

Ending Veteran Homelessness in 2015?

Chairman Bulova, Fairfax County take on national Mayors Challenge.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

The transition from serving in the armed forces to civilian life is often not simple. While in Fairfax County there are more than 12,000 veteran-owned businesses, indicating a significant measure of success, for others the path is far more difficult.

For a small number of veterans, unemployment, alcoholism, drug abuse or mental or physical disability causes them wind up at rock-bottom: homeless.

In Fairfax County's 2014 "Point-in-Time" count of homeless individuals living in the Fairfax-Falls Church community, veterans made up 8 percent of the total number of 1,225 people. The next Point-in-Time snapshot study will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 28, in coordination with the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments.

Dean Klein, director of the county's Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, said it's difficult to maintain an exact head count because of the transient nature of the group and, he believes, many veterans who are homeless choose to not identify themselves as veterans. He estimates that there are about 150 homeless veterans in Fairfax County.

That population is the focus of First Lady Michelle Obama's Mayors Challenge to End Veterans Homelessness in 2015. Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova announced recently that Fairfax

County is joining the over 200 mayors and elected officials nationwide to take on that challenge.

"COULD WE HAVE ALL VETERANS IN A HOUSE by end of 2015? Yes," said Mary Keeser, a governance board member for the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, and founder of volunteer organization America's Adopt A Soldier.

"Would that prevent them from becoming homeless again? No. We didn't solve the root problems. They need to go back and get training, jobs. Can we work on our preventative measures? Absolutely."

For any case of homelessness, there's no magic bullet.

"That's sort of the end of the spiral," said Bulova, "when someone has had difficulty during their daily life, trying to cope with things that they've experienced when they were serving their country. It may be marital differences, drinking, drug abuse, financial difficulties. And trying to look at some of those root causes, where this all began, is important to ending homelessness."

For "Jones," a mid-30s veteran of the war in Iraq, the downward spiral was a result of his Post-traumatic stress disorder. "He could not sleep, could not live with what he saw," said Keeser.

Jones ended up walking out on his wife and children, his life, to live in the woods south of Fort Belvoir. One day he was approached by a community member who also happened to be a veteran. That person earned Jones' trust and convinced him to seek help from a Veterans Affairs caseworker.

Over the next six months, Jones received counseling services through the VA and a HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) rental voucher

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Mount Vernon High School students and members of the Mount Vernon Community help America's Adopt A Soldier fill care packages for deployed soldiers. The "care packing" was held at Mount Vernon High School Jan. 19.

Colleagues Praise Puller

State senator to retire at end of current session.

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Calling State Senator Linda T. "Toddy" Puller's announcement to retire "bittersweet," Del. Mark Sickles explained that it is "bitter because her absence will leave a gaping void here in Richmond; sweet because nobody has done more in one life to deserve less hectic years at home with friends and family."

On the opening day of the Virginia General Assembly, Puller said she will retire from the Virginia Senate after the 2015 legislative session.

Puller was elected to four consecutive terms representing the 44th District, House of Delegates (1992-2000), and four consecutive terms representing the 36th Senate District (2000 to the present).

"Twenty-three years ago I began one of the great adventures of my life," she said. "With the encour-



Puller

agement and support of my family and friends I ran for and won a seat in the House of Delegates." She served in the House of Delegates for 8 years. She then ran for the State Senate. "In 1999, with the encouragement and support of the late Senator Joe Gartlan and family and friends I ran for the 36th Senate District and won. My colleagues in the Senate entrusted me with the chairman's gavel of the Joint Commission on Health Care, and the Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services, and a place on the Board of Veterans Services ... where I hope along the way I have been able to improve opportunities for all Virginians. Now, with the encouragement, love, and support of my family I have made the decision to step down and to not run in 2015." Her district includes portions of Fairfax county, Prince William County, and Stafford County.

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Political Jockeying

With Puller's retirement, the race is on.

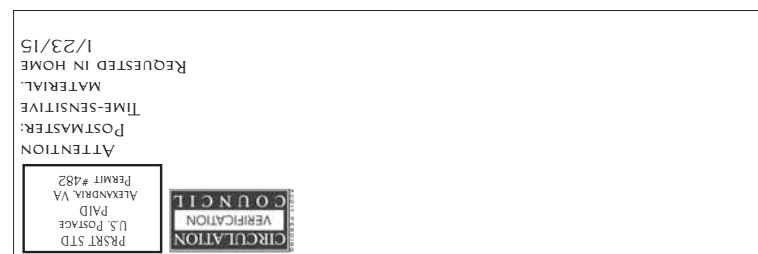
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Soon after state Sen. Toddy Puller's retirement announcement, candidates for the vacated seat are already emerging.

Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) said he will seek the Democratic nomi-

nation for the 36th Senate District seat; Mayor of Dumfries Jerry Foreman had already declared in December 2014 that he is seeking the Republican nomination for the seat. So far the only other declared candidate for the anticipated open seat is Paul Krizek who announced

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Puller To Retire at End of Current Session

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Born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, she graduated from Mary Washington college and is a member of the Episcopal Church. She taught fourth grade in Woodbridge.

Puller was married to Lewis B. Puller, Jr. a decorated U.S. Marine, who was severely wounded in Vietnam. He lost both his legs and six fingers to a booby trap explosion and was nearly killed. They had two children and she now has two grandchildren. On the eve of her first election in 1991 to the House of Delegates her husband wrote a novel about his experiences, "Fortunate Son", which won a Pulitzer Prize. Not long after that, Lewis Puller Jr. took his life. Several years later Senator Puller suffered a stroke that affected her physically but not her ability as a legislator. Senate Minority leader Dick Saslaw commented on her retirement announcement: "In all the years I have known Toddy despite the personal tragedies she suffered and her physical limitations she never once complained. Never once. She was a very fine legislator who did her homework, was always prepared, and could always be relied on to provide the legislative leadership to carry out her many Senate responsibilities in an exemplary fashion. She earned the admiration and respect of everyone who came to know her. We will all miss her presence."

Her personal experience married to a wounded Vietnam Veteran confined to a wheelchair who battled depression contributed to her effectiveness in championing veterans services and benefits. U.S. Sen. Tim



State Sen. Linda T. "Toddy" Puller with her grandsons, Ben and Charles.

Kaine said "her primary legacy will be the incredible work she has done to support Virginia veterans. Her tireless advocacy for initiatives such as property tax exemptions for disabled veterans and Virginia's wounded warrior program will aid veterans for generations to come." She has received numerous awards for her work in the General Assembly, including the 2011 Legislator of the Year Award by the Virginia Council of State Chapters of the Military Organization of America. Highlights of her legislative accomplishments include:

- ❖ Virginia Wounded Warrior Program
- ❖ All Payer Claims Database to bring transparency in health records
- ❖ Newborn Health Screening to expand testing to identify and treat genetic disorders

causing death or serious mental disorders.

- ❖ A Constitutional Amendment to provide a tax exemption for disabled veterans
- ❖ A leading sponsor of funding legislation that secured \$2 million for the U.S. Multimodal Transit Alternatives Study which recommended extending the yellow line to Hybla Valley and bus rapid transit to Woodbridge.

She recently introduced legislation in this session of the General Assembly to assure that the \$300 million Virginia Public Building Authority Bonds that were approved will not be used for any other purpose until an appropriate state share of the funds will be allocated for the Northern Virginia Veterans Care Center project and the Hampton Roads Veterans Center project. In addition, she has been credited for being a consistent advocate for the disadvantaged in Virginia who need assistance for health care, shelter, and educational assistance.

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland said, "She has been a tireless advocate for Mount Vernon residents. Her focus on veterans, education, families, and transportation has made a difference for the better. Toddy's pragmatic, bi-partisan, grassroots approach to lawmaking made her a success not only with her constituents but also with her fellow legislators in Richmond. I wish her all the best in her retirement and look forward to her continued community service and consultation on local matters."

Sue Langley, chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, said, "Her retire-

ment is a great loss to those she represented in Fairfax County, Prince William, and Stafford County. She has been a strong supporter for critical needs in transportation, veterans benefits, and social justice issues." In addition, "she sponsored legislation to simplify absentee ballots for overseas military voters, improve benefits for the disabled, and sponsored a Virginia constitutional amendment to provide a property tax exemption for disabled veterans."

State Sen. Adam Ebbin called her "a tireless fighter for veterans and all the citizens of the Commonwealth. Her work will be a lasting legacy for the people of Mount Vernon and Prince William. She will be greatly missed in Richmond."

Del. Scott Surovell said, "Senator Puller's retirement is a significant loss for the Mount Vernon and Lee areas of Fairfax county, the Occoquan, Woodbridge, and Montclair areas of Prince William County, and North Stafford County. Her three decades of seniority, and policy experience are an irreplaceable asset for her 200,000 constituents. There is not a member of the Virginia legislature who is more focused on moving our state government to address the concerns of our veterans and their families — whether it is government services, tax exemptions or helping Virginians' recognize the long-term consequences that combat injuries have on military families. Senator Puller's decision not to seek re-election is a huge loss. She was a relentless advocate for improving U.S. route one, education, veterans benefits, and looking after the less fortunate."

With Puller's Retirement, the Race Is On

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that he is seeking the Democratic nomination for the 44th House of Delegates seat to be vacated by Surovell.

In December, Foreman said, "The time is right and the place is right for a new leader in the 36th District Senate Seat. I will work hard every day to honestly and ethically represent the 36th District Senate seat. I believe in servant leadership and I have never forgotten for one minute who I work for and where I come from. ... until we move beyond the status quo, until we eliminate the crippling partisanship of a political party, no policy breakthroughs will occur.

Foreman was elected in 2010 as town councilman; then elected in a special mayoral election in 2012, and reelected to a full four-year term in 2014.

