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One Dead after Shuttle Bus Flips

17 injured in collision on the George Washington Parkway.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

One person is dead and 17 are injured after a shuttle bus collided with another vehicle on the George Washington Parkway around 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 14.

Sergeant Anna Rose with the U.S. Park Police said the bus was heading northbound and the other vehicle was heading southbound when they collided and both left the road near Stratford Lane, several miles from the George Washington's Mount Vernon estate.

The bus tipped on to the driver's side and slid

for a distance, Rose said. Passengers were pinned beneath the bus until a number of witnesses and passersby helped right it.

Of the 15 passengers who were injured, three were listed in critical condition. The driver and passenger of the other vehicle were also injured, though their conditions haven't been released.

U.S. Park Police have been the lead agency handling the incident, though Fairfax County EMS and Fire & Rescue provided assistance.

Rose said it's not known yet what factors contributed to the collision.

There were 19 total people on the shuttle, including the driver.

The parkway was closed in both directions for many hours following the incident for clearing debris and due to the death investigation that was initiated.

Rose said the Park Police are asking anyone who may have witnessed the incident or who has more information to contact them at 202-610-7500.

\$15 Million Wrongful Death Suit Filed

Woman with mental illness died after being tased in Sheriff's custody.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

Natasha McKenna's mother is seeking more than \$15 million in a wrongful death and gross negligence suit filed against Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Kincaid and five deputies.

McKenna, an Alexandria resident who was diagnosed with

mental illness as a young girl, was scheduled to be transported to City of Alexandria Police in early February 2015, where she faced charges.

She had previously been arrested in Fairfax County on or around Jan. 26, 2015, and was taken to Fairfax County Adult Detention Center.

The deputies who were attempt-

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PHOTO COURTESY OF FAIRFAX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Fairfax County Sheriff's deputies, wearing protective suits, can be seen forcing Natasha McKenna to the ground outside her cell at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center in the video released by Sheriff Stacey Kincaid.

Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity Added to Student Handbook

School Board debates whether students should be held accountable.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE CONNECTION

Students in Fairfax County Public Schools started the 2015-2016 school year without the words "sexual orientation" or "gender identity" as part of the nondiscrimination guide within their student handbook.

While the School Board ap-

proved adding those two terms to the laundry list of other qualities and characteristics for which no employee or student in the system should be discriminated against or excluded because of, the new language didn't automatically appear in the handbook, the Students Rights and Responsibilities.

The error was an "oversight," according to Superintendent Dr.

Karen Garza and board chair Pat Hynes.

In order for the handbook to reflect the current policy, which was updated with the additional terms in November 2014 and May 2015, the board needed to amend its action on approving the 2016-2017 student handbook.

What was billed in the agenda as a mere administrative action of aligning the handbook with existing policy became a heated debate at the School Board's June 9 business meeting.

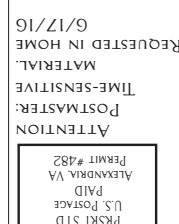
Opponents of passing the hand-

book update said the process had been rushed and that the community should have a chance to weigh in on changes that will directly affect how their children may be disciplined. A private consultant was hired to review current prac-

tices affecting transgender students and compare them with other schools around the country, but the findings and conclusions have yet to be released.

At-large member Jeanette

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Bio

DANIEL STORCK

❖ Elected to the Mount Vernon District Supervisor seat in November 2015 and began serving January 2016.

❖ Elected as Mount Vernon District School Board member from 2004-2015

Family: Wife of 40 years: Deb. Adult children: Ben; Katie; and Jon. Storck has a twin brother: Mick, who is a psychiatrist. He also has an older brother and two younger sisters.

Education: University of Miami (Ohio); B.S. Finance; M.B.A. Management

Work: Independent business consulting career for health insurance businesses.

Hobbies: Backpacking in the Grand Canyon and other remote rugged areas of the U.S. Storck: "It has been a way to recharge myself from my people-intensive work as an elected official and a business owner."

Board of Supervisors Committee Appointments:

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❖ Fort Belvoir Advisory Board

your biggest challenge and biggest surprise?

A. "My biggest challenge was to influence the budget, including supporting full funding of our schools. We did and I played a key role in the debate given my extensive experience with the school budget. In addition, I influenced the thinking on several other important issues such as expanding support for our policemen, and I supported placing the meals tax on the ballot as a referendum. On the latter issue it gives us a chance to go to the voters this November and ask them to pass it so we can fund our schools and other needs by an estimated \$96 million. We very much need to diversify our funding base and this is one way to do it.

"As for my biggest surprise, it is the breadth and depth of issues I have faced so far. There is no training period. You have to



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Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck in his District Office meeting with his Chief of Staff, Christine Morin

do your homework from the very beginning. It is a challenge but also an opportunity through the budget process to affect the quality of life of many residents and I look forward to it every day."

Q. Up until now what have been your top five priorities that you are working on?

A. "(1) Expanding my communications and outreach to my constituents. I have a good start on this area of emphasis. This includes issuing a monthly newsletter, involvement in social media and producing newspaper and online articles and editorials. In addition, I have expanded my availability to my constituents including evening and weekend hours. I have set high stan-

dards for all my staff to assist me in responding within two days to constituent inquiries. This coming September I will be hosting an open house.

"(2) Fully funding Mt Vernon District schools, which was done this recent budget cycle.

"(3) Enhancing public safety including support in the budget for more patrol officers; improved police/community relations, a new south county police station.

"(4) Accelerating transportation improvements, including: Richmond Highway expansion; Embark bus and metro improvements.

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State Excellence Award for Waynewood

The Waynewood Elementary Staff was presented with the Virginia Board of Education Excellence Award on Thursday, June 9. Waynewood Elementary was recognized by the Governor and the Virginia Board of Education for exceeding state and federal accountability standards for student achievement. The award was presented to Waynewood Elementary's Grade Level Team leaders by Mount Vernon District School Board representative Karen Corbett Sanders, Assistant Superintendent Terry Dade, Executive Principals Grace Taylor and Mark Greenfelder from Fairfax County Public Schools Region Three office.

West Point Graduate

Cadet Eugene James Coleman, III, son of Eugene and Martha Coleman of Alexandria, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy on May 21. Coleman graduated from Mount Vernon High School in 2012. While at West Point, he concentrated his studies in economics and management. He was First Captain over the 4,400 cadets and president of the Class of 2016. He was also commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army within the Field Artillery branch and will report to London, United Kingdom for his first assignment.



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From left are Gavin Carter, Jane Gandee, John McAllorum, Jim Lindsay, and Sonja Caison. The chamber honored McAllorum as a Life Chamber Member.

Chamber Honors McAllorum

As Life Chamber Member.

Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber honored John McAllorum as a Life Chamber Member at its June 9 breakfast meeting at the Belle Haven Country Club. McAllorum has been a member of the chamber since 1981. He was the owner of Lakewood Realty on Richmond Highway until it was purchased by Coldwell Banker. He then managed the Coldwell agency for 15 years. He served as president of the chamber in 1991. He was also a license instructor for Realtors.

The chamber honor is awarded to less than one percent of the membership who have distinguished himself in service to the chamber, his profession, and in public affairs.

The guest speaker at the breakfast was technology and marketing expert D.J. Saul of iStrategyLab.

New member added: Richard and Carol Lowy, owners of Richard Carroll, a gift, women's clothing variety store at Belle View Boulevard Shopping Center.

— GERALD A. FILL



From left: Jane Gandee, president of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce; D.J. Saul, CMO, iStrategyLab, guest speaker on "Technology Tools for Business;" and Holly Dougherty, executive director, of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce.

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Wrongful Death Suit Filed

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ing to move McKenna were members of a Special Emergency Response Team (SERT), tasked with transporting McKenna from her solitary cell in Fairfax to Alexandria.

McKenna became agitated while the deputies were attempting to move her, and they used a number of restraints on her and delivered shocks with a taser.

After four applications of the taser, McKenna lost consciousness. She was taken to Inova Fairfax Hospital, where she was pronounced dead Feb. 8, 2015.

The Office of the Medical Examiner determined McKenna's death to be caused by "excited delirium" and not criminal.

Commonwealth's Attorney Raymond F. Morrogh made a similar determination after completing his own review of the incident, affirming that there were no grounds to pursue criminal charges against any of the deputies who were involved.

An administrative investigation took place within the Sheriff's Office to determine whether policies had been upheld or violated and if any disciplinary action should occur.

As of May 24, 2016, that investigation had not been completed, according to Sheriff's Office spokesperson 1st Lt. Maegan Timothy. Nine days later, Timothy confirmed the investigation had been completed. The Sheriff's office wouldn't comment on results of the administrative investigation: whether any of the deputies had been disciplined in any way,

whether any policies had been changed in response.

Following the incident, Kincaid did suspend the use of tasers in the jail.

"We are in the process of looking at all of our policies to update and include best practices from law enforcement agencies and correctional facilities across the country," Sheriff's Office spokesperson Andrea Ceisler said in an email. "We are also working to incorporate recommendations of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission and the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF)."

AS OF June 10, the spokespeople said the Sheriff's Office had not yet been served with the lawsuit.

The June 3 lawsuit was filed on behalf of McKenna's mother Christine Wilson. The five counts include gross negligence, wrongful death and battery.

In the complaint, the family's lawyer Harvey J. Volzer says the deputy's use of the taser on McKenna was "wholly unwarranted and contrary to, and in breach of, the recognized standards for sheriff's orders in the performance of their duties under same or similar circumstances, and demonstrated an utter disregard of prudence that amounted to a complete neglect for Ms. McKenna's safety and rights."

Volzer did not respond to several requests for interviews prior to going to print.

The \$15 million in damages are being sought include compensation for McKenna's daughter who was seven years old at the time of her mother's death, according to court documents.

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The 17th Annual Cappies Gala honoring high school theater was held Sunday, June 12 at The Kennedy Center. Winning the top prizes for the Best Musical was Woodrow Wilson High School in the District for “Hair;” and winning Best Play was Duke Ellington School of the Arts in the District for “The Story.” This year’s Masters of Ceremony were Judy Bowns, Janie Strauss and Ed Monk, who is retiring from Chantilly High School this year.

This year’s show included 57 public and private high schools in Fairfax County, Arlington, Fauquier, Loudoun, Montgomery, and Prince William counties, and the cities of Falls Church, Alexandria, and Washington, D.C. The Cappies season extended from late October to early May.

The Cappies program was launched in the summer of 1999 by Judy Bowns, the Theatre Arts resource teacher with FCPS, and the late Bill Strauss (director, Capitol Steps), in cooperation with area theater teachers, for the purpose of celebrating and bringing public acclaim to high school theater.

