More than 450 Revolutionary War re-enactors from around the world gathered at Mount Vernon for one of the largest Revolutionary War encampments of the year last weekend. The re-enactors set up tents in the fields and visitors were treated to camp life interpretations, battle demonstrations along with artillery and cavalry drills. A reproduction of General George Washington’s marquee tent was on view, courtesy of the Museum of the American Revolution.

Re-enactors Encamp at Mount Vernon Estate

A hundred supporters were on hand April 23 as Mason Neck resident Jane Gandee announced her campaign to replace Gerry Hyland (D) as Mount Vernon representative to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The event took place at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

Hyland announced earlier this year he would be retiring after 28 years in office.

“As supervisor, I will focus on creating a pro-business climate that will generate more jobs and better-paying jobs,” Gandee said in a statement. “I will work to implement solutions to reduce highway congestion and improve transit options which will reduce..." See Gandee Enters. Page 5

Republican Jane Gandee Enters Mount Vernon Supervisor Race

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Oh, The Impact They Make

Dr. Seuss-themed 23rd Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards held in Springfield.

By Tim Peterson  
The Gazette

Wesley Pan of Great Falls-based Boy Scouts of America Troop 55 was humble about receiving the Youth Volunteer Group award. “We’re just happy to help the community and make a difference,” he said. His fellow scout Jeff Ye agreed that their organization is about “growing future leaders for our community and country.”

The Boy Scouts were among dozens of volunteers recognized at the 23rd annual Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards, held April 24 at the Waterford reception center in Springfield.

In the opening remarks, Volunteer Fairfax acting Executive Director Emily Swenson referenced a favorite saying of the organization’s retiring Executive Director Jeanne Sanders, that “Communities are supported by citizens helping citizens.”

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova commented that robust volunteerism has “become ingrained in our culture,” a quality that stands out to visitors from outside the county.

“This is normal, this is what we do,” she said.

The Lifetime Achievement award went to Alexandria resident Peggy Ferguson, who founded the Naomi Project to help young and struggling new mothers in 1995.

“I saw a need, an incredible need for pregnant women and new parents,” she said. “I envisioned an opportunity where one volunteer could work with one client.”

With experience in public health nursing, hospital chaplaincy and raising five children of her own, Ferguson said she was well-prepared for forming the organization. But she added she’s grateful for “the incredible women I’ve worked with, down through the years, who’ve made this possible.”

Alexandria resident Peggy Ferguson, who founded the Naomi Project to help young and struggling new mothers in 1995.

Robert Bucher (center right) of Alexandria receives the Rising Star award. Bucher has been a volunteer at the front desk of the Huntley Meadows Park visitor center for the past two years, recently adding editing duties for the Friends of Huntley Meadows Newsletter.

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova recognizes retiring Volunteer Fairfax Executive Director Jeanne Sanders at the Fairfax County Volunteer Service Awards celebration.

Peggy Ferguson (one left of center) of Alexandria received the Lifetime Achievement award for her work with the Naomi Project, a volunteer program she started in 1995 that helps new and young mothers to have healthy pregnancies, develop parenting skills and navigate government resources. From left are Our Daily Bread executive director Lisa Whetzel, Ferguson, and Naomi Project volunteers Laura Greenspan, Betty Ann Wilkins and Jessica Ramones.

JROTC Cadets Honored

Three JROTC cadets were honored by the Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution during a ceremony held April 30 at Mount Vernon High School.

Cadet June Haynes received the Patriotism Award and Cadet Elisa Solomon the ROTC Award from Tanya Pitzer, a member of the Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Caret 2LT Rhealiza Ambanta received the Sons of the American Revolution Enhanced JROTC Medallion and the SAR Bronze Medal from SAR George Washington Chapter representative Jack Pitzer.

In addition, Ambanta received a check for $500 from the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution as a result of being selected second in the state competition for outstanding JROTC cadets. A junior at Mount Vernon High School, Ambanta wrote an essay on the topic “How JROTC has helped me become a better American citizen.” She also provided references attesting to her performance in JROTC, her academic performance and community and school service.

— Jeanne Theismann

JROTC Cadet 2LT Rhealiza Ambanta receives the Sons of the American Revolution Enhanced JROTC Medallion from SAR George Washington Chapter member Jack Pitzer.

JROTC Cadets June Haynes, left, and Elisa Solomon, right, are honored by the Daughters of the American Revolution during a ceremony held April 30 at Mount Vernon High School. Kate Waller Barrett DAR chapter member Tanya Pitzer presented the Patriotism Award to Haynes and the ROTC award to Solomon.

JROTC Cadet June Haynes and Elisa Solomon.
Embrace the Past

By Tim Peterson

Montebello resident Mike Skinner was a history teacher, basketball coach and sub-school principal at Mount Vernon High School between 1955 and 1983. His name now adorns the school’s Mount Vernon High School between 1955 and 1983. His name now adorns the school’s Michael M. Skinner Field House.

“I feel very fortunate,” said Skinner, who routinely appears at the school to attend graduations and hand out athletic awards.

On May 16, Skinner and dozens of former faculty and alumni will return to campus to celebrate Mount Vernon’s 75th anniversary. Skinner fondly remembers his time with longtime principal Melvin B. Landes.

“It was a privilege to work for him,” said Skinner. “The way he ran the school, scheduled every student by hand, knew every student, knew their parents — those 18 years I worked for him were one of the highlights.”

For Class of 1980 graduate Billy Davis, memories that stand out are being part of the school’s first state basketball championship in 1979 (AAA) and regional football championship in 1979. “The stuff we accomplished as a team never really goes away, it’s always part of you,” Davis said.

A football, basketball and baseball player at Mount Vernon, Davis went on to play football for Clemson University and the St. Louis Cardinals professional team. He now works as Special Agent in Charge for the U.S. Secret Service Vice Presidential Protective Division. In addition to being honored at the gala, Davis is also speaking at Mount Vernon’s graduation ceremony.

The pressure of representing 75 years of former students in addressing this year’s seniors is a role he isn’t taking lightly.

“While my take home is a creed I live by: Embrace the past,” he said, “There are a lot of people who sacrificed a heck of a lot to get you where you are now.”

Davis said he’s maintained close relationships with more of his former coaches than students he played with.

