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After the Storm

After the overnight storm last week, fallen trees and broken limbs could be found all around the Fort Hunt/Beacon Hill neighborhood.



Crews work at clearing the fallen trees on Fort Hunt Road.



Fallen limbs damaged many fences and signs, around the area, including this one at Bethany Lutheran Church.



PHOTO BY CHARLES HULFISH

Damage from last week's storm is visible on West Wakefield Drive early in the morning of June 19.

Supervisors Honor Gadson, Army

Gadson praised for strengthening relationship between Fairfax County and Fort Belvoir.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

For his work in strengthening Fort Belvoir's relationship with Fairfax County and for serving as a community leader, Col. Gregory D. Gadson was honored with a proclamation from the Board of Supervisors as he departs Fort Belvoir on June 25.

"He's been wonderful to work with, and I would especially like to recognize the partnership efforts that we've made between Fort Belvoir and the Army in finding things that we can do together. You have personally invested your own time and efforts into that process," said Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

The motion was requested by Supervisors Pat Herrity, Jeff McKay and Gerry Hyland, calling him an "outstanding leader and asset to the community," and came during June 13-21, a week Fairfax County designated as Army Week.

Gadson has been garrison com-



PHOTO BY JANELLE GERMANOS/THE GAZETTE

Col. Gregory D. Gadson was recognized for his work in improving the relationship between Fort Belvoir and Fairfax County as he departs from his position on June 25.

mander of Fort Belvoir since June 2012. He has served in active duty in every major conflict in the last 20 years, including Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi

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Youth Suicide Prevention Training Offered Online

Interactive training helps adults deal with serious issues.

BY JANELLE GERMANOS
THE GAZETTE

Following several incidents in the community involving youth and suicide, Laura Yaeger, the director of partnership and resource development for the

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, said the community has recognized the need for youth suicide prevention.

"I think our community has reached a tipping point in terms of people wanting to really work

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Mount Vernon principal Nardos King and subschool IV principal James Oberndorf lead the procession into the Michael M. Skinner Field House on June 20.



Director of the Mount Vernon Madrigals Judith Belzer leads the singers in the National Anthem.

Bidding Farewell to Mount Vernon High School



Richard Bacz directs the Mount Vernon High School band.



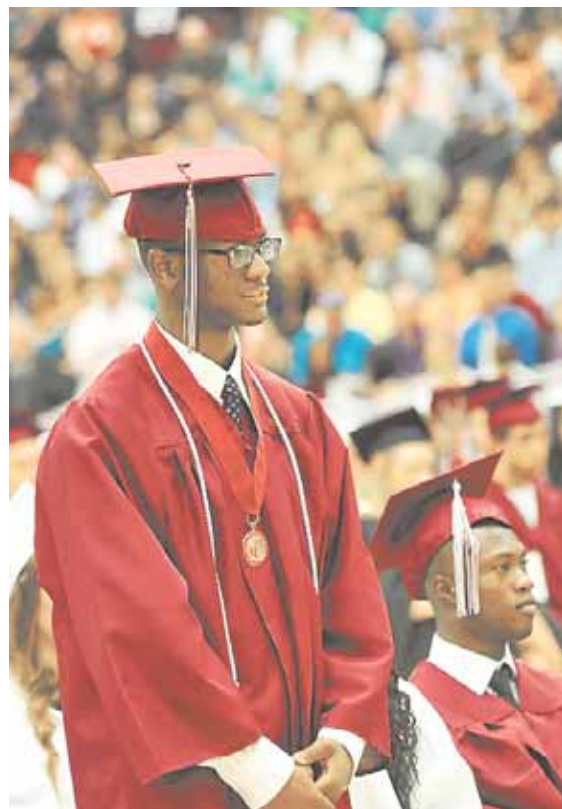
Mimi Xin Yu Zhang performs with a quartet in the hallway of the high school while guests arrive for the graduation ceremony on Friday afternoon.



Dinora Cruz and Walter Benavides write notes of congratulations on a car at Mount Vernon High School.



Principal Nardos King receives a hug from graduate Dennis Ankomah after presenting him with his diploma.



Ferdinand Agyei-Yeboah stands with 18 other classmates to be recognized as a 2014 honor graduate.

Honor graduate speaker Sarah Busch.

PHOTOS BY
LOUISE KRAFFT
THE GAZETTE



Future military service members stand to be recognized.

What's Offensive about Redskins Pride?

Absolutely nothing, if you're state Sen. Chap Petersen.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE GAZETTE

A lifelong Redskins fan, Fairfax state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) has had it up to here with all the talk about the need to change the name of his beloved football team.

He vented his frustration and indignation on his blog — Ox Road South — but said he was leery of tackling what he deemed the forces of political correctness in the “War Against the Redskins” until June 18, when the Federal Patent Office blocked the team’s Redskins trademarks, declaring that the name was “disparaging” to Native Americans at the time the trademarks were registered — as far back as 1967.

That action pushed Petersen off the sidelines to lead an offensive attack.

On Monday, June 23, he announced the formation of the “Redskins Pride Caucus,” a bipartisan alliance with two other state lawmakers from Northern Virginia — Republican Del. Jackson Miller (Manassas)

and Republican Del. David Ramadan (Loudoun.)

The three men scheduled a news conference at the State Capitol the same day. By the time the news conference started, several other lawmakers joined the group in announcing the caucus: Sen. Louise Lucas (D-Portsmouth), Sen. Frank Ruff (R-Mecklenburg), Del. Lionell Spruill (D-Chesapeake), Del. Michael Webert (R-Fauquier), Del. Michael Futrell (D-Prince William) and Sen. Bill Stanley (R-Franklin).

After the news conference in Richmond the same day, Petersen became the popular pick for making the case on news shows and sports talk shows. The story was picked up by dozens of newspapers — including USA Today and The Boston Globe — sparking heated debates by people posting on media websites.

THE CAUCUS gained momentum throughout the day, and by Tuesday afternoon comprised top leadership from both houses of the legislature — and from both parties — including Senate Majority Leader Tommy Norment (R-James City County), Senate Minority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-Fairfax), House Majority Leader Kirk Cox (R-Colonial Heights) and House Majority Caucus Chairman Tim Hugo (R-Fairfax).

“I wanted to speak for fans who say ‘You



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-Fairfax – center) stands with Republican delegates David Ramadan of Loudoun (left) and Jackson Miller (Manassas) right, during a news conference at the Capitol in Richmond Monday, June 23, announcing the formation of the Redskins Pride Caucus.

know what? Enough is enough,” Petersen said in an interview Tuesday. “(Who) has the back of a few thousand loyal Redskins fans who never did anything wrong, except to love a football franchise that united this town in way nobody did before?”

The Redskins Pride Caucus had scored, giving a voice to Redskins fans of all stripes.

“I don’t get the controversy,” said Daniel Flores, a 47-year-old Redskins fan from Burke. “The name was chosen to represent the bravery and fierce fighting abilities of Native Americans. It’s a respectful name, not insulting.”

“The government has no place in forcing [franchise owner Dan] Snyder’s hand,” said Stephanie Sullenger of Vienna. “The issue should be left to the franchise and the fans themselves as no one but Snyder can seem to get Snyder to act. But in the end, shouldn’t there be a separation between Sport and State?”

One of the caucus’ stated goals is to prevent the U.S. Congress from forcing a name change upon the NFL team.

In the past six months, pressure to change the name has been mounting.

In May, 50 senators — half of the U.S. Senate — sent a letter to the NFL urging

the team to change its name. Several Native American groups have declared their opposition to the name. During the NBA finals a few weeks ago, the Yocha Dehe Wintun National paid for an ad that highlighted the history of Native Americans, and took a parting shot at the Redskins.

“Look, if I felt like this was an honest complaint, I would pull it back. But I see so much misinformation about this issue,” Petersen said, adding that many Native Americans call themselves “redskins,” and that the name “Oklahoma” is based on “Choctaw Indian words which translate as ‘red people.’”

“This is truly political correctness on steroids,” Miller said at the news conference.

The Redskins public relations team also attended the news conference, but released a statement asserting that neither the franchise nor Snyder was behind the formation of

the caucus in any way.

Snyder has been stalwart in his defense of the name. In a letter he sent to season ticket holders last October, he cited the association of the name Redskins with the team’s long NFL history and its symbolic

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“We’re not the KKK; we’re not a bunch of insensitive old white guys. People who know me may say I’m a boring old white guy ...”

— State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34)

The Redskins Pride Caucus Founding Principles

❖ Providing a voice for Redskins fans and season tickets holders.

❖ Supporting the Redskins franchise, a Virginia-based business that generates hundreds of millions of dollars in taxable revenue for schools, roads, public safety and other important public services in the Commonwealth.

❖ Opposing the inappropriate involvement of the United States Congress in issues surrounding the Redskins franchise and its supporters.

❖ Supporting commercial freedom in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the rights of businesses to their own brands and intellectual property.

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Standing Up for Redskins Fans

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importance to himself and fans.

DURING THE NEWS CONFERENCE, Lucas — whose nephew is Redskins player DeAngelo Hall — said “none of us feel there is any racism and we love the name,” Lucas said.