Foreman received a bachelor's and master's degrees in aviation science and management. He received his undergraduate degree at Southern Illinois University where he has served as a professor. As a Marine Corps veteran he

climbed up through the ranks achieving the rank of major in a 25-year career (1980-2005). He currently owns a small business, Foreman Aviation Services and Technologies, and serves as an aviation consultant to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. His local appointments include membership on the Northern Virginia Regional Council, and the Northern Virginia Regional Transportation Authority. Since announcing in December he has established a campaign headquarters, filed campaign paperwork as required with the Republican headquarters in Richmond, and established a website: <http://www.gmforemansenate36va.com/>

On Jan. 18, Surovell announced in Richmond that he is seeking the Democratic nomination to run for the 36th District Senate Seat.

In his announcement he listed his accomplishments since taking office in 2009, including:

- ❖ Repealed the \$100 tax on hybrid vehicles
- ❖ Expanded mental health services at Virginia's community colleges
- ❖ Brought back over \$300 million in new

funding for Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford county schools since 2009.

- ❖ Collaborated with Senator Puller to secure \$2 million for the U.S. One Transit Analysis that recommended extending the yellow line to Hybla Valley, and bus rapid transit to Woodbridge.

His announcement listed the following campaign initiatives that he will work to accomplish if elected as state senator:

- ❖ Extend the yellow line to Hybla Valley, and install bus rapid transit to Woodbridge
- ❖ Provide every public school student a computer.
- ❖ Expand Medicaid
- ❖ Fight predatory lending on Route One
- ❖ Promote solar power and energy efficient technology
- ❖ Focus on jobs, infrastructure, and support for veterans

Surovell ended his announcement by asking for volunteers and for supporters to sign his petition. He pointed out that he is forbidden from fundraising while the General Assembly is in session. E-mail: scott@scottssurovell.org

On Jan. 19, Krizek, who described him-

self as a community activist, announced that he will campaign for the Democratic nomination to run for the 44th District House of Delegates seat. Krizek, like Surovell, is a native son of the Mount Vernon area who graduated from Groveton High School, now West Potomac High School, and earned a law degree from Catholic University. A former legislative aide to former U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, Krizek has worked for Christian Relief Services Charities as chief counsel for the past 16 years.

"Scott Surovell has been an outstanding delegate for this area and I plan to support exactly the same issues in Richmond," Krizek said. "We need to elect progressive Democrats that will fight for education, Medicaid expansion and ensure Fairfax gets its fair share in Richmond." Email: paulkrizekfordelegate@gmail.com

More candidates may emerge to contest nominations for each party. In the case of the 44th District House of Delegates seat the Mount Vernon chair of

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helped secure him an apartment. He found a job through Adopt A Soldier's placement network and is working.

"It's a long road to recovery," said Keeser, "but he's a real success story."

THE TOTAL HOMELESS POPULATION, according to the Point-in-Time studies, has dropped by about a third between 2008 and 2014. But resolving homelessness and homeless veterans remains a point of focus for the county, nonprofit service organizations and their corporate partners.

The Mayors Challenge will propel work already in progress.

"It's intended to renew our commitment to ending homelessness for veterans," said Klein, "to raise awareness and bring on new partners."

Fairfax County has a goal on the books of ending all homelessness by 2018.

"We already have a very strong effort in place," said Bulova. "When I was invited to join the Mayors Challenge, I felt pretty confident in doing that."

The county attributes its decrease in homelessness to various assisted housing initiatives and support services, collaborative efforts across faith-based communities, state, federal and local governments, and partnerships with businesses and nonprofits.

Klein cited three major areas where progress can and is being made:

- ❖ Having the right range of programs available, whether for short-term or chronically homeless individuals. "One extreme is high-needs people who need housing with very extensive services. At the other end is rapid re-housing programs," or the infrastructure capacity to quickly re-house someone who has just become homeless.

- ❖ Housing resources: Two major funding streams for helping get people into housing are the HUD-VASH rental voucher pro-



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From left: Col. Katrina Pillow with the Joint Chiefs of Staff J-4; Mary Keeser, chairman and founder of America's Adopt A Soldier; and Nardos King, principal Mount Vernon High School gather Jan. 19 to help put together care packages for deployed soldiers.

gram from the federal government and the VA's Supportive Services for Veteran Families program. "We're already putting funding towards acquiring or renovating, and subsidizing housing for people who are homeless or about to be," said Bulova.

- ❖ Putting the effort together at the community level. "In other communities where we've seen the mayor, or chairman, along with local leaders in public and private sectors, coming together to set the goals," Klein said, "their homelessness is ended."

BUT SUBSIDIZING HOUSING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL in one of Fairfax County's 24,000 one-bedroom units (\$1,408 per month average rent, based on the 2013 Rental Housing Complex Summary) alone won't win the war.

"If it was just about finding a roof, that could be easily done," said John MacPherson, executive director of The Lamb Center, a Fairfax- and faith-based nonprofit drop-in service facility for the

homeless.

"It's not that simple. You have to find the folks and in some cases coax them into that situation."

For many homeless veterans, the pride they once felt as leaders serving their country switches to shame, leading to an aversion to asking for help when they were once the strong ones providing assistance.

Mental illness and PTSD can compound or heighten that experience, making it more difficult for a veteran to accept help.

"What you'd think just seems normal, getting into housing of any kind would be a good thing," said MacPherson, "is not normal to them."

The Lamb Center has a representative from the VA visit regularly to advise guests on what services are available to them through the government. Some people come back to the center for years, MacPherson explained, before revealing they are a veteran.

"They just feel like they don't qualify," he said.

AT 21, JACOB FLORES WAS AT AN APEX: He was married, owned a house and was in charge of 12 other Marines. He currently commands the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8649 in Fairfax Station.

"I got a high in the military," said the Alexandria city resident. "I was at my prime in my life; I felt like I was in my 30s."

But a number of issues, not the least of which a divorce, brought Flores back to ground level. He left the Marine Corps and leaned on his friends, family and community for support as he changed gears.

"For a lot of us, our high was that brotherhood, all those men and women that we fought with," said Flores. "It's an elite group. You get this pride."

Flores is studying management and construction engineering at George Mason University, financed by the G.I. Bill. He also

works two jobs — one at the Dewberry architecture firm and weekends bouncing at a sports bar — to make ends meet.

But, he said, many veterans have more difficulty making the transition. One bad break turns into another, and especially for those with mental or physical disabilities as a result of their service, they can lose their support system.

"Some people miss those sections of the next step of what they should do," Flores said.

"Financial matters can become a problem, they get bogged down and don't have enough money to pay bills or rent. It becomes an avalanche."

ONE OF THE PROJECTS Keeser and others have been working on is establishing a centralized veterans training and care center. Depending on the facility they end up using, it could be residential or not, and would offer "social grounding" services including nutrition, child life experts and job-oriented education.

"It's the whole-person concept," said Keeser. "Financial management, mental-emotional-drug issues — people would leave there in a year and walk out of the classroom environment to an actual job."

Keeser said such a center would help provide guests links to VA benefits, but for funding they would need to rely on grants and partners from the business community.

"We need to stop the bleeding," she said. "Putting individuals in housing really turns someone around. And part of that moving forward is the job, the pride and the key that opens the door."

For more information or to get involved with the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Partnership on Ending Homelessness, visit the county's website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless or the Office to Prevent and End Homelessness Facebook page at www.facebook.com/fairfaxhomeless.

Lining Up for Senate and Delegate Seats

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the Republican party, Doug Jones, said he is confident that his party will field a Republican candidate to seek election to the House of Delegates seat. As for the Senate seat he felt that the Republican candidate already announced, Foreman, was "a solid candidate; experienced and well qualified." He said it was premature to predict who else, if anyone, would emerge to seek the nomination for either seat but nevertheless he was pleased with the Foreman candidacy. Jones said he will be speaking to possible Republican candidates for the delegate seat this and next week but was not willing to reveal names at this time.

The Democratic party chair for Fairfax County, Sue Langley, was pleased by the State Senate candidacy of Surovell but stopped short of endorsing him. Her position is that it was premature, and it was the Committee's primary responsibility right now to work with the other county Demo-

cratic chairs to arrive at a nominating process agreeable for all concerned. She could not say whether anyone else would emerge to seek the Senate seat nomination or the Delegate seat nomination beyond the two announced Democratic candidates. She also admitted interest in whether or not Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland will seek another term or retire; she was anticipating an announcement at his Town Hall meeting at the end of this month.

In discussing the open seats with Republican party activists it was generally viewed that the state legislative redistricting that occurred in recent years had significantly watered down and weakened the community of interest of the Mount Vernon area. For example the 30th senate district and the 36th senate district was cut up and included split precincts and such severe remapping that it served to confuse and discourage political participation.

Former State Education Board member

Chris Braunlich said, "The redistricting has left me in the Adam Ebbin State Senatorial district even though I live in the Hayfield area. The predominant part of Senator Ebbin's district is in Alexandria city and Arlington. Instead of organizing political districts to enable our political representatives to help support, unite, and strengthen communities, the political gerrymandering has served to divide communities of interest and discourage public participation in the political process. No one benefits over the long term when our political representatives allow this to continue."

Rob Hartwell, former Lee District GOP chair, and finance chair for the Republican Party of Virginia, said, "It is clear the Republican party has a lot to do if they are not fielding a full slate of candidates for open seats, but the opportunity is there given our recent electoral success in federal and state races in Virginia and nationally."

WPHS Receives Grant To Support At-Risk Students

The Virginia Department of Education awarded West Potomac High School a \$68,000 grant, to be used this school year to benefit 50 students with college and career preparation.

The "Governor's Youth Development Academy" will be comprised of freshman and sophomores who may be struggling with grades or scores on the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) tests.

A statement from West Potomac describes the programs involved in the academy as "additional services to teach students about post-secondary opportunities, how to overcome common barriers to success and a component that fosters civic engagement and financial well-being."

The school said some of those programs will include professional workshops and field trips to educational, cultural and government centers such as the U.S. Department of State.

— TIM PETERSON

Short Session, Many Priorities

Delegates, senators, community leaders reflect on issues.

BY TIM PETERSON
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With the sentencing of former Virginia governor Bob McDonnell fresh on their minds, many northern Virginia members of the delegation to the state General Assembly say ethics reform is a focal point at the session which began Jan. 14.

