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PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE

Students dressed in their new winter jackets and carrying new athletic shoes prepare to board the bus back to the Gum Springs Head Start.

Sole Provider

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Seeing is believing for Nicholas Chakos and his family, who made the drive from Pittsburgh to Alexandria to help provide 2,500 pairs of shoes to children in need as part of the Firefighters and Friends to the Rescue coat and shoe distribution Oct. 28 at Penn Daw Fire Station 11.

"This is a wonderful example of what a public and private partnership should



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/THE GAZETTE

Heidi Chakos and her son Andrew, 9, help a young Head Start student show off his new coat at the Firefighters and Friends coat and shoe distribution at Penn Daw Station 11 Oct. 28.

Firefighters distribute 2,500 pairs of shoes to children in need.

be," said Chakos, who serves as the executive director of FOCUS North America, a nonprofit organization that provides services to the homeless and working poor in 50 cities across the country. "With the public and private sectors coming together today, more than 2,500 families in need in Fairfax County will be helped."

The addition of shoes as part of the annual firefighters coat distribution, spearheaded by Capt. Willie Bailey of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, was organized by Chakos and FOCUS of North America through the Fairfax County Office of Public and Pri-

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Volunteer and sponsor Phil Rosenthal checks to see that the new athletic shoes are the right size for a young student at the Gum Springs Head Start.



JEANNE THEISMANN/THE GAZETTE

Fairfax Fire Chief Richie Bowers shows off the Made in the U.S.A. union label of the 1,800 coats distributed by firefighters Oct. 28.

Mourning Hannah

Candlelight gathering planned for Saturday.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE



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Hannah Graham

More than a month of what Charlottesville chief of police Timothy Longo described as an "unprecedented" search is finally over.

On Oct. 24, the Virginia Medical Examiner's Office and Albemarle County Police Department announced that the human remains found the previous week on an abandoned property along Old Lynchburg Road in southern Albemarle County were those of Hannah Graham, a UVA sophomore who had been missing since Sept. 13.

Police are continuing the death investigation, while Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr., the man charged with abducting Graham "with intent to defile," will appear in a Fairfax court Oct. 31, to face charges connected with the Sept. 24, 2005, sexual assault of a Fairfax woman.

Graham's parents John and Sue released a statement after the announcement, thanking the law enforcement officials and supporters around Virginia who took part in the search and were there for the family.

"We are devastated by the loss of our beautiful daughter, Hannah," they said. "Over recent weeks Hannah has been described by those who know her as bright, witty, thoughtful, loyal and fun to be around. She was all those things and more."

"Put simply, Hannah lit up our lives, the lives of our family and the lives of her friends and others who knew her," they continued. "Although we have lost our precious Hannah, the light she radiated can never be extinguished."

Graham graduated from West Potomac High School in 2013.

"Hannah will always be a part of the West Potomac High School family," West Potomac principal Alex Case said in a statement to the school community. "We will remember her smile, her sense of humor and her joy for learning and life."

A member of the varsity softball team and band program, Hannah affected students all over the school.

"Many students and families have shared with me that Hannah's disappearance has impacted them in recent weeks," Case said in an interview. "Our students and families have begun to talk about ways to memorialize Hannah and celebrate her tremendous spirit. I remain impressed by our students' resiliency, the way they pull together and their constant concern for each other and the Graham family."

The West Potomac softball team is dedicating their season to Graham's memory. "I remain saddened by the news," said head coach Craig Maniglia. "It will take a long time for us to start healing as a team and a community. She was a remarkable young lady."

"I want to make sure everyone who didn't know Hannah understands she was an unbelievable human being, a fantastic person who was going to change the world."

A candlelight and silence gathering is set to be held Nov. 1 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road in Alexandria.

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Moving Forward

Executive Steering Committee sends supervisors Route 1 multimodal alternatives plan.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

The redevelopment of Route 1 is not unlike sitting in rush hour traffic on Route 1: slow, but moving gradually forward.

On Oct. 27, the executive steering committee for the Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis voted unanimously to send a comprehensive redevelopment plan to Fairfax and Prince William County supervisors for endorsement.

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) held its final public meeting Oct. 9 at the South County Government Center to present its proposal for developing alternative modes of transportation for the traffic-choked corridor.

Their first recommendation is Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), oriented in center lanes of Route 1 out to the Occoquan River, with a projected timeline in three phases to be operational by 2026, 2028 and 2032. Part two would be extending the Metro Yellow Line 3.1 miles to Hybla Valley, operational by 2040.

Del. Scott Surovell came to the steering committee armed with survey results from 88 of his constituents, saying the timelines are too elongated.

"What I've heard the most is, 'Hurry up,'" he said.

Fairfax County Department of Transportation director Tom Biesiadny said that to plan for both phases simultaneously would delay any development much longer than at least getting started with the BRT.

"Densities need to increase significantly to support rail in the corridor," Biesiadny said. "You need to have schools to support children, parks, public safety implementation. It's going to take community dialog, a grid of streets. It was a four-year process in Tysons and a four-year process in Reston as well."

"The rail planning exercise is different from BRT planning," said Lee District Su-



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

The Executive Steering Committee voted unanimously to advance the Route 1 multimodal alternatives plan to the Board of Supervisors in Fairfax and Prince William Counties.

pervisor Jeff McKay. "You don't put a street through a neighborhood quickly on a comprehensive plan. That absolutely has to be a separate step."

But regardless of the proposal, it's the Boards of Supervisors who will decide how they want to proceed with the comprehensive plan.

The supervisors' next steps would be securing funding sources. Surovell weighed in, saying, "I don't think we should constrain ourselves in terms of our funding models, that the FTA is the only game in town."

He proposed working with the Army and federal elected officials as alternatives, since Fort Belvoir's presence makes Route 1 redevelopment stand out among other municipal projects. "There are 8,000 acres

down here we can't tax," Surovell said.

Though the supervisors now have numerous questions to address, the steering committee was enthusiastic the study and proposal have made it that far.

"I'm optimistic this process will be the first step to a lot of new steps to bringing our community to a consensus," said Surovell.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland agreed, but said that process won't be easy.

"The major challenge we now is to have the entire community on both sides of Route 1 come together in a process that allows them to decide what it's going to be like," said Hyland. "There are two magisterial districts, two supervisors, delegates and senators. It's going to be a major challenge."

Board OKs More Sleep

BY REENA SINGH
THE GAZETTE

Phyllis Payne has been fighting for more sleep for a decade. On Oct. 23, it all paid off.

The co-founder of Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal - or SLEEP - saw the Fairfax County Public School Board approve to move high school start times ahead by 30 minutes, 11-1.

"This means the school system is getting a policy on what is best for the kids," she said after the vote. "It's been a labor of love."

She said she was proud of Superintendent Karen Garza and the board members for approving the motion. The change means that high school start times will be between 8 and 8:10 a.m. next school year, about a 30 minute push forward. Middle School start times will be 7:30 and elementary start times will remain unchanged.

The only board member to not vote yes on the proposal was Sully District board member Kathy Smith.

"I was really hoping when this process started that I could be in a place where I could vote yes," Smith said.

She said many of her constituents did not want school start times to change, and she wanted to be the one voice for them.

"I have once been a lone no vote on the board, and it's not easy," said Hunter Mill District board member Pat Hynes. "I want to mention it, because we are models for our students always."

