that begin on July 1.

Individuals whose registration expires prior to July 1, but who do not renew their registration until after that date, will still owe the \$64.

I will post more information describing the refund process by July 1.

#### Birth Certificates

Effective March 1, 2014, you can obtain an official copy of your Virginia birth certificate at a DMV branch, instead of going to Richmond.

#### Moped Registration

On July 1, 2014, all mopeds operating on the public roads must be titled, registered and carry license plates. More information

is available at the DMV website: <http://dmvnow.com/vehicles/#moped.html>. Please take steps soon so your youngster is not stopped by the police (I voted against this by the way).

#### Vehicle Sales Tax Increase

Beginning July 1, 2014, the sales and use tax (SUT) on vehicles will increase from 4 percent to 4.05 percent. This increase is part of a larger transportation funding bill that the General Assembly adopted last year. This tax will gradually increase to 4.15 percent by 2016. The minimum SUT remains \$75. As with the previous incremental increase, the date of the sale determines the tax owed, for vehicles purchased in Virginia.

#### Vehicle Inspection for Active Duty Military

Effective July 1, 2014, active military members residing in Virginia who return from an official absence will have 14 calendar days to obtain a current vehicle safety inspection sticker. Currently, updated vehicle inspection stickers are due within five business days.

It is an honor to serve as your state delegate. Please email me at [scottsurovell@gmail.com](mailto:scottsurovell@gmail.com) and share your views and suggestions.

## 'Aida' at Mount Vernon High

BY SARAH MANDELL  
WEST POTOMAC HIGH SCHOOL

Mount Vernon Players presented a fascinating production of "Aida" School Edition on April 25. With simple but timely sets and an enthusiastic ensemble the Mount Vernon players created a memorable play. The cast's energy in numbers and their exuberant facial expressions shine through to create a vivid story and make the musical come alive through the singing, the dancing and the acting.

The musical "Aida" was written as a book by Linda Woolverton, Robert Falls, and David Henry Hwang and the music was written by Elton John with the lyrics by Tim Rice. The musical was produced by Walt Disney Theatrical and is often considered "Elton John and Tim Rice's Aida."

"Aida" appeared on Broadway March 23, 2000 and ran until Sept. 5, 2004 which makes it the 35th longest running show on Broadway. The musical has also done multiple international productions and national tours. "Aida" was nominated for five Tony awards in 2000 and ended up winning four of them. The show also won multiple awards from the National Broadway Theatre Awards including Best Musical, Best Direction, Best Actor and Best Actress.

"Aida" is a difficult play to do especially for the mature content; however the cast

at Mount Vernon High School's theater group managed to make the most of the play and really display talent for subtle facial and vocal expressions and deep emotional connections to the story. The Princess of Egypt Amneris (Leslie Gambini) displayed an impressive range in emotions from very narcissistic and egocentric to truly capturing the idea of betrayal and sadness mixed with her regret for what she has to do to Aida (Erin Huges) and Radames (Christian Menendez). Aida's (Erin Huges) voice was beautiful, soaring above the music with control and poise much like the character she was playing.

The sets were simple but very usable and the cast put great use to all aspects of it. With a nod towards the setting of the story, the cast was able to use their sets to the greatest advantage as well as the admirably well-done props. The entire cast was able to keep staying on track of the sound system and continue to hold their music together with the pre-recorded music which was praiseworthy due to the difficulty of the score and musical content.

The play had many great aspects the shone through including the props, the use of the set and the caliber of the acting and singing. The cast pulled off a very difficult play with grace and was able to make a somber love story be seen on stage.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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those around me — and it should be to elected officials as well.

Mark Warner's actions prove he believes the same thing. When I voted for him for governor, and again for senator, he said he would work with his Republican colleagues to find common ground — because that's what's good for Virginia. And that's what he did.

When he was governor, he worked with Republicans to pass one of the largest funding increases to K-12 education in recent memory — and he did it by compromising, not by butting heads. Just this week, he worked with House Republican Darrell Issa to pass the DATA Act, which will make our government more open and accountable.

Actions like these make me proud that Senator Warner represents my voice in some of the most important conversations happening in Washington. He's been a consistent, bipartisan voice in the conversation on immigration reform, for example, and the need to secure our borders while also keeping our country open to bright young minds. He has also introduced legislation with Republican Senator Marco Rubio to expand opportunities for graduate students to obtain science and technology visas.