— STEVE HIBBARD



The Costumes Award went to “Starlight Express,” West Potomac High School, (from left): Quinn Burgard, Helen Kitrosser, Kaylie Kopicki, Jordan McCray, Lorna Ryan and Valentina Selnick.

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The Male Vocalist Award went to David Jarzen, “Starlight Express,” West Potomac High School, pictured with Philip Lee Clark, director.

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OPINION

Support for Police in Reforms

Police commission recommendations go to Board of Supervisors for approval, implementation.

In some ways, the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission, brainchild of Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova, was a bit of a miracle.

The 32 voting commission members included at least nine representatives from Fairfax County Police; former Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Horan; current and former law enforcement officers with experience from the FBI, DEA, state police and others; other former county officials; mental health advocates; attorneys; high powered consultants. Ranks of those participating swelled to 80 when others were appointed the five subcommittees.

How could such a large, intense group with so many viewpoints get anything done? It seemed crazy to expect much. But Bulova, apparently, was crazy like a fox. Bulova and commission chair Michael Hershman, expressed unwavering commitment to the process.

The 142 recommendations, the result of democracy in action, provide support and more resources to the FCPD, while providing for transparency and public confidence.

Police, Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh, county attorneys and others provided answers to questions and consulted on recommendations every step of the way. The commission and subcommittees met for literally hundreds of hours over nine months. Individual members took on in-depth research projects and reported back to subcommittees.

Members of the Mental Health subcommit-

tee, chaired by Del. Marcus Simon, traveled to Texas for a first-hand look at an effective Crisis Intervention program. In January, the Community Services Board, Police and Sheriff's Office launched Diversion First, to get people having a mental health crisis who come into contact with law enforcement into treatment instead of jail. If this were the only accomplishment of the police review commission, it would be an achievement.

The Independent Oversight and Investigations subcommittee unanimously recommended formation of an Independent Auditor and a Civilian Review Panel. Independent oversight is a national best practice, and these issues come before the Board of Supervisors next month.

The commission recommends the implementation of body worn cameras, a recommendation that appears to be set for delay. This might be necessary, but if so, the delay should come with a timetable for next steps.

Changing the culture from withholding information to sharing as much as possible, as soon as possible, and responding to Freedom of Information requests with as much information as possible are part of the recommendations of the Communications subcommittee. Police departments in Northern Virginia have invoked a blanket exemption to FOIA requests, which has been part of the erosion of public trust.

The robust collection and reporting of demographics covering all stops, frisks, citations, arrests, and use-of-force incidents by district

station and magisterial district is also key to public trust and departmental excellence.

Bulova and the Board of Supervisors formed the commission in the wake of the death of John Geer in August of 2013. Geer, a Springfield resident, was standing unarmed with his hands up in the doorway of his own home when he was shot by Officer Adam Torres. Torres, charged with murder, was the first Fairfax County Police officer in the history of the department to be charged in such a death. Torres entered a guilty plea to involuntary manslaughter, with a likely sentence of 12 months; his sentencing is scheduled for next week.

Public outrage over Geer's death was compounded by obfuscation and silence, the failure to communicate, and a lack of public accountability. The police and county refused to release any information on the case for more than a year, and only then after repeated court orders. This tragedy and its aftermath no doubt had a negative impact on morale in the FCPD. The commission's recommendations acknowledge the excellence of the Fairfax police. It's a credit to the department that Chief Edwin Roessler aspires to make FCPD the best in the nation. It's a high bar, county residents expect no less, and steps in that direction are a positive reflection on every member of the department.

It now falls to Supervisor John Cook, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, to guide these recommendations through for approval by the Board of Supervisors overall. The process is underway, and deserves public attention to the details.

— MARY KIMM

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Mary Kimm served as a member of the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. Read more at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fairness And Taxes

To the Editor:

In the June 2 edition of the Gazette, a letter entitled "Seniors Unfairly Tapped for School Budget" argued that senior citizens in Fairfax County should be given a tax rebate funded by a surtax on school-age families because those seniors "have not had children in the school system for years and years." Perhaps the letter writer is onto something; I will not be eligible to take advantage of Social Security or Medicare for "years and years," so it seems only fair that I receive a tax rebate for the nearly 50 percent of my tax dollars that go to fund Social Security and Medicare. Seniors who actually use these programs can simply make up the difference by paying higher taxes.

But, of course, that's a terrible idea. I benefit from the existence

of Social Security and Medicare because it keeps the seniors in my community healthy, living in their homes, and out of poverty, thereby making my community a better place to live — and also because I will one day benefit from those programs.

In the same way, seniors in our community benefit from the lower crime rate, higher income level, and greatly increased property values that they enjoy as a direct result of living in the world-class Fairfax County public school system. They also continue to benefit from the excellent public school education that their now-adult children received, and that was paid for by the taxes of their own elders "years and years" ago.

I do agree with the letter writer on one point: it is a shame that residents' property taxes are used as the primary source of funds for our public school system. That's why it is in every Fairfax County resident's best interest to support

the Meals Tax proposal, which will simply add the same few pennies to restaurant tabs in Fairfax County that we all pay when we dine out in any other local jurisdiction. If the letter writer wishes to contain the property tax burden of public schools, he should support the Meals Tax.

Robert Kidwell
Alexandria

Richmond Owes Fairfax County

To the Editor:

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' recent vote to place a meals tax referendum on the November ballot is just the latest affront to the taxpayers of Fairfax County. We have to face facts: Our State and local legislators have proven to be incapable of gaining fairness in the distribution of tax revenues from Richmond for

Northern Virginia.

This week, I spoke to a knowledgeable official in the County's Budget office. She informed me that in fiscal year 2014, the most recent for which they have data, residents and visitors to Fairfax County sent \$3.2 billion to Richmond in income taxes, sales taxes, and recordation fees for real estate transactions. In return, Richmond sent the county \$750 million, only 23.4 percent of the amount sent to Richmond. Without targeting any particular political party, our politicians have been incapable of gaining us our fair share of the revenues sent to Richmond as the economic engine for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Their typical solution is to increase our taxes to pay for our needs where we ought to be able to fulfill our needs, without having to increase our taxes, out of the revenues already sent to Richmond.

In 2013, the Virginia sales tax
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OBITUARY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cindee Jackson Cornelison

Cindee Jackson Cornelison, age 69, was born in Milwaukee, Wis. As the daughter of an Air Force officer, she grew up in Nebraska, Texas, Mississippi, Nevada and Alabama. She studied at the University of Alabama and graduated from the University of Virginia in 1972 with a degree in mathematics. She was the runner-up to represent the state of Alabama in the first Miss Universe competition. Following graduation, she was a professional model.

Cindee had a distinguished real estate career for over 40 years. She was a co-founder and the vice president of WJD Associates. Her strong leadership and creative marketing expertise resulted in WJD Associates becoming a highly successful real estate firm from 1985-1996. In 1996, Cindee and her two partners sold WJD Associates to Pardoe and Graham Real Estate, which continues today as Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

Cindee was a devoted grandmother, a gourmet cook, a fabulous entertainer and a lover of the beach. Cindee and her loving husband, Ron, together with their family and friends, enjoyed many wonderful vacations at their beach home in the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

Cindee is survived by her beloved husband, Ronald F. Cornelison and her father, Col. Harlan C. Hobbs. Additional survivors include her children: Skylar Moss (John); Jill Jackson Stewart (Brad); Jennifer Cornelison Bowne (Gabe); Laura Cornelison Sacher (Paul); Margaux Cornelison Lynam (Sean) and William Cornelison. Sisters include Gale Akerman (Ron)



and Janis Ormaner (Jerry). Nieces and nephews include LeaAnn Ormaner Kutz (Tim), Karrye Ormaner (Sam), Mikell Dawson, Emily Dawson Meeks (Bill), Matthew Cornelison, Christine Bonner (Ben) and Elizabeth Cornelison Cathcart (Chris).

Cindee is survived by 9 and a quarter beloved grandchildren: Shelby, Jackson and Lauren Moss; Caeley, Jameson, Charlotte and Emmett Sacher; Sophia and Lilly Bowne; and Baby Lynam.

She is also survived by her brother-in-law Cdr. Gary A. Cornelison (Pat) and her sister-in-law Vickie Lynn Grant (Chris). She was pre-deceased in death by her former husband Robert W. Jackson, and her mother Lavonne Gray and Elizabeth Hobbs.

There will be a Celebration of Life at her home on July 7 from 2 to 4 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Education Endowment at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. If mailing a check, please make payable to the Kennedy Center and include on the notes section of the check, "Education Endowment - Cindee Jackson Memorial."

Contributions can be made over the phone by calling 202-416-8041 or sent to the attention of Jenny Questell at The Kennedy Center, PO Box 101510, Arlington, VA 22210.

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was increased to 5.3 percent, however, an additional 0.7 percent was added in the Northern Virginia region earmarked for transportation issues. If our politicians were effective in gaining us our equitable share of the tax money we send to Richmond, it would not have been necessary to add that 0.7 percent to the sales tax.

Now, our Board of Supervisors wants to add a meals tax, claiming they need to do so to diversify the sources of revenue they can tap, which they claim are limited to real estate taxes and BPOL taxes. Of course, an equitable share of the tax money we send to Richmond is another large source of revenue.

The Board of Supervisors has stated that they anticipate the meals tax, if enacted, will generate \$96 million in additional annual revenues. In promoting approval of this new tax, they explain that they intend to split the new revenues 70-30 between educational needs (70 percent) and county services, capital improvements and property tax relief (30 percent). Looking at the \$3.2 billion revenue stream traveling to Richmond from Fairfax County, if our politicians had the wherewithal to gain just a 3 percent increase, from 23.4 percent to just 26.4 percent, still barely a quarter of what we send to Richmond, that

additional 3 percent would generate precisely the \$96 million they now propose to extract from taxpayers, residents and visitors who have already paid that money in the form of the \$3.2 billion sent to Richmond. Voting down the meals tax referendum will signal the Board of Supervisors that citizens want them to work together to gain our fair share from Richmond. Failure to do so is unacceptable.

These efforts by our politicians amount to double taxation, taxing us where we have already paid the taxes that ought to be able to be used for those purposes without need to tax us yet again. It is bad enough that Northern Virginia has to support the rest of the Commonwealth. Worse yet, we end up paying higher taxes than the rest of the Commonwealth for the privilege of supporting them. This is unacceptable. It must change.

The time has come for our politicians of all political stripes to band together and collectively demand a more equitable share of the tax revenues sent to Richmond so that the needs of Northern Virginia as the economic engine of Virginia can be fully met without double taxation. If our politicians are unwilling to do so, they need to step down and be replaced with people willing and able to do so.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

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'To Do Nothing Is Also a Policy Choice'

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

These tragedies occur faster than I can publish columns. As a father of a teenage daughter, I planned to write about the importance of teaching our children that no means no, because one-in-five women will be sexually assaulted in their life. That figure is likely underreported due to the stigma we still attach to women who are the victims of sexual assault, rather than attach a stigma to the men who commit sexual assault.

