



Under the Rainbow

Mount Vernon High School varsity softball team warms up on the field after a game delay was called due to rain on May 28.

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Primed for Primary

Democratic supervisor candidates make their cases in Gum Springs.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

The four candidates seeking the Democratic nomination for Mount Vernon District supervisor expressed their commitment and passion before approximately 60 attendees on Monday night's forum at the Gum Springs Community Center. Primary election day is June 9.

Veteran civic activist and Gum Springs Civic Association President Queenie Cox and political activist David Temple organized the June 1 event. Dr. Douthard Butler, representing the Black Caucus of Northern Virginia, served as moderator. The candidates present were Candice Bennett, Jack Dobbyn, Tim Sargeant, and Dan Storck.

During the opening remarks, Sargeant discussed his experience and accomplishments serving on the Fairfax County Planning Commission and listed recently announced endorsements by the editorial page of the Washington Post, Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, Del. Mark Sickles, and retiring Mount Vernon-area state Sen. Toddy Puller. Storck, currently

elected Mount Vernon School Board member, announced that he received the endorsement from Del. Scott Surovell who is now running for the State Senate seat being vacated by retiring Puller. Jack Dobbyn, Human Services advisory committee member, announced his endorsement by Nick Beltrante, founder of the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability.

Attendees were mostly residents living in Gum Springs, the oldest African American community in Fairfax County. Their issues mirrored concerns expressed by Mount Vernon residents in other communities at other previous local political forums: restoring full accreditation to seven poorly performing Mount Vernon-area schools, extending the yellow line along Route 1, and maintaining the momentum to bring mass transit to Hybla Valley, promoting economic development along the Route 1 commercial corridor, and expanding the amount of affordable housing.

Butler read several questions to the candidates prepared by Gum Springs and Black Chamber of Commerce members. The first was what the candidates were going to

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Candidates seated from left are Candice Bennett, Jack Dobbyn, Tim Sargeant, and Dan Storck. Forum moderator, standing, is Dr. Douthard Butler, Black Chamber of Commerce of Northern Virginia.

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Four Seek Democratic Nod for District Supervisor

Candice Bennett



Q. Approximately half of the county budget is devoted to the local school system. According to the superintendent there is currently a budget gap between what is needed and what the current Board of Supervisors has transferred to them. If elected what steps will you take to deal with what the School Board says is needed to fully fund the needs of the school system?

As a product of public schools and the daughter of educators, I understand and appreciate the importance of maintaining FCPS' excellent reputation. And it's critical for the Board of Supervisors to work harder to ensure that our schools receive the funding they need.

Fairfax County is scheduled to undergo a full line of business review starting in January. I would like to work closely with our school board and the FCPS administration to undergo an additional review or audit. I expect there are not only inefficiencies we can find in county government, but potentially also within FCPS. Not to mention, there are likely activities and facilities that overlap. By identifying them and eliminating these overlaps, we should be able to free up financial and human resources that can better serve the many needs of our 180,000+ students and 1.1 million residents.

Just as importantly, I believe that our job as supervisors is to advocate on behalf of our county to get the legislature to 1) expand Medicaid and accept federal dollars, freeing up an estimated \$515 million for all of our schools statewide and 2) to stand up to Richmond and demand that they live up to their constitutional obligation to fully fund our schools. If that means suing Richmond, we may have to consider doing just that. Our schools are one of our highest priorities and we should fund them accordingly.

Q. Local property taxes are the primary source of funding for all the county's needs. The growth of property taxes continues to rise, and is now a source of hardship for low income families and those living on a fixed income. If elected what will you do to deal with the growth of property taxes and the continued reliance on property taxes as a primary source of county government spending?

I believe that the county has relied on property taxes for too long, and has become complacent in doing the hard work that's needed to really grow business community necessary to sustainably grow revenue. Our county was disproportionately affected by sequestration and the impact has been dramatic on county coffers. I had one business owner tell me after their experience of opening and running a business along Route 1, that they would never do business in Fairfax County again. It's incumbent upon the board to improve the business environment, and reduce the friction that has occurred with the growing silos and bureaucracy of a \$4B county budget. Improving the business climate increases wages for the people who live here and attracts more new businesses here to partner with those already here.

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SEE CANDICE BENNETT, PAGE 14

Bio

Name: Candice Bennett
Occupation: Owner of a strategic marketing and research firm.
Community involvements: A past president of the Junior League of Northern Virginia and a 2013 Leadership Fairfax graduate
Family: Married to Tom Hewitt, an Iraqi War veteran
Favorite quote: "You must do the things you think you cannot do." — Eleanor Roosevelt

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Jack Dobbyn



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It is easy to say that FCPS and/or the county must cut trim operating size, or learn to operate with less. Like most individuals around Fairfax County and in the Mt. Vernon District, I recognize that FCPS and the county both have needs, and that we need revenue diversification to ensure our high quality of life is maintained. Understanding that this diversification is not quickly occurring, we must figure out a way to adequately fund services and operations, while not over burdening our tax payers. The BOS is beginning its Lines of Business process. Hopefully this will not be a budget cutting exercise, but one that helps the County determine how our programs are run, and if there are better, more efficient ways to operate. I will encourage the School Board to do the same, in a transparent manner. Our biggest quandary is maximizing the dollar in both systems without sacrificing the needs of the other.

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I will work with county staff to identify and eradicate waste, fraud, and abuse in our government. I commit to not arbitrarily raise any of our tax rates, and will question our Chairman and Budget Committee chair about the same. I will work with the members of the BOS to firmly encourage our state partners to search for ways to increase the dollars returned to Fairfax County, and be a staunch advocate for equal taxing authority of cities and towns. I will strive to increase the business footprint in Mt. Vernon and Fairfax County to better balance the county's commercial property vs. that of our residential property.

Q. The Mount Vernon District and immediately surrounding region is undergoing a variety of infrastructure pressures as it copes with the needs of a growing population, expansion of Fort Belvoir, and the most significant Route 1 road and mass transit expansion in half a century. If elected, what will your transportation priorities be and how do you propose to fund them?

My priorities are: Route 1 expansion, increased local transit options to get cars off the road, Metro expansion, and a more bikeable and walkable community.

For funding I would: Use the state's Commercial and Industrial tax for Mt. Vernon Projects; seek DOT & DOD funds dealing with Ft. Belvoir; work with Alexandria and Arlington to mitigate traffic as Mark Center and Pentagon are starting and desti

SEE JACK DOBBYN, PAGE 14

Bio

Name: Jack Dobbyn
Occupation: Business Owner
Community involvements: Co-Chair Successful Youth and Child Policy Team, appointee on Human Services Council, Co-Chair Land Use Committee (FCFCA).
Family: Wife, Kathryn. Daughters Victoria and Marie, Son Jackie.
Favorite quote: "It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought with accepting it." —Aristotle

Tim Sargeant



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As the next Mt. Vernon supervisor, I will establish a satellite office in the Mt. Vernon District Supervisor's office for our next School Board member, so that we can work collaboratively to address the needs of all Mt. Vernon School children. I will advocate strongly on behalf of Mt. Vernon's school children and teachers. We not only have more students than our facilities were designed to handle, we also have more students requiring additional resources and programs. I will work with our next School Board member and the Board of Supervisors to ensure that the FCPS priorities, even with a limited budget, match the needs of the Mt. Vernon District to provide a quality education to all Mt. Vernon students.

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We need to grow our economy. My civic and Planning Commission experience provide the skill sets and vision needed to create new opportunities for economic development and renewal in the Mt. Vernon District. We can create vibrant retail and residential options for new residents as well as longtime residents looking to downsize. We can do more to become a destination for tourism: We have Mt. Vernon, Gunston Hall, Woodlawn Plantation, the Workhouse Arts Center and in the near future, the new Army Museum. I'm also aware that property tax relief is an issue we should for seniors, the disabled and veterans.

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New revenues became available with the passage of new transportation funding at the General Assembly. Initially in northern Virginia, much of that went to completion of the Silver Line. During the next several years, it is time for Mt. Vernon to re

SEE TIM SARGEANT, PAGE 14

Bio

Name: Tim Sargeant
Occupation: Public Affairs and community relations, Dominion Resources
Community involvements: Fairfax County Planning Commissioner since 2007; gubernatorial appointee to the Board of Visitors of Gunston Hall since 2009; one of three appointees to the Board of Supervisors' Laurel Hill Project Advisory Committee, overseeing re-development of the penitentiary and reformatory areas of the former D.C. prison in Lorton; Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; Northern Virginia Community College Foundation Board; Northern Virginia Regional Park Foundation Board
Family: Wife: Nancy (married 25 years); Daughter: Emily; Son: Eric
Favorite quote: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead

Dan Storck



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Budgets are statements of principles. I firmly believe that education is the cornerstone for continuing to move our communities forward. Job creation, public safety, development and tourism all rely on quality schools. That is why, as your next supervisor, sufficiently funding our schools will always be my top priority. When we prioritize funding for our schools first, we will be making long-term investments that will create great economic opportunities in our district.

As a School Board member, I have the experience and reputation of bringing folks together and finding creative solutions to solve problems. I'll use that skill set to make sure that we are identifying and eliminating every duplicated dollar spent, to ensure that we are providing the services that matter for our citizens.

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I believe the county is overly reliant on residential property taxes, which does not fairly distribute the tax burden on our residents, especially our seniors, resulting in uneven funding for important investments like schools, public safety and capital improvements. This must change. We must start by growing our businesses and commercial properties' value, thereby generating increased tax revenues, then diversifying the sources of revenue. I have been a vocal advocate for Virginia giving cities and counties the same taxing authority (cities have more) and giving voters the opportunity to approve a meals tax. I am also an advocate for achieving greater home rule from the state so that we could implement a fairer, more progressive tax system for our residents.

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Our transportation issues have to be addressed through short and long-term goals and planning. In the short term, we must continue the Richmond Highway improvements including eliminating the last section of four lane highway, increasing the quality, timeliness and communication improve

SEE DAN STORCK, PAGE 14

Bio

Name: Dan Storck
Occupation: Business owner and Mt. Vernon District's School Board member
Community involvements: Dan's public service began 25 years ago when he brought his neighborhood together to fix a leaky pool with declining membership. Since then, he's served many years as a youth coach, PTA president, Good Shepherd Housing Board president and more. He's been the District's elected School Board member since 2004.
Family: Wife of 39 years, Deb, and three adult children
Favorite quote: "The best way to predict the future is to create it." — Abe Lincoln

Dan Storck

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NEWS

Raising Campaign Funds

Democratic candidates' latest totals.

With just days remaining until the Democratic primary elections in Virginia, candidates have reported their latest campaign fundraising totals through the non-profit organization Virginia Public Access Project.

