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Gov. Terry McAuliffe congratulates Mason Neck State Park for winning second place in the "America is Your Park" campaign.

Governor Launches Outdoor Challenge

Mason Neck receives \$55,000 grant.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

Located just miles from Interstate 95, Mason Neck State Park is a gem in the area for those looking for some outdoor recreation and an escape from the stress of Northern Virginia. The park's allure was recognized last week as it received a \$50,000 grant from Coca-Cola for being named one of America's Favorite Parks through the "America is Your Park" campaign.

"Mason Neck is a gem in terms of the conservation it offers and the recreational opportunities that are here on Mason Neck," said Jess Lowry, park manager at Mason Neck State Park.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe joined park officials at Mason Neck to accept the check from Coca-Cola. The grant is being used to open an Outdoor Fitness Challenge.

"It's a great pleasure and an honor to have Governor McAuliffe as a guest, since it's only been four years since the previous governor proposed closing this state park, and four others, because of Virginia's budget problems," said Richard Kennedy, co-president of the Friends of Mason Neck State Park.

McAuliffe promised he would not close state parks during his time as governor, but rather strive to open new parks.

"I don't believe in closing parks, I believe in opening state parks," he said.

Mason Neck received over 270,000 votes and won second place in the contest out of 11,000 other state parks.

The first place winner was Veteran's Park in Moore, Okla., the site of a tornado last year that killed 24 people and injured hundreds others.

Mason is the closest state park to Washington, D.C., Kennedy reminded park visitors, and diplomatic li-

cense plates into the park are very frequent.

"It's a great park for Virginians, but it also serves as an ambassador for U.S. state parks to the rest of the world," Kennedy said.

The state park is also the closest one to Fort Belvoir, and Kennedy said the park is looking for ways to connect to Wounded Warriors at Fort Belvoir. In about a month, Kennedy said a special photography and hiking group for wounded warriors is likely to begin.

Mason Neck State Park played a role in the recovery of the American Bald Eagle, said Joe Elton, deputy director of operations of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation. The park and other recreational areas along Mason Neck were preserved because citizens didn't want to see everything paved and developed, he said.

"You almost can't visit this place without seeing the American Bald Eagle," Elton said.

The Outdoor Fitness Challenge is aimed at young people and will allow them to learn through technology, Elton said.

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Richard Kennedy, co-president of the Friends of Mason Neck State Park, talks about Coca Cola's contest, which led to the park receiving a \$50,000 grant.

School Cuts Confirmed

More than 700 positions lost with approval of school budget.

BY REENA SINGH
THE GAZETTE

Fairfax County Public Schools' 2.5 billion budget passed during a six hour meeting Thursday, May 22.

The School Board approved the fiscal year 2015 budget 9-3 after debating through a list of amendments, approving a step increase for employees in November but cuts out more than 700 positions countywide.

Mount Vernon representative Dan Storck, Braddock District representative Megan McLaughlin and Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz opposed both the adjusted budget and the two amendments that passed during the meeting.

"We knew we were going to have to cut things that we cared

about, and that \$97 million is full of things we cared about," said Hunter Mill representative Pat Hynes. "The money is not there. We have combed through our budget and it is not there."

Reductions totaling \$97 million represent not only employee positions, but also the reduction of \$3.9 million in health and retirement benefit costs.

THE BOARD also eliminated the fees for International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement exams, taking on the \$4 million burden in the budget. Some board members felt that money could have gone towards other line items, like more Head Start and pre-kindergarten classrooms than the two that were approved at the meeting.

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McAuliffe Vetoes Bipartisan Ethics Bill

Surovell co-sponsored the bill.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

After Gov. Terry McAuliffe vetoed a bipartisan ethics bill last week, the bill's co-sponsors, Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) Del. David Ramadan (R-87) and Del. Jim LeMunyon (R-67), joined other lawmakers throughout the state in expressing their disapproval of the decision.

Surovell and LeMunyon's bill, House Bill 1212, also had a Senate counterpart, Senate Bill 650,

also vetoed by the Governor.

The bills concerned the Governor's Development Opportunity Fund and would prohibit the governor from seeking or accepting gifts over \$50 from those seeking money from the fund. The law would also apply to the governor's campaign committee and political action committees established on behalf of the governor.

"The Governor's Office is already prohibited from soliciting contributions while negotiating public-

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Countdown to World Police and Fire Games Begins

The event will bring 12,000 athletes from 70 countries to region in summer 2015.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

Even though the opening ceremony is still a little over a year away, Gov. Terry McAuliffe joined officials from Fairfax County last week to announce the countdown to the 2015 World Police and Fire Games.

"This is great for Fairfax, but most importantly, this is great for the Commonwealth of Virginia," McAuliffe said at the May 21 event in Vienna.

The games, which will take place in 2015 from June 26 to July 5, will bring 12,000 police and fire athletes from 70 countries to Fairfax County, more athletes than the 2012 London Olympics. Anywhere from 15,000 to 30,000 visitors are also expected.

"What a unique opportunity we have to show the world what Fairfax County, the National Capitol Region, the commonwealth of Virginia, can do and what it's like to live, work and play here," said Bill Knight, CEO of Fairfax 2015.

McAuliffe has been named the chairperson of the Honorary Board of the games, along with leaders across Fairfax County. The Fairfax 2015 Honorary Board includes former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, U.S. Senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner, U.S. Representatives Jim Moran, Gerry Connolly and Frank Wolf, George Mason University President Angel Cabrera, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce President Jim Corcoran, and Cal Ripken, among others. "This is all about public safety, and I'm so proud of the men and women in public safety, including police, fire, EMS, and the sheriff's office," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Super-



Gov. Terry McAuliffe is presented with a 2015 World Police and Fire Games jersey on May 21.

visors.

The games are expected to bring between \$60 and \$80 million in economic impact to the area. They are open to any public officer, and will include events such as a half marathon, ultimate firefighter, bodybuilding, toughest alive, and dozens of other competitive events.

"Yes, this is bigger than the London Olympics," said Kevin Reynolds, chairman of the Fairfax 2015 Board of Directors and president of Cardinal Bank. "Most of the competitors will pay for themselves to come here, so our job is to make this a world-class experience."

McAuliffe said the games will increase tourism and encourage people to bring their

businesses here. He also announced that \$10 million needs to be raised before the

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— Gov. Terry McAuliffe

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Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, speaks at an event that begins the countdown to the World Police and Fire Games.

get the Olympics that are coming up. This will be a great warm-up for us in order to be competitive," McAuliffe said. "These world games are really going to be a set-up for us as we try to bring the Olympics here to this region, which would be another gigantic economic boom."

The games promote fitness and readiness, and provide a sense of family and community for public safety personnel.

"These competitions are so vital in honing these skills. They're also a lot of fun to run, as we'll find out next year," Bulova said.

The Athlete's Village will be at the Reston Town Center, with many of the events taking place at George Mason University.

"It's going to be all over Fairfax County," said Jim Corcoran, president and CEO of the Fairfax

County Chamber of Commerce. "We're really looking forward to it, and we're all in."

County Chamber of Commerce Supports Revitalization of Route 1

Results of Transportation Study expected this summer.

The Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce supports the development of a hybrid option along Richmond Highway, which would include an extension of the metro to Hybla Valley and bus rapid transit to the Occoquan River.

In a May 20 letter to the Department of Rail and Transportation, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce CEO and President Jim Corcoran wrote that the Route 1 corridor has been overlooked for too long.

"There exists a real and tangible need for a modern and efficient transportation solution that will benefit local businesses and the surrounding community," Corcoran wrote.

The Route 1 Multimodal Transportation Alternatives Analysis is currently underway, and the recommended plan is expected to be made sometime this summer.

In addition to a hybrid option including metro extension and bus rapid transit, the

other options include curbside bus rapid transit service, bus rapid transit service in the median and light rail transit.

"Something must be done to improve capacity and address this critical corridor in Northern Virginia.

"Of particular interest to the business community is Alternative 4.

"This hybrid option, which includes the Metro Yellow Line extending to Hybla Valley and a bus rapid transit thoroughfare to Woodbridge, which could be operated by a public private partnership, offers the Mt. Vernon-Lee area renewed economic activity, new business development, and produces a higher quality of life for area resi-

dents and commuters," Corcoran wrote.

A petition started by Del. Scott Surovell, who is in support of the hybrid option on Route 1, has more than 400 signatures in support of a yellow line extension.

"This study is all about the future of our community.

"This is about what our community will look like when I'm 62 years old. It's about a vision through 2035.

"To me, it's very exciting," Surovell said at a March public meeting on the study.

— JANELLE GERMANOS

NEWS

Some Good News and a Lot of Uncertainty

Realtors discuss the mortgage market at finance summit.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE GAZETTE

The Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR) hosted Finance Summit 2014 at its Fairfax Headquarters on Wednesday, May 21.

Moderator Ken Harney's "Nation's Housing" column is nationally syndicated. He is also a member of the Federal Reserve Board Consumer Advisory Council, an author and commentator on real estate and mortgage issues, and the host of CNBC's "Real Estate Magazine" weekly television program.

Tony Porto, regional manager from event sponsor Access National Bank, opened the program. "There are some 11,000 members in your organization," he said, "and more than 50 choices of lenders. Service is what will differentiate one from the other." Porto had pens flying across notepaper when he explained the key features of a new lending product being offered by Access for loans up to 760K with no PMI and only 5 percent down required.

Joseph Minarik, senior vice president and director of Research – Committee for Economic Development, was the first presenter to address the gathering. With multiple degrees from Yale and Georgetown, and a background that includes a post as the chief economist of the Office of Management and Budget during the Clinton administration, Minarik warned that the financial "crystal ball" was cloudier than ever, particularly

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“Whatever is going on, with proper coaching I can set up expectations to meet goals and deadlines. It’s still a good time to buy, and a good time to sell. Rates are historically low, sellers can still get excellent prices. We all may have to work a little harder, but good business is there.”

Margaret Ireland, Associate Broker, Weichert

“Interest rates are actually pretty good, especially compared to where they’ve been in the past. But the public doesn’t see that. I agree that there needs to be a bit of a let up in all of the rules and regulations and challenges to the buying process, still keeping the risks in mind to avoid a repeat of this collapse.”

Evaluating the Real Estate Market

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since “there is no real history for a downturn such as we have experienced over that last seven years.” Minarik spoke of the “Shadow Labor Force” — those who had virtually quit looking for work during this time — and the fact that no one could truly predict how many of them would come back into the workforce, and at what levels of productivity and income.

A FORMER COLLEAGUE of current Federal Reserve chair Janet Yellen, Minarik expressed faith in the Fed and its monetary policies, but less in the country’s fiscal policy. “We are still at risk,” he said. “We are not pre-destined to have a happy ending.”

Steve Farbstein, chairman, Virginia Bankers Association Mortgage Executives Committee and Richard Owen, vice president Community Bank Division & Government Relations — Atlantic Bay Mortgage Group, did a combined presentation that spoke to some of the changes brought to the lending market by the 2,319 pages of the Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Most Realtors in the room acknowledged that they had not as of yet felt any real negative effects from the legislation, even though it kicked in on Jan. 11 of this year.

Farbstein credited much of the smoothness to the start up to the “Dodd Frank checklists that banks, brokers and other lenders have been working on for months.” Both Farbstein and Owen reminded their audience that a strong Realtor/lender partnership was still the best way for both to succeed, and to best satisfy their mutual customer — the homebuyer. The duo projected an overall positive outlook on the current mortgage market, saying that credit availability is getting better, homeownership in the region is up, while delinquencies and foreclosures are down. “Yes, rates are rising a bit,” said Owen, “but maybe we should use the times of the Savings and Loans crisis as a reminder. Compared to 17, 18, even 21 percent, 4 percent looks pretty good to me.”

When it was his turn to present, Harney took some

time to chastise the lending policies that demand “a too high credit score, keeping many qualified people out of the buying process.” Harney is also critical of the high, layered fees that he sees as “blocking growth.”

“There have been five increases in FHA lien fees in the last several years,” he said.

Harney sees the mortgage market in something of a “vicious circle.” Although he strongly agrees that no one wants to see a return to the boom/bust housing market, “too many people are afraid to let one (risky loan) through.”

THE PROGRAM’S FINAL SPEAKER apologized in advance of his remarks. “Sorry,” said Stan Collender, executive vice president, Qorvis/MSLGroup. “I don’t have a PowerPoint. And I really only have a few things to say, starting with ‘get used to it.’”

Collender, who has worked for the House and Senate Budget Committees as well as three U.S. representatives on the House Budget and Ways and Means Committee thinks the way things are right now is the new normal for at least the rest of the decade. Providing numerous firsthand anecdotes of what he sees as fairly entrenched partisan politics on the Hill, Collender’s prediction is that this Congress “will name some new post offices, but that’s about it. There will not be any new federal dollars, nothing new in the federal budget arena, certainly no tax reform before 2019 at the earliest.”

Describing a continued “tight and difficult period,” Collender thinks that this will translate into people less likely to sell, even those ready to downsize. Many Realtors in the room nodded in agreement, some commenting that the lack of inventory in some price ranges is definitely a barrier to their business.

The 2014 Finance Summit is just one of the many forums, seminars, networking events and educational programs offered by the NVAR at both their Fairfax headquarters, at the NVAR Herndon Center and elsewhere. Visit www.nvar.com.