McDonnell was found guilty on corruption charges, of receiving gifts in return for political favors, and sentenced to serving two years in prison.

The General Assembly addressed ethics last year, including a bill more tightly regulating legislators' travel, according to Del. Mark Sickles (D-43).

"When we tackled that last year, a significant number in the General Assembly really felt that however ill-advised, the governor wouldn't be convicted," said Del. Vivian Watts (D-39). "The conviction made everyone realize it doesn't matter how Virginia laws have been on the books more on gentleman's honor than letter of the law. You can be convicted under federal standards of behavior and we need to take a very strong look at what we're doing."

CONTINUED FUNDING for transportation and social services are hopes from some of northern Virginia's civic and business leaders.

"We're blessed, as recipients of some top of the line road projects in the greater Springfield area over past 10 years," said Nancy-jo Manney, executive director of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. "Maintenance of those nice roads is key. If we don't have the infrastructure maintained, adequate to future growth, businesses won't come, and won't stay."

Holly Dougherty, executive director of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce echoed the sentiment that past transportation improvements have been well-received, but continued work such as road width consistency along U.S. Route 1 from the Beltway to the Prince William County line, as well as re-synchronizing the highway's traffic lights, is imperative. "Congestion relief will help economic development, things that give the best return to Virginia taxpayers. That will help our businesses so they're more competitive in this part of Fairfax County." Whether or not they already receive much funding from the state or county, non-profit executive directors like Meg Brantley at ECHO in Springfield will be watching the budget cuts carefully. "If they did something, cut away Medicaid, that would mean community-based organizations would need to pick up the tab for more medical programs than they do now."

Robert Petitti, executive director at Koinonia in Franconia, said another angle to watch is whether the state can earmark money for social services agencies and sidestep the county, where he believes money gets lost.

"The money that's given out typically isn't geared for non-government organizations," he said. "It could be done, it's just do the politicians have the will to do it?" "The non-profit community can't be looked upon to take the slack for providing services," said Lisa Whetzel, executive director of Our Daily Bread in Fairfax. "We're already stretched to the bone for do-

ing more with less. We need to talk about a revenue stream, a new one, but I don't know what that would be."

Top Priorities

Del. Scott Surovell (D-44)

Bills/Causes:

- ❖ Securing \$4 million in funding for the next round of work to implement the U.S. Route 1 transit study. That includes an environmental analysis and preliminary engineering for constructing the first two phases of median-dedicated bus rapid transit (BRT) from Huntington to Fort Belvoir.

- ❖ Bill that requires every school that wants to use electronic textbooks to provide every child with a computer.

- ❖ Resolution to ratify the equal rights amendment. "My mother testified in favor of it when I was in her stomach," said Surovell. "The reality is a lot of people in the GOP have concerns about giving women equal standing on everything that men have, consequences of birth control, reproductive policy, equal pay."

- ❖ Surovell will be part of a town hall meeting Feb. 14 at the Mount Vernon Government Center, along with state senators Adam Ebbin (D-30) and Toddy Puller (D-36).

Del. Mark Sickles (D-43)

Bills/Causes

- ❖ Making sure we don't cut K-12 education spending. "And and if possible, not cut higher education spending any more," said Sickles. "I hope we don't."

- ❖ Making the current pre-kindergarten program more "user-friendly," Sickles said. "Fairfax County didn't use all the slots, money allocated to us under that program. The school board had good reasons, I'm not criticising them. But we need to make it more flexible and inviting for them to take the money."

- ❖ Bill that allows terminally ill patients to consent to use pharmaceuticals that haven't been fully tested.

Sen. Linda Todd "Toddy" Puller (D-36)

Bills/Causes

- ❖ Working on bills to help veterans, including a problem docket to help veterans and people with mental health problems with specific issues.

- ❖ Supporting expanding Medicaid. "I don't know how hard that's going to be or if it will go anywhere," said Puller. "It's just ridiculous to not get more people covered by health insurance."

- ❖ Working on congressional redistricting, hoping to facilitate more diversity in the governing body.

- ❖ Puller will be part of a town hall meeting Feb. 14 at the Mount Vernon Government Center, along with state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) and Del. Scott Surovell (D-44).

Sen. George Barker (D-39)

Bills/Causes

- ❖ Bill that would allow students in all grades to retake their SOL shortly after the first exam if they don't pass. Currently this is an option for high school students only. "It helps their confidence, keeps them involved in school," said Barker. "And it's a more accurate assessment of how schools are doing."

- ❖ Working on a mental health study commission, lasting from 2014-2017, that looks broadly at the whole system. Interim reports come out at the end of 2015.

- ❖ Bill trying to get more money directed to secondary roads, especially roads that operate as primary roads but are classified as "secondary."



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BUSINESS

Cedar Knoll Inn To Reopen

Renovations need to meet zoning constraints.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

The Cedar Knoll Inn restaurant, located on the banks of the Potomac river, and a few minutes drive on the Mount Vernon Parkway from George Washington's estate, closed this past November.

However, according to Gant Redmon, attorney /advisor for the owners, it will reopen sometime this spring after a new restaurant lease is signed and renovations are completed.

According to Redmon the most recent lease-holders — since 1993 — and the Cedar Knoll property owners terminated their relationship "by mutual agreement." Redmon outlined some of the complexities that have to be dealt with before the restaurant reopens. First, a new restaurant lease has to be signed and that hasn't happened as of now although discussions are underway with several candidates. Secondly, the specifics of the renovation have to be negotiated with the county, based on the zoning constraints that the property must conform to. Namely, the zoning agreement that the Cedar Knoll property now

operates under is one of a "nonconforming use," in a residential zoned area. According to Redmon the owners are not allowed to enlarge the building, add rooms or add "wings."

Also, the second floor can only be used for office space, and not to serve food to guests. Redmon said the community may not be aware that historically at one time it was used as a "Tea Room" which, at the time, presented a dilemma for the county planners. The closest the county could come to zoning in conformance with the modern day master plan at the time was to designate it as a restaurant. But in order to gain approval, an occupancy permit and zoning had to be approved with the specific building restrictions that are still in force.

"Our current plan is that once a new restaurant operator is selected and renovation plans are agreed to, we will work closely with county officials to turn this into a beautiful facility that will serve quality food for individual diners as well as continue to offer it as a facility to host weddings, community, and business meetings, and everyone will be able to once again enjoy the unique Potomac river view," Redmon said.



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Renovations are planned for the Cedar Knoll Inn.

"We are dedicated to reopening Cedar Knoll Inn as soon as possible."

Holly Dougherty, executive director of the Mount Vernon – Lee Chamber of Commerce was delighted by the news of plans to reopen the Cedar Knoll Inn restaurant this spring. "That is very good news. Cedar Knoll Inn is such a wonderful setting for a restaurant and meeting place for the community," she said. "Everyone will benefit by its continuing as a restaurant and place for community and business groups to meet, and a place to celebrate important events."

History of Cedar Knoll Inn

In 1752, George Washington became the sole owner of Mount Vernon Plantation. He acquired five farms including River Farm which is where Cedar Knoll Inn is located. The original farm house which is Cedar Knoll today was constructed in the early 1800s as a tenant farm house for the 115.34 acre plantation called Markland on the Potomac. Later, Pauline Walsh became the first owner to use the building for commercial purposes. She extensively remodeled the building into an antique shop called Mount Vernon View Antique Shop.



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Official Opening

The ribbon was cut on Jan. 14 to open the new Planet Fitness in Huntington, located at 5960 Richmond Highway. Owner Kevin Fagan and his wife Elizabeth Fagan cut the ribbon with special guest David Brown a finalist from "The Biggest Loser." The ceremony was hosted by Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce.

New Office

Liberty Tax Service opened a new location at 6301A Richmond Highway on Jan. 7. The ribbon-cutting ceremony included owners Alicia and Daryl Pryor in the center, Chamber vice president George Ksenics, Belvoir FCU, right; and Edythe Keller, SFDC, left, along with Liberty Tax Service employees. The office is open from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. during tax season.



Business Breakfast

The Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce January Business Breakfast featured presentations on development throughout Fairfax County with a special emphasis on the greater Richmond Highway corridor. Curtis Hoffman, real estate manager for Fairfax County EDA, and Edythe Keller, executive director of SFDC, spoke and showed slides of recent development and projects in the development pipeline. At the chamber business breakfast, back row, Sean O'Connell, PBMAres, Chamber President; Supervisor Jeff McKay; Curtis Hoffman, FCEDA, front row, Edythe Kelleher, SFDC; Ashley McNeff, USHII, Chamber chair; and George Ksenics, Belvoir FCU, Chamber vice president.





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Clifford Visits Mount Vernon Woods

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Reading Is FUNDamental of Northern Virginia, Inc. and the Macy's Be Book Smart program collaborated to make this book party possible.

A former Mount Vernon Woods student, Joshua Richards, donned the Clifford costume, knowing just the right moves to make the beloved dog real as his father had played this role when he was a child. He visited each classroom, stirring up excitement for reading and responding to hugs and high fives.