However, tragedy doesn't keep a publication schedule and over 100 people were killed or wounded early Sunday morning because they were celebrating life at a gay club in Orlando during the Pride festival. The carnage was again horrific and the result will again be the same: no real policy change.

This shocking hate crime should serve as notice that the fight for LGBT equality didn't end when we granted individuals the right



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to marry their partners. They can still be fired because of their sexual orientation, or refused housing because their landlord will not rent to a gay couple, or that transgender students are not respected in their choice of which toilet to use. Or

worse, they can be slaughtered while dancing the night away. There is no doubt that this was an act of terrorism. Yet, we cannot ignore this was a hate crime, further highlighting the need to regulate the deadly weapons involved.

I received only a 2 percent score from the Virginia Citizens Defense League, which advocates for unrestricted gun rights and includes people who truly believe that they are "good guys with guns." Mine was the lowest score in the entire General Assembly despite the organization's knowledge that I am certainly not against the Second Amendment, I'm for common sense gun laws. Our founding fathers most assuredly did not foresee today's weapons that can

kill or wound over a hundred people in minutes. That cannot be what was behind the words "... a well-regulated militia"

None whom advocate for stricter gun safety measures believes that regulation is the end-all-be-all, or that it will be a magic Band-Aid to stop gun violence. It is against the law to murder and yet people still murder. Nevertheless, we assert that it needs to be more difficult for people to access deadly weapons than it is now.

The reason I am the lowest-scoring delegate in the General Assembly is because I supported legislation that would establish civil liability for crimes committed with firearms; establish limitations on purchases of handguns; restrict ammunition capacity to a maximum of 10 rounds; prohibit loaded weapons in public places; require a Terrorist Screening Database check prior to purchase of firearms; prohibit the use of firearms by children six years old or younger; establish a penalty for possession of firearms in a school zone; increase penalties for firearm use in the commission of a felony; establish a penalty for purchase of firearms by individuals intending to commit an act of terrorism; criminalize the pur-

chase, transportation and possession of flamethrowers; require a criminal history check prior to firearm purchase at a gun show; prohibit the carrying of loaded weapons by intoxicated persons; prohibit individuals in the Terrorist Screening Database from obtaining a concealed carry permit; and prohibit those with mental health or substance abuse problems from obtaining a concealed carry permit.

Yet all of these common sense gun safety bills failed to become law and were left in committee before I even had a chance to vote for them.

Offering our thoughts and prayers to the victims of gun violence and their families is important. However, God has given us a country where we can vote and a Commonwealth in which there is an election every year. We need people who will vote for inclusive laws that eliminate discrimination, and for more people who will get 2 percent scores from gun advocacy groups to have a real policy change in Virginia. We must do everything in our power to prevent the next tragedy from occurring, and as President Obama stated last weekend, "To do nothing is also a policy choice."

Storck Reflects on His First Six Months in Office

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"(5) Community and business development improvements and expansion. We need to revitalize distressed properties and expand opportunities for health-related jobs and tourism through new initiatives that I will be working on this summer.

"In addition to the above priorities I am also working on the following project areas:

- ❖ "Lorton Development such as: adaptive reuse of the former prison; improvements to Lorton road; steps to close the construction debris landfill and start the recycling facility; and maintain the momentum to make the Workhouse Arts Center a successful opportunity for the region.

- ❖ "Increase funding for mental health services.

- ❖ "Minimize and where possible eliminate the excessive noise created by planes and helicopters, and working with our congressional representatives to realize federal policy changes necessary to do so.

- ❖ "Continue to support the recent progress in reducing the homeless problem, and working on developments such as 'North Hill' which will provide a mix of market rate and affordable housing.

- ❖ "Improve and expand stormwater management such as, for example, repairing the Quander road park outfall and restoration of the streambed and many other related projects.

- ❖ "At the state level there are a number of priorities that I want to work on with our state counterparts, including but not limited to: poor funding of preschool and K-12 schools, change construction develop-



Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck's current staff (from left): Allison Miessler; Christine Morin; Donna Slaymaker and Jeanene Harris.

ment proffer limitations which stand to make development more difficult and expensive; change our antiquated income tax system that doesn't allow direct funding for our county, and in contrast allows almost 80 percent of our tax dollars to be spent elsewhere in the state.

Q. What would you like to say is your overall commitment as you

begin the second half of your first year in office?

A. "My number one priority is to engage deeply and frequently with the people of Mount Vernon, provide timely outstanding constituent service as we continue to build an ideal community to grow and live. We are here to make a difference for each and every resident and get things done."



Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck in a recent meeting with County planning staff.

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ME & MY DAD

A gallery of photos contributed by readers.



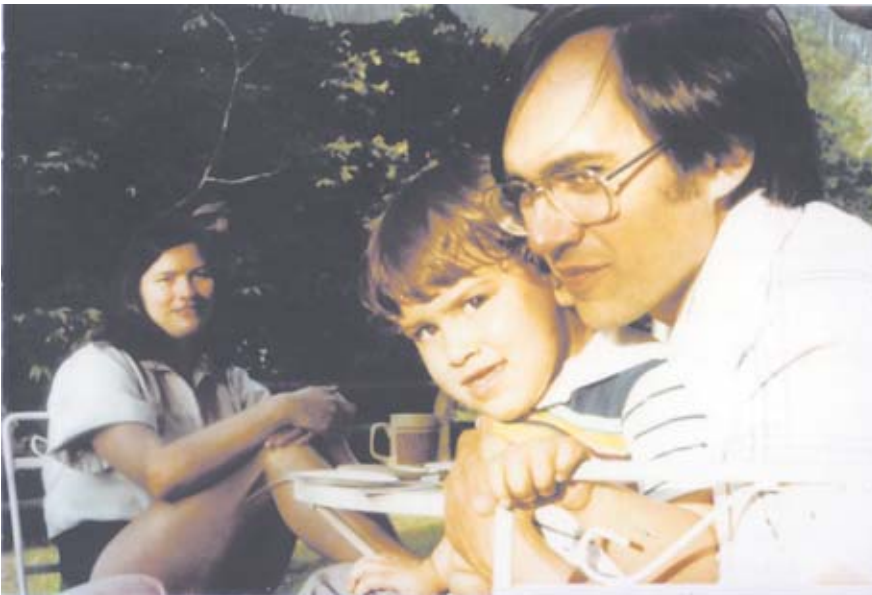
From left: Harrison Mitchell, John I. Morton, Rosemary M. Mitchell, and Colson Mitchell. John I. is 92; Colson is 3 1/2; and Rosemary graduated from Fort Hunt High School in 1972. John I. has lived on Anesbury Court for 55 years.



John Knapp of Hollin Hall Village with sons Ben (8) and Tyler (5) on a Delta Air Lines "Mad Dog" in Atlanta, Ga.



Ted Koch with his sons, Parker (10), Landon (8) and Evan (4). Ted loves UVA Football, Roller Coasters and taking the boys on adventures.
— CAROLYN KOCH



Jerry Fill, holding his son, Steve Fill.



My father Bill Neurohr holding me, his seventh child, on Father's Day 1954 with my two oldest sisters Janie and Mary Lou. He would go on to have six more children after me. Greatest dad ever. (Greatest mom too.)
— JIM NEUROHR



This picture of me (Susan Bromm, the blonde), my Dad, (H. James Bromm) and my sister (Denise Bromm) was taken at Reagan National Airport just after my father arrived on an Honor Flight for WWII and Korean War veterans. It was a great day for him and my sister and I were thrilled to share it with him.

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recommendations via e-mail to FLEcomments@fcps.edu.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Hand-Cranked Ice Cream. 1-3 p.m. at Historic Huntley, 6918 Harrison Lane. Make and enjoy hand-cranked ice cream as Historic Huntley's Harris family may have done in centuries past. The program includes a tour of Historic Huntley House. Ages 2-adult, \$8 per person. Call the park at 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/historic-huntley.htm.

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Nelly Custis Parkway Tree Planting. 11 a.m. at Collingwood Road at the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The Nelly Custis DAR chapter to host ceremonial Pink Dogwood Tree planting on the GW

Parkway. Refreshments will be served. Contact Carolyn Cerbin at carolyncerbin@gmail.com or Natalie Ardoline at raynatalie@cox.net.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Family Support Group. 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Gartlan Center, 8119 Holland Road. Opportunity for discussion, information and support for families with members experiencing symptoms of mental illness. Professionally facilitated. Program varies. Pre-registration is appreciated, but not required. Free. Call 703-799-2726.

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Eric Mellette fishing in Northern Ontario with Isabelle (7) and Luc (6) Mellette.

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- ◆ Led our varsity mathletes to a first-place season finish and the robotics team to the state semi-finals.
- ◆ Prepared thousands of sandwiches for Martha's Table; collected food items and volunteered at local food banks. Led supply drives for local agencies and our partner school in Haiti. Volunteered thousands of hours with local non-profits. Participated in international causes in Romania and Haiti.
- ◆ A Cappies award and nomination for *The 39 Steps*. Performed in all of our drama and musical productions, Evening of the Arts, Multicultural Night, and the Pit Orchestra; directed the One-Act Plays.
- ◆ Performed in the Virginia District 10 Music Festivals and invited to sing Evensong at the National Cathedral.
- ◆ Won eight Gold Keys, nine Silver Keys, and 16 Honorable Mentions in the regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards and one Silver Key at the national level. Awards for photography, painting, drawing, ceramic creations, poetry, and personal essays. Won top awards at the Alexandria All City High School Visual Art Exhibit.
- ◆ Thirty-three to play collegiate athletics next year, representing ten sports.
- ◆ Led the boys and girls lacrosse teams to VISAA state championships and won three individual state championships in boys swimming, girls indoor track relay, and wrestling. ISL championships in field hockey, girls lacrosse, girls soccer, and softball. Participated in league finals or state tournaments in boys basketball, cross country, field hockey, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys soccer, girls soccer, softball, swimming & diving, boys tennis, track & field, and wrestling.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ENTERED BY THE CLASS OF 2016

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The Gap Year Trend

The pros and cons of taking a break in academic studies before college.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Rappelling down an 80-foot waterfall, the ground appearing miles away, zip lining through thickets of dense, steamy rain forest, treating wounded travelers in the wilderness and engaging in other limit-pushing adventures — that's how three local young adults spent their time after graduating from high school.

