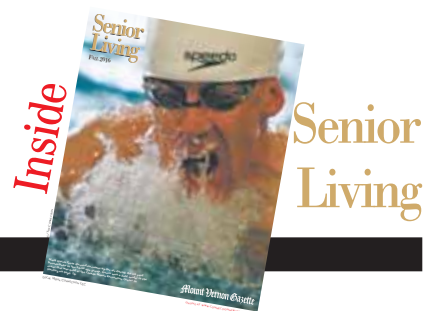


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MOUNT VERNON'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER • A CONNECTION NEWSPAPER

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**Past and present political and community leaders instrumental in preserving the Mount Vernon High School buildings and grounds include former Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerald Hyland, current Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck, Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan, community leader Lois Passman, and Mount Vernon District School Board member Karen Corbett Sanders.**

## Back to the Future

**Original Mount Vernon High School reopens for teens after 30 years.**

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

**T**he Original Mount Vernon High School Gym is once again going to be used by teens, only this time as a part of the existing Teen Center at the South County Government Center. The gym is located across the road from the South County Government Center and completes the current Teen Center with a full-size gym and basketball courts.

Plans are underway to resurface the gym floor and make other improvements. The first day of its opening is Oct. 11.

As part of the long-term strategy to re-use and revitalize the original high school, the next step will be to open an early child education center. Long-term, the revitalization goal is to develop the school into a multi use community center with both public and private uses.

At Saturday's dedication of the gym, Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck pledged his commitment to work with the community and county to get the most out of the redevelopment of the school and realize the long-term goals of his pre-

decessor, retired Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

Hyland, present for the dedication, expressed his satisfaction that the school will finally be converted to a variety of local public uses.

Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan was also present. Through his efforts many years ago, along with community leader Lois Passman and Ruth Lambert, former president of Mount Zephyr Civic Association, they were successful in the 1980s to keep the school in county control. There were those in the community who wanted to sell the building and land, but they were not successful. From 1985 to 2016, the Islamic

SEE BACK TO THE FUTURE, PAGE 6



**Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck tries out the basketball court at the Teen Center.**

## Split Over Meals Tax

**Text prepared by Board of Supervisors and FCPS board chairs.**

BY TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

**T**here continues to be division, at least among a several members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and School Board, on whether voters should approve a referendum allowing the government to levy up to a four percent additional tax on prepared foods and beverages at restaurants, as well as ready-to-eat foods from grocery and convenience stores.

Following presentations forecasting FY2018 budgets for both FCPS and Fairfax County, Board of Supervisors chair Sharon Bulova introduced a statement on the "meals tax" prepared jointly with FCPS School Board chair Sandy Evans.

Fairfax County claims the tax would raise an estimated \$100 million in a year, of which 70 percent would be directed to FCPS and their effort to make teachers' salaries more competitive with the market and surrounding school districts. The other 30 percent would go to other county services such as public safety, mental health, libraries and parks.

FCPS Superintendent Karen Garza laid out FY2018 required expenditure assumptions totalling over \$58 million. Enrollment growth, retirement rate increases and health insurance rate increases were among those costs Garza said "are going to fluctuate but we have no choice but to pay."

The total nearly matches up with the standard three percent increase in transfer from the Board of Supervisors. That would leave out projected compensation needs including a planned step increase in teachers' salaries — a \$44 million change alone from FY 2017 — and teacher scale implementation — a \$44.3 million increase.

Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) thanked Garza for "the cleanest fall presentation" he's seen in his time on the board. "This tells us what we need to know," he said. "If the meals tax passes, you get it, if it doesn't, you don't."

There was confusion initially over whether the statement would be issued on behalf of both boards and therefore reflect their collective views. It was pointed out neither board had voted on the statement's content.

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## On Meals Tax

**Joint statement from Chairman Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and Chairman Sandy Evans, Fairfax County School Board:**

"The meals tax is intended to diversify county revenue and to supplement and not supplant support for school and county services.

"The meals tax would create a new revenue source, paid by diners in Fairfax County who are county residents, tourists, and workers who live in neighboring jurisdictions.

"The School Board has committed

that its share, estimated to be almost \$70 million in new funding, will be used primarily to address teachers' salaries, which have lagged behind neighboring communities.

"Almost \$30 million would be available to address general county services or capital improvements such as in public safety, mental health services, libraries, and parks, as well as providing for property tax relief.

"Note: the meals tax, if approved, would not be levied in the Town of Clifton, or in the Towns of Herndon and Vienna, where a meals tax has already been implemented."

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Center, state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30) speaks at the Oct. 2 Friends of Dyke Marsh 40th anniversary celebration. Rear, from left, are Del. Mark Levine (D-45), Del. Mark Sickles (D-43), state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36) and Del. Paul Krizek (D-44).