Petersen said he wants people to know that the caucus is not the KKK. “We’re not just a bunch of insensitive old white guys,” Petersen said, “People who know me may say I’m a boring old white guy ... Seriously, I am here because I believe in the Redskins, and the name was intended to honor American Indians.”

Petersen said the response to the caucus has been overwhelming, and overwhelmingly positive. “I am appreciative of all the comments I’ve received — even negative ones.”

But one letter from Karen Fettig of McLean, “really struck me as important, and perhaps offering a solution to the endless ranting. I asked her for permission to print it on my blog, and she said yes.”

“Chap: I happened to catch your bit on the news last night re: The Redskins name. I could not agree with your more. You may recall that I have a good bit of Native blood in me. It infuriates me to see all



State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34)

these ‘white people’ telling me that I should be offended by the name. It’s quite the opposite. Even before I moved to this area, I was a Redskins fan because of their name. It is a very proud heritage. Not one member of my family is offended either. The bottom line is that 90 percent of true Native Americans are not offended in the least. The answer is simple: take a poll of only Native Americans. Whatever that poll says should be the answer. End of story.”

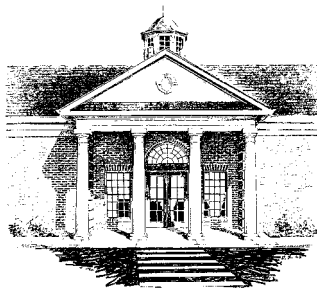
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Virginia Members Of the Redskins Pride Caucus

In the first day, the following members announced they were joining the Redskins Pride Caucus:

- ♦ Senate of Virginia
- Majority Leader Tommy Norment (R- James City County)
- Minority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-Fairfax)
- Senator Chap Petersen (D-Fairfax)
- Senator Bill Stanley (R-Franklin)
- Senator Louise Lucas (D-Portsmouth)
- Senator Frank Ruff (R-Mecklenburg)
- Senator Walter Stosch (R-Henrico)
- Senator Steve Martin (R-Chesterfield)
- Senator Frank Wagner (R-Virginia Beach)
- Senator Richard Stuart (R-Spotsylvania)
- Senator Ralph Smith (R-Roanoke)
- ♦ House of Delegates
- Majority Leader Kirk Cox (R-Colonial Heights)
- Majority Caucus Chair Tim Hugo (R-Fairfax)
- Majority Whip Jackson Miller (R-Manassas)
- Delegate David Ramadan (R-Loudoun)
- Delegate Lionell Spruill (D-Chesapeake)
- Delegate Michael Webert (R-Fauquier County)
- Delegate Michael Futrell (D-Prince William County)
- Delegate Dave Albo (R-Fairfax)
- Delegate Scott Lingamfelter (R-Prince William County)
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- Delegate Scott Taylor (R-Virginia Beach)

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Alex./Yacht Haven \$649,900
4426 Neptune Drive
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Alex./Yacht Haven \$859,900
4505 Dolphin Lane
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Alex./Eastgate \$559,900
4402 Blyth Place
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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold	Price	Type	Lot	AC	.	Postal	Code	Subdivision
2106 WAKEFIELD CT	6	.3	2	ALEXANDRIA			\$1,725,000	Detached			0.15			22307		BELLE HAVEN	
1219 WOODCLIFF CT	4	.3	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$1,515,000	Detached			0.66			22308		WELLINGTON HEIGHTS	
8700 PLYMOUTH RD	6	.5	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$1,327,500	Detached			0.51			22308		PLYMOUTH HAVEN	
6118 WOODMONT RD	4	.3	2	ALEXANDRIA			\$1,275,000	Detached			0.18			22307		BELLE HAVEN	
1200 ESSEX MANOR CT	4	.3	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$1,029,000	Detached			0.54			22308		FENWICK ESTATES	
4008 BELLE RIVE TER	7	.7	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$980,000	Detached			0.90			22309		FERRY LANDING ESTATES	
9326 MOUNT VERNON CIR	5	.4	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$915,000	Detached			0.40			22309		MT VERNON ON THE POTOMAC	
9411 BRAMBLY LN	4	.3	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$910,000	Detached			0.34			22309		MT VERNON GROVE	
7209 REGENT DR	4	.2	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$835,000	Detached			0.33			22307		VILLAMAY	
9017 STRATFORD LN	4	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$830,000	Detached			0.38			22308		STRATFORD LANDING	
1020 PRISCILLA LN	5	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$830,000	Detached			0.32			22308		WAYNEWOOD	
2617 WOODLAWN TRL	5	.4	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$825,000	Detached			0.51			22306		HYBLA VALLEY FARMS	
1203 BELLE VISTA DR	5	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$825,000	Detached			0.36			22307		VILLAMAY	
7111 BURTONWOOD DR	3	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$825,000	Detached			0.34			22307		MARLAN HEIGHTS	
7208 PARK TERRACE DR	4	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$825,000	Detached			0.41			22307		VILLAMAY	
2227 GLASGOW RD	3	.2	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$819,900	Detached			0.41			22307		HOLLIN HILLS	
1926 MARTHAS RD	3	.2	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$815,000	Detached			0.35			22307		HOLLIN HILLS	
8203 HENSLEY CT	4	.2	2	ALEXANDRIA			\$808,000	Detached			0.24			22308		HENSLEY ESTATE	
6031 WOODMONT RD	4	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$795,000	Detached			0.17			22307		BELLE HAVEN	
8414 ALYCE PL	4	.2	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$755,000	Detached			0.29			22308		COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC	
3713 RIVERWOOD RD	6	.3	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$739,900	Detached			0.38			22309		RIVERWOOD	
9000 STRATFORD LN	4	.3	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$735,000	Detached			0.34			22308		STRATFORD ON THE POTOMAC	
2201 MARTHAS RD	3	.2	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$720,000	Detached			0.44			22307		HOLLIN HILLS	
7700 ELBA RD	5	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$710,000	Detached			0.39			22306		HOLLIN HILLS	
2402 DAPHNE LN	4	.2	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$702,402	Detached			0.37			22306		HOLLIN HILLS	
1911 SWORD LN	4	.3	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$677,000	Detached			0.19			22308		STRATFORD ON THE POTOMAC	
6316 OLDE TOWNE CT	4	.3	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$675,000	Townhouse			0.07			22307		OLDE BELHAVEN TOWNE	
8510 CYRUS PL	4	.2	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$669,000	Detached			0.31			22308		WAYNEWOOD	
4203 PICKERING PL	4	.2	2	ALEXANDRIA			\$669,000	Detached			0.58			22309		SOUTHWOOD	
8426 SULKY CT	4	.2	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$668,225	Detached			0.24			22308		RIVERSIDE GARDENS	
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7113 MARINE DR	4	.3	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$645,000	Detached			0.34			22307		MARLAN HEIGHTS	
7912 FAIRFAX RD	5	.4	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$645,000	Detached			0.24			22308		HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE	
8407 MOREY LN	5	.2	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$639,985	Detached			0.35			22308		COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC	
4004 MAVIS CT	5	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$634,900	Detached			0.52			22309		MT VERNON FOREST	
3203 WESSYNTON WAY	4	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$627,000	Detached			0.37			22309		WESSYNTON	
8440 PORTER LN	4	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$625,000	Detached			0.31			22308		STRATFORD ON THE POTOMAC	
2817 LOTS 28/28A DOUGLAS ST ..	4	.2	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$600,000	Detached			0.96			22306		GUM SPRINGS	
2102 BELLE VIEW BLVD	4	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$599,000	Detached			0.26			22307		BELLE HAVEN ESTATES	
2624 CHILDS LN	4	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$590,000	Detached			0.24			22308		STRATFORD ON THE POTOMAC	
3798 ELMWOOD TOWNE WAY	3	.3	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$580,000	Townhouse			0.05			22303		ELMWOOD	
3426 AYERS DR	5	.3	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$575,000	Detached			0.50			22309		SUNNY VIEW	
6405 POTOMAC AVE	3	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$572,500	Detached			0.16			22307		NEW ALEXANDRIA	
8925 BATTERY RD	4	.2	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$562,200	Detached			0.26			22308		POTOMAC VALLEY	
8508 CULVER PL	4	.2	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$551,000	Detached			0.24			22308		WAYNEWOOD	
2516 POPKINS LN	4	.3	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$550,000	Detached			0.50			22306		POPKINS HEIGHTS	
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2505 CULPEPER RD	4	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$540,000	Detached			0.26			22308		STRATFORD ON THE POTOMAC	
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7740 TAUXEMONT RD	4	.2	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$530,000	Detached			0.46			22308		TAUXEMONT	
6903 LAMP POST LN	5	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$509,000	Detached			0.26			22306		STONEBROOKE	
8528 RIVERSIDE RD	4	.2	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$499,900	Detached			0.14			22308		VERNON ON POTOMAC	
3121 ARUNDEL AVE	4	.5	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$495,000	Detached			0.23			22306		VALLEY VIEW	
6808 LAMP POST LN	4	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$485,000	Detached			0.22			22306		STONEBROOKE	
3802 GREAT NECK CT	5	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$485,000	Detached			0.52			22309		WESTGATE	
6406 14TH ST	2	.1	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$479,500	Detached			0.16			22307		NEW ALEXANDRIA	
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7694 AUDUBON MEADOW WAY	3	.3	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$460,000	Townhouse			0.04			22306		GROVE AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS	
4201 WOODLEY DR	4	.2	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$459,000	Detached			0.41			22309		MT ZEPHYR	
8520 HIGHLAND LN	3	.2	1	ALEXANDRIA			\$456,000	Detached			0.13			22309		ENGLESIDE	
1011 NEAL DR	4	.3	0	ALEXANDRIA			\$450,000	Detached			0.29			22308		COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC	
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OPINION

Celebrate a Safe Fourth

Talking and planning are the best safety measures; SoberRide offers a safety net.