"Scuba was definitely my favorite part of the course because of a strong reinforcement that I would enjoy working as a scuba instructor one day," said A.J. Galindo of Alexandria. His adventure was part of Outward Bound's Costa Rica program.

Galindo took what is known as a "gap year," which means taking an academic break for a year or a semester before beginning college. Gap year programs offer students an opportunity for "personal growth in ... leadership, self-awareness [and] ... character development," said Soizic Hagege, spokeswoman for Outward Bound Costa Rica.

After completing his Outward Bound program, Galindo enrolled in Thompson Rivers University in British Columbia, Canada.

The American Gap Association (AGA), an organization that accredits and sets standards for gap year programs, reports that taking a gap year has become an increasingly popular choice for American students. The association has seen renewed interest since Malia Obama's recent decision to take a year off before beginning her studies at Harvard University.

A RECENT AGA STUDY showed that students who took a gap year over performed academically in college. The organization released the results from a survey of its 2015 alumni. More than 90 percent of those sur-



PHOTO COURTESY OF OUTWARD BOUND

A.J. Galindo of Alexandria, Benjamin Waters of Fairfax and Kirby Nassetta of Arlington participated in Outward Bound Costa Rica's Gap Year program.

veyed credited their gap year with increasing their self-confidence and maturity as well as offering time for personal reflection.

Uncertainty about future plans is one of the reasons students decide to take time off between high school and college. "Some don't know yet what they want to study, or want to take the opportunity to travel or work to get experience in the real world," said Francesca Reed, associate vice president for Enrollment Management and director of Graduate Enrollment Services at Marymount University. "A gap year ... can be a great opportunity for a person to mature and discover their interests before pursuing a college degree."

Experiences gained during a year away from school can offer clarity, says Jim McClellan, PhD, dean of Liberal Arts at Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria. "Few students know what they want from life or what will be their life's work when they first enroll in college," he said. "Few finish college in the same major where they began. Sometimes a year of reflection can help a student focus. A year abroad or in some environment beyond

their previous experience can offer new perspectives. Working at a 7/11 convinced me I needed to continue college."

While the AGA reports that 90 percent of students are actively enrolled in a four-year institution of higher learning within one year of completing a gap year, the organization acknowledges that this option is not for everyone. The decision to delay college comes with a caveat that students may lose the academic momentum they gained through high school.

"There is a set of skills that a student learns moving through each grade level. Like playing tennis or any other sport, the more practice, the better the performance," said McClellan. "Laying out for a year leads to skills atrophy. [For some students] it is better to continue on while in top form than to try to rebuild lost skills and regain good study habits."

Even for students who feel certain that they want to take a gap year, Reed advises completing the college application process if obtaining a college degree is future goal.

"It is easier while they are still in school to gather letters of recommendation and use

the resources of guidance departments when applying for college," she said. "It will also keep them focused with a future plan. If the student decides to go abroad or work full-time, it may be difficult to request a letter of recommendation while they are busy overseas or with work. Once accepted into college, they can defer their admission a semester or a year."

Boosted by a belief in the benefits of a gap year experience, a growing number of colleges and universities are supporting students who want to take time off between high school and college. "Most colleges are accommodating and will move their start date to the following year," said Reed. "Colleges and universities like to see students with a plan and a degree of motivation before entering college, and the gap year may be the perfect opportunity to do just that."

RESEARCHING OPPORTUNITIES, thinking about goals and having a plan in place about how the time will be spent are critical components of a successful gap year. "They shouldn't wait until they graduate to start planning," said Reed. "Do you want to travel abroad? Learn a new language or improve your foreign language skills? Volunteer either at home or abroad? Explore career interests? It's important to have something meaningful in mind. There are many programs available for students that are considering a gap year."

McClellan suggests an alternate option for students and parents who are concerned that a gap year could slow a student's academic progress. "Spending the junior year abroad is a better idea since no academic momentum is lost and the experience of living and studying abroad is of incalculable value," he said. "Plus, with two years of college completed and added maturity, the junior year abroad is more meaningful than a gap year."

Considering Private School?

Small steps this summer can minimize stress of application process.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

The school year has just come to an end ... which means it's the ideal time to prepare to apply to leading independent schools.

A supply versus demand imbalance for a coveted spot at one of the local, top-tier private schools makes advanced planning a critical part of the process. Local admissions directors offer suggestions on what can be done during the laid-back days of summer before the demanding fall application process begins.

"Do your research over the summer," said Mimi Mulligan, assistant head of school and director of admission and enrollment management at Norwood School in Bethesda, Md. "Spend time educating yourself on the wide variety of independent school options

in the area."

Perusing school websites and becoming familiar with a school's mission and philosophy toward education can help narrow down choices. Reading social media postings can give parents a sense of a school's culture and community.

Have a family conversation about the type of school that would best serve your child, advises Mulligan, who warns that a school's perceived prestige or reputation doesn't necessarily translate into a good match.

"Be realistic about your child's strengths, weaknesses, and learning style, then create a list of schools that you feel would be a good fit for your child and your family," she said.

Talking to parents and students at prospective schools is one way families can get a sense of a school. "Create a chart to compare [factors such as]: How the students

treat each other. What is the teacher-student relationship like? How does the school care about each individual student and other things that are important to you?" said Terri Collins of Oak Crest School in McLean. "Ask to speak with two current parents to get their perspective of what they see as the strengths and weaknesses of the school."

"I think one of the things would be to identify the type of school: a boarding school or a day school," said Scott Conklin, director of admissions at Episcopal High School in Alexandria. "Once you've come up with a list of schools, visit some of them. Most are probably open during the summer."

"Once families have narrowed down the list, they can send for information and begin to map out their fall visits," said Clare Dame, director of enrollment management at Randolph-Macon Academy. "Plan to visit

no more than two schools in one day so that they have time to fully investigate each one and will have the time to assimilate the information."

However, Richard S. Moss, director of admission at the Heights School in Potomac, Md. underscores the importance of creating a balance between advance planning and enjoying a summer respite, and questions the wisdom of focusing too much energy on an academic year that is more than 12 months away.

"Most importantly, families should ... have a good, restful, and productive summer," said Moss. "It is easy to think about the long-term goal of admission while sacrificing the immediately important goal of having a truly great break. ... Though it is good, as a parent, to be generally aware of the process so that in September you can hit the ground running."

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SPORTS

Padres Select West Potomac's Sara in 12th Round of MLB Draft

Sara facing choice between turning pro, attending William & Mary.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Jamie Sara had a limited role on the West Potomac pitching staff during his sophomore season. As a junior, his workload on the mound increased. By the end of his senior year, Sara had developed into an MLB prospect.

The San Diego Padres selected Sara in the 12th round (No. 354 overall) of the MLB Draft last weekend. Sara, who is signed with the College of William & Mary, wrote in a Twitter direct message that he hasn't made a decision about his baseball future and "would like to keep it personal and discuss it with [his] coaches and family."

Sara ended his high school career with a pair of stellar starts.

Facing Woodson in the Conference 7 tournament quarterfinals on May 16, Sara threw a one-hit shutout and struck out 17, leading the Wolverines to a 2-0 victory that secured a berth in the 6A North region tournament.

On May 25, facing Conference 5 champion Chantilly in the opening round of regionals, Sara allowed one unearned run and two hits in 7 1/3 innings. He walked two and struck out 10 but received a no-decision. West Potomac lost 2-1 in nine innings and Chantilly went on to win the state championship.

Sara finished the season with a 4-3 record, a 2.30 ERA and a 1.09 WHIP. He allowed

28 hits, 21 walks, hit one batter and struck out 74 in 45 2/3 innings. He also earned first-team all-region honors as an outfielder.

"We had inklings that he had a real good shot at being drafted," West Potomac head coach Jim Sullivan said. "I only heard in the last few weeks that he could have gone as high as he did."

Sullivan said scouts in recent weeks told him that Sara was sitting 88-92 m.p.h. with his fastball. Sullivan said the Padres likely drafted Sara, who stands 6 feet 4 and weighs around 200 pounds, for his potential to develop as a pitcher.

"They think he can still add several miles per hour to his [pitches]," Sullivan said. "For a power pitcher, he's got some pretty good control on his curve and his changeup."

Sara is believed to be the second West Potomac baseball player to be drafted. Scott Dobson, a right-handed pitcher and 1995 West Potomac High School graduate, was selected by the Minnesota Twins in the 39th round (No. 1,080 overall) of the 1995 MLB Draft, according to baseball-reference.com. Dobson went on to play at North Carolina State and was selected by the Montreal Expos in the 12th round (No. 354 overall) of the 1998 draft.

"It's exciting for the school, it's exciting for the team," Sullivan said. "I think that most people think that [Sara will] stay in school — certainly wouldn't fault him for that. ... He deserves this. He has worked his tail off to get where he is."



PHOTO BY WILL PALENSCAR

The San Diego Padres selected West Potomac pitcher Jamie Sara in the 12th round of the MLB Draft.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Christina Chilstrom, of Alexandria, has graduated Magna Cum Laude from Colgate University (Hamilton, N.Y.) with a Bachelor of Arts in English. Chilstrom is a graduate of West Potomac High School.

Noorjahan Sheikh, of Mount Vernon High School, placed second in the Virginia History Day Competition. Noorjahan won in the Senior Individual Exhibit division for his exhibit "The 19th Amendment: First Major National Victory for Feminism." **Joseph McCarthy** won The George Washington Leadership Prize and third place in the history day competition. Joseph is a student at Whitman Middle School.



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Honored

Fort Hunt Sportsmen named (from left) West Potomac High School Junior Midfielder Martha Gallagher Sportswoman of the Year; West Potomac Sophomore Goalkeeper Claire Barber received the Varsity Lacrosse Coach's Award; and Sophomore Midfielder Madison Smith was named as Varsity Lacrosse's Most Valuable Athlete. In addition, every member of the team completed the season with a 3.5 grade point average or higher. The team finished its season with an 11-6 record, and competed at the conference and regional levels.



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Thunderous Victory

Fort Hunt Girls Lacrosse Upper B team 3 grade 5 and 6 — Team Thunder with Coach Andrea Mulla — won the Northern Virginia Youth Lacrosse Championship 8-5 against Arlington on June 11 at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park. The Fort Hunt Team 5/6 UB 3 went 7-4 this season winning the last 4 games to clinch the title. In the photo are: bottom, from left, Kiki Schwalb; kneeling, Charlotte Heimbach, Olivie Vieira, Samantha Collins; standing, Laila Tucker, Regan Bartol, Addison Clift, Alexandra Mayo, Leah Bryron, Elise Orr, Elena LeDuc, Bridget Savage, Cameron Mulla, Cate Dannahey. In back are Hannah Lytle, Naomi Jones, Taryn Ledbetter, Willa Madar, Cam Cabniss, Coach Andrea Mulla. Not pictured: Assistant Coaches Lori Collins, Keith Byron, Kevin Schwalb, Bryan Collins and Mark Lytle.