Although the cost for the first year was originally projected at \$30 million, board members credited Assistant Superintendent of Facilities and Transportation Jeffrey Platenberg for helping reduce the cost to \$4.9 million.

Garza noted that there are some things to work on to make later start times run smoothly next year, but said there was nearly a calendar year to make sure those items can be resolved.

Firefighters Distribute 2,500 Pairs of Shoes

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vate Partnerships.

"Through PP3 we met Capt. Bailey and wanted to do what we could to help," Chakos said. "While we primarily provide jobs and housing to help the homeless and working poor, there are still a lot of tangible items those families need. Shoes are an important item that families go through very quickly and even low cost ones can be difficult to afford."

Chakos procured 2,500 pair of athletic shoes from the Toms Shoe Company to be distributed to families throughout Northern Virginia. Each child received two pair of shoes — one for now and one to grow into.

For the fourth year, Pennsylvania-based

nonprofit Operation Warm donated more than 1,800 new coats, all of which were made in America.

"I think it's important to note where these coats came from," said Fairfax County Fire Chief Richie Bowers as he showed off the Made in the U.S.A. tags on each coat. "Not only were hundreds of American jobs saved by purchasing these coats, they are distributed exclusively by firefighters across the country doing in their communities what Capt. Bailey is doing here."

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

"We also were able to give away 500 gift certificates from the Hair Cuttery to boys and girls under 18," Bailey said.

Additional contributors to the annual coat distribution effort include the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Progressive Firefighters of Fairfax, Local 2068, Nationwide Credit Corporation, Apple Federal Credit Union, Promax Realtors, ACT for Alexandria and the Fairfax Firefighters Retiree Association.

"There are people hurting out there," said School Board member Dan Storck. "What Willie is doing is a backstop for these families and I am so deeply thankful that this is a community that comes together to take care of each other, especially our kids."



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Fire Chaplain Bill Barton waits with a young Head Start student for a volunteer to escort the child through the coat and shoe distribution stations.

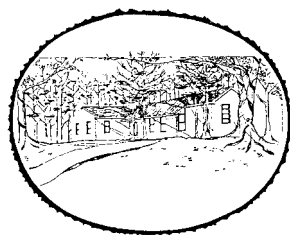


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ELECTION '14

What's on the Ballot?

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U.S. SENATE

One-term incumbent Sen. Mark R. Warner (D) is challenged by Republican Ed W. Gillespie and Libertarian Robert C. Sarvis.

Republican Ed W. Gillespie, www.edforsenate.com
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The 8th District is an open seat because of the retirement of incumbent Rep. Jim Moran (D), who was elected in 1990. Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr. will face Republican Micah K. Edmond plus three independent candidates.

The 8th district includes all of Alexandria and Arlington, plus parts of Fairfax County including Mount Vernon, Lorton and parts of McLean, Tysons and Falls Church.

Republican Micah K. Edmond, www.micahedmond.com

Democrat Donald S. Beyer Jr., www.friendsofdonbeyer.com

Libertarian Jeffrey S. Carson, jeffreycarson.com/
 Independent Green Gerard C. "Gerry" Blais III, www.votejoinrun.us

Independent Gwendolyn J. Beck, www.gwendolynbeck.com

In the 11th District, Gerry Connolly (D), former chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, elected to congress in 2008, will face Republican Suzanne K. Scholte and two independent candidates.

Republican Suzanne K. Scholte, www.suzannescholteforcongress.com/

Democrat Gerald E. "Gerry" Connolly, incumbent, www.gerryconnolly.com

Green Joe E. Galdo www.joegaldo.com

Libertarian Marc M. Harrold, www.marcharrold4congress.com

BOND QUESTION

In Fairfax County, all voters will vote yes or no for more money for transportation projects.

Transportation Improvements Bond Question: Shall the Board of Supervisors contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to bonds previously authorized for transportation improvements and facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$100,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation facilities, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, improvements related to transit, improvements for pedestrians and bicycles, and ancillary related improvements and facilities?

For More Election Information

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OBITUARY

Edwin "Bumps" Myers, Jr.

Edwin "Bumps" Myers, Jr., 82, of Huntersville, N.C. died on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2014, at Levine & Dickson Hospice House. Bumps was born Sept. 19, 1932 in Leesburg, Va., to the late Edwin and Flora George Myers.

Bumps graduated from Mount Vernon High School in Alexandria in 1951. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served in the Korean Conflict. Bumps attended Mars Hill College and graduated from N.C. State with a degree in electrical engineering and worked for the U.S. Naval Research Lab in Washington, D.C., until he retired. He loved the time he spent in the Navy. He was an avid N.C. State fan and enjoyed all sports, including playing tennis and golf. He loved to travel and cherished the time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Bumps leaves to cherish his memory, his loving family; wife, Bobbie Garner Myers; daughters, Julie Lewis (Darryl) of Winston-Salem, N.C., Valerie Sutton (Michael) of Huntersville, N.C.;



grandchildren, Katie Reilly, Clarke Lewis, Connor Lewis, Paxson Sutton, Morgan Sutton; brothers, Norman Myers, Frank Myers; five nephews; three nieces. The family will receive friends on Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014 from 1-3 p.m. at the Raymer-Kepner Funeral Home,

Huntersville, N.C. Friends will also be received on Sunday, Nov. 2, 2014 between 5-8 p.m. at the Marshall House in Leesburg, Va. Interment will be held at the Union Cemetery in Leesburg, Va., at 11 a.m. on Nov. 3, 2014.

The family would like to thank everyone at Levine & Dickson Hospice House for their comfort and care during this difficult time.

Friends may offer condolences to the family at www.raymerfh.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

SATURDAY/NOV. 1

Michael and Son Jingle Singoff.

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SATURDAY/NOV. 8

The Emerging Minority Leaders Conference.

8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at The Waterford, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield. This conference will "Engage, Educate, Enrich, and Empower" parents, school leaders, emerging minority leaders and community advocates in outreach to their diverse communities. Visit www.fccpta.org/fccpta-programs/emerging-minority-leadership.html or email emlc@fccpta.org.

SUNDAY/NOV. 9

History and Genealogy.

2-3:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Laura Wickstead, Virginia Room Librarian/FCPL, discusses the Virginia Room's historical and genealogical resources, with a specific emphasis on Historic Huntley and some of its residents. Free. Call 703 768-2525.

TUESDAY/NOV. 11

School Open House.

9-11 a.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Childcare available. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

FCPS Plans ESOL Parent Meeting.

5:30 - 9 p.m. Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria. For more information, call the FCPS office of ESOL services at 571-423-4660.

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

"Living on the Edge." 8 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Ever wonder what you would do if you were out of a job, out of a house, and out of hope? Come and hear from three local organizations that spend their time and resources reaching out to those in need: Rev. Keary Kincannon of Rising Hope Mission Church; Lt. Nathan Bridges of The Salvation Army - Alexandria Citadel; and Katherine Morrison, executive director of United Community Ministries. \$25/\$35. Visit www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org to make reservations or call 703-360-6925.

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Representing Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department were Captain Tim Fleming, Supervisor Jeff McKay, Chairman Sharon Bulova, Volunteer Fire Fighter Neal Sweeney, Master Technician George Moore, Technician Vicki Callow, Captain I Lester Flint, Julie Carey and Chief Richard Bowers.