Later, classes visited the library which was festooned with holiday decorations. RIF books, funded by the Macy's Be Book Smart program, covered the tables. Each child selected a book, not to borrow but to "keep forever," as librarian Brooke Williams explained to the students. She



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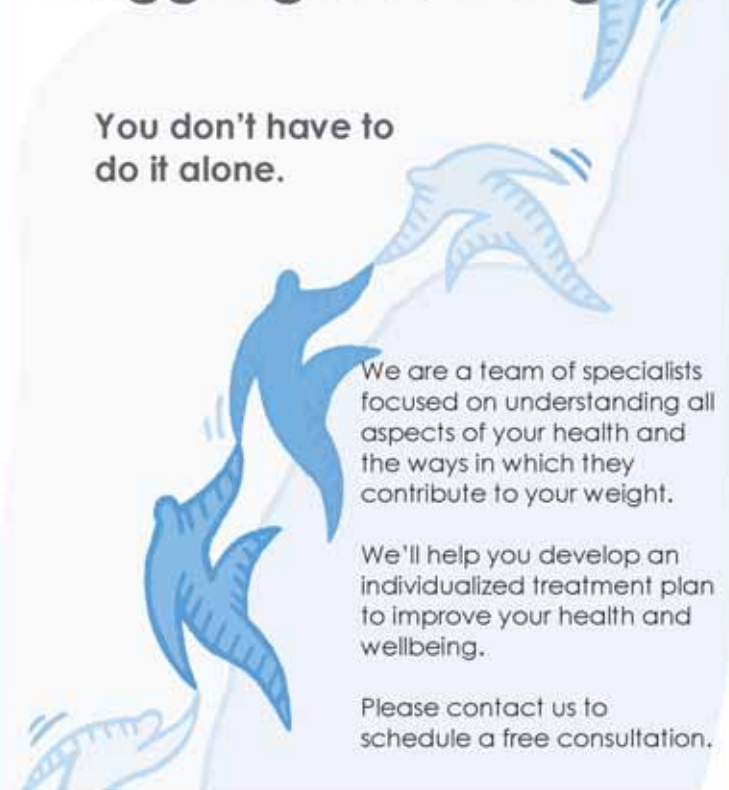
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Students master their learning style to beat challenges.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Students who have learning and financial challenges often also face challenges getting into and attending college.

However, educators say these challenges are not insurmountable, and some have developed techniques to help these students compete with their more advantaged counterparts.

Commonwealth Academy in Alexandria meets the needs of students who benefit from individual attention and small class sizes, as well as students who have been diagnosed with learning disabilities. Students are taught to understand their learning styles and develop strategies to succeed in the classroom and on standardized tests.

Children with certain challenges are often misunderstood, said Cathy Feehan, director of marketing. "We take kids with an average-to superior-IQ who have been called stupid in other learning environments.

"Some of our children are not linear thinkers," she said. "For example, students want to write a story, but they want to start in the middle. We have [computer] software that will help them graphically organize their thoughts."

The school mimics the college experience to prepare students, said Feehan. "We build in time to teach executive functioning skills. By the time they leave us, they have the organizational skills to succeed in college."

Students change classes without the sounding of bells. The school halls are carpeted and the atmosphere is quiet and serene.

This atmosphere combines with organizational and other help to give students a learning environment that works for them.

"It's really hard for me to stay organized," said Gabby, a student at Commonwealth. "I could never find anything. My notes would be all over the place. More than just organization, I could never get my thoughts together."

The school provides a nontraditional way of preparing for college. "Our kids take college-prep classes like physics and chemistry," said Feehan. "We help them write their essays. We separate English literature from writing. When they leave, they not only know about different genres, but also different types of writing and how to do research.

"Our kids have to understand character development, plot, and setting. The difference is that many school ask students to read five books in an English class. Do you need to read five books to understand character development in literature? Not as long as they understand the concept."

The school also focuses on SAT and ACT preparation, something many students can find challenging. There are other options to get ready for these tests as well.

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OPINION

Baby Steps, Not Enough

Supervisors should take action, not defer to “outside expert,” on absurd and outrageous behavior of police department.

Finally, now that the Fairfax County Police Department has taken stonewalling into the arena of the absurd, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has at least said it is time for change. It is a step, but a step that continues the appearance of obfuscation if not outright obstruction.

John Geer of Springfield was shot dead inside the doorway of his own home in Springfield on Aug. 29, 2013. Following an argument with his longtime partner, police arrived at Geer's home and spoke with him for more than half an hour while he stood in his doorway, unarmed, with his hands raised and resting on the frame. As he began to lower his hands, by all accounts still at shoulder level, he was shot in the chest and died in his house without receiving medical attention.

It took more than 16 months, a \$12 million civil suit by Geer's family and a court order to get the first tiny bit of information on the shooting, which came earlier this month. Police named the police officer who fired the shot that killed John Geer.

The short written statement by Police Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr. included some very troubling references that appear to blame the

shooting on the fact that Geer was a known gun owner. At least 35 percent of Virginia residents are gun owners; are they all more vulnerable if for some reason police are called to their homes?

Now Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova has asked the County Executive to locate “independent expertise in the field of police department operations and, specifically, in the area of policies and procedures with respect to information disclosures in the case of police-involved shootings.”

EDITORIAL

We agree with Supervisor Pat Herrity, who says: “As elected officials it is our job to make policy, not hire an ‘outside expert’ to do our job for us. ... We currently have the resources of a professional staff at our disposal.” Herrity also notes that the proposal does not contain a provision for public input, and that many county residents have researched this topic and qualify as experts.

A few minutes of research shows, for example, that the National Association of Police Chiefs, for example, has extensive documentation about best practices in a variety of police shooting incidents. (Naming the officer involved after 48 hours is among the recom-

mendations.)

The problem goes beyond Fairfax County, and beyond police shootings.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in 1968, states that all public records “shall be presumed open.” But the legislation includes an exemption that allows police to withhold “complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements and evidence.”

Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria have adopted what they call a “blanket” approach to using their exemption.

That means they have decided to withhold any document they can without any analysis of whether they should, whether the case is open or closed, whether they are about a “police-involved shooting” or information requested by a family about a homicide victim, or even about routine police activity in a neighborhood. Not even defense attorneys or victims of crimes can gain access to actual police reports.

This is about lack of accountability and denying the public access to information that must be made public.

Leaders of police departments here are engaged in serious and significant abuse of power. It's time for elected officials to represent the public and impose change on those who would hide behind a culture of secrecy.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS

Opt Out of Spraying Program

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the Jan. 8 commentary by Paul Phelps in the Mount Vernon Gazette about Fairfax County's Fall Cankerworm Insecticide Program.

Mr. Phelps alleges that Fall Cankerworm defoliation leads to tree mortality, without providing any evidence. The research he references appears to be on the non-native Gypsy Moth, a very different species from the native Fall Cankerworm. Mr. Phelps' comment that “birds can safely eat the dead caterpillars” is also highly misleading, because in spring (when the spraying actually takes place), many birds need to find enough live caterpillars to feed their nestlings or fuel their northward migration. Our local wildlife is already under great pressure for many reasons; the removal of this important food source adds to the stresses that many species face in their struggle for survival.

We know well many of the things that are killing trees in Fairfax County — land clearing and new roads, non-native forest pests, invasive plant species, and unnaturally high deer populations, among others. But we have no evidence that Fall Cankerworms are actually killing our local trees. Fairfax County staff have not provided any evidence that Fall Cankerworm defoliation leads to tree mortality in the

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Furthering Good Governance

BY ADAM EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)

On Wednesday, Jan. 14, the Virginia General Assembly's 2015 45-day legislative session began and Gov. Terry McAuliffe presented his second State of the Commonwealth address that focused on building a new Virginia economy and creating a more stronger business climate by funding workforce programs, increasing veterans training programs and making Virginia a welcoming state for all. Before the session even began, over 2,100 bills had already been submitted for consideration, with more to come. We will also be making adjustments to the second year of the biennial budget.

COMMENTARY

I have submitted 23 pieces of legislation seeking to improve the lives of Northern Virginians. My legislative agenda covers a range of issues, from tightening ethics restrictions to restore trust in government, to expanding voting access for students, and from combating human trafficking to encouraging innovation in our local workforce training programs.

In the interest of good governance, I have introduced a constitutional amendment to allow a Governor to serve for two consecutive terms. This commonsense solution would empower Virginians to hold our Chief Executive accountable during any reelection effort as well as allow them to retain the Governor should



they so choose. Virginia is the only state in the country that prohibits consecutive terms. As a point of comparison, the Commonwealth's government employs more people than Microsoft. Yet we would never expect a Fortune 500 company to fire their CEO every 4 years without regard to his or her performance. This is also an important way that we can ensure stability and continuity for efficiencies in governing and long term budget planning.

Please join my colleagues and me at a legislative town hall meeting this winter:

❖ Jan. 24, 10 - 11:30 a.m., at the Kingstowne Thompson Center (6090 Kingstowne Village Parkway) with Senators George Barker and Toddy Puller, Del. Mark Sickles and Supervisor Jeff McKay.

❖ Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m. – noon, at the Mount Vernon Government Center (2511 Parkers Lane) with Sen. Toddy Puller and Del. Scott Surovell.

Please share your thoughts on legislation and other state-related matters with me by taking my online survey at www.AdamEbbin.com/Survey. You can also email me at district30@senate.virginia.gov. I am also active on Twitter @AdamEbbin and Facebook at www.facebook.com/EbbinCampaign. You can sign up for my weekly email updates at www.AdamEbbin.com.

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OPINION

A Tribute to Toddy

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)



Normally, when the General Assembly is in session, I write about the bills we are considering and my legislative projects, but the big news in Northern Virginia and in Richmond last week was the announced retirement of one of our lions – State Sen. Linda T. Puller, whom we all fondly know as Toddy.

Back in 1991, at the beginning of my junior year at James Madison University, my mother called me to make sure I had mailed in my absentee ballot application and that I had voted for Toddy Puller who was running for state delegate. My first thought was, “Isn’t that Maggie’s mom?” Toddy’s daughter, Maggie, was in my class at West Potomac High School and it turned out that, in fact, Toddy was Maggie’s mother. What an amazing political career she’s had since then.

Toddy has now represented me as a delegate or senator for more than half of my life – 23 years. She was the first modern Democrat to win the 44th delegate district and I have had a “front seat” to her dedicated public service all of my adult life.

Her public career has been dedicated to im-

proving the quality of life for the U.S. 1 Corridor in Fairfax and Prince William counties. Because of her legislation, the first U.S. 1 Centerline Study was begun in 1998 and the \$2 million U.S. 1 Multimodal Study would not have been funded or concluded in

2014 without the seniority and wisdom she brought to the process. Tens of millions of dollars are currently being directed to enhancing transportation in Fairfax and Prince William counties due to her three generations of leadership.

