

The school board voted unanimously to approve Pat Hynes (Hunter Mill) as the next board chairman.

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A Beginning, Not an End

School board approves “Ignite” Strategic Plan, new chairman and vice chairman.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Citizen Michael Ducharme has lived with dyslexia since he was a student. His two daughters both have dyslexia. The father, representing the parents’ movement Decoding Dyslexia, spoke at the July 9 school board meeting in support of the proposed Fairfax County Public Schools Strategic Plan that specifically addresses challenges in the schools facing students with dyslexia.

“We’re now faced with the fact tomorrow is today, the fierce urgency of now,” Ducharme said. “It’s time for vigorous and positive action in this plan.”

The plan, which the board approved on Thursday night, is a long-term strategic document with four main objectives of student success, caring culture, premier workforce and resource stewardship. It was developed with input and feedback from over 30,000 “stakeholders,” according to Fairfax County Public Schools.

“Our growing and vibrant school system is now the 10th largest district in the United States, and

having a clear plan and focus is critical to meet the needs of every child and deliver our Portrait of Graduate,” superintendent Dr. Karen Garza said in a statement. “Ignite is about energy – it is about expending the time and effort on the actions necessary to close achievement gaps, support our teachers, provide resources to our schools and help our students succeed in life.”

According to the release from Fairfax County Public Schools, some of the specific areas for attention and priorities highlighted in the plan include:

- ❖ Developing a more holistic approach to education by addressing students’ social and emotional needs
- ❖ Eliminating achievement gaps
- ❖ Helping students develop real-world skills
- ❖ Creating a balanced assessment framework as a way to decrease instructional emphasis on test preparation
- ❖ Increasing instructional time available to pre-

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Michael Ducharme of Decoding Dyslexia applauds the new Strategic Plan for Fairfax County Public Schools for specifically addressing challenges for students with Dyslexia.



Steven L. Greenburg, president of the Fairfax County Federation of Teachers, voices his support for the new Strategic Plan being voted on by the board.



Pat Hynes accepts the gavel from Tammy Derenak Kaufax and begins her term as school board chairman.

Free Meals During Summer

Virginia First Lady and NFL Player highlight Summer Food Service Program for children.

Visiting with children at Hollin Meadows Elementary School, Dorothy McAuliffe playfully reminded them that as First Lady of Virginia, she’s not, in fact, Michelle Obama.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe’s (D) wife was joined at the Mount Vernon-area school by San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Torrey Smith to meet with the children and hand out free lunches as part of the Summer Food Service Program.

Smith played football at Stafford Senior High School in Virginia, then at the University of Maryland. He was drafted by the Baltimore Ravens in 2011, with whom he spent four years before recently signing with the 49ers.

The Summer Food Service Program, which falls under the U.S. Department of Agriculture, acts as a supplement for students in low-

income families whose free and reduced meals during the school year would otherwise not be available in the summer. In Fairfax County, 20 percent of students fall into that category.

Hollin Meadows is one of 51 school sites around Fairfax County where the school system is hosting the program. Any child 18 or younger can come for breakfast and lunch during specific summer dates. Their parents don’t have to register; they simply get their child to a participating site.

“In Virginia, only 13 percent of children who receive a free or reduced-price lunch during the school year receive summer meals,” Mrs. McAuliffe said in a statement. “We can do better to ensure that kids have healthy meals every day of the year.”

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First Lady of Virginia Dorothy McAuliffe (left) and San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Torrey Smith (right) meet with children during their lunch at Hollin Meadows Elementary School.

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Observing Ramadan

Holy month strengthens spiritual core.

BY AMINA LUQMAN
THE GAZETTE

Visit any area mosque these days and it'll be abuzz. Families are there, breaking fast, praying, reading Quran and visiting with one another late into the night. This is the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Each year, it falls on the nine month of the Islamic calendar.

During this month, from sun up until sunset, Muslims abstain from food or drink, as well as, refraining from certain behaviors such as smoking and other negative acts. On a hot summer day, when sunrise begins around 5:30 a.m. and sunsets at around 8:30 p.m., fasting can be a difficult prospect.



Nessrin Guindy at The Holy Cow. Guindy works as an Arabic interpreter.

Sitting in the Holy Cow on Mt. Vernon Avenue is a fasting Nessrin Guindy, an Arabic interpreter. Burgers are being passed about, the smell of French fries fills the air and Guindy is seated comfortably at a table with friends as they eat. "This is nothing for me." She's smiling. "I'm perfect."

"Yes, some days are really hot and you feel thirsty and tired." But that's the exception for Guindy. In the end, Guindy said, "Fasting gives you energy." After a day of fasting what does Guindy crave? "The first thing I run for is something sweet." She smiles. "Then water and maybe a bit of yogurt." Contrary to what one might think, she doesn't over indulge after a day of abstinence. She says that's true for many Muslims. "We don't eat much after fasting." Guindy said, "It's not about the food. It's a time to renew your relationship with God. It's a time to teach self control." For Guindy it's a time to also see beyond her needs. "It's



Sikander Khan, shop worker, Fair Price Market

a time to think about others; the poor, and to give charity."

It's a rainy morning at the Fair Price International Supermarket on Edsall Road. The shelves are full of items from parts of the Middle East, South Asia and beyond. Khalid Hussain, the store owner, moves quickly among the stocked boxes and store aisles. "We get busier," Hussain said about Ramadan. "Ramadan is a time for blessings.



Rabia Pervez, teacher, in the Muslim American Society Community Center

It's a time when people might spend a little more for something special." About his own experience during Ramadan, Hussain said, "I enjoy this time. I enjoy it with my family and I pray. I feel more connected to my religion."

"We sell more dates and apricot paste. It's a tradition, to open the fast with dates," said Samira Aslam, a cashier at Fair Price. "Arabs like to use apricot paste in drinks. It's summer, so people more concentrate on drinks."

During Ramadan, Muslims are also expected to refrain from negative or sinful behaviors such as gossip and backbiting. Some choose to use it as a time to limit their



Khalid Hussain, store owner, Fair Price International Supermarket

exposure to media. Behind the meat counter, Salman Abdulrehman, a butcher, is busy cutting through a piece of raw halal meat. These meats are butchered by guidelines in Islamic law. "I feel very relaxed and smooth during Ramadan" Abdulrehman said. It's a quieter time for him. "No music. No TV," he said. His days are busy and simple. Early rise, then to work for a long day, home then it's soon time to break fast.

Sikander Khan, another shop worker, is busy moving boxes out of the store room. He speaks quietly about Ramadan: "Tea. Tea is what I drink first, he says about breaking his fast each evening. "Pakistani people like their tea." He smiles, "Then I like to eat spicy rice."

Ramadan is considered a powerful spiritual month. "We believe that whatever we want, Ramadan is when we ask. Like asking for forgiveness and asking for good wishes," said Rabia Pervez, a mother and teacher. "Ramadan is very enlightening and festive. We look forward to it every year." For Pervez, Ramadan is easier for her. "I don't have to be in the kitchen as much because we come to the mosque. But don't tell my husband that," she whispers, laughing.

At his Washington Wireless cell phone accessories counter in the Landmark Mall, Shah Hassan becomes excited when he speaks of Ramadan. "I try to be my best. My best with other people, with animals,



Farida Alsadig, 13, and her sister Ghalia Alsadig 7 at the Muslim American Society Community Center standing in front of the free library created in the My Selfie program.



Samira Aslam, cashier, Fair Price International Supermarket



Salman Abdulrehman, butcher, Fair Price Market

with everything. It's about your spirit. It's not about food. You wake up and ask Allah

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Shah Hassan, owner, Washington Wireless, Landmark Mall



Farah Kharif, taxi driver with his wife Magda and child Rowan at Landmark Mall



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Police Describe Video Program

In a January 2015 informational video, Fairfax County Police said around 600 of the department's cruisers, spread across all eight law enforcement districts, were equipped with in-car video recording devices. Updated guidelines for the video program were announced as General Order 430.8. It can be found online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/inside-fcpd/pdf/43082.pdf.

The informational video is available at www.youtube.com/watch?v=oVYr8onDczY&list=FL19Ipda76SABWau32gb-GA&index=1

In the five-minute video, officers explain how cruisers with the system have both front- and rear-mounted swiveling cameras linked to a digital video recorder and wireless microphone worn by the officer. The camera program was phased in over a 10-month period beginning in September 2013.

Recordings can be initiated in several ways, including pressing a button on the camera itself, flashing the cruiser's blue warning lights, starting the app on the in-car laptop, pressing a button on the belt-mounted microphone pack or from a crash sensor that would respond to any vehicular impact.

As soon as an officer starts the video, or recording starts automatically, the previous 30 seconds are captured as well. This is



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Police cruisers in the in-car video program have both front- and rear-mounted cameras that can swivel from side to side.

possible because the digital video is constantly running, just not constantly recording.

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NEWS

New Commander At District Station

Captain Shawn Martin oversees Mount Vernon.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

This month the Fairfax County Police Department promoted Lieutenant Shawn Martin to captain and assigned him as the new commander of the Mount Vernon District Station. The former U.S. Marine began his career with the Fairfax County Police at the Mount Vernon District station. Martin is married with three children.

PROFILE "I am ecstatic about this promotion and assignment to Mount Vernon, where I first began my law enforcement career," Martin said. "Mount Vernon area is a challenging assignment which I very much look forward to. Our doors are always open to anyone who wants to come in and meet with me or other members of our police force."

He began his career in law enforcement in 1990. His prior tenure in the U.S. Marine Corps included Presidential support duties as a military police officer.