## Friends of Dyke Marsh Celebrate 40th Anniversary

**"It could be our Everglades."**

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The celebration also recognized the Centennial of the National Park Service and restoration of Dyke Marsh.

"One part of Dyke Marsh is 2,000 years old. In some ways, it's hidden. Thousands drive through it and do not realize they are in a national park, that the marsh is there, its value or that it's disappearing," Friends of Dyke Marsh president and Mount Vernon resident Glenda Booth said in her remarks.

"It's hard for advocates to cheer for a swamp," she continued. "Dyke Marsh in George Washington's day was called 'Hell Hole.' But we cheer. It's not Yellowstone, it's not the Grand Canyon, but it is our little slice of wilderness right here in suburbia. When restored, it could be our Everglades."



Members of the Northern Virginia Mountain Dulcimers perform at River Farm on Oct. 2 for the Friends of Dyke Marsh 40th Anniversary celebration.

Booth said for the first time, Friends of Dyke Marsh haven't seen the marsh's signature bird the marsh wren for the last two springs. The U.S. Geological Survey, she said, predicts the marsh will be gone by 2035 unless restoration gets underway.

"Interior Secretary Sally Jewell came to Dyke Marsh in October 2014 to announce

\$25 million for restoration," Booth said. "This funding is a great start."

The Friends group's message to the National Park Service and Corps of Engineers is: "Get started."

For more information, visit [www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org).

— TIM PETERSON



From left, National Park Service superintendent Alexcy Romero, Friends of Dyke Marsh president Glenda Booth and Michael J. Bean, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Department of Interior, present a photo of the marsh wren to the National Park Service.



Joshua Owusu

## Service To Celebrate Joshua Owusu's Life

Joshua Owusu, a sixth grade student at Stratford Landing Elementary School, lost his battle with brain cancer on Tuesday, Sept. 26. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m., at Aldersgate Church, 1301 Collingwood Drive. A reception will immediately follow in Wesley Hall. Burial will be in Mount Comfort Cemetery, 6600 S. Kings Highway at 2:30 p.m. In an announcement of the funeral, Maureen Marshall, SLES principal, wrote: "Joshua joined the Stratford Landing community from Groveton Elementary School as part of the Advanced Academics

Program here at Stratford Landing. If you did not have the pleasure of encountering Joshua, he was a happy, charismatic child, whose smile could brighten anyone's day. He was loved by all who knew him.

"Joshua had a seizure at home, which caused him to be hospitalized and from which he was unable to recover. A few staff members who worked closely with Joshua and his family and were able to sit with the family to say their goodbyes, as well as offer support in the next steps of the process. As a community, I know many are eager and wondering what can be done to support the

family during this difficult time. Aldersgate Church has set up a donation fund to provide for a funeral and burial for Josh. Please consider contributing: <https://igg.me/at/3Nok3O6ZyQc>."

To sign up for donating reception food, go to

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F094EADA92CA1FA7-josh](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F094EADA92CA1FA7-josh).

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## Warning

A sign set up on Sept. 29 on Fort Hunt Road at Belle View Shopping Center warned residents of expected heavy rains.



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## 400 Evacuated from River Towers

Fairfax County firefighters evacuated 400 residents from one of three River Towers condo buildings Sunday afternoon Oct. 2 following reports there was structural damage and residents felt the building shake.

The evacuation took place around 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Fire & Rescue said investigators confirmed 180 condos are damaged, of which 32 have severe damage and were deemed "uninhabitable."

The shaking was caused by a column shifting several inches; cracks then formed in the walls and brick crumbled from the building's exterior.

Aside from the 32 units with significant damage,

most residents were allowed to return to their homes Sunday night.

Those families displaced by the damage went to a shelter temporarily but then relocated to stay with friends.

The building management company said they will bring a private accompany onsite to assess the damage and begin work to shore up the property.

For more information and safety tips, visit the Fairfax County Dept. of Fire & Rescue on Facebook @fairfaxcountyfire rescue or www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/, and the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/.

— TIM PETERSON

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### THURSDAY/OCT. 6

**Caregiver Seminar.** 7-8:30 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Fairfax County's free Caregiver Seminar/Webinar Series features experts in Medicare, dementia care, mental health and wellness, nutrition and elder law.

Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults). Click on Caregiver Seminars under Hot Topics or call 703-324-5205, TTY 711.

### FRIDAY/OCT. 7

**School Open House.** 9-11 a.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Childcare available. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit [www.burgundyfarm.org](http://www.burgundyfarm.org) for more.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 8

**Supervisor Dan Storck** holds open office hours at the Lorton Library (9-11:30 a.m.) and at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center office (12:30-3 p.m.) on the second Saturday of each month (except August). Call 703-

780-7518 for a 15-20 minute appointment, which could result in a longer subsequent meeting during the work week, if needed. He may meet with walk-ins as time permits between appointments.