Growing up as a “military brat,” as the incredibly dedicated wife of a disabled Vietnam veteran and as the daughter-in-law of the most-decorated Marine in the history of the U.S. Marine Corps, Lt. Gen. “Chesty” Puller, Toddy has been by far the most focused member of the Virginia legislature to move our state government to address the concerns of our nation’s veterans and their families. Whether it is government services, tax exemptions or helping Virginians’ address the long-term consequences that combat injuries have on military families, Senator Puller has lived her public life on the frontlines fighting for resources for our community and the larger community.

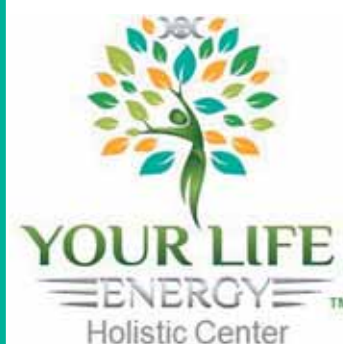
Like her predecessor in the 36th Senate district, Joe Gartlan, Toddy stood up for the voiceless as the chairwoman of the Senate Health and Rehabilitation Committee, led the way to find innovation and efficiency in our healthcare system and helped lay the groundwork for decades of savings.

Senator Puller’s retirement is a significant loss for the Mount Vernon and Lee areas of Fairfax County, the Occoquan, Woodbridge and Montclair areas of Prince William County and Northern Stafford County. Her three decades of seniority and policy experience are an irreplaceable asset for the 200,000 Fairfax, Stafford and Prince William County people that she has worked for so hard.

I look forward to continuing to work with Senator Puller as she continues to focus on developing the Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic at the William and Mary Law School and know she will enjoy time with Lewis, Jr., Maggie and her grandchildren. Senator Puller has changed the lives of and been an inspiration to thousands of Virginians.

It has been an honor to serve with her and she will be difficult to replace.

If you’d like to share your views and suggestions, please email me at scott@scottsurovell.org or DelSSurovell@house.virginia.gov and you can reach my office at 804-698-1044.



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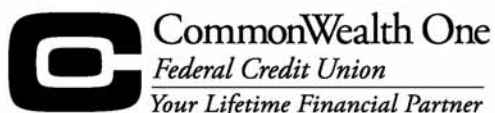
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OPINION

Church Members Lobby for Stronger Gun Laws

Twenty one members and friends of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church travelled to Richmond Monday, Jan. 19, to join others lobbying for stronger state gun laws.

The group attended a vigil for victims of gun violence with hundreds of others on the Capitol lawn where they were addressed by Attorney General Mark Herring, Secretary of Public Safety Brian Moran, and Delegates Marcus Simon, Alfonso Lopez, and Kathleen Murphy. Faith leaders from around Virginia also spoke and youth offered quotes from Martin Luther King, Jr.

Church members met with local Delegates Scott Surovell and Rob Krupicka and Senators Toddy Puller and Adam Ebbin as well as House and Senate members of

committees dealing with public safety issues. The group shared Mount Vernon Unitarian Church's "statement of conscience on gun violence" passed by the congregation in 2013. The church advocates for measures that prevent the indiscriminate purchase of firearms for the use of violence against people who live in the United States; provide safe havens for people to report threatening behavior; provide federal funding to study the causes of gun violence; and support universal background checks for purchase of firearms.

Members of Mount Vernon Unitarian Church went to Richmond to lobby for stronger gun laws on Monday, Jan. 19.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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county; they do not even monitor tree mortality. Nor have they shown that the spraying program is improving the health of our forests and woodlands, or that it is a smart use of county taxpayer funds. With no scientific evidence and no measure of effectiveness based on the stated purpose of the program, the county has not met its burden of proof to justify continuing this costly program.

It is high time for Fairfax County to cease its misguided and expensive insecticide spraying program against the Fall Cankerworm, which is doing more harm than good to our local parks and wooded areas. Until then, Fairfax County Park managers and homeowners can best conserve their trees and wildlife by specifically opting out of the spraying program.

George C. Ledec, Ph.D.
Alexandria

Opposition To Appointment

To the Editor:

In November 2013, Supervisor Hyland decided to reappoint an incumbent to their seat on the county's Wetlands Board, a board that takes decisions concerning whether to permit development, by taxpayers, of their environmentally sensitive lands adjacent county streams, creeks and rivers. A number of people wrote Supervisor Hyland to express their opposition to this reappointment, including some writing him months earlier. Over the ensuing months, the documentary evidence opposing reappointment became a taller and taller pile, and month after month, Supervisor Hyland deferred the Board of Supervisors decision on this important issue, while refraining from addressing the serious concerns of opponents of reappointment.

In December, after 13 deferrals of the decision, perhaps an all-time record, Brett Kenney, the supervisor's chief aide, stated that the supervisor intends to finally decide, for the board's Jan. 27, 2015 meeting, whether or not he will reappoint the incumbent.

Supervisor Hyland indicated that he is seriously considering the incumbent's activism in the local Democratic Party as an important criterion in the decision-making process. It has been suggested to him that the political views of the incumbent, regardless of those views, should have no bearing on a decision concerning appointment to a board taking decisions directly affecting the private property rights of taxpayers. A Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) request of the supervisor's office revealed not a single letter in support of reappointment of the incumbent. Not one.

On several occasions over the past year, I have been asked by Supervisor Hyland's office to attend a meeting with only Supervisor Hyland and the incumbent in attendance to discuss the issues involved. I have repeatedly declined this invitation, explaining that (1) excluding other opponents from the meeting is inappropriate, and (2) it is unseemly to require me to "litigate" the issues in Supervisor Hyland's office, to debate the incumbent where the facts are so clear and documented. I consulted with another supervisor, a Democrat, and they concurred with me that the suggestion of such a meeting is unseemly.

Refraining from reappointing the incumbent would not leave the position vacant. The incumbent could be replaced by a current alternate to the board. The alternate is a skilled environmentalist by education and by work experience as a senior official of the EPA. She would instantly become the most qualified person on that board.

The self-proclaimed "Leader Who Listens" isn't listening, and inexplicably isn't communicating. Opponents of reappointment

have consistently sought to convince Supervisor Hyland to withdraw the incumbent's name from consideration in private communications to his office, only resorting to public pronouncements and communications to the Board of Supervisors as a whole as a last resort when Supervisor Hyland did not respond to communications. He has never responded in writing to any opponent to address their concerns. Not once.

Given the lengthy delay in decision making, the overwhelming evidence opposing reappointment and Supervisor Hyland's refusal to communicate with opponents, opponents of reappointment have created a website where all the evidence can be reviewed at one location. The website is at www.NoGerry.com. I suggest interested community members visit the website and educate themselves on the issues. Supervisor Hyland has the right to reappoint the incumbent. His constituents should question his judgment if he does so. On Jan. 15, 2015, I wrote Supervisor Hyland's office to inform him of the website and asked him to reveal his decision concerning this appointment. As of Jan. 20, I have received no reply.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

County Treats Mount Vernon Differently

To the Editor:

It is odd that Mr. H. Jay Spiegel ["Squandered Opportunity," Mount Vernon Gazette, Jan. 15] refers to a community trying to seek proffers from a developer as a shake down given that many Mount Vernon communities have benefited by obtaining community infrastructure needs through proffers. We sought traffic-taming controls, ad-

equated screening and some sidewalk extensions into the community as we considered and discussed proffers. Why shouldn't Spring Bank negotiate for such proffers like everyone else?

Asking the developer to comply with the language of the comprehensive plan calling for a mixed use development with a ratio of 60 percent residential and 40 percent retail/office combined was not treating the developer as a candy store. That sticking point was the focus of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) then under the leadership of President Rick Neel and Executive Director Becky Witsman and the Fairfax County planning staff. When Spring Bank voted not to oppose the development, the ratio agreed to was 67 percent residential and 33 percent retail/office. SFDC was still advising Spring Bank to hold out for the comprehensive plan ratios of 60/40. Spring Bank compromised with the developer and voted not to oppose.

Mr. Spiegel lists what he says were significant concessions made by the developer after two years of negotiations. The first three are not concessions. State law provides that revisions to the Comprehensive Plan and rezoning applications need not be made/granted when the public facilities are inadequate. Also, when such is the case, local government has the authority to insist the developer address such inadequacies. Fairfax County required the combination of road, utility and storm water upgrades if they were to get their rezoning application approved.

Items four and five are one in the same and not concessions. The comprehensive plan called for the consolidation of the Fairchild property into the project for the purpose of transferring the development rights from that land parcel to the land fronting Richmond Highway in order to increase the floor to area ratio (FAR) permitting greater density on the project site. The

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ENTERTAINMENT

LTA Presents 'The Game's Afoot'

A hybrid of an Agatha Christie murder mystery and a Ken Ludwig modern farce.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is presenting the witty and fast-paced "The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays," Jan. 17 through Feb. 7.

Directed by Frank Pasqualino and produced by Rachel Alberts and Bobbie Herbst, this whodunit play takes you back to 1936 and the Connecticut mansion of William Gillette, the actor known for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes. Add in a blizzard and a house full of guests and murder can't be far behind.

Director Pasqualino said the play is a cross between Agatha Christie, the queen of the murder mystery, and Ken Ludwig, the crown prince of modern farce. "Put them together and you have 'The Game's Afoot,'" he said.

"It's always a good sign, when I'm presented with a comedy to direct, that I laugh out loud on the first reading," he said. "'The Game's Afoot' offered me that pleasure. It's a fun piece of whodunit nonsense, peopled by some of our favorite kinds or characters: theater folks behaving badly. There are inflated egos, grand gestures, melodramatic moments of wounded pride, boundless bitchiness and great camaraderie."

Pasqualino said "'The Game's Afoot' manages to be a loving embrace of the Agatha Christie formula of murder mystery — a

group of people isolated by weather, or on a train or ship or plane (in this case, it's a snowstorm) — combined with the farcical escapades for which Ludwig is famous. An inspector calls, and the false confessions, red herrings, and ... well, I'm not going to ruin it for you."