Past assignments with the Fairfax County Police included: patrol officer; tactical flight officer/paramedic; patrol supervisor; and canine handler/supervisor. Currently his other police work includes assignment on a committee responsible for implementing a community-based Restorative Justice program in Fairfax County. This program offers participating police officers an opportunity to work with first time juvenile offenders to help prevent them from further involvement in the criminal justice system.

His education includes: Graduate of the U.S. military's basic Law Enforcement Academy; graduate of the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Academy, and Bachelor of Science in criminal justice, minor in business, Liberty University. He is presently enrolled in a Master of Science in criminal justice and public administration curriculum at Liberty University.



PHOTO BY GERALD A. FILL/THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon District Commander Shawn C. Martin with Assistant Commander Bryan Holland.

Martin's Mount Vernon District Station 2015 Strategic Goals include:

- ❖ Continue to aggressively address criminal complaints, specifically Group A offenses
 - 9.7 percent reduction in 2014; goal to continue downward trend
 - Reduction of gang activities, including assigning two gang police detectives
 - Continued use of local forensic capabilities to improve criminal intelligence analysis.
- ❖ Increase Traffic Enforcement and Safety Education
 - Continue to address reckless and aggressive driving
 - Establish a new traffic complaint Inbox.
 - Step up pedestrian traffic safety efforts; including publication and placement of signs, pamphlets; and reaching out to community groups
- ❖ Continue to Expand Community Engagement
 - Neighborhood Watch
 - Security surveys
 - Increased foot patrols in problem communities
 - Worship Watch Safety workshop
 - Participate as mentors in a Boy Scouts Explorer program for youths, ages 14-21.

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Georgia Marie Peters Bruch

Georgia Marie Peters Bruch, beloved wife, mother and friend, died on July 7, 2015 in Richmond, Va., following surgical complications. Born to George and Emma Peters on Jan. 26, 1928 in New Haven Conn., she graduated from Roosevelt Hospital, New York City as a registered nurse in 1950 and specialized in the field of ophthalmology.

She enjoyed her family, cooking, sewing, homemaking and was devoted to her church. She was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church, Alexandria, Va., and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Callao, Va.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Herbert W. Bruch USN CMDR (ret) of Reedville, Va.; chil-



dren, Mark W. Bruch of Springfield, Va.; Amanda L. McNeil of Annapolis, Md.; Lindsley A. Murphy of Oak Hill, Va.; Eric P. Bruch (deceased) and John F. Bruch (deceased).

She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Eric, Jordan and Tyler; Matthew and Caroline; and

Alison and Taylor, and one great grandchild, Michael.

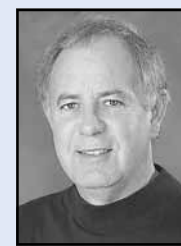
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School Board Approves 'Ignite' Strategic Plan

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pare students for success along with more providing more equitable access to resources, especially technology

❖ Hiring and retaining high quality teachers

❖ Confronting budget issues that have led to the elimination of educational programming and employee positions

The board voted 11 to 1 in favor of the plan, with Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz as the only dissenting opinion.

"I feel like it sort of became a Mr. Potato Head: you have all the parts, but you're not sure what it's going to look like at the end," she said. "The biggest concern I have is not specifically identifying what the known challenges are, or perceived challenges are, with changing demographics, growing student population, types of education our students are needing... the nexus of all of these I think we just didn't get to in this document."

Dranesville representative Jane Strauss said the nature of the plan is that it's built to grow and change. "The Strategic Plan is really a beginning, it's not an end," she said, "an evolving plan, not set in stone. It lays out and solidifies our belief in the direction we need to go. It gives us a roadmap forward but does not create guardrails that are



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Fairfax County Public Schools superintendent Dr. Karen Garza comments on the new Strategic Plan during the school board's July 9 regular meeting.

so high we cannot make adjustments."

Providence representative Patty Reed supported the plan and asked there be "detailed discussions on how do we actually use the document."

"How do we use it to make budget decisions?" Reed asked. "Everything in here obviously has been well thought out... But we all know our budget realities. How can this document help us make some tough decisions."

Dr. Garza, speaking on the plan, said, "I would urge this board: Let's adopt this plan, move forward, spend time perfecting it over

time. Otherwise we'll continue to spin."

The plan calls for a quarterly status report to be filed, with a school board reassessment scheduled for June to make and updates or adjustments.

THE BOARD ALSO VOTED ON A NEW CHAIRMAN and vice chairman to replace Tammy Derenak Kaufax and Ted Velkoff, respectively, for one-year terms.

In her outgoing remarks, Derenak Kaufax used candy to sum up some of her experiences with the board and its work going forward.

"We've had our Hot Tamales moments, a few Circus Peanuts moments," she said, "Mostly we're a group of dedicated Smarties passionate about our desire to educate the next generation. To do so effectively, we must be funded properly, so we're always on the hunt for that extra 100 Grand, or million."

Pat Hynes was nominated as the only candidate for chairman and subsequently voted through.

Board members spoke highly of Hynes' nine years as an elementary school teacher in Fairfax County Public Schools as well as her law background.

"I think the combination of your lawyerly skills and your very recent and constant view from the classroom to be very important to this board," said Strauss.

Mason representative Sandy Evans said Hynes "has been a very thoughtful member of our board as well as a very candid one."

Schultz offered her criticism that she would've liked to see more competition for the position, rather than a decision being made prior to the meeting. I think it's healthy for us as an organization," she said. But she didn't withhold her support for Hynes, saying the candidate is "going to get a cautious yes from me... the proof will be in the pudding."

After receiving the gavel from now former-chairman Derenak Kaufax, Hynes said, "The job of the chairman and vice chairman is to protect the process for everyone. Collaboration is an important skill and I will be relearning it this year and looking forward to it."

Ted Velkoff nominated Sandy Evans for the vice chairman position. Evans also ran unopposed and also carried the vote.

"I would say she played a critical role in a couple of the signature accomplishments of this board," said Velkoff, including "reform of discipline process, later high school start times."

"The key trait," Velkoff added, "is willingness to compromise."

For more information on the "Ignite" Strategic Plan, visit the Fairfax County Public Schools website www.fcps.edu/news/strategic.shtml.



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Police Chief Provides Timeline on McKenna's Death

Report sent to Commonwealth's Attorney.

Natasha McKenna died while in the custody of the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department on Feb. 8, 2015. A Sheriff's deputy and member of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team used a conductive energy device on her multiple times while other members of the team attempted to restrain her for transport from the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center to the City of Alexandria, where a felony warrant had been issued for her arrest.

The April 28 autopsy report from the Office of the Medical Examiner stated McKenna's cause of death to be "Excited delirium associated with physical restraint including use of conductive energy device, contributing: Schizophrenia and Bi-Polar Disorder." The manner of her death, it said, was "Accident."

Just over five months later, the Fairfax County Police Department's Major Crimes division has completed an investigation of McKenna's death and turned the report over to the office of the Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney "for review and determination of criminal liability," according to a July 13 release from police.

Fairfax County Chief of Police Col. Edwin C. Roessler, Jr announced the update in a July 13 video. With over nine minutes in front of the camera, Roessler reviews the timeline of events leading up to and including McKenna's death, as determined by investigators who worked on the report.

❖ **Jan. 15, 2015:** Alexandria City police "came into contact" with McKenna and resulting from a call for service issued a felony arrest warrant against her for "assaulting a law enforcement officer."

❖ **Jan. 20, 2015:** McKenna's arrest warrant was formally issued.

❖ **Jan. 25, 2015:** McKenna called the Fairfax County Department of Public Safety and Communications alleging she was the victim of an assault. A Fairfax County Police officer responded, helped her begin a report and took her to be examined at a local hospital. Detectives and victims services specialists also went to the hospital to help begin an investigation into the alleged assault. McKenna then said she didn't want to continue to pursue any investigation or police involvement. While at the hospital, Fairfax County police learned about the warrant for McKenna's arrest.

❖ **Jan. 26, 2015:** McKenna was processed at the county's Adult Detention Center for service of the warrant early in the morning. Later that morning, the Fairfax County Sheriff's Department contacted the City of Alexandria about transporting her back into their jurisdiction.

❖ **Jan. 31, 2015:** The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office reported McKenna physically assaulted a deputy while in the Fairfax County jail.

❖ **Feb. 3, 2015:** McKenna was scheduled to be transported to the City of Alexandria. Because she had been combative, the Sheriff's office followed protocols to



IMAGE COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fairfax County Chief of Police Col. Edwin C. Roessler, Jr appears in a July 13, 2015 video explaining the timeline and investigative process surrounding the in-custody death of Natasha McKenna on Feb. 8, 2015.

have the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team remove McKenna from her cell to be transported. The team included six sheriff's deputies, two of whom were supervisors.

As they attempted to restrain her and remove her from her cell, McKenna physically resisted the team. While she was resisting, Roessler said, one of the team members "deployed an electronic control weapon multiple times." They also put a "spit net" on her to keep her from spitting at the deputies. Initially, a nurse on the scene cleared McKenna medically for transportation.

McKenna continued to be combative and was further restrained as the deputies moved her to the "Sally Port," or transition area. At that point, medical personnel determined she was experiencing "a medical emergency" and began using both CPR and an Automated External Defibrillator on McKenna. An ambulance took her to the hospital and she was put on life support.

❖ **Feb. 8, 2015:** The Sheriff's Office told Fairfax County Police McKenna was being taken off life support and that the Major

Crimes department would need to investigate an in-custody death. McKenna died that Sunday.

The investigation took place over the next five months, Roessler said, and included over 50 interviews and re-interviews of the Sheriff's staff and first responders. They also arranged for "forensic independent testing and analysis of the electronic control weapon," Roessler added, "to determine if it was working in accordance with the manufacturer specifications and to validate the number of times it deployed."

Video of McKenna being restrained and shot with the conductive energy device exists, though it has not been released due to being evidence in the investigation.