**Poet Swap.** 1 p.m. at the Mary Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Henry Hart and Bill Glose will give readings. Free and open to the public. Email [mikemaggio@mikemaggio.net](mailto:mikemaggio@mikemaggio.net) for more.

### TUESDAY/OCT. 11

**Coffee Social.** 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Mount Vernon At Home will host a coffee social for the community to learn about aging in place. Membership and volunteer opportunities. RSVP at [info@mountvernonathome.org](mailto:info@mountvernonathome.org) or 703-303-4060.

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## NEWS



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Students and parents attend the Teen Center dedication on Saturday, Oct. 1.

## Back to the Future

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Saudi Academy leased the school. The conclusion of their lease of the school this year meant that the Mount Vernon and Lee communities would finally realize the projected multiple uses envisioned by former and current community and political leaders.

The opening of the Teen Center and the near future opening of the early child education center is the first step in the long-term redevelopment of the property. Also present at the dedication was Mount Vernon School Board member Karen Corbett Sanders who served as the recent Re-utilization Task Force chair that prepared a report

which described the possible uses and reinforced past support that it be retained as a community center. She promised to work with the community to realize the variety of community, education, and other uses for the buildings and grounds — on over 40 acres of property.

Also present at the dedication were Heather Dietz, Fairfax County project manager for the redevelopment of the school, and Palace Washington, director of the Teen Center.

The Re-utilization Task Force Report is available for public review through Storck's office and Heather Dietz' office in the county, and online through their respective offices.



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## Fall Festival — Unleashed

Westgrove Pack, the community sponsors of the Westgrove Off Leash Dog Park, will celebrate the success of the park with a festival and fund-raising launch on Nov. 5, 1-4 p.m., to which all dog enthusiasts — and those few who still need convincing — are invited. The dog park is at 6801 Fort Hunt Road, Belle View, south of Belle View Elementary School. "Fall Festival - Unleashed" will feature a chili cook-off, a dog agility demonstration by Mike Tomai, a dog costume competition, local vendors, puppies and more. Funds generated by the festival will be used to help sustain the park's grass areas, plant shade trees, and help assure the park's continuing availability for Mount Vernon/Alexandria dog lovers and their canine friends.



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# OPINION

## Voting Never Mattered More

Consider voting absentee in person since more than 500,000 other voters are likely to turnout on Election Day.

With more than 655,000 active voters in Fairfax County, and as many as 500,000 voters turning out on Election Day, it's a good time to consider voting early, and preparing for a longer-than-usual process if voting on Election Day.

While the Presidential election will take top billing, every seat in the U.S. Congress is on the ballot, with one hotly contested race in Northern Virginia.

**EDITORIAL** In Fairfax County, voters will decide whether to enact a four percent meals tax.

The Town of Herndon will have its first November election, moving from May in past elections, with the office of Mayor and six Town Council seats on the ballot. <http://herndonva.gov/government/mayor-and-council/town-elections>

Fairfax County voters will decide on three bond questions, including \$120 million in transportation bonds for Metro; \$107 million in bonds for parks; and \$85 million for building and renovating senior and community centers, and homeless shelters. More at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bond/>

## Virginia Voter ID

Virginia has a significant voter identification requirement, plan to bring photo identification with you to vote, whether that is absentee or on Election Day. But you can get a voter ID card if you don't have one of the other acceptable identifications.

Among accepted ID: valid Virginia Driver's License or Identification Card; valid Virginia DMV issued Veteran's ID card; valid U.S. Passport; other government-issued photo identification cards issued by the U.S. Government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, or a political subdivision of the Commonwealth; valid college or university student photo identification card from an institution of higher education located in Virginia; valid student ID issued by a public school or private school in Virginia displaying a photo; employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business.

**Any registered voter who does not have** one of the required forms of identification can apply for a free Virginia Voter Photo Identification from any general registrar's office in the Commonwealth. Voters applying for the Virginia Voter Photo ID complete the Virginia Voter Photo Identification Card Application, have their picture taken, and sign the digital signature pad. Once the application is processed, the card will be mailed directly to the voter.

A voter who does not bring an acceptable photo ID to the polls will be offered a provi-

sional ballot.

### Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification

If you arrive at your polling place on Election Day without an acceptable form of photo identification, don't panic or give up. You will be given the opportunity to vote a provisional ballot. After completing the provisional ballot, the individual voting will be given written instructions from the election officials on how to submit a copy of his/her identification so that his/her vote can be counted.

A voter will have until noon on the