John Henderson plays the role of William Gillette, who was a famous actor and playwright in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The playwright Ken Ludwig created a fictional story using as background some facts about Gillette — that he wrote a Sherlock Holmes play with the blessing of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and starred in it for several decades, and that he became wealthy and designed a castle for himself in Connecticut reflecting many of his eccentricities.

He said Ludwig has altered a few of the details from Gillette's life for his suspenseful, comic and farcical play. He added the short Sherlock Holmes play-within-a-play that we see in Ludwig's play is a broad take-off from Gillette's play, rather than an actual scene from it.

He said the characters are forced to respond quickly to a series of rapid unexpected developments in the plot, sometimes continuing to perform them theatrically, and sometimes behaving very differently from their theatrical personas.

"So one of the major challenges for all of



PHOTO BY MATT LIPTAK

The full cast of The Little Theatre of Alexandria's production of "The Game's Afoot." Front row (L to R): Aggie Wheeler (Maureen R. Goldman), Daria Chase (Melissa Dunlap), Martha Gillette (Patricia Spencer Smith), and Madge Geisel (Pam Kasenetz). Back row (L to R): Simon Bright (Joe Quinn), William Gillette (John Henderson), Inspector Harriet Goring (Michelle Fletcher), and Felix Geisel (Chuck Leonard).

us in the cast is to take our very theatrical characters through all these onstage and off-stage transitions," he said. "Also, given the fast pace of the story, and the sometimes strenuous physical actions that the characters must perform during the play, this piece challenges all of us in the cast to maintain a very high level of energy and focus throughout the show."

Patricia Spencer Smith plays Martha Gillette, William's mother who is sometimes impatient with her son's behavior and fiercely protective of him. "She delights in the theatrical, and might not always be what she seems to be," she said.

Chuck Leonard plays Felix Geisel, the character he was most drawn to when he saw "The Game's Afoot" at The Kennedy Center a few years ago. "Felix offers a great range to an actor — at different times sin-

cere, shallow, jealous, loving, witty, foolish, and highly stressed," he said. "Throughout, Felix reacts largely, perhaps letting his 'ham' actor qualities overshadow wisdom."

Maureen R. Goldman plays Aggie Wheeler, a woman who is excited about life and has an exuberance that is infectious, but at the same time she really wants to be loved. "Finding the qualities that make her real and flawed are the most fun to play because they make her relatable to the audience and make her story that much more compelling," she said.

The Little Theater of Alexandria presents "The Game's Afoot" through Feb. 7. Tickets \$19-\$22. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. The theater is located at 600 Wolfe St. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

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

Tavern Toddlers. Weekly open playtime continues every Monday. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum, North Royal Street, Alexandria. Caregivers, toddlers (walkers through 3 years) and visiting relatives are welcome to play, read, dance and color in the historic ballroom. No reservations required. Each week costs \$7 for a group of three, which must include one adult, and additional people are \$3. A three-visit pass costs \$18. On Monday, Feb. 16 Tavern Toddlers will be closed due to President's Day. www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-746-4242.

"The Space Between." Through Feb. 2 at the Multiple Exposures Gallery, The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St., Studio 312. Photographer Janet Matthews presents a portfolio of new work in this solo exhibit at the Multiple

Exposures Gallery, looking beyond the literal representation of objects to explore their edges and the space that surrounds them. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com or call 703-683-2205 for more.

Signature Tour. 2 p.m. or various other availability. Through Thursday, Feb. 12 at Mount Vernon Mansion, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. During a guided exploration tour of the Mansion, visit areas not normally open to guests, including the basement and the third floor where Martha Washington retired after the death of her husband in 1799. \$5/per person in addition to general admission. Hours vary. Visit mountvernon.org for more.

"Beyond the Board" Art Exhibit. Through Feb. 22. Prudential PenFed Realty, 4900 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Del Ray Artisans' presents "Beyond the Board." A portion of artists' sales go to the PenFed Foundation, supporting active military families, veterans and their families. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org/shows/gww/ 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

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Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month,

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THURSDAY/JAN. 8-FEB. 22

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THURSDAY/JAN. 22

"When the United States Spoke French." 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Ave., Alexandria. The Alexandria-Caen Sister City Committee presents François Furstenberg, Professor of History, Johns Hopkins University, who will speak about his book. Book Signing with wine and dessert reception to follow. RSVP online at <http://when-the-united-states-spoke-french.eventbrite.com>. Free admission. Contact Julia Sylla at julia.sylla@georgetown.edu or 202-203-0177.

The Nocturnals Concert. 8 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Contemporary a cappella music performed by recent graduates from the University of Virginia, Virginia Tech, and Wheaton College. \$15 admission. Call 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

THURSDAY/JAN. 22

"Bessie's Blues." Through March 15 at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St.,

FOOD & DRINK

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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.

Alexandria. "Bessie's Blues," features Bernardine Mitchell, Roz White, TC Carson and a cast of actors and musicians who will tell the story of Bessie Smith through a musical odyssey of the blues. Performances are Wednesday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 3 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 and 7 p.m. \$55-60. Visit metrostage.org or call 800-494-8497.

FRIDAY/JAN. 23

Junior Brown. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets \$25. Visit birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Beer Dinner at the Mount Vernon Inn. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Learn how beer was brewed and enjoyed in early America at this event co-hosted by Old Ox Brewing Company. Guests will enjoy a reception, beer tasting and a four-course menu paired with specialty beers by the Mount Vernon Inn with commentary by staff. Old Ox Brewing Company is a family owned and operated commercial brewery located in Loudoun County. \$100 per person (includes tax & gratuity). Visit www.mountvernon.org/inn for more.

SATURDAY/JAN. 24

Tea with Martha Washington. 2-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Listen to Martha Washington's stories about life at Mount Vernon while enjoying a selection of lite fare prepared by the Mount Vernon Inn.

Following tea, enjoy a self-guided exploration of the estate and decorative arts found in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center. \$30 for adults, \$20 for youth (12 and under), includes tea, lite fare, and general estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

Annual Lee Birthday Celebration. 4 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St., Alexandria. Annual observance of the birthdays of Henry "Light Horse Harry" Lee and Robert E. Lee. Ranger Matthew Penrod of Arlington House National Historic Site will speak on continuing restoration efforts at Confederate General Robert E. Lee's family for 20 years. \$5 per person in advance or \$7 at the door. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JAN. 24-25

The Taste & Style of George Washington. 2 p.m. Mount Vernon's first fine arts tour offers guests the chance to appreciate a lesser known quality of George Washington - his keen eye. This tour, which includes the mansion as well as the museum, explores Washington's tastes and his selection of decorative fine arts for his home. This tour is included in admission, visitors must register for a tour ticket online or at the ticket window. Limited capacity. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

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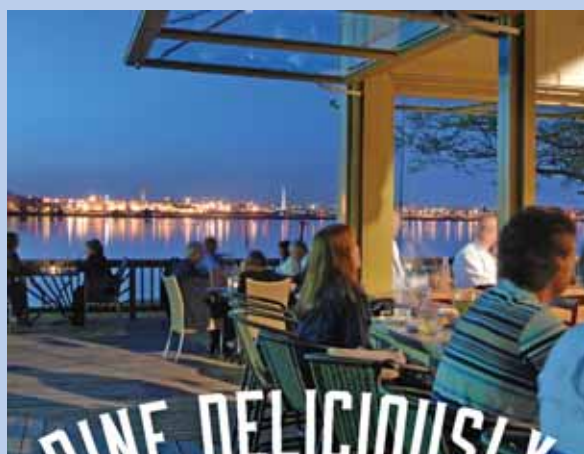
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ENTERTAINMENT

FROM PAGE 15

SUNDAY/JAN. 25

“Romantic MasterWorks.” 3 p.m. at

Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Lane, Alexandria. Current concertmaster of the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and AYPO alumnus, Alexander Kerr, will perform the Barber Violin Concerto and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6. with the American Youth Philharmonic. Adults, \$20; seniors and students, \$10 at the door or online. Call 703-642-8053 or visit www.aypo.org for more.

Presidential Salon. 3-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Join President James Madison, as presented by John Douglas Hall, to discuss the recent Battle of New Orleans and the arrival of the Treaty of Ghent in the context of his own time, and be a witness to the events of the year of 1815. Reservations are recommended. \$15 per person, \$10 for high school/college students. Madeira, Port and other libations will be available for purchase. To purchase tickets, visit shop.alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-4242.

Jeffrey Osborne. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets \$69.50. Visit birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

TUESDAY/JAN. 27

New Exhibit. 12:35 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Meet the curator of The Lyceum's new exhibit, Explore the Attic, and learn how an exhibit goes from concept to

script to objects on display. Call 703-746-4242 or visit shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 28

Swing Dance. 9-11pm, at Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria. \$10. Since forming in 2009, the Andy Poxon Band has played at various venues and festivals up and down the east coast. The band plays a variety of originals and covers, mixing elements of blues, soul and country. For more information on swing dance classes, dances, and special events, call 703-359-9882 or visit www.gottaswing.com.

SATURDAY/JAN. 31

Tea with Martha Washington. 2-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. Listen to Martha Washington's stories about life at Mount Vernon while enjoying a selection of lite fare prepared by the Mount Vernon Inn. Following tea, enjoy a self-guided exploration of the estate and decorative arts found in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center. \$30 for adults, \$20 for youth (12 and under), includes tea, lite fare, and general estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

FRIDAY/JAN. 31-SATURDAY/FEB. 1

The Taste & Style of George Washington. 2 p.m. Mount Vernon's first fine arts tour offers guests the chance to appreciate a lesser known quality of George Washington – his keen eye. This tour, which includes the mansion as well as the museum, explores

Washington's tastes and his selection of decorative fine arts for his home. This tour is included in admission, visitors must register for a tour ticket online or at the ticket window. Limited capacity. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

SUNDAY/FEB. 1

Philharmonic Performance. 3 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic welcomes pianist Thomas Pandolfi along with trombonist Brian Bourne as featured musicians for their February performances of Franz Liszt's Les Preludes, Brahms' Piano Concerto and the world premiere of Sparkling Dialogue for trombone and strings. Adults, \$20; 18 and younger, free. Visit www.wmpamusic.org or call 703-799-8229.