“Coaches, teachers, give up a lot on a day-to-day basis,” he said. “What people fail to realize who aren’t in education, they’re not in it for the money, they’re doing it because they want to make a difference.”

CURRENT PRINCIPAL Nardos King said over 300 tickets for the evening event have already been sold. The program will feature a meet and greet in the Hall of Fame, remarks from former Virginia governor, senator and Mount Vernon alumnus Chuck Robb and, hopefully, a little dancing.

Honorees and guests will span graduation dates going back to the late 1940s and early 1950s, King said.

“I told the DJ to be prepared to play music from all of those decades,” said King. “A lot of oldies but goodies, some pop, maybe some disco.”

King will be joined by five of the six living former principals of the school, which has only had eight in its history.

“I feel honored to be the current principal,” said King, in her ninth year at the position. “With only eight principals, that’s tremendous and speaks to the dedication folks who have been leading this school.”

King will be presenting letters of commendation from U.S. Sen. Tim Kaine (D), U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D), Gov. Terry McAuliffe (D), Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) and U.S. Rep. Don Beyer (D-8).

“The list of awardees we’re honoring is a testament to the great educational start they got in Fairfax County,” said King. “We have doctors, lawyers, judges, military generals. The most important thing is the academics. If you work hard today, it’s going to pay off later. These folks are a testament to that.”

The Mount Vernon High School 75th Anniversary Gala takes place May 16 at the school’s Skinner Field House, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road in Alexandria, beginning at 6 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets at $45, contact the school at 703-619-3100.

Mount Vernon High School graduate Billy Davis (center, left of Vice President Joe Biden) is Special Agent in Charge for the U.S. Secret Service Vice Presidential Protective Division.

Hundreds of Mount Vernon grads set to return for 75th anniversary

Photos courtesy of Billy Davis

Billy Davis played football for Clemson University after graduating from Mount Vernon High School in 1980.

By Tim Peterson

— Tim Peterson

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THURSDAY/MAY 7
Social Media Seminar. 8:30-10 a.m. at Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 6055 Richmond Highway. Speakers will discuss search engine optimization, website best practices, and email marketing. Free. Contact info@slfc.org to RSVP.

FRIDAY/MAY 8
Not-so-silent Auction. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Howard Gardner School, 4913 Franzonia Road. Find music and buffet dinner at the school’s 10th Anniversary Auction to benefit the financial aid program. Admission is free. Call 703-822-9300 to RSVP.

SATURDAY/MAY 9
“Fostering Wellness and Resiliency,” 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary, 7630 Telegraph Road School. Marc Brackett, Ph.D., the director of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence will be featured as the keynote speaker at the 2nd Annual Community Conversation on Teen Stress: Fostering Wellness and Resiliency. Tracy Cross, Ph.D., Professor at The College of William and Mary and Executive Director of the Center for Gifted Studies and Talent Development will speak about perfectionism and child and adolescent suicide.

Prayer Walk. 9-30 a.m. at Woodlawn Shopping Center. The City of Hope Worship Center will be having a prayer walk and will pray about crime and homelessness. Free. Call 703-208-8778.

PRINCESS FOR A NIGHT. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. High school students may shop for prom dresses, handbags, shoes, and jewelry. Free. Call 703-619-3304.

TUESDAY/MAY 12
Teen Trafficking Seminar. 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Learn facts and figures about sex trafficking in Virginia for experts including Bill Wolfe, of the Fairfax County Police Department Trafficking Unit. Free. Email justaskva@yahoo.com.

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

THURSDAY/MAY 14
Business Breakfast. 8-9:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6623 Fort Hunt Road. Candidate may meet the candidates for Mount Vernon District Supervisor. Tickets are $25. Visit www.mtvernonchamber-leechamber.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 16
“Staying Home.” 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. AARP is teaming up with Mt. Vernon at Home, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, and Fairfax County Building for All Committee for a free community workshop. A panel of experts will share practical tips to minimize the financial costs of home modifications, and how to avoid fraud and scams. Registration is free, but space is limited. Visit www.states.aarp.org/may-16.

Capital Murder Added To Matthew Charges

Albemarle County Commonwealth’s Attorney Denise Lunsford announced Tuesday, May 5, that Jesse Matthew will face a capital murder charge in addition to abduction and first degree murder charges for the 2014 death of West Potomac alumna Hannah Graham.

“The commonwealth received some additional forensic information in late February that led to this increase in charges,” Lunsford said in a press conference, “that further solidified and just basically made something an option that we didn’t feel was appropriate previous to that.”

Matthew was initially indicted by a grand jury in Albemarle County on Feb. 2 and was in court Tuesday for a new trial date to be set. Now the date is scheduled to be set on June 25.

Though Matthew can’t be convicted of both murder charges, “If this matter goes to trial, the Commonwealth will seek the death penalty,” Lunsford said.

— Tim Peterson

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Supporters of Jane Gandee for Mount Vernon District supervisor look on while she’s introduced by District Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) at an April 23 event.

**Gandee Enters Supervisor Race**

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the amount of time Mount Vernon families spend on the road getting to and from work and play. We will also work together to enhance our communities so families can live safely, prosper and enjoy a great quality of life.

Gandee, a West Virginia native, owns a ServiceMaster franchise located close to Richmond and is vice president of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. She also serves as chair-14 of the Advisory Board of the Alexandria Salvation Army.

“Our property tax and stormwater tax bills will go up again this year while at the same time a majority of supervisors voted themselves an outrageous pay raise and many of our schools are falling behind,” Gandee’s statement continued. “Everyone I talk to agrees that we need a new direction.”

The Democratic primary election is scheduled for June 9 between candidates Candice Bennett, Jack McGeough and Jane Gandee Enters Supervisor Race. 

— Tim Peterson

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Me & My Mom

Readers submitted photographs for Mother’s Day.

Big Brother Will Warchol hides from mom Lauren, dad Michael and baby sister Katia during a pleasant spring day.

I’m Willa Denton, this is a picture of me and my mom (Julie Denton), on my elementary school promotion. She is always so supporting, helping me even when I’m in a bad mood, I’m so lucky I have her.

Stanhope Fairbanks with mom Debbie of Alexandria at Six Flags Fright Fest in October 2014.

Nan Rudin of Alexandria with son Andrew taken in Albuquerque, N.M. in 2012.

Ann Hernly of Alexandria with son Samuel Hernly, on Feb. 17, 2015 were taking a break from playing in the snow during Samuel’s snow day.