Fort Belvoir award recipients were (front row) Heidi Flick, Frank Sims, Tracey Dunko, MP David Payampas, Erin Eusanio, and Scott Wolffe. (Back row) Asst. Fire Chief Bruce Wright, Director of Emergency Services Frank Hentschel, Assistant Fire Chief Rod Frazer, Police Chief John Cerra, Col. Michelle Mitchell, and Julie Carey.

Police, Fire, and EMTs Recognized at Community Tribute

These are the people who run towards danger when the rest of us run away," said Sharon Bulova, Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors at the seventh annual Police & Firefighters Tribute sponsored by Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce where 21 personnel were honored.

Bulova along with Supervisor Jeff McKay, and Fort Belvoir Commander Col. Michelle Mitchell praised the first responders and public safety personnel from local stations in Fairfax County and Fort Belvoir. Julie Carey with News 4 emceed the event and shared her personal thanks for community police and fire fighters.

"Public safety personnel have a calling to protect the public," said McKay, "You don't know family until you know the families for these men and women who serve in public safety." McKay requested that all family members present stand and they received applause from the audience.

Special recognition was given to local businessman Michael Bennett, CFO and partner in the Ourisman Automotive Group for being a founding sponsor for the event. Bennett was recognized as a consistent supporter of this event and a friend to public safety personnel.

Award recipients from the Mount Vernon Police Station were Auxiliary Officer of the Year Keith Shaver; Detective of the Year Brian Smith; Meritorious Service Award MPO Steve Mattos; Police Officer of the Year PFC Bradley Chiz, and

Supervisor of the Year Lt. Dana Robinson.

Fort Belvoir Fire and Emergency Services recognized Christopher Scott Wolff as Firefighter of the Year and Erin Eusanio as Firefighter Medic of the Year.

From the Fort Belvoir Police Department award recipients were MP of the Year Sgt. David M. Payamps; DA Security Guard of the Year Tracey Dunko; Civilian Police Officer of the Year Officer Frank Sims; and Detective of the Year Heidi L. Flick.

Award recipients from Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department were Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Neal Sweeney; Meritorious Service Award Master Technician George Moore; Company Officer of the Year Captain I Lester Flint; Firefighter of the Year Lt. Rick Trudeau; and EMT/Medic of the Year Technician Victoria Callow.

Receiving special recognition from the Franconia Police Station were Auxiliary Officer of the Year APO Athena Caul; Meritorious



Patrick Bryant from the Mount Vernon Police Station played the bagpipes to begin the dinner.

Service Award Lt. Randy N. Gulick; Detective of the Year Scott Brown; Police Officer of the Year PFC Chris A. Dixon; and Supervisor of the Year Lt. Michael P. Tucker.



Fairfax County Police Honor Guard presented the colors.



Supervisor Jeff McKay congratulates Michael Bennett, Ourisman Automotive, on his award.



Sabrina Campell, owner of Occasionally Cake, shows her custom Police & Fire cake for the event.

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OPINION

Change for the Better in Fairfax County Schools

Later start times, full-day Mondays; who knows, next maybe gifted-and-talented programs for poor students?

Who says big bureaucracies can't make big changes? One year into the tenure of Karen Garza, we have two huge changes that between them impact almost every single student, every family with children in Fairfax County Public Schools.

Last week, the Fairfax County School Board voted to move high school start times all after 8 a.m. beginning next September. Garza, superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools, announced this summer the implementation of full-day Mondays, another previously insurmountable task.

A plan emerged that made this possible for under \$5 million (original estimates were wildly and prohibitively higher) while keeping elementary school times the same (or within 5-10 minutes). The goal is to move middle school start times later in the future.

Change comes in mysterious ways. Part of the support for this change comes from the science.

The American Academy of Pediatrics this fall: "A substantial body of research has now demonstrated that delaying school start times is an effective countermeasure to chronic sleep loss and has a wide range of potential benefits to students with regard to physical and mental health, safety, and academic achievement."

"The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly supports the efforts of school districts to optimize sleep in students and urges high schools and middle schools to aim for start times that allow students the opportunity to achieve optimal levels of sleep (8.5–9.5 hours) and to improve physical (eg, reduced obesity risk) and mental (eg, lower rates of depression) health, safety (eg, drowsy driving crashes), academic performance, and quality of life."

We commend the leadership of the advocacy group SLEEP in Fairfax, which never gave up, even in years when this change appeared impossible.

We suspect the key ingredient is new leadership at the top at FCPS, Karen Garza.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Never Never Bond

To the Editor:

The British call credit card charges the "Never Never." That is the attitude of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors (the BOS) with the current \$100 million bond issue on the ballot. Buy anything you want that sounds good and put it on the Never Never. Let future BOS figure how to pay for it.

Certainly don't even disclose to voters what is to be financed. Instead call it a "Transportation Bond Referendum."

In one sentence the BOS could have disclosed on the ballot the purpose of the bond issue. The proposed expenditures are: Various sidewalks and signs, \$77.5 million; six spot road improvements, \$16 million; 14 bike trail improvements, \$6.5 million.

This referendum will not affect traffic jams one iota. There are no measures of congestion relief, U.S. Transportation Department cost-benefit analysis or even studies showing the obvious lack of existing bicycle trail use.

The Fairfax County Taxpayers' Alliance urges voters to oppose the bond issue as unjustified, obligating taxes for wasteful projects in the future. The BOS has been raising taxes at a rate twice the rate of inflation. As a result, the BOS has driven over \$6 billion of in-

come out of Fairfax to nearby counties as shown in www.howmoneywalks.com.

Thomas L. Cranmer
First VP, Fairfax County Taxpayers' Alliance

A Better Tribute?

To the Editor:

This is in response to H. Jay Spiegel's letter in the October 23, 2014, issue of the Mount Vernon Gazette. While Mr. Spiegel is correct in lauding Mr. Byer's significant public service to Fairfax County, his incorrect reference to the original name of Colonel John B. Byers Park ("Williamsburg North Park" — See picture of the actual park sign from several months ago, attached) is at the heart of the reason for the length of time involved in renaming the park.

The land for the park was set aside to the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) about 50 years ago as a stream valley park between two subdivisions — Williamsburg Manor and Williamsburg Manor North — both of which still carry these names on their entrance signs. John Byers may have had more connection with the park than "walking by the park on a daily basis" as Mr. Spiegel cites. How-



The formerly named Williamsburg North Park

ever, many residents of both subdivisions participated in the development of Williamsburg Manor Park from the FCPA master planning of the facilities 35 years ago to issues with improvements and maintenance over the years, and no resident could be considered a dominant factor in the development and continuing neighborhood enjoyment of the park.

While this park lies in the stream valley that separates the two subdivisions, we always felt that it served as a link, not a separation, between the neighborhoods and occasionally served as a meeting place for joint activities. Although there is no requirement for public hearings on matters such as this,

A superintendent across the river, Joshua Starr, will have to ask himself what's holding up such changes in Montgomery County Public Schools.

— MARY KIMM

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Voting

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OPINION

Accreditation: A Mixed Bag

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
DELEGATE (D-44)



there are 14 preschools east of U.S. 1 and only one on the west side. The old Mount Vernon High School site is a perfect facility for a Head Start/Preschool Center. Universal preschool for 2,000 youngsters will cost at least

\$20 million per year, but we must make this critical, long-term investment.