Independence Day is a national celebration, and for many, that celebration includes alcohol. The summer overall and July 4 in particular are times of greater risk for drinking and driving.

Make a plan. Plan to celebrate with access to public transportation. Plan to have a designated driver. Plan to celebrate in a place safe and comfortable to spend the night.

EDITORIALS But in case those plans go awry, here is a safe alternative.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program will offer free taxi rides home (up to \$30) beginning 10 p.m. the night of July 4 for six hours until 4 a.m. the morning of July 5. Participants must be at least 21. Call 1-800-200-TAXI.

On July 4, 2013, nearly 300 people used WRAP's SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired.

In summer, 44 percent of all U.S. traffic

deaths are caused by alcohol-impaired drivers, according to statistics provided by WRAP. SoberRide is a way to help keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

For parents of young adults who may be living at home and parents of those under 21, this is time to talk. Ask about plans, ask specifically about getting home. Remind those over 21 to take the WRAP phone number with them.

While you hope that young adults under 21 aren't drinking — because there are lots of dangers to binge drinking beyond drinking and

driving — you know that many of them will be drinking. Let your younger family members know that you would much rather pay for a cab or come get them yourself than run the risk of losing them.

Since 1993, WRAP's SoberRide program has provided 60,565 free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the Greater Washington area.

Visit www.soberride.com.

—MARY KIMM,

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COMMENTARY

State Formula Hurts Public Schools

BY JEFFREY C. MCKAY
LEE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

There's been some commentary on Fairfax County school budget issues and a total misuse of the term "underfunding." A recent Washington Post news story included the false claim that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors underfunded the school system. My reaction

to this is more than academic — it's personal. Not only am I a proud K-8 product of FCPS, but I've also got a daughter in our school system and a son just a few years behind.

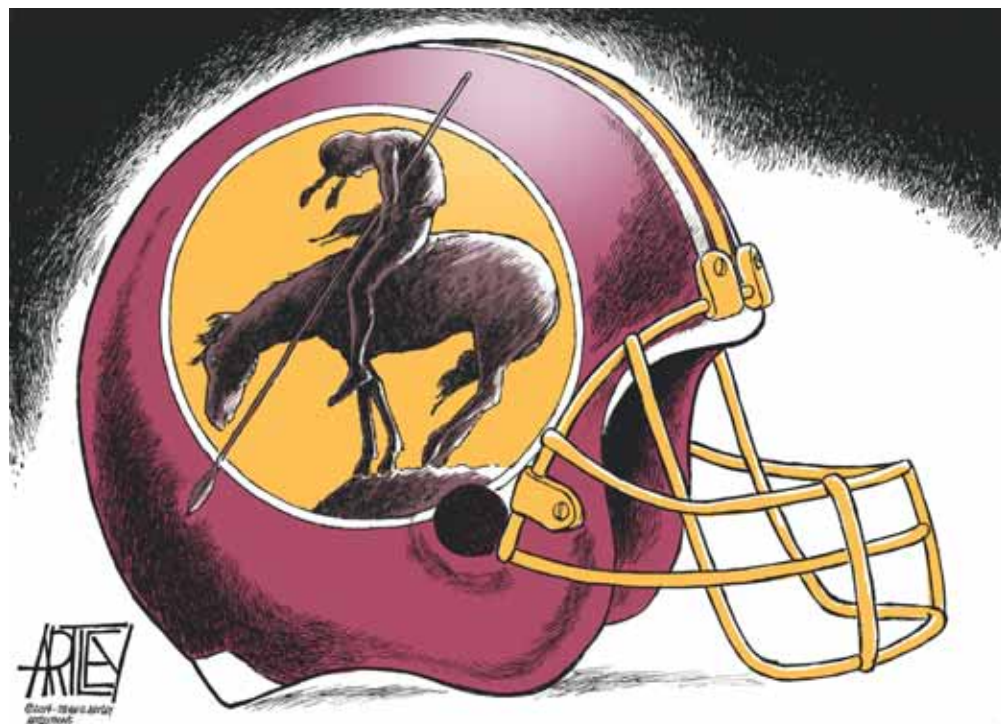
Looking around for someone to blame is a time-honored ploy to shift responsibility from where it belongs. This is the reality. Fairfax County funds almost 70 percent of the FCPS budget and on top of that we also pick up the costs for other school services such as school

resource officers, health nurses, crossing guards, and SACC. We dedicate two thirds of our bonding capacity to the schools and this year we adopted a plan to allocate an additional \$13 million to the schools for their capital needs. That's about another \$80 million a year combined. In fact, the budget we just adopted includes a 3 percent increase in funding to FCPS through a half-cent increase in the real estate tax, schools being the only reason we passed a rate increase.

The elephant in the room is the state funding formula inequity. Fairfax County is a donor jurisdiction, sending more dollars to the state than it recoups — about 21 cents on the dollar.

FCPS' state per pupil funding suffers in comparison to other Virginia localities. In FY2012, the state provided \$2,764 per pupil while the county provided \$9,905 per pupil in local funding. In contrast, neighboring Prince William County received half its per pupil funding from the state. These figures may have been OK in the past, but today's school needs have far outpaced our local ability to pay. Other school districts are able to fund their needs with our tax dollars while here in Fairfax County we struggle to meet our own needs.

We all need to work together — School Board, County Board, PTAs, and citizens. We need to follow our kids' example when they work together in the classroom to solve problems. We owe it to them to stop the finger pointing and work together to tackle the root of our school funding problem — the state's unfair and antiquated funding formula that discriminates against Fairfax County.



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LETTERS

Election Indigestion?

To the Editor:

I have monitored the proposal for a meals tax which apparently was initiated by Supervisor Hyland. The Board of Supervisors (BOS) organized a committee chaired by past Chairmen Tom Davis and Kate Hanley to provide the BOS the recommendation as to whether to seek a voter referendum. The committee provided the BOS its report which did not include any recommendation regarding whether to conduct a voter referendum but provided comments intended to guide the BOS in its deliberations.

Last week, BOS Chairman Sharon Bulova indicated it is unlikely a referendum would be scheduled on the meals tax prior to the 2016 general election and that she would oppose scheduling it earlier. The reason why is obvious. In the November 2015 election, all the supervisors are up for election. Chairman Bulova would obviously prefer to be re-elected before the meals tax issue is taken up by the voters. No doubt other supervisors agree with this thinly veiled political tactic.

I disagree. If supervisors want taxpayers to vote on a meals tax referendum, that vote should be coupled with taxpayers' decision as to whether to re-elect the supervisors. In order to place the meals tax issue on the ballot, a majority of the supervisors must vote to do so. Their votes on the issue will be public knowledge and taxpayers can take those votes into consideration when deciding whether to re-elect them. Failing to include the meals tax referendum on the same ballot as the 2015 supervisor elections would be cowardly and would evidence that supervisors believe the issue would adversely impact re-election prospects.

If the BOS wants taxpayers to vote on a meals tax referendum, the only appropriate date for the referendum is the November 2015 election. That way, the referendum will also be a partial referendum on whether to re-elect the supervisors. Those

voters who favor the proposal would be more likely to vote to re-elect their supervisor and the chairman, particularly if their supervisor and the chairman had voted to place the referendum on the ballot.

Those who oppose it would be less likely to vote to re-elect their supervisor and the chairman, particularly if their supervisor and the chairman had voted to place the referendum on the ballot. Let the voters decide whether to enact a meals tax, and at the same time, whether to re-elect supervisors.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

Questionable Presumption

To the Editor:

The Fairfax County School Board has proposed four options for public discussion on changing school start times. None of the options includes the current school schedule.

We are not in Russia, we must be given a fair choice, including the no change option.

The presumption that if children start school later, they will get more sleep is questionable. They may simply go to bed later.

The \$3M to \$7M cost to change the school schedule is a waste. Teachers are being laid off due to budget issues, we should not spend millions of dollars on transportation at the expense of the teachers.

Starting an hour later adds as much as two hours of commute time for the parents who live in the western end of the county and work in Washington, D.C. After school activities will start and end at later times, just in time for rush hour traffic and therefore may have to be curtailed.

The current school schedule must be maintained.

Yoram Carmi and
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Tori English talks on her cell phone after the graduation ceremony.

Wolverines Say Farewell to Class of 2014



Graduates enter George Mason University's Patriot Center in anticipation of the ceremony on June 17.



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Digging into History

Alexandria Archaeology Museum to host archaeology camp for teens next month.

BY KARA COLEMAN
THE GAZETTE

Madeline Francis wants to be an archaeologist when she grows up, just like her aunt Whitney.