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9307 LUDGATE DR	4	...	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,516,000	Detached	2.45	22309
1315 WESTGROVE BLVD	5	...	4	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,296,000	Detached	0.28	22307
6120 WOODMONT RD	5	...	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,210,000	Detached	0.18	.....	22307
6111 VERNON TER	5	...	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,132,500	Detached	0.14	.....	22307
1900 GLEN DR	4	...	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$970,000	Detached	0.23	.....	22307
9321 LUDGATE DR	4	...	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$970,000	Detached	0.32	.....	22309
1702 HOLLINWOOD DR	4	...	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$950,000	Detached	0.43	.....	22307
8715 MOUNT VERNON HWY	5	...	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$840,000	Detached	0.44	.....	22309
2601 WOODLAWN TRL	4	...	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$825,000	Detached	0.36	.....	22306
5418 GRIST MILL WOODS WAY	4	...	4	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$822,000	Detached	0.37	.....	22309
4300 SHERIDANS POINT CT	4	...	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$802,000	Detached	0.32	.....	22309
6128 EDGEWOOD TER	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$795,000	Detached	0.20	.....	22307
7406 RIPPON RD	4	...	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$780,000	Detached	0.67	.....	22307
6025 WOODMONT RD	3	...	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$775,000	Detached	0.15	.....	22307
1722 HOLLINWOOD DR	4	...	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$760,000	Detached	0.41	.....	22307
8354 ORANGE CT	4	...	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Detached	0.30	.....	22309
1110 NEAL DR	4	...	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Detached	0.36	.....	22308
6010 FORT HUNT RD	3	...	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$734,000	Detached	0.15	.....	22307
1616 SHERWOOD HALL LN	5	...	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.62	.....	22306
6340 GOLF COURSE SQ	4	...	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$695,000	Townhouse	0.10	.....	22307
8409 WEST BOULEVARD DR	4	...	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$680,000	Detached	0.36	.....	22308
2105 MARTHAS RD	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$674,000	Detached	0.43	.....	22307
6414 15TH ST	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$665,000	Detached	0.23	.....	22307
3010 SEVOR LN	4	...	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$649,900	Detached	0.34	22309
9410 CORAL LN	4	...	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$649,500	Detached	0.54	22309
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6424 BOULEVARD VW	3	...	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$610,000	Detached	0.28	22307
5817 QUEENS GATE CT	4	...	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Detached	0.25	22303
1506 HOLLINDALE DR	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Detached	0.51	.....	22306
1803 DUFFIELD LN	3	...	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	22307
8903 BATTERY RD	4	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$580,000	Detached	0.28	.....	22308
1908 RAMPART DR	5	...	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Detached	0.28	.....	22308
8407 FORT HUNT RD	5	...	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$567,000	Detached	0.24	.....	22308
3828 ELMWOOD TOWNE WAY	3	...	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$553,500	Townhouse	0.05	.....	22303
8702 LINTON LN	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$547,000	Detached	0.30	22308
8657 GATESHEAD RD	4	...	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$540,000	Detached	0.35	22309
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8405 FORT HUNT RD	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Detached	0.24	22308
3109 MCGEORGE TER	5	...	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Detached	0.25	22309
8602 FALKSTONE LN	5	...	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Detached	0.34	22309
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3801 WOODLEY DR	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$459,000	Detached	0.61	22309
6808 VANTAGE DR	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$445,000	Detached	0.20	22306
4707 MANOR DR	4	...	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$445,000	Detached	0.07	.....	22309
2706 ALBEMARLE DR	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$431,000	Duplex	0.08	.....	22303
2955 HUNTINGTON GROVE SQ	3	...	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$430,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	22306
8156 BIANCA PL	4	...	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$411,300	Townhouse	0.05	.....	22309
1512 SHENANDOAH RD	3	...	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$409,000	Detached	0.18	22308
8205 DOCTOR CRAIK CT	3	...	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.04	22306
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8011 ASHBORO DR	4	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Detached	0.25	22309
7195 FAIRFIELD CT	2	...	1	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$347,000	Townhouse	0.04	22306
2223 ARLINGTON TER	2	...	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,500	Duplex	0.08	.....	22303
6806 SMITHWAY DR	2	...	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Detached	0.23	.....	22307
8013 ASHTON ST	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Detached	0.46	22309
5947 WILLIAMSBURG RD	2	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Semi-Detached	0.09	22303
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2451 MIDDTOWN AVE #518	1	...	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$325,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	22303
7108 TOLLIVER ST	2	...	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$325,000	Townhouse	0.03	22306
2216 ARLINGTON TER	2	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$320,000	Duplex	0.08	.....	22303
7914 CENTRAL PARK CIR	4	...	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$320,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	22309
7130 STRAWN CT	2	...	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$313,500	Townhouse	0.03	.....	22306
2507 OBERLIN DR	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$300,000	Duplex	0.08	.....	22307
4409 WYRES ST	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$300,000	Detached	0.28	.....	22309
8509 TOWNE MANOR CT E	2	...	1	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$298,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	22309
6475 BRICK HEARTH CT	2	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$295,000	Townhouse	0.06	.....	22306
2303 EMMETT DR	4	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$295,000	Detached	0.50	.....	22307
8528 HIGHLAND LN	4	...	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$295,000	Detached	0.19	.....	22309
4000 BUCKMAN RD	2	...	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$292,700	Detached	0.74	.....	22309
3426 ELMWOOD DR	3	...	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$290,000	Detached	0.17	.....	22303
2912 EAST SIDE DR	3	...	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$290,000	Townhouse	0.06	22306
2038 ARLINGTON TER	2	...	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$289,000	Duplex	0.09	22303
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8461 DIABLO CT	3	...	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$247,000	Townhouse	0.04	22309
7518B SNOWPEA CT #38	2	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$244,900	Garden 1-4 Floors	22306
5904 MOUNT EAGLE DR #802	1	...	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$231,300	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	.....	22303
5901 MOUNT EAGLE DR #802	1	...	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$225,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	.....	22303
8530 SOUTHLAWN CT	2	...	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$225,000	Townhouse	0.02	.....	22309
6604 BOULEVARD VW #B2	1	...	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$184,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22307
3901 WOODHUE PL #18	3	...	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$177,600	Townhouse	22309
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2618 REDCOAT DR #185	2	...	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$167,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22303
7936 SAUSALITO PL #D	2	...	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$150,000	Back-to-Back	22309
8611 SACRAMENTO DR #D	2	...	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$150,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	22309
3858 MANZANITA PL #D	2	...	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$145,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	22309
6431 RICHMOND HWY #303	2	...	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$129,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	22306
7984 AUDUBON AVE #B3	2	...	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$106,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22306
8424 RICHMOND HWY #89	2	...	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$81,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	22309

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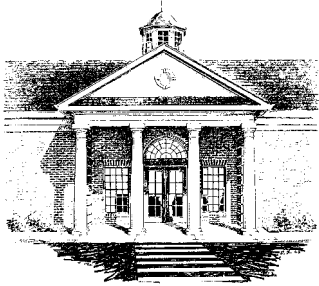
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Seven in the 8th

Epic Democratic primary had 13 candidates; five dropped out and one failed to qualify.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Ten names will be on the ballot June 10, although only seven candidates are still in the Democratic primary to replace longtime U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8). The names will appear on the ballot in the order the candidates qualified to be on the ballot rather than alphabetical, which party leaders say is a measure of organization among the campaigns.

At one point, the primary featured 13 candidates. One failed to qualify and two dropped out before the ballots were printed. Since the ballots were finalized, three more candidates dropped out. Nevertheless, the wealth of candidates means a winner could emerge with a few thousand votes.

"It wouldn't surprise me if we had a winner on the low side of 12,000 votes," said Stephen Farnsworth, political science professor at the University of Mary Washington. "What we are talking about here is a Democratic nominee, who is almost certainly assured of election given this district, could be elected with about the size of a decent size high school basketball game fan base."

The congressional district includes Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church and parts of Fairfax County. In 2012, Democratic President Barack Obama won the district with 68 percent of the vote, an indication that the Democrat who emerges from the primary is likely to be the next member of Congress. Census records show about 770,000 people live in the 8th Congressional District. It's 64 percent white, 19 percent Hispanic, 13 percent black and 12 percent Asian. The district has about 400,000 active registered voters, and election officials say predicting a turnout is difficult because there's really no precedent.

"We think the turnout is going to be somewhere between the turnout for the presidential primary from 2008 and the turnout for the primary in 2012, when the City Council race was on the ballot in Alexandria," said Alexandria Registrar Anna Lieder. "We've got a lot of very well known people who are going to be working very hard to get the numbers up."

DON BEYER raised more money than any of the other candidates, according to campaign finance documents from the first quarter that show he raised almost \$700,000. Beyer made a name for himself as a

Volvo dealer before entering politics in the late 1980s. He served as lieutenant governor from 1990 to 1998, and he ran an unsuccessful campaign in 1997 against Republican Jim Gilmore. He later served as chairman of the American International Auto-



mobile Dealers Association and the ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

"I've never felt more enthused and prepared for a job than I do for this one," Beyer said in his announcement. "It would be an honor to represent my community in Congress."

On the campaign trail, Beyer has tried to present himself as the most seasoned candidate in the race — someone who will introduce a progressive carbon tax and work against House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan's proposal to eliminate the guarantee of Medicare for seniors. Beyer has been endorsed by Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), former Alexandria Mayor Kerry Donley and former Alexandria Councilman David Speck. Organizational endorsements include the Humane Society, the National Association of Postal Supervisors and the Professional Aviation Safety Specialists.

"I have the proven record, the ideas and the energy to hit the ground running," said Beyer at one candidates forum.

L A V E R N CHATMAN is best known as the longtime president of the Northern Virginia Urban League, where served as president and chief executive officer from 2004 to 2011.

During her years at the Urban League, she oversaw the creation of the Freedom House Museum documenting Alexandria's role in the slave trade. Although she has never held elected office before, Chatman says her experience with community organizations has given her the skills needed to represent the district in Congress.

"The time is right for someone who has been in the trenches getting it down," said Chatman at one candidate forum. "We put a community organizer in the White House, and now it's time to put a community leader in the U.S. House."

On the campaign trail, Chatman has pointed out that she is the only woman left in the primary.

Her campaign received a great deal of attention when television star Oprah Winfrey hosted a fundraiser for her at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington. That helped bring in some cash for the campaign, which also benefited from a \$100,000 contribution directly from the candidate. Chatman has been endorsed by the American Federation of Government Employees Local 476 at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"I fully understand how important it is to protect our federal workers and protect small businesses from an extreme Tea Party agenda that has the nerve to shut down the



How to Vote

Polls will be open on June 10 from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, consult the Virginia Board of Elections (sbe.virginia.gov).

government," said Chatman at one candidates forum.

MARK LEVINE is a radio personality who calls himself "the aggressive progressive," an indication of his feisty spirit and confrontational attitude. Levine frequently mentions his background as legislative counsel to former U.S. Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.), a congressman he says he would emulate in Congress. Levine also frequently mentions his television appearances on Fox News sparring with Bill O'Reilly.

"I know what Barney Frank taught me, which is that you work quietly behind the scenes and you come up with creative solutions that Republicans can join you with," said Levine at one of the candidate forums. "If they do that's where you go, and if they don't you go on television and you call them out."

On the campaign trail, Levine has advocated for using the negotiating power of the federal government to reduce the cost of college. Levine's campaign finance documents show that he loaned his campaign \$250,000 — the largest contribution from a candidate to his or her own campaign in the primary. Levine, who is openly gay, marched against Hollywood because they didn't have positive gay characters before the hit television show "Will and Grace" and has been an advocate for gay marriage. He has received the endorsements from U.S. Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.) and climatologist Michael Mann.

"I'm the kind of guy who, when I see something wrong, I can't rest until it's better," said Levine. "And injustice particularly makes me angry."



PATRICK HOPE has been a member of the House of Delegates since 2010, when he was first elected to fill the seat vacated by former Del. Al Eisenberg (D-47).

After he arrived in Richmond, Hope founded the Virginia Progressive Caucus. As a lobbyist with the American College of Cardiology, Hope made a name for himself as an expert on health-care issues before the General Assembly. He also worked across the aisle, forming an alliance with conservative Del. Bob Marshall (R-13) to get compensation for victims of eugenics.

"We must have a proven progressive leader as our Democratic nominee in the 8th District," said Hope in his announce-



ment. "We also need a nominee who will be ready to be effective on day one and able to build the necessary seniority that will be so crucial to our region."

On the campaign trail, Hope has called for higher taxes for those who earn more than \$250,000 a year and fought to make sure Fairfax County voters had a location in the 8th Congressional District to cast an in-person absentee ballot. He has been endorsed by Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) and Del. Kaye Kory (D-38). Organizational endorsements include the Arab American Democratic Caucus of Virginia, Blue America PAC and Arlington Commissioner of Revenue Ingrid Morroy.

"I'm a Hubert Humphrey Democrat," said Hope at one candidates forum. "He said that the role of government is to take care of those at the dawn of life, our children, those in the twilight of life, our seniors, and those in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and the handicapped."

ADAM EBBIN is a name that's well known in Northern Virginia because he served as a member of the House of Delegates before winning a hotly contested Democratic primary to replace



longtime state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), who is now one of his key supporters in his race for Congress. Ebbin has tried to frame his campaign as a liberal alternative to some of the more moderate voices in the campaign. He frequently jokes that while other candidates call themselves names such as the "aggressive progressive" and "progressive warrior," voters should feel free to simply call him a "liberal." "In politics, some people think it's a dirty word, but I'm not ashamed to admit it. I'm a liberal," wrote Ebbin in a letter to supporters. "I'm a left-wing, bleeding-heart, dyed-in-the-wool, Obamacare-loving, union-backing, Social Security-defending, civil rights-supporting liberal."