"Any death is tragic," Roessler said at the conclusion of the video. "Ms. McKenna's is understandably devastating to her family and the community. My thoughts and prayers are with her family, the community and all involved."

— TIM PETERSON

Police: Beware of Door-to-Door Tree Trimmers

Summer brings out scam artists.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE GAZETTE

An elderly widow recently answered the doorbell in her suburban Mount Vernon home. Standing on her porch was a stranger who offered tree care services and noted that he had worked for a neighbor across the street. The man then added that limbs on a large maple behind her house posed a danger to her and her house. He offered to remedy the problem immediately for \$1,700, but with no written estimate. The woman asked the man to call her son, who lives in Sterling, and describe the needed work.

The son later recalled that the worker had claimed a tree in the back yard might fall on the house, but sounded honest. The son agreed to the work, but negotiated a lower fee — \$1,200. After the job, the woman, with tears in her eyes, told a neighbor she felt exploited.

This is not an uncommon incident, according to Fairfax County officials, and cer-



FAIRFAX COUNTY URBAN FORESTRY DIVISION

Malpractice in the tree care industry, according the Fairfax County Urban Forestry Division, includes "topping trees," with the results shown in this photograph.

tainly not a recent trend. In 2009, the Gazette reported that the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations had passed a

resolution that urged the county to develop a program to educate residents about proper tree care, license and certify tree



PHOTO BY MICHAEL K. BOHN/THE GAZETTE

A door-to-door tree trimmer convinced an elderly woman that this maple tree was endangering her home. He removed the limbs from one side of the tree and left an unsightly remnant.

workers, and press elected commonwealth officials to do the same.

The county's Board of Supervisors agreed

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Providing Free Meals

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The First Lady of Virginia's office is partnering with the national No Kid Hungry campaign and Virginia Department of Health to both raise awareness of meal programs and find ways to overcome obstacles to kids readily receiving healthy food.

At Hollin Meadows, about 100 boys and girls came through the program at 11 a.m. and roughly another 100 came at noon on July 14. McAuliffe and Smith visited with children in the second group before going back to the serving line to distribute sack lunches.

As the pair also took time to meet the food preparation staff, Smith thanked them for everything they do for the children. He said he still visits the lunch lady at his former school, where his favorite school lunch was chicken sandwiches.

"This is a great example of combining a meal and summer fun,"



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San Francisco 49ers wide receiver Torrey Smith (center) and First Lady of Virginia Dorothy McAuliffe (left) meet with some of the food preparation staff at Hollin Meadows Elementary School during a visit to the Summer Food Service Program.

McAuliffe said after their serving shift was over. "Kids can't be hungry for knowledge if they're just plain hungry."

Families interested in participating in the program can text FOOD or COMIDA to 877-877 or call 866-3HUNGRY or 2-1-1 in order to find summer meals sites in their area.

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OPINION Backpacks for All

Thousands of students will begin school this fall at a disadvantage; help now so they have the basics.

The first day of school each year is fraught with anticipation and anxiety. Many local students will be concerned about what they wear, who they will see, what it will be like. They've already had multiple shopping trips, online and otherwise, to be sure they have the supplies and extras they need.

We live in an area where many if not most families have the means and desire to do almost whatever it takes to give their children the best chances for success.

But for thousands of students, families lack the financial resources to equip them for success on the first day of school and beyond.

In our affluent area, there are many poor families.

In Fairfax County Public Schools, more than 27 percent of more than 184,000 students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 50,000 children in Fairfax County who are going through the summer without their usual access to breakfast and lunch. For many of those children, having a fully equipped backpack on the first day of school is out of reach.

In the City of Alexandria, about 60 percent of the Alexandria Public Schools students are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. That's more than 8,000 of the city's 13,000-plus students.

In Arlington, more than 32 percent of the county's 23,000-plus students are poor enough to receive subsidized meals; more than 7,000 students.

Help these students get started on the right foot by contributing to one of the many local backpack drives.

Virginia sales tax holiday for school supplies and clothing is Aug. 7-9. Purchases of certain school supplies, clothing and footwear are exempt from the Virginia sales tax. Each eligible school supply item must be priced at \$20 or less, and each eligible article of clothing and footwear must be priced at \$100 or less. See <http://www.tax.virginia.gov/content/school-supplies-and-clothing-holiday>.

This is a good place to start, but these students need more than backpacks. In this area, we need to address the impacts of income inequality in the schools. If we succeed in effectively educating these students, the savings overall will be enormous. These students need protection from budget cuts in their classrooms. They need help addressing inequality in the face of "bring your own device policies," and other technology needs.

Here are a few ways to give:

♦ **Fairfax County Collect for Kids** is a public private partnership that provides local children from economically challenged families with the school supplies they need to begin the school year, and has provided 90,000 supply kits and backpacks in its first three years. They seek donations of cash, backpacks donated by citizens and calculators donated by businesses. Contact Jay Garant in Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Business and Community Partnerships at 571-423-1225 jay.garant@fcps.edu or Sherry Noud SMNoud@fcps.edu 571-423-4300, Fairfax County Public Schools Office of Social Work Services.

<http://collectforkids.org/resources/>

♦ **United Community Ministries** annual Back to School campaign is underway, and they

rely on your support to meet the needs of students from low-income families in the Mount Vernon community. They especially need larger-sized backpacks for middle and high school students, and seek cash contributions to buy supplies. <http://www.ucmagency.org/back-to-school-2015.html>

♦ **OUR DAILY BREAD** Collect for Kids Back to School program runs each summer in partnership with with Collect for Kids in a county-wide effort to ensure that the neediest children in our community receive the supplies they need to succeed in school. The program is made possible through a partnership with Kids R First, Fairfax County Public Schools, the Fairfax County Office of Public and Private Partnerships, Apple Federal Credit Union and numerous community-based organizations and businesses in the Fairfax County area who are working together to provide supplies in a more cost-effective and efficient way. Contact Dawn Sykes at 703-273-8829.

♦ **Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing** APAH is collecting backpacks and supplies for more than 400 children among the 1,200-plus households a year served by APAH, providing low income families with affordable housing. Purchase items on their list. Donations can be dropped off at the APAH office: 2704 N. Pershing Drive in Arlington. Questions? Contact Emily Button, Resident Services Manager, at 703-851-3635 or ebutton@apah.org. <https://www.roonga.com/apahschoolsapplydrive/>

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Enforce Rules On Deadly Force

To the Editor:

How long will Fairfax County residents put up with death-dealing cops in their midst? How many unarmed law-abiding citizens must die at the hands of a police force that is supposed to be protecting them? When are the residents of Fairfax County going to take the necessary steps to protect themselves?

Not all the police officers in Fairfax County are bad. Many, perhaps most, join the force out of a genuine desire to serve their community. But the number who are ready to shoot first and ask questions later is shocking. The propensity of officers in Fairfax County to draw their weapon in any and all circumstances, and to use them, speaks to extremely poor training and a belief, based on precedent, that their superiors will protect them no matter what they do. In the 75-year history of Fairfax County, no police officer has ever been prosecuted for causing a

wrongful death.

If you don't keep up with the news, you may not have noticed the terrible record of Fairfax County. It is not just in Baltimore or Ferguson that unarmed people are being killed, it is right here in Fairfax County. Fatal police shootings have averaged 3 per year since 1995 for a total of 60 unjustified deaths in 20 years. None of them necessary.

And not all the deaths have been shootings. Earlier this year, Natasha McKenna, a black woman in the custody of the Fairfax County's Sheriff, was Tasered to death while restrained with handcuffs and leg shackles. The corrections officer responsible for this heinous act has yet to be called to account and probably never will be. Is this the justice we want?

The roll-call of recent unjustified police shootings in Fairfax County is formidable. All of them have been reported on multiple times: Dr. Salvatore Culosi, 2006; Randall Rollins, 2007; Hailu Brook, 2008; David Masters, my son, 2009; Nicholas Kaebler, 2012; John Geer, 2013; James Bryant,

2013. None of these citizens was involved in an unlawful activity. All were unarmed. Why were they killed?

The General Order that now exists in the Fairfax County Police Department is unambiguously clear on the use of deadly force: "Any use of deadly force which is not reasonably necessary in view of the circumstances is prohibited," and "The use of deadly force shall be based on the officer's belief that a threat of death or serious injury to a person exists."

Clearly the police-involved deaths cited previously were in violation of the Police Department's General Order. None of the victims were armed. None threatened an officer. The problem is that the County Attorney has never enforced the order. The closest he has come in the past five years, was to fire the police officer who shot my son in the back while he was sitting in his car at a stop sign. Meanwhile, Fairfax County officials continue to protect their police officers from prosecution or any other form of liability, and there are no indications they are

going to change.

For years, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has steadfastly refused to take any actions that would reasonably mitigate the problem. Numerous individuals and organizations have spent thousands of hours advocating the appointment of an independent Citizens Police Review Board to examine police conduct in Fairfax County. These efforts have been ignored for over five years. Now, the chairman of the County Board of Supervisors, Sharon Bulova, has retreated into the last refuge of the bureaucrat; she has appointed a committee to study the problem. There are some 30 people or so on this so-called public commission, heavily weighted with representatives of law enforcement, not independent citizens. I predict they will meet occasionally and get nothing done as their last meeting has indicated.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act (VFOIA) is used by Fairfax County to suppress access to any information about police conduct. The VFOIA requires re-

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OPINION

Keeping Guns from Criminals

Focusing on private gun sales.

BY DONALD S. BEYER JR.
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What are you going to do about gun safety and gun violence?

These were words I heard over and over again from constituents last year when I first ran for Congress.