"I really like being outside, and I just have a lot of fun finding things and identifying what they are," said 13-year-old Francis. Francis lives in Knoxville, Tennessee, but her aunt Whitney Nelson is a resident of Alexandria. When Nelson found out that the Alexandria Archaeology Museum hosts an archaeology camp for teens each summer, she knew it was something Francis would be interested in.

"She really wanted to go that summer, but she was too young," said Nelson, who previously worked as an archaeologist in Tennessee. "So she was so excited to go last summer. She would tell me all about it at the end of each day."

The camp is for students between the ages of 12 and 15 and allows campers to work at actual excavation sites, rather than staged mock sites. Typically, about 15 campers participate each summer, according to Ruth Reeder, Education Coordinator for the City of Alexandria. Reeder educates on behalf of the Office of Historic Alexandria and Alexandria Archaeology. Reeder said that on day one of the week-long camp, the teens are divided into small groups, and each group is assigned one unit to work on. Each unit is supervised by a mentor, and the entire site is directed by archaeologist Garrett Fesler.

"They take it down layer by layer and bag all the artifacts," said Reeder. "Every layer that they take down is photographed and entered in to the record. They wash, catalog and analyze what they find. They realize how the area they're working in relates to the bigger picture."

The museum has been holding the camp since 1994, and usually excavates at either Fort Ward Park on Braddock Road or Shooters Hill, behind the Masonic memorial.



Madeline Francis is hard at work at last year's archaeology camp, hosted by the Alexandria Archaeology Museum.

Reeder said that there have been some years when the camp did not happen, because the museum could not find an acceptable work site for the camp. This year, the camp will continue to work at Fort Ward.

"Being a real site, it has to be monitored carefully," Reeder said. "We have to pick a site where we have sort of an idea of what we're going to find." Reeder said that because the site is open to children, it has to be a site where archeologists are not expecting to find human remains or anything else that may be disturbing to children.

Nate Marcum said that his favorite thing that he unearthed at camp last summer was a handmade fishhook.

"It's something small, but just to have that connection with earlier people is cool,"



Campers work on excavating their site at Fort Ward during last year's camp.

PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Marcum said. He is 14 years old and, like Francis, wants to be an archaeologist some day.

According to Reeder, at least two past campers have become professional archaeologists.

"One of them was a young woman from Alexandria, so we watched her whole career," Reeder said. "We watched her go to school, college, graduate school, and get her first job. So at every stage, she would come down and let us know what was going on."

The week-long camp runs from July 21-25 this year and applications are still available. The cost is \$400 per student, and a nonrefundable deposit of \$100 is required to hold a slot. The camp begins at 9 each morning and ends at 3:30 each afternoon. Scholarships are available for students who wish to attend the camp, but this year's scholarship deadline has already passed.

Francis was a scholarship recipient last year, and she tried to soak up every moment that she could spend at the site.

"There was brutal record heat the week they did [camp] last year," Nelson said. "One day Madeline was overheated and the camp called and asked me to come pick her up. She was devastated that she had to

leave."

Both Francis and Marcum said that something they enjoyed about the camp was the friendships they made during that week. Marcum, who is from southern Ohio, didn't know anyone that he would be working with at the camp. By the second day, he said, Marcum and his unit were all singing American Pie together while they worked.

On the last day of camp, the site is opened up for a "family day," when families of campers can visit the site and see what the campers worked on all week.

This will be the fourth year that Fesler has been the designated site director for the camp, and he said that the best part of the camp is the enthusiasm that the campers bring to the process.

"Sometimes with our jobs, we can forget that the reason we became archaeologists is that there's a real palpable excitement," he said. "But we forget that with day-to-day work. So just feeding off the excitement the kids bring is great."

For more information about the Alexandria Archaeology Museum or to register for the summer camp, call the museum at 703-746-4399.

CALENDAR

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.

ONGOING

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.

New Shuttle Service. Through July 13. 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on a 30-minute loop. George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Shuttle between Estate and Distiller/Grist Mill site. Free. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Photography Exhibit. Daily 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays 2-9 p.m. June 24-Aug. 3. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. "Frozen Music," a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sislen. Call 703-838-4565 for more.

"Water." Through Aug. 3., 10 a.m.-5

p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. Artists derive inspiration from water, the sea, lakes, rivers, taps, clouds, rain, snow, ice — the elemental liquids of life. Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org 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.

Blue Star Museums. More than 2,000 museums across America offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer through Sept. 1. A complete list of museums is available at <http://arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums>. The museums in Alexandria participating in the program are Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum.

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

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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 purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Visit www.PresPassport.Monticello.org for more.

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.

Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS
Summer Aquatics Classes. For

youth and adults, including swimming lessons, aqua aerobics, Lifeguard Training, Swim Team Fundamentals and 2013 Gold Division Champions Wahoos Youth Swim Team. Register online at www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation or in person at the Registration and Reservations Office, 1108 Jefferson St. Contact Claudia Spencer at 703-746-5414 or claudia.spencer@alexandriava.gov.

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.

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

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

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

Theater Camp. Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre will

hold sessions starting June 30 to Aug. 22. There are two-week sessions with morning, afternoon or all day sessions, and one-week sessions that go all day. Visit www.mvcc.org to register.

Stop Motion Animation and Cartooning. Aug. 18-21. 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. for ages 8-12. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. \$140 for cartooning and \$150 for stop-motion animation taught by Christine Stoddard. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/classessummer14.htm for more.

Grown-Ups Art Camp. Monday, June 30-Friday, July 11. Times vary by class. Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Workshops and events include playing with resin, paper marbling, creating a mosaic or paper masterpiece, and learning how to tango. Gallery is accessible. \$10-\$90. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GUAC or contact Tracy Wilkerson at GUAC@TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Cool Yoga. Wednesdays, through Aug. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave., Del Ray. Outdoor yoga classes. Free. Call Maureen Clyne at 703-967-8884 or visit www.prasadayoga.com for more.

Metropolitan School of the Arts Classes. 5775 Barclay Drive, Suite 4. The Metropolitan School of the Arts will begin classes on Monday, Sept. 8. The studios offer beginner and advanced instruction in a variety of different dance forms, including tap, jazz, ballet, Pointe, Irish dance, contemporary, acting, combination classes, hip-hop or theatre as well as piano and guitar lessons. Registration is available online at www.metropolitanarts.org.

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THURSDAY/JUNE 26

The Ship's Company Chanteymen. 6-8 p.m. Carlyle House Historic Park, North Fairfax St. Part of the War of 1812 Concert Series. Free. Visit www.carlylehouse.org or call 703-549-2997.

Washington's Captivating Spirit. 6:30-8:30 p.m. The Virginia Florist in Hollin Hall Village, 7908 Fort Hunt Road. The opening of Renee Gage's show of photographs of the U.S. Capitol, Mount Vernon and other area landmarks. Free. Visit TheVirginiaFlorist.com.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 26-28

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FRIDAY/JUNE 27

Live Music. 8 p.m. at The Old Town Theater, 815 1/2 King St. Blues guitar player and singer Bob Margolin performs original music. \$14-\$20. Visit www.theoldtowntheater.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 28

Del Ray Music Festival. Noon-9 p.m. 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Includes, food, music, games and more. Free admission. Visit www.delraymusicfestival.com for more.

Alexandria Archaeology’s Family Dig Days. 1:30-3 p.m. Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., #327. Help archaeologists screen excavated soil from a real dig on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Space is limited and reservations are required. All necessary equipment will be provided. \$5 per person. Contact archaeology@alexandriava.gov to register, or call 703-746-4399.

SUNDAY/JUNE 29

Photography Reception. 2-4 p.m. Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. The opening reception for “Frozen Music,” a photography exhibit featuring new works by Alan Sislen. Call 703-838-4565 for more.

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Violinist and pianist perform Beethoven. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

Anita King. 4 p.m. Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 North Alfred St. Anita King and her jazz quartet. \$15, parking is free. Call 703-549-1334 or email jazzatmeade@meadechurch.org.

Art Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Mixed media artist Francie Hester opens her gallery featuring pieces that draw from the ordering principles of mathematics and science. Exhibition continues through Aug. 3. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

MONDAY/JUNE 30

History Lecture. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Learn how to distinguish between “the good, the bad and the ugly” of historical films and TV shows from “Gladiator” to “Cleopatra.” Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Andrew Ripp and Brendan James will open for Andy Grammer. \$20. Visit www.andrewripp.com, www.brendanjames.com, or www.Birchmere.com for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 1

Artist Talk. 6-8 p.m. Morrison House, 116 Alfred St. Annemarie Feld, a designer of wearable art, discusses her craft. Free. Call 703-838-8000.

THURSDAY/JULY 3

Live Music. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn restaurant, 3200 Mount Vernon

Memorial Highway. The Kevin Kline Band performs covers of many familiar Billy Joel, Elton John and Bruce Hornsby tunes. Free. Visit www.mountvernon.org/Inn for more.

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 7:30 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Kalorama trio performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Delbert McClinton performs. Rescheduled from April 25; tickets honored and refunds available at place of purchase. \$45. Visit www.delbert.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY/JULY 4

Independence Day Event. 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Event features fireworks, naturalization ceremony for 100 new citizens, military reenactments, wreathlaying ceremony, and birthday cake (while supplies last.) Events included in Mount Vernon ticket price. Tickets \$8-\$17. Visit mountvernon.org for more.