MONDAY/FEB. 2

History Lecture. 7 p.m. at the Athanaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. As Saint Valentine's Day approaches come learn about love, lust, and magic in the ancient world from Egyptian love poems to the origins of our Valentine's Day in the Roman Empire. Adult content: not appropriate for children. Free. Visit nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

MONDAY/FEB. 5

Larry Calvert Cookie Class. 6-8 p.m. at the Athanaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Join cookie artisan Larry Calvert as he makes hand-decorated sugar cookies. Six different cookies per student will be supplied for creating and taking home. This class

Plan B: Gallery Show



#811 by Tory Cowles

Potomac artist Tory Cowles, who is also an artist in residence at Alexandria's Torpedo Factory, has work on display at Washington, D.C.'s Gallery plan b. Other artists with work appearing with Cowles' include Aster da Fonseca, Gary Fisher, Rod Glover, Anne Manley and Sook Young Lee. The show runs through Sunday, Feb. 8, Wednesday-Saturday, noon-7 p.m. and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Gallery plan b is located at 1530 14th St. NW. Call 202-234-2711 for more.

is hands-on training with all supplies included. \$45. Visit nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

FRIDAY/FEB. 6

“Elements” Art Exhibit Opening Reception. 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Gallery hours are Thursdays 12-6 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays 12-9 p.m.; Sundays 12-6 p.m. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

SATURDAY/FEB. 7

Coin Show. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Springfield American Legion Post 176, 6520 Amherst Ave., Springfield. The coin show features 50 tables with a variety of coins, currency and numismatic collectables. Prizes to the first 500 visitors. An instruction

period is included for those new to collecting. Additionally, there is a raffle for Gold & Silver coins. Visit www.alexandriacoinclub.com or email boots.barnes1@verizon.net.

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The Beverly Hillbillies. 7:30 p.m. at MVCCT, Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. After accidentally striking it rich with oil, watch the whole Clampett family find their way in this new land inhabited by movie stars and the fabulously wealthy. \$12. Purchase tickets at www.mvccct.org.



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SPORTS

Senior Guard Hill, Rebounding Propel Titans in Second Half

TC beats West Potomac to improve to 5-1 in Conference 7.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

During the first half of Tuesday's game against West Potomac, a member of the T.C. Williams cheerleading team periodically implored the Titans to crash the boards, shouting "rebound!" from her position near the baseline.

At halftime, T.C. Williams head coach Bryan Hill talked to his team about "effort and doing the right things," including the Titans' need to hit the glass.

Whether members of the T.C. Williams boys' basketball team listened to their coach or a fellow student on the cheer squad, the Titans played the second half as if they heard the message loud and clear.

The Titans out-rebounded the Wolverines in the second half and turned a three-point halftime lead into a 64-52 victory at T.C. Williams High School. The Titans held a 20-17 second-half rebounding advantage, including nine offensive boards.

"In the first half, [Coach Hill] told our guards we have to help the bigs rebound more," T.C. Williams senior guard Andrew Hill said. "Once that happened, once we started to rebound, that's when we started getting more breaks and more opportunities at the basket."

The victory improved T.C. Williams' record to 8-4, including 5-1 in Conference 7. The Titans have won seven in a row after starting the season 1-4.

SPORTS BRIEFS

West Potomac Softball Clinic

West Potomac will host a winter softball clinic in the main gym at West Potomac High School.

Session 1, for grades 2-6, will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 25 and Feb. 1.

Session 2, for grades 7 and up, will be held from 6-8:45 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31 and Feb. 7.

The clinic is designed to prepare softball players for upcoming seasons, with an emphasis on fielding, hitting, base-running, pitching and catching.

Cost is \$100 in advance or \$125 at the door. Single sessions can be attended for \$40. Each camper receives a clinic T-shirt.

Contact West Potomac head coach Craig Maniglia at 703-360-3545 or 703-283-7608, or assistant coach Lee Harrington at 703-765-2080 for more information.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE



West Potomac head coach David Houston III and the Wolverines fell short against T.C. Williams on Tuesday.

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— T.C. Williams senior Andrew Hill

West Potomac didn't make things easy, however. The Wolverines out-rebounded the Titans 17-12 in the first half and limited Andrew Hill, one of T.C. Williams' top scoring threats, to four points during the first 21 minutes of the contest. Sophomore guard Khalil Williams Diggins' transition bucket gave the Wolverines a 17-16 lead with 6:20 left in the second quarter and West Potomac entered halftime trailing 30-27.

The second half was a different story as T.C. Williams led by as many as 15 points, aided by a nine-point outburst by Hill near the end of the third quarter.

"It was just a matter of us playing with a bit more energy and intelligence," Coach Hill said of the Titans' second-half performance. "We have a stretch ahead of us, with this being the initial game, that is very important to us. We're trying to win as efficiently as possible, with the least amount of effort, and that takes basketball IQ and intelligence to do it. We're a work in progress and we're attempting to improve in every game and myself and my coaching staff are trying to make every aspect of the game a teaching moment to raise their basketball IQs in order to play basketball efficiently."

The Titans led 39-33 late in the third quarter when Andrew Hill started to take over. After being held to just four points through 21 minutes, No. 1 knocked down a 3-pointer with 2:42 left in the period, and then converted a pair of three-point plays to extend the Titans' lead to 48-33.

Hill, who sat out of the Titans' Jan. 16

win over Lee for a violation of team rules, finished with a game-high 19 points, including a floater that gave T.C. Williams a 56-44 advantage with five minutes left.

"It was my teammates driving and kicking," Hill said, "and getting me an open shot."

After the game, Coach Hill recognized his guard's offensive outburst late in the third quarter, but also offered the senior a reminder to be humble.

"Last week, Mr. Hill didn't play because he committed an infraction against a team rule and we were able to be successful without him, which is the sign of a good team," Coach Hill said. "We were able to gain a certain level of confidence without [Hill]. He knows our success doesn't hinge on his effectiveness, but obviously he was able to turn it up in that stretch ... and it enabled us to extend the lead and we were able to ice the game away."

Tavaris James and Jordan Jones also reached double figures for T.C. Williams, each finishing with 11 points.

James, Jones, Hill and Tyrese Randall each grabbed six rebounds for the Titans.

West Potomac junior forward Jamie Sara finished with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Senior guard Chris Cheng knocked down four 3-pointers, scored 15 points and grabbed six boards.

"I thought the looks [Cheng] got in the first half weren't open, I thought he just made them," West Potomac head coach David Houston III said. "They did a good job play-



West Potomac sophomore Khalil Williams Diggins goes up for a shot against T.C. Williams on Tuesday.

ing him. Most teams are sticking on him."

Sara knocked down a pair of free throws to cut the T.C. Williams lead to 56-50 with 2:43 left in the fourth quarter, and scored inside to cut the Wolverines' deficit to 58-52 with a little more than a minute remaining, but the Titans closed the game on a 6-0 run.

Houston said the Wolverines played a role in their own demise by shooting 13-for-25 at the free-throw line.

"Our stuff works when we run it. I saw that," Houston said. "Our stuff works, our defense, we forced them to take bad shots, we cleaned up the glass in the first half. ... We saw some good things. Some of our guys didn't play as well as we expected them to play — didn't reach their average. Sara, he shot a low percentage tonight. Williams shot a pretty low percentage tonight. They didn't reach their season averages. I think when we see [the Titans] again, it will be much different."

T.C. Williams will travel to face Woodson on Friday, Jan. 23. The Cavaliers are the two-time defending "big school" region champion and each team is 5-1 in the Conference 7 standings. The Titans won the first meeting, 63-53, on Jan. 9 in Alexandria. The following night, the Titans will travel to face Hayfield at 6:30 p.m. On Jan. 27, T.C. Williams will host West Springfield, which on Dec. 12 handed the Titans their only conference loss of the season.

West Potomac (6-9, 2-4) will travel to face South County at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 12

Fairchild property could not be developed since Fairfax County had revised their resource protection area (RPA) maps and most of the Fairchild property with the presence of the Quander Brook headwaters was now designated an RPA. The developer became acutely aware of the RPA status after illegally bulldozing their way through the site and was sanctioned by Fairfax County to mitigate the damages by planting new trees.

The comprehensive plan called for the Fairchild property to become a community serving park with some mitigation of the steep slopes and ravines caused by erosion. A fair swap and in the end, the developer embraced the idea of a community serving park as an amenity that would give their project a special cachet. There simply were no concessions imposed by Spring Bank. Throughout the process, Spring Bank was more an observer to negotiations between SFDC and Fairfax County backing them to keep the developer in compliance with the comprehensive plan.

The Tax Increment Funding (TIF) which Mr. Spiegel calls Revitalization Tax Abatement was brought up during the early meetings. Spring Bank and SFDC supported this as a way to give incentives to the developer. The TIF made sense as the same incentive was being used to plan redevelopment in Tysons Corner. It was Fairfax County that said no each time the issue came up. I told Supervisor Hyland during one meeting that

it hardly seemed fair to provide such incentives in Tysons and not on Richmond Highway. Sadly, Fairfax County was unwilling to provide Tax Increment Funding incentives in Mount Vernon.

Communities north of Beacon Hill Road to the beltway in the Mount Vernon Planning District are home to around 25,000 residents and can expect to grow by another 15,000 residents by 2040 according to Fairfax County. The communities south of Beacon Hill Road to Fort Belvoir also have around 25,000 residents but will grow by around 5,000 residents by 2040. Communities north of Beacon Hill Road have fewer than 60 acres of Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) land while communities south of Beacon Hill Road have over 600 acres of FCPA land. It is not chutzpah to ask for more community serving parkland in an area that is deficient of such resources and being planned for more density and growth. Elected officials, the MVCCA and FCPA should be advocating for more park and recreation opportunities for residents in this rapidly urbanizing area of Mount Vernon. Why aren't they?