Mom Janhavi Fritz of Alexandria with son Aneesh Fritz, out for dinner for his first birthday.

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Gazette reporter Tim Peterson (right) and his mother Ellen (left) tailgate before a Northwestern University football game in Evanston, Ill.

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Mother Ann Vernon and her three younger children, (from left) Hal, Scott and Emily, build one of life’s long-term memories on a summer day more than 15 years ago as they make their pick from this litter of golden retriever puppies, naming her Kileah.

The Scotts: Taylor, Tracey, Ryan and Camryn in Corolla N.C.

Sisters and moms, Lauren Warchol and Emily Vernon, take a break from enjoying a snowy interlude with Will and dog Tilly, Caleb (left) and Katia.

Ann Hernly of Alexandria with son Andrew taken in Albuquerque, N.M. in 2012.

Alexandrian resident Mariah with daughters KD and Lillie Soriano celebrating a birthday dinner at Wildfire in Tysons Galleria.

Stephanie Levy with mom Jill of Alexandria on vacation at The Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Orlando in March 2015.

Emily Vernon and her first child, young Caleb, enjoy a few moments together in celebration of parenting.

Lindsay Hemphill and her Mom, Linda Hemphill, at the NHL Winter Classic at Nats Park on Jan. 1, 2015.
Jessica Gibson of Alexandria with her mom Geraldine Strozier and her son Aidan Gibson.

Katherine Fill-Buschang with her daughter Alyssa.

Me & My Mom

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Opinion

Hunger Is Widespread

Saturday, May 9, is the postal carriers food drive; put a sturdy bag with food donation next to your mailbox that morning.

There are families dealing with hunger in every county in the United States, including here in Northern Virginia. In Fairfax, there are 67,190 people who are food insecure, (facing hunger at some point monthly) which is more than 6 percent of the population, according to a report by Feeding America. In Arlington, 8.7 percent of the population is food insecure, 18,750 people. In Alexandria, 10.8 percent of the population faces hunger at least monthly, that’s 15,540 people.

You can see the national data by county in an interactive map: http://map.feedingamerica.org/

On Saturday, May 9, as they deliver mail, postal carriers will collect donations of non-perishable food left by residents near their mail boxes. They will be joined by retired letter carriers, by family members and friends, and by volunteers to help collect and distribute the sacks of non-perishable food items that get left next to mailboxes that morning.

People are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable foods such as canned soup; canned vegetables; canned meats and fish; pasta; peanut butter; rice or cereal next to their mailbox before the regular mail delivery on Saturday. Carriers will bring the food to local food banks, pantries and shelters.

The annual food drive is held in more than 10,000 cities and towns in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. Last year almost 73 million pounds of food was collected in the one-day event for people in need throughout the United States.

Children are affected by hunger disproportionately, with nearly 30 percent of students in Fairfax County Public Schools poor enough to receive subsidized meals at school, which is an incredible 51,968 students. That percentage is more than 31 percent in Arlington with more than 7,700 students poor enough to meal be at risk. It’s 16.0 percent of students who are poor enough to get meal benefits; that’s almost 8,600 students.

Many of these students go hungry on weekends, during school closures for bad weather and in the summer. More on that soon.

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Letters to the Editor

Morrogh Must Be Held Accountable

To the Editor:

The Commonwealth Attorney of Fairfax County, Raymond P. Morrogh, has lately adopted the role of schoolyard bully who disguises his insecurities by picking on those he perceives as weak. In his desperate effort to cover up the fact that has not been up to his job as a prosecuting attorney, he resorted to bullying tactics in avoiding answers to the questions I asked him a recent Fairfax County public forum. As reported in the Mount Vernon Gazette, I asked Mr. Morrogh why it has been over 18 months to finally decide to convene a grand jury to review the facts in the police shooting death of John Geer. Mr. Morrogh ignored my questions by responding that I was out of my depth and could not possibly know what I was talking about due to my advanced age. Instead of explaining the reasons behind the 18-month delay in the case, he tried to use my age as a bullying tactic. The facts are that Mr. Morrogh has many excuses for not executing the case in a timely manner but the primary reason is that he failed to develop the prosecutorial conduct.

In his desperate effort to cover up the fact that has not been up to his job as a bullying tactic. The facts are that Mr. Morrogh needs to step back and realize he has the tools to do his job without delay. I am too old, right, to engage him on this highly legal and technical matter. Well, instead of attacking me why not take up with some constructive suggestions? At this forum, I asked Mr. Morrogh why he has not found a single incident of police misconduct that there have been several incidents of police misconduct in the years he has served in office. This includes several police-related incidents resulting in the deaths of residents who were unarmed. At a minimum a violation of the General Order on the use of lethal force was clearly a factor. Three wrongful death suits were filed in the past several years in which the county paid millions of dollars on out-of-court settlement awards. There could have been more. If there was no misconduct as Mr. Morrogh’s inaction suggests, why the out-of-court settlements? Mr. Morrogh’s actions or inaction makes one question who Mr. Morrogh really represents — certainly not the families of the victims of alleged police misconduct.

When a suspicious shooting occurs in Fairfax County, Mr. Morrogh should do his job and immediately begin an investigation in an effort to bring about justice in a fair and impartial way. The voters selected him to solve problems, not make excuses. We need to feel as assured that our law enforcement people are using their authority to use lethal force wisely and judiciously, not abusively. We want to work with and feel confident in the integrity and discipline of our police, not fear them. If Mr. Morrogh did his job well, he would have been an essential ingredient in protecting and assuring our community by vigorously investigating police misconduct if and when it occurs.

Therefore, I am asking Mr. Morrogh again: Why has it taken your office 18 months to finally convene a grand jury to look into the John Geer shooting death? Ane while we are on the subject, why didn’t you find misconduct in the unarmed shooting deaths of the Culosi and Masters shootings, or several other highly questionable police shootings of unarmed citizens? I may be 87, but I know when a person is doing his job and unfortunately for all of us right now you are not and you know it.