Of course, like many things in life, there is room for compromise on the issue of immigration reform. I know Senator Warner has done his part to support sensible solutions to complicated problems. Like many Virginians, I'm ready for the rest of Washington to do its part.

**Virginia Lindahl**  
Alexandria

## Marshall to Leave UCM

United Community Ministries Executive Director Shirley Marshall has resigned, according to its board of directors. She will continue to lead and advise the agency for a time to facilitate a smooth transition. Marshall took on the leadership of UCM following the loss of former Executive Director Cynthia Hull.

The board has initiated the search for a new executive director.

## Accidental House Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a house fire Saturday, April 26, at approximately 11:45 a.m., in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County. The single-family home is located on Remington Drive.

Firefighters encountered smoke and fire on the exterior of the two-story home upon arrival. A neighbor who called 911, unsuccessfully attempted to extinguish the fire with a garden hose. Upon arrival, firefighters quickly extinguished the fire and kept the fire from spreading throughout the whole house. The occupants were not home when the fire broke out. The home had working smoke alarms. Both occupants have been displaced. Red Cross support was offered but declined. There were no injuries. Damage is estimated at \$50,000.

According to fire investigators, the fire was accidental. A leaking outside gas meter caused the fire. The ignition source is still under investigation.



# West Potomac Sophomore Sara Experiencing Power Surge

**Sara hits 3 home runs against South County on May 9.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

**E**arlier in the 2014 season, West Potomac sophomore Jamie Sara was a part-time player with a propensity for striking out. When the Wolverines hosted Annandale on May 8, Sara played in the field, but head coach Jim Sullivan replaced Sara in the lineup with a designated hitter. The following evening, Sara had what he described as a “terrible” batting-practice session prior to West Potomac’s game against South County. Sara would bat in the No. 8 spot in the order against the Stallions, a spot not usually occupied by hitters with prodigious power.

“I took a terrible BP round,” Sara said of his pregame performance on May 9, “but after that, I was looking for fastballs, squaring them up.”

Whatever adjustments Sara made during the game proved successful as the 6-foot-3, 180-pounder smacked three home runs during a 6-0 victory against the defending Patriot District champions.

“South County didn’t even know who he was,” Sullivan said. “They said, ‘Who is he and why is he hitting No. 8?’”

On May 13, West Potomac traveled to face first-place West Springfield for the Wolverines’ regular-season Conference 7 finale. In the top of the first inning, Sara, battling cleanup for West Potomac, jumped on the



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**West Potomac sophomore Jamie Sara, right, is greeted at home plate by teammates Billy Lescher (22) and Rocky Iboleon (15) after hitting a two-run home run in the first inning against West Springfield on May 13.**

first pitch he saw from Spartans left-hander Tim Yonkers and blasted a two-run bomb toward the parking lot past the fence in left field at Tugwell Yards. It was the third baseman’s fifth home run of the season.

Did Sara know it was gone?

“I had a good feeling,” he said. “I sat on a first-pitch fastball. It was a nice shot.”

What’s up with No. 13’s recent power surge? Sullivan said he thinks Sara is swinging with more control.

“Even though it looks like he’s swinging as hard as he can, I don’t really think he’s swinging as hard as he was,” Sullivan said.

“He was striking out four out of every 10

at-bats. ... We just figured if he’ll just focus, he’s a tremendous athlete, strong as a bull and he’s going to keep getting bigger. We’re just hoping that he’ll continue to not overthink it — to not think that he’s now a home run hitter and just let it happen.”

Sara’s powerful bat is a welcomed addition for a West Potomac baseball team that entered Tuesday’s contest with West Springfield as the No. 2 seed in Conference 7. The Spartans built a 6-3 lead before play was

## BULLETIN BOARD

### 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.wmpamusic.org/wmyo-auditions.html) for the youth orchestra and [www.wmpamusic.org/wmco-auditions.html](http://www.wmpamusic.org/wmco-auditions.html) for the concert orchestra. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) for more.

**Conversation on Teen Stress.** 10 a.m.-2:30

suspended due to lightning in the fourth inning. The teams were scheduled to finish the game on Wednesday. West Springfield would secure the No. 1 seed with a win over West Potomac or a win over Woodson on Friday during the Spartans’ regular-season finale.