Third, every child must have a computing device, especially children in low-income families. Virtually every job requires computer skills and today's children learn electronically. While FCPS deployed an electronic textbook program, many children in low-income communities do not have a device or broadband to use it. This will cost FCPS only about \$250 per child or about \$50 million per year system-wide, but it must be done — especially in the U.S. 1 Corridor. Fairfax County now lags behind the Virginia counties of Henrico, Chesterfield, Arlington and Alexandria. If we want to have the best schools in Virginia, we need to commit the resources.

Fourth, our area deserves equal facilities — the Carl Sandburg Planetarium must be reopened. If our elementary school children are to do well in science, they must be inspired in the same ways I was with fellow students by the Fort Hunt High School Planetarium in the early 1980s and FCPS must make its planetaria available to all of its students and not just the students in the wealthiest areas of our county.

Fifth, we need to pay our teachers competitive salaries. Mid-career FCPS teachers earn \$7,000 a year less than Arlington teachers. We cannot turn these schools around unless we pay competitive wages.

All of these long-term solutions depend on funding. While I am hopeful more funding can come from the state in the long-term, in the next few years, Virginia's economy has flat-lined forcing \$800 million of cuts in the last six months and another \$200 million cut likely before Dec. 31. Increase funding will only come at the local level and Fairfax County should follow Supervisor Gerry Hyland's lead — implement a meals tax and revisit our real estate tax rate which is currently 10-15 percent below Prince William and Loudoun counties.

Fairfax County has long been known for its excellent schools and its residents have been willing to pay for them. The future of our children, our property values and our quality of life depend on strong schools.

Please contact me at scottsurovell@gmail.com if you have feedback. It is an honor to serve as your state delegate.

The Virginia Department of Education has issued accreditation reports on our public schools. For our area, the results are mixed.

First, it is important to understand that the state instituted new math tests this year. Statewide, 32 percent of schools were not

fully accredited, largely because of new math tests. In Fairfax County, 171 of 191 schools (11

percent) were not fully accredited - 7 of the 20 Fairfax County schools with accreditation challenges were in the U.S. 1 Corridor.

Hybla Valley ES returned to full accreditation this year notwithstanding having the highest free and reduced lunch (90.3 percent) and limited-English proficient populations (66.96 percent) in Fairfax County. Hybla Valley shows that committed teachers, principals, students and families can meet accreditation's steepest challenges. They deserve a round of applause.

While Mount Vernon High School remained accredited with warning, MVHS improved student test scores in all categories. MVHS appears to be on the right track and I am optimistic that the school will be fully accredited next year.

Additionally, my alma mater, West Potomac High School, missed full accreditation for the first time by less than 0.5 percent on its math scores. While this is a concern, I am confident WPHS will receive full accreditation next year.

Unfortunately, six other schools are still accredited with warning. Walt Whitman Intermediate School was accredited with warning for the first time due to English and Mathematics scores. Four other elementary schools in our area were accredited with warning after failing Science for the second year in a row: Bucknell, Woodlawn, Mount Vernon Woods, and Washington Mill.

Last week, state Sen. Toddy Puller, Mount Vernon School Board Representative Dan Storck and I met with county school Superintendent Karen Garza and other administrators to learn FCPS' immediate plans to help these schools improve student performance. While they pledged several measures which will help, long-term, we need major changes.

First, we need to invest in the U.S. 1 Corridor. The reconstruction of U.S. 1, including the extension of the Yellow Line Metro, is key to bringing revitalization — housing, retail and higher-paying jobs with shorter commutes — so that area families can achieve the economic stability.

Second, we must make preschool available to all children. It is unacceptable that

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 8
where he had important planning influence for future Fairfax County citizens, would be a more fitting tribute.

Orron Kees
Williamsburg Manor

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To the Editor:

Last week the MVCCA conducted a special meeting. SEE LETTERS, PAGE 15

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ENTERTAINMENT

Port City Presents 'In the Next Room'

Comedy examines sexual repression in the Victorian era, beginning Nov. 7.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

Port City Playhouse will present Sarah Ruhl's "In the Next Room," a comedic examination of sexual repression in the Victorian era, Nov. 7 to 22. The comedy centers on Dr. Givings, an enlightened physician in late 19th century New York, who has developed a new, electric-powered device to treat the "hysteria" of his female patients brought on by sexual frustration. It takes the doctor a while to realize that his wife is suffering from a similar complaint and that treatment sometimes requires the human touch.

Director Mary Ayala-Bush said even though the play is a period piece, it has relevance to the current day. "I wanted to make the show both a statement of the fact that it occurs at the dawn of the 20th century but that with very little change could be a statement of our current direction as a society that is increasingly relying on technology for its emotional fulfillment," she said.

She said because the subject matter is about love and sex, it's both provocative and extremely funny in the circumstances that are presented. "It would be very easy to turn the show into a farce, but it would lose so much of the nuance related to the back stories of the various characters," she said.

She said the play shows how we can lose our humanity if we rely on technology for our fulfillment. "Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, texting, are all beneficial tools, but in the end they are poor substitutes for face-to-face engagement," she said.

Will MacLeod is playing the role of Dr. Givings, a scientist obsessed with electricity and medicine. "He's purely interested in the scientific side of his invention, and doesn't seem to make the connection between the direct physical effects that his treatments are having and the personal and emotional effects that they will have on his patients," he said.

He said, "The biggest challenges have involved getting the giggles out in rehearsals, because, obviously, this is a pretty funny and awkward subject matter, but Dr. Givings wouldn't really understand why any of this would be funny and wouldn't laugh at any of it."

Madeline Byrd plays the role of his charming wife, Mrs. Givings, who is driven to seek the company of the visitors to her home, including her husband's patients. "Her curiosity about her husband's work and the treatments he provides 'in the next room' ultimately leads to her discovery



Madeline Byrd (Catherine Givings), Alexandra Guyker (Mrs. Daldry), and Cal Whitehurst (Mr. Daldry) in rehearsal for Port City Playhouse's production of "In the Next Room."



From left, Will MacLeod (Dr. Givings) and Nathan Vasquez (Leo Irving) rehearse for Port City Playhouse's production of "In the Next Room." Kelly Moran, who plays Annie, is in the background.



Alexandra Guyker (Mrs. Daldry) is being tended to by Kelly Moran (Annie) in rehearsals for Port City Playhouse's production of "In the Next Room."

and understanding of love," she said.

She added, "This play has many moments of hilarity in the midst of a complex and layered story of love, loss and what it means to be truly connected to someone."

"Audiences will laugh, they will cry, and hopefully they will leave the theatre with a new appreciation of what it means to love and be loved," Byrd said.

Kelly L. Moran plays the role of Annie, the nurse/midwife. "She supports Dr. Givings with his numerous 'hysteria' patients and in his constant quest for bigger and better machines to hasten the work. If the good doctor wants 100 feet of copper pipe, Annie rushes right out to get it," she said.

"The play is a little naughty and risqué, with the audience as voyeur to some intimate moments — but funny moments," Moran said.