44TH DISTRICT DELEGATE:

- Justin Brown** - \$16,759
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 - ❖ Bill Ferguson III, "Military/DOD" - \$1,000
 - ❖ Matt Stuart, Department of Veterans Affairs - \$1,000
 - ❖ Ray Helton, "homemakers/non-wage earners" - \$1,000
 - ❖ Greg Prince, Virion Systems, Inc. (health care) - \$1,000
 - ❖ Wayne M Gatewood, Jr, Quality Support, Inc. (defense) - \$1,000
- Paul Krizek** - \$46,420
- ❖ Eugene Krizek, President of Christian Relief Services - \$10,000
 - ❖ Paul Krizek, Christian Relief Services - \$5,754
 - ❖ Rob Hisel, CRC BOD - \$2,500
 - ❖ Bryan Krizek, Chief Executive Officer of Christian Relief Services - \$1,700
 - ❖ Dennis Mahafkey, Keller Williams Realty - \$1,600
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MOUNT VERNON SUPERVISOR:

- Candice Bennett** - \$4,961
- ❖ PS Design, advertising - \$2,150
 - ❖ Deborah Brittain, executive recruitment agency - \$500
 - ❖ Candice Bennett - \$401
 - ❖ \$16,657
 - ❖ Jack Dobbyn, Dyan Dobbyn & Associates real estate - \$5,770
 - ❖ Dyan Donaldson, MBF Inc. management consultants - \$2,500
 - ❖ \$500: veterinarian Georgia Hinn, Philip Dobbyn of Taxware, Alan Krishnan of BSDC management consultants, Jay Christiana of BHHS Blake realtors, Laverne Chapman with Nova Urban League
- Tim Sargeant** - \$21,728
- ❖ Tim Sargeant, Dominion Power - \$6,318
 - ❖ \$1,500: Kedge Capital LLC real estate, Linda H Holliman of SL Hinson Associates real estate developers, Colchester Land Inc real estate
 - ❖ Katherine Ward of Long and Foster realtors - \$1,250
- Dan Storck** - \$13,800
- ❖ Dan Storck, Fairfax County staff - \$10,000
 - ❖ David H Evans, La Prima Food Group Inc. restaurants - \$2,000
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POLITICS

Face-Off in 44th Primary

Justin Brown

Q. Given the political make-up of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisanship there?

I've spent my career advocating for and working with a wide variety of individuals with different perspectives and objectives. I am most proud of my work on the Post 9/11 GI Bill, on which I was a key member of the team that solidified support and pushed for passage of the bill.

Q&A In addition, I am a senior staffer on Capitol Hill, in which the Democratic Party is also in the minority. I work with people from all backgrounds and political ideologies and have learned what it takes to thrive in such an environment.

Q. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

Transportation: The biggest issues affecting our daily lives here in the 44th are traffic, congestion and commute times. We need to make a long-term investment in improving our region's infrastructure so we all spend less time in our cars and more time with our families.

Education: As a Fairfax County School District parent, I understand that there is no better investment we can than in our children and our schools. As education budgets continue to be slashed, our kids and community are feeling the effects. We need to incentivize good teachers to stay in Fairfax so our kids are given every opportunity to succeed.

Healthcare: I believe that everyone in our society should have access to high-quality, affordable healthcare. I will support measures to expand coverage and reduce costs. We need to expand Medicaid to cover the uninsured in District 44 who deserve the peace of mind that comes with health insurance.

Environment: Climate change is real; we must balance our economic and lifestyle interests with the health of the planet. Virginia should invest in local parks and incentivize green businesses that will bring new jobs and make investments in local parks and recreation.

Payday Lenders: Route 1 is seeing an explosion of predatory lenders in conjunction with the increasing number of service members moving into the area. I will immediately introduce legislation to ban all predatory lenders from operating within 15 miles of any military base.

SEE JUSTIN BROWN, PAGE 23

Bio

Name: Justin Brown
Occupation: Staffer for the U.S. House of Representatives
Community involvements: I founded a nationally recognized non-profit organization, HillVets, to help veterans get involved in government and advocacy in Virginia, D.C., and Maryland. We've helped thousands of veterans network, find jobs, and move up the career ladder. We also have provided winter jackets for every homeless child in need at the largest homeless shelter in the region.
Family: Brandi (wife), Isabella (daughter), Truman (son)
Favorite quote: "I attribute my success to this; I never gave or took any excuse." — Florence Nightingale

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Paul Krizek

Q. Given the political make-up of the state legislature, what examples from your own experience suggests you can successfully bridge the intense partisanship there?

I worked on the Hill for many years and participated in numerous bipartisan efforts to draft and pass legislation. Also, as a Housing Commissioner I was able to work with all of the Commissioners to work beyond partisanship on matters beneficial to the County. But fundamentally, I believe kindness and respect are at the heart of all important relationships, and I plan to form friendly personal relationships with as many conservatives as possible.

Q&A

Q. In order, list your top 5 specific legislative priorities.

My top priority is securing the funding to keep transportation improvements along the Richmond Highway corridor moving along as fast as possible. I will work with Sen. Surovell and other legislators to secure the necessary funding for the next phase of environmental reviews and preliminary engineering.

Raise the minimum wage. It is impossible to live and raise a family in Northern Virginia on the current minimum wage. The 44th district has one of the most economically diverse populations in Virginia, with both extreme wealth and extreme poverty. At the very least, we need to give Virginians a raise to \$10.10, and as soon as possible.

Affordable housing. Safe, decent housing that is affordable is the foundation upon which stable families and vibrant, diverse communities are built. Our economy can grow when workers of all incomes have opportunities to live near their jobs and businesses can recruit and retain employees.

Health Care. The legislature's continuing refusal to pass Medicaid expansion has tragic consequences. In the 44th district almost 13,000 residents, most of whom are children, receive health care through Medicaid, which means that their parents are likely not getting any healthcare. It is a travesty that our neighbors are not covered by health care and are leaving serious health issues untreated, that without timely intervention can result in expensive and devastating consequences.

The Environment. To be a 21st century economic leader, and do something about the most serious issue facing our planet — climate change — Virginia

SEE PAUL KRIZEK, PAGE 23

Bio

Name: Paul Krizek
Occupation: Attorney
Community involvements: Teaches Sunday school to teenagers at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, board member of Mount Vernon at Home, an organization to support the lifetime independence of Mount Vernon seniors allowing them to age in place in their homes; member, Bylaws Committee, Carl Sandburg PTA; member, member, Mount Vernon Lee Chamber of Commerce.
Family: Paul, wife Tracey Navratil and daughter Khloe Krizek, live in Paul's childhood home on Whiteoaks Drive in the Hollin Hills neighborhood of Mount Vernon.
Favorite quote: "Anytime you have a chance to make a difference in this world and you don't, then you are wasting your time on this earth." — Roberto Clemente



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Alex./Mt. Vernon Valley
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Alex./Riverside Estates • \$499,000
8415 Wagon Wheel Road

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at SpringHill Suites, 6065 Richmond Highway. Enjoy breakfast and tips from experts on financing, micro-lending, and crowdfunding. Free. RSVP at <http://us10.campaign-archive1.com/?u=52b12a5238f5b8d0c80e587be&id=feae89fec>.

SUNDAY/JUNE 7

Multifaith Pride Worship Service. 4-5 p.m. at Commonwealth Baptist Church, 700 Commonwealth Ave. Worship beside people of different religions and from the LGBTQ community. Free. Contact ElizabethF@pofev-nova.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 9

"Slow Dancing with a Stranger." 1-3 p.m. at Aldersgate United

Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Author of "Slow Dancing with a Stranger: Lost and Found in the Age of Alzheimer's" Meryl Comer will discuss her work. The presentation will be followed by a reception and book signing. Free. RSVP by contact Christi Clark at christi.clark@insightmcc.org.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

Technology for Seniors Meeting. 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Charles Beatley Library 5005 Duke St. Learn how to use new technology from local experts. Free. RSVP at www.seniorservicesalex.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Office Hours. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at

Lorton Library, 9520 Richmond Highway and 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Fairfax County School Board Member Dan Storck will host Saturday Community Office Hours. Contact Dan Storck at dan.strock@fcps.edu.

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The Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center in Alexandria needs a licensed beautician, a social companion and a Spanish-speaking social companion. 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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Then: Clergy dedicate the new building for the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in October 1984.



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Now: Bishop Paul S. Loverde, priests and deacons celebrate the Good Shepherd 50th anniversary Jubilee Mass on May 30, 2015.

Good Shepherd Church Turns 50

Bishop Paul S. Loverde visited Good Shepherd Catholic Church to take part in a Jubilee Mass in celebration of its 50th anniversary on May 30.

The religious institution on Mount Vernon Highway held multiple events over the course of the weekend, including a luncheon on Friday May 29 for “founding fami-

lies” and the mass on Saturday. Sunday, the Knights of Columbus Mount Vernon Council 5998 provided a pancake breakfast and hot dogs and hamburgers at the church throughout the day.

More than 1,000 people attended the weekend’s activities.

— TIM PETERSON



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Bishop Paul S. Loverde greets a Good Shepherd parishioner after the 50th anniversary Jubilee Mass on May 30.



PHOTO BY LORRAINE MONACO

The Good Shepherd Catholic Church celebrated 50 years with a Jubilee Mass on May 30.

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OBITUARY

Lt. Col. USAF (Ret) Hynson H. Marvel, Jr.

On May 8, 2015, Hynson H. Marvel, Jr. died at home with his wife Yvonne by his side. The couple had celebrated 42 years of marriage this past April. Born March 13, 1944, in Avondale, Pa., Hyns was the son of the late Hynson and Marguerite Marvel and the brother of Julianne Deturk.

Hyns served his country as a U.S. Air Force officer for 20 years on deployments that included service in Vietnam, Germany, Texas, and Washington, D.C. He was the recipient of multiple military awards including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with four stars. His service reflected his love of country, his family, and our freedom.

Active with his family in their home of Alexandria for over 25 years, Hyns was always present for his wife and children. He served as Scoutmaster for his son Hynson, III at Troop 654 earning his Woodbadge and Brotherhood membership in the Order of the Arrow. Hyns coached many seasons of his daughter Francoise's basketball and soccer teams and cheered her on during lacrosse games. Throughout his life he and Yvonne travelled extensively, visiting family abroad in the Netherlands, enjoying visits to Germany to see long-time



friends, and embarking on cruises to island destinations.

Hyns and Yvonne retired to Richmond, Va., after his long career supporting the military in the Defense Intelligence industry. He spent time entertaining friends and continued traveling with Yvonne, sharing stories of his daughter Francoise's breakthroughs in medicine, finding excuses to tell jokes to his daughter-in-law Caroline, endlessly playing with his grandsons Hynson IV and Henry; and hunting upland game with his son, Hynson III.

Hyns is survived by his wife, Yvonne A. Marvel; his children, Hynson H. Marvel, III and Francoise A. Marvel, M.D.; his daughter-in-law, Caroline E. Marvel; grandsons, Hynson H. Marvel, IV and Henry S. Marvel; and sister, Julienne DeTurk

A Celebration of Life reception will be held at Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Va., and the memorial service was held at the New London Presbyterian Church, New London, Pa., on Sunday June 7, 2015.

Primary Voting Information

While November's elections are still months away, voters have the opportunity to select Democratic representatives for several races in the party's primary on June 9.

Any registered voter living in a district with a primary is eligible to vote. Citizens can check their registration status on either the Virginia State Board of Elections website at elections.virginia.gov or by calling the Fairfax County office of elections at 703-222-0776 (TTY 711).