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Snapchat

1:02 p.m., Saturday, May 2: Flowers bloom in the garden at the Mount Vernon Estate.
Glenda B. Harrison

Glenda B. Harrison died peacefully surrounded by her loving family at Manor Care on April 17, 2015, in Alexandria. She was born Nov. 15, 1934, in Lincoln, Nebraska to Lanice Long and Ernest Beauchamp. Glenda married David P. Harrison in Germany in 1957 and was divorced in 1978. She is survived by three children David Harrison, Christine Lane, and Ruth Erbe; nephew John Parks, and grandchildren Esther and Ryan Erbe, and Claire Lane. A graveside memorial service was conducted at 10 a.m. Friday May 1 at Mt. Comfort Cemetery in Alexandria.

Glenda graduated from Mount Vernon High School and earned a BA at George Washington University School of Education. She taught elementary school in Fairfax County and at the International Baccalaureate School in Taipei, Taiwan. She also administered defense contracting logistics in the Washington metro area until she retired.

Glenda lived and raised her family in Taiwan from 1965 to 1970 and visited 11 countries. In 1995 she travelled with her Aunt Violet Long to Hilperton, England for genealogical research of the Long family. She enjoyed traveling with her daughter Christine to Hawaii and California, attending her daughter Ruth’s concerts with the Maryland Symphony, and attending musicals with her son at the Kennedy Center.

Glenda attended Wesley United Methodist Church and Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alexandria. She enjoyed playing the piano in high school and swimming at the pool. She enjoyed adopting and feeding birds, dogs, cats, and ducks that would visit her front door. Glenda is remembered for her humor and quick eye for editing. She enjoyed sending news articles to family and friends about their interests.

The Glenda B. Harrison Rose Fund will live as an enduring tribute to Glenda and provides vital funding for cancer research. Donations to The Glenda B. Harrison Rose Fund can be made in the following ways:

- Mail: National Foundation for Cancer Research (NFCR)  
  Attn: The Glenda B. Harrison Rose Fund  
  4600 East West Highway, Suite 525, Bethesda, MD 20814
- Phone: 301-654-1250 or 1-800-321-2873
- Online: http://www.nfcr.org/ From the home page, click on Ways to Give, then Donate In Honor of/Memory of. Please put The Glenda B. Harrison Rose Fund in the field for Honoree Name or Comments field. The National Foundation for Cancer Research is a 501(C)(3) tax exempt charity Tax ID# 04-2531031.

The family also encourages gifts to The Rector’s Discretionary fund at St. Christopher’s Church, 6320 Hanover Avenue, Springfield, VA 22150. Please write “Glenda B. Harrison Fund” in the memo line of the donation check. See www.saintchristophers.net

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to ask yourself, how can I improve my performance and avoid delays and move forward so that in the future there is no repeat delay in investigation and possible prosecution? Timely action in your office will be a crucial step in improving police-community relations where it counts — investigation of alleged police misconduct.

Having said all of that, and getting it off my aging chest, I propose that you move forward and collaborate on recommendations to improve police-community relations, hire skilled and disciplined police recruits, remove police who prove to be inadequate to the job, install body cameras, and research the benefit of creating a Citizen Complaint Oversight Board. Let’s get working to come up with meaningful changes in police policies and practices. Mr. Morrogh must respect the senior citizens of Fairfax County and not criticize them for their age.

Nicholas R. Belante
Executive Director
Virginia Citizens Coalition
for Police Accountability, Inc.

Higher Pay, More Taxes

To the Editor:

Well my prediction about higher county taxes has happened, unfortunately.

On April 21, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the 2016 County budget markup that includes raising at least six fees that include sewer and refuse disposal fees. Although the real estate tax rate remained at $1.09 per hundred of assessed value, your real estate tax bill will be higher than the prior year because property assessed values have increased. To find out how much extra you will pay, compare the prior year’s tax bill amount with the amount derived by multiplying the increased property assessed value by $1.09. According to a supervisor’s published information, county taxes have increased 16 percent over the last three years.

The markup also included money for the supervisors’ pay raise increasing supervisors’ annual pay from $75,000 to $95,000 or a $20,000 increase and Chairman Bulova’s pay from $75,000 to $100,000 or $25,000 increase. The supervisors’ pay before the pay raise was substantially higher that the four top surrounding Virginia counties. The mark up also included pay raises for the Planning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals and a new pay plan for general county employees. The motion to approve the budget markup was made by Chairman Bulova (B) and seconded by Supervisor Hyland (D). Supervisors who voted for the markup that included more taxes are Cook (R), Foust (D), Hudgins (D), Hyland (D), McKay (D), and Bulova (D) and voting “no” are Frey (R), Herrity (R) and Smyth (D).

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Letters
Healthy Relationships for Life

By Marilyn Campbell

Bill and Betty Kenealy, of Springfield, make it a point to socialize regularly with their long-time friends, many of whom are other couples they met through work and through the activities of their five children. They’ve watched their children become adults, worked, retired and even survived cancer. Now they’re living together in a retirement community in Springfield. Bill is 85 and Betty is 81.

“We enjoy meeting for dinner on a regular basis or playing cards or dominos and Bingo,” said Bill. One of those couples is George and Peggy White, both 80. They met when Bill and George were stationed together in the military. Both couples speak fondly of the strength they get from their friendships. “All of us have different stories and have different backgrounds,” said Peggy White. “It’s been an interesting and rewarding.”

Interpersonal relationships are more important for health, longevity and cognitive functioning than any other variable,” said Linda Guly, professor of psychology at Marymount University in Arlington. “Social support … increased likelihood of getting proper health care, compliance with health treatments, diet, activity [and] mental health.”

Researchers say meaningful friendships help preserve health.

A HEALTHY SOCIAL NETWORK is credited with longevity. “Social support at all stages of the lifespan reduces people’s stress levels, and this in turn promotes physical health,” said Linda Cote-Reilly, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at Marymount University. Seniors who have active social connections are better able to fight disease, they experience greater psychological well-being and reduced incidence of depression, Cote-Reilly said.

Social isolation can lead to depression and physical health issues. “One of the things that research has shown is that social isolation is a killer,” said Dominique S. Hubbard, professor of psychology who studies social exclusion and ostracism at Northern Virginia Community College. “One of the most fundamental things that we need is meaningful social connections and a sense of belonging.” In fact, researchers point to a variety of studies that link health and longevity with fulfilling relationships.