Kadira Coley plays the role of Elizabeth, the housekeeper for the Daldrys and the wet nurse for the Givings. "Throughout the play you see Elizabeth's struggle with recently losing her son while nursing someone else's child," she said.

She added, "The play is hilarious and I think our audiences will be in stitches for the majority of the evening. But I also hope that the audience will take away the special journey that each of the characters in the play experiences throughout the play."

Cal Whitehurst plays the role of Mr. Daldry, a well-to-do, middle-aged man married to a younger woman. "In sexual matters he is very Victorian, believing that nice women are too pure at heart to enjoy relations with their husbands, so he makes sure his wife doesn't enjoy them by getting the business done as quickly as possible," he said. "He fails to see the connection between this behavior and his wife's unhappiness."

The challenge, he said, was "portraying a man who loves his wife but cannot bring himself to discover the source of her unhappiness — and whose lack of passion for his wife leads him to a one-sided flirtation with the pretty, high-spirited and somewhat eccentric Mrs. Givings."

He said, "The moral of the story is that while sexual fulfillment is vital to the happiness of a romantic relationship, sex without romance is just a matter of mechanics."

Producer Alan Wray added, "What's not to like about a comedy and something that updates the ideas from the Restoration Drawing Room Comedy. I hope that the audience can walk away being able to laugh and feel they've had a fun evening."

Performances for "In the Next Room" are Friday-Saturday, Nov. 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22, and Tuesday, Nov. 18, at 8 p.m., with matinees on Saturday, Nov. 15 and 22, at 2 p.m. Port City Playhouse performs at 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302, just east of I-395 at the Shirlington exit, at the corner of Crestwood Drive and Quaker Lane. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, military and students, and \$14 for groups of 10 or more.

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tour dedicated to the behind the scenes filming of "National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets." \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Oct. 31 at at Prudential PenFed Realty, 300 N Washington St., Suite 100. The artwork of Wendy Band, Sharon Frey and Linda Lowery in the small group show: "Three Artists, Three Visions" will be displayed. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit TheDelRayArtisans.org/PrudentialPenFed for more.

October-long Star-Spangled Banner Exhibition. George

Washington's Mount Vernon has partnered with Maryland Historical Society to display Francis Scott Key's original draft of the Star-Spangled Banner in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center in commemoration of the poem's bicentennial. The exhibition of the manuscript will be surrounded by panels describing Mount Vernon at the time the poem was written.

Art Exhibit. Runs through Nov. 3 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. "Beyond the Edge" Contemporary Portraits by Leslie Nolan Reveal will be on display. Call 703-683-1780 Visit

www.theartleague.org for more. **Photography Exhibition.** Through Nov. 9. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and during performances. Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane, Alexandria. "The Man in the Bowler Hat" is an exhibition by photographer Michelle Rogers. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

The Rocky Horror Show. Through Saturday, Nov. 15 at Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. See the classic, campy musical that inspired the classic cult film. Admission is

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\$25-\$35. Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com for more.

Young at Art. Through Nov. 21 at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. An exhibit for artists who are 55 or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or 703-824-1345 for more.

Multiple Exposure Gallery. Oct. 14-Nov. 23 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. See the diversity of styles and the artistic, personal vision of the Torpedo Factory's fine art photographers. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Runs Nov. 7-30. "Nourish & Flourish: The Food Show" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This member show reflects and illuminates the ways food influences us all. Thursday, noon-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon-9 p.m. Sunday, noon-6 p.m. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

Photography Exhibit. Through Nov. 30 at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Inspired by FotoWeekDC, this all-media exhibition investigates alternative applications of photography and challenging new contexts for creating images. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Jan. 2 at 1717 King St. and 300 S. Washington St. BB&T Bank hosts an exhibition of portraits of African American and women Living Legends of Alexandria at its Old Town branches. Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com for more.

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. Owners of 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.

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.

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.

Dinner for the Washingtons. Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Second Thursday Music. Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Tavern Toddlers. Every Monday (except Federal Holidays) 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Join other families with toddlers (walkers through 36 months) to have fun in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Playtime features a craft table, book corner, toys and group dancing. \$7 for a group of three. Visit www.alexandria.gov/gadbsytavern or call 703-746-4242.

Pottery Classes. 1- 4 p.m. at Alexandria Clay, 2389 S. Dove St. Try It classes Nov. 2 and Nov. 16. Call 703-672-2419 for more.

Sewing Classes. Sewn 3-D Creations for Kids: Thursdays, Nov. 6-20 or Saturdays, Nov. 8-22, 10-11:30 a.m. Visit www.artatthecenter.org/ registration-fall2014.htm to register.

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.

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.

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Doggy Howl-o-ween Costume Contest. 5 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Celebrate Halloween and the finale of the Doggy Happy Hour series with Doggy Howl-o-ween, where up to 50 contestants will strut down the catwalk in the outdoor courtyard, modeling their Halloween finest. Call 703-842-2790 or visit www.jackson20.com for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Laurie Anderson 'Language of The Future.' \$39.5. Visit www.laurieanderson.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Bark or Treat Halloween Canine Cruise. 7 p.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. The Potomac Riverboat Company invites guests with costumed-pup in tow to cruise around the Potomac River on this 40-minute ride to Halloween tunes. Halloween doggie treats will be provided, as well as a photographer to capture the morning's

festivities. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com for more.

Book Talk Program. 7-8:30 p.m. Martha Washington Branch, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. The program is to promote a community outreach through American literature with a new released book about the Middle Eastern affairs. Call 703-768-6700.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 30-31

Poe in Alexandria. 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Watch as actor David Keltz returns to the Lyceum to reenact famed storyteller Edgar Allan Poe's visit to Alexandria shortly before his death. Admission is \$15. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum for more.

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Annual Fashion Show. 10:30 a.m. at Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road. The Board of Lady Managers of Inova Alexandria Hospital will celebrate the 142nd anniversary of the founding of the hospital at their Annual Fashion Show. General admission is \$50. Contact Lynda West at 703-836-8853 for more.

Trick-or-Treat. 3:30-6:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join the costumed cast for the opportunity to trick-or-treat in the historic area. \$10 per adult, \$5 per child. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Gerald Albright. \$35. Visit www.geraldalbright.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Halloween Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Revel in an evening of merriment among art at the Halloween Costume Ball, where guests will be entertained with music, food, drink, a silent movie and work by local artists. Costumes are required. Call 703-838-4827 or visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Community Fun Days. Hopkins House, 5904 Richmond Highway. Activities will include games, balloons, face painting. Visit www.hopkinshouse.org for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 1

Cemetery News. 1 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. Kyle Wichtendahl, Educational Programming Coordinator for the Civil War Medicine Museum, will conduct a lecture on early embalming and burial practices. Tickets are \$5. Call 703-549-7413 for more.

Inviting Native Pollinators. 2-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. University of Maryland entomologist Mike Raupp explain what threatens native pollinators and teaches you how to invite pollinators into your landscape. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Performance by Sinead O'Connor. \$69.50. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

20th Century Masterworks for Violin and Piano. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. Michael De Sapio (violin), accompanied by Teodora Adjarova (piano), presents a program of 20th century neoclassical works. Recital is free of charge but donations are appreciated. Email michaelmartind@gmail.com for more.

Venetian Masquerade Scholarship Ball. 7-11 p.m. Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Proceeds



ACCT Announces Auditions for: DreamWorks "Shrek Jr."