ENTERTAINMENT

Learning from 'The History Boys' at LTA

Play evokes time and place that senior year represents in an English boy's life.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

The Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) presents "The History Boys" through June 25. The play focuses on an unruly class of gifted and charming senior boys in an unimpressive boarding school called Cutlers' Grammar School, Sheffield, in the North of England. As these young men prepare for their college entrance exams, they are taught by two very different teachers with contrasting styles: one eccentric and innovative, the other deductive and Socratic. With their headmaster pushing them all to be accepted into Oxford or Cambridge, standards are raised and expectations are high.

Playwright Alan Bennett evokes the special period and place that senior year represents in an English boy's life. In doing so, he raises — with gentle wit and pitch-perfect command of character — not only universal questions about the nature of history and how it is taught but also questions about the purpose of education today.

The play won multiple awards, including the 2005 Laurence Olivier Award for Best New Play and the 2006 Tony Award for Best Play.

Joshua Mutterperl plays the role of Posner, who is a bit of an oddity. "While the rest of the boys seem to take their lives without a great deal of seriousness, Posner has a flair for the dramatics, and considers himself a tortured soul," he said. "This is due to his unrequited love for the most handsome and charming member of the group, Dakin."

He said a challenge was figuring out how to play Posner. "I wanted to show the ho-

mosexuality, but to overdo it even for a moment seems downright disrespectful to everything my character stands for," he said. "It was tough playing the tortured soul, when in real life, I am quite simple, in that regard. Even so, I've had an absolute blast figuring out how to best portray this role."

He said, "There are so many incredible themes in this play (growing up, discovering who you are, the purpose of education, and hoping to find what love is, just to name a few) that I have no doubt that the audience will take at least one important message away from this show."

He added, "I want the audience to laugh, to cry, to grimace, to look at each other in confusion. I want them to think. If the audience feels even a sliver of the emotion I have felt throughout this process, I will consider this a job well done."

Ned Read plays the role of the headmaster, Felix Armstrong, who is not a warm and fuzzy guy. "He's all business, and very concerned with improving his status and the school's status (in that order)," he said. "The boys are a means to an end for him (he wants to burnish his career before it ends), and he doesn't have a lot of patience for the fuzziness of Hector's teaching methods — and is a tad disappointed that Mrs. Lintott can't be a bit more innovative than she is."

"It's easy to stereotype a character like this, so the biggest challenge is to have him be real — to not go too far in the direction of caricature (a challenge given that the writing itself leans toward caricature)," said Read. He said the headmaster tends to just pop up through the course of the play — generally to move the plot forward — and provide a certain amount of amusement for



COURTESY OF KEITH WATERS

Starring in "The History Boys" are (front row): Noah Mutterperl (Timms), Matt Stevenson (Lockwood), and Kate Ives (Dorothy Lintott); (back row): Joshua Mutterperl (Posner), and Ben Peter (Scripps).

the audience along the way.

He added, "In the end, if I fail to make him as real as I would like, but I amuse or entertain the audience with this character, I will consider it a success."

"I hope audiences will find themselves pondering questions about just what 'education' is — or should be. The questions raised about competing goals and values in education, and even about how history is portrayed (and taught) are as contemporary and relevant in the U.S. in 2016 as they were in 1980s England (the era and setting of this play)," said Read.

Producer Mary Beth Toomey said she is doing the show for several reasons.

"One, Frank Shutts and I have been working together as a team since our first show, 'The Fantasticks,' in 1989. This is our 17th

show together," she said. "Two, I really like this show, the message is about how these boys individually and collectively come together to achieve a goal. There are competing goals, questions about how things are taught, and sexual innuendo. It has very funny moments and very touching ones. It makes you think."

She added, "Three, I really like working at LTA and having the opportunity to do this type of show."

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is presenting "The History Boys" through June 25. Tickets are \$19 and \$22. Showtimes are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. A Talk Back with cast/crew/designers will be after the performance on Friday, June 17. Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com or call the box office at 703-683-0496.

CALENDAR

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ONGOING

Exhibit: "A Retrospective Exhibit of Florals and Still Life." Gallery hours at Goodwin House Alexandria Art Center, 4800 Fillmore Ave. Artist Concetta C. Scott presents her work. Call 703-578-1000 for more.

Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photography by Soomin Ham. Through June 19, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Photographer Soomin Ham exhibits new work. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photos by E. E. McCollum. Through June 19, gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. McCollum's work explores familiarity, simplicity, and the

commitment to place in a series of photographs made over the course of a year at a small, suburban pond. Working in black and white, McCollum brings a sense of intimacy to a small landscape. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

Art Exhibit: "Respect: Unsung Heroes in Uniform." Through June 26, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Artists express their point of view, depict something amusing, or honor a loved one. There will be a small memorial section where visitors can reflect, contemplate and remember. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org or call 703-838-4827.

June Artist Showcase. Through June 30, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery Fine Art & Framing, 5641-B General Washington Drive. The Alexandria Gallery is featuring the paintings of plein air artist Christine Lashley. Free. Visit www.broadwaygallery.net.

Art in Progress: "Highest Honor." Through June 30, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. In collaboration with military veterans

from The Art League's IMPart program, artist and League instructor Andy Yoder will construct a site-specific, suspended, 25-foot triangular banner for the Torpedo Factory Art Center's atrium. Yoder will be working daily in studio 8 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center to create the banner through the month of June. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

The von Brahler Ltd. Gallery: "Circuitous Roots." Through June 30, gallery hours at 7931 E. Blvd. The von Brahler Ltd./Gallery, announces the Opening of an Exhibition, "Circuitous Roots: A Celebration of Art" at George Washington's River Farm on the Potomac, home of the American Horticultural Society. The exhibition will honor artists represented by VBG over three decades, as well as Liberal Studies' Artists from Georgetown University, Anna Katalina, Nan Morrison, Anne Ridder, Robert Murray and Rana Ryan. Free. Contact Robert F. Murray at 703-798-8686 or vbgpromo@aol.com.

Caribbean-American Jubilee Arts Exhibition. Through July, gallery

hours at The Torpedo Factory Arts Center, 105 N. Union St. The Second Art Impact USA Caribbean Jubilee Arts Exhibition is in honor of National Caribbean-American Heritage Month. Free. Visit www.artimpactusa.org for more.

Alex Tolstoy: "Watermarks." Through July 3, gallery hours at The Art League, 105 N. Union St. Artist Alex Tolstoy's past life as an ocean acoustics mathematician subconsciously informed and inspired her present life as a watercolor artist, as she now paints the moods and forms of the oceans, seas, lakes, ponds, and storms. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

"Who The Wounded Are." Through July 11 at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. "Who These Wounded Are: The Extraordinary Stories of the Mansion House Hospital" is about people who lived and worked at this site in Alexandria and their real life stories that inspired the PBS show, "Mercy Street." Tickets are \$2-12. Visit www.carlylehouse.org for more.

Target Gallery: "Please Touch." Through July 17, gallery hours at

Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Sixteen national and international artists, including four people from Virginia, were juried into this group show. This all-media exhibition features 20 works with which audiences are invited to engage. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery: "Circuses." Through July 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 105 N. Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the juried show "Circuses." Artists' derive inspiration from clowns, animals, trapezes, jugglers, ringmasters, sideshows, crowds and other big house trappings. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

"Violent Grace: A Retrospective." Through July 30, gallery hours at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. This exhibit is a survey of five decades of paintings by Edwards Knippers. Free. Visit www.ourconvergence.org for more.

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4101 Eisenhower Ave. The exhibit features the work of two Del Ray Artisans artists, Joshua Oliveira and Betsy Mead. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/GWW.

Fort Hunt Concerts. Through Aug. 28, Sundays 7-8 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. A different band performs each week. Free. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp for more.

Collage and Ceramics – Kathryn Horn Coneway. Through Aug. 28, gallery hours at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Free. Visit www.kathrynconeway.com for more.

Mercy in Alexandria Walking Tour. Sundays at 1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Visitors Center, 221 King St. Experience an inside access tour of 19th century Alexandria. Inspired by the PBS mini-series "Mercy Street," accompany a trained military historian through Civil War-era Alexandria and learn the actual history behind the TV show. Short tours are \$15, private tours for five are \$149. Visit www.dcmilitarytour.com for more.

The Lyceum: 175 Years of Local History. Ongoing, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 1-5 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On view in the museum's Coldsmith Gallery, the historical objects and images featured represent The Lyceum, the community at work, and commemorations and celebrations. Throughout the exhibition, visitors are invited to "be the curator" and think about why the various artifacts are in the museum's collection, and about how tangible representatives of the past help tell the story of Alexandria's history. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org for more.

Medical Care for the Civil War Soldier Exhibit. Ongoing at the Fort Ward museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. ongoing exhibit which features original medical instruments and equipment from the

Civil War period and information on Union Army hospital sites in Alexandria. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/fortward for more.

Alexandria's Nurses & Hospitals During the Civil War. Ongoing at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An exhibit on the life of Clarissa Jones, a nurse at The Lyceum hospital during the Civil War. The true story of a nurse in Alexandria during the war, drawing parallels with characters portrayed in the PBS drama "Mercy Street," with references to the experiences of other nurses, such as Anne Reading, who worked in the Mansion House hospital, and Jane Woolsey, who served at the Fairfax Seminary hospital. Admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/lyceum for more.

"Ancient Art of Movement." 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

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.

Doggy Happy Hour. Starting April 5, Tuesdays through October 5-8 p.m. at Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco Alexandria, 480 King St. Doggy Happy Hour at Jackson 20 and the Hotel Monaco Alexandria offers specials on cocktails and beers plus treats and water for canine companions. Free, but drinks sold separately. Visit www.monaco-alexandria.com for more.

Historic Alexandria Attics and Alleys Tours. Saturdays, May-October, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Attics and Alleys is a three-hour walking tour featuring the rarely seen spaces of four sites—the Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, and Carlyle House Historic Park. Tickets are \$35. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org for more.

CAMPS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Theatre Camp. Through Sept. 2, various times at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Offering a variety of camps for age 3 through 8th grade, covering creative play, acting, singing, dancing, musical theatre and improv. Sessions also include comedy, scene study, Shakespeare and drama. Tuition prices vary. Visit

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www.thelittletheatre.com for more.

Photography Workshop. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers 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 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.

THROUGH JULY 24

Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery: "Circuses." Gallery hours at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the juried show "Circuses." Artists' derive inspiration from clowns, animals, trapezes, jugglers, ringmasters, sideshows, crowds and other big house trappings. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 17

Daddy Meet-Up. 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Gymboree Play & Music, 318 S. Pickett St. Moms can bring children to "open gym," while Dads get a chance to relax and paint. Children must be under 5. Free. Call 703-212-9244 to reserve a space.