On the campaign trail, Ebbin has called for clean energy development at the Virginia State Corporation Commission and he's been critical of the federal Common Core educational standards. Ebbin has been endorsed by Arlington County Board Chairman Jay Fissette, Alexandria City Councilman Paul Smedberg and state Sen. Mark Sickles (D-43). Organizations that have endorsed Ebbin include Laborers' International Union of North America Local 11, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Worker Local 26 and the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws.

"I've stood up against Tea Party Republicans like Ken Cuccinelli and their ultra-sound bill. I even introduced a bill to rein in his powers as attorney general," Ebbin said at one candidate forum. "Send me to Congress and I'll stand up to anyone who

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Email announcements to 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.

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.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 30-JUNE 1

Historic Garden Symposium. At the Mount Vernon Estate, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Hwy. The Triennial Garden Symposium features speakers specializing in historic landscape exploration, preservation, and public interpretation. \$250 tickets include private reception, tours, meals and more. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

THROUGH MAY 31

National Hurricane Preparedness Week.

Residents can buy up to \$60 worth of preparedness items and pay no sales tax. This includes, among other emergency preparedness items flashlights, batteries, radios, cell phone chargers, duct tape, first aid kits, bottled water, buckets, tarps and more. Portable generators under \$1,000 also are so tax-free as well as gas-powered chainsaws costing \$350 or less. All Virginia retailers participate in the tax-free holiday. For more on the sales tax holiday, including a full list of tax-exempt items, see www.vaemergency.gov.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Volunteer Information Session. 11 a.m.-noon. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates hosts an information session for those who would like to learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children. Contact 703-273-3526, ext. 22 or email ekosarin@casafairfax.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Free Dentistry Day. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Reflection Dental, located at 6546 Little River Turnpike. Those in need and without dental insurance in the Alexandria community may receive either one free cleaning, filling or extraction. Patients will be accepted on a first come first served basis. Call 703-256-3313 or visit www.FreeDentistryDay.org for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Health Screenings. 4-8 p.m., at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Free heart health screenings for high school students. Visit www.ryanlopynski.org.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 19-20

Mental Health First Aid. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Public education program from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board Wellness and Health Promotion. Over a two-day course, certified instructors help people learn to assist someone developing or experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. \$25. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hscode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Fairfax County Extra School Day. The Fairfax County School Board has voted to add a day to the end of the 2013-14 school calendar as a makeup day for a missed day due to weather. This is the last day of the 2013-14 school year.

TUESDAY/AUG. 19

NOVA Registration Closes. Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's 16-week fall semester and the first 8-week term closes. Classes begin Aug. 20. Visit www.nvcc.edu or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 for more.

TUESDAY/OCT. 14

NOVA Registration Closes. Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's second 8-week term closes. Classes begin Oct. 15. Visit www.nvcc.edu or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 for more.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 16-17

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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.

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OBITUARY

John Theodore Geary

Captain John Theodore Geary, USN (Ret) died at his home on May 17, 2014 at the age of 89. John, a native of Phoenix, Ariz., was born on Jan. 17, 1925 and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with the class of 1947. During the course of his 30-year career in the Navy, he served at sea, earned an MSEE degree from the Naval Postgraduate School and an MBA from George Washington University and held critical leadership positions including an assignment as the director and commanding officer of the Naval Research Laboratory. Upon retirement from the Navy, John held senior management positions in private industry in the space and electronic warfare fields.

John, an avid golfer and audiophile, has been an active member of Christ Church in Alexandria, serving in various volunteer and appointed roles. He was a leader in civic affairs, including the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission; Board of Directors of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation; various zoning and transportation committees; and president of two civic associations.

John is survived by Sally, his beloved wife of nearly 61 years; his son, Captain John W. Geary, USN (Ret), USNA Class of 1977, his daughter-in-law, Kathye, and two grandchildren Robert and Meredith. Contributions may be made in his memory to the Navy – Marine Corps Relief Society.



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1206 Tatum Drive \$825,000

• **Custom, One-Level Beauty** in Villamay • **Quiet Cul-de-Sac Location** – **Half Acre Lot** • Circular Driveway with Two Car Garage • Covered Porch and Generous Patio • **Bright, Open Floor Plan**

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7120 Park Terrace Drive \$799,900

• The Pool is Open • **One-of-a-Kind in Villamay** • **Corner Lot** w/Excellent Curb Appeal • **Lovely Formal Rooms w/New Hardwoods** • **Spacious Open Kitchen w/Stainless Appliances** looks to Family Room • **Walk-out Family Room**

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OPINION

New Measure: More Living in Poverty

Many households living in poverty in our region, invisible to most of us most of the time.

Inside the Beltway, that is Alexandria, Arlington and parts of Fairfax, 32 percent of children are living in poverty or near poverty. In Fairfax County, 26 percent of children live in or near poverty.

This is according to the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia.

"While Northern Virginia counties and cities enjoy some of the highest median incomes in the nation, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows that the extent of economic deprivation in the region is significantly greater than suggested by official poverty statistics."

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Taking into consideration the high cost of housing and other necessary goods, poverty rates for Northern Virginia residents are surprising. Inside the Beltway, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows a poverty rate of 12.3 percent, much higher than the official rate of 7.4 percent. In Fairfax, the Virginia Poverty Measure shows a poverty rate of nearly 10 percent (9.7 percent).

In Fairfax, that's more than 100,000 individuals living in poverty.

But for the most part, the affluent residents in our area do not see any of this poverty. Our schools and neighborhoods are economically segregated.

When thinking about affordable housing, about funding for schools, about expanding health coverage, it's important to hold these numbers, these children, these families in mind.

Father's Day Photos

Father's Day is June 15, and as in years past, The Gazette will publish a gallery of photos of fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers and sons and daughters. Send your photos, including names of everyone in the photo, ages of children, town of residence and a brief description of what is happening to editors@connectionnewspapers.com

— MARY KIMM,

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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.

The **Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center** needs a volunteer assistant from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Fridays to assist with activities and on Fridays from 3-5 p.m. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The **Wakefield Senior Center** in Annandale needs Spanish speaking interpreters, Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail

VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov. **Respite Care volunteers** give family caregivers of a frail older adult a well-deserved break so they can go shopping, attend a doctor's appointment or just have coffee with a friend. Volunteers visit and oversee the safety of the older adult for a few hours each month. Support and training are provided. Contact Kristin Martin at 703-324-7577, TTY 711, or Kristin.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The **Wakefield Chorale** needs a piano accompanist to rehearse with and accompany them during performances at Northern Virginia retirement communities. Rehearsals and performances are all on Tuesdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m., from mid-September thru mid-December and from mid-January through mid-June. They need an accompanist who can begin in mid-January. Contact 703-960-0440 or donnajean5536@gmail.com.

Fairfax County needs **Somali-speaking volunteers** to provide rides to an older adult in the Lorton

area. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail at VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov for information.

Fairfax County's Adult Day Health Care Centers need **outreach volunteers** for 4 hours/week. Requires travel around the county. Marketing experience preferred. Call 703-324-5406, TTY 711, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and link to Volunteer Solutions or e-mail VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov for information.

The **Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Program** needs a volunteer to greet people and answer phones one day per week from 10:30 a.m.-noon to start as soon as possible. Contact Fairfax County's Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices and click on

volunteers.

Fairfax County's Meals on Wheels needs drivers and a coordinator. Contact Fairfax County's Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186, VolunteerSolutions@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices and click on volunteers.

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

ONGOING

Life Skills Training from the 21st Century Grant and Mount Vernon High School, Wednesdays through May 7, directly after school. If you have any questions or concerns contact focus21mv@gmail.com or 703-619-3100.

The **Groveton High School class of 1964** is looking for contact information for as many classmates as possible. The planning for the 50th reunion is underway, however only a small number of people have been contacted. If you are a Groveton graduate of '64 and interested in attending next September's reunion please email contact information to GHS64@verizon.net.

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

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

Band musicians are invited to join the **Mount Vernon Community**

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Band. Rehearsals are Tuesday 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School band room, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. There are no auditions. The Mount Vernon Community Band is a nonprofit community service organization that has performed in the Mount Vernon area since 1978. 703-768-4172 or www.mvbands.com.

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

Postpartum Support Virginia sponsors a free, bi-monthly support group for women suffering depression and/or anxiety during pregnancy or in the first year following childbirth. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at Inova Alexandria Hospital, Health Education Center, rooms 1-2, 4320 Seminary Road. Contact co-moderator Susan Doyle at suzjdoyle@gmail.com or 571-403-0673.

The Boy Scout Troop 1906 is seeking members. They meet every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church Parsonage, 7836 Fordson Road. Visit www.boy Scouts-ncac.org/colonial.

UCM's Back Porch Thrift Store is in need of donations of furniture. UCM will pick up furniture, as well as other larger donations, or they can be dropped off at the back of the store Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. To arrange for pick-ups, call 703-768-7106, ext. 320. Located at the Mt. Vernon Crossroads Shopping Center at 7838 Richmond Hwy.

Training Courses. The American Red Cross in the National Capital Region will host training courses in CPR, First Aid, and AED in the Alexandria and Fort Belvoir offices. These classes offer a two-year certification. Classes range from \$70-\$110 and are available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays. Advance registration is required. To register for a class or find another class in your area, call 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit redcross.org/takeaclass.



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JROTC Honored

Cadet 1LT Bailey Lustig, right, of Mount Vernon High School, receives a Bronze ROTC medal May 8 from Jack Pitzer of the George Washington Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. According to Pitzer, the award is given "in recognition of outstanding leadership qualities, military bearing and excellence, exemplifying the high ideals and principles which motivated and sustained our patriot ancestors."



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Public Notice Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) for the Fort Belvoir Elementary School Expansion, Fort Belvoir, Virginia

The U.S. Army has prepared an EA that evaluates Fairfax County Public Schools proposed construction of a new public elementary school with a proposed 492 student program capacity and renovations of the existing school to meet current Anti-Terrorism Force Protection (ATFP) Standards (the proposed action).

The proposed school is located on Fort Belvoir.

Implementation of the proposed action is not expected to result in significant environmental impacts; therefore, preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. Copies of the EA and draft FNSI are available for review and comment at the following libraries: Fort Belvoir Van Noy Library, Lorton Branch, Sherwood Regional Branch, and Kingstowne Branch. The documents are also available at:

<https://www.belvoir.mil/environdocs.asp>. Comments on the EA and draft FNSI should be submitted to Fort Belvoir DPW Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Building 1442, 9430 Jackson Loop, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060, or 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 U.S. Army intends to issue the final FNSI at the conclusion of the comment period and proceed with the proposed action.

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ONGOING

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.

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 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. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

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.

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.

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. Visit www.nvfaa.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.

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.
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 show of etchings, lithographs, monotypes, paintings and ceramics features landscapes 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.

Beyond the Battlefield Exhibition. Wednesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. through June 30. Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. Part of the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, the House features a new exhibit on Civil War medical care with a hospital room setup. \$3. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789 for more.

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 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.

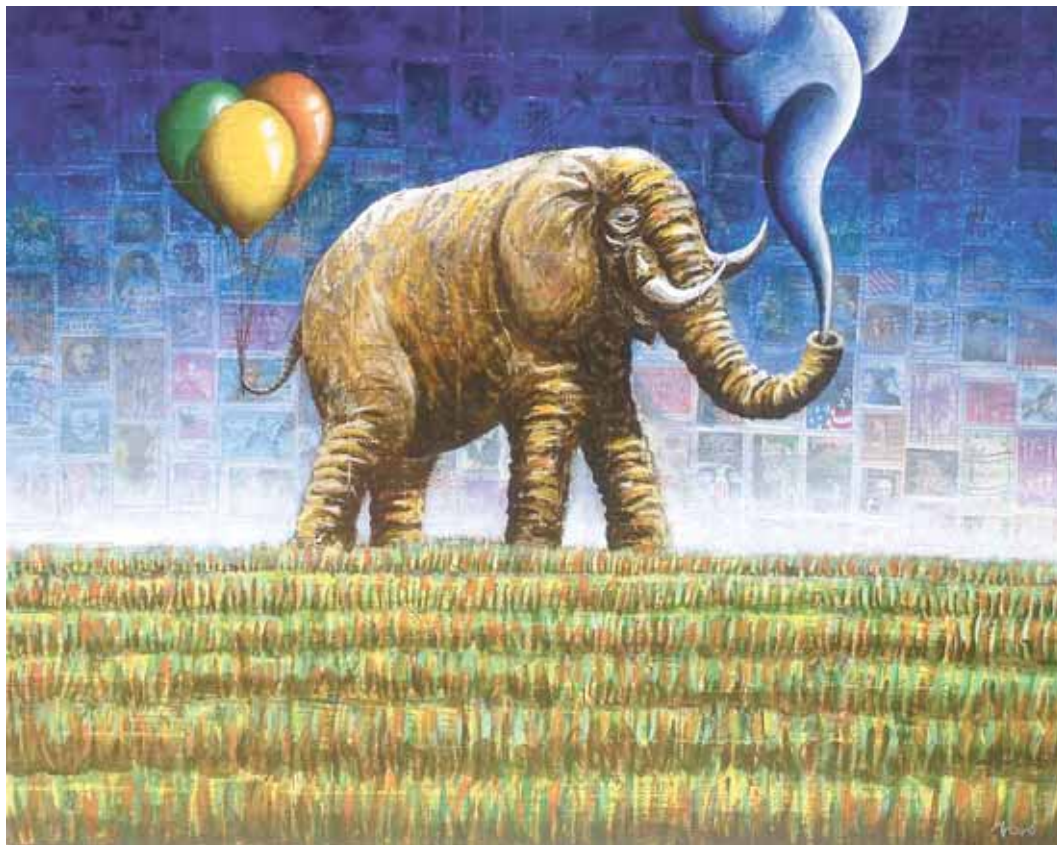
George Washington's Mount Vernon has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the "Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or



"It Takes Two," acrylic on map and stamps on canvas.