Directed by: Corey Latta Bales

Produced by: Elisabeth Auld and Eddy Roger Parker

Where: Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22308

When: Sunday, November 2nd – 2:30-5:30 (check in at 2:00) Monday, November 3rd – 6:30-8:30 (check in 6:00)

Callbacks (by invitation): Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00.

Show dates are:

**Friday, January 16th at 7:30pm • Saturday, January 17th at 7:30pm
Sunday, January 18th at 2:00pm • Monday, January 19th at 2:00pm
Friday, January 23rd at 7:30pm • Saturday, January 24th at 2:00pm
Saturday, January 24th at 7:30pm • Sunday, January 25th at 2:00pm**
Roles available for ages 8 – 18, both male and female.

- There are many roles of varying size and complexity.
- Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with slight modifications made around holidays and during tech week.
- Those auditioning are asked to sing 16 bars a capella of a prepared song in the musical theatre style, preferably not from Shrek the Musical.
- NO MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT WILL BE PROVIDED.
- Please come to auditions with a current picture. A school picture is perfectly acceptable.

We have provided a link for an audition registration form:

http://www.acctonline.org/documents/shrekjr_audition.pdf and a conflict form:

http://www.acctonline.org/documents/shrekjr_conflict.pdf

Please print out and bring the completed forms to auditions.

Please come to auditions with a complete and accurate list of your conflicts. This will be critical to the decision-making process.

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from this event will fund preschool scholarships for children from low-resourced and military families. Visit www.hopkinshouse.org for more.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 Saint Stephen's Road. Students will perform Shakespeare's "Richard III." \$5. Call 703-212-2950 or visit www.sssas.org/arts for more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 2

Art Show Reception. 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Come to the Horticulture Center and Historic House at Green Spring Gardens and see the work of artist Don Joseph DiFiore, photographer Chris Feddersen and artist Erika Ridgway. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Capturing an American Icon. 2:30-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Go behind the scenes to areas of the estate not available to the general public for a photo workshop. \$89 per person. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Choral Evensong. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S. Pitt St. An inspirational all saint choral evensong will be held with a reception to follow. Donations and non-perishable foods will be accepted for St. Paul's Lazarus Ministry. Call 703-549-3312 or email grant@stpaulsalexandria.com.

MONDAY/NOV. 3

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Singer Songwriter, Richard Marx will be performing. Tickets go on sale July 25. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

TUESDAY/NOV. 4

The Hello Girls. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A surprising World War I story written and told by Ellouise Schoettler. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 6

Richmond Fine Arts Flowers and Tea Getaway. 11:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Get away to Richmond for a guided tour of the 12th Fine Arts & Flowers exhibit, dazzling floral design interpretations of masterpieces from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Live Music. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Eclectic Guitars: featuring Eric Johnson and Mike Stern. \$45. Visit www.ericjohnson.com, www.mikestern.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

Presidential Salon with James Madison. 3 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. President James Madison, as portrayed by John Douglas Hall, shares his thoughts about events 200 years ago to the day at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Guests are invited to share their opinion on the War and ask questions during this intimate conversation with the President. \$15 per person. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern or call 703-746-4242.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/NOV. 8-9

Orchestra. 4 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 611 King St. The Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia presents "Premiered at the Opera House" with The Metropolitan Chorus, featuring Carmina Burana. Visit www.sonovamusic.org for more.

TORPEDO FACTORY ASSOCIATE ARTIST GALLERY

Studio 12. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. About 20 artists will be showing their work in two-week exhibitions through the end of 2014. This dynamic pop-up gallery provides an opportunity for many of the associates to have their work on view. Visit torpedofactory.org/events/ for more.

- ❖ **Oct. 20-Nov. 2:** Ellen Kolansky, paintings; Maria Simonsson, fiber sculpture; Ann Noel, paintings; and Ellen Delaney, paintings
- ❖ **Nov. 3-16:** Bev Andrews, ceramics; Ellen Delaney, paintings; Gail Spencer Saour, paintings/mixed media; and Jo Ann Tooley, photographs
- ❖ **Nov. 17-30:** Erika Cleveland, fiber art; Branden Newton, paintings; Susan Sherwin, paintings; and Fierce Sonia, mixed media
- ❖ **Dec. 1-14:** Felicia Belair-Rigdon, collage; Liz Roberts, paintings; Val Proudki, photographs; and Carol Talkov, mosaic
- ❖ **Dec. 15-28:** Fritz Des Roches, paintings; Barbara Muth, paintings; Norma Hintze, ceramics; and Marilyn Spindler, paintings

FRIDAY/NOV. 7

Opening Night. 6:30-9 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. The "Space Between Approaches" will be on display. Open to the public. Visit www.principlegallery.com for more.

Concert. 7:30-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Soprano Elizabeth Kluegel will perform. Tickets are \$25. Call 703-765-0063 or visit solaconcert.eventbrite.com for more.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 Saint Stephen's Road. Students will perform Shakespeare's "Richard III." \$5. Call 703-212-2950 or visit www.sssas.org/arts for more.

Orchestra. 8 p.m. at Rachel M Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 East Campus Lane. The NOVA-Annandale Symphony Orchestra 20th Anniversary Concert will include Symphony No. 1, by Beethoven, The Hebrides Overture, Mendelssohn and Songs from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.reunionmusic.org/orchestra.html for more.

SATURDAY/NOV. 8

Holiday Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St. Proceeds from the sale of tables to vendors will benefit FCC's outreach ministry. There will also be a pancake breakfast that morning. Contact Sherri Carpenter at cbikerchic@hotmail.com or 703-963-0072 for more.

Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create a stone trough of hypertufa for a natural looking container that is ideal for succulents, conifers and rock garden plants. Call 703-642-5173 for more.

Homeowner Rain Garden Workshop. 1-4 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to properly locate, design, construct and maintain a small-scale rain garden. Call 703-642-5173.

Scotch Tasting Party. 4-6 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Enjoy traditional music and delectable Scottish accompaniments. Call 703-642-5173.

Concert. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents the Modern Man folk/humor trio, with singer-songwriter Kipyn Martin. Tickets are \$18. Visit www.focusmusic.org for more.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 Saint Stephen's Road. Students will perform Shakespeare's "Richard III." \$5. Call 703-212-2950 or visit www.sssas.org/arts for more.

SATURDAY-TUESDAY/NOV. 8-11

Veterans Day Ceremony. Runs from Nov. 8 - 11. near the Mt. Vernon gift area. Quilts of Honor will be holding a special Veterans Day ceremony where "Quilted Hugs of Gratitude" will be presented to military veterans

past and present. Quilts are needed and can be donated throughout the year. Visit www.quiltsofthonor.org for more.

SUNDAY/NOV. 9

Book Talk. 1 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ruth Baja Williams will share her book that follows a 20-year detour of her life in a diverse international community. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Annual Benefit. 5-8 p.m. at Laporta's Restaurant, 1600 Duke St. The event will feature a cocktail reception, silent auction, and live music provided by the Christophe Ludet Trio and accordion player Peter DiGiovanni. Tickets are \$125. Call 703-231-0824 for more.

MONDAY/NOV. 10

Capturing an American Icon. 2:30-5 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Go behind the scenes to areas of the estate not available to the general public for a photo workshop. \$89 per person. Visit www.mountvernon.org/ for more.