The two primary races for the Mount Vernon and Lorton areas are to fill the House of Delegates seat being vacated by Scott Surovell (D) — who's running to replace state Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36) — and to find a successor for retiring supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon).

In the delegate race, Democrats include nonprofit executive Paul Krizek and Capitol Hill senior staff member Justin Brown.

The four-way Democratic competition for supervisor is among Tim Sargeant, Fairfax County Planning Commission member; Dan Storck, Mount Vernon representative to the Fairfax County School Board; Candice Bennett, a business owner; and Jack Dobbyn, a business owner and Hyland appointee to the Fairfax County Human Services Council.

Absentee voting in person is available through June 6. At the Fairfax County Government Center, times are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30

p.m., Thursday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Photo identification is required.

Additional in-person absentee voting is available on Saturday June 6 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike in Annandale, and the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane in Alexandria.

The return deadline for absentee mail-in ballots is June 9. They can be addressed to Office of Elections, BOX 10161, Fairfax, VA 22038.

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OPINION

Overdose Deaths Are Preventable

New “safe reporting” law encourages people to seek help in time.

The death rate due to heroin overdose more than doubled between 2010 through 2013, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), with an average increase of 37 percent per year in the United States.

What the statistics don't say is that most of these deaths are preventable nearly to the last breath. Heroin and other opioids affect the part of the brain which regulates breathing, and opioids in high doses can cause respiratory depression and death.

Naloxone, which is effectively an antidote to opioid overdose, will completely reverse the effects of an opioid overdose if administered in time.

Emylee Lonczak, a McLean teenager who died of an overdose in what was reported to be her first encounter with heroin, might still be alive if the people with her at the time had taken her to a hospital or called 911.

New legislation designed to protect people seeking help for friends experiencing overdose should make it simpler to do the right thing.

State Sen. Chap Petersen sponsored the bill, Safe Reporting of Overdoses, which was signed

by Gov. Terry McAuliffe last week.

“The next step is to get the word out to young people: If a friend is in distress, you have a responsibility and now you have legal protections. Do the right thing. Make a call to save a life,” said Petersen said after the Governor signed the bill.

The law also applies to alcohol overdoses. Petersen collaborated with a Fairfax High School classmate, Gerald Lawson, now a professor at Virginia Tech, in pressing for protection for Good Samaritans in these circumstances.

The Food and Drug Administration last year approved a hand-held auto-injector designed for family and caregivers who might be witness to an overdose to administer a single dose of the drug naloxone.

Safe reporting of overdoses SB 892, summary as passed.

Establishes an affirmative defense to prosecution of an individual for (i) simple possession of a controlled substance, marijuana, or controlled paraphernalia; (ii) intoxication in public; or (iii) the unlawful purchase, possession, or consumption of alcohol if such individual sought or obtained emergency medical attention for himself or for another individual because of a drug-related or alcohol-related overdose and if the evidence for the charge was obtained as a result of the individual seeking or obtaining emergency medical attention. The bill provides that the affirmative defense may only be invoked by an individual who (a) remains at the scene of the overdose or at any location to which he is transported for emergency medical attention until a law-enforcement officer responds to the report of an overdose or, if no law-enforcement officer is present at either the scene or the other location, cooperates

with law enforcement, (b) identifies himself to the responding law-enforcement officer, and (c) cooperates, upon request, with any criminal investigation reasonably related to the drug or alcohol that resulted in the overdose. No individual may assert this affirmative defense if the emergency medical attention sought or obtained was during the execution of a search warrant or during the conduct of a lawful search or a lawful arrest.

Send Photos for Father's Day

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grandchildren.

Send in photos as soon as possible, with the following information: the town where you live, the names of everyone in the picture, the approximate date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and a sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to tell us your town name and neighborhood. Photos are due by June 15.

You can submit your photos online at www.connectionnewspapers.com/fathersday. You can also email photos to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drive Out Crime

To the Editor:

Mount Vernon is home to 127,000 residents spread across two police districts. The Mount Vernon police district is the second-smallest in Fairfax County, at just 26 square miles, yet has the most calls for service in the county. Three of the seven police service areas with the most calls for service in Fairfax County are located in Mount Vernon.

While the overall crime rate in Fairfax County trends downward, those living along the Richmond Highway corridor continue to feel the impact of personal and property crimes that have long plagued the district.

The campaign for Mount Vernon District supervisor has failed to fully address the issue of public safety for what it is – a critical quality of life issue that impacts us all. The county has tolerated Mount Vernon's crime problems for far too long. Rhetoric thus far in the campaign for supervisor has stated that one cannot find affordable homes in Mount Vernon in

safe neighborhoods that are not dangerous to live in or visit. The alternatives, as some candidates frame it, are to seek a home outside of Fairfax County or to advocate for the development of lower-priced units in “safe” parts of Mount Vernon.

Why have no proposals been discussed regarding how to drive out crime from the many well-known hot spots in Mount Vernon? How is adding more residential units preferable to cleaning up the neighborhoods already here? Instead of glossing over the existence of high-crime pockets, our next supervisor must stamp them out. Public safety is a core issue for Mount Vernon. Crime is real, it is happening, and it is constraining Mount Vernon from reaching its full potential. It is a contributing factor in not attracting the quality redevelopment sorely needed. It has been largely ignored on the campaign trail, which is a disservice that must be addressed.

Brian D. Leclair

Mount Vernon District Representative
Fairfax County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

Impressed By Candidate

To the Editor:

As someone who has lived in the Mount Vernon area all of my life, I came home from UVA this summer with a keen interest in Scott Surovell's State Senate campaign. When I initially applied to intern for Scott Surovell, I was actually unaware of who Paul Krizek was or that he was running for delegate of the 44th district. Likewise, I had no idea Mr. Surovell was endorsing him or that I would be working on Paul's campaign. However, after just one conversation with Mr. Krizek about our experiences as UVA undergrads, I knew I was speaking with someone worth representing the 44th.

Paul speaks with the acumen of any long-time resident of Mount Vernon, the kind that only comes from experience. His knowledge of our local history and keen attention to issues in the area immediately indicates to me that Paul knows what it means to represent us. On top of his sagacity, Paul's incredibly personable demeanor strikes me as something refresh-

ing in the sphere of politics. Anyone who speaks with Paul can tell he is passionate and knowledgeable about the area, and that he will go to Richmond to fight for the district, and not just to feed his personal ambitions. I have been extremely fortunate to have met and gotten to know Paul Krizek as his intern, and I am fully confident he will be successful in bringing attention to our district.

Thomas Delaney
Wayneswood

Listen to Proposal's Neighbors

To the Editor:

Last Thursday, I attended a meeting where developer CHPPENN I, LLC presented preliminary proposals for providing affordable housing dwellings on North Hill on Richmond Highway, numbering over 400 including apartments and townhouses. Under the current Zoning and Comprehensive Plan,

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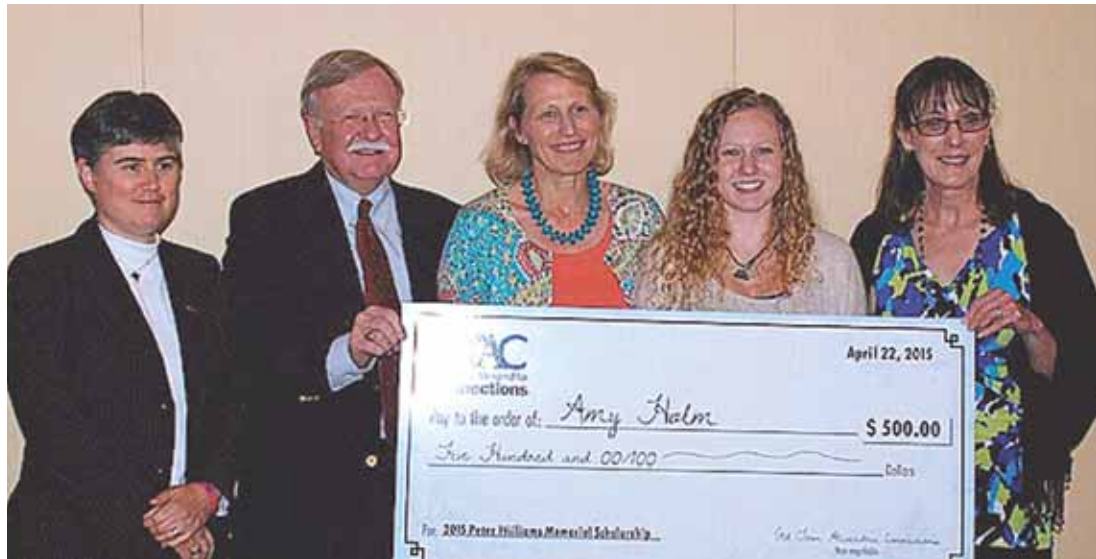
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Peter Williams Memorial Scholarship

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Old Town Alexandria Connections presented its inaugural Peter Williams Memorial Scholarship to local high school graduate, Amy Holm, on April 22 at the Belle Haven Country Club. Presenting the \$500 award are (from left) Juli Monroe of 1 to 1 Discovery; Amy's parents, Michael and Elizabeth Holm; award recipient Amy Holm; and Debbie Farson of HomeWise Referrals. OTAC started the scholarship for high school seniors to recognize and encourage the community spirit demonstrated by the late Peter Williams, the organization's past-president. This year's recipient is a West Potomac High School senior who has lived in Alexandria all her life. She plans to attend University of California, Berkeley. She has been involved in her community as a church youth leader, girls basketball coach, and tutor. As a freshman and sophomore, she captained her school's Junior Varsity basketball team and has captained the Varsity field hockey team as an upperclassman. Amy is assistant editor in chief of her school yearbook. Her volunteer service includes cooking for Carpenter's Shelter, delivering groceries with ALIVE!, and engaging in summer mission work abroad. For more information about OTAC, visit www.otacnetworking.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 10

67 dwellings may be constructed by right. As such, the proposal will require public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to obtain approval. At the meeting, attendees provided their input which will be utilized by the developer in shaping their development proposal. Hopefully an attractive affordable housing development will result, that will benefit the less fortunate among us.

Among the attendees were David Dale and Katherine Ward who the previous day had been recycled into revolving door co-chair positions of the MVCCA. Mr. Dale, who previously was the president of the Spring Bank Community Association, had advocated, several years ago, that instead of developing North Hill for affordable housing, the money should be used to buy up foreclosed homes in Spring Bank. While such self-serving civic involvement would justify disqualifying a person from being taken seriously in the civic arena, apparently Mr. Dale still has a fan base in those of the 40 or so remaining community association members of the MVCCA (out of over 220 in

the Mount Vernon District) that voted to re-elect him.