'Here, There, Somewhere'

An exhibition of mixed media paintings by Marcelo Novo, "Here, There, Somewhere" will be on display Friday, June 13-Sunday, July 20 in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. The opening reception is scheduled for Friday, July 11, 7-9 p.m., with an Artist's Talk at 8 p.m. For the exhibition's duration, the gallery is accessible to the public Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and during performances. The exhibition comprises a series of paintings created by utilizing maps and postage stamps.



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Singing. 7:30-10 p.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 13421 Twin Lakes Drive, Clifton. The Fairfax Jubil-Aires rehearse every Wednesday which includes training by an award-winning director. Visit www.fairfaxjubilaires.org for more.

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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

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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.

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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.

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Meet Joan Ulrich

The Workhouse Arts Center presents featured artists and studio exhibitions for the month of June. An opening reception for all studio shows and featured artists will be held campus-wide during the 2nd Saturday Art Walk June 12, 6-9 p.m. Featured from June 1-20 will be ceramics artist Joan Ulrich, who is a studio artist at the Workhouse and The Torpedo Factory in Old Town Alexandria. A meet and greet with Ulrich will be held on June 8 from 3-5 p.m. in building W-8. Visit <http://workhousearts.org/exhibits-list> or www.joanulrich.com for more.

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. Visit www.mvcc.org to register.

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 <http://nvfaa.org>.

Choir Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt St. Ascension Day Choral Evensong at St. Paul's with the Adult Choir. Reception to follow. Donations and non-perishable food items will be accepted for St. Paul's Lazarus Ministry. Contact Grant Hellmers, Organist-Choirmaster, at 703-549-3312 or grant@stpaulsalexandria.com.

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.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

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.

Backyard Reptiles Alive. 11:30 a.m. Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King Street. Learn what to do when encountering wild animals and how to help wildlife in a residential neighborhood. Featured animals may include snakes, turtles, and other native species. \$10.

www.theoldtowntheater.com/events.html.

Alexandria Open House Festival. 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. at Four Mile Run Park. Come to an afternoon of family activities and the opportunity to learn and share on Open Spaces in Alexandria. www.alexandriava.gov or contact Laura Durham at 703.746.5493.

Neighborhood Gala. 7-11 p.m. Home of Eileen and Kevin Werthmann, 2200 Traies Court, Alexandria. Neighborhood party featuring food from local restaurants, silent auction, music and dancing. All proceeds go to support the STEM and garden program at Hollin Meadows. \$75+. Contact Cameron Curtis at info@hollinmeadowspartnership.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

History Book Club. 1 p.m. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Discuss Mary Kay Ricks' book, "Escape on the Pearl: The Heroic Bid for Freedom on the Underground Railroad." Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Photography Exhibit Opening Reception. 2-4 p.m. in the Multiple Exposures Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 North Union St. "Threesomes," photography by Maureen Minehan, on display May 13-June 22.

The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Orchestra. 3 p.m. at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G St., NW Washington, DC. \$20, under 18 free. See www.wmpamusic.org for details.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray's own Rock of Ages Music presents ROAMfest '14.

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JUNE 1 THROUGH JUNE 20

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MONDAY/JUNE 2

Ballroom Dancing. 7-9 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn the foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha and samba. Come with or without a partner. \$15. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 4

Film Screening. 6 p.m. at the Old Town Theatre. "Saving Private Ryan" with pre-film reception with wine and cheese. \$25. Part of Alexandria's D-Day commemoration. Visit www.alexandriacaen.wordpress.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5

History Lecture. 7 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Free. "The Longest Day: June 6, 1944" with the Senior Historian to the Secretary of Defense Tom Christianson. Part of Alexandria's D-Day commemoration. Visit www.alexandriacaen.wordpress.com.

Broadway Buffet. 2 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Enjoy 31 songs and song segments, 12 dance routines, dialog from eight shows and 16 costume changes. \$15. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

Live Music. 6-8 p.m. at Magnolia Terrace at the Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. A part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration. Concert, "A British Invasion," will feature the music of popular British bands such as The Beatles and Rolling Stones. Free. Call 703-549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5-7

Spring Choir Show. 7 p.m. in the Springbank Auditorium, West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. The West Potomac Choirs present their annual spring show with an exciting evening of great Grammy, Oscar and Tony award-winning music. Tickets will be available at the door and sold online. Call 703-718-2687.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Food Truck Rodeo. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Southern Towers, 4901 Seminary Road. Savory food, fashioned-focused trucks and businesses from Alexandria's West End. Visit www.alexandriawebs.com.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis with special guest Dale Watson and the Lonestars. \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 6-7

Broadway Buffet. 7:45 p.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Enjoy 31 songs and song segments, 12 dance routines, dialog from eight shows and 16 costume changes. \$18-\$25 for show only, \$43 includes hors d'oeuvres at 6 p.m. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

D-Day Commemoration. 2:30 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. WWII re-enactors, visit a recreated WWII Navy Recruiting Center, dance to the Alexandria Citizens Band Swing Band, and hear a live re-enactment of an authentic Omar Bradley press conference. Children are welcome. Free. Part of Alexandria's D-Day commemoration. Visit www.alexandriacaen.wordpress.com.

Dezmo & The Secret Power of Knowledge. 11:30 a.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. A live family stage show featuring music, dancing, audience participation, giveaways and more. \$8. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

Croquet Day. Noon-3 p.m. Hensley Park, Alexandria, VA. Come enjoy a day of croquet, lawn games, food and drink with the whole family. Proceeds go to SCAN's abuse and neglect prevention service. To register and for more information go to www.scanva.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Orchestra. 3 p.m. T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The last show of the 2013-14 season featuring three composers' complex works. \$20, under 18 free. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or contact wmpa@earthlink.net or 703-799-8229.

MONDAY/JUNE 9

Herbal Medicine Workshops. 7-8 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South

Fairfax St. A series of workshops, "Herbal Medicine and Stress: Past and Present." Professional therapeutic herbalist Lin Porter teaches how herbs were and still are used to relieve stress-related symptoms while exploring practical options for controlling stress in modern life. \$8 per person, reservations required. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-3852.

Genealogy Workshop. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Listen to stories about scandals, scamps and evil-doers and learn how to find them in your own genealogy. Led by a professional genealogist and citizen archivist. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Old Town Days: Celebrity Impersonators Showcase. 7:30 p.m. The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. A 90 minute review of the world's top female legends with a Las Vegas/Atlantic City feel featuring impersonations of Tina Turner, Beyonce and more. \$20-\$30. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Live Music. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Jeff Smith performs country, blues and rock. \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Live Music. 6-8 p.m. at Magnolia Terrace at the Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. A part of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Commemoration. The Ship's Company Chanteymen will perform sailor songs from the 18th and 19th centuries. Free. Call 703-549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Scott Kurt performs, opens for Southside Johnny & The Asbury Jukes. Visit <http://scottkurtmusic.blogspot.com/> for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13-SUNDAY/JULY 20

Art Gallery. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. from June 13-July 20. An exhibition of Marcelo Novo's paintings on maps and stamps titled, "Here, There, Somewhere." The mixed media gallery will be on display in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, 3001 North Beauregard St. 703-845-6156.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket for more.

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100 New Citizens Welcomed in Fairfax County

Citizens welcomed at Naturalization Ceremony of the Fairfax County Asian American History Project.

By Janelle Germanos
The Gazette

New American citizens started off their Memorial Day week end in a very patriotic way: celebrating their newfound American Citizenship through a naturalization ceremony.

After participating in a naturalization ceremony in which he recited the Pledge of Allegiance, sang patriotic songs and received a certificate from Fairfax County supervisors and U.S. Rep.

Gerry Connolly, Springfield resident Hanif Guliwala said he was feeling very emotional.

"I am from India so democracy is not new to me but what is different in the USA is that it is largely a corrupt-free society where one has the same opportunity as one's neighbor in pursuing one's dream and happiness," Guliwala said. "This is what makes this nation great and someone like me happy to be a part of it."

Guliwala was among 100 new citizens who participated in the Sixth Naturalization Ceremony of the Fairfax County Asian American History Project. His wife, Jaheda, joined him.

"I'm very proud of him," Jaheda said.

The naturalization ceremony was held in celebration of Asian American Heritage Month, which takes place in May, although new citizens of several countries of origins were recognized at the ceremony.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Braddock District



New American Citizens listen to a message from President Barack Obama about their new citizenship at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Supervisor John Cook, Connolly, and Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust were among the officials who presented the new citizens with their certificates, honoring them on their newfound citizenship.

Rudra and Shourya Shevlikar, who live in Springfield, came to the U.S. from India. Both said they are overjoyed and so happy to become citizens of the U.S..

"I am just so excited," said Shourya, a student at Lee High School. "I'm super happy, that's all I can say."

His brother Rudra expressed similar sentiments.

"I am proud to become an American," he said.

Foust led the 100 new Americans in an emotional recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, their first as American citizens.

"You come from many different cultures. You come from many different backgrounds and you bring many different priorities, skills, assets, ways of thinking, and ways of problem solving.

That diversity makes us a better community," Foust said in his remarks to the new citizens at the May 23 event.

Citizens also participated in the singing of "God Bless the USA (Proud to be an American)" and were welcomed as new citizens with a video of President Barack Obama.



Rudra and Shourya Shevlikar of Springfield pose after participating in a naturalization ceremony on May 23.



Jaheda Guliwala, Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, Hanif Guliwala, and U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) celebrate Hanif's new American citizenship after a naturalization ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center on May 23.



New Americans sing "Proud to be an American" during a naturalization ceremony at the Fairfax County Government Center on May 23.



Gov. Terry McAuliffe walks with Ranger Parker Redfox, the mascot of Virginia State Parks.

Mason Neck Receives \$55,000 Grant

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“Getting young people today to get off the couch and to put down the device that they are attached to like an umbilical cord 8 hours a day and get them launched into the

outdoors is the challenge we face today,” Elton said.

McAuliffe joined park officials for a short hike at the park, which he said was enjoyable.



Joe Elton, deputy director of operations, Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation, said the citizens of the region have made Mason Neck the great park it is today.



Lisa Davis, marketing unit sales vice president at Coca Cola, said that Mason Neck State Park received more than 270,000 votes in the “America is Your Park” campaign.

Schools Cut Confirmed

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Storck prefaced his vote hours earlier by stating he would not be able to approve of a budget that had not gone through the democratic process. He felt the modifications presented after the county Board of Supervisors approved the school transfer did not represent the board’s wishes.

He made a motion to divide the budget motion to allow board members to vote on each budget modification.

“The purpose of dividing the motion is for the board to approve of something rather than to accept it at default,” he said.

However, the motion failed.

“If it takes until 5 a.m., I really don’t care,” said Schultz, who agreed with Storck. “That’s what we were elected for.”

She said that “if we didn’t start from a place of principle, I don’t think I’ll be able to agree on the whole thing.”

The two amendments that passed during the six-hour session included reducing funding for out-of-school support due to the savings projected by a partial in-school suspension position lost at Thomas Jefferson School of Science and Technology and increasing the staff reserves by 3.0 positions.

Fairfax Education Association president Kimberly Adams brought a group from the FEA during the public comment period to let the board know before they voted what teachers will face if compensation is kept low with the increasing demand on hours and students. “This budget is definitely full

of furious cuts,” she said after the meeting. “When you cut 731 positions, you increase the workload for everyone else.”

She noted that the money being spent to pay for IB and AP exams could have been spent on moving the step increase in pay to October rather than November.

ON THE COUNTY’S END, Adams said an \$11.5 million increase could have been “doable,” and would have only cost taxpayers another half cent.

However, she was happy that there is already a proposed full step increase and 1 percent increase in cost of living wages on the table for the FY 2016 budget.

School Board Chair Ilryong Moon adjourned the meeting at 1 a.m. before the consent agenda could be voted on, due to the time. The items will be voted on at the next board meeting.

His comments echoed Adams’ thoughts on hoping the county would have done more for the schools.

“We appreciate the Board of Supervisors’ efforts to increase the transfer this year although we remain disappointed that the board did not fully fund our transfer request,” he said in a press release. “We are committed to continuing the cooperative, collaborative process that was established during this budget cycle in future years.”

Additional budget information can be found at <http://www.fcps.edu/news/fy2015.shtml>.

Bipartisan Ethics Bill Vetoed

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private partnerships. I saw this as a logical extension of that prohibition,” said Surovell in a statement May 23.

Both bills were passed unanimously by the General Assembly. The senate version was sponsored by a majority of the Senate, including Sen. Richard Saslaw (D-35).

“The Governor’s veto is disappointing. The concerns that were raised by representatives of the fund during committee consideration of the bills were reflected in amendments made in committee to accommodate those concerns,” LeMunyon said in a statement on May 23.

McAuliffe’s veto comes after his proposed amendments to place that same limit on legislators were rejected by the General Assembly on April 23.