Independence Day Worship. 12:05 p.m. at Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. George Washington’s Bible will be on display Friday, July 4 and Sunday, July 6. Free. Visit www.historicchristchurch.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 5

Burlesque-a-pades Star Spangled Revue. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. The Pontani Sisters perform a patriotic burlesque and variety revue. \$29.50. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 6

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Rusticway Chamber Ensemble performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

MONDAY/JULY 7

Ballroom Dancing. 7-9 p.m. 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/JULY 9

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount vernon Ave. Leela James performs. \$35.00. Visit www.leelajames.com/ or www.birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 10

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria Pokey Lafarge. \$20. Visit www.pokeylafarge.net or www.Birchmere.com for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 10-MONDAY/AUG. 4

The Adventure. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Opening reception, July 10, 6:30-8 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Studio 21. David Alfuth constructs intimate dreamlike worlds and architectural structures with his paper relief and 3D works. Free. Visit www.theaterleague.org, or call 703-683-1780.

FARMERS MARKETS

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. 8 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, May 7-Dec. 17. Fresh local food, artisan crafts. Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/mtvernonmkt.htm for more.

Kingstowne Farmers Market. 4-7 p.m., Fridays, May 2-Oct. 31. Giant parking lot, 5955 Kingstowne Towne Center. Products include fresh organic honey, pies and rolls. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets/kingstownemkt.htm for more.

Old Town Farmers Market. 7 a.m.-noon, Saturdays year round. Local farmers and artists have been selling products there since 1753. Located at Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-3200 or email 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. Contact pmiller1806@comcast.net for more.

Four Mile Run Farmers & Artisans Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m, Sundays through 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. 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 as well as sweet juicy berries, apples, pears, and seasonal peaches. Vendors also sell fresh-squeezed orange juice, fresh-baked pastries, gourmet cheeses and more. Located at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Visit www.westendfarmersmarket.org/#FarmersMarket for more.

www.Birchmere.com for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 12

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

USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration. 7:30-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. 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. Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Reenactment weekend will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Fort Stevens, the only battle fought in the Defenses of Washington. Suggested donation \$2 adults, \$5 families. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.AlexandriaVA.gov/FortWard for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 13

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Synergy, a group composed of a flutist, clarinetist, oboist and pianist perform. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 15

Forge Brew Works Beer Dinner. 7-10 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Enjoy a summer beer dinner featuring beers from local Forge Brew Works and a five-course menu. \$49 plus tax and gratuity. Visit <https://usph.webconnex.com/ForgeBeerDinner> for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Procol Harum performs live. \$55. Visit www.birchmere.com or www.procolharum.com.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 16

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tommy Keene (Solo) performs, opens for Matthew Sweet. Visit www.tommykeene.com or

THURSDAY/JULY 17

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jonah Tolchin & the Lonesome Angels open; Dave Alvin & Phil Alvin & The Guilty Ones perform. \$29.50. Visit www.jonahtolchin.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY/JULY 18

Rock Concert. 7 p.m. Alley Cat Restaurant, 2 South Whiting St. Rock band Messenger performs with special guest One Shot Finch. Benefits United Community Ministries Agency. \$10 suggested donation. Visit www.ucmagency.org.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Owen Danoff to open for Edwin McCain. \$29.50. Visit www.owendanoff.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 20

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Wind Ensemble performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

Concert and CD Release. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Grace Griffith, Marcy Marxer, Al Petteway and more for a Grace Griffith tribute concert. \$25. Visit www.seamaid.org/grace/index.html, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

MONDAY/JULY 21

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.

THURSDAY/JULY 24

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Time for Three performs. \$29.50. Visit www.tf3.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY/JULY 25

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music

Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Sonny Landreth with special guest Jimmy Thackery. \$29.50. Visit www.Birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/JULY 27

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Pianists Sylvia Hong and Michael Rector perform Chopin piano concertos. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. HAPA performs. \$29.50. Visit www.hapa.com, www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

FRIDAY/AUG. 1

Monty Python. Pre-reception, 7 p.m., Show, 8 p.m., Post-reception after. The Little Theater, 600 Wolfe St. A fundraiser for the Pentagon Visitor Education Center, showing Monty Python and the Holy Grail. Suggested \$40 donation to The Pentagon Memorial Fund. For more, contact Tina McCrea at Tina@thelittletheatre.com, or call 703-683-5778 x1.

Kenny G. 7:30 p.m. The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$65. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

SUNDAY/AUG. 3

Lyceum Summer Chamber Series. 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. A violinist, violist, cellist, clarinetist and pianist perform music by Darius Milhaud. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229 for more.

TUESDAY-SATURDAY/AUG. 5-31

Multiple Exposures Gallery. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Thursdays 2-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street. Fine art photography exhibition. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

THURSDAY/AUG. 7

Live Music. 6-9 p.m. Mount Vernon Inn restaurant, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The Kevin Kline Band performs covers of many familiar Billy Joel, Elton John and Bruce Hornsby tunes. Free. Visit www.mountvernon.org/Inn for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An evening with Jay Hayden and V. Rich. \$25. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

AUG. 5 THROUGH SEPT. 7

“**Fire.**” Through Sept. 7. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union St. The artists’ imagination is “fired” by heat, flames, burning, passion, fiery tempers, anger, explosive situations, camp fires, BBQs, and fireflies to name just a few possible interpretations. Free. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

FRIDAY/AUG. 8

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Buster Poindexter (aka David Johansen). \$29.50. Visit www.Birchmere.com for more.

Cirque du Soleil. 8 p.m. at National Harbor. Cirque du Soleil performs “Amaluna.” One hundred percent of proceeds from ticket sales go to support The Campagna Center. \$120. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/amaluna for more.



Auctioneer Craig Dyson gets the bidding started in the live auction.



Bill and SOLA President Amy Furr, Eunice Murray, Diane Field and Mary Ann Conant

Symphonic Appeal at Garden Party

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra hosted its annual garden party in Belle Haven at the home and garden of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Holden earlier this month. Frank and Betty Quirk, founders of The Concerto Foundation were honorary event chairs. Barbara Hayes and Cecily Winchell served as event co-chairs.

The Southern Rail Express Bluegrass Band provided musical entertainment while guests enjoyed food provided by Landini Brothers, red wine compliments of Tricia and Chip Calloway, white wine courtesy of The Warehouse Restaurant and flowers from The Virginia Florist. Craig Dyson served as the live auction auctioneer.



Former councilmember Frank Fannon is congratulated for his winning bid on the Washington Capitals Skybox suite for 18 people during one of next season's games.



Chip Calloway, Alex Deringer and Helen Toepffer



Stan Krejci and Jeanne Warner

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LOUISE KRAFFT
THE GAZETTE



Alison and Emerson Teer up their bid on the Luxury photo safari for two at Zulu Nyala Game Reserve in South Africa.



Chip Calloway and Stevie Gillespie



Former U.S. Sen. John Warner and his wife Jeanne with Alexandria Symphony Orchestra board chair Ronal Butler.



Barbara Hayes talks with Anne Rector, Cecily Winchell and Donnan Wintermute.

State Budget, Federal Grand Jury and Court Challenges

The last two weeks in Richmond have been unusually busy.

SCOTT A. SUROVELL
DELEGATE (D-44)

First, ethics are back at the forefront. In the wake of the resignation of state Sen. Phil Puckett and change in control of the State Senate, the new state budget was written under one-party control. A \$1.6 billion shortfall due to lagging income tax collections forced cuts which I detailed two weeks ago: K-12, higher education, affordable housing, healthcare, and funding for continued planning for improvements on U.S. 1 was removed from the budget.

Last week, press reports suggest a Federal grand jury was summoned to investigate the resignation of Senator Puckett and allegations that a judgeship for this 33-year-old daughter and a six-figure job at the Virginia Tobacco Commission were offered in exchange for his resignation. The lack of any state investigation spotlights

the weakness of the ethics reforms we just passed.

In my August, 2013 column, I wrote that we needed to create an independent ethics commission that was empowered “to investigate and prosecute ethical violations, including alleged violations of campaign finance, political campaign and financial disclosure laws governing all elected officials. We should not rely on politically-elected Commonwealth’s Attorneys, our criminal prosecutors, to be put in the position of policing fellow partisan elected officials with virtually no support from law enforcement. There are too many conflicts of interest and political pressures in play.” Perhaps my recommendation will be taken serious now. The Constitution of Virginia does not delegate the enforcement of Virginia’s ethics laws to the U.S. Attorney’s Office.

Over the weekend, Governor McAuliffe also issued eight line-item budget vetoes. One related to a Petersburg-Chesterfield school partnership, one restored funding to ameliorate the effects of federal budget cuts, one restored the Attorney General’s ability to control settlement funds, and one had to do with Governor’s budget submissions.



COMMENTARY

These were not contested.

The Governor vetoed \$350,000 of staff for the new Ethics Advisory Commission arguing it was irresponsible to create a new ethics bureaucracy when the law we passed was so weak and requires changes he intends to introduce next session. This veto was overridden in the House and sustained in the Senate.