In my personal experience, Katherine Ward is the most undemocratic leader the MVCCA has ever chosen. When a neighbor and I attended an MVCCA Board meeting in 2009 to express our opposition to an MVCCA proposal to amend the Comprehensive Plan to allow public access in the Little Hunting Creek Pumping Station land, Ms. Ward as presiding officer refused to allow us to speak, practically breaking the gavel on the table as she pounded it perhaps two dozen times to prevent us from speaking. To thwart the MVCCA's plan to destroy the peaceful nature of my neighborhood, I filed my own Comprehensive Plan nomination which the Board of Supervisors used as the vehicle to bar public access into the Pumping Station lands. At last Thursday's meeting, Ms. Ward informed the developer that he would have to bring the development proposal to the MVCCA to seek their blessing before submitting it to the county for approval.

Words to the wise: In the 2012 case *New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC v. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors*, the 4th Circuit

Court of Appeals affirmed the decision of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria that the Board of Supervisors had properly given the greatest weight to the most closely adjacent neighborhood in determining that a cell tower could not be placed at the Masonic Lodge on Fort Hunt Road. In that case, the MVCCA had passed a resolution favoring the cell tower and the Planning Commission had voted to recommend its approval. The opposition of the closest, most affected neighbors on Plymouth Road who do not even have a civic association was deemed by the Board of Supervisors and the Courts to carry greater weight than the support of the MVCCA and the Planning Commission. Thus, if the MVCCA wants to pass a resolution concerning the proposed development on North Hill, it needs to consult with the most closely adjacent neighborhoods, receive their input, and pass a resolution that complies with the views of those closely adjacent neighbors. Otherwise, its resolution will carry no weight.

H. Jay Spiegel
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U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir Environmental Restoration Program Public Notice for Proposed Plan and Public Meeting

Please join us for a Public Meeting on June 8, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County South County Center 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA

The U.S. Army, in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, and in accordance with Section 300.430(f)(2) of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan and Section 117(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), announces a 30-day public comment period, from **June 5, 2015 to July 6, 2015**, for the Proposed Plan for the Tracy Road Range Munitions Response Site (MRS) at the U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir, Virginia. This document is available for public review at the following locations:

Kingstowne Library 6500 Landsdowne Centre Alexandria, VA 22315-5011 703-339-4610	Lorton Library 9520 Richmond Highway Lorton, VA 22079-2124 703-339-7385
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The document is also available via Fort Belvoir's Environmental Documents website at <https://www.belvoir.army.mil/envirodocs.asp> under the Environmental Cleanup link. The Army will conduct the public meeting on **June 8, 2015** to review the Proposed Plan which identifies the Preferred Remedial Alternative for the Tracy Road Range Munitions Response Site. Identified in this Proposed Plan are the options for addressing the contaminants of concern and recommended approaches. Written and/or oral comments on the Proposed Plan will be accepted at this meeting.

The Tracy Road Range (FTBL-014-R-01), approximately 33 acres, is located in an industrial area of the southeastern portion of Fort Belvoir Main Post. This Range was a rifle range used for small arms practice. The types of munitions used were not documented; however, similar small arms ranges from this timeframe used .30-cal ammunition. The munitions constituents of concern include the metals (antimony, copper, lead, and zinc) that comprise small arms bullets. **The recommended alternative for this site to address munitions constituents of concern is Alternative 2: Institutional Controls.**

Please provide written comments to the address below before July 7, 2015.

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SFDC Hosts Retail Summit What can work along Route 1?

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Three experts in retail development made presentations at the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation's retail summit at the Hampton Inn & Suites on Tuesday, June 2. They offered case study examples of the evolution of thinking in planning, designing, and implementing retail developments which have applicability for the Route 1 corridor.

Speakers included:

❖ Bruce Leonard, Streetsense. Since 2003 when he joined Streetsense he has served as the managing principal, leading the Architecture and Urban Design Studio. See www.streetsense.com.

❖ Nick Egelanian, SiteWorks. President and founder of SiteWorks Retail Real Estate, a consulting firm. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland. See www.siteworksretail.com.

❖ Heather Arnold, Streetsense. Managing director of Public Sector at Streetsense and specializes in retail market analysis, incentive



Heather Arnold of Streetsense speaks to attendees at the Retail Summit sponsored by the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation at the Hampton Inn & Suites on June 2.

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GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

planning, and merchandising mix strategies for downtown environments.

Each of the speakers presented historical perspective and practical overview of what matters when developing, redeveloping, or reinventing retail development space. Examples were presented of what works such as Bethesda Row in Maryland, and what doesn't work

when looking at overdeveloped retail space that can't support itself and results in the closing of retail establishments.

Leonard said, "Place matters to retailers. Ground plan amenities will attract investment and promote profitable vertical density." The U.S. has an average of 46 square feet of retail space devoted per person. Canada, Australia,

and the United Kingdom are far below the amount of retail space allocated per person in comparison. Internet has had an impact but not as much as assumed. The Route 1 corridor has too many similar tenants and anchor tenants. There is a need to stress increased density development which will drive new and higher level retail location. Another im-

portant tactic suggested is to focus on quality retail location which is best clustered and situated off the street face.

Egelanian said, "There are six forms of delivering retail commodities, ranging from convenience stores that are more expensive to warehouse stores that are least expensive: Convenience stores, drug stores, grocery stores, discounters such as Walmart, category killers such as Best Buy, and warehouse stores such as Costco. The Internet, such as Amazon, is in a special category of its own. This is the way we purchase commodities in the USA; from the most convenient and highest price (7-11), to the least convenient and lowest price (Costco). Any purchase from the internet has already been commoditized. Buying on the internet is largely based on convenience. Still, the experience and physical relationship continues to attract the large majority of buyers to traditional retail stores."

Arnold said, "There is too much retail on Route 1 and not enough of the right kind."

Retail must be visible, accessible, and the right kind with sufficient demand to be sustainable. We must think about retail markets as part of an integrative design. We need to think about the relationships in the market design to make it work."

Edith Kelleher, SFDC executive director, said, "SFDC's Summits are designed to interest our diverse stakeholders, including local businesses, development industry, neighborhood residents and government staff. We are pleased to attract a cross section of these groups to every summit."

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POLITICS

Bennett

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 the most significant Route 1 road and mass transit expansion in half a century. If elected, what will your transportation priorities be and how do you propose to fund them?

Knowing that even the most optimistic timelines for Metro expansion put us on track for a 2040 opening for a Hybla Valley metro station, I support the widening of Route 1 and the development of a high speed rapid transit bus line that carries workers to and from the blue and yellow lines down Route 1, to Fort Belvoir and Prince William County. Another critical area is the widening of Route 1 south of the Lorton Library, a significant chokepoint in the corridor as military servicemembers and contrac-

tors who work at Fort Belvoir are traveling from points south.

Q. Meeting the needs of the low and moderate income population in the Route 1 corridor is a continuing high priority. How do you plan to finance the continuing needs of this population in light of the growing financial pressures on the county budget for all services?

As noted above, I support improving the business climate and reducing the reliance on property taxes, while ensuring Fairfax County's fair share from Richmond.

Q. The fastest growing minority population in Mount Vernon is senior citizens 55 and older. What steps will you take to support the transportation, housing, and resource needs of this growing seniors population?

life attainable. And then, we must fund them as we fund the programs that address health, mental health, education, etc.

Q. The fastest growing minority population in Mount Vernon is senior citizens 55 and older. What steps will you take to support the transportation, housing, and resource needs of this growing seniors population?

My father is 87 years old and lives down the street from me, so this issue is of particular importance to me. As Mt. Vernon becomes more populated, we must find activities and programs that keep seniors an active part of the district. Mt. Vernon At-Home is part a national, regional, and county senior village movement, and is the oldest and most successful village model in Fairfax County. It is a volunteer-driven ap-

The board can support our non-profit partners such as Mt. Vernon at Home and NV Rides, by helping to get the word out. Much of the job of the supervisor is to be a strong advocate for our community ... not just our government. And my background in marketing and research gives me a unique perspective on how to develop and convey those messages.

Q. Why should voters support you for Mount Vernon supervisor instead of one of the other Democratic candidates?

I've demonstrated my commitment to the community as a nearly 20-year resident of the county, my volunteer leadership in local organizations and as a local small business owner. I'll bring fresh ideas and energy to the board, as well as the ability to bring people together to get the job done right.

proach, but comes with a membership cost. However, all of our residents cannot afford this luxury; we need to work with Inova Alexandria and other service providers to provide screenings and other preventative services. Public safety agencies need to ensure that our seniors are safe and secure in the community.

Q. Why should voters support you for Mount Vernon supervisor instead of one of the other Democratic candidates?

I have committed my life to working for the betterment of all in Mt. Vernon. My opponents have over 20 years of planning and School Board representation amongst them with little to show for their efforts. Our schools and community deserve better. I have the experience and relationships to get the results we need.

other services to the Mt. Vernon area to better serve seniors. My office will work to implement the recommendations of the County's 50 + Community Action Plan.

Q. Why should voters support you for Mount Vernon supervisor instead of one of the other Democratic candidates?

I am the only candidate who can meet the challenges we face. As state Sen. Toddy Puller has said in her endorsement, I have the "... vision, integrity and experience to be a great supervisor." As the Washington Post said in its endorsement of me, "None of his rivals on the ballot comes close to matching his breadth of knowledge on issues ranging from housing and transportation to development." I have a record of listening to people, bringing them together and getting things done.

When I see a problem, I bring folks together and we fix it. That has been my record throughout all of my years of public service. When I volunteered to fix up my leaky neighborhood pool, that's what we did. When I became president of Good Shepherd Housing, that's what we did.

And I didn't run for the School Board because I thought it would be easy. I recognized that we faced some stiff challenges; more needy kids, higher testing requirements and less funding, but I felt strongly that I could bring folks together and find solutions. I've accomplished a lot in my three terms by operating in that manner. We built South County Middle School ahead of schedule and under budget, we've increased resources for STEM initiatives, we've greatly expanded job-ready skills certifications for students, and I identified ways to save money by doing more with less — just like we did when my initiative, "Smart Services, Smart Savings," saved \$1 million by sharing services with the Board of Supervisors.

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Dobbyn

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 nation points for Ft. Belvoir traffic.

Q. Meeting the needs of the low and moderate income population in the Route 1 corridor is a continuing high priority. How do you plan to finance the continuing needs of this population in light of the growing financial pressures on the county budget for all services?

The first thing we need to do is recognize that this battle is not between the haves vs. have nots; we must continue to focus on the quality of life for all residents. In doing that, Fairfax County needs to ensure that all residents, especially our children, have access to the programs that make higher quality of

Sargeant

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 ceive its share of those funds for the Richmond Highway corridor. I will assert the needs of our district for those funds while completing plans for transportation improvements and new mass transit in our district. A complete planning vision for the Richmond Highway corridor will serve as an incentive for public and private investment in transportation and transit.

Q. Meeting the needs of the low and moderate income population in the Route 1 corridor is a continuing high priority. How do you plan to finance the continuing needs of this population in light of the

growing financial pressures on the county budget for all services?

We need better coordination of resources to meet the needs of our low and moderate income residents. As someone who has worked with government, the business sector and private service providers, I see opportunities to coordinate resources to achieve better results. This is a priority for me.

Q. The fastest growing minority population in Mount Vernon is senior citizens 55 and older. What steps will you take to support the transportation, housing, and resource needs of this growing seniors population?