“First, while grants are awarded by the Governor from the GOF, the General Assembly approves and votes on its funding; therefore the provisions and protections for ethical standards associated with these awards should also apply to legislators,” McAuliffe wrote in an explanation of the veto.

“Additionally, requiring the 2015 Session of the General Assembly to reenact this bill would allow appropriate time to determine



McAuliffe

the best means for review and implementation. These measures would avoid unintended consequences and protect confidentiality for ongoing economic development projects. These recommendations were not adopted,” he wrote.

The Governor’s Development Opportunity Fund provides loans or grants to businesses as an incentive for moving or expanding in Virginia.

The fund is currently valued at \$35 million.

“I had hoped the Governor would sign this legislation, given its overwhelming support. According to Virginia’s Constitution, there is not an opportunity to override the veto at this point in the legislative process. However, I look forward to re-introducing the bill next year and working in a bipartisan way to enact it into law,” LeMunyon said.

Ramadan also said he was disappointed with McAuliffe’s veto.

“Our Ethics bill would have added a level of trust of the administration which will be negotiating public-private partnerships with millions of dollars of taxpayers’ money from the Fund,” he wrote in a statement May 23.

The General Assembly has passed ethics legislation this year in response to the indictment of former Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife for accepting gifts from businessman Jonnie Williams allegedly in exchange for promoting dietary supplement products.

Honoring County's Devotion to Animals

Shelter's renovation and expansion are celebrated.

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE GAZETTE

Residents, politicians and even four-footed alumni flocked to the Fairfax County Animal Shelter on Saturday, May 17, to celebrate completion of its renovation and expansion. It was a long time in coming, so it made the event even sweeter.

"We're making history today for the animal shelter, Animal Services division, police department and county," said shelter Director Tawny Hammond. "Fairfax is a national role model and leader, and it's a very exciting day."

"This is a reality because of leadership all the way from the top leaders in the county down to the boots-on-the-ground volunteers," continued Hammond. "The volunteers are the backbone and foundation of all we do here; they make everything possible."

Calling the shelter a "great place," county Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova said animals provide families and contribute to people's quality of life. "This



Cutting the ribbon on the newly renovated Animal Shelter are (from left) Police Chief Ed Roessler Jr., Michael Frey, Pat Herrity, Tawny Hammond, Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, Sharon Bulova, Cathy Hudgins and Dave Rohrer.

beautiful facility, wonderful staff and inspiring program signals Fairfax County's commitment to animal services."

"Thank you for your vision, hard work and dedication in making this a reality," she continued. She also noted that, in March, Hammond received a Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments leadership award, as did some others involved with this shelter.

Bulova then presented a resolution from

the supervisors congratulating the shelter on its work. It also recognized that the shelter received the 2014 Compassion Award from the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies for its lifesaving efforts.

"In 2013, Fairfax County was the largest jurisdiction in the U.S. to have an animal-placement rate of 92 percent," said Bulova. "And the shelter took in more than 4,200 animals last year."

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield)

said it's "not just about the animals — it's about the volunteers, animal wardens and staff, too." He also acknowledged the efforts of county Planning Commission Chairman Pete Murphy "who was involved in this project early and worked hard to get the funding in the CIP [Capital Improvement Program]."

Herrity said the shelter was built in 1975 and upgraded in the 1980s, but couldn't keep pace with the county's explosive growth. And he noted that the latest, extensive renovation was completed "in four phases over three years without closing the shelter to the public or relocating its services."

Also celebrating Saturday afternoon was Supervisor Michael R. Frey (R-Sully), himself an animal aficionado. "I have a German Shepherd, a guinea pig and a chinchilla," he said. "This is such a joy to be here."

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Kamren Keller, 8, whose mom rescues reptiles, happily poses with a ball python.

Once Cramped, Outdated; Now Modern, Efficient

BY BONNIE HOBBS
THE GAZETTE

When the Fairfax County Animal Shelter was built in the early 1970s, it was intended to be a dog pound to handle stray and homeless dogs. Renovated in the mid-1980s, it increased the number of kennels from 48 to 72 to better care for dogs in isolation and quarantine.

But as time went on and the county's human population skyrocketed to more than 1 million, the pet population also increased. Eventually, the shelter began taking in more cats than dogs.

And as area developers constructed higher-density homes — such as townhouses, apartments and condos — more people began keeping smaller pets, such as ferrets, snakes, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, rats, iguanas, rabbits and birds. And although it was never designed to house such exotic creatures, the shelter began receiving them.

Soon, the small, 15,000-square-foot facility became cramped, crowded and outdated. But employees and animals alike had to make do with what little space they had.

By fall 2006, for example, one animal-control officer worked next to exposed electrical circuitry at a desk literally inside a closet. Wildlife was stored beneath the printer in the main office and small animals were housed in the same room with their



Tom Starr with Griffin, a 7-month-old Doberman-Labrador he adopted from the shelter in November.

predators.

Lining a hallway were ferrets, rabbits, an iguana and, sometimes, birds and guinea pigs. Making matters worse, the air-ventilation system was inadequate to prevent airborne diseases from spreading from sick to healthy animals.

Meanwhile, then-Shelter Director Karen Diviney had been beseeching the county for help — and, finally, it came. In November 2006, residents passed a public-safety bond that included \$17 million for a much-

needed shelter renovation and expansion. That started the wheels turning and, in 2011, ground was broken for the shelter's renewal.

It's now nearly doubled in size, to 29,000 square feet, and boasts separate lobbies for adoption and animal receiving, new animal-holding spaces, a small-animal room, play yards, training rooms, a new air-ventilation system, more space for employees, a veterinary suite, visitation areas for adopters to meet pets, plus additional parking.

After Saturday's ribbon-cutting for the new improvements, shelter volunteer Rebecca Walter showed visitors around the new room solely for small animals such as bunnies and ferrets. "Before the renovation, the room was packed with animals and they were in smaller cages," she said. "We make sure they get socialized and have some 'out time.' And now we can have multiple animals out at once, for visits from the public, because there's also a separate area behind a barrier for that."

Centreville's Carol and Tom Starr adopted a dog from the shelter six months ago and, on Saturday, he came to the shelter with them while they picked out a buddy for him, a mixed fox hound puppy.

"This is our fourth dog we've adopted from the shelter," said Carol Starr, of the Confederate Ridge community. "The first two lived their whole lives into their teens." Now, she's one of the shelter's biggest cheerleaders.



Carol Starr and grandson Daniel Cress, 4, with Scout, a mixed fox-hound puppy Starr adopted Saturday.

"There are so many wonderful dogs that need homes, and people can just come right here and get them," she said. "This shelter, the employees and the volunteers are wonderful."

The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is at 4500 West Ox Road and is open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalsshelter>.



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About to cut the ribbon on the Dr. Karen P. Diviney Training Room are (from left) Ed Roessler Jr., shelter spokeswoman Kristen Auerbach, Pat Herrity, Tawny Hammond, Karen and Wayne Diviney, Sharon Bulova and Evelyn Grieves, president, Friends of the Animal Shelter.

Celebrating Animal Shelter's Expansion

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He said a National War Dogs monument, dedicated to military dogs, will be located at this shelter. Frey also said the marker in the dog-walking area, previously dedicated to the late Susan Hall — “a veterinarian who gave an incredible amount of time to the shelter and worked hard to get the animal runs here” — would be rededicated.

Then, to everyone who supports the shelter, he said, “Thank you for all that you’ve done. Our county understands the importance of companion animals in our lives.”

Deputy County Executive (and former county Police Chief) Dave Rohrer recalled when Animal Control and the animal shelter came under the Police Department’s control. And he remembered how former Shelter Director Karen Diviney kept telling him about the shelter’s cramped conditions and need for expansion.

“We’ve changed so much in terms of a community philosophy of what we want to do to protect and better the welfare of the animals,” said Rohrer. He also noted that Deputy County Executive Rob Stalzer was

an animal-shelter “champion behind the scenes,” as are Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter President Evelyn Grieve and Animal Services.

“Dr. Diviney helped drive so much of the change and was truly an advocate for the shelter,” continued Rohrer. “And I’m confident in the leadership we have today.”

County Police Chief Ed Roessler Jr. also praised Diviney’s vision. “On her last day of work before she retired, we completed the first new wing of the shelter, and now she’s here for the reopening,” he said. “The training room was her idea, and it shall bear the name, ‘The Dr. Karen P. Diviney Training Room.’”

Taking the podium, Diviney said, “I’m humbled and honored. This shelter stands as a symbol and a testament to the will of a community to end the needless euthanasia of homeless animals.” She, too, thanked all those who’d made the shelter renewal possible. And, she added, “I’m in awe of the wonderful achievements happening here every day on behalf of animals, and I’ll be forever grateful to have had a part in it.”

CRIME REPORT

The Mount Vernon District Police Station reported the following incidents.

ROBBERY, Beekman Place/Village Green Drive, May 23, 12 p.m. The victim was walking when he was assaulted from behind, knocked to the ground and had money taken from him. The victim was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. No suspect description is available.

BURGLARY, 3800 block of Candlelight Court, May 23. A resident reported someone entered the residence and took property.

PEEPING, 3300 block of Pintail Court, May 23, 4:41 a.m. A resident looked out the window and saw a man looking into the room. The suspect fled prior to police arrival.

BURGLARY, 7200 block of Groveton Gardens Road, May 24. A resident reported someone entered the apartment and took property.

ROBBERY, Audubon Avenue/Thrush Court, May 24, 11 p.m. The first victim was walking when two suspects approached him. One suspect displayed a handgun and demanded cash. One suspect assaulted the victim and the victim fled before surrendering any property. The victim was able to summon police and was subsequently transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Within minutes, the second victim was walking in the 3400 block of Audubon Avenue when he was approached by the same two suspects. One suspect again displayed a handgun and demanded cash. The second victim relinquished cash and property and the suspects fled on foot. The second victim was uninjured.

Responding police officers located both suspects and after a short foot pursuit, took them into custody. A 17-year-old male of the Alexandria-area of Fairfax County was charged with robbery, attempted robbery, malicious wounding and the use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. A 15-year-old male of the Alexandria-area of Fairfax County was charged with robbery and attempted robbery.

BURGLARY, 7800 block of Richmond Highway, May 22. An employee reported someone entered the business and took property.

BURGLARY, 7800 block of Richmond Highway, May 21. An employee reported someone entered the business and took property.

ROBBERY, 7400 block of Vernon Square Drive, May 15. A man was robbed by two suspects while walking on a pathway behind an apartment complex. The two suspects brandished a handgun and took cash and debit cards from the victim. The first suspect was described as a black male, 17-22, about 6 feet tall and weighing about 200 pounds. The second suspect was described as a black male, 17-23, about 5 feet 7 inches tall, and weighing

about 170 pounds.

BURGLARY, 2600 block of Arlington Drive, May 20. A resident reported someone entered the apartment and took property.

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5800 block of Saint Gregorys Lane, cell phone from residence

7900 block of Seven Woods Drive, money from residence

5800 block of Cameron Run Terrace, cash from vehicle

7200 block of Saul Road, cash from vehicle

6300 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

7700 block of Richmond Highway, merchandise from business

8700 block of Old Colony Way, property from residence

8700 block of Richmond Highway, electronic equipment from location

8400 block of Cherry Valley Lane, purse from vehicle

7500 block of Republic Court, electronic device from residence

Correction

In “Bethlehem Baptist Church Receives County Marker” (Mount Vernon Gazette, May 22, 2014), the photo of one of the speakers was misidentified. The correct name is Brenda Page-Murphy, co-chair of the Historical Committee for Bethlehem.



Matea Bebic and Katherine Conner, as Dorothy and Gale, sing “Somewhere over the Rainbow.”



Cassie Cope as the Wicked Witch of the West.

A Twin's Journey

Alexandria’s Burgundy Farm Country Day School’s 8th grade musical was performed on May 15, 16 and 17 to a packed house. Fictional twins “Dorothy and Gale” went on their familiar journey to find home.



Tinman Beata Corcoran, Scarecrow Christian Gardner and Cowardly Lion Miguel Davis, Jr.



Glinda the Good Witch, Thea Mills.

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West Potomac right fielder Rocky Iboleon went 2-for-4 with a home run against West Springfield in the Conference 7 championship game on May 23.



West Potomac freshman shortstop Luke Belanger went 1-for-3 with a two-run triple in the Conference 7 final against West Springfield on May 23.

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West Potomac Baseball Finishes Conference 7 Runner-Up

Wolverines can't recover from 5-0 first-inning deficit.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

West Springfield senior Matt Meinhofer looked over at head coach Jason Olms, who returned a nod of acknowledgement. West Potomac pitcher Michael Barnes had been using a slow windup and the Spartan duo saw an opportunity to capitalize.