“There is this really amazing study done in Alameda County, Calif., that followed almost 5,000 residents for nine years, and found that the best predictor of mortality rates were people who indicated they had few meaningful relationships, meaning that people who answered they had many meaningful relationships were more likely to be alive than those with few,” said Georgeana Stratton, Ph.D., (associate professor of psychology at Northern Virginia Community College in Sterling. “Even when they … only look at people with cancer or heart disease, they still found that those with many meaningful relationships did better than those who answered few.”

Their social relationships were the best predictor of health and death, meaning it predicted better than other things they measured like smoking and stress,” said Stratton.

Seniors are more susceptible to the harmful effects of a dearth of companions. “Isolation is potentially very damaging to all of us,” said Stewart. “We lose touch with our former work mates and a fair percentage of our friends may have moved away or passed away.”

Those who are no longer in situations that offer natural opportunities for social interactions can still recreate a circle of friends. “Seniors can replace those by adding new things,” said Hubbard. “Consider joining a class or a bridge club. The key is to have consistent, positive interactions.”

Donating one’s time offers an opportunity for staying connected. “Volunteering at a local school or animal shelter or even getting a part time job is a great way to meet people and stay engaged and current,” said Joyce Schwartz, a geriatric social worker who lives in Potomac. “Pursuing a hobby, working out a gym or attending lectures are good too, especially if they’re free or discounted activities for seniors.”

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Why I Am Running for the 36th District Senate Seat

BY JERRY FOREMAN
Mayor of Dumfries, VA

W e need a senator in Rich-
mond who will work with both parties to solve prob-
lems; with a track record of cutting taxes and providing economic op-
portunity for all, a commitment to open and transparent government, and a willingness to repre-
sent the “entire” district equally, which includes Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford counties.

As the mayor of Dumfries, I have seen first-hand how state policies can help and how they can hurt. I have seen the effects of big government, a lack of transparency and complacency statewide. As senator I will firmly reject the status quo, work collaboratively for greater transparency, innovation and empowerment and be a voice for necessary reform.

I will work to forge powerful and lasting coalitions across the political aisle in order to craft common sense legislation that pro-
vides solutions to the issues facing Virgin-
ians. Government is not the recipe which every-
thing can be made right — nor should it be.
As senator, I will work to make head-
way on economic growth, transportation initiatives, ensuring pensions are funded, affordable education, and strategic long-
term fiscal planning.

I am a politician committed to always placing the citizens’ interests first.

The market and people should drive the economy not government manipulation and interfer-
ence. We need elected officials that work for their constituents and representatives in Richmond that can say “no” to the fed-
eral government when it offers shiny new, unapologetically fight for pro-growth poli-
cies and limited governmental regulation allowing the unrestricted flow of capital, labor and ideas. I am confident that when given the opportunity to vote for a candi-

date who brings a message of fiscal and indi-
vidual responsibility, the voters of this district will take it. My candidacy brings that opportunity.

I am not naive — I won’t win every battle, but the battle must be joined.

Every election is about the future and this race will be no different. I want to build a Virginia that challenges citizens to change their communities for the better.

We need more people in the legislature who can identify what is right with our state and build on its strengths to make it better, and not just identify what is wrong and criti-
cize it.

Together, let’s fight for the values that Northern Virginians hold dear. There is much work to do for our state. I look for-
ward to earning your support and your vote, and promise that you will always know where I stand; I stand with you!

Leaders’ Accountability

To the Editor:

In the past few days, we have seen some movement on the John Geer case. Fairfax County agreed to resolve the Geer family’s wrongful death civil suit and paid out $2.95 million.

Then the Fairfax County Commonwealth’s Attorney finally decided to have a grand jury review the tragic case of Geer’s shooting. But what about the lingering image of our local police and government authorities? It is certainly at an all-time low.

Many of our so-called government “lead-
ers” have shown an abject lack of leader-
ship. They seem to be afraid of holding any-
one accountable. This deplorable situation combined with a rash of national incidents involving police brutality makes one won-
der where we are headed. Are we still a democratic republic or a police state?

I urge all concerned residents to get in-
volved with the Citizens Coalition for Po-
ic Accountable. They hold meetings at the Martha Washington Library on Fort Hunt Road. This is how we can change things for the better.

Estate’s Effect On Traffic

To the Editor:

Can George Washington be a better neighbor? Over the last few years, the num-
ber of attractions and the number of visitors to Mount Vernon Estate has really increased.

I have drive through the chaos that this has created every day to get to work. I of-
ten wonder how an unsupervised four-way traffic stop, bus stop, tourist crossing area (and there are many more of them), and taxi pickup area can all be crammed into one area? Surely a better traffic pattern could be developed.

Surely the estate should or could have been asked to consider the traffic impact to neighbors.

I recall trying to secure approval for some work in my back yard and the country right-
fully wanted to make sure I would not im-
pact my neighbors. I don’t recall anyone asking me about the latest patterns. And with Fort Belvoir expanding, the traffic will only increase.

Sure I want what’s best for the estate. It’s a wonderful place. Just find me a way to bypass it all and we would all be happier. I thought that’s what would be incorporated into the library design but again, no.

The hassle we experience could have been avoided a few times. Let’s talk
about one now.

Michael MacNair
Alexandria
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Open House, Sunday 2–4 pm Old Town 600 S. Lee Street, Alexandria, VA Sunlight pouring in from all sides in this corner brick townhome, move-in ready w/4 brs, 3.5 baths, gourmet kitchen, open floor plan, and even views of the River. $1,189,000 Bonnie Rivkin CBmove.com/AHX8618439

Del Ray 313 E. Monroe Ave, Alexandria, VA Charming multi-family 4 unit building in the heart of Del Ray. Many recent upgrades, walk to restaurants & shops. Ample off-street parking in rear. Fully leased grossing $80k+. $1,095,000 The York Group CBmove.com/AHX8507687

Ivy Hill 502 Ivy Circle, Alexandria, VA Spectacular, turn-key 4 bed, 3.5 bath cul-de-sac colonial w/renovated & expanded kitchen & master bath, gleaming hardwoods, sunroom, finished basement, and gorgeous lot $1,095,000 Nancy Perkins CBmove.com/AHX865109

The Lofts 301 Reynolds St. Unit 417, Alexandria, VA Bright and inviting 2 level corner unit with 2 garage parking spaces – 2 bedrooms and two full baths – stainless appliances – balcony off dining room, washer and dryer in unit $279,000 Steve Deleyiannis CBmove.com/AHX859040