I have met with leaders of Mt. Vernon's senior community to discuss needs and resources. It is clear that we can redirect public and private resources such as transportation for seniors and

places of "business" take advantage of low income residents when they are at their most vulnerable, and I believe that is wrong.

Q. The fastest growing minority population in Mount Vernon is senior citizens 55 and older. What steps will you take to support the transportation, housing, and resource needs of this growing seniors population?

I strongly support seniors who wish to remain in their homes and believe that our public and private sectors must be harnessed to providing opportunities and support for them and their families to do so. As supervisor, similar to the annual "Education Summit" I started on the School Board, I will hold an annual "Senior Summit" to bring together our seniors, family members, public and private sector organizations to ensure that we are providing the highest levels of support, information and services to our older residents.

Q. Why should voters support you for Mount Vernon supervisor instead of one of the other Democratic candidates?

Storck

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 ments necessary for smart bus rapid transit and building public infrastructure that grows private investment. Continued increased funding, expansion and ridership will demonstrate our need, readiness and ability to support the extension of the Yellow Line to Hybla Valley and beyond.

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Growing businesses and creating jobs is the best way to help our residents, and my plans for growing jobs in Mt. Vernon will make a real difference. However, there are some business that don't belong on Richmond Highway; payday lenders and auto title loan shops. These

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PEOPLE

Encouraging a Dialogue about Alzheimer's

Author to speak at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on June 9.

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THE GAZETTE



Meryl Comer

Meryl Comer will be giving a presentation and signing her book, "Slow Dancing with a Stranger," her memoir recounting her last 20 years as a caregiver, first for her husband and now also for her mother, both of whom suffer from Alzheimer's.

The event, which will take place at Aldersgate United Methodist Church on Collingwood Road, was organized by Christi Clark, education and outreach coordinator at Insight Memory Care Center, which provides care for Alzheimer's patients from early to late stage. Insight also provides resources to caregivers, "It's important to caregivers to feel connected," said Clark, pointing out that Insight "not only provides care for the person living with dementia but also their caregiver."

Clark hopes that the event will create awareness for caregivers and allow them

to have that conversation with one another, as well as giving attendees the opportunity to connect with resources available to them. One of the advantages of their programming, Clark stresses, is the ability for patients and caregivers to form relationships with other families going through similar issues.

Comer's book signing will be preceded by an hour-long presentation. She plans to use a town hall format, to give caregivers like herself a space to discuss their roles. Her book aimed to be honest about her own experiences, and she's heard from readers that it helps them do the same. "I'm not here to preach," she said. She does hope that a dialogue can be opened up around the often

isolated experience of a caregiver, "to give them permission to say things out loud."

Comer says that her experience as a caregiver showed that something needed to be done about the disease of Alzheimer's. She compares the advocacy efforts to those of breast cancer or HIV/AIDS and states that one of the reasons Alzheimer's resources are so far behind is that the caregivers, the "natural advocates on the frontline of care" for those suffering from Alzheimer's are "too worn out to protest" and organize to fight for issue advocacy.

Comer used her background as a broadcast journalist, a career she set aside to be a full-time caregiver at the age of 48, to put herself at the frontline of an issue that keeps so

many people silent. "Caregivers to those with dementia are six times more likely to get dementia, because of the stress," she

said.

When asked what advice she would give caregivers, she is careful to stress that that's the last thing she wants to do, instead she wants to open dialogue on the experience of caregivers as well as the broader issue of Alzheimer's. She wants to correct the idea that this is a natural part of aging. "This is a fatal neurological disease" that is only going to increase with frequency as the aging baby boomer population outlives other diseases.

Comer will continue to speak about her challenges as a caregiver, and to advocate for more research, including genetic testing, early intervention, and greater awareness of cognitive health in general. One hundred percent of the profits of "Slow Dancing with a Stranger," a New York Times Best Seller, will go towards Alzheimer's research.

The event will be held at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria on June 9, 1-3 p.m., with Comer's presentation from 1-2 p.m. and the reception and books signing from 2-3 p.m. RSVP to Christi Clark at christi.clark@insightmcc.org or 703-204-4664. The event is free and open to the public. A limited number of books will be available to purchase.

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Democratic Supervisor Candidates Make Their Cases at Forum

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do to attract businesses to the area. Each said they would openly solicit for new business. Storck said he believes promoting tourism to visit the historic landmarks and the upcoming U.S. Army National Museum, and attracting health workers to live in the local area where several hospitals and clinics exist would benefit the area's economy. Sargeant said he would solicit for retail businesses and gain commitments for high density residential development as part of an overall strategy to promote economic development to the area. Dobbyn said he would work to eliminate predatory car title lending businesses while soliciting businesses that would promote jobs and the economy for local residents. Bennett also stated her commitment to attract small businesses to the area.

The second question dealt with the pedestrian safety of the Sherwood Hall Lane and Route 1 intersection. All candidates agreed that a special effort must be made to establish a crosswalk there and to do a safety analysis to look for other actions to prevent accidents from occurring.

All candidates agreed to support efforts to extend the yellow line and bring mass transit to the area.

In the area of education and housing, both the audience and candidates were especially interested in commenting on the problems as they saw them. It began with the question: What were the candidates going to do about 800 children on the Head Start wait list? Storck said that the state should kick in money to fund Head Start; he supports preschool programs and would look for money to eliminate the wait list. Dobbyn agreed to the need to fully fund Head Start and criticized Storck who he pointed out to the attendees now sits on the School Board. He said that Storck takes credit for his effort to build schools in the Lorton/south county area but has done nothing to fund Head Start and neglected efforts to improve academic performance of the schools, one of which his daughter attends. Sargeant offered that a large Head Start wait list "is unacceptable" and if elected he would work with his colleagues on the Board of Supervisors and School Board to match funds with the needs of Mount Vernon, such as Head Start.

The questions and debate then moved to affordable housing. Dobbyn strongly supports a move to expand the number of afford-

able housing units in Mount Vernon. He also said that Sargeant sat on an affordable housing committee and failed to secure adequate commitments for affordable housing. Sargeant said it was not true. Candice Bennett revealed that her mother tried to move to the Lorton area to be close to her daughter but the housing was too expensive for her to relocate. She said that if elected she would do whatever she could to increase the amount of affordable housing in the region.

The debate and questions moved to funding for mental health services. Bennett said she was told that 25 percent of prisoners in Fairfax County would not be there if adequate mental health services was available. All candidates agreed that more state funding and more attention overall must be devoted to mental health services. Candidates discussed the recent case of the death of a female inmate with mental health issues in the Fairfax County jail where she was tasered several times while shackled. The incident is now under investigation. She was struggling with prison guards



At the Candidates Night sponsored by Gum Springs Civic Association and the Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce are (from left) Walter Clarke (Burke & Herbert Bank), Candice Bennett (candidate), Tim Sargeant (candidate), Dr. Douthard Butler (chairman, Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce, and moderator), Queenie Cox (president, New Gum Springs Civic Association), Jack Dobbyn (candidate), Dan Storck (candidate) and David Temple (political activist).

who were attempting to transfer her to a hospital for medical evaluation. Sargeant said that adequate training of the guards in how to deal with mentally ill prisoners was essential to preventing this from happening in the future.

Dobbyn called for the release of the video tape of the tasing of the deceased prisoner and referred to his endorsement by the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability as evidence that he is the right person for the supervisor job. He

said he will be a strong advocate to protect against misconduct by the police and prison guards. Storck said he would support tax increases to fund mental health programs and other programs needing funding if there are no other options. Sargeant stressed the need for setting priorities as one technique to stretch money to where the need was greatest. Just prior to the close of the forum, Dobbyn said that "the other candidates don't have the guts to say we may need to raise taxes to fund programs if needed, and if you elect me, I will."

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WELLBEING

Summer Fun, Summer Safety

Tips for averting summer danger.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

It's a familiar call. The sun beams down from mid-summer sky. Temperatures rise above 95 degrees Fahrenheit, but safety conditions start to plummet. "People will have been walking on the mall all day and then go to Arlington National Cemetery to watch the Changing of the Guard and they start to feel light-headed and dizzy," said Lt. Sarah-Maria Marchegiani, spokeswoman for the Arlington County Fire Department. "The times that I've responded, they usually have only one small water bottle with them and they've been in the heat all day. It's often tourists, but people who live here, too."

While summer ushers in vacations, trips to the pool, barbecues and fireworks it also brings the potential for safety hazards. From recreational water illness to heat-related illnesses, summer fun can turn into a nightmare. Public health and safety officials have several tips for lessening summer safety risks.

WHEN THE TEMPERATURE SPIKES, so does the risk of heat-related illnesses. Lengthy exposure to 90-plus degree heat can lead to heat stroke, heat exhaustion cramping and, in extreme cases, death.

"Heatstroke can occur when the ability to sweat fails and the body temperature rises quickly," said Kenya Fluellen, associate professor of nursing at Northern Virginia Community College. "The brain and vital organs are affected as the body temperature rises to a dangerous level."

In addition to wearing loose-fitting clothes that are light in color and taking breaks from the heat and drinking two to four glasses of water for every hour one is exposed to high heat, health officials say applying sunscreen, limiting physical activity and wearing a hat or using an umbrella to block direct sunlight should also be added to the list of summer safety precautions.

"People can underestimate the power of the heat. Safety is always our number one priority," said Marchegiani. "If you have an elderly neighbor or anyone with mobility issues, check on them, espe-

cially when we have a storm and the power goes out."

WHILE STRATEGIES for beating the heat include trips to the pool and water parks, these cool-down activities come with health precautions. Being aware of the potential for spreading germs can prevent recreational water illnesses, which can occur as a result of swallowing or having other contact with contaminated water.

Health officials advise swimmers to shower with soap before entering a pool, take bathroom breaks once per hour and take a rinse shower before returning to the water.

Washing your hands after changing diapers or using the restroom and checking a child's diapers every half-hour to an hour are tips that are also advised.

Water safety is another summer concern. "Enroll

children over the age of three in swimming lessons," said Fluellen. "Don't rely on lifeguards to watch over your children."

INSECTS ARE ANOTHER summer sighting that can be a prelude to danger. In fact, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors proclaimed June at Fight the Bite Awareness Month.

One bite from a disease-carrying mosquito or tick can lead to life-changing illnesses such as West Nile virus or Lyme disease.

"Anyone can get infected with these illnesses, but people over the age of 50 are at greater of developing more severe forms," said Joshua Smith, Fairfax County environmental health supervisor. "We can find mosquitoes with West Nile virus anywhere in the county that is why we encourage people to take precautions."

Those safety measures include eliminating standing water, treating standing water and spraying your yard. Using an insect repellent containing DEET, remaining indoors at dawn and early evening, and installing, repairing or replacing screens on both windows and doors to keep insects outdoors are also recommended.

"It is important to use common sense, stay hydrated and respect Mother Nature," said Kurt Larrick, spokesman for the Arlington County Department of Human Services. "And some groups are more at risk [such as] infants, teens, older adults, and those with certain health conditions."