They couldn't understand why in the world I would want to be part of a Congress they largely viewed as dysfunctional. And the next words out of their mouth would be an impassioned plea, dysfunction be damned, to reach across party lines and find a compromise — any incremental step — that would begin to make our society safer from horrific shootings.

Last month I introduced legislation that would take one step forward.

A retail gun shop today is prohibited from selling a firearm to a felon, a domestic violence misdemeanant, someone on the terrorist watch list, or other prohibited persons. But an individual who wants to sell a firearm is under no obligation to determine whether or not the buyer is in such a category.

Under the current, toothless law, a prosecutor has to prove that a seller knew the



buyer was prohibited from buying a gun in order to successfully prosecute. Since private gun sales in most states don't require a background check, private sellers are able to claim ignorance. As a result, this law is prosecuted only about 75 times per year nationwide. It is time to make sellers bear more responsibility for our collective safety.

The Keeping Guns from Criminals Act would remove this "knowingly" standard, making the sale of a gun to a prohibited buyer a strict liability: This is a crime, and the onus is on the seller to know whether the buyer is in the prohibited class of customers.

No doubt one of the arguments against the bill will be a complaint that it places an onerous burden on the seller. But consider this: That seller and prospective buyer need only go to a Federal Firearm Licensee who provides this private party transfer with background check, usually for a nominal fee of about \$30. And there are 130,000 Federal Firearm Licensees in the United States: That is roughly nine times as many McDonalds as there are in our nation.

We must find reasonable compromises so that we can keep guns out of the hands of the most dangerous among us. It is time to try again.

changes are not made promptly, the next step must be to elect new people to replace the principal miscreants: County Chairman Sharon Bulova, and Commonwealth Attorney Raymond Morrogh.

Barrie P. Masters, Col. USA, Ret.

Anger and Disappointment

To the Editor:

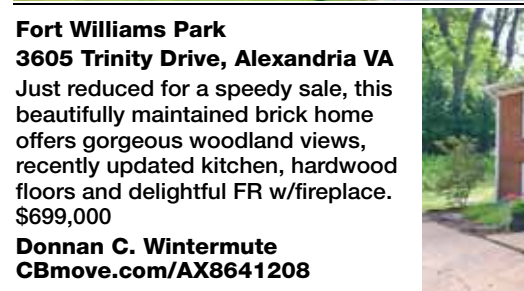
I would like to share with you a very disturbing scene that I witnessed over the weekend. I have not been able to shake the anger and disappointment that I have felt ever since, and so I am reaching out to you to help shed light on this issue.

Along with my husband, our two small children and a family friend, I visited the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. The memorial is a beautiful and poignant tribute to the more than 16 million Americans who served, and the more than 400,000 Americans who lost their lives, during this war. For those who have not had the opportunity to see this memorial in person, I must say that it is a moving experience: 56 granite pillars are arranged in a semicircle, each one standing 17 feet tall and inscribed with the name of one of the US states or territories in 1945. Two walls on the east side of the memorial feature bronze plaques depicting iconic scenes

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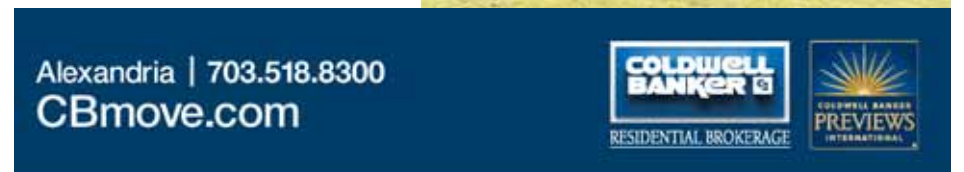
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By Right Development: Does It Work for Chesapeake Bay?

By MARTIN TILLET

By right development refers to projects that are permitted under their current zoning and do not require any legislative action by the Board of Supervisors or the Board of Zoning Appeals. They are approved administratively and do not require public hearings.

PART 1 The Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance designates five areas of the county as Commercial Revitalization Districts (CRD). Richmond Highway is one such district and the purpose of these designations is to encourage economic development activities in certain of the older commercial areas of the county.

Highlights of CRD Provisions for By Right Development basically incentivize developers by a lessening of standards for development as would be required in non CRD areas and is advertized in their brochure as a benefit to developers.

While this practice seems necessary to spur development there is an overlooked aspect that is actually detrimental and costly to the communities meant to benefit from the economic development.

The instance involving the Kings Crossing development where JBG Rosenfeld built the second Wal-Mart on Richmond Highway on the footprint of an older '60s era



PHOTO BY MARTIN TILLET

Trash and debris from the Kings Crossing parking lot in Quander Brook below the outfall.

shopping center under their current zoning was a by right development that did not require any public hearings. As a consequence the developer was not required to do any infrastructure improvements involving storm water thus leaving in place a 50-year-old storm water system that is acknowledged by Fairfax County agencies as being detrimental to the Belle Haven watershed. There are two major outfall pipes that empty directly onto land that was donated to Fairfax County for the purpose of becoming a community park. The combination of water volume during rain events and direct flow from parking lots into these pipes both severely erode and pollute Quander Brook. By right development under these circumstances is essentially a free pass for businesses to pollute.

This kind of problem is manifest throughout the Commonwealth in municipalities

and cities with older developed commercial and residential areas and is a contributing factor to the low report card grades assigned to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries on an annual basis. Just how can state government and county governments pass legislation and ordinances to protect the Chesapeake Bay yet not plug this point source pollution hole into the bay tributaries?

Pope Francis recently said, "Creation is not a possession, which we can rule over at will; nor, even less, is it a property for only a few: Creation is a gift, the marvelous gift that God has given us, so that we will care for it and use it for the benefit of all, always with great respect and gratitude." Where is the respect and gratitude for this once pristine watershed in one of the Commonwealth's richest counties?

Such by right development is a conse-

quence of Virginia being a Dillon Rule State. The Dillon Rule limits a local governing body's ability to address local issues using local strategies exercised under its police power. As a result, a locality's ability to address local issues is at the mercy of the General Assembly. A locality's governing body does not have broad general authority to adopt whatever ordinance it deems appropriate or desirable. The Virginia Chamber of Commerce has stated that the Dillon Rule "represents a positive tradition of legislative oversight" and encourages economic growth through a consistency in laws throughout the state." Right now it appears that we have a consistency of laws that permit developers and businesses to pollute with encouragement from the Commonwealth. This is both a local and a state issue that needs more scrutiny and the commitment of elected officials to put an end to a pollution loophole that must be stopped. I look forward to hearing candidates for state and county offices to address how they will use their office to tackle this glaring problem.

Part 2 will focus on possible solutions to address this issue.

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from the war: new soldiers receiving physical exams, taking an oath to the Constitution, being issued military gear, and engaging in combat. The final two plaques show a soldier on the battlefield receiving his last rites, and then a joyous parade for the fortunate ones who came home.

The freedom wall on the west side of the memorial boasts 4048 gold stars, each one representing 100 Americans who died in the war. Housed within the center of this memorial is a fountain, 246 feet by 147 feet. After slowly making our way around the memorial, we hoped that sitting alongside the fountain would provide an opportunity for quiet reflection.

Unfortunately, the scene that we encountered at this sacred memorial fountain was anything but quiet and reflective. Along the entire circumference of the fountain, we witnessed over 100 people, from diapered babies to grown adults, wading and splashing in the water. People were taking selfies and posing for cameras, as if they were enjoying a relaxing day at the pool or beach. But what was more appalling than the scene itself was that the entire fountain is surrounded by signs — one at least every 25 feet — that read, "Honor Your Veterans ... No Wading." For those tourists who don't speak English, the sign also includes a picture of a stick figure standing in the water, with a red line drawn through it — a symbol that clearly translates. The individuals frolicking in the water that day were plainly choosing to ignore the request to show respect at this hallowed site for the sake of their own comfort, fun, and photo ops.

For many, it might have been easy to walk away from this scene with a simple shaking of the head, and move on about their day. For me, it was not. I am the proud wife of an active duty Marine Corps officer and the daughter of an Army veteran. I know what it feels like to give your husband one last kiss before sending him off on a months-long deployment to a combat zone, hoping and praying all the while that he will return, and that there will be more kisses one day. I also understand that I am in the minority; most American families today have not been faced with the reality of sending someone they love off to war. Less than 1 percent of our current population chooses to serve in our armed forces; the rest of our country enjoys the freedom granted to us by that very small faction.

The World War II generation knew all too well the feeling of answering the call of duty; of sacrificing themselves and their loved ones to a greater cause. They rose to the challenge simply because it was the right thing to do. It is because of this generation of war heroes that those of us who have followed have enjoyed an unprecedented quality of life. We are forever indebted to these brave veterans, and should demand that they be honored. Their memorial deserves to be a solemn place for grateful Americans to show our respect for those who did what very few choose to do today.

More disturbing still is that the behavior I witnessed is largely representative of a growing attitude within our society; of people who believe that rules are only intended for others to follow, and that cooling off on a hot day is more important than

obeying a silly sign.

I'm sure the Marines who fought at Guadalcanal would have loved to take a dip in a nice, cool pool of clean water. It wasn't an option; they were too busy obeying orders.

Jayme Cherry
Alexandria

Ignoring Will Of the People?

To the Editor:

Dan Storck, a current Fairfax County School (FCPS) Board Member from Mt. Vernon District is running for supervisor of that district. Will he listen to you and use essential reliable information to make informed decisions on issues, particularly controversial ones, if elected?