West Potomac entered Tuesday’s game with a 12-6 record, including 8-3 against conference opponents. The Wolverines had won six of their last seven games.

“They don’t seem to get too disturbed by being behind,” Sullivan said. “They are a pretty calm, collected bunch. I think we were behind five of our first six games and won four of them. ... They don’t tend to panic, which I think is the big thing. They know they are good ball players, they know they can make the plays and they know they can hit the ball, so if they can keep that confidence up, [they will be in good shape].”

One of the primary reasons for West Potomac’s success has been the pitching duo of Billy Lescher and Michael Barnes.

“When they’re on the mound,” Sullivan said, “that helps [their teammates] relax.”

Early in the season, Sullivan said the Wolverines had their sights set on a conference title. While it is unlikely West Potomac will catch West Springfield in the regular-season standings, the Wolverines can turn their attention to the Conference 7 tournament, which begins Monday, May 19.

“We still believe that we’re as good as anybody for the tournament,” Sullivan said, “but we were hoping to win both of them.”

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](http://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-auditions.html](http://www.wmpamusic.org/wmyo-auditions.html) for the youth orchestra and [www.wmpamusic.org/wmco-auditions.html](http://www.wmpamusic.org/wmco-auditions.html) for the concert orchestra. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) for more.

**School Start Time Meeting.** 7-9 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Fairfax County Public School meeting to gather feedback on proposed adjustments to school start times, starting high school after 8 a.m. Visit [www.fcps.edu/news/starttimes.shtml](http://www.fcps.edu/news/starttimes.shtml).

### TUESDAY/MAY 20

**Lions Dinner Meeting.** 6:30 p.m. at Pema’s Restaurant, 8430 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. 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. Contact Andrea Corsillo at 703-960-4973.



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## Weather Wins

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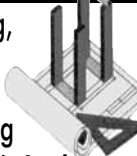
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### OBITUARY



**Cynthia Chmura Fondriest, age 67,** of  
Alexandria, Virginia, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May  
10, 2014.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Ms. Fondriest graduated from  
Cass Technical High School and attended Michigan State Uni-  
versity. She had a twenty-year career in advertising agencies  
in both Detroit and Chicago.

After the birth of her two daughters, Mary Margaret and Sarah  
Elizabeth, Ms. Fondriest began a new career in commuter  
transportation management, first at the Southeast Michigan  
Council of Governments and, in 1986, joining the City of Alexandria as a  
Transportation Planner. In 1987, she founded her own consult-  
ing business, Strategic

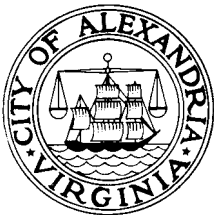
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A visionary in the field, she opened and operated the first retail  
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oped the CarrCOMPASS transportation benefits program for  
the Oliver Carr Company, and pioneered in the application of  
marketing research to commuter transportation issues. She  
was an early advocate of employer-based telework programs  
and most recently was working on the installation of electric  
car-charging stations.

A long-time member of the Association for Commuter Trans-  
portation, she served several terms as a member of the ACT  
Board of Directors, chaired the Association's International Con-  
ferences in 1989, 1999 and 2009, and served as President of  
the Chesapeake Chapter for twelve years. She also was active  
in the Michigan State University Alumni Association, where she  
served as Director of Networking for the DC Spartans, affec-  
tionately known within the association as "Spartan Cindy."

In addition to her daughters Mary Margaret of Craftsbury, Ver-  
mont and Sarah Elizabeth (Brian Staton) of Springfield, Virginia  
and granddaughter Carmela Staton, Ms. Fondriest is survived  
by two sisters, Carol Castronova (Frank) and Christine Scan-  
dritto, nieces, Ellen (Michael) Scandritto, Emily (Chip) Dumit-  
rescu, Andrea (Jamie) Merritt, nephews Frank (Gaye) Castro-  
nova, and Anthony (Sarah) Castronova.

The family will be receiving visitors at the Everly-Wheatley  
Funeral Home in Alexandria on Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and  
6 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held at St. Christopher's  
Church in Springfield on Friday at 10 a.m. Burial will be in  
Detroit.