Next, the Governor vetoed \$8 million of funding for approximately two dozen unfilled judgeships including a Circuit Court position in Fairfax County because the General Assembly attempted to condition the appropriation on the judges being elected by the General Assembly. This is unconstitutional given our Constitution explicitly gives the Governor that right to appoint judges in certain courts when we are not in session. The Speaker ruled this veto unconstitutional — more on that in a minute.

There were also two vetoes regarding Medicaid. First, the Governor vetoed the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission (MIRC) which was set up to come up with “Medicaid reforms” before we moved forward with expansion. The MIRC has done nothing. The Governor called it a “sham.” I do agree with him and this veto was not contested.

Lastly, the Governor line item vetoed lan-

guage explicitly prohibiting a Medicaid expansion (aka “The Stanley Amendment”). The Speaker ruled that veto unconstitutional because, like the judgeships appropriation, he held the language was not a separate “item” capable of being vetoed. I believe these rulings were wrong. Feel free to watch my floor speech on my You Tube Channel for my legal rationale.

The Clerk of the House will now enroll a final law as if the Governor’s vetoes of the judgeships and Stanley Amendment did not happen creating a legal gray area. The Governor has announced he is also moving forward with expanding healthcare to low income working Virginians. He will announce a plan around Sept. 1.

This sets up a court challenge which will be decided by the Supreme Court of Virginia. A court challenge has happened twice since the line item veto was created in 1840 (as best anyone can tell). To make things more interesting, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court has announced her retirement.

We now have a state budget, but healthcare for low income Virginians including about 7,000 people here in Mt. Vernon is far from resolved.

If you have any feedback, feel free to email me at scottsurovell@gmail.com. It is an honor to serve as your state delegate.

Sandburg Scholar Society Hosts Inaugural Ceremony

Parents, staff, and 62 students gathered on Monday, June 9, to celebrate the first induction of the Sandburg Scholar Society at Carl Sandburg Middle School.

The Sandburg Scholar Society recognizes students for outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. The Society is a school organization run without bylaws and governed only by the expectations set forth by its sponsors under the leadership, directives, and pleasure of the school administration.

The induction ceremony consisted of a welcoming address, statement of purpose, and words of encouragement from the administrative staff. Students were also recognized for their ambitious service learning endeavors whereas the scholars collectively acquired over 322 hours in the areas of community, academic and school service. During the ceremony, three student speakers inspired attendees with their heartfelt speeches as they expressed their dedication to their school and local community.

Students were officially inducted by receiving their membership certificates and getting a congratulatory handshake from Principal Terrence E. Yarborough. The ceremony concluded with a short reception and fellowship among the Sandburg Scholars and their families.



Principal Terrence Yarborough and Shelby Pierson



From left are Dominick Heratsch, Justin Shelton and Jack Prater.

Celia Lane (left) and Magnolia Totaro



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Teachers Meghan Short and Shaun Harris

Youth Suicide Prevention Training Offered Online

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on strengthening our kids and preventing suicide in our community," Yaeger said.

That's where tools like the CSB's online Youth Suicide Prevention Program come in handy. The CSB is working with Kognito, which has a variety of online suicide prevention programs that help adults recognize when a young person is experiencing psychological distress.

THE TOOL is fun and interesting, Yaeger said. It allows the user to interact with students in various scenarios and provides instant feedback.

"It's different from the typical suicide prevention program. Those sort of just talk to you. This is actually a simulation where you become a classroom teacher. You have different scenarios and ages and choose your response," she said.

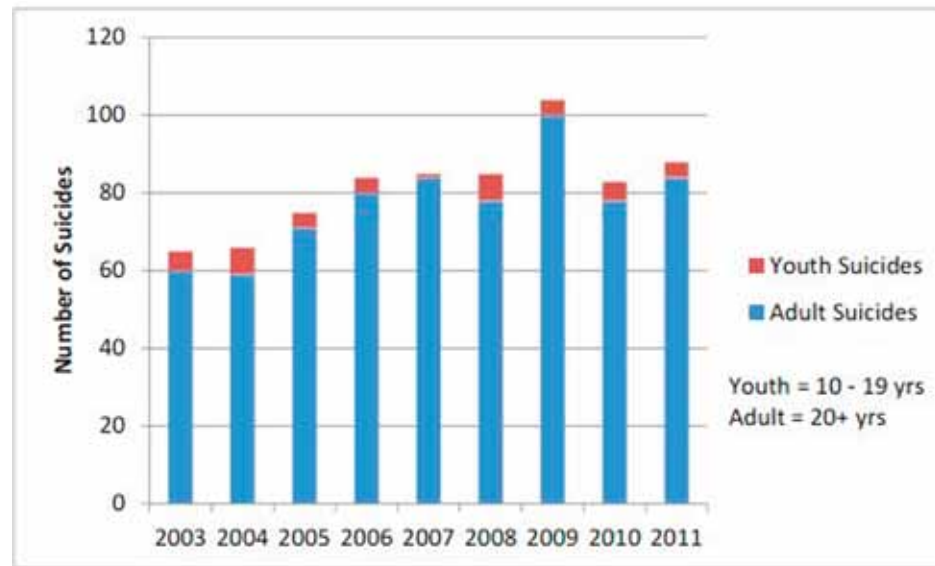
Each of the scenarios involves youth with some sort of psychological distress, including At-Risk for Middle School and High School, and Step In, Step Up! which involves youth who are being harassed because of the sexual orientation or identity.

So far, the feedback has been pretty positive, Yaeger said.

"When you complete the training, the research shows that people actually gain skills as opposed to just knowledge, which is very important with prevention efforts. It's important to have techniques to intervene. You don't have to be a mental health professional to do that," Yaeger said.

According to Yaeger, this is one of the first times the CSB has had an online program.

"You can be anywhere when you take it.



FROM SUICIDE IN FAIRFAX COUNTY REPORT

The suicide rate in Fairfax County from 2003 to 2011: 735 people died in total, the report said. CSB's Online Youth Suicide Prevention Training is working to help adults recognize signs of psychological distress in youth to prevent suicide.

You don't have to be in a classroom. It has a very broad reach," she said.

A new planning grant has also been awarded to the region, which will allow organizations to work together to ensure effective youth suicide prevention programs.

"We are very excited about the planning grant, as it provides the resources to better allow us to take a regional approach, incorporating partners throughout Northern Virginia so there is better consistency in our efforts," said Jesse Ellis, prevention manager of Fairfax County Department of

Neighborhood and Community Services. "Further, it will provide more opportunity to engage diverse stakeholders and community members to ensure we have a well informed and representative plan."

Last fall, a report titled "Suicide in Fairfax County" was released. According to the report, an average of 82 people per year died of suicide in Fairfax County from 2003 to 2011. Between four to seven youth die of suicide each year from 2003-2011.

THE REPORT recommended several short-term recommendations, including a Youth

Suicide Review Team.

"The team, which we anticipate beginning operations this fall, will conduct in-depth reviews of cases of youth suicide in Fairfax to determine opportunities to implement changes in how our systems operate in order to better prevent future suicides. For example, the team may identify gaps in referral systems or a category of adults who work with kids who should be trained in recognizing warning signs," Ellis said.

Ellis said he went into the online training somewhat skeptical, but now recommends it to everyone he meets.

"The story lines and interactions with the characters are realistic and thought-provoking, and the lessons are wide-ranging," he said. "I have been able to incorporate what I learned, for example, into how I interact with my own kids."

According to Gail Taylor, Prevention Services Manager at Virginia's Office of Behavioral Health Services Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services, resiliency is a key strategy to practice.

"There is no simple answer to a complex issue and building resiliency is one of the important strategies. In general, it is important that we have supportive adults and systems that have the capacity to promote youth behavioral wellness as it relates to positive youth development, meaningful relationships and involvement, provide access to resources such as effective programming and coordinated community efforts," Taylor said.

Anyone is encouraged to take the online training, which is available at fairfax.kognito.com.

Gadson, Army Honored

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Freedom, and has received three bronze stars and a Purple Heart.

Gadson was applauded by the board for working together with Fairfax County, including the widening of Route 1, for which he was named the 2013 Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and the 2014 Lord Fairfax from the Mount Vernon District.

Herrity recognized Gadson's "career full of accomplishments," including his work for Fort Belvoir and veterans through the Wounded Warrior Project.

"You are an inspiration. Just when I thought our relationship with Fort Belvoir couldn't get any stronger, you led an effort to see where we could work harder together, and it's been a very successful effort.

"It's been recognized by our community too," Herrity said.

McKay thanked Gadson for his service and recognized his ability to work together with Fairfax County.

"From day one, when I met Colonel Gadson, he made it clear that the doors

of Fort Belvoir were open to the community," McKay said.

Donald Carr, director of public affairs at Fort Belvoir, was also recognized for his service by the Board of Supervisors.

McKay said of Carr that there hasn't been a major effort at Fort Belvoir that Carr hasn't been involved in, and Hyland called him a true friend of Fairfax County.

Gadson expressed his thanks and said he was humbled by the recognition. He was also thankful for Fairfax County declaring June 13-21 as Army Week.

"I have never heard of any kind of government going through this measure in recognizing the Army," he said.