Dan Storck at the May 7, 2015 FCPS Board meeting seconded a motion to postpone adding "gender identity" to FCPS policy to Oct. 15, 2015 so that the board could be provided with the draft regulations and handbook language and determine the overall impact of the proposed revision to the FCPS policy 1450. The impact of the many unanswered questions included the scope of the issue affecting students, teachers, employees, safety, security issues, and potential budget impact, facilities modifications, staffing needs, professional development requirements and possible risk of losing Federal funds. Although Dan Storck voted to postpone any action on adding "gender identity" because of the many unresolved issues, he then voted against the

motion to postpone action. Then Dan Storck voted to add "gender identity" to the FCPS policy despite the lack of essential information, including the number of medically identified "transgender students" in the 185,000 student enrollment at FCPS in 2015, to make informed decision about "transgender identity" policy revision and considerable parent opposition to such policy revision.

At the June 25, 2015 FCPS Board meeting Dan Storck voted against postponing Family Life Education (FLE) curriculum revisions until July 23, 2015 to optimize transparency and informed board decision-making. And, Dan Storck voted against a motion to align the FLE proposed revisions with the Virginia Department Education Health and Family Life Education Standards and defer consideration of the FCPS FLE revisions until the 2016-17 school year. Then Dan Storck voted to revise FLE despite an overwhelming disapproval by parents who petitioned the board by a 435 opposed to 54 favors to not include changes in the FLE.

Dan Storck's voting pattern, the lack of essential reliable information to make informed decisions and other issues, as described above, indicates that his values, desires and views trump the overwhelming opposition by parents and doing what is best for all taxpayers.

Keep that in mind when you go to the polls in November 2015 to elect a supervisor who will represent you and not ignore the will of the people that the supervisor should represents.

Frank Medico
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A Taste of Ethiopia Near Home

BY HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

By now, residents of the Northern Virginia region are no strangers to Ethiopian cuisine. Spend much time in the U Street corridor in Washington, D.C., and it's impossible to ignore the plethora of Ethiopian establishments lining the sidewalks. Or drive down Columbia Pike and take note of the Ethiopian groceries and eateries that seem to dot the landscape with lightning speed. But until relatively recently, Alexandria has been largely bereft of many Ethiopian options.

All of that has changed in the last several years, and now Alexandria boasts several Ethiopian restaurants well worth your time and money. Here are some tips to get you started.

Jolley's Restaurant and Lounge, 654 S. Pickett St.

Jolley's is an exercise in extremes. With a small, cozy bar and dining area at the front of the building and a large hookah bar and entertainment space in the back, this restaurant certainly has

something for everyone, from the casual diner looking for a relaxed bite to eat to a group of friends eager to listen to live music and dance the night away.

The diversity of ambiances within the restaurant, which has now been open almost five years, underscores the diversity of cultural events that take place in the establishment every week. The lounge area hosts local musicians and DJs who represent mu-

sical styles ranging from Ethiopian music to reggae to oldies.

But weekly events aside, the real attraction at Jolley's is the food itself. And there's not an item on the menu that lags behind the others, general manager Solomon Asrat says.

"Most everything on the menu" sells well, he said.

Admittedly, Ethiopian cuisine can be a bit intimidating upon first glance. There is generally no silverware to speak of, and many meals are served in communal fashion. But Asrat says his servers try to ease the transition for Ethiopian newbies.

"We try to explain to them about the injera," the traditional bread served as the base of each meal, Asrat said, adding that his staff gives them samples of dishes to demystify the meal a bit.

Jolley's offers a considerable array of dishes, ranging from a vegetarian combination to lega tibs (lean beef cooked with

tomatoes, onions, peppers, and spices) to a grilled chicken sandwich and hamburger for those a bit too shy to dig right into traditional fare. Each component of the meal is bursting with flavor and spice, and the supple injera

provides a wonderful complement, distilling each bite to a wonderful blend of textures and accents.

Asrat says that when Jolley's launched, setting up shop off of Van Dorn Street, there were "no (Ethiopian) restaurants around the area." Now, there are several competitors around town, but Asrat has set his sights on the larger region.

"We want not just Alexandria (custom-



PHOTO BY HOPE NELSON

Jolley's Restaurant and Lounge offers Ethiopian cuisine.

ers), but Fairfax County, Arlington County" as well, Asrat says. "Once they try it, I know we'll keep them as customers forever."

NOTEWORTHY

Enat, 4709 N Chambliss St.

Tucked away on the outskirts of the West End, Enat is easy to miss from the street. But walk in the door and the aroma will tell you you've entered an Ethiopian-food haven. The laid-back ambience offers diners an intimate experience, whether they're there for dinner or to watch the big soccer match at the bar. (You'll find plenty of customers engaged in both activities.) Try the doro wat (spicy chicken in a pepper sauce) or the vegetarian combination, and don't forget to add a sambussa or two to your

order as an appetizer.

Hawwi, 1125 Queen St.

This little café two blocks off of King Street is a welcome addition to the Old Town restaurant scene. Small and unassuming, it boasts a number of tables in a cheerful dining room. The combination platters are always a good bet, providing diners with a mini-tour of Ethiopian cuisine (both the meat and meat-free varieties), and you won't be disappointed with the portion sizes. Also, Hawwi offers carryout service — perfect for people who toil in Old Town all week.

Hope Nelson owns and operates The Kitchen Recessionista blog, which can be found at www.kitchenrecessionista.com.

If You Go

Jolley's Restaurant and Lounge

Address: 654 S. Pickett St.

Hours: Monday-Sunday 11 a.m.-2 a.m.

Staff pick: The vegetarian combination is "very tasty," and can serve as a full meal or a complement to a meat dish, general manager Solomon Asrat says.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

"Saturate." Through July 19 during gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Six artists use different mediums to convey moisture. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

"Borders & Boundaries." During gallery hours through July at the Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Artists were inspired by the "outsider's perspective" for this exhibit. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

"Magical, Mystical Animals." Through July 25, 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.

Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Art Class Exhibit.

Through July 28, Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday 7 a.m.-6 p.m. at Saint Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave. View drawings and paintings done by the senior art class. Free. Visit www.stelmocoffeepub.com.

Where's Waldo Scavenger Hunt.

Through Aug. 1, throughout Old Town. Waldo will be hiding out in stores around Alexandria. To participate, pick up a Waldo Passport at the front desk of Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Free. Call 703-548-4092.

Hollin Meadows Summertime Writing Nights.

6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays through Aug. 17 at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Families and elementary students (grades kindergarten through third) can read, write and talk with teachers. Free. Email Hollinmeadowses.KeepInTouch@fcps.edu.

Paintings by Stanley Agbontaen.

Through Aug. 28 at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive. The Maryland-based international artist's

depictions of scenes are painted on oil canvas. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter.

Cool Yoga.

Wednesdays through Sept. 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 1900 Mt. Vernon Ave. Participate in group yoga sessions taught by Prasada Yoga's Maureen Clyne and enjoy refreshments provided by St. Elmo's Coffee Pub and other local eateries. Suitable for all levels. Bring mat, towel and water. Free. Call 703-671-2000.

Special Family Museum Tours.

Saturdays through Sept. 7, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Flexible tours and hands-on activities provide a deeper experience into the social and political life of Alexandria in the 18th and 19th centuries. Tickets are \$5 for adults (\$4 with AAA card), \$3 children ages 5-12, and children ages 4 and under as well as Alexandria Public School and Blue Star families receive free admission. Coupons accepted. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Baseball Boat to Nationals Park.

Through Sept. 26 at various times. Leaves from the Alexandria Marina, 1

Cameron St. Baseball fans can avoid heavy traffic and cruise along the Potomac to Nationals Park. Tickets are \$20 one-way and \$25 round-trip. Visit <http://www.potomacriverboatco.com>.

Doggy Happy Hour. Tuesdays through Oct. at 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20, 480 King St. Enjoy discounted drinks and treats with one's dog. Free. Visit www.jackson20.com.

Water Taxi to the National Mall.

Through Nov. 1, at various times at Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Cruise from Old Town to D.C. on the *Miss Sophia*, while stopping view some of the area's most popular attractions. Tickets are \$28 roundtrip and \$14 one-way for adults. For children under 12, tickets are \$16 roundtrip and \$8 one-way. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com/.

Alexandria Cars & Coffee invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

George Washington's Mount

ENTERTAINMENT



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“Fields,” an exhibit in which David Carlson and Pat Goslee express their interests in energy fields, is on display at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. through Sept. 6. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

estate admission. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Second Thursday Music.

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

The Monday Morning Birdwalk

takes place weekly, rain or shine (except during electrical storms, strong winds, or icy trails), at 7 a.m. (8 a.m. November through March), is free, requires no reservation and is open to all. Birders meet in the parking lot at the park's entrance at 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Direct questions to Park staff during normal business hours at 703-768-2525.

Art for Life. Third Thursday of every month. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Hyatt Regency Crystal City has partnered with the National Kidney Foundation for a program highlighting a different artist each month for a year.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Tiny Dancers 2015 Summer Camps.

Each session includes daily instruction in ballet, a snack, fine motor exercise through a theme-related craft and a story with dress-up dance interpretation. The session culminates with a recital and reception. Tiny Dancers is designed for ages 2-12, featuring a performance based ballet, tap, jazz and musical theater curriculum. The studio is at 621 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-739-0900 or visit www.tinydancers.com.

Art League Summer Camps.

Registration for Summer Art Camp 2015 is now open. Art Camps run Monday to Friday, June 22-Aug. 21. Camps are available for ages 5 and older, with morning, afternoon, or all day options. Subjects include: drawing, cartooning, painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, jewelry, fiber arts, clay animation, and Basic Art Camp (a new medium

each day). \$155-\$345. Visit www.theartleague.org.

2015 Youth Summer Art Camp.

July 20-25 or July 27-31 at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Youth ages 8-14 spend one week creating art and learning creative techniques, followed by a one-day gallery show. All art supplies, lunch, and snacks are provided. \$300 per child. Scholarships are available. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtCamp.

Grown-Ups Art Camp.