Summer Safety Information

Alexandria: www.alexandriava.gov/Health
Arlington: <http://departments.arlingtonva.us/dhs/>
Fairfax County: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/

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ENTERTAINMENT

LTA Stages 'Dirty Blonde'

Highlights the story of silver screen bombshell Mae West and her climb to fame.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is staging "Dirty Blonde" June 6-27. A winner of the 2010 Tony Award for Best Play, the bawdy show highlights Mae West, one of America's pop culture icons, and her climb to fame. It weaves her life story with the oddball romance of two lonely New Yorkers who are obsessed with the star. The show spans her years in vaudeville to her stature as one of the silver screen's greatest bombshells. "Dirty Blonde" also includes songs from West's most famous movies, including "I'm No Angel," "Dirty Blonde," and "Perfect Love."

Director Jennifer Lyman decided to direct "Dirty Blonde" because not only did she enjoy the story and characters, but she saw the show as a tremendous challenge she knew she could conquer. "There are more than 40 scenes which take us to at least 20 different locations spanning 73 years, which are populated by 18 characters," she said. "Plus there are two well known iconic characters singing, dancing, and men in drag. Who could say no to all that?"

She said "Dirty Blonde" is the type of show that doesn't appear on LTA's stage often. "It is not a musical and it is not a play," she said. "It is a play with music (a play with a limited number of musical numbers), something that LTA has done only two other times in the last 15 years: 'Master Class' in 2001 and '33 Variations' in 2013."

She added: "Like those productions, 'Dirty Blonde' tells the story of an artist — Mae West. It is important to tell the story of artists and their struggle to interpret the world and their experience through their work as it heightens our appreciation of the devotion necessary to bring any artistic endeavor to life."

She said it was a challenge to figure out how she could reimagine this production to be achievable for LTA. "The production

as conceptualized and originally produced featured only three actors — which meant that each of them was changing character and costume constantly," she said. "I decided to use five actors instead of three so that the actors playing the lead characters would only play those characters, and all of the supporting roles could be played by two additional actors."

The next challenge, she said was to move seamlessly between the many locations without slowing down the production or confusing the audience. "Between our flexible set, judicious set dressing, extensive lighting, and crack stage hands, we are able to visit many locations and time periods and still bring the show in under two hours," she said.

Janette Moman plays the lead role of Mae West, a "very strong woman who had so many positive qualities and was a trailblazer for women. I appreciate her drive, ambition and true talent. She was very intelligent and knew what worked for her," she said.

As far as challenges, she said, "It is important to make sure not to make Mae a caricature. She was a real person; so many people have emulated her it is way too easy for Mae to become a cartoon rather than the strong woman that she really was."

She added: "Mae touched people in an incredible way, even after her death, whether they met her or not. She has molded the idea of what 'sexy' is, and you can see Mae's influence in every sex symbol. But her spirit was equally long-lasting. She was a true feminist who embraced her femininity but didn't believe it should ever hold you back from having all the opportunities this world offers."

David J. Calderon plays the role of Charlie, a huge fan of Mae West. "When he was a kid, she helped him define his life and he has grown into adulthood with her as a role model," he said. "For him, it's a struggle to find himself in a world where a



PHOTOS BY MATT LIPTAK

Daniel Doeuk and Alexandria Guyker star in LTA's production of "Dirty Blonde," detailing the life and times of film star Mae West.

man having a woman as a role model just isn't what most people consider normal."

He added: "Because of that, he has had a difficult time with relationships and with his own self worth. He thinks his compulsion to dress up as Mae is strange, but it helps him feel 'right' when everything else isn't."

He said one of the challenges was trying to convey Charlie's struggles with his life and his choices. "It was also kind of tough to go from a 17-year-old character to one in his late 20s within the same scene," he said. "The time jumps in the dialogue are fun because they help bring both the play's past and 'present' together."

He hopes the audience will take away a greater understanding for the power of love. "It's not all things to all people and it doesn't look the same to everyone," he said. "I hope they will learn that accepting someone for who they are (and accepting yourself for who you are) takes strength of character and love that goes beyond the superficial 'romantic' ideal."

Co-producers Russell Wyland and Marian Holmes, who have produced together 10 times at LTA, said their job is to assemble the design team, watch over the budget, and generally keep the "trains running on time." They loved director Lyman's vision for how the play should look and feel and "because of the many different scenes and two distinct stories — one love story and another about Mae West — a production of 'Dirty Blonde' could easily spin out of control," said Wyland. "Jennifer saw simplicity where other directors might have seen chaos."

He added: "It's hard not to love Mae West. She was a self-made woman who decided to do it her way ... no apologies. The quickness of her wit is unmatched and her ability to be sexual without resorting to vulgarity is refreshing."

He said LTA has a long history of doing shows that celebrate historical people. And audiences are attracted to such shows because they not only become engrossed in a good story, but they usually learn something new and surprising about the person being portrayed.

About 15 years ago, LTA staged Terrence

McNally's "Master Class," a show that takes audience members inside both Maria Callas's classroom tutorials and her emotional state while performing. It was a great success and since then the LTA Board has chosen several shows in a similar vein: "Gross Indecency" about Oscar Wilde, "The Will Rogers Follies," and "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," to name a few. So "Dirty Blonde" is a proven type show with audiences, they said.

There were also practical reasons for choosing "Dirty Blonde." Wyland said: "Audience members are subscribing or re-subscribing right now, and the board wanted a show in this particular time slot that would showcase the acting talent in the area and the technical capabilities of the theatre. 'Dirty Blonde' is both ... Audience members have told us over and over that variety is a good thing, and we hope that 'Dirty Blonde' both provides that variety and serves as a harbinger of what's in store next season."

He said the technical aspects of the show are, for the producers, the most challenging part of "Dirty Blonde." "Even though it is a play, it is much more like a small musical, coming with all the technical challenges of a musical. Musicians — we have a pianist and a bass player — require sound and video monitors and sound reinforcement; the set design has to allow for dancing, but must be intimate enough and simple enough to draw the audience into the world of Mae and her fans."

He said Lyman and set designer Andrea D'Amato have come up with a breath-taking set that uses both rear projections and marquee projections through a large-screen television. "Running one kind of video is difficult, but running two kinds of video is new territory for us. Thank God for our projection designer Austin Fodrie, who has taken LTA to new places with his design of 'Dirty Blonde' projections," he said.

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is staging "Dirty Blonde" from June 6 to 27. Show times are Wednesday-Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$19-\$22. The theater is located at 600 Wolfe St. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

Janette Moman and Chris Gillespie star in LTA's "Dirty Blonde."



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ONGOING

“Living Yesterday Today.” Through June 14 at various times at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 105 N. Union St. “Living Yesterday Today” is an exhibit featuring photography by Sandy LeBrun-Evans following 150th Civil War Reenactments. Free to attend. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

“The Letters.” Through June 14 at various times at MetroStage. “The Letters” is a study of 1930s Soviet Union suppression of the work of prominent artists under Stalin’s rule. \$50-55. Visit www.metrostage.org/index.html for showing times, directions, and to buy tickets.

“Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorists.” Through June 28, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-4:30 p.m. on Sunday at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Find watermedia floral and landscape paintings. Free to visit gallery. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Cat Adoption Promotion. The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, 4101 Eisenhower Ave. The Animal Welfare League will be holding a “Class of 2015” Cat Adoption promotion. Select cats (typically, cats who have been at the shelter longer than four months, senior cats, etc.), will have fees waived for the month of June. Email clindsey@alexandrianimals.org or call 703-746-4774.

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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, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, fiber arts, clay animation, and Basic Art Camp (a new medium each day). \$155-\$345. Visit www.theartleague.org/content/art_camp for more.

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, enrichment, nature, adventure, Out of School Time (residents only) and classic camps. The guide has an index listing camps by week offered and age group. Register online or in-person at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. The Summer Fun Guide is available for download at www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation. Free printed brochures will be available at City Hall, recreation centers, and public libraries. Call the Registration and Reservation Office at 703-746-5414.

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

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 third Friday 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 p.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.

Tween Yoga. Thursdays, May 28-July 16. 4-5 p.m. at 532YOGA, 532 N. Washington St. Suite 100. 532Yoga uses yoga to help tweens develop greater self-confidence. The workshop fee is \$125 or \$20 for drop-in classes. Visit www.532Yoga.com.

Drawing and Painting Lab for Teens. Wednesdays, June 24-July 15, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Teens ages 13-17 may explore techniques including concepts of shape, line, texture and color blending. The fee is \$77 for four 2-hour lessons. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

THURSDAY/JUNE 4

Auditions for “Catch a Dream.” 7-9 p.m. at 1108 Jefferson St. CAD Musicals is casting “Catch a Dream,” a patriotic family musical to honor the WWII generation. It follows one man’s journey through love, war, and the fight to catch the American dream. CAD is seeking individuals 18-65. Contact cadmusical@gmail.com for more.

Private Gardens of Philadelphia. 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Travel to Philadelphia for a day-trip an visit private gardens. Tickets are \$138 for the bus, tours and lunch. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

“Love Note.” 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. “Love Note” is an original play by Louise Schoettler detailing the story of her marriage to her late husband Jim. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.conta.cc/Hm2uoK.

Author Talk. 7-8 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Local poet Neva Herrington, discusses her poetry and shares readings from her new book, “Open Season.” Free. Call 703-746-1768.

“June 6, 1944: The Beginning of the End.” 7-9 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Ave. The Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee will present a lecture by Thomas Christianson, Senior Historian for the Secretary of Defense. \$5 suggested donation. Visit www.ddaylecture2015.eventbrite.com to RSVP.

Artist’s Talk. 7 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. “Bridging Worlds” artist Lori K. Gordon will discuss the inspiration for her exhibit. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org/gordon.

JUNE 4-JULY 19

“Saturate.” Gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Six artists use different mediums to convey moisture. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 4

Summer Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. Relax in Carlyle’s gardens and listen to jazz ensembles and performances. Free. Visit www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park.

FRIDAY/JUNE 5

West End Food Truck Rodeo. 11 a.m.-8 p.m. at the parking lot of Southern Towers Apartments, 4901 Seminary Road. Taste diverse cuisine served by food trucks. Free admission. Visit www.alexandriawebea.com/.

Family Paint Night. 6-8 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Artist Teresa Brunson will guide participants through painting their own masterpiece. Admission is \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

Artist’s Talk. 6:30-9 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. Observe GC Myers’s exhibition titled “Native Voice” and speak to him about his artwork. Free. Visit www.principlegallery.com.

Fostering the Future Gala. 7-10 p.m. at Hotel Monaco, 480 King St. Enjoy food and live entertainment and help raise money for The Fund for Alexandria’s Children. Tickets are \$85. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/thefundforalexchild.

Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Flamenco guitarist Ottmar Liebert will perform with his band. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra. 8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Orchestra present music from the 1920s, ‘30s, and ‘40s. General admission is \$35. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 5-7

Beatles to Broadway Concert. Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Listen to the combined ensemble of The Alexandria Singers and The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.wmpamusic.org.