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Braddock Heights 2710 Valley Drive, Alexandria, VA Great location of this rambler with vintage charm. 3 BR, 3 BA, screened porch, carport. Freshly painted and hardwood floors refinished. Near shopping & restaurants. Photos at www.RitaRealtor.com $630,000 Rita McCauley-Redmond CBmove.com/AHX8611438

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Evan Buchholz pulls a ball of dough out of a large bucket onto Rustico’s kitchen counter. He cuts the dough into 11-ounce strips “enough to make 25 14-inch pizzas. I make over 130 pizzas a day.” This dough had been made yesterday and had been refrigerating in the refrigerator overnight. That allows it to proof and give it the flavor. The dough balls get moved to proof boxes for up to two more days for bunching and shaping. He says the current customer pizza favorite is “Butcher’s Block,” a combination of capicola, salami, in-house made sausage, pepperoni and provolone cheese, “of course with the house-made San Marzano sauce cooked 2.5 hours, always by the same person. It’s a labor of love.” Buchholz takes a ball of dough that has been resting. He says with a wisp of a smile, “see how relaxed it looks?” His hands pull the dough first one direction, then another until it is stretched thin. “Some people believe in tossing the crust, but we stretch it out thin inside and get the nice crust on the outside.” As each is finished, he lines up the empty crusts on a rack. 20 pizzas high and creates each one as it is ordered. Today he is making a mushroom pizza, “my own personal favorite.”

Dipping into the container of mushroom cream with a scoop, he spreads the sauce around the crust “so everyone can get a taste of it on the pizza.” Next he sprinkles fresh spinach to give the pizza some body and arranges the green leaves on the circle “to make it look appetizing.” Now the piece de résistance, the sautéed combination of shallots and garlic in Chablis with a handful of oysters, shiitakes and creminis. Dollops of white goat cheese add a slightly tangy flavor and pattern of colors. He carefully edges the wooden paddle under the pizza.

Flames leap inside the open oven where he coaxes the pizza off the paddle to cook for 4-6 minutes. “The floor of the oven is 500 degrees with 800 degrees on the top, and the heat circulates to give it that nice crust.” The restaurant sometimes suggests food pairings with its sizable beer selection. He says, “Beer is much better with food. Rustico is having a whole week dedicated to beer and food May 12-18. For instance, with the mushroom pizza I’d probably suggest a scotch ale because of the maltiness or go to the other end, that nice crust.” The restaurant continues, “it’s always fun to try a new thing for the regulars; that keeps people excited.” He remembers a pumpkin pizza pureed with a lot of cheese that he tried last year. “It was delicious.” Rustico likes to use fresh ingredients from local farmers. Sometimes Buchholz stops by his neighborhood farmer’s market at Mount Vernon, “and I pick up a crate of apples. I paired it with spinach and ham. What I find, I translate into a pizza with that ingredient.” But he thinks there aren’t as many trends in pizza as with other foods. He says, pepperoni is always the all-time favorite. “It’s never going to go away. Well, we did introduce our gluten-free crust, and people went crazy. And Friday seems to be family night when the kids come home from school and nobody wants to cook.”

After graduating from Le Cordon Bleu Institute of Culinary Arts in Pittsburgh, Buchholz worked at the Rustico at Ballston before transferring to the one on Slater’s Lane in Alexandria. He comes to work at 8 a.m. and leaves … “pppppppppff, at 8 p.m. or closing.” Before that, “I wait at Rosa Mexicana. But pizza was more my wheelhouse.” He says when he was 12 years old, his mother said he wasn’t going to leave home without knowing how to cook. So she told him he could cook whatever he wanted for a week in the summer. He made, “ground beed tacos with a lot of cheese and more ground beef tacos with lots more cheese…”

Buchholz pops the mushroom pizza into the oven, which is 500 degrees with 800 degrees and the top.

Spinach is scattered on the pizza to add body with dollops of goat cheese sprinkled throughout.
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. Groups meet the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

George Washington's Mount Vernon has joined Thomson Jefferson’s Monticello and James Madison’s Monticello to expand the “Presidents Passport,” Virginia’s premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year’s program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitor Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential sites can upon request, receive for free Alexandria’s “Key to the City” pass, which grants access into historic sites and museums in Alexandria—a $26 added value.


Fifty Years of Collecting. Tuesday- Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays noon-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 703-746-4648.

Dinner for the Washingtons. Noon at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes to 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 p.m. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

The Monday Morning Birdwalk. Has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows Park since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during extreme weather, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park’s entrance at 7:30. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-765-4573.

Art for Life. Third Thursday of every month. 6-11 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it has been a weekly event at Huntley Meadows Park since 1985. It takes place every week, rain or shine (except during extreme weather, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (November through March), is free of charge, requires no reservation, and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park’s entrance at 7:30. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-765-4573.

Art League Summer Camps. Registration for Summer Art Camp 2015 is now open.

Art Camps run Monday to Friday, June 22-Aug. 21. Camps are available for ages 5 and older, with morning, afternoon, or all day options.

Subjects include: drawing, cartooning, painting, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, fiber arts, clay animation, and Basic Art (a new medium each day).

$155-$345. Visit www.theartleague.org/content/art_camp for more.

Encore Chorale Summer Choral Institutes. Encore Chorale Summer Choral Institute in Washington College in Chestertown MD runs from June 14-18 and Encore Summer Choral Institute at Chautauqua Institute in Chautauqua, NY from Aug. 30-Sept. 4. Sponsored by Encore Creativity for Older Adults, the nation’s largest choral singing program for adults 55 and older, the institutes attract adult students from all over the country, at all levels of vocal experience, for a week of intensive choral music study. For information and pricing, call 301-261-5747, email info@encorecreativity.org or visit www.encorecreativity.org.

Summer of Smiles. The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities’ Summer Fun Guide, is now available. Summer camps and activities are available for youth ages 2-17 and include sports, dance, creative arts, computer, chess, enrichent, nature, adventure, Out of School Time (residents only) and classic camps.

The guide has an index listing camps by week offered and age group. Registration opens Wednesday, March 18 for City of Alexandria residents and Friday, March 20 for nonresidents. Interested participants may register online or in person at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. The Summer Fun Guide is available for download at www.alexandriavirginia.gov/Recreation. Free printed brochures will be available at City Hall, recreation centers, and public libraries. Call the Recreation and Reservation Office at 703-746-5414.