TUESDAY/NOV. 11

Free Veterans Day Lecture. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Enjoy a free lecture on African American involvement in World War I with historian C.R. Gibbs. Limited seating, reservations are encouraged. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

Live Music. 7:30 at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Rachael Yamagata performs, 10th anniversary of her album, "Happenstance." \$25. Visit rachaelyamagata.com or www.Birchmere.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 12

Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at the historic Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Enjoy a presentation titled "Reporting from the Field - Travels of a Civil War Correspondent" by historical reenactor Steven Mark Diatz, who is a former librarian with the Alexandria Library. Call 703-746-4554 or visit www.historicalexandria.org for more.

THURSDAY/NOV. 13

Second Thursday Live. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Meigs Hodge explores the delta and Chicago styles through the music of Robert Johnson and Muddy Waters. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Dance Performance. 8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. Niche in the Hall is a site-specific performance that travels all three floors, cubbyholes, studios and alcoves in dialogue with the art and architecture of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

LETTERS

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cial council meeting to consider proposed changes to their bylaws.

Months ago, the MVCCA board constituted a special bylaws committee to formulate proposed bylaw changes. I attended the meeting given the MVCCA's desire that they be considered as representing the entire Mount Vernon community on issues of importance and concern. That notion was quickly dashed when the presiding officer announced she would only recognize for comment duly authorized representatives of community associations present at the meeting.

That the MVCCA only represents its member associations as a lobbying organization for those associations, currently numbering 44, rather than the community as a whole was confirmed in an e-mail string shared with me by a resident of the Wellington community. One Wellington resident took note of my letter to the editor published in the Sept. 25 edition of the Gazette concerning proposed bylaw changes and suggested, based upon my letter, that Wellington should vote against the proposed bylaw change concerning its conflict of interest provision.

A Wellington resident, also a former MVCCA co-chair and former Wellington president responded: "The letters to the editor are from people who are not members of the MVCCA. The MVCCA is a member organization." There you have it straight from an MVCCA veteran. They don't represent the Mount Vernon community - they only represent the views of their member associations.

I have written the Gazette on numerous occasions expressing the importance of the MVCCA conflict of interest bylaw provision. Little did I know that the leaders of the MVCCA have no understanding of conflicts of interest. This was demonstrated when the chairman of the special bylaws committee that formulated the proposed changes to the bylaws also presided over last week's meeting.

She surely should have been present to answer questions but she should not have been the person conducting the meeting and fielding all questions from attendees, in each case, as I observed, rebutting those concerns with her arguments in favor of the changes. Not a single attendee raised a question or concern about this blatant conflict. Since I wasn't authorized to speak, I was unable to raise a point of order. The meeting can't be considered to have been conducted with any credibility.

After barring non-members from participating in the discussion, the next thing that happened was the presiding officer announced that any proposed amendments to the proposed bylaw changes would be required to achieve a 2/3 vote in order to be incorporated into the proposed changes.

From Robert's Rules of Order: "An amendment is adopted by a majority vote, even if the motion to be amended requires a two-thirds vote." Thus, a strong deterrent against any possible amendments, in direct violation of Robert's Rules of Order, was introduced at the beginning. Several proposed amendments came close to achieving a simple majority. Most importantly, a motion made by Julia Miller of the Wessynton Homes Association that the conflict of interest provision in these then existing bylaws be retained failed by a vote of 10-14. Another proposed amendment introduced by Queenie Cox stating that standing committees advise the General Council, achieved a vote of 13-11 but did not achieve the "required" 2/3 vote. That proposed amendment should have been included.

When the attendees debated Julia Miller's motion, the presiding officer actually misled the attendees by stating that in the then existing bylaws, the question of removal of MVCCA directors was solely within the discretion of the co-chairs and this scenario re-

quired change. This was, in fact, untrue.

In Article VI, paragraph 8, members of the MVCCA board who were not officers could be removed by the co-chairs only with the concurrence of a 2/3 vote of the General Council. In Article VIII, paragraph 3, the General Council was given the sole discretion to remove an officer. This misleading of attendees likely contributed to the defeat of Julia Miller's amendment. The presiding officer also stated that the MVCCA had obtained an opinion from the County Attorney regarding the expression "policy determining" and they said the term is vague.

Putting aside whether the County Attorney's office would render an opinion for someone other than a supervisor, the words "policy determining" are easy to understand. They refer to a board that determines policy in its area of jurisdiction. There was no need to eviscerate a conflict of interest provision that had existed for 40 years. Instead, there was need to begin enforcing it.

There is no way last week's MVCCA meeting can be considered to have legitimately amended the MVCCA's bylaws. The MVCCA needs to vacate the decisions made at that meeting, start over from scratch, ensure its member associations are honestly informed concerning proposed bylaw changes, and conduct such a meeting with a presiding officer who is not conflicted out. Unless this occurs, the bylaw changes should be considered void.

Whatever the MVCCA decides to do, at least we now have confirmed, from the words of one of its most fervent supporters and leaders that the MVCCA only represents its member associations, and no one else. Supervisor Hyland, take heed.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

POEM

The Dysfunction In the Senate

(and why we need Ed Gillespie for Virginia)

The Senate Majority Leader Mister Reid
is a master of the partisan deed.
In choosing to prevaricate
over choosing to legislate,
he has divided our nation indeed.

He presides over the White House East,
deviating from Obama not in the least.
He chooses to divide
rather than decide,
leaving it to the partisans to feast.

The great debates of history played on its floor.
But their echoes reverberate there no more.
Once the fulcrum of democracy
is now the lapdog of the presidency,
and where public opinion finds only a closed door.

Unable to take up the questions of the day,
the Senate has certainly lost its way.
This inability to lead
falls upon Harry Reid
and begs for a new vision today.

Assuredly, Mister Reid cannot be the face
the Senate needs to take up history's place.
The hallowed halls of deliberation
that have defined our nation
have been lost in Reid's Senate space.

For Virginians, this means ... vote for Ed Gillespie
in this race!

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SPORTS



Mount Vernon junior captain Jessica Miller was a first-team all-Conference 13 selection this season.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE

Renisha Wiggins scored a goal against Thomas Jefferson in the Conference 13 semifinals on Tuesday.

Mount Vernon to Host Edison in Win-Or-Go-Home Game

Top-seeded Majors lose to TJ in Conference 13 semifinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Members of the Mount Vernon and Thomas Jefferson field hockey teams were on fumes Tuesday night as they ran around the field near the end of the second 15-minute overtime period in the Conference 13 tournament semifinals.

With less than a minute remaining before the match went to strokes, TJ's Katie Zechman scored off a penalty corner and gave the Colonials an upset victory over the top-seeded Majors.

No. 5 seed Thomas Jefferson knocked off Mount Vernon 2-1 on Oct. 28 at Mount Vernon High School. The Colonials advanced to the tournament championship game and secured a berth in the 5A North region tournament. The Majors will have to win the tournament's third-place game in order to keep their season of resurgence alive.

Mount Vernon players cried and hugged following Tuesday's game, knowing their shot at a conference championship had ended in dramatic fashion. Now the Majors



Senior captain Maggie Heltzel and the Mount Vernon field hockey team lost to Thomas Jefferson 2-1 in overtime of the Conference 13 semifinals on Tuesday.

have to regroup before hosting No. 2 Edison on Friday, Oct. 31 to determine which will be the third and final team to advance from Conference 13.