Gadson called the partnership with Fairfax County a "vital relationship."

"Our relationship with you has really been about a partnership. It is about a true relationship, it goes well beyond social niceties, but a deep concern for what we both have at stake, and that's why I believe our partnership of what we've been able to accomplish has been profound and why we all have optimism as we go forward," Gadson said.

BULLETIN BOARD

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnews.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.

REUNION INFORMATION

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.

THRIFT STORE MOVE

Due to **United Community Ministries' Back Porch Thrift Store** moving to a new location by early July, there are special donation instructions for the month of June. Now through Monday June 16, the store will not be accepting any donation drop-offs or picking up large donations. Beginning Tuesday, June 17, donations will be accepted at the new location at Sacramento Shopping Center on a limited schedule of Thursday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Once the new location opens, donation hours will resume as usual Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

THURSDAY/JUNE 26

Blood Drive. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Bureau of Land Management, 6350 Walker Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS for more or to make an appointment.
Bone Marrow Donor Drive. 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Inova Fairfax Hospital, Inova Fairfax Medical

Campus, Heart and Vascular Institute Atrium, 3300 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Register to be a potential donor for someone in need — a simple cheek swab can help save a life. Young people of diverse racial and ethnic heritage are needed to help patients searching for a match. Doctors request donors in the 18-44 age group more than 90 percent of the time. For more information and bone marrow transplant stories, visit www.inova.org/bonemarrow or contact Donna Eichna at donna.eichna@inova.org or 703-970-3180.

FRIDAY/JULY 4

Independence Day Cab Rides. 10 p.m.-4 a.m. Rides offered throughout the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area to curb drunk driving, as drunk drivers cause nearly half of all U.S. traffic deaths on July 4th. Free up to \$30 fare. Visit www.soberride.com. Call 1-800-200-TAXI for pickup.

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.

SPORTS

Fort Hunt Youth Lacrosse Celebrates 25th Year

League flourishes as popularity of sport continues to grow.

BY ALEXIS HOSTICKA
THE GAZETTE

For the last 25 years, youth in Fort Hunt have had the opportunity to play competitive lacrosse, and many have gone on to play in college and coach later in life due in large part to their success in Fort Hunt Youth Lacrosse.

What used to be a little-known and played sport is expanding and becoming increasingly popular across the U.S. Fort Hunt Youth Lacrosse offers opportunities for girls and boys as young as 5 years old to play.

While sports like baseball and football may still be the most popular options for boys, former commissioner and coach for the league Craig Shirley believes that lacrosse is valuable in different ways.

"They like the constant action and the team play and camaraderie and everything that young kids like about athleticism and competition," Shirley said. "You're not sitting on a bench and no knock on baseball because I love baseball, but I think it's inevitable the growth of lacrosse even in



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Formerly the commissioner of the league, Craig Shirley coaches Fort Hunt Lacrosse in the mid 1990s.

places where you never thought it would be."

Shirley is an Alexandria-based New York Times best-selling author who lives in Mount Vernon. His four children all played for Fort Hunt Youth lacrosse and his son Mitchell is currently a midfielder for the Mount Vernon High School team.

Alexandria resident Morgan Ames founded the league after realizing that there weren't opportunities in the area for young people to play lacrosse. He came from a

diverse multi-sport background including football and offshore racing.

Ames and his family moved to the D.C. area in late summer 1987 and his son began his Fort Hunt sporting career with basketball that winter.

"The next spring I looked around expecting to see youth lacrosse programs and there were none, so keeping involved in sports I signed (my son) up for baseball," Ames said. "He had never played baseball. He had good hand eye coordination but he

had no baseball skills."

Rather than wait around for a lacrosse league to be started, Ames took the matter into his own hands and he, along with co-founder of the league Chuck Beattie, began what was first called Mount Vernon Youth Lacrosse.

Initially, the two had approached Font Hunt Youth Athletics in hopes of having a team under the Fort Hunt umbrella but were rejected because of worries that the lacrosse program would steal baseball players.

A couple years later, they tried again with the help of Shirley serving as the new commissioner.

"We had two strong seasons to reflect on and we hadn't stolen a single baseball player so we became Fort Hunt Youth Lacrosse," Ames said.

Twenty-five years later the league has around 500 players on the boys teams alone, along with a flourishing girls program.

"I think they're doing a great job with the program from what I can see and I would like to see more of the boys that come out of Fort Hunt go into coaching," Shirley said.

Ames is proud of what he can look back on as a program that he initiated and helped to grow.

"I've always kind of considered myself the Johnny Appleseed of lacrosse," Ames said.

Fort Hunt Softball Wraps Up Season with Championship Play

Mavericks Win 12U Fort Hunt Championship

In what proved to be a nail-biting 12U Championship game, the Fort Hunt Mavericks defeated the Fort Hunt Thunder in 5-4 victory in girls fast pitch softball on Sunday, June 8. With the stands packed at Walt Whitman Middle School, the battery of Katheryn Sowell and Charlotte Krell led their fellow Mavericks, coached by Ricky Sowell, to victory.

The Thunder, coached by JP Moery, came out strong and led the game 4-0 through three complete innings of play, with pitcher Katie Jo Moery and catcher Sara Burr leading the way. However, the Mavericks — who maintained the best record throughout the season — rallied in the bottom of the fourth and scored five runs to secure the victory.



First Place Champions 12U, the Mavericks: Coach Ricky Sowell, Asst. Coach Bernie Krell, Kiaris Alvarado Rojas, Ella Cann, Ashley Csontos, Ayanna DeSouza, Bell Hoecker, Grace Keefe, Charlotte Krell, Olivia Luby, Katie Portillo, Kaela Smith, Katherine Sowell, Grace White, and Grace Wood.

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Flying Tigers Win 18U Fort Hunt Title

The 18U Flying Tigers — who didn't lose a game all season — defeated the 18U Valkyries in a 7-5 win to secure the Championship Title in front of a full house at Sandburg Middle School. Pitcher Annabelle Bates and catcher Jennavieve Miller led the Flying Tigers to victory.

The Valkyries were the first to score, but the Flying Tigers came back strong in the bottom of the second inning, putting five runs up on the board. They were able to maintain their lead for the rest of the game. The battery of Vanessa Arroyo and Shannon McMaster led the Valkyries defense. Ferrin McMaster led the offense for the Valkyries.

Fort Hunt Softball is organized under the umbrella of the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association which has been serving the Fort Hunt community since 1959. The mission of Fort Hunt Softball is to provide a quality youth softball program for the Fort Hunt and surrounding communities. Fall softball registration is now open. For more information, visit www.FHYAAsoftball.org.



Firstst Place Champions 18U Flying Tigers: Coach Ron Bates, Asst. Coaches Greg Parkins and Miriam Miller. Annabelle Bates, Danielle Cutler, Erin Deighton, Dejah Essex, Sarah Himes, Kaylie Kopicki, Fannery Leary, Jennavieve Miller, Isabel Parkins, Daniela Weil, and Madison Kimberlin.

2013-14 Sports Season Yields Memorable Moments

A look back.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The 2013-14 high school sports season was full of memorable moments and accomplishments. The following is a look back at some of the highlights from Alexandria and Mount Vernon.

SPRING SPORTS

The T.C. Williams boys' soccer team entered the 2014 season with hopes of getting past the region quarterfinals. The Titans took care of that — and then some.

TC won the first state championship in program history, beating Washington-Lee 2-0 in the 6A state final. Eryk Williamson scored what proved to be the game-winning goal, putting the finishing touch on a brilliant postseason performance for the junior forward, including a four-goal effort during the Titans' 5-2 win over W-L in the 6A North region final.

"It feels amazing," Williamson said. "It's not every day you can be a state champion. It's a really great feeling. We worked really hard and I think all the hard work finally paid off."

The West Potomac boys' soccer team reached the region semifinals, falling one win shy of a berth in the state tournament. The Wolverines defeated Osbourn Park in the opening round of the 6A North region tournament, upset Oakton 2-1 in the region quarterfinals and were tied 2-all against Washington-Lee in the semifinals. W-L would go on to win, however, 4-2. West Potomac finished the season with an 8-5-2 record.

"We didn't do well [against South County] in the conference semifinals at all, and they picked it up and just started playing," West Potomac head coach Andrew Peck said. "... We played three of the best teams in Northern Virginia [during the region tournament] and knocked two of the three out. We gave [W-L] a run for their money, it just came to the very end and they put the ball in the back of the net and we couldn't. We had some chances, but they pulled it out, made it happen."

In lacrosse, the Bishop Ireton girls' team captured WCAC and VISAA championships. The Cardinals defeated Good Counsel in the WCAC final 17-7, avenging last season's conference championship loss to the Falcons. In the state championship game, Ireton knocked off national power St. Stephen's & St. Agnes 9-7.

Ireton finished the season with a 20-4 record. Charlotte Sofield, Kaitlin Luzik, Kelly Mathews and Natalie Irwin were named first-team all-state. Charlotte Sofield was named WCAC Player of the Year, and Rick Sofield was named co-coach of the Year. Mathews, Irwin and goalkeeper Olivia Cole earned first-team honors.