Tavern Toddlers. Every Monday (except Federal Holidays) 10:30-11:30 a.m. Gaddy’s Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Join other families with toddlers (walkers through 36 months) to have fun in Gaddy’s historic ballroom. Playtime features a craft table, book corner, toys and group dancing. $7 for a group of three. Visit www.alexandriavirginia.gov/gadbystavern or call 703-746-4422.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. every Thursday at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Live music. Tickets are $4. Call 703-765-4573.

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

Community Yoga. Wednesdays 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Sundays 7:30-8:45 a.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N Washington St. Suite 100. No experience required to participate in weekly community class. Suggested $10 donation. Visit www.532Yoga.com.

Twen Yoga. Thursdays, May 28-July 16, 6-7:45 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N Washington St. Suite 100. 532YOGA uses yoga to help twens develop greater self-confidence. The workshop fee is $125 or $20 for drop-in classes. Visit www.532Yoga.com.

Thursday/MAy 7 Mini-MIX-Art Make & Take Workshop. 6-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans and Artistic Artifacts, a local arts and crafts store, will offer workshops and classes for anyone interested in mixed media. Free. Visit. www.thedelrayartisans.org.


May 7-June 1 “Printed Art: The Potomac.”
Entertainment

Fort Ward Brings Civil War History To Life

A Union soldier, portrayed by Kevin Moriarty, will provide tours of historic Fort Ward on Saturday, May 16. Moriarty, who is on staff at Fort Ward, will present a program on the "Defenses of Washington," the lives of Civil War soldiers, and the weapons they would have used. Guests will also be able to visit the Officers' Hut which has been fully restored to its original condition. The free tours are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Visit www.fortward.org.

MAY 9-10
Mother's Day Weekend at Mount Vernon

7 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon. George Washington's Estate and Gardens, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Martha Washington, portrayed by Mary Wiseman, will be present on the estate to give tours and hand out lavender sachets to mothers. Admission is included in the $17 ticket for adults. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

MOTHER'S DAY Open House
10 a.m.-5 p.m.-at Mount Vernon. Free. Call 703-749-4682 to RSVP.

MAY 11-JUNE 14
"In My Neighborhood." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St. Studio 18. Resident artists will display work based on their neighborhoods and local colors. Admission is free. Visit www.potomacfiberartgallery.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 12
Annual Excellence in Aging Awards. 6 p.m. at Vola Lawson Hall, 301 King St. Individuals will be recognized based on outstanding service to senior citizens in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriavaga.org/aging.

Beer History Talk.

Auditions: Saturday, May 16 at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 17 at 7 p.m. at Little Theatre of Alexandria, 301 King St. Call 703-797-3814 to schedule a tour of our beautifully appointed apartments.

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ENTERTAINMENT

‘Lonely Drone’ Gives Bird’s Eye View

Brian Williams’ exhibit, “The Lonely Drone” is intended to explore what earth might look like from above if captured by a drone. He uses oil paintings on aluminum panels and uses only a 3-inch brush to create layered images of water, mountains, clouds, etc. The exhibit will open on Friday, May 22 and run until Sunday, July 22 at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 East Campus Drive. The opening reception will be on Saturday, May 23. It is free to attend both the exhibit and reception. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com for more.


National Chamber Players. 7:30 p.m. at Pendleton Hall, Episcopal "Lonely Drone" screening. The Chamber Players will be joined in concert by Jonathan Carney, concertmaster of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and Michael Rusinek and Nancy Goeres, principal clarinet and bassoon of the Pittsburgh Symphony. Free. For more, visit www.vdp@episcopalhighschool.org for details.

Virginia Spring Wine Festival. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon’s Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by “George and Martha Washington,” and live jazz on the east lawn overlooking the Potomac River. On Friday admission is $40, $46 on Saturday and $36 on Sunday. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

MAY 15-JUNE 14

“Lessons in Leadership from the Revolutionary War, and the French Revolution” followed by wine and dessert. There is a $5 suggested donation. RSVP at wwww.heralafayette.eventbrite.com.

Todd Rundgren. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere, 3731 Mount Vernon Ave. The rock musician will make a stop on his “Global Tour.” Tickets are $49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 15

MAY 12-JUNE 2

WEDNESDAY/MAY 13
“Race to Nowhere” Screening. 6-45 p.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. “Race to Nowhere” is a documentary about schools and college preparation. Free. Call 703-799-6100.

THURSDAY/MAY 14


Todd Rundgren. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere, 3731 Mount Vernon Ave. The rock musician will make a stop on his “Global Tour.” Tickets are $49.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 15
Art Demonstration. 6 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Teresa Oaxaca, known for her stylized baroque paintings and alla prima portraiture, will be giving in-gallery demonstrations of her work. Free. Visit www.principegallery.com.

Ian McFeron. 7-9 p.m. at Port City Brewing Company, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Singer/Songwriter Ian McFeron will be joined on fiddle, cello and harmony vocals by Alisa Milner. Free. Visit www.portcitybrewing.com for more.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 15-17
Spring Vineyard Festival. 6-9 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Mount Vernon’s Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by “George and Martha Washington,” and live jazz on the east lawn overlooking the Potomac River. On Friday admission is $40, $46 on Saturday and $36 on Sunday. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

MAY 15-JUNE 14

MAY 15-16
“Stick Fly.” 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. at 1819 N. Quaker Lane. A well-to-do black family take a summer holiday. Tickets are $16-18. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.org for more.
Help #saveFCPS
Superintendent says FCPS faces deficit of more than $100 million; FCPS excellence at risk.

Statement from Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Karen K. Garza following the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors passage of the Fairfax County Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 budget.

Once again, we find that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has failed to fully fund Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). This is extremely disheartening — we entered this budget year making a good faith effort to work collaboratively with the Board of Supervisors. We worked for nearly a year with the County Executive and the Board of Supervisors to develop a reasonable budget that met only the very minimal needs of FCPS, and in the end they did not deliver.

Supervisors are sending a clear message that they are unconcerned about the increasing challenges of our students, our teachers, and our schools. The supervisors refused to fully fund our budget for the 2015-16 school year (FY 2016), when faced with a nominal $7.6 million deficit. We have grave concerns as to what will happen in the 2016-17 (FY 2017) school year when we face a devastating shortfall of more than $100 million.