June 29-July 17 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Adult art instruction including 37 workshops and events. Classes range from working with resin to polymer clay; from creating a monotype or paper masterpiece to learning how to tango. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

Summer of Smiles.

The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Summer Fun Guide, is now available. Summer camps and activities are available for youth ages 2-17 and include sports, dance, creative arts, computer, chess, 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.

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.

JULY 10-19

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Various times at venues throughout the city. Find music from almost every genre. Admission varies by venue. Visit www.livemusicweek.com.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 15

Dead Cat Bounce. Starting at 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com to make reservations.

THURSDAY/JULY 16

Mike Kelly and Friends. Starting at 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com to make reservations.

FRIDAY/JULY 17

Exit 10. Starting at 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com to make reservations.

SATURDAY/JULY 18

Capital Blues Ensemble. Starting at 4 p.m. at Two Nineteen Restaurant, 219 King St. Live concert. Free. Visit www.219restaurant.com to make reservations.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JULY 16-18

The Bacon Brothers. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall 3701, Mount Vernon Ave. The Bacon Brothers is the American musical duo of Michael Bacon and Kevin Bacon. Although they have played music together since they were boys, the brothers have only been a working band since 1995. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY/JULY 17

Musical Tribute to Frank Sinatra. 8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Tony Sands celebrates 100 years of Sinatra's music. Tickets start at \$28. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 18

Folk Night Friday. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Featured artist iYAIMY plays acoustic rock with mixed genre inspirations. \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents in advance, \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents at the door. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

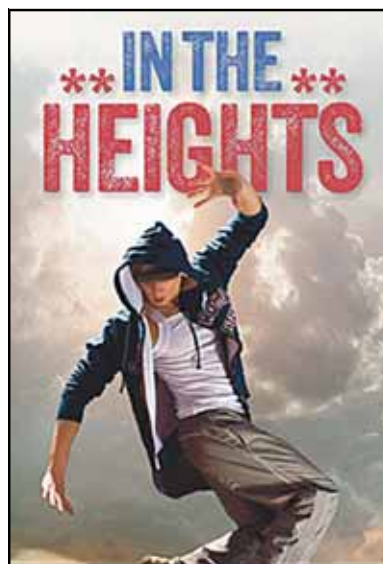
Tom Teasley: Sonic Saturation Performance and Sound Installation. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. This one-time installation, inspired and created with water, will include pre-recorded ambient sound combined with live performance on unusual instruments. \$15 admission. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Marine Chamber Orchestra Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. at The Schlesinger Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra continues its summer concert series. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The dance is open to the public and features the Mount Vernon Swing Band. \$4 at the door. Call 703-765-4573.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 17-18

Comcast Outdoor Film Festival. 5:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park. Watch films on a 40-foot inflatable movie screen. Films are as follows: Friday, July 17 – “How to Train Your Dragon 2” (PG); Saturday, July 18 – “X-Men: Days of Future Past” (PG-13). Bring



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blankets and chairs. Free. Visit www.AlexandriaFilmFest.com, www.AlexandriaVA.gov or call 703-746-5592.

SATURDAY/JULY 18

Tons of Trucks. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Chinquapin Park, 3210 King St. 30 different vehicles will be present for all ages to explore. Meet the staff of local service vehicles. Parking is available at T.C. Williams High School. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$15 per family of four. Call 703-746-5457.

“Sing for your Life” Free Vocal Workshop. 1– 5 p.m. at Convergence Arts Initiative (Main Building), 1801 N Quaker Lane. The Alexandria Singers are offering a new program to anyone interested in developing his or her singing talents in a stress-free choral environment. The program will include one-on-one instruction from a trained teacher, group practice with experienced singers, and a chance to perform in front of friends and family. Open to all ages 12 and up (minors must be accompanied by an adult, who need not participate in the singing). Free. Email director@alexandriasingers.com to register.

“Solo Baroque.” 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Listen to Baroque violinist Michael de Sapio. Free. Donations accepted. Contact michaelmartind@gmail.com or call 703-409-5859.

JULY 18-24

“Jon Meadows – A Soldier’s Voice.” Opening reception is on July 18, at 6 p.m. Gallery hours Monday–Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m.–9 p.m., and Sunday, 12-6 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St, Studio 12. Veteran Army Staff Sgt. Jon Meadows tells his story—the narrative of his war experience—through visual art. Admission is free. Visit www.theartleague.com or call 703-683-1780.

SUNDAY/JULY 19

Nasar Abadey Jazz Performance. 4-6 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N Alfred Street. Free with suggested donation

of \$15. Call 703-549-1334 or visit www.meadechurch.org for more.

Contemplative Sculpture Garden: Laying the Cornerstone. 4-7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N Quaker Lane. Work on a project to provide neighbors with an inviting oasis of rest, play, inspiration, and wonder. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org.

Ambrosia. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. An American rock band from California performs live. Tickets start at \$29.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

MONDAY/JULY 20

Jonny Lang. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jonny Lang brings modern blues to the Birchmere. Tickets start at \$69.50. Visit www.birchmere.com/calendar.

MONDAY-THURSDAY/JULY 20-JULY 24

Summer Camp. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N Union St. Kids aged 12-15 are invited to apply to an archaeology camp hosted by Alexandria Archaeology where campers can participate in a real archaeological dig with professional archaeologists. The camp costs \$400 per session with full scholarships available. Visit www.torpedofactory.com.

TUESDAY/JULY 21

Genealogical Clues in Records. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Learn how to find clues about your ancestors in legal documents in Chuck Mason’s talk: “Understanding the Hidden Clues in Records.” Free. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

Steeleye Span Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. British folk rock group Steeleye Span performs. Tickets start at \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com to buy tickets.

JULY 23-SEPT. 6

“Fields.” Gallery hours at The Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St. Abstract Artists David Carlson and Pat Goslee make art based on their interests in spiritual exploration and energy fields. Free. Visit

www.nvfaa.org for more.

JULY 23-25

Summer Theatre Program Presents: “Bye Bye Birdie.” Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. See a production of the musical theatre classic, “Bye Bye Birdie,” put on by the Summer Theatre Program and directed by Andrew Curtin. Tickets are \$8 for seniors and students, \$10 for adults. Contact Katie Murray at katiel.murray@gmail.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 23

Peter White and Richard Elliot. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Jazz musicians perform live at the Birchmere. Tickets start at \$45. Visit www.birchmere.com/calendar for tickets.

FRIDAY/JULY 24

Golf Classic. All day at Old Hickory Golf Club, 11921 Chanceford Drive, Woodbridge. Alexandria Chamber of Commerce hosts their Annual Golf Classic. Tickets start at \$250. Visit www.alexchamber.com.

Beer Barrel Extravaganza. 3-10 p.m. at the Port City World Headquarters, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Celebrate the opening of the Colossal One barrel aged beer. Small samples of food will be provided. Price to be determined. Register at www.portcitybrewing.com.

Gin Lane. 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern, 134 North Royal St. Chat with the local tavern keeper, try specialty gin cocktails, beer, and wine, and play old-time games. Must be 21 and over. Tickets are \$10. Purchase at www.shop.alexandriava.gov under the events tab.

King Street Cats Theater Fundraiser. 6:30-11 p.m. at The Little Theater, 600 Wolfe St. Cocktail reception starts at 6:30, which will be followed by musical “In the Heights.” Tickets range from \$25-\$40. Visit www.kingstreetcats.rescuegroups.org.

A Tribute to Earth Wind and Fire and The Emotions. 8 p.m. at The

Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. The Brencore Allstars Band performs hits from Earth Wind and Fire and The Emotions. Tickets start at \$30. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

JULY25-AUG.30

Leigh Merrill: “Cloud Seeding.” Gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Texas-based artist Leigh Merrill shows photography and video in her solo exhibition Cloud Seeding. Merrill’s work examines the construction of desire, fiction and beauty in urban landscapes by digitally compositing thousands of images and videos into imaginary spaces. Admission is free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

SATURDAY/JULY 25

Bike Clinic. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. VeloCity hosts a bike clinic. Bring your bike to participate. Free. Call 703-746-3200.

Bike For Good. 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Bring a bike out to the market to take part in the bike for good event. Directly following bike clinic which starts at 9 a.m. Free. Call 703-746-3226.

Holmes Run Trail Ride Along. 10 a.m. at Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Take a family friendly, four mile bike ride. Contact Natasha Anderson at natasha.anderson@gmail.com.

Exhibit Opening Reception. 6-8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Celebrate the launch of new exhibit featuring Stanley Agbontaen’s oil paintings. Free. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com.

Red, White & Beagle. 6-10 p.m. at River Farm, 7931 E. Boulevard Drive. The Beagle Freedom Project will present their first fundraiser. Find dinner, music and the “DC7” Beagles. General admission is \$150, VIP tickets are \$200. Visit www.redwhiteandbeagle.com.

Album Release Party. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. The Bumper Jacksons celebrate the release of “Too Big World.” Tickets \$20. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Vintage #18. 8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. The high energy soul and blues band performs live. Tickets start at \$20. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

SUNDAY/JULY 26

“Fields” Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. David Carlson and Pat Goslee celebrate the launch of their new

exhibit, “Fields.” Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Formed in Los Angeles, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy perform jazz at the Birchmere. Tickets start at \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com/calendar.

MONDAY/JULY 27

Water as a Sacred and Secular Source in Antiquity. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Come learn how ancient Europe viewed bodies of water, from the sites of violent sacrifices to a source of power for highly effective factories. Children are welcome. Free admission. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

JULY 28-AUG. 30

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery Juried Show. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Studio 18. View parade-themed artwork. Admission is free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 717-359-7724.