JUNE 5-28

“Building Bridges.” gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2701 Mount Vernon Ave. The gallery will unveil an exhibit that is the result of a partnership with Six Degrees Consortium. Free to attend. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 6

Butterfly Container Gardening Workshop. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to create a butterfly container garden to attract and feed butterflies and other pollinators. The fee is \$35. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

6th Annual Youth Arts Festival. 12-4 p.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. The festival will showcase the talents of youth from around the city. It will include artists, music, entertainment, and food vendors. Free. Call 703-549-7115 ext.126.

Pohick Church Tours. 1-3 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway. During the colonial period, Pohick Church was the congregation of many of the area’s most prominent families, including the Washingtons, Masons and Fairfaxes. Free. Visit

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71st Anniversary of D-Day Celebration. 2:30-5 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Commemorate D-Day by viewing band performances and war reenactments. Free. Contact AlexandriaCaenSisterCities@gmail.com.

Live Jazz Concert. 7-10:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Keyboardist Marcus Johnson takes the stage for the benefit of Virginia Music Adventures, Inc., a non-profit educational organization that promotes jazz music through performances by young musicians. Admission is \$35. Contact abby@vamusicalventures.org or 703-919-3323.

Benefit Concert. 7 p.m. at the Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Local keyboardist Marcus Johnson will perform. Tickets \$35. Visit www.VaMusicAdventures.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 7

"Fashion and Invention." 1-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist and collector Caroline Hottenstein will present a timeline of tools, inventions and innovations that have influenced changes in fashion and fibers over the centuries. View pieces from Caroline's antique clothing collection that showcase the historical connection between fashion and technology. The program is \$38 with afternoon tea and \$15 without tea. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Family Fun: Strawberry Tea Party. 1:30-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Walk through Green Spring Gardens to see how strawberries and other fruits grow, then have tea and a snack. The program is \$15. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

"Saturate" Opening Reception. 4 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Celebrate the opening of the new exhibit in which six artists use diverse media to convey "watery wetness." Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 7, JUNE 14, AND JUNE 28

Cook For Your Pet. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Pet Sage, 2391 S. Duke St. and Southern Kitchens, 2350 Duke St. Take a three-part course on cooking for your cat or dog. Each session is \$25, or \$60 for all three. Visit www.petsage.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 9

Purple Heart Ceremony. 9-11 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. George Washington's home, Mount Vernon will host a birthday celebration for the Army. The program will feature performances by the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. A wreathlaying ceremony will take place at the tomb of George Washington, and a Purple Heart program will feature the Presentation of Colors. Purple Heart medals will be pinned on three wounded warriors. This ceremony is open to the public. Call 703-799-8607.

T.C. Williams Jazz Ensemble Spring Concert. 7:30 p.m. at T. C. Williams High School Auditorium, 3330 King St. The T. C. Williams Jazz Ensemble plays. Free. Contact douglas.rogers@aeps.k12.va.us for more.

JUNE 9-JULY 9

"Art Uniting People" Exhibit. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on the 2nd floor hallway at Alexandria City Hall, 301 King St. This is the fifth year of the exhibition and the first time the exhibition and the reception will be held at Alexandria City Hall. The exhibit is designed to raise awareness about the stigma faced by those with mental illness, substance use disorders, and intellectual disabilities. Admission is free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/JUNE 10-12

French Tall Ship Hermione Tours. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday at the Alexandria Marina. Explore Hermione, an exact replica of the ship that brought the Marquis de Lafayette to George Washington with news of full French aid in

1780, turning the tide of the American Revolution. Tickets are free, but are limited. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/calendar-of-events/hermoine-in-alexandria to learn how to get tickets.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 10

Armchair Travel with Conne Rubenstein. 10:00 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center 1500 Shenandoah Road. armchair travel to Costa Rica with Conne Rubenstein. Travel by bus, raft, kayak and zipline through this beautiful paradise of Ecotourism. Home and school visits and a coffee plantation round out this fascinating journey. Free and open to the public. Contact 703-765-4573 for more.

The ASO Garden Party. 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cauley Deringer, 1198 Janneys Lane. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra celebrates their annual garden party with a jazz theme. Individual tickets are \$150. Visit www.alexsym.org.

THURSDAY/JUNE 11

"Lunch Break Power Hour." 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park, 300 John Carlyle St. This event features a live DJ, express fitness classes, healthy food cooking demonstrations, chair massages, yoga and more. Email katherine.carraway@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-3855.

Teenage Hero: Marquis de Lafayette Lecture. 7:30-9 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Harlow Giles Unger has been a frequent speaker at Mount Vernon and on radio and television. Tickets are \$10. See www.shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx or call 703-746-4994.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 12-13

Wine and Dine on George Washington's Lawn. 6-9 p.m. at 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. George Washington's Mount Vernon invites visitors to sip wine and taste local and historic culinary fare while watching the sunset at the Mount Vernon Estate. Admission is \$20 per person. See mountvernon.org/summerescape.

FRIDAY/JUNE 12

Opening Reception of "Art Uniting People" 6-7:30 p.m. at Alexandria City Hall, 301 King St. A celebration of recovery, creativity and mental health—the focus of the new exhibit. Free. The public is welcome. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at the parking lot of Lincolnia United Methodist Church, 6335 Little River Turnpike. Free to attend. See www.lincolniaumc.org.

George Mason Day. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Commemorate the June 1776 ratification of Mason's Virginia Declaration of Rights by joining the color guard in procession to Mason's tomb for a wreath laying, and more. Free. Visit www.gunstonhall.org.

Civil War Camp Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum & History Site, 4301 W Braddock Road. Watch Civil war re-enactors perform drills and demonstrations. Suggested donation \$2 per adult and families \$5. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/FortWard.

Balsamic Vinegar Tasting Party. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the history of balsamic vinegar and how to determine genuine balsamic vinegar from fake vinegars. Admission is \$30. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. The family dog is welcome to join in on an hour-long cruise through the Alexandria Seaport. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for children. Dogs ride free. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/canine-cruise.php.

Arts and Crafts Fair. 3-8 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Shop for handmade crafts and view art created by local artists. Free. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/things-to-do/summer-in-alexandria/.

Lafayette Ball. 8-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Dance to revolutionary-era music and taste traditional sweets. Tickets are \$45 and reservations are required. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/



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Adult Dance Class. 11:30 a.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Jane Franklin offers a free 30-minute mini-dance class at The Athenaeum. Everyone welcome. No need for specific attire, but come dressed to move; chat and refreshments after. Free. Call 703-933-1111.

Book Talk. 2 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Ron Goldfarb discusses his two new works, "Courtship, a novel of Life, Love and the Law" and "After Snowden: Privacy, Secrecy, and Security in the Information Age." Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Envisioned Strings Concert. 7-9 p.m. at George Washington Masonic Temple Memorial Theatre, 101 Callahan Drive. Enjoy different genres of music played on string instruments. Tickets are \$15-\$35. Visit www.envisionedstrings.com.

Stephane Wrembel presents DJANGO A GOGO. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall 3701, Mount Vernon Ave. French-born guitarist/composer Stephane Wrembel brings the latest edition of his homage to gypsy jazz legend Django Reinhardt to The Birchmere. See www.stephanewrembel.com.

JUNE 16-JULY 25

"Magical, Mystical Animals." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Studio 18. Artists will display art inspired by childhood stories and mythical creatures. Admission is free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

TUESDAY/JUNE 16

Meet the Author. 10 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Photographer, Ian Temple Roberts shares his book "Hidden In Plain Sight - Moments of Beauty." Over years of wandering through fine art galleries, English churches and stately countryside homes, Ian Roberts shares what inspired his book. Free. Call 703-765-4573 for more.

FamilySearch and Genealogy. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Learn what FamilySearch offers in Carol Petranek's talk: "The Treasure Chest Known As FamilySearch." The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society will sponsor this free event. Visit www.mvgenalogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

The Bodyguard's Account: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln. 7-8 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Author and historian Bob O'Connor will be speaking about the assassination of Abraham Lincoln from the viewpoint of his bodyguard Ward Hill Lamon. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

THURSDAY/JUNE 18

Heels & Wheels. 5-7 p.m. at Land Rover Alexandria, 2712 Duke St. Alexandria Chamber of Commerce hosts an educational event with games, music and more. Tickets are \$20 for member, \$35 for nonmembers. Visit www.alexchamber.com.

Summer Concert. 6-8 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N Fairfax St. Relax in Carlyle's gardens and listen to jazz ensembles and performances. Free. Visit www.nvrpa.org/park/carlyle_house_historic_park.

Witness to War & Reunion. 7:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. This spring lecture series looks at the end of the Civil War, and

its aftermath. "Remembering the Civil War," by Caroline Janney, Purdue University. \$5. Seating is limited.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19

Annual Golf Classic. 7 a.m. and tee-times beginning at 9 a.m. at the Fort Belvoir Golf Course, 8450 Beulah St. #2920, Fort Belvoir. All proceeds go to the Military Order of the Purple Heart as we support our fellow wounded veterans and their families. Open to all. Contact 703-283-9698 or mophgolf@jsheainc.com.

Third Friday Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. This community dance will feature the Mount Vernon Swing Band Live, conducted by Owen Hammett. \$4 at the door. Open to the public. Call 703-765-4573 for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 20

Soroptimist Event. 11:30 a.m. at Waterford at Springfield, 6715 Commerce St., Springfield.

Soroptimist International of Alexandria is hosting a lunch, tea, and fashion show event. Art by Suhail Mir will also be on sale. Proceeds will benefit the organization's scholarship funds. Tickets are \$36. Contact Norma Gyovai at ngyovai@moving.org.

Sherry Tasting Party. 4-6 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Spanish wines will be paired with cold tapas dishes. Admission is \$44 per person. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

SUNDAY/JUNE 21

Father's Day Museum Tours. 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. Fathers gain free access to some of Alexandria's most prominent museums. Free for fathers only. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/things-to-do/summer-in-alexandria/ for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 27

Civil War Kids Drill Day. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road. Children ages 9-12 can learn more about the daily life of the Civil War soldier. The cost per child is \$25, which includes a Civil War kepi hat and snack. Registration is suggested, space is limited. Call Fort Ward Museum to register at 703-746-4848. The program will be cancelled if it rains.

"Building Altars" Workshop. 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Del Ray Artisans gallery at Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Create altars from small tins and recycled items. Instructor: Lori K. Gordon. \$80 for members and \$95 for non-members not including a \$20 supply fee. See www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/Altars.

Food & Wine Festival. 12-6 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Taste food from local restaurants and sample Virginia wines while listening to live music. Free admission. Visit <http://alexandriafoodandwine.com/>.

THURSDAY-MONDAY/JUNE 25-29,

Choral Festival International Summer Celebration. Various times and dates at 319 Cameron St. This event features professional and community choirs. See www.classicalmovements.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 27

Ikebana Flower Design Workshop. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the fundamentals of the

Japanese art of flower arrangement. The workshop is \$35 plus a \$25 supply fee. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Family Fun: Make a Patriot

Garden. 1-2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Children may decorate a red, white and blue container garden in time for the Fourth of July. The program cost is \$12. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

SUNDAY/JUNE 28

Downton Abbey Tea Program. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Discover whether Downton Abbey's depiction of life in the 18th century provides true historical insight or historical fiction. The program will be followed by a traditional English afternoon tea. Admission is \$32. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

TUESDAY/JUNE 30

Concert in the Garden. 7-8 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. "Banjo Man" Frank Cassel will perform bluegrass and folk music. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

FRIDAY/JULY 3

Friday Evening Garden Tour. 7-8 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Master Gardener docents will highlight the summer sights, fragrances and sounds at the end of the day, when changing light accentuates different plants and landscape features. Refreshments also available. Admission is \$12 person for each tour. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 302 6901.