"This selfless group of girls played as a team and won as a team," head coach Rick Sofield wrote in an email. "We weren't suc-



Ben Cermak (14) and the West Potomac boys' soccer team reached the 6A North region semifinals in 2014.

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cessful because of one or two or even three or four girls. We were successful because 30 players bought into the same goal and sacrificed to achieve it. It wasn't an accident."

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes boys' lacrosse team won the VISAA state championship, beating St. Christopher's 10-8 in the state final.

In track and field, the T.C. Williams boys' team won the 6A state championship. TC's Noah Lyles won individual state titles in the 100 and 200 meters with times of 10.52 and 21.2, respectively. He was also fifth in the high jump with a clearance of 6 feet, 6 inches.

Josephus Lyles won the 400-meter dash state championship with a time of 47.27, and finished runner-up in the 200 (21.26). The Titans' 4x400 relay team of Josephus Lyles, Philip Tyler, Mahlique Booth and Noah Lyles also won a state championship (3:17.64).

TC's Reginald Thorne placed third in the discus (152-11) and sixth in the shot put (51-8).

Mount Vernon's Alliyah Stevens placed third in the state for Group 5A in the girls' 100-meter hurdles (14.94). The Mount Vernon girls' 4x400 relay team of Kaleigh Winner, Zariyah Spence, Kimberly Mertens and Jasmine Hill placed third (3:57.21).

In baseball, West Potomac finished runner-up in Conference 7 and reached the region quarterfinals, where the Wolverines lost in extra innings to Madison. West Potomac finished the season with a 15-9 record.

In softball, West Potomac defeated Osbourn Park and Fairfax to reach the region semifinals, where the Wolverines lost to eventual state champion South County. West Potomac finished the season with an 18-7 record.

The Wolverines were third in the regular-season conference standings, finishing behind Lake Braddock and South County, the two state tournament participants from the 6A North region.

Mount Vernon softball produced a 19-5 record and finished runner-up in 5A North's Conference 13, falling to Marshall in the championship game. The Majors lost to Tuscarora in the opening round of regionals.

WINTER SPORTS

The T.C. Williams gymnastics program fielded its first complete team since the early 1980s and ended up winning the Conference 7 championship. Competing with the minimum four gymnasts needed for a team score, Holland Cathey, Grace Girard, Jordan Mambert and Cailyn Lager blew away the competition, finishing more than 10 points ahead of second-place Woodson at the conference meet. Cathey won the all-around competition, and later captured the 6A North regional vault title.

"I just remember being a freshman and having to compete with other teams," Girard said. "Now I have my own girls to compete with and it's a great feeling."

The Mount Vernon girls' basketball team

had graduated multiple college-caliber players, and never did find a way to beat Edison, but that didn't stop the Majors from having one of the program's best seasons in recent history.

Mount Vernon reached the 5A state tournament, losing to eventual champion Princess Anne in the semifinals, 65-57. Despite losing several talented players from their 2012-13 team, the Majors continued to improve during the 2013-14 season, finishing with a 22-7 record. Mount Vernon finished runner-up to Edison in Conference 13 and the 5A North region. The Majors lost all four meetings with the Eagles during the season.

The T.C. Williams girls' basketball team finished runner-up in Conference 7 and lost to eventual region champion Stonewall Jackson in the quarterfinals, 51-47.

In wrestling, Mount Vernon's Bill Adusei-Poku finished 5A state runner-up in the 132-pound division.

The T.C. Williams boys' indoor track team placed fifth in the state. Noah Lyles won the 300-meter state championship (34.2), and the boys' 4x400 relay team (Aaron McKinney, Josephus Lyles, Mahlique Booth, Noah Lyles) took home a state title (3:23.62).

FALL SPORTS

The T.C. Williams football program, known nationally for the 2000 Disney movie "Remember the Titans," qualified for the playoffs for the first time since 1990. The Titans finished the regular season with a 7-3 record and received the No. 9 seed in the 6A North region playoffs.

"It's special," then-senior defensive tackle Jeremiah Clarke said. "It feels great. You feel excited that you accomplished a goal, that you got into the playoffs, a goal we set from Day One."

T.C. Williams lost to South County in the opening round of the regional playoffs, 51-27.

The West Potomac football team lost its first two games, but battled back to have a chance at making the playoffs. The Wolverines lost their regular-season finale to T.C. Williams, however, and finished on the outside of the postseason with a 4-6 record.

The Mount Vernon football team qualified for the 5A North regional playoffs despite a 3-7 record. The Majors lost to Tuscarora 35-27 in the opening round.

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes boys' soccer team won IAC and VISAA state championships, and finished the 2013 season with a 19-2-2 record.

In field hockey, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes won the ISL championship and finished with an 18-4-1 record.

In cross country, West Potomac's Katie Genuario received all-state honors for finishing 11th (18:24) at the 6A state meet at Great Meadow.



Kaitlin Luzik (13) and the Bishop Ireton girls' lacrosse team won WCAC and VISAA championships in 2014.

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OBITUARY



Dr. Robert Adeson

passed away on May 31, 2014 at the Cohen-Rosen House in Rockville, MD. Dr. Adeson was born in Pittsfield Massachusetts in 1931. He attended Pittsfield high school where he played baseball and basketball as a sophomore then transferred to Berkshire Preparatory School in Sheffield, Massachusetts where he played baseball, football and basketball until graduation in 1948. In 1949 he played first base and pitched for the Pittsfield Brass Rail baseball team, which won the All-American Amateur Baseball Association championship in Johnstown Pennsylvania. He pitched the semifinal game against Pittsburgh. He attended Yale College where he was allowed to select a curriculum, unusual in those days, which included constitutional law, religion, American studies and premedical courses. He remained grateful to great teachers at Berkshire and Yale who taught him. He played freshman baseball and varsity basketball at Yale until he dropped sports his junior year to concentrate on his studies.

After graduation in 1952 he enrolled at Tufts University School of Medicine and graduated in 1956. He interned at the graduate hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and then did his surgical residency at the New England Medical Center hospital and the Floating Hospital for Infants and children. He continued to work there until he enlisted in the Navy in October 1961 where he oversaw the dependents wing (women and children's surgery) at the Portsmouth Virginia Naval Hospital. He was one of the first to do repairs of omphalocele (a fetal abnormality where part or all of the baby's abdominal organs are contained in a membrane that protrudes outside the baby's abdomen at the naval) using successive closures with mesh to close the abdominal wall. Dr. Adeson was assigned to the aircraft carrier Independence on which he served as a general surgeon during the Cuban missile crisis in 1962. He gained great respect for the Navy, for its officers and men, who fly on and off the carriers and he loved the experience.

Dr. Adeson started his surgical practice in Alexandria, Virginia in October 1963 where he did pediatric and adult general surgery. He served as Chief of the Section of General Surgery, as Chief of the Department of Surgery, as President of the Medical Staff, as a member of the Board of Directors, and of the Parent Board of Directors of the Alexandria Hospital.

He was a member of the American College of Surgeons and served as an examiner for admittance to that body of surgeons in Virginia. He brought into his practice Dr. Alan Deutsch and Dr. Michael Nigro with whom he practiced until his retirement in 1997.

Dr. Adeson was a strong supporter of the Alexandria Hospital Nursing School and was pleased to deliver commencement addresses to three classes of graduates. He strongly opposed closure of these nursing programs around the country. Dr. Adeson valued the excellent clinically oriented nurses who graduated from these programs. It appears now that the nursing profession may have finally seen the light as some of these programs were reinstated.

In 1984 with State Senator Richard Saslaw, Dr. Adeson wrote and testified for passage of the bill which codified informed consent for breast cancer patients. The law was designed to ensure that valuable information was communicated to women and to ensure that no procedure was done without the patient's consent.

Dr. Adeson remained an avid lover of sports through his adult years. He won singles and doubles tennis championships at Westwood Country Club and enjoyed golf since 1968. He hit three holes in one and after several near misses shot one under his age with a 75 at the Highland golf course in Massachusetts on Cape Cod in 2007.

Dr. Adeson loved music, played the clarinet and was diligently learning to play the violin. He enjoyed trips to Italy and Spain with friends and family, and to Eastern Europe for a Jewish studies program.

In 1999 he worked with others to develop the learning center at Beth El Hebrew Congregation in Alexandria and enjoyed seeing and helping this project come to fruition.

Dr. Adeson's wife of 57 years Andrea passed away in 2012. They went to Cape Cod for many years and since 1995 had a summer home there. He leaves daughter Jodi Morrocco and her husband Jack of Framingham, Massachusetts, son Peter Adeson and his wife Beth of Fairfax, Virginia, daughter Amy Bernhard and her husband Darren of Potomac, Maryland and daughter Gretchen Haimes and her husband Yosi of West Hartford, Connecticut, and nine wonderful grandchildren (Casey, Michael, Julie, Jane, Lewis, Emily, Gabriel, Zachary and Rachel). He had a helluva good life!

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INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION

Includes: 84 month warranty, 24 month FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside assistance, 60 month prorated, PLUS we'll check all battery cables & connections.

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WE WILL MEET OR BEAT ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS

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BRAKE SPECIAL

\$99⁹⁵

PADS

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

MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.

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

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
ROTATE & BALANCE SPECIAL

\$49⁹⁵

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

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