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of  
Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of  
Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 9:30 a.m.,  
or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described  
items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 10 (MOTOR VE-  
HICLES AND TRAFFIC), Chapter 1 (GENERAL PROVI-  
SIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981,  
as amended.

The proposed ordinance makes changes to the streets where  
truck traffic is prohibited by prohibiting trucks from using North  
Early Street between Menokin Drive and Braddock Road.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 3-2-163  
(SAME- ELIGIBILITY, RESTRICTIONS GENERALLY) and 3-  
2-164 (SAME-ADMINISTRATION BY CITY MANAGER) of Divi-  
sion 1 (REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION OR DEFERRA FOR  
ELDERLY OR PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED  
PERSONS) of Article L (REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF) of  
Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND  
PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virgini-  
a, 1981, as amended.

The ordinance (1) adds that the City Manager may also require  
applicants to provide bank and investment statements and (2)  
reduces the net combined financial worth of an applicant from  
\$540,000 to \$430,000.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the tenant and owners of the  
property located at 115 and 117 King Street, in the City of  
Alexandria, Virginia to construct and maintain an encroach-  
ment for an awning on the front building wall at that location.  
The proposed ordinance implements the encroachment ap-  
proved by the City Council on April 12, 2014 and permits the  
restaurant located at 115 and 117 King Street to construct an  
awning that encroaches approximately 5.5 feet into the right-of-  
way area on the sidewalk for approximate 60.83 feet on the  
front building wall.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-373  
(ELECTRIC UTILITY CONSUMER TAX) of Article V (ELEC-  
TRIC AND NATURAL GAS CONSUMERS TAX) of Chapter 2  
(TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PRO-  
CUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia,  
1981, as amended.

The ordinance increases the electric utility consumer tax on (1)  
commercial consumers to \$1.18 pules the rate of \$0.005578  
on each Kilowatt Hour delivered monthly to the consumer and  
(2) industrial consumers to \$1.18 plus the rate of \$0.004544 on  
each Kilowatt Hour delivered monthly to the consumer.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-102  
(LEVY AND RATE) of Article I (TAX ON SALE OF CIGA-  
RETTES) of Chapter 2 (TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAX-  
ATION AND PROCUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alex-  
andria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance increases the City's cigarette tax rate  
from \$1.00 to \$1.15 per pack.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-62 (TAX  
RATE AND LEVY) of Article F (TAX ON PERSONS PUR-  
CHASING TELEPHONE AND WATER SERVICES) of Chapter 2  
(TAXATION) of Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PRO-  
CUREMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia,  
1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance increases the City's tax on water  
service from 15% to 20% for commercial and industrial users.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners of the property locat-  
ed at 941 and 945 North Alfred Street to construct and main-  
tain an encroachment for two porches at that location.

The proposed ordinance permits the owner of 941 and 945  
North Alfred Street to construct porches that encroach approxi-  
mately 2.62 feet into the public landscape strip adjacent to the  
sidewalk right-of-way.

AN ORDINANCE to amend the regular meetings of City Coun-  
cil.

This ordinance amends the start time for City Council's regular  
meeting found in section 2-1-41. (Start time will be 6:00 p.m.)

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 9 (LICENSING  
AND REGULATIONS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria,  
Virginia, to add Chapter 15 (Food Truck Vendors) as amended.  
The proposed ordinance authorizes food trucks to operate  
Citywide from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Public Hearing on the Alexandria Children and Youth Master  
Plan from the Children, Youth and Families Collaborative Com-  
mission.

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When: Thursday, May 22, 2014 4:00 pm- 8:00 pm  
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**DETAIL SPECIALS**

**\$39<sup>95</sup>**

Wash & Vacuum

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Hand wash, wax  
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**TRUE START BATTERY SPECIAL**

**\$139<sup>95</sup>**

**INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION**

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**BRAKE SPECIAL  
\$99<sup>95</sup>  
PADS**

**Includes:** Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. Pads only.

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**COMPLIMENTARY  
MULTI-POINT INSPECTION**

**Includes:** Inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.

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**ROTATE & BALANCE SPECIAL  
\$49<sup>95</sup>**

**Includes:** Rotate and balance all 4 wheels and inspect brakes and tires.

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