The entire Fairfax County community has a critical decision to make: either we invest the necessary funds in our students and schools, or we will have to work together to decide what to cut — and we cannot cut our way to excellence.

Due to years of chronic underfunding coupled with a decade of significant enrollment growth and increasing student needs, we will not be able to sustain the current quality nor the full range of academic programming we currently offer our students. We have sought to protect the classroom to date, but with the scale of the FY 2017 shortfall, we will have to take a serious look at the programs that we must cut starting in the 2016-17 school year. These cuts will likely affect all current academic programming including limiting elective choices, reducing career and technical programs, impacting advanced offerings, and again raising class sizes at all levels. We must make these difficult choices by December 2015 because students begin their course selections in January 2016.

Since 2008, we have cut 2,175 positions and nearly a half-billion dollars from our budget affecting every school and department. We have fallen so far behind in teacher salaries that we are no longer competitive and are losing talented staff to neighboring school districts. Our teachers are the reason FCPS students excel and achieve. Losing our most experienced teachers will have a significant affect on student performance and will ultimately affect the reputation of FCPS. Fairfax County public schools are frequently cited as one of the main reasons that businesses choose to relocate to the county, and Fairfax has some of the highest property values in the country, but without excellent schools as a foundation — corporate investment in Fairfax and property values will decline.

In the education of our children, every year matters; we cannot hope to make up deficits in their education in their later years. It is critical we take action now.

I hope our community will join me to #saveFCPS.

Sharon Bulova
Chairman Board of Supervisors

Rebuttal on School Funding

Schools have been county’s top priority, receiving $2 billion, 53 percent of county budget.

By Sharon Bulova
Chairman Board of Supervisors

On April 28 the Board of Supervisors adopted the FY2016 Budget. Our board approved a total transfer to the schools of $2.01 billion, an increase of $66.7 million (an increase of 3.43 percent) over FY2015 and nearly two-thirds of all new revenue associated with increased property values. The total School Budget, which is comprised of the county transfer, plus state and some federal funding, totals $2.6 billion.

Education is our board’s highest priority; it is not, however, our only priority. The school transfer amounts to almost 53 percent of our General Fund Budget. Public safety, human services, parks and libraries all receive a fraction of what FCPS does and these services are also critical to making Fairfax County one of the best places in the country to live, work, raise a family and grow older comfortably. It is also important that real estate taxes are affordable to our residents, many of whom are still struggling to get back on their feet following the recent recession.

Fairfax County’s Direct General Fund Budget, services and programs, excluding the School Transfer is $1.81 billion. This year the General County disbursements increased by only 0.26 percent, less than the increase in the School Transfer.

Fairfax County worked hard this year to advocate for a larger share of state funding for our schools. We were successful in receiving $9.9 million more than anticipated through the state budget. With these funds, FCPS is within $4.1 million of their total $2.6 billion Advertised Budget proposal; a gap of just 0.16 percent (sixteen hundreds of a percent) less than the School Board’s proposed budget.

The superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools increased her request for a transfer after the state budget increase was announced and shortly before our budget adoption. More information about the Schools’ request and projections can be found here in the Budget FAQs.

In her April 28 release, the superintendent indicated this figure is now $7.6 million or 0.297 percent of FCPS Proposed Operating Budget. Enrollment estimates, and the associated costs, can and do change as the school year approaches and FCPS staff refines their estimates. The gap, therefore, is somewhat of a moving target.

Our Board of Supervisors continues to be supportive of the school system and our partners on the School Board. When the

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St Christopher’s Episcopal of Spfld, VA seeks applicants for **Preschool Director**

Preschool enrolls 2 1/2-PreK for 3 hour learning sessions up to 5 days/ wk. Preferred qualities: early childhood ed. degree; 2+ years as director/asst dir. or 5+ years as teacher with leadership experience; knowledge of Fairfax Cty school requirements; strong organizational skills; friendly & outgoing personality; relates well to children & adults. Position start date: 1 July 15; Job open until filled Submit resumes to preschool@saintchristophers.net with Subject as Director Position

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**AGENCY CONTACT INFO:**
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Savannah-Margaret Sellers Slappey, 92, of Atlanta, GA died on Sunday, May 3rd 2015. 

“Marty” Slappey, daughter of Margaret Louise and James Freeman Slappey, Jr., loving wife of Sterling Greene Slappey, passed away at Savannah Hospice in Savannah, GA after a battle with cancer.

She is survived by her son Charles Freeman Slappey and his wife Barbara; she is also survived by her granddaughter Louise Margaret Slappey, all living in the Savannah area.

Marty owned her own bath and linens store in Atlanta, Va. until her retirement in 1984, bringing her love of design home with her. She also loved to travel, puzzle, and spending time with her family. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A private grave side service will be held at Westview Cemetery in Atlanta.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church on 228 South Pitt Street in Savannah, GA.

Please sign our on-line guest book at www.fossandme.com

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Mount Vernon Boys’ Soccer Falls to W-L

The Mount Vernon boys’ soccer team lost to undefeated Washington-Lee 6-1 on May 4. The Majors surrendered three goals during a 4-minute stretch in the first half before junior midfielder Peter Diawuo scored Mount Vernon’s lone goal in the 32nd minute. The loss dropped Mount Vernon’s record to 5-3-3. The Majors will close the regular season with home matches against Stuart (May 7) and Hayfield (May 11).

Mount Vernon Softball Beats Lee

The Mount Vernon softball team defeated Lee 6-5 on May 1 at Mount Vernon High School. The victory improved the Majors’ record to 12-3 and extended their win streak to 12 games. Mount Vernon was scheduled to face Marshall at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, after The Gazette’s deadline. The Majors will travel to face Stuart at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 8.

Mount Vernon Boys’ Lax Win Streak Snapped

The Mount Vernon boys’ lacrosse team lost to Washington-Lee 10-4 on May 1, snapping the Majors’ four-game win streak. The loss dropped Mount Vernon’s record to 7-2. The Majors faced Yorktown on Wednesday, after The Gazette’s deadline. Mount Vernon will host Falls Church at 7:15 p.m. on Friday, May 8.

West Potomac Softball Wins Third Straight

The West Potomac softball team defeated T.C. Williams 15-3 on May 1, giving the Wolverines a three-game win streak and improving their record to 12-5. West Potomac will host South County at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 8.
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