SATURDAY/JULY 4

Pohick Church Tours. 1-3 p.m. at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway. During the colonial period, Pohick Church was the congregation of many of the area's most prominent families, including the Washingtons, Masons and Fairfaxes. Free. Visit www.pohick.org.

MONDAY/JULY 6-AUG. 24

Yoga for Gardeners. 9:45-10:45 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This class is a gentle introduction to the Vinyasa method which helps participants increase the strength, flexibility and endurance necessary for gardening. The class is held indoors. The class is \$86 per person. Register on-line at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

TUESDAY/JULY 7

Tuesday Morning Stroll. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Simpson Park Gardens, 420 E. Monroe St. Residents are invited to visit the garden, receive free seed packets and have their gardening questions answered by experts. Free. Contact carol_kilroy@comcast.net for more.

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Justin Brown

FROM PAGE 5

Q. How has Mount Vernon changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

In the last 10 years, Mount Vernon has seen the quality of its schools and roads decline. Route 1 is seeing increased congestion and commute times, while 13 out of 18 schools are performing under the state average. We need a leader that can point us in a new direction.

As delegate, I will fight for the funds to address the deficiencies in our transportation and educational infrastructure.

Q. What is your vision for the Route 1 corridor? What kind — and scope — of commercial and residential development would you favor? How does that dovetail with transportation goals there?

New commercial development is needed to bring more jobs and choice for consumers, and our transportation infrastructure has to keep up with our region's needs. As your delegate I will fight to: widen and renovate Route 1 to reduce congestion, expand bus lines from Mount Vernon

to D.C.; and create new cycling access points to the GW Parkway and Huntington Metro, further reducing vehicle congestion and pollution while helping to keep our region healthy.

Q. Why should voters support you for state delegate instead of the other Democratic candidate?

On June 9, voters should vote for me because I have the experience, mindset, and energy to achieve real results in Richmond. I have worked in the legislative process as an advocate, as a senior federal employee focused on congressional relations, and as a senior staff member on Capitol Hill. I also founded a nationally recognized non-profit to help others get involved in government and politics.

I have the skills we need to fight and win on behalf of the Mount Vernon community. We need someone who has been in the legislative trenches and consistently comes out on top.

Who would you pay to go influence the legislative body on your behalf? That's who you want to be your delegate.

Paul Krizek

FROM PAGE 5

needs to invest in its solar and offshore wind energy sources, and reduce greenhouse emissions through efficiency, education and conservation.

Q. How has Mount Vernon changed in the last 10 years? What caused those changes?

It was then that the county was tearing down blighted properties that were abandoned, unsafe and an eyesore. Since that time we are seeing some upgrading of the look of the corridor with new historical signage, plantings, retail facade improvements, as well as some newer redevelopment in areas like Beacon Hill Mall and Hybla Valley, for example, that is a big improvement over where it was not too long ago. The community has consistently stepped up to the challenges we have faced, from keeping Mount Vernon hospital open to pushing for the new Jeff Todd Way connector road from Route 1 to Telegraph Road.

Q. What is your vision for the Route 1 corridor? What kind — and scope — of commercial and residential development would you favor? How does that dovetail with transportation goals there?

Route 1 needs to become a revitalized transportation corridor that will be a catalyst for our entire community — for good jobs, quality housing, better stormwater management, a reduction of traffic and pollution by including

Metro stops at Beacon Mall and Hybla Valley, and one day to Ft. Belvoir. The first steps to reaching that vision are widening Route 1, installing a bus rapid transit system as well as bike and pedestrian paths, and extending the Yellow Line to Hybla Valley. Redevelopment must be done in conjunction with good stewardship of the land, adding and protecting existing green space, like the Fairchild property in the Spring Bank community. We must not lose sight of the need to keep and guarantee affordable housing for the young millennials and those working lower wage jobs, the low and moderate income who will want to be near their jobs and mass transit.

Q. Why should voters support you for state delegate instead of the other Democratic candidate?

I am deeply committed to our community and have a lifetime of community service and leadership to Mount Vernon. I grew up in the 44th House District in Mount Vernon, went to our local public schools, Groveton (now West Potomac HS) and Stephen Foster, (now Walt Whitman Middle School), and have a daughter at Carl Sandburg Middle School. I want to go to Richmond to help those that are struggling in our community just as I have done as a charity executive and before that, as a legislative staffer for Congressman Jim Moran, where I worked for eight years on legislation and constituent service for the people of the 8th Congressional District. I find helping people immensely gratifying and rewarding. I will always support legislation that reflects my values: making available safe affordable housing, healthcare, education and a living wage; building a sustainable community in the 44th; and protecting and enhancing the natural environment, as well as shifting to renewable energy.

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Senior first baseman Maggie Heltzel and the Mount Vernon softball team lost to Massaponax 5-0 on May 28 in the opening round of the 5A North region tournament.



Mount Vernon freshman Susannah Anderson was a first-team all-conference selection.

MV Softball Ends Season in Regional Tournament

Freshman pitcher Anderson key piece of Majors' future.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Stormy Zyzyk's senior season of sacrifice came to a close on May 28, ending a high school career that included being selected first-team all-district/conference four times, and receiving first-team all-state honors as a junior.

Zyzyk, a Towson signee, moved from center field to catcher for the 2015 season in order to help the Majors. She was emotional during a postgame interview, but her softball career will continue at the collegiate level.

Susannah Anderson's freshman season, which included first-team All-Conference 13 honors, also came to end. While she played a major role as a ninth-grader, her importance to the Majors will likely grow over the next three years.

The Mount Vernon softball team's 2015 season ended with a 5-0 loss to Massaponax on May 28 in the opening round of the 5A North region tournament at Mount Vernon

High School. The Majors finished the season with a 16-6 record and reached the conference/district championship game for a second consecutive season and third time in the last five years.

The Majors will graduate four players who received all-conference honors in the last two seasons, leaving head coach Dan Coast with the challenge of filling some holes.

Despite the move to catcher, a position at which she had little experience, Zyzyk earned first-team all-conference honors as a utility player and was named conference Player of the Year. She hit .493, scored 34 runs and tallied 21 RBIs.

However, she went 0-for-3 against Massaponax.

"It started setting in last night, when I was like, wow, I'm possibly playing my last game in a Mount Vernon uniform," an emotional Zyzyk said. "I definitely wish I could have done better this game. I think I kind of psyched myself out."

Senior outfielder Perla Nichols, a transfer from Texas, earned first-team all-conference honors, as well. She went 1-for-3 against Massaponax. For the season, Nichols batted .386 with one home run and 23 RBIs.

Senior shortstop Amber Sable earned second-team all-conference honors. She went 1-for-3 against the Panthers and batted .278 for the season, with 27 runs and 15 RBIs.



Mount Vernon senior Stormy Zyzyk was named Conference 13 Player of the Year in 2015.

Senior first baseman Maggie Heltzel earned first-team all-conference honors as a junior in 2013.

"Undoubtedly, we're going to lose some very talented seniors this year, but I'm aware of the pipeline [and] that we have some very talented eighth graders, currently, who will be coming to us," Coast said. "I think we're going to have a young team developing next year surrounding Susannah in the

circle. I think we've got great potential to continue a very competitive program here."

Anderson figures to play an important role in the Majors' future. As a freshman, Anderson posted an ERA of 1.67. She struck out 149 batters and walked 47 in 130 innings.

"She's on to great things," Zyzyk said. "Obviously, she's a freshman, there's a lot of maturity she needs, as any freshman needs. She's going to do great. I'm looking forward to what she's going to do and what she's going to bring to Mount Vernon for the next three years."

At the plate, Anderson batted .528 with three home runs and 30 RBIs.

"It was a great experience just getting to play ball further than a lot of other teams," Anderson said after the regional loss to Massaponax. "I think it will help us in the future because I've got three more years to go further than the first round."

Anderson praised Zyzyk for making the move to catcher.

"It was really great," Anderson said. "We had a really good bond. She's not a catcher and she stepped up for the team to go behind the plate and help me out."

Also returning for Mount Vernon will be sophomore second baseman Katherine Hutchinson and freshman third baseman Love Ott, who each earned second-team all-conference honors.

SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

Mount Vernon High School students competed in the county at the Fairfax County Regional Science Fair. Of the 16 MVHS students who entered science fair projects, 15 of

these students placed in his/her category or won corporate/professional organization awards. They include:

Second Place in Microbiology: **Sarah Diminuco** and **Erin Harroun**

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ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NUMBER 15-04-03

The Alexandria City School Board dba Alexandria City Public Schools is seeking proposals for Transportation Fleet Parts and Related Items.
 Sealed Proposals with the notation RFP# 15-04-03 Parts and Related Items, will be received in the Central Procurement Office, 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before 3:00 pm, June 30, 2015.
 The time of receipt shall be determined by the time clock stamp in the Procurement office. Proposals appropriately received will be opened and the names of the firms responding will be read aloud. RFP documents may be obtained at the above Procurement Office or by calling 703-619-8343, or by downloading the RFP from the ACPSS website at www.acps.k12.va.us, Administration, Financial Services, Procurement and General Services - Current Bids and Request for Proposals.
 There will be a non-mandatory Pre-Proposal Conferenced held Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at 10:30 AM, at the Alexandria City Public Schools Central Office, located at 1340 Braddock Place, Suite 620, Alexandria, VA 22314. Any Offeror considering responding to this RFP is encouraged to attend.
 All questions must be submitted before 3:00 p.m., June 22, 2015. If necessary, an addendum will be issued and posted to the ACPSS web site No RFP may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after the opening of proposals except as may be set forth in the RFP. ACPSS reserves the right to cancel this RFP and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in any proposal.

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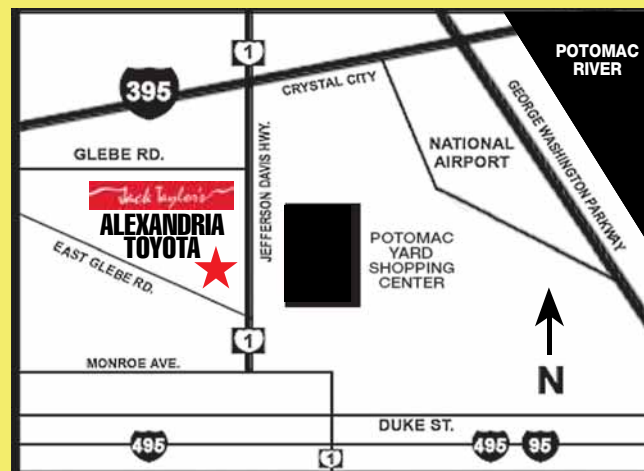


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