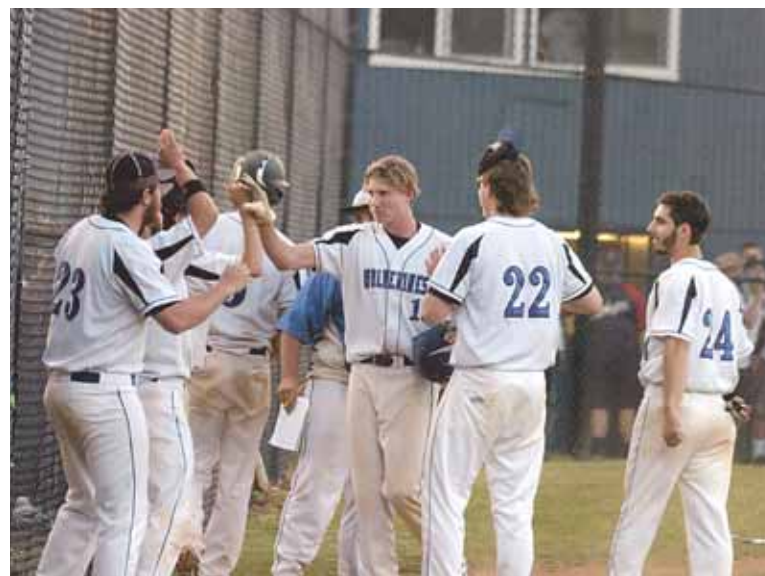
Meinhofer, who reached base via bunt single and was now at third, took a lead and broke toward the plate. The all-conference catcher arrived safely with a successful steal of home, extending West Springfield's lead to five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning while tying the program's single-season record for stolen bases (25) in the process.

The West Springfield Spartans defeated the West Potomac Wolverines 8-5 on May 23 in the Conference 7 baseball tournament championship game at Tugwell Yards. In a meeting of the conference's top two seeds, No. 1 West Springfield spent the evening making things happen while No. 2 West Potomac suffered through mental lapses.

The Spartans bunted runners over. Their pitchers worked out of jams. Meinhofer stole home.

Meanwhile, two Wolverine base runners got picked off and another ran into a tag for the third out of an inning. An infielder forgot to cover a base, turning a West Springfield sacrifice bunt attempt into a hit. West Potomac pitchers hit four Spartan batters.

The result was a West Springfield



West Potomac sophomore Jamie Sara, center, is congratulated by his teammates after hitting a two-run home run in the seventh inning against West Springfield in the Conference 7 championship game on May 23.

celebratory dog pile near the mound and the program's first conference/district championship since 2009. The Spartans won a state title in 2010 and a region championship in 2012.

"In our locker room, we believed in each other and we knew we had a pretty good squad and we knew we had a lot of talent," Olms said. "We just had to put it all together and go out and compete."

The victory was also the next step in redemption for a decorated program that finished the 2013 season on a sour note. Last season, the Spartans failed to qualify for regionals after losing to Lee, a program that has struggled in recent years, 5-4 in the opening round of the Patriot District tournament. West Springfield finished the 2013 campaign with a 9-12 record.

"It definitely weighs a lot," Meinhofer said of last year's season-ending loss. "It was the first time, I think, in 30-something years we didn't make it to the region tournament. We definitely had that in our minds."

After earning the top seed and receiving a first-round bye in the 2014 Conference 7

tournament, West Springfield's pitchers were well rested for the championship game. Staff ace and all-conference performer Brandon Padgett, who pitched three innings in the Spartans' semifinal victory over Annandale on Wednesday, got the start against West Potomac and earned the win. Padgett allowed one run and six hits over five innings. He walked two, hit one batter and struck out four.

"Brandon did an outstanding job just throwing strikes [and] pitching through some tough spots," Olms said. "When he's on the mound, I think we're comfortable [and] relaxed."

Padgett said having a pitching-to-contact approach requires trust in one's teammates.

"[It's about] just relying on everyone else, realizing we're a team, just [coming] together and then just [relaxing]," Padgett said. "That's the biggest thing: just have fun. That's what our coaches have been preaching to us this whole year: just have fun out there and don't make it like last year, because last year was so stressful."

While the Spartans had their pick of who

would pitch Friday, the Wolverines didn't have the same luxury. Due to inning restrictions, senior Billy Lescher was unavailable and all-conference performer Barnes was limited, meaning No. 3 starter Jamie Sara got the call. The sophomore right-hander gave up five runs — four earned — in the first inning and West Potomac trailed the rest of the way. Sara suffered the loss, allowing six runs — five earned — and seven hits in 3-plus innings. He hit three batters and walked one.

"When [Barnes or Lescher are] starting, they're a different team," West Potomac head coach Jim Sullivan said. "Jamie pitched a good game, he was just a little bit nervous in the first — not surprising for a sophomore pitching in the district final. He did OK."

Sara, an all-conference selection at third base, hit a two-run home run in the seventh inning, but it was too little, too late.

"Digging a hole, 5-0, to these guys is not a good plan," Sullivan said. "It's not a plan for success."

West Potomac right fielder Rocky Iboleon went 2-for-4 with a solo home run. Freshman shortstop Luke Belanger finished 1-for-3 with a two-run triple.

West Springfield right fielder Joseph Basse went 2-for-3 with three RBIs. All-conference designated hitter Blake Bird was 3-for-4 with a double.

Meinhofer, Timothy Yonkers, Louis Perez, Adham Nabhan, and Thomas Meiller each had a hit for the Spartans.

"We have played three bad games this year — [all against West Springfield]," Sullivan said. "As long as we're not playing them, we seem to play a good game. Right now, they've got our number for some reason."

West Springfield (16-6) will host Osbourn in the first round of the 6A North region tournament at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 30. West Potomac (14-8) hosts Patriot at 4 p.m.

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tries to put government between a woman and her doctor.”

BILL EUILLE is a native Alexandrian who was raised in public housing by a single mother. That's a story that he has tried to capitalize during the campaign, launching the first television ad of the cycle featuring a series of scrolling numbers with the tagline “beating the odds.” Euille served as an appointed member of the Alexandria School Board before being elected to the City Council and ultimately becoming the city's first black mayor in 2003.



“I bring that unique combination of progressive values and experience that sets me apart from the rest of the field,” said Euille in his announcement. “I have a track record of getting things done to improve our communities.”

On the campaign trail, Euille repeatedly mentioned his role in helping to pass Virginia's living wage law. He has been endorsed by former Alexandria School Board Chairman Ferdinand Day, Alexandria Councilman John Taylor Chapman and Alexandria Councilwoman Del Pepper. Organizational endorsements include Black Women for Positive Change.

“I will never put our troops in combat, and I will never vote to support a war because I think it's the wrong thing to be doing,” said Euille at one of the candidate forums. “We need to make certain that the only time we use our troops to fight would be in the defense of our own borders.”

DEREK HYRA is an associate professor at Virginia Tech, where he teaches in the university's Department of Urban Affairs and Planning. He is currently a member of the Alexandria Planning Commission. He is a first-time candidate who is hoping to use his inexperience as an asset.



“I am not a politician. I have never run for elected office,” said Hyra in his announcement. “What I have done is spent decades studying economic and community development to understand how we grow the middle class, reduce inequality and strengthen our communities.”

On the campaign trail, Hyra has called for what he calls “partnership politics” in Congress as a way to overcome partisan gridlock. The head of his economic policy team is Chad Moutray, chief economist for the National Association of Manufacturers. “We need to stabilize our housing market and grow the middle class,” said Hyra at one candidates forum. “We also need to reduce inequality and create greater opportunities in our underserved communities.”

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OBITUARY



Erik G. Dahlberg (Age 33)

On May 25, 2014 at Georgetown University Hospital after a brief illness. Born in Washington DC, he graduated from TC Williams High School in 1998 before graduating from NYU with his Bachelor's degree in Economics and English and his Master's degree in Urban Planning. Erik worked at WMATA as a Transportation Planner for the past six years. He is survived by his loving wife of 7 years, Genna Dahlberg; cherished daughters, Maya and Cici; parents, Gregory and Kathryn Dahlberg; brothers, Peter and Jeffrey Dahlberg; grandmother, Jo Dahlberg; father-in-law, Gerardo Patasili; mother-in-law, Donna Padilla; and many other extended family members. He was preceded in death by his sister, Julia Dahlberg. Family and friends may gather on Friday, May 30, 2014 from 5-7 p.m. at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2014 at 11 a.m. at Lutheran Church of the Reformation, 212 E. Capitol St. NE, Washington DC 20003. Interment will follow at Ivy Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, www.ccf.org. A guest register may be found at www.everlywheatleyfuneralhome.com

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Thomasville, NC

Mrs. Ruth Gibbs Gorham, 90, resident of Thomasville, NC died May 23rd, 2014 at Spring Arbor Assisted Living Center.

Mrs. Gorham was born November 8th, 1923 in Spartanburg, SC, a daughter to the late Lucius W. and Jessie Lillian Smith Gibbs. She was a resident of Alexandria, VA the majority of her life and had been living in the Thomasville/High Point area since 1987. She was a member of Green St. Baptist Church where she was a Bible Study Fellowship group leader. In 1942 she married William Curtis Gorham Sr. who preceded her in death in 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Judith Johnson and husband Ed of Burke, VA and Jean Dart and husband Michael of Richmond, VA; two sons, William Curtis Gorham Jr. and wife Sally of Williamsburg, VA and Raymond Lee Gorham and wife Carol of Beltsville, VA; a sister, Joyce Devan of Pennsylvania; a brother, Robert L. Gibbs of Maryland; seven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held at 11:00 a.m. Monday in the chapel of the Cumby Family Funeral Service in High Point, NC with Rev. Frank Hensley officiating. Interment will be at National Memorial Park Cemetery in Falls Church, VA. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Monday. Memorials may be directed to The Gideons International, P.O. Box 140800 Nashville, TN 37214-0800. On-line condolences may be made through www.cumbyfuneral.com.

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At more than 1,500 acres, visitors to Huntley Meadows may forget how close they are to the traffic and commotion of Northern Virginia. A walk through the park's forests will lead visitors on a path to the wetlands boardwalk. This provides views of wildlife, including birds, turtles, insects, beavers and more. In fact, the park boasts more than 200 species of birds.

This summer, Huntley Meadows is holding events every week. Highlights include evening walks which allow visitors to view the park after dark and a monthly family nature night which includes crafts, games and activities. In addition, visitors can join Park Manager Kevin Munroe for a Walk and Talk, which provides an overview of the park's wetland restoration project. The goal of the project is to restore the wetland to its 1980 state, after silt and debris have filled the central wetland, reducing wildlife habitats and water depth. The dates are June 21, July 26 and Aug. 16, all from 4-6 p.m.

The park is open from dawn to dusk. No dogs are allowed on the wetland boardwalk. For a complete schedule of events, visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/calendar>.

Other summer fun activities in the Mount Vernon area:

- ❖ Sunday Bird Walks with Friends of Dyke Marsh — Every Sunday morning, join the Friends of Dyke Marsh for a bird walk led by experienced birders. Sundays, 8 a.m. meet at south parking lot of Belle Haven picnic area.

- ❖ Martha Washington's 283rd birthday



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A walk along the boardwalk at Huntley Meadows is a great way to spend a couple of hours this summer.



A turtle bathes in the sun at Huntley Meadows Park.



Huntley Meadows is home to beautiful wildflowers such as these.

— If your name is Martha, or birthday falls on June 2, get free admission to Mount Vernon.

- ❖ July 4 Celebration at Mount Vernon

Estates with fireworks, free cake, military reenactments and a naturalization ceremony.

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During the summer, Huntley Meadows Park becomes a great place for butterfly spotting.

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At least 200 different species of bird have been identified at Huntley Meadows. The forest, bird feeders and wetlands make it an excellent area for birdwatchers like Tami Overby. The park also offers an observation tower for an even better view. During the summer months, bird watchers can meet at 7 a.m. on Monday mornings and go on bird spotting walks.



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THURSDAYS THROUGH JULY

Alexandria Boutiques Up Late.

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THROUGH JUNE 16

Arlington National Cemetery

150th Anniversary Observation. Join the 150th anniversary commemoration of the establishment as a National Cemetery. Features guided tours, lectures, and ceremonies. Ticketed and free. Check www.arlingtoncemetery.mil for details.

WEDNESDAYS THROUGH AUG. 6

Twilight Tattoo: A Military

Pageant, Arlington. 7 p.m. Fort Myer, Arlington. Listen to an hour long ceremony by the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, the U.S. Army Drill Team, the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, as well as many more. Free. Visit www.usarmyband.com.

FRIDAYS/MAY 30-JUNE 27

Vintage Crystal: Wine in the Water Park. 6-10 p.m. Across from 1750 Crystal Dr. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

FRIDAYS/MAY 30-AUG. 22

Rosslyn Summer Film Festival. 8-10 p.m. Gateway Park. Enjoy work and office-themed movies, including Horrible Bosses and Office Space, Fridays in Rosslyn. Free. Visit www.rosslynya.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 31

Arlington, Celebration & Pancake Breakfast. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The Ball-Sellers House, 5620 S. Third Street. The Ball-Sellers House will be open all day for free tours after the pancake breakfast and then will invite visitors to relax under the wisteria arbor after the parade for colonial treats and lemonade. Visit www.arlingtonhistoricalsociety.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 31-SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Clifton, Tournaments for Turf: Moonlight Madness. 6 p.m. Braddock Park, Braddock Road, Clifton. All night (begins 6 p.m., Sunday, May 31 and wraps up Sunday morning), co-ed adult softball extravaganza includes three-game, 55-minute game guarantee. \$275-\$300. Registration deadline: May 28. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/tournaments-for-turf or call 703-324-8759.

Springfield Days/Party in the Park. 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m., South Run Park, 7550 Reservation Drive, Springfield. Springfield Days is a community wide celebration that includes a 5K run, "Pet Fest," car show and more. Movie in the Park begins at dusk. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

June

SUNDAY/JUNE 1

Cardboard Boat Regatta. 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield. Witness the cardboard boat creations

race along Lake Accotink's shoreline at 2 p.m. \$4 vehicle fee. Call 703-569-0285 or email julie.tahan@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.springfielddays.com for more.