MONDAY/JULY 30

Dinner and Book Discussion. Reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. at Bastille, 606 N. Fayette St. On the eve of Bastille Day enjoy French cooking and participate in a discussion with author Susan Herrmann Loomis about her new book “In a French Kitchen.” Tickets are \$69. Books will be available for purchase for \$29.95. Call 703-519-3776 or email reservations@bastillerestaurant.com.

Jane Austen Dance Class. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 N Royal St. In preparation for the Jane Austen Ball on Aug. 8, learn 18th-century English country dancing from expert dance instructors. \$12 per class. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

FRIDAY/JULY 31

“Science Behind Harry Potter.” 3-10 p.m. at the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 107 S Fairfax St. Explore the real world of science and medicine behind J.K. Rowling’s series Harry Potter. Admission is \$6 per person. Visit www.alexandriava.gov.

Unburied: The Secrets We Keep Closing Reception. 7-10 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N Quaker Lane. View a collaborative collective of new talent in the art world, spanning various mediums. Visit ourconvergence.org.

Phil Perry. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. R&B artist Phil Perry performs live. Tickets start at \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com/calendar.

BroadSound. 8 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. BroadSound performs ’90s hip hop, soul, rock, and latin music. Tickets start at \$20. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

SATURDAY/AUG. 1

Yoga at the Market. 8:15-9 a.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Morning Yoga featuring live music by Alex Young. Bring yoga mat and water. Free. Call 703-746-3200.

Sidewalk Sale. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Market Square Garage, 108 North Fairfax St. More than 50 shops host promotional events and clearance sales. Free. visit www.visitalexandriava.com/

New Season Focuses on Symphonic Traditions

BY KIM ALLEN KLUGE
MUSIC DIRECTOR/CONDUCTOR
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Where have all the symphonies gone? To the Silver Screen! Contemporary symphonic film composers are carrying on the tradition of Wagner, Tchaikovsky and Puccini by writing music that accompanies theatrical genres. Cinema has become symphonic music's new concert hall. Film composers are creating a vast new global audience for symphonic music that transcends age, ethnicity and socio-economics, linking the old and new symphonic traditions — a circle unbroken!

Each concert in the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's 2015-2016 Season focuses on one contemporary film composer and explores the composers and symphonic traditions that shaped that unique musical style.

The season opener, "The Fantastic," features music from John Williams's film scores to "ET" and "Star Wars." The concert includes orchestral showpieces with fantastically exuberant music and orchestrations, including Gustav Holst's "The Planets," in its entirety. When George Lucas first approached John Williams to arrange "The



"Planets" for use as the film score to "Star Wars," Williams instead suggested he write an entirely original score that would be much better suited to the movie. He succeeded in writing one

of the most celebrated film scores of all time.

The next concert of the season, "Whimsy & Wonderment," explores the profound influence that Prokofiev and Stravinsky exerted on the evolution of Danny Elfman's musical style. Fascinated by the macabre, sarcastic and parody-like elements in the music of these two Russian masters, Elfman incorporates this same whimsical quality through his scores to "Spiderman" and "Edward Scissorhands."

"The Dramatic" explores the influence of Verismo Italian opera on the musical style of "The Godfather's" composer Nino Rota.

Director Martin Scorsese asked Rota to embody the Verismo sound in his film score. This emotionally supercharged Italian tradition of realism will be displayed in iconic pieces from the Verismo canon. The concert includes other masterpieces from this genre—the Intermezzo from Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" featured in Scorsese's "Raging Bull" as well as arias from Puccini's "La Bohème" and "Madame Butterfly."

"Lushness & Lyricism" pairs James Newton Howard's lyrical setting of "Peter Pan" with three lushly Romantic masterpieces from the classical canon including the Waltz from Tchaikovsky's "Swan Lake," Bruch's "Scottish Fantasy" and Smetana's "The Moldau." The ASO welcomes back "America's violinist" Jenny Oaks Baker to headline "Scottish Fantasy."

The season finale — "The Transformative" — features the work of composers who were great bridge builders between seemingly disparate styles of music. Aaron Copland bridged the musical styles of American folk music with the European

"Film music is a story conveyed and told in front of your eyes ... It's live classical music of fantastic standard and composition and performance ... it adds to the symphonic music canon."

— Jasper Hope, COO of Royal Albert Hall

classical style, redefining American classical music. George Gershwin bridged the contrasting styles of jazz and classical music. Today, Hans Zimmer bridges the styles of classical music with electronic music and ethnic traditions. This American musical eclecticism, known as the "great melting pot," is celebrated in "The American Concerto for Piano & Orchestra," receiving its world premiere in the ASO's season finale. Composed by husband-wife team of Kim Allen Kluge and Kathryn Vassar Kluge, you will hear folk-like melodies reminiscent of Stephen Foster and Aaron Copland as well as jazz-tinged echoes of Gershwin and Cole Porter. Thomas Pandolfi returns to the ASO stage to unveil this new American masterpiece.




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Police: Beware of Door-to-Door Tree Trimmers

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in October 2009, and the county's Department of Consumer Affairs soon developed a community outreach and education program to help residents cope individuals going door-to-door seeking home repair jobs, including tree work. The board also requested the Commonwealth license tree workers.

However, Virginia's Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation declined to control tree trimmers, citing previous investigations into the tree care industry had failed to identify sufficient threats to public safety to warrant regulation. On the other hand, Maryland does license tree trimmers.

Despite the county's outreach program, staff officials remain concerned today. And residents have noted no diminution of chainsaw crews seeking tree work in Mount Vernon neighborhoods. Chuck Byvik, a retired scientist and longtime Waynewood resident offered his observation of itinerant tree trimmers: "I see them all the time. They start at one end of our block and knock on every door."

In response to these practices, several experts have offered advice about handling not only unsolicited tree trimming offers, but also costly scams, which local police say are perpetrated by "woodchucks."

"These people prey on older citizens," said Detective Ryan Young of the Fairfax County Police Department. "They drive through neighborhoods looking for older American cars with handicapped tags. Those I have arrested have told me they call the technique 'spot knocking,' a more efficient means of trolling for vulnerable targets." Young, who has helped convict woodchucks, said that elderly people in their front yard draw immediate attention, and that woodchucks often start the scam by offering tree trimming work. Once a victim is hooked, they usually offer more lucra-

tive and largely unnecessary home repair services.

Henri Stein McCartney, chief of the Regulation and Licensing Branch of Fairfax County's Cable and Consumer Services Department, offered this general warning: "Treat tree service solicitors like any other stranger who knocks on your door."

More specifically, McCartney said that a tree care provider needs a county Peddler and Solicitor License if he goes from house to house. She offered two examples of behavior that require licensing: The person knocks on your door, says he's working in your neighborhood and offers to trim one of your trees. Another pattern is stopping his truck when a resident is outside and offers the same services while speaking to you through the truck window.

Those people who need a Solicitor License include purveyors of firewood, ice cream and flowers, as well as services such as tree work, driveway sealing and home improvement. Licensed or not, every country official offers the same advice, "Never let a solicitor inside your home."

A Fairfax County Peddler and Solicitor License looks like a driver's license, with an identifying photo, details and fingerprints. It is issued to a person, not a company.

IN ADDITION to the Solicitor License, Fairfax County residents and who engage in tree work, or persons maintaining a tree service place of business in the county, are required to obtain a Business, Professional and Occupational License. However, tree trimmers based in another county do not.

A page on the county's website carries several admonitions on tree work. Examples include: (a) "Be wary of individuals who go door-to-door and offer bargains for performing tree work. Most reputable companies are too occupied to solicit work in this manner"; and (b) "Ask for proof of insurance and then phone the insurance company if you are not satisfied."

Master Police Officer Robert Urps of the Mount Vernon District describes how to recognize potentially shady home repair operators, including tree care providers. "Be alert for non-descript vehicles without logos or company identifiers, people soliciting work door-to-door without a valid Solicitor License and pressure from a person giving the unsolicited proposal that the work needs to be done immediately."

Young goes a step further: "Pay attention to door-to-door people who call on your elderly neighbors. Watch for vans or trucks that appear repeatedly at your neighbor's house. If you see something strange, call the police."

Keith Cline, director of the county's Urban Forest Management Division, says that seeking out a certified arborist is the best approach to determining if trees need work. "If a door-to-door tree trimmer solicits work," he said, "decline and go to TreesAreGood.com, a website run by the International Society of Arboriculture." Select the tab on the home page labeled "Find an Arborist," where you can first enter United States, and then your zip code. Arborists are educated in the horticulture of trees and registered by ISA, not guys with chainsaws spot knocking on your street. Arborists will diagnose tree ailments or dangers and offer a written estimate and contract. "But first," Cline said, "examine his ISA certificate and, if you are uncomfortable, get a second assessment and estimate."

Also, the county's website has guidance for selecting an arborist: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/education/selecting-an-arborist-or-tree-care-company.htm>

Last, the county's website has a means for registering a complaint about tree care: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/complaints.htm>.

This page has a tab for "Complaint History," and there are two means for examining past complaints: "Index of Company

Names Sorted Alphabetically" and "Index of Company Names Sorted by Complaint Type." In the latter, select "Housing - Service" for tree care. The index currently lists 25 tree care companies that have received complaints in the last three years.

BULLETIN BOARD

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- learn more. Visit www.mountvernonathome.org for more.
- 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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- ❖ The **Hollin Hall Senior Center** needs a DJ, a ballroom dance instructor to teach a class on Thursday afternoons, and an Italian instructor.
- ❖ The **Gum Springs Senior Center** needs a Spanish teacher.
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- Volunteer Advocates for Nursing Home & Assisted Living Residents** needed throughout Northern Virginia. Contact the Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltcombudsman/, email or email Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-5861, TTY 711.
- Volunteers needed in Fairfax County** to drive older adults to medical appointments and wellness programs. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults and click on Volunteer Solutions.
- NOVA Long-Term Care Ombudsman** is in need of volunteer advocates for residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities throughout Northern Virginia. Contact lisa.callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-324-5861 to volunteer or for more information.