Mount Vernon defeated Edison 5-0 during the regular season on Sept. 4.

"I feel like the girls should be very confident going into Friday," Mount Vernon head coach Jess Edwards said. "I don't think they should hang their heads about tonight's game. I think TJ should be proud of themselves. They had a good game, they played

well. I don't think that really takes away from the season our girls had."

How do the Majors bounce back?

"Mind over matter," senior captain Maggie Heltzel said. "You can't let a loss get you down. You have to push through it."

"It will make us work harder," senior captain Amber Sable said, "because we know we're playing for a spot in regionals."

TJ led 1-0 at halftime after a goal from Carolina Hatanpaa with 10:34 remaining

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Jess Edwards

in the first. Mount Vernon senior Renisha Wiggins' goal with 23:27 left in the second half tied the score at 1-all.

In the second overtime period, TJ had three corners and capitalized on the final one to end the game.

"We should have utilized our subs," Heltzel said. "We have a strong team. It's not just our starters that can put in work, it's everyone. I believe that we should have switched them out more, especially in that last 15 minutes because everyone was dead."

A perennial district title contender, Mount Vernon experienced a down year in 2013, finishing 5-13. The Majors reached the third-place game of the Conference 13 tournament, but lost to Marshall and fell short of regionals. This year, the Majors have bounced back and are 11-5-2 after Tuesday's loss.

"It's just going to motivate us," Heltzel said of the loss to TJ, "to go in harder and go further in regionals."

Mount Vernon midfielder Sable, forward Wiggins, forward Jess Miller, defender Shenice Brunson and goalkeeper McKenzie Moore each earned first-team all-conference honors. Forward Isabelle Norton, midfielder Lindsay Gardiner and defender Sarah Donnelly were named to the second team.

Edwards was named Coach of the Year.

SPORTS BRIEFS

West Potomac Football Earns Third Win

The West Potomac football team improved to 3-5 with a 30-14 victory over Lee on Oct. 24 at Lee High School.

The Wolverines will travel to face Annandale at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31 before closing the regular season with a home game against rival T.C. Williams on Nov. 7.

Mount Vernon Football Falls to Hayfield

The Mount Vernon football team fell victim to the high-powered Hayfield Hawks on Oct. 24, losing 49-21 at Mount Vernon High School.

The Majors dropped to 0-8 and have two more chances to earn a victory this season. Mount Vernon will travel to face Yorktown at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 31 and Wakefield on Nov. 7.

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OBITUARY
Thomas James "Tom" Luckett, 66, of Sunset Beach, formerly of Alexandria VA, died October 11, 2014 at Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center.

Born in 1948 in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late William and Catherine Luckett.

Tom was an educator and a coach for over 30 years. He was a sports enthusiast and was an avid fan of the Washington Redskins and Washington Nationals.

Surviving are his loving wife of 42 years, Mique Onley Luckett, daughter Jessica Onley Luckett Livengood and her husband Aaron Lee Livengood, his brother Robert Luckett, sister Connie Pittman and many other friends and family members.

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Edwin "Bumps" Myers, Jr., 82, of Huntersville, NC passed away peacefully on Tuesday October 21, 2014 at Levine & Dickson Hospice House. Bumps was born September 19, 1932 in Leesburg, VA to the late Edwin and Flora George Myers. Bumps graduated from Mt. Vernon High School in 1951. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served in the Korean Conflict. Bumps attended Mars Hill College and graduated from NC State with a degree in Electrical Engineering and worked for the US Naval Research Lab in Washington, DC until he retired. He loved the time he spent in the Navy. He was an avid NC State fan and enjoyed all sports, including playing tennis and golf. He loved to travel and cherished the time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

Bumps leaves to cherish his memory, his loving family; wife, Bobbie Garner Myers; daughters, Julie Lewis (Darryl) of Winston-Salem, NC, Valerie Sutton (Michael) of Huntersville, NC; grandchildren, Katie Reilly, Clarke Lewis, Connor Lewis, Paxson Sutton, Morgan Sutton; brothers, Norman Myers, Frank Myers; 5 nephews; 3 nieces.

The family will receive friends on Sunday October 26, 2014 from 1-3 pm at the Raymer-Kepner Funeral Home, Huntersville, NC. Friends will also be received on Sunday November 2, 2014 between 5-8pm at the Marshall House in Leesburg, Va. Interment will be held at the Union Cemetery in Leesburg, VA at 11:00 am on November 3, 2014.

The family would like to thank everyone at Levine & Dickson Hospice House for their comfort and care during this difficult time.

Friends may offer condolences to the family at www.raymerfh.com.

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Sandra S. Barbour

On Tuesday, October 14, 2014 of Alexandria, VA.

Beloved wife of Rev. Myron L. Barbour; mother of Scott Heurman (Emily) and Susan Hollingsworth (Jason); step mother of Andy Barbour, Vicki Richardson and P.J. Barbour; sister of Lois Gresko, Don Breece and Jim Hare; grandmother of Sarah, Allan, Paige, Jacob, Joe and Nate; best friend of Corinne Kintz. Memorial service at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Rd. Springfield, VA on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 3 PM. Inurnment Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to United Community Ministries of Alexandria.

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Michelle Marie Pineda (Shelly)

Age 28 of Alexandria, VA passed 8 October 2014 after a battle with Breast Cancer. Shelly was born 6 June 1986 at Fort Bragg, NC, the daughter of Alan B. and Judy R. Pineda. She is survived by her parents, by a brother Charles (CJ), her niece Sophie, sister-in-law PT, her Aunt Jari and Uncles Jaye and Ron of Virginia, her Grandfather John C. Pineda of Houston, TX, her Grandmother Rose Pineda of Chicago, IL. She was predeceased by her Godfather, John J. Pineda (wife Stephanie) of Houston, TX and is survived by many family members from Maine, Texas and Illinois. A private ceremony was held by her family on 10 October 2014, and a celebration of her life was held on 19 October 2014 at her favorite restaurant for family and friends.

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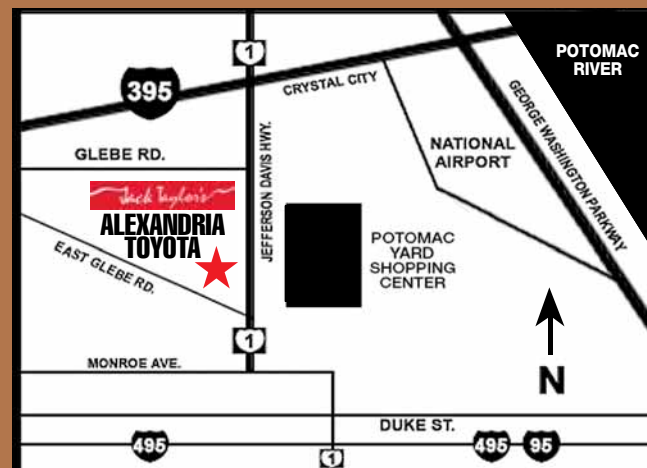
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4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT

\$79⁹⁵

PREVENT UNEVEN WEAR
Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear, steering problems and decreased fuel economy.

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Wash & Vacuum

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