MONDAYS/JUNE 2-AUG. 25

Crystal Screen: In Flight. 1851 S. Bell St. Rain or shine. Movies begin after sunset. Free. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

WEDNESDAYS/JUNE 4- AUG. 27

Lee District Nights Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. Lee District Park Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road, Franconia. Enjoy a wide variety of acts from The Nighthawks to The U.S. Air Force Band. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5- JULY 17

Sunsets with a Soundtrack at Brucker Hall. 8 p.m. Brucker Hall on Fort Myer, Arlington. Sit back and enjoy the sounds of the U.S. Army as they commemorate and acknowledge different historical events. Free. Visit www.usarmyband.com for cancellations and location changes.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6

Go West! Alexandria West End Food Truck Rodeo. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Parking lot of Southern Towers Apartments, 4901 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Visitors can look forward to favorite trucks like the popular Red Hook Lobster truck, sips from local Port City Brewing Co. as well as non-food vendors and children's activities. Free admission. Visit www.AlexandriaWEBA.com for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-SUNDAY/JUNE 8

Celebrate Fairfax! Festival. Friday: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday: 11 a.m.-7p.m. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Musical performances, rides, games and food. Call 703-324-3247 or visit www.celebratefairfax.com/.

THURSDAY/JUNE 5-26

Alexandria, War of 1812 Outdoor Concert Series. Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Pack a picnic dinner and blanket and enjoy a concert on the Carlyle House's lawn, featuring live 1812-themed music of the era. 703-549-2997. Suggested donation \$5. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/1812 for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 6-AUG. 29

Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Enjoy a wide variety of genres and performers at the Mount Vernon Nights Concert Series. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ for more.

FRIDAYS/JUNE 6-AUG. 22

Herndon Friday Night Live! 6:30 p.m. 777 Lynn Street, Herndon. Listen to great music on Friday nights during the summer. Visit herndonrocks.com/schedule.php for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 7

Alexandria, Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. Also July 19 and Aug. 9. Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Tour the Alexandria Seaport on this 60-minute waterfront excursion. Dogs must be on 6 ft. flat

leash at all times. \$15/adults; \$9/children; dogs ride free. Call 703-684-0580 or visit www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com/canine-cruise.php.

THURSDAYS/JUNE 12-26

Garden Stroll & Tea. 1-3 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Tour some of the glorious demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who will inspire you with stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, traditional English afternoon tea served in 1784 historic house. Register online. \$29. Call 703-941-7987 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 13-15

Tinner Hill Blues Festival. Various locations around Falls Church. The Tinner Hill Blues Festival is the only three-day event in Falls Church. There will be all kinds of blues for all ages, all weekend, all over town. Visit <http://tinnerhill.org/blues-festival> for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

War of 1812 Commemoration Boat Cruise. Boarding at 6:45 p.m., cruise 7-10 p.m. Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. This tour includes period-inspired food, accounts of the Battle of the White House at Fort Belvoir and Fort Washington. \$75; \$100/sponsor-level. 703-746-4242. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/1812 for more.

Art in the Courtyard. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Lorton Station Town Center. Artists from the Workhouse Arts Center, the Torpedo Art Factory and Historic Occoquan will be featuring their works including paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photography, blown glass, pottery, wood work, and digital artwork. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html for more.

Mount Vernon Nights: Alt Washingtonia (Bavarian). 7-8 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Alt Washingtonia performs traditional Alpine dances from Germany and Austria. Performances include the long alphorns, yodeling and singing, cowbell-ringing, musical saw, button-box accordion, zither, and mountain dulcimer. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

Once Upon a Time...(Costume Ball Fundraiser). 7:30-10 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton. The evening includes music, dancing, silent auction, food, and performances by cabaret vocalists. Costumes with a fairy-tale theme are not required for entry, but there will be door prizes for the most imaginative costumes. Admission is limited, so early reservations are strongly recommended. \$40. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

Tasting Party: Teas of Korea. 10:30 a.m.- 12 p.m. Green Spring Gardens, Green Springs Road, Alexandria. Korean teas reflect the country's rich forest landscapes. Sample and access some of these delicious tisanes served with traditional Korean foods. \$25. Call 703-941-7987.

Become a Pilot Family Day and Aviation Display. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. National Air & Space Museum, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. See 50 visiting vintage, recreational, military, and homebuilt aircraft, on display outside the Center for one day only. Talk to pilots and find out what skills are needed to fly. Inside the Center, test your piloting skills in flight simulators, talk to aviation experts, and enjoy story time and hands-on activities with the kids.

SUNDAY/JUNE 15

Free Father's Day Museum Tours. 1-5 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., Alexandria. Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Free for visiting fathers. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/

The F.E.C. Caporales Universitarios de San Simon provides a lively and energetic performance at the 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.



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When & Where

Celebrate Fairfax takes place Friday, June 6 - Sunday, June 8, at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Friday, June 6: 6 p.m.-midnight; Saturday, June 7: 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday, June 8: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Visit <http://celebratefairfax.com/> for details.



Emma and Jack Carey with mom Tara Carey, of Centreville, meet one of the donkeys at the petting zoo at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival.



Alex Childs, of Springfield, tests his agility in the midway game Wipeout at the three-day 2013 Celebrate Fairfax Festival

calendar-of-events/summer.

Crystal Car: Father's Day Auto Festival. 2-6 p.m. 2121 Crystal Dr. Features sports cars, muscle cars, electric cars, a beer garden, and more. Free. Visit www.crystalcity.org for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

3rd Annual Alexandria Food & Wine Festival. Noon-5 p.m. John Carlyle Square, 300 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. At this event enjoy live entertainment, children's activities, food and wine tasting and a food and dessert competition between local restaurants. Free (tickets required for food and wine samples). 703-746-5592. Visit www.AlexandriaFoodandWine.com

Ballroom Social Dance. 7:30-10:30 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Put on your dancing shoes and come out to the Workhouse for an evening of social ballroom dance. Bring a friend, a date or a group and enjoy a casual, fun night out. Visit www.workhousearts.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 21-22

Relay for Life. 5 p.m. Long Bridge Park Field 1. 475 Long Bridge Drive, Arlington. Visit www.relayforlife.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 22

Sundaes in the Park. 1 p.m. Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce St.,

Annandale. Bring the family for a Sunday stroll along the paths around Hidden Oaks Nature Center and stop by the campfire area for a ice cream sundae before or after your visit. Create your own confection with the toppings and enjoy a scoop of farm fresh vanilla ice cream while it lasts. Sundaes \$2. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks for more.

FRIDAYS/JUNE 27-AUG. 29

Braddock Nights Concert Series. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Lake Accotink Park, 7500 Accotink Park Road, Springfield or Royal Lake Park, 5344 Gainsborough Drive, Fairfax. Listen to musical performances in the great outdoors. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/ for location and schedule.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Del Ray Music Festival. Noon-9 p.m. 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. This event will feature local food vendors, children's activities and a variety of live music, ranging in genre from reggae to jazz, blues to rock. Free. Visit www.DelRayMusicFestival.com for more.

SATURDAYS/JUNE 28-AUG. 23

Burke Arts in the Parks. 10-11 a.m.

Celebrate Fairfax

Celebrate Fairfax!, Northern Virginia's largest community-wide celebration, takes place June 6-8 at the Fairfax County Government Center. Presented by Celebrate Fairfax, Inc., the annual festival hosts tens of thousands of visitors during the three-day run.

The 25-acre site is filled with more than 300 exhibitors, food vendors, crafters and interactive activities. Celebrate Fairfax! showcases live concerts on eight stages, ExxonMobil Children's Avenue, a petting zoo, the Fairfax County Karaoke Championship, carnival rides, and great festival foods. Another fun activity for children is the Inova Train Ride.

Nightly fireworks, presented by Leidos, are a highlight of the festival, and one of many great family programs. This year's Bud Light Main Stage features top national headline performers: The All American Rejects, Cheap Trick and The Hunts.

For more information on any of the festival's programs, or to become a part of the festival as a volunteer, sponsor, performing artist, or simply to attend, visit <http://celebratefairfax.com> or contact the Celebrate Fairfax, Inc. office at 703-324-3247.

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Celebrate Fairfax

Celebration. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fireworks in patriotic colors fired over the Potomac River. The event also includes an inspirational naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military reenactments, a special wreath-laying ceremony, free birthday cake for all and a visit from the "first" first couple, "General and Mrs. Washington." Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Herndon 4th of July Celebration. 6:30 p.m. Bready Park at the Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave., Herndon. A family-fun event featuring games, arts and craft activities, bingo, food face painting, balloon artists, and fireworks. Visit www.herndon-va.gov for more.

Fairfax's Independence Day Celebration. 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in the Downtown Fairfax Historic District. Independence day parade, historical tours, games, entertainment and fireworks. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/independence-day-celebration for more.

Vienna 4th of July Festival and Fireworks Show. 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Live musical entertainment, arts and crafts for kids, antique and classic car show and fireworks. Visit www.viennava.gov for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 12

Obon Festival. 5:30 -9 p.m. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane, Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org for more.

USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration. 7:30-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St., Alexandria. Enjoy a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, birthday cake, food and fireworks. The evening culminates in Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture." Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 12-13

Fort Ward Civil War Reenactment Weekend. Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens, Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site will feature an interpretation of the historic battle, highlights of Union and Confederate camps, military and civilian living history activities and a President Lincoln interpreter. Suggested donation \$2/adults, \$5/families. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/FortWard for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 19

Clifton Film Festival. 4 p.m. Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Clifton Film Fest is an award winning indoor and outdoor film festival. Original films made by the surrounding community are showcased. Visit www.cliftonfilmfest.com/index.html.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 19-20

Claude Moore Colonial Farm 1771 Market Fair. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at 6310 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Sit in the shade and savor roast chicken and spicy sausages, enjoy dancing and singing with the fiddler, test your water color and writing skills with Mr. Andrews at the Stationer. Visit <http://1771.org> for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 27

Bounty of the Bay at Jackson 20. 6-

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As America's National Park for the Performing Arts, Wolf Trap plays a valuable leadership role in both the local and national performing arts communities. A typical season at Wolf Trap includes theatre, and musical performances ranging from country to pop to orchestra. Wolf Trap, 1645 Trap Road in Vienna, is accessible from the Metro and parking is free. Visit www.wolftrap.org for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 6-8

Disney's Beauty and the Beast. "Be Our Guest!" Belle and her enchanted entourage prove love conquers all in this family-favorite musical with an Oscar-winning score featuring "Something There" and "If I Can't Love Her." Tickets: \$22-\$80.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 11

Trey McIntyre Project. 8:30 p.m. In their final D.C.-area performance, this inventive and bold contemporary ballet company performs to Queen's glam-rock stylings. Tickets: \$10-\$44.

THURSDAY/JUNE 12

Ringo Starr & His All Starr Band. 8 p.m. Celebrate an era with a band of rock 'n' roll virtuosos from the Beatles, Santana, Toto, and more. Tickets: \$35-\$65.

FRIDAY/JUNE 13

Il Volo. 8 p.m. Pop-opera trio of Italian teen heartthrobs combines soaring voices with playful charm. Tickets: \$30-\$65.

SATURDAY/JUNE 14

Louisiana Swamp Romp. 2 p.m. The Big Easy party is back! Dance to Louisiana's hottest Cajun, zydeco, and brass bands and jump in the second line parade. Tickets: \$30.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 18

John Butler Trio. 7:30 p.m. There's nothing "Better Than" acoustically driven roots-rock and reggae ballads from heartfelt Australian multi-instrumentalists. Tickets: \$32-\$40.

THURSDAY/JUNE 19

Daryl Hall & John Oates. 8 p.m. Still making your dreams come true with unforgettable soul and rock anthems, these Rock and Roll Hall of Famers are the most successful pop duo of all time. Tickets: \$35-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 20

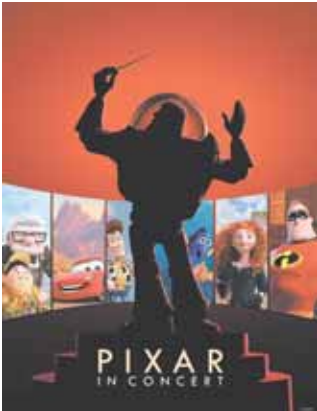
Pixar in Concert. 8:30 p.m. All your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including "Finding Nemo," "Up," "Toy Story," and "Monsters, Inc.," paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$30-\$58.

SATURDAY/JUNE 21

Grease Sing-A-Long. 8:30 p.m. Rev up your vocal chords for an ultimate summer night with the Rydell High gang and sing-a-long with the hits you're hopelessly devoted to as the original 1978 film is projected in-house and on the lawn with lyrics on screen. Tickets: \$25-\$38.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 25

Ben Folds. 8:15 p.m. Front man of Ben Folds Five and judge of NBC's



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Pixar in Concert: Watch all your favorite animated Pixar films on the big screen including Finding Nemo, Up, Toy Story, and Monsters, Inc., paired with memorable scores played by the National Symphony Orchestra June 20.

The Sing-Off showcases his new piano concerto and orchestral arrangements of pop hits with the National Symphony Orchestra. Tickets: \$25-\$60.

FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtimes (also on Sunday, June 29 and Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Beethoven's 9th. 8:15 p.m. Triumphant performance of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" masterpiece and more by preeminent singers and one of the world's leading orchestras in its only 2014 D.C.-area appearance. Tickets: \$25-\$65.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Diana Ross. 8 p.m. Motown's supreme legend has inspired generations of singers with an endless stream of No. 1 hits from "You Can't Hurry Love" to "I'm Coming Out." Tickets: \$35-\$60.

Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtimes (also on Tuesday, July 1). New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

TUESDAY/JULY 1

Pilobolus. 8:30 p.m. Wild creativity and daring, athletic modern dance. Tickets: \$10-\$48.

Handel Giulio Cesare. Check website for exact showtime. New production, sung in Italian with English supertitles. Inside the Opera preshow talk begins one hour before curtain. Tickets: \$36-\$88.

8 p.m. (Also Aug. 17 and Sept. 14) at Jackson 20, 480 King St., Alexandria. \$45. Old Town's Jackson 20 will host its annual Bounty of the Bay crab fest, featuring a full scale Chesapeake Bay crab boil, oysters and sides. Call 703-842-2790 or visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/calendar-of-events/summer for more.

August

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 2-SEPT. 7

4th Annual Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. at McGuireWoods Gallery, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. View the breadth of contemporary ceramic artwork being created throughout the USA during the Workhouse Clay National Ceramics Exhibition. Visit www.workhousearts.org for more.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 6-10

Arlington County Fair. Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. Indoor and outdoor activities. Visit arlingtoncountyfair.us for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 9-10

Alexandria Summer Sidewalk Sale. Store hours at participating stores in Old Town Alexandria vary. Local boutiques offer discounted merchandise and special events for shoppers. Free. Visit www.OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

Wags 'N' Whiskers. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Village at Shirlington, 2700 S Quincy Street, Arlington. Wags 'n' Whiskers is a community-oriented event for animal-loving shoppers of all ages to spend an afternoon at The Village at Shirlington with their pet. The event features 50+ onsite exhibitors ranging from pet services and accessories to onsite adoptions. Visit villageatshirlington.com.

SUNDAY/AUG. 31

War of 1812 Signature Event. Noon-5 p.m. Alexandria Waterfront. Visitors are invited to delight in interactive historical exhibits, boating activities and food trucks. Features a tug-of-war, cricket match and yacht race as well. 703-746-4242. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/1812

September

SATURDAY/SEPT. 6-SUNDAY/SEPT. 28

Live Onstage: Alice in Wonderland. 1 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Featuring songs based on the poetry from the original text, the Cheshire Cat, the Red Queen, the White Rabbit and the rest of the cast will be on hand as Alice adventures through Wonderland. \$8-\$12. Visit www.workhousearts.org or call 703-584-2900.

THURSDAY-THURSDAY/SEPT. 11-18

Fairfax's Fall for the Book Festival. 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. Enjoy literature and hear authors give readings at the Fall for the Book Festival. Visit www.fallforthebook.org for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 13-14

King Street Art Festival. Saturday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on King Street, Alexandria. In a burst of vibrant color and activity, the 12th Annual Alexandria King Street Art Festival transforms the city's historic

main street into a world-class outdoor art gallery. Free. Visit artfestival.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

Lorton's Fall Festival. 11 a.m. at Lorton Station Town Center. Enjoy a magic booth, pumpkin painting, photo booth, games, prizes and more. Visit www.lortonstationtowncenter.com/calendar-of-events.html.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

Dulles Day Plane Pull. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dulles International Airport, Dulles. The 2014 Dulles Day Family Festival & Plane Pull is a full day of excitement with airplane and auto exhibits, the children's zone and bus pull, varied displays and activities, vendors, food and entertainment. Visit www.planepull.com for more.

Irish Folk Festival. 12-6 p.m. at Sherwood Community Center and Van Dyck Park, 3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Live traditional Irish dancing and music. Visit www.fairfaxva.gov/about-us/special-events/fairfax-irish-folk-festival

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

Colonial Market & Fair. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Fifty colonial-attired artisans demonstrate 18th-century crafts and sell traditional wares such as baskets, woodcarvings, tin and ironwork, leatherworkings, weavings, furniture, and much more. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

2nd Annual Arlington Festival of the Arts. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Highland Street in the Clarendon District, Arlington. More than 100 artists will showcase their work including paintings, jewelry, pottery, glass, and much more. Visit artfestival.com.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 27

Clarendon Day Run. 7-9:30 a.m., Corner of North Highland Street and Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Kick off the Clarendon Day Festival with a 10K, 5K, and a Kids Dash. \$10-\$55. Visit runpacers.com/race/clarendon-day-10k-5k-kids-dash for more.

Now Through....

THROUGH SEPT. 26

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park. Times vary upon Nationals schedule. Departs from the Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St., Alexandria. Take a leisurely cruise from Old Town Alexandria to Nationals Park along the Potomac River. Online-ticket purchases include free parking. 703-684-0580. Visit www.BaseballBoat.com for more.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

THROUGH OCTOBER

Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20. 5-8 p.m. Jackson 20, 480 King St., Alexandria. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 offers specials on handcrafted cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free (drinks sold separately) 703-842-2790. Visit www.Jackson20.com/buzzevents_events.php

FRIDAYS THROUGH OCT. 31

Yappy Hour. 6-8 p.m. Le Meridien Arlington, 1121 N 19th St. Enjoy cocktails and appetizers for you pet owners, as well as some tasty treats for your pets. Free entry (drinks not included). rosslynva.org for more.

FARMERS MARKETS

SATURDAYS

Arlington Farmers Market at Courthouse. Adjacent to the Arlington County Courthouse Parking Lot, at the intersection of N. Courthouse Road and N. 14th Street. This is a 'producer only' market with more than 30 producers. From January through March, the market is open on Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon. Visit www.arlingtonfarmersmarket.com for a list of vendors.

Clarendon Farmers Market. Year-round, has locally produced breads and pastries, organic vegetables, flowers, soap, sorbet and more. Saturdays and Sundays, 8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Also year round on Wednesdays from 3-7 p.m. at Clarendon Metro Station. Visit www.Clarendon.org. Call 703-812-8881.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Sells meat, dairy, fish, fruits and vegetables. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-3200 or contact oldtownfarmersmarket@alexandriava.gov.

Del Ray Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays, year round. Features fresh vegetables and fruits in season, meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces, Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods and more. Located at the corner of East Oxford and Mount Vernon avenues, Alexandria. Contact pmiller1806@comcast.net.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays, May 31-Oct. 18. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. Corner of Cleveland Avenue and Snoqualmie Street, Mount Vernon. Visit www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org.

Burke Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 22. 5671 Roberts Parkway, Burke. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/burkemkt.htm

Reston Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon. Saturdays, May 3-Nov. 9. Named the best farmers market in Northern Virginia by Virginia Living Magazine. Lake Anne Village Center, 11401 North Shore Drive, Reston. Visit www.restonfarmersmarket.com.

Oakton Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Year round. Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. Visit www.smartmarkets.org/

Springfield Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Springfield Mall, 6417 Loisdale Road, Springfield. www.smartmarkets.org.

Great Falls Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Year round. Great Falls Village Centre, 778 Walker Road, Great Falls. Visit www.celebrategreatfalls.org/FarmersMarket.html.

Vienna Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Faith Baptist Church Parking Lot, 301 Center St. South, Vienna. Visit www.viennafarmersmarket.com.

Fairfax Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, May 10-Nov. 1. 10500 Page Ave., Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com.

SUNDAYS

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The Open Air Market in the Lake Anne Plaza features artisans, global imports and health products



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8 a.m.-noon at Courthouse Parking Lot, 3195 North Wilson Blvd. Visit www.Clarendon.org. 703-812-8881.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from April 27-November. Brings fresh nutritious foods to people of all income levels. Located at the entrance to Four Mile Run Park at 4109 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.4mrmarket.org/ for more.

West End Farmers Market. 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays from May-November. Fresh, locally grown, in-season vegetables. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org.

Lorton Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sundays, May 4-Nov. 2. Featuring fresh produce, a Swiss bakery and potted plants and herbs. VRE Parking Lot, 8990 Lorton Station Blvd., Lorton. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/lortonmkt.htm

McLean Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parking lot of the National Automobile Dealers Association 8400 Westpark Drive, McLean. www.smartmarkets.org/

Tyson's Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. NADA Campus, Greensboro & Westpark Drive. www.tysonspartnership.org

Fairfax Farmers Market. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sundays, May 11-Oct. 26. 10500 Page Avenue, Fairfax. www.fairfaxsaturdaymarket.com/

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va.

TUESDAYS

The Crystal City FRESHFARM Market is open April-November on Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m. with a selection of foods and goods from local producers, in front of 251 S. 18th St., Arlington. Visit www.crystalcity.org.

WEDNESDAYS

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays, June 4-Sept. 24. Fresh local food, artisan crafts, live music, kids activities, cooking demonstrations and special events. 415 E Kincaid St., Mount Vernon. www.mountvernonfarmersmarket.org/

Wakefield Farmers Market. 2-6 p.m. Wednesdays, May 7-Oct. 29. Features an average of 21 vendors including a fish vendor, knife sharpener and soap vendor. Cooking demonstrations and live music some weeks. 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. www.wakefieldfarmersmarket.com/

Reston Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston. www.smartmarkets.org.

Frying Pan Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon.

www.farmersmarketfryingpan.nova-antiques.com.

Fair Lakes Farmers Market. 3:30-7 p.m. 4501 Market Commons Drive, Fairfax. www.greentowns.com/initiative/farmers-market/fair-lakes-farmers-market-fairfax-va.

THURSDAYS

Rosslyn Farmers Market and Concert. 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursdays, May 29-Sept. 25, across the street from Cupid's Garden Sculpture, 1401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. The market offers fresh foods and goods from regional vendors including bread and pastries, farm-fresh and organic produce, herbs and spices, exotic teas and specialty coffees. Visit www.rosslynva.org/do/rosslyn-farmers-market1.

Annandale Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon Thursdays, May 2-Nov. 7. Featuring a master gardener plant clinic on site to answer questions about plants and landscaping. Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale. 703-941-1730. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/annandalemkt.htm

Herndon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Nov. 13. Twelve Vendors sell a variety of products including kettle corn and fresh made Italian pasta. Old Town Herndon, 700 Block of Lynn Street, Herndon. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/herndonmkt.htm

Fairfax's Government Center Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. Thursdays, May 1-Oct. 30. Ten vendors including a Middle Eastern delicacy bakery and custom organic ice cream shop. Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/governmentcentr-mrkt.htm.

Lorton Farmers Market. 3-7 p.m. Thursdays. New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road, Lorton. Visit www.smartmarkets.org.

FRIDAYS

McLean Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Nov. 21. Vendors include an orchard and winery company and specialty berry farm. 1659 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mcleanmkt.htm.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m. Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant Parking Lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center, Alexandria. Vendors products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm

VIEWPOINTS

Mount Vernon residents talk about what they do for fun in the summer.



August Marquardt (left) and Angus MacDonald both like to ride bikes during the summer. Marquardt is a serious cyclist, riding from home to Bethesda regularly. MacDonald also enjoys hiking on trails in the area.



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Cub Scout Pack 1504 (Mount Vernon District) just finished a nature hike and cleanup at Huntley Meadows. The boys like to go swimming and are looking forward to Cub Scout Day Camp this summer.



Addison (left) and Ashlynn:

"We like to go kayaking at the Belle Haven Marina. We also go bike riding and hiking around Huntley Meadows and Dyke's Marsh." According to their mother, apple picking, tennis, and swimming are also activities that the family enjoys during the summer.



Tess Ailshire:
"I like to ride my motorcycle."

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The Red-winged Blackbird is one of nearly 300 types of birds that come to the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve.



The Belle Haven Marina offers sailboat and kayak rentals, as well as sailing lessons. George Stevens, president of Belle Haven Inc. Mariner Sailing School, also teaches power boating lessons.

Into Dyke Marsh

Boats rented and launched at the Belle Haven Marina can be taken out to explore the restored Dyke Marsh. Friends of Dyke Marsh have volunteer opportunities on Friday to remove invasive plants. On Sunday mornings they meet to bird watch. On Saturday nights they offer an Evensongs Service with a barbecue afterwards.



Walking through History

Historic Huntley was built by as a summer retreat by George Mason's grandson Thomas F. Mason. The house sits back from the road on Harrison Lane. The renovated home, which is now a museum, is open for the public to tour on Saturdays through October.



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Geoffrey Cohrs, historic interpreter and site coordinator, shows a section of wall left in its original condition. Two rooms in the museum have been devoted to architectural history. Visitors can see the bones of the house and learn about the restoration process.



Historic Huntley contains no furniture and visitors are able to imagine what it might have looked like as a summer house filled with belongings brought from the family's home. Original mantelpieces and cases or artifacts provide some clues of what life was like there. One of the intriguing parts about Huntley is that there are still mysteries to be solved.



The grounds of Historic Huntley are open to the public and offer a beautiful view of the surrounding area. Upcoming events include a Twilight Hilltop Tour on June 13 and a Summer Social on June 28. The site also hosts two day camps: Tracks & Traces and Dig It: Archaeology Adventures. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm.

Explore River Farm

River Farm was George Washington's northernmost farm. It now serves as the Headquarters of the American Horticultural Society. The gardens are open April through September, Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. They are closed on national holidays. Gates that stood at the White House for nearly 100 years mark the entrance to the main house.



The Children's Garden contains many play structures and small picnic tables, perfect for children like Emma (left) and Katie. Families can bring blankets and have lunch on the grass. On June 10, from 10-11 a.m., there will be a class on flower arranging, for children ages 2-10.



River Farm contains several different types of gardens, including a teaching demonstration garden (currently straw bale gardening) and an orchard containing espaliered fruit trees. There is a four-acre meadow ideal for spotting wildlife and butterflies. Currently the mansion has an art show and sale going on inside.

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