Community Dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Third Friday Community Dance with the Mount Vernon Swing Band. Live music conducted by Owen Hammett. Tickets are \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 17-18

"Stupid F#@*ing Bird." 8-10 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull" gets an irreverent update in this comedy about the battles between the sexes and the generations, and the disappointments to be found in

love, art and aging. Tickets are \$18-20. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 18

Growing Edible Plants in Containers. 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. The program will cover how to select the right pots and plants, prepare for planting, and how to maintain plants growing in containers. Free. Register at mgnv.org.

Lecture: "The Secret History of Juneteenth." 11 a.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Historian C.R. Gibbs discusses the history of the celebration of the freeing of the slaves in Texas. Free. Visit www.blackhistory.org for more.

The Dance Studio at Hollin Hall Recital. 2 p.m. at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. More than 200 students perform dances to this year's theme of "Family, Friends and Love." Free. Visit www.thedancestudioh.com.

Tigerlily Foundation Pajama Glam Party. 4-8 p.m. at Hotel Monaco, 480 King St. Women and girls are invited to wear (pink, purple, or red) pajamas and listen to music, visit pampering stations, and more. Also guest appearances by Asia Monet, Tati from WPGC (95.5), and Ashley Boalch Darby from Bravo's Real Housewives of Potomac. Tickets are \$25 for children, \$45 for adults.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Arlandria Chirilagua Festival. 12-7 p.m. at Four Mile Run Park, 3700 Commonwealth Ave. This annual festival celebrates and highlights the Arlandria community's Latino community featuring musical entertainment, food, crafts and cultural vendors. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/summer.

Father's Day Open House. 1-4 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. The Friendship Firehouse Museum is free for fathers and their families on Father's Day. The firehouse photographer will be on duty, so dads can take home a complimentary photograph. Call 703-746-4994 for more.

Father's Day at Stabler-Leadbeater. 1-5 p.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Admission is free for fathers, \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children 5-12. Call 703-746-3852 for more.

Father's Day at Gadsby's Tavern. 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Get a tour by Junior Docents. Free for fathers, \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children 5-12. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org for

more.

Alexandria's Historic Breweries Guided Tour and Tasting. 2 p.m. at Old Town Alexandria. Join Alexandria's Historic Breweries author Garrett Peck and Portner Brewhouse co-founder Cat Portner on a guided walking tour around Old Town Alexandria exploring the foundations of local brewing. The tour includes highlights from the print brochure, a Portner Brewhouse beer sampling and culminates at one of Alexandria's current Hops Stops. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.portnerbrewhouse.com/events-tours.

Tribute to Motown. 5-10 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Brencore Allstars and Pam Ward perform. Tickets are \$30-35. Visit www.brencore.com for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 20

Art of Ballroom Dance. 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. A class to learn to dance or improve your dancing skills: foxtrot, waltz, tango, swing, salsa, merengue, rumba, cha-cha, and samba. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.nvfaa.org for more.

TUESDAY/JUNE 21

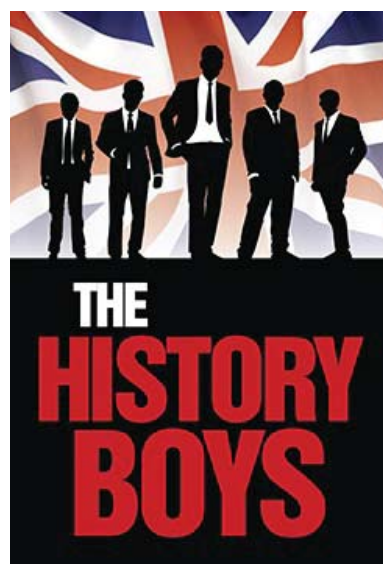
U.S. Passenger Arrival Records, 1820s-1930s. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Genealogist John Colletta, Ph.D., talks about arrival records and alternatives for overcoming issues like variant spellings of names, conflicting arrival dates, confusion of ship names, various ports of departure and arrival, and missing passenger manifests. Free. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org or call 703-768-4101.

Colvin & Earles. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$79.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

Out and About: Environs of DC. The Associates Gallery, Studio 311, The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. TAG member artist and oil painter Ellen Kolansky presents a grouping of her landscape paintings in Studio 311 through Sunday, July 17. Her style is loose, noted for its rhythm, color, and grace. In the current show, scenes depict the C & O Canal, Potomac river, Frederick Maryland train station and Great Falls among other locations. Visit torpedofactory.org/ for more.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 22

Lecture: The True History of the Mansion House Hospital. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Sarah Coster, the former site director of the Carlyle



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'The True Story of the Mansion House Hospital.'

In February 2016, PBS aired a new drama series titled "Mercy Street," which portrays these two women, members of the Green family, and the hospital and town in which they lived and worked. The series returns this winter. Learn more about the history of the "Mansion House Hospital" from Sarah Coster, the former site director of the Carlyle House, and Audrey Davis, director of the Alexandria Black History Museum. Free for members of the Alexandria Historical Society, \$5 for non-members. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum.

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House, and Audrey Davis, director of the Alexandria Black History Museum, will share some of the many stories connected with the Mansion House during the period. Free for members of the Alexandria Historical Society, \$5 for non-members. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Lyceum.

THURSDAY/JUNE 23

Photography Workshop With George Tolbert. 6-8 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The former U.S. Senate photographer provides tips and techniques. Participants are encouraged to bring their own images on a thumb drive or CD to garner tips on improvement during the session. Free. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

Angie Stone. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. R&B songstress performs. Tickets are \$59.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY/JUNE 24

Film Screening: "Goonies." Movie starts at dusk, activities start at 6 p.m. at Four Mile Conservatory Center, 4109 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. Visit www.fourmilemovieseries.com.

10,000 Maniacs. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The band celebrates the release of a live-recording album. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 24-25

"Stupid F#@*ing Bird." 8-10 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull" gets an irreverent update in this comedy about the battles between the sexes and the generations, and the disappointments to be found in love, art and aging. Tickets are \$18-20. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.com for more.

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Lecture on Alexandria's 18th-Century Ship. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. By examining the wood and iron fastenings from Alexandria's recently excavated ship at 220 South Union St., the speaker illustrates how deep draft cargo vessels were constructed, repaired, and beached and broken during the 18th century in the Mid-Atlantic. Emphasis is placed upon historic documents relating to Alexandria during the 18th century as well as the story the timbers tell. Jason Lunze is a Maritime Archaeologist who holds a master's degree from the University of Southern Denmark. Free, but reservations required. Call 703-746-4399 for more.

Lecture: Let's Talk About Marriage and Finance. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Nicolas Troy Abrams - A Certified Financial Planner Professional and Founder and CEO of AJW Financial Partners, LLC of Columbia and Washington, D.C., discusses the wealth management and financial planning that couples should commit to before marriage. Free. Call 703-746-4356, or email reserve@portofharlem.net.

Vine on the Waterfront Festival. 12-6 p.m. at Oronoco Park, 100 Madison St. Formerly known as the Alexandria Food & Wine Festival, the festival will expand to include both restaurants within Alexandria and other eateries throughout the region. The event is free to attend, but tickets are \$15 per area (food or wine), \$20 after June 18. Visit www.vineonthewaterfront.com.

Well Ray 2016. 1-6 p.m. at 2214 Mount Vernon Ave. The third annual Well Ray festival is a community wide effort to highlight resources for living healthily and happily. Browse health and lifestyle inspired tents and more. Free. Visit www.MindTheMat.com/Well-Ray/.
National Day of Play. 3:30-7:30 p.m. at Gymboree, 318 S. Pickett St. All Families with children from birth to 5

are welcome to drop-in for play activities, flying parachutes, bubbles, art, music, touch a truck, child ID program, balloons, refreshments and more. Free. Call 703-836-2277 for more.

Dogue Run Distillery Dinner. 6-10 p.m. at George Washington's Gristmill and Distillery, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. View the innovative gristmill in action and explore the distillery while enjoying cocktails and light refreshments. Guests will then make their way to the grand Woodlawn Estate for a rare, Virginia-inspired sit-down dinner. Dine on locally-sourced food and expertly paired wines by Early Mountain Vineyards, while being served in various rooms throughout the historic Mansion. Tickets are \$225. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 25-26

MSA: "Alice in Wonderland." 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at 4915 E. Campus Drive. The show will feature almost 1,000 MSA students in dance, music, and theater. Tickets are \$20-23. Visit www.metropolitanarts.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 26

Living With a Happy, Healthy Cat. 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at PetSage, 2391 S. Dove St. Learning more about cat health, diet, preferable environment and more via lectures, panel discussions, and more. Tickets are \$50 until June 16, \$65 after and \$75 at the door. Visit www.ittybittyurl.com/Ya9 for more.
Three Dog Night. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Live music. Tickets are \$69.50. Visit www.birchmere.com.

JUNE 27-JULY 15

Grown Ups Art Camp. Various times at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans is

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offering more than 30 workshops and sessions to choose from. Prices vary. Visit www.delrayarticans.org.

TUESDAY/JUNE 28

Family Fun Day: Shaping Our City. 10-11:30 a.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Explore how shapes are used in buildings – in the classroom and on the streets of Alexandria. Families are encouraged to bring recycled materials to share during our building workshop and should be prepared for a short walk outdoors, including walking shoes, sunscreen, and clothing appropriate for the weather. Tickets are \$8 for children, free for adults. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov/events.aspx for more.

THURSDAY/JUNE 30

Film Screening: "House Maid." 6-8 p.m. at The Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. The Alexandria Black History Museum hosts a series of programs from the pages of Port Of Harlem Magazine. All programs open with a 20-minute reception with light refreshments. Set in Gambia, West Africa and written by Gambian Bubacarr Jallow, this 90-minute culturally reflective, sometimes comedic film is about a wife who loses her man to their maid. Free. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 2

Independence Fireworks. 6 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Greet "General and Mrs. Washington" in the historic area before trying a turn at bocce ball and 18th-century dancing demonstrations. Mount Vernon's colonial artisans will reveal how 18th-century ice cream was made in the days before freezers. Enjoy a performance by Yorktown Fife & Drum and the National Concert Band. Also enjoy a fireworks show. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$20 for youth. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

MONDAY/JULY 4

An American Celebration. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Watch made-for-daytime fireworks shoot off over the Potomac River. Admission is \$9-20, free for children 0-5. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Waynewood Recreation Park, 1027 Dalebrook Drive. Features plants that are known to thrive in this area. Members from the Garden Club of Waynewood will be available to answer questions on plants. There also will be a children's table to help them start plants. Free. Call 703-549-4245 for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 5

Simpson Park Garden Stroll. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at 420 E. Monroe St. VCE Master Gardeners who maintain Simpson Park Demonstration Gardens invite Alexandria residents and others to stroll by the gardens. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

THURSDAY/JULY 7

Artist's Reception. 6-8 p.m. at The Associates Gallery, Studio 311, The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. TAG member artist and oil painter Ellen Kolansky presents a grouping of her landscape paintings "Out and About: Environs of DC." Her style is loose, noted for its rhythm, color, and grace. In the

current show, scenes depict the C & O Canal, Potomac river, Frederick Maryland train station and Great Falls among other locations. Visit torpedofactory.org/ for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 9

Civil War Kids Drill Day. 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Children ages 9-12 can learn more about the daily life of the Civil War soldier. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.fortward.org for more.