ONGOING

- The Mount Vernon Estate** has released "The Winter Patriots," a video presentation about George Washington crossing the Delaware River on Christmas Day 1776. Download for \$4.99 or watch the film for free at mountvernon.org/winterpatriots.
- St. James Episcopal Church** is seeking donations for the Second Hand Rose Boutique Bake Sale and Yard Sale. Donate jewelry purses, toys, sporting goods, etc. at the church's 5614 Old Mill Road location. Call 703-780-3081 before donation drop-off.
- Telephone Support Group.** 7-8 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. For family caregivers of older adults. Discuss "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly-Caregiving with Family and Friends." Share experiences, gain support and get information without having to travel. Free. www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ Band musicians are invited to join the **Mount Vernon Community Band.** Rehearsals are Tuesday 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School band room, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. There are no auditions. The Mount Vernon Community Band is a nonprofit community service organization that has performed in the Mount Vernon area since 1978. 703-768-4172 or www.mvbands.com.
- The Boy Scout Troop 1906** is seeking members. They meet every Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church Parsonage, 7836 Fordson Road. Visit www.boyscouts-ncac.org/colonial.

Observing Ramadan in Alexandria

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for forgiveness and you remember that God is very caring."

For young Muslims, Ramadan can also be filled with its own lessons and learning. Farida Alsadig, 13 of Fairfax County, has spent many of her Ramadan days at the Muslim American Society Community Center on Edsall Road. She's been fasting and participating in their My Selfie program. The program is run during Ramadan for middle school-aged youth. The program is designed to create a sense of community among Muslim youth while promoting leadership skills and empowerment.

Alsadig appreciates the program. "It really helped me. It can be tough." Alsadig was talking about school.

"The My Selfie program gave the youth a chance to talk about some of the difficulties they experience in public school," said Sister Shelly McKinney, the program's

founder.

The program culminated with a free library created by Alsadig and other youth. The blue library box was placed in the parking lot of the Muslim American Society Center. "Give a book and take book" said McKinney. "It's meant for everyone."

For Muslims, the last 10 days of Ramadan are particularly special. It's during this time that there's a "Night of Power," Muslims' holiest night of the year. It's believed to be the night of revelation, when the Quran (the Muslim holy book) was first revealed to Prophet Muhammad. It's believed that the Night of Power falls on an odd numbered evening during the last 10 days of Ramadan, either the 21st, 23rd, 25th or 27th night of Ramadan. It's during these evenings prayers increase.

For Farah Kharif, a Sudanese taxi driver, these evening prayers have meant very late nights and sleepy days. He's in Landmark

Mall shopping with his family. Khafir enjoys Ramadan, "but the days have not been very good for my job." He said. "I need to be up early in the morning for jobs."

Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan. It's comes at the end of the month at the sighting of the crescent new moon. This year the day will fall either on July 17 or 18, depending on the sighting. Mosques will hold Eid prayers and there will be festivities and food. The day is often considered a special one for children. They often get new clothes to wear and gifts are given to them.

It's just days before Eid, Zubaii and Abia Khan are searching the children's clothing racks at Macy's in Landmark Mall. "We are shopping for the boys," said Zubaii Khan as he calls his two, Muheeb and Muujeeb over. "Just for the boys. For Eid," he added. Other families, just like them are walking here and there in the mall, each searching for the perfect items for Eid.



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See you next year, Thursday, June 9, 2016!



Unscheduled Summer Play

Experts praise the benefits of free play for children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

What was once a time for catching fireflies, swimming and exploring has evolved into a period of elite day camps, academic enrichment classes and top-dollar sports clinics.

For many children, summer is packed with so many activities that it can hardly be called a break, say local educators, reminding parents of the benefits of unregulated play.

"Camps and activities are fine in moderation because children need structure," said Andrew Clarke, Ph.D., an Arlington-based child psychologist. "But allowing children to have free time during the summer is important for their self-confidence and overall well-being. ... Children can become enriched simply by being allowed to explore their own environments."

NOT ALL CHILDREN are naturally self-directed, but parents can provide minimal structure through which children can gain the benefits of unstructured free time.

For example, help children develop a list

of potential activities that might interest them. This could assist children who have difficulty thinking of things to do on their own or who might be prone to saying "I'm bored" when faced with free

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— **Joan L. Ehrlich, Ph.D.,**
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time and no planned activities.

"I recommend giving kids suggestions of various activities and having them choose," said Stacie B. Isenberg, Psy.D., a child psychologist based in Bethesda, Md. "Sometimes it is helpful to make a list together with them and post it on the refrigerator or other prominent place."

Isenberg suggests including activities such as playing board games, reading books, hula



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Art supplies and games that allow for creative play can be an important part of unstructured free time.

hooping, kicking around a ball, blowing bubbles, doing mazes, puzzles or painting. "When it's time for a new activity, have them check out the list," she said.

It's especially beneficial if the activity won't require constant supervision. "Provide safe spaces for them to play in," said Joan L. Ehrlich, Ph.D., a coordinator in the Interpreter Services Office at Northern Virginia Community College. "If you know the

space is safe, you can give them more leeway to play on their own, and can pull back on the direct supervision."

PARENTS SHOULD ALSO SET boundaries and standards regarding acceptable and unacceptable activities, she continued. "When my kids were small, we had designated 'no screen' time. It was wonderful to hang back and watch them engage in a board game or card game. You would be amazed at what kids will choose to do when televisions, computers [and other electronics] are not an option. Nothing against those devices, but, let's face it, they can be addictive which makes it hard to compete with other healthy, educational options."

"All you need to do to facilitate unstructured downtime is to not over schedule them ... and provide an open-ended learning environment," added Gail Multop, an early childhood education professor at Northern Virginia Community College. She believes the tools for such play are simple: "Puzzles, books, an art table with supplies and time outdoors in nature."

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Justin W. Kron, 41, of Alexandria died suddenly on June 23, 2015 at Alexandria Hospital. He is preceded in death by his parents, Gary Kron, Sr., and Stormy Philias. He is survived by his wife, Debbie Kron; daughters, Kelsey and Mollie Kron; sister, Dagen Wilhelm; stepfather, Bob Philipash; and brother, Gary Kron Jr. Justin was a very talented artist. He submitted art to the Art League of Alexandria often. He was also an incredibly loving father, husband, and brother.

The family will receive friends from 4pm to 6pm on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at Cunningham Turch Funeral Home, 811 Cameron St. Alexandria, VA 22314, followed by a Life Celebration service beginning at 6pm. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, family request donations to <http://www.gofundme.com/xrv828>.

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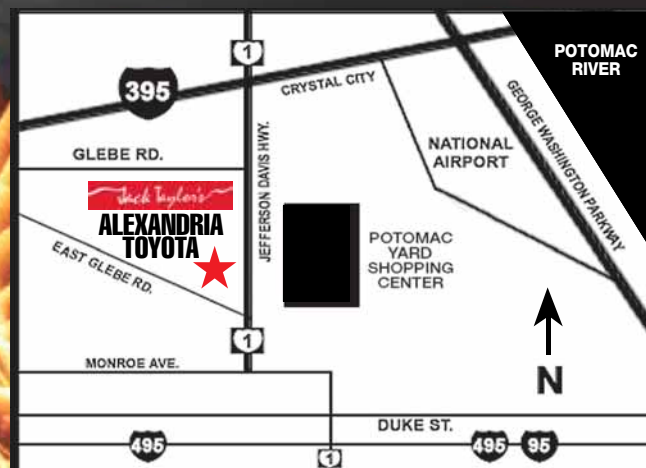
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condition & offers many special features including 3 finished levels, fab. floor plan, family room with fireplace, eat-in kitchen, spacious master suite & garage pkg. Magnificent grounds with stone walk, patio & gorgeous landscaping. Prime location! OPEN SUN 7/19, 1-4! GW Pky S, past Estate; L-Old Mt Vernon Rd; R-Robertson; L-Heather Glen.



6036 Fort Hunt Rd
\$799,000

True Belle Haven Gem!
Classic Belle Haven Colonial in prime location on gorgeously landscaped grounds overlooking Belle Haven Country Club. Fabulous property carefully updated throughout in a

manner which provides a delightful blend of the home's original character with many modern conveniences. Numerous features include 3 finished levels, updated kitchen and baths, hardwood floors, fireplace and garage. Magnificent private grounds with outdoor kitchen and brick patio. A uniquely attractive property!



9412 Ferry Landing Ct
\$799,500

Beat the Heat in your Own Custom Pool!
Uniquely gorgeous property! Custom home in premier setting on quiet cul-de-sac ending at river. Magnificent grounds

featuring custom pool, hot tub, expansive decking and large level lawn. Home with numerous features: open floor plan, updated kitchen & baths, fabulous rec room over side load, two car garage. Super value-nothing like it at close to this price!



8234 West Boulevard Dr
\$1,625,000
**One of Area's Most
Admired Properties!**

Award winning classic Victorian combines exquisite period detail with dramatic open floor plan. Painstaking

attention to detail and its design led to this fabulous home winning the award for being the best custom home in its category for all of Northern Virginia the year it was built! Numerous special features: 3 car garage! Screen porch! Walls of windows! Upgraded trim detail! Luxury abounds!



9100 Old Mt Vernon Rd
\$629,900
Wonderful Westgate!

9315 Ludgate Dr
\$1,199,999
**Estate Caliber Property-
Near River!**



9357 Mount Vernon Cir
\$1,500,000
**Mt Vernon on the
Potomac!**

9227 Allwood Dr
\$548,950
**Updated Throughout-
Move-In Ready!**



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