There are town center style developments coming to the Kings Crossing area now in the form of a mixed use project at the old Shoppers Penn Daw Plaza and in adjoining, newly built and additional proposed residential and mixed use developments surrounding the original proposed Kings Crossing Town Center. The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Association (MVCCA)

initiative a few years ago through the APR process, nominated various land holdings in close proximity to the Huntington Metro Station for transit-oriented development. Many of these projects have begun and others are in planning stages. These projects are the source for the increased population projections in the neighborhoods north of Beacon Hill Road. FCPA will not be able to afford to purchase land that has a steadily growing price tag in this area. They should take the free land that is available and procure the remaining vacant undeveloped RPA land following Quander Brook all the way to Belle Haven Park and beyond to Hunting Creek to establish a stream valley resource park with trails from Kings Crossing to the existing trails at Richmond Highway and the beltway. They should partner and work with the Fairfax County Storm Water Division to share the costs to repair and restore this natural resource area. They have partnered with each other to do such restorations elsewhere in Fairfax County, so why not here? The Spring Bank Community Association is asking that FCPA and all of the other stakeholders in making the Fairchild property a community serving resource based park to meet and engage in the Mount Vernon way of solving problems as was the philosophy of former Mount Vernon Supervisor Warren I. Cikins. They have done such processes elsewhere, so why not here?

Martin Tillett
Mount Vernon

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SATURDAYS/THROUGH FEB. 15

Affordable Care Act Registration. 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway. Meet with a certified application counselor to learn about financial assistance, select the best plan and enroll. Call 571-748-2584 for an appointment or schedule online at www.getcoveredamerica.org/connector/.

FRIDAY/JAN. 23

Listening Session. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Thurman Auditorium in Humphreys Hall, 5500 21st St., Fort Belvoir. Army Staff representatives will provide an overview of the Army's stationing decision process, however, the main focus is to provide community members, leaders, and partners with an opportunity to for direct input and key community facts the Army should consider before decisions are made. The Budget Control Act of 2011 mandates the Army to reduce its force while maintaining a strong National Defense Strategy. Call Don Dees at 703-805-2402 for more.

SATURDAYS/JAN. 24 & 31

Garden Design Workshops at Green Spring Gardens, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Participants will learn do-it yourself garden design. This three-session workshop includes morning lectures on landscape design basics, followed by an afternoon of individualized help on planning and putting ideas on paper. \$185 for Fairfax County residents, \$200 for out-of-county. The two-hour morning lectures are available separately for \$36/\$38, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

MONDAY/JAN. 26

Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting. 6:30 p.m. dinner and 7:30 p.m. program, at Historic Mount Vernon Inn, Mount Vernon. Featuring Peter F. Murphy, Chair of the Fairfax County Planning Commission has served on the Commission since 1982. Cost \$45. Register at www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org or call 703-360-6925.

THURSDAY/JAN. 29

Public Information Meeting. 7 p.m. at Parklawn Elementary School, 4116 Braddock Road, Alexandria. Green Springs, a public garden located in Alexandria, owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority, was last master planned in 1992. The purpose of this public process is to review the existing plan for updates and to help determine how newly acquired parkland along Green Spring Road can be best used. Park Authority staff will provide background on the park and the planning process before opening the floor for questions and comments from the community. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/green-spring-gardens.htm. Written comments will be accepted. via email at Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. Green Spring Gardens offers a horticulture center, library, demonstration gardens, a historic landscape and buildings, and a wooded stream valley with ponds. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring/ or call 703-324-8662.

FEB. 1-APRIL 15

Free Tax Preparation. Monday-Saturday, 10:15 a.m.-2 p.m.; Monday-Thursday, 5-8 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. For taxpayers with low and middle income. All ages, with special attention to seniors. Federal and Virginia tax returns prepared and electronically filed by IRS-certified volunteers. Tax questions can be answered. Bring your photo ID(s), Social Security Card(s), tax documents, and your prior year tax return.

SATURDAY/FEB. 14

Office Hours. Fairfax County School Board Member Dan Storck will host Saturday office hours. Members of the community are invited to stop by to ask questions or to discuss concerns, no appointment necessary. Contact Dan Storck at Dan.Storck@fcps.edu or his assistant Mary Ellen Hook at mehook@fcps.edu.
❖ 10 a.m.-noon at Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, in the Conference Room.
❖ 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, in Conference Room 3.

SUNDAY/FEB. 22

Nature Talk: Snakefish. 2 p.m. at the Norma Hoffman Visitor Center, Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. The Friends of Dyke Marsh will host a presentation by John Odenkirk, fish biologist with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. He will explore the world of the snakehead—its characteristics, impacts and future—and discuss the future and health of the Potomac River fishery. Free, open to the public. Visit www.fodm.org, www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks or call 703-768-2525.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria, needs a DJ to provide a wide array of music from ballroom to line dancing, a Ballroom Dance Instructor and a volunteer with basic carpentry skills to build a "Little Free Library," for people to donate and borrow books from. Center will provide plans and materials. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

The **Gum Springs Senior Center** in Alexandria needs a **Spanish teacher** for a one hour beginner's class on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call **703-324-5406**, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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WALKER, Gladys "Dee" Lyles
86, of Glen Allen, passed away on January 15th, 2015. She was born December 29, 1928 in Alexandria, Virginia to George and Dorothy Lyles, who predeceased her. She was also predeceased by her former husband, Russell L. Walker, and her sister, Audrey Kelley. She is survived by her brother, Lawrence Lyles (Joyce), of Lovettsville, VA; her children, Deb Walker Reed and Jim Walker (Jane) of Glen Allen; Lisa Walker Black (Kevin) of Tustin, CA; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Dee loved family first, followed by music, history, religion, politics, and a spirited debate. A retired federal employee, she came to Richmond 26 years ago to be near her growing family, and was never happier than when surrounded by them. A Memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on February 6th, 2015 at Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Va. followed by a reception at the church. The family would like to thank Hospice of Virginia at Retreat Doctor's Hospital for their compassionate care, and the ministerial staff at Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church for their steadfast loyalty and support over the past 10 years. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Tuckahoe Presbyterian Church, 7000 Park Avenue, Richmond, VA 23226.

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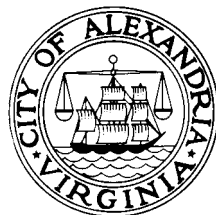
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, January 24, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

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Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow the release of treated wastewater into a water body and allow the reuse of reclaimed wastewater in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Public comment period: January 16, 2015 to February 16, 2015

Permit name: Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit – Wastewater issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

APPLICANT Name, address and permit number:
City of Alexandria, Virginia Sanitation Authority
d/b/a Alexandria Renew Enterprises
1500 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314
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This facility is an Extraordinary Environmental Enterprise participant in Virginia's Environmental Excellence Program. Project description: City of Alexandria, Virginia Sanitation Authority d/b/a Alexandria Renew Enterprises has applied for a reissuance of a permit for the public Alexandria Renew Enterprises Water Resources Recovery Facility. The applicant proposes to release treated sewage wastewaters from residential areas at a rate of 54 million gallons per day into a water body and reuse reclaimed wastewater for landscape water features and non-bulk irrigation. Biosolids from the treatment process will be land applied and/or blended in the production of a soil amendment. The facility proposes to release the treated sewage in the Hunting Creek in City of Alexandria in the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. The permit will limit the following pollutants to amounts that protect water quality: pH, carbonate-biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, dissolved oxygen, ammonia, E. coli, nitrate-nitrite, total nitrogen, total phosphorus and total residual chlorine. The facility will be required to monitor for total Kjeldahl nitrogen and whole effluent toxicity.

Additionally, the facility maintains a pretreatment program in accordance with Part VII of 9VAC25-31. The Industrial Pretreatment Plan for Continuous Industrial Waste Survey and the significant industrial user permit boilerplate have been updated.

This facility is subject to the requirements of 9VAC25-820 and has registered for coverage under the General VPDES Watershed Permit Regulation for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus Discharges and Nutrient Trading in the Chesapeake Watershed in Virginia.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by hand-delivery, email, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requester, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

Contact for public comments, document requests and additional information: The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ-Northern Regional Office by appointment or may request electronic copies of the draft permit and fact sheet.

Name: Douglas Frasier
Address: DEQ-Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193
Phone: (703) 583-3873 Email: Douglas.Frasier@deq.virginia.gov Fax: (703) 583-3821

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Article K (ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS), Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance revises the qualifications for members of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and amends the Commission's functions, powers and duties.

AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2015.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2015.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION), Chapter 12 (TAXICABS AND OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance: (1) modifies the requirement for two-way dispatch notice radios; (2) prohibits drivers from smoking in cabs; and (3) prohibit drivers from using cell phone devices while transporting passengers.

PUBLIC HEARING on the management plan for Fort Ward Park and Museum Area.

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NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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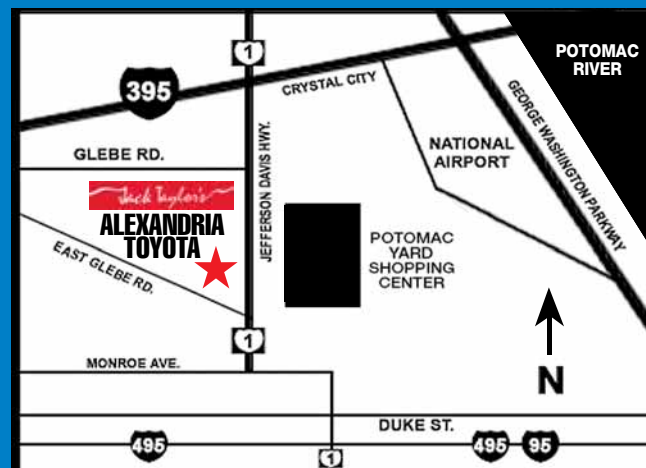
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