Beyond the Battlefield Walking

Tour. 10 a.m. starting at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Discover the real-life stories and locations of soldiers, citizens, and former slaves that inspired the PBS drama "Mercy Street" in this walking tour of Old Town. Tickets are \$15. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Our American Girl. 1-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Join Mount Vernon's own American girl, "Nelly Custis" on a tour of George Washington's estate. Enjoy refreshments with "Lady Washington" and create colonial crafts. Bring your favorite doll. Tickets are \$35 for youth, \$25 for adults. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Alexandria/USA Birthday

Celebration. 6-10 p.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Visitors celebrate America's 240th birthday and Alexandria's 267th along the Potomac waterfront at Oronoco Bay Park and enjoy live music by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, patriotic birthday cake, food vendors and a fireworks display. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/alx-bday.

THURSDAY/JULY 14

Rejuvenate the Midsummer Herb

Garden. 7-8:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Learn how to keep your herb garden going strong in hot summer weather through good maintenance practices and occasional replanting. Learn tips and techniques to use and preserve herbs, including how to flavor vinegars. Free. Call 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/JULY 15-16

Alexandria Comcast Outdoor Film Festival. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. Two movies will show on a 40-foot inflatable movie screen, with the Alexandria Waterfront as the backdrop. Free. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com/summer.

SATURDAY/JULY 16

Family Fun Day: The Wright

Flight. 10-11:30 a.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Celebrate the 107th Anniversary of Orville Wright's historic flight from Fort Myer to Alexandria and test the basic principles of flight. Like the Wright brothers, work together as a family to create a hypothesis and conduct test flights to learn which design is the best. Tickets are \$8 for children, free for adults. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov/Events.aspx.

Canine Cruise. 11 a.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 1 Cameron St. With four-legged friends in tow, board a Potomac Riverboat Co. cruise and tour the Alexandria Seaport on this popular 60-minute waterfront excursion. Dogs must be on 6-foot flat leash at all times. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$10 for children, free for dogs. Visit www.PotomacRiverboatCo.com/canine-cruise.php.

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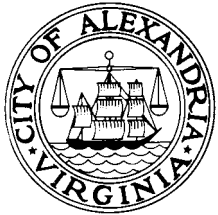
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, June 18, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to vacate portions of the existing public right-of-way known as Swann Avenue and Calvert Avenue and the entirety of the existing public right-of-way known as Oakville Street all on Tax Map #025.03 (VAC No. 2015-0002) approved on January 23, 2016.

The proposed ordinance vacates portions of Swann Avenue and Calvert Avenue and the entirety of Oakville Street as part of the Oakville Triangle redevelopment.

AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2016.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2016.

AN ORDINANCE making provision for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017.
The proposed ordinance appropriates funds for the operation of the City government in FY 2017.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Division 1 (Parking Meter Zones) of Article G (Parking Meters) of Chapter 8 (Parking and Traffic Regulations) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance updates and clarifies the Parking Meter Zones Division of the City Code with specific locations of existing and approved metered blocks. The ordinance also includes some clarifying language to other sections of this Division.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Division 2 (Metered Parking Lots) of Article G (Parking Meters) of Chapter 8 (Parking and Traffic Regulations) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance removes the specific metered lots from the City Code and allows City Council to establish new meter parking lots and applicable regulations for such lots by resolution after review and recommendation by the Traffic and Parking Board, rather than by ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 5-604 (Conceptual Design Approval), 5-605 (Preliminary Development Approval) and 5-606 (Final Development Approval) of Section 5-600 (CDD/Coordinated Development Districts) all of Article V (Mixed Use Zones) and Section 11-351 (Definitions) of Section 11-350 (Required Disclosures), 11-406 (Contents of Preliminary Site Plan Applications) of Section 11-400 (Site Plans), Section 11-503 (Procedure) of Section 11-500 (Special Use Permits), Section 11-803 (Application for Map Amendment) of Section 11-800 (Zoning Amendment), Section 11-903 (Application for Map Amendment) of Section 11-900 (Master Plan Amendment) and Section 11-1706 (Contents of Preliminary Plat Application) of Section 11-1700 (Subdivisions) all of Article XI (Development Approvals and Procedures) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council on May 14, 2016 as Text Amendment No. 2016-0003.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2016-0003 to lower the percentage of ownership required to be disclosed from 10% or over to 3% or over.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 4-1410 (Signs) of Section 4-1400 (NR/Neighborhood Retail Zone [Arlandria]) of Article IV (Commercial, Office and Industrial Zones) and Article IX (Signs, Marquees and Awnings) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council on May 14, 2016 as Text Amendment No. 2016-0002.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2016-0002 to adopt new sign regulations to comply with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling requiring content neutrality and other changes as described in the staff report for the Text Amendment.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Tenant of the property located at 606 North Fayette Street (Parcel Address 620 North Fayette Street) to construct and maintain an encroachment onto the public sidewalk for outdoor dining for the Bastille Restaurant at that location.

The proposed ordinance permits the restaurant located at 606 North Fayette Street (Parcel Address 620 North Fayette Street) to establish outdoor seating in the adjacent sidewalk area.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 9-7-7 (Display of Prices on Signs; Enforcement; Penalty) of Chapter 7 (Filling Stations) of Title 9 (Licensing and Regulations) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance amends the requirements for signs at gas stations to make it consistent with the monument sign requirements in the Zoning Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 12-3-1 (Definitions), and Section 12-3-4 (Child Care Home Regulations) of Article A (General Provisions), Section 12-3-62 (Registration Required), and Section 12-3-63 (Application for Registration), and Section 12-3-64 (Procession of Application), and Section 12-3-65 (Action on Registration), and Section 12-3-66 (Display of Registration; Provision of Child Care Information), and Section 12-3-67 (Change in Operator, Address or Personnel; Amendments to Registration), and Section 12-3-69 (Revocation of Registration), of Article B (Child Care Homes), all of Chapter 3 (Child Care) of Title 12 (Education, Social Services and Welfare) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

During the 2015 Virginia General Assembly, Virginia Code Section 63.2-100 was amended to lower the number of children a home daycare could care for without having to be licensed from five to four. Title 12 of the Alexandria City Code is being amended to read that a child care home may care for one to four children, in alignment with the new language in the State Code. The rest of the changes are designed to update the department name from the old Department of Social Services to the current Department of Community and Human Services.

AN ORDINANCE to set the hourly wage rate that contractors are required to pay their employees under public contracts for the provision of services to \$14.13 per hour beginning in FY 2017, pursuant to Code Section 3-3-31.1 (Service Contract Wages) of Division 1 (Competitive Sealed Bidding) of Article D (Contract Formation and Source Selection) of Chapter 3 (Purchases and Contractual Services) of Title 3 (Finance, Taxation, and Procurement) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance would set the hourly wage rate contractors are required to pay their employees under public contracts for the provision of services to \$14.13 per hour beginning in FY 2017,

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-10 (Establishment of Election Districts and Voting Places) by establishing T.C. Williams High School as a temporary replacement for the Chinquapin Recreation Center polling place for the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election.

Notice for Proposed Polling Place Change

On June 18, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., the Alexandria City Council will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 301 King Street to consider an ordinance to establish T.C. Williams High School (3330 King Street) as a temporary replacement for the Chinquapin Recreation Center polling place (3210 King Street) for the November 8, 2016 Presidential Election. A map with the proposed change is on file with the Office of Voter Registration, 132 N Royal Street, Suite 100. This notice is advertised pursuant to Va. Code Sec. 24-2.306.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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ABC NOTICE
Hen Quarter, LLC trading as Hen Quarter, 801 King St. Alexandria, VA 22314. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) for a Wine and Beer On Premises, Mixed Beverage Restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Ali Azima Managing Member NOTE: Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or 800-552-3200.

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, June 18, 2016, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

Public Hearing on the Consideration of a Lease with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority for Cameron Run Regional Park.

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Joan Barry Nolan
Age 85

Peacefully passed away on June 7, 2016. Native to New York, Joan became a part of the Alexandria community in 1932. Joan is survived by 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Family will receive friends on Monday, June 13th from 6-8 pm at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home 1500 W. Braddock Rd. Alexandria, VA. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community, 1427 W. Braddock Rd. Alexandria, VA on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 11 am. Interment will immediately follow at Ivy Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be donated to Alzheimer's Association.

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JWilliam G. McNamara
LCOL US Army (Ret.)

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 4, 2016 surrounded by his family at his home. Bill was married 49 years to the late Pauline M. Catalano McNamara. He is survived by their three daughters, Mary Martha McNamara (Robert L'Heureux), Kathleen A. McNamara (Quinn Sinnott) and Maureen McNamara, and by his grandchildren, Brinn (Krista Olex), Corinn, Devinn, and Erinn Sinnott, Martin, Robert, and Christian L'Heureux. The visitation and the American Legion Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, June 19, between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302. The Funeral Mass will be on Monday, June 20, at 10:30 am at St. Mary Catholic Church, 310 South Royal Street, Alexandria, VA. A reception will immediately follow the service at the Legion Ballroom, Gadsby Tavern, 400 Cameron Street, Alexandria, VA. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, MT 59004 or a charity of your choice.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Stormwater Planning Division of Fairfax County, Virginia, hereby gives notice of the County's intent to revise the FEMA flood hazard map, generally located in the Huntington area. Specifically, the flood hazard information shall be revised along Cameron Run from a point approximately 0.40 miles upstream of the Route 1 crossing to a point approximately just upstream of I-495. The flood hazard revisions are being proposed as part of Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) Case No. 16-03-0626R for a proposed project along Cameron Run. Fairfax County is proposing to install a levee along the right over-bank in the Huntington area as part of a flood mitigation project. Once the project has been completed, a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) request should be submitted that will, in part, revise the following flood hazards along Cameron Run.

As a result of the revision, the Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) will increase and decrease and the 1% annual chance floodplain shall widen and narrow within the area of revision.

Maps and detailed analysis of the revision can be reviewed at the Fairfax County Government Center at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035. Interested persons may call Mr. Donald Demetrius at 703-324-5500 for additional information.



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The Browne Academy Class of 2016 in front of the Greystone building on campus.

24 Graduate from Browne

Browne Academy held its graduation ceremony on Friday, June 10, in the school's Center for Athletics and Performing Arts. The 24 members of the Class of 2016 walked the stage to accept diplomas recognizing their successful completion of eighth grade. Each year Browne Academy presents three special awards to students in the graduating class.* Elyssar Grimmert received The Alex Clain Performing Arts Award, which recognizes a student who demonstrates the same passion and commitment to the performing arts as the founder of the school's drama department.* Katie Feeley-Leetz won the Peter V. Aliferis Award, which honors a student who exhibits the qualities of the first president of the Browne Academy Board of Trustees. Like Aliferis, Feeley-Leetz demonstrated a strong love for Browne Academy and great respect for independent school education. * Herbert Rouson received the Marion Browne Award, a faculty-nominated award given to the eighth grade student who best exemplifies the school's mission and core values (excellence, character, diversity, community). In presenting this award, Head of School Peggy Otey said that Rouson "lives the mission of the school in a quiet, unassuming way. He demonstrates an impeccable character and strong work ethic and is kind



PHOTO BY BROWNE ACADEMY

Herbert Rouson (right), Browne Academy Class of 2016, accepts the Marion Browne Award from Head of Middle School Mike Sasso and Head of School Peggy Otey. Faculty selected Rouson for this award, which honors the student who best exemplifies Browne Academy's mission and core values.

and encouraging to his classmates." During the ceremony, the school also recognized five "lifers," including Max Bloom, Anthony Dmytrijuk, Feeley-Leetz, Richard Germroth, and Matthew Lettieri. These students started at Browne Academy in preschool and remained through graduation. See www.browneacademy.org.

Updating Student Handbook

FROM PAGE 1
Hough, who was just elected to the board last fall, was critical that the body hasn't been briefed in a year.

"We don't have clarity as adults," Hough said. "How can we ask students to sign something we haven't discussed?"

Springfield representative Elizabeth Schultz repeatedly emphasized the board had not discussed gender identity formally since last year's policy change.

"Why haven't we talked about it in 399 days?" Schultz asked.

Sully representative and another recently elected member Tom Wilson also cited the lack of discussion as a reason for his multiple amendments in favor of postponing a vote on approving the student handbook.

"We haven't had those conversations,

those discussions," he said. "We need to do better."

Mount Vernon representative Karen Corbett Sanders admitted members "all agree we got here through a very messy process."

Though Hynes reminded that the Students Rights and Responsibilities is not "an implementation plan of policy."

"It's not a question of whether that policy is clear," Hynes said. The current handbook should, she continued, reflect "existing language of our policy at this point."

After nearly three hours of debate, the board voted 9-3 in favor of At-Large member Ryan McElveen's amendment to update and align the language in the student handbook. Hough, Schultz and Wilson were the "no" votes.

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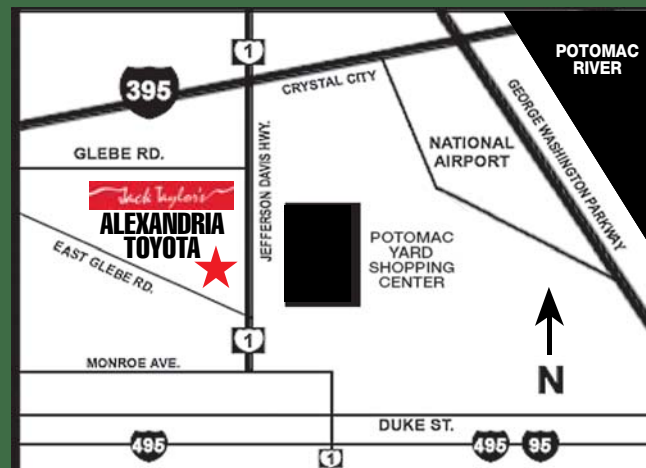
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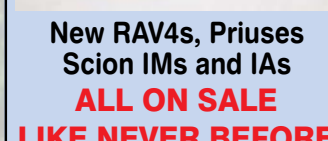
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& VACUUM
Recommended Monthly
\$39⁹⁵

Vacuum carpets, floor mats, upholstery & trunk, wipe down dash board,
console & door panels, wash wheels, tires & fender wells, hand wash
exterior door jams, and dress tires.

**QUALITY HAND-WASH
VACUUM & WAX**
Recommended Every 6 Months
\$139⁹⁵

Hand wash exterior door jams, wash wheels, tires & fender wells, hand-wash
or glaze, vacuum carpets, upholstery & trunk, clean interior vinyl & leather,
clean dash board, vents, console, door panels & windows, and dress tires.

PREMIUM FULL DETAIL
Recommended Every 12 Months
\$295⁹⁵

Full interior & exterior detailing, including trunk, shampoo carpets, upholstery &
trunk, clean interior vinyl & leather plus conditioning, wash wheels, tires, fender wells
& door jams, hand wash exterior, buff & polish, wax or glaze application, tar & sap
removal, dress tires, rubber molding & trim, clean dash board, vents, console plus
door panels, clean overhead liner, ashtrays & windows, and engine cleaning.

All details by appointment only.

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PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA.
TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES ADDITIONAL. OFFER EXPIRES 6/30/16.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**LUBE, OIL & FILTER
SERVICE SPECIAL**
\$29⁹⁵ \$49⁹⁵
NON-SYNTHETIC SYNTHETIC

INCLUDES: Change oil (up to 5 qts.), install Genuine Toyota
oil filter, inspect & adjust all fluid levels and complimentary
multi-point inspection with print-out.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
VARIABLE DISCOUNT
\$5.00 OFF with purchase of \$35.00 - \$49.99
\$10.00 OFF with purchase of \$50.00 - \$99.99
\$15.00 OFF with purchase of \$100.00 - \$199.99
\$20.00 OFF with purchase of \$200.00 - \$499.99
\$50.00 OFF with purchase of \$500.00 Or more

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
VENTILATION SERVICE
\$49⁹⁵

INCLUDES: Clean condenser fins, check
A/C performance, inspect drive belts for
tension/wear and replace cabin air filter.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**COMPLIMENTARY
MULTI-POINT
INSPECTION**

INCLUDES: Inspect tires, brakes, wipers,
lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.

Plus Take **15% OFF** your bill if you
choose to perform the repair with us.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT
\$79⁹⁵

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

INCLUDES: Inspect suspension, ball joints,
struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**WE WILL
MEET OR BEAT
ANY LOCAL TOYOTA
DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT
ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS**

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**SIGHT LINE
WIPER BLADES**
\$10 OFF
ANY PAIR
Sight Line only.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**15% OFF
ANY ACCESSORIES**
• Apparel • Window visors
• I-pad adaptors • All weather floor mats
• Toyota bedliners

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE
**30000 MILES FACTORY
RECOMMENDED
SERVICE**
\$159⁹⁵

INCLUDES: Change engine oil & filter (up to 5 qts),
rotate tires, inspect wear and adjust pressure,
measure brake pad thickness & rotor runout,
replace cabin air filter (if equipped), replace
engine air filter, reset maintenance reminder light
(if applicable) and multi-point vehicle inspection.

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9421 Coral Lane
\$775,000
One level living
at its finest!



Stunning renovation! New home amenities at a fraction of a new home price! Exceptionally spacious one level living, just remodeled with truly spectacular results. Fabulous features include: Large room sizes, open floor plan, chef's kitchen, 5 BR's, 3.5 updated baths, new windows & doors, oversize two car garage. Spacious veranda overlooks rear grounds. Nothing compares even close to this price!



OPEN SUNDAY

4520 Dolphin Lane
\$735,950
Unique
Opportunity!



PRICE REDUCED! Walk to Mt. Vernon Yacht Club from this custom rambler on a beautifully landscaped half-acre in a premier riverfront community. Open floor plan, granite and SS kitchen, 3 FP's, huge solarium with soaring ceiling, 3 inviting family rooms, oversize 2-car garage, and spacious decks make this home perfect for entertaining indoors and out.



OPEN SUNDAY

9433 Forest Haven Dr.
\$829,000
New Orleans
Style appeal!



Unique New Orleans Colonial on gorgeous large lot in prime location near Potomac River. Features include: Updated custom kitchen, 3 finished levels, 4 BR's including spacious Master suite w/ balcony, 3 full baths, recently installed Andersen windows, oversize 2 car garage, expansive rear deck overlooks magnificent grounds which includes detached studio/office. Walk to nearby MV Yacht Club



9419 Mt. Vernon Cir.
\$1,299,000
One of the area's most
distinctive properties!

Custom estate caliber home with classic French Provincial flair. Premier location in Mt Vernon on the Potomac-the only community in the area with a private marina for the exclusive use of its' residents. Imposing residence with many custom touches including open foyer with double curved stairway, custom white brick exterior, high ceilings, spacious room sizes and oversize garage. Columned veranda overlooks pool and grounds.



9300 Old Mt. Vernon
\$1,289,000
One of Mt. Vernon's
most Majestic
Properties!

One of area's most admired homes! Truly exceptional estate on approximately one acre grounds in the heart of Mt. Vernon. Superlatives include: Three luxuriously finished levels, 7 Br's, 5.5 baths, stunning main level master suite, stately room sizes, elegant finishes + oversize garage. Vacation at home- custom salt water pool and hot tub!



7508 Ft. Hunt Rd.
\$1,450,000
Mid-century Gem. 6
Gorgeous Acres!

Award winning mid-century home designed and built as personal residence by areas leading architect. Magnificent residence with exceptional floor plan and top quality materials. Carefully crafted to enhance its stunningly beautiful six acre setting. Natural wonderland with stone lined private lane, meandering creek and gorgeous woods and pond.



Wakefield Homes
Pre-Construction Opportunity!
8717 Plymouth Rd.
\$1,399,000*

• New Nelson II Model- 3,525 sf

- 1/2 Acre Lot in Plymouth Haven
- Open floor plan - High ceilings
- Upgrades throughout
- Finished recreation room & bathroom in basement
- Maximum opportunity to customize



8708 Plymouth Rd
\$1,499,000*
Nearing Completion!

Best of both worlds-classic American Four Square exterior combined with stunning modern floor plan and amenities. Numerous features include open floor plan, high ceilings, top line kitchen and baths. Prime location on half acre level lot in popular Plymouth Haven. Pre-construction contract provides maximum opportunity to customize and discounted price!



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\$575,000
Spacious Rambler -
backs to park!

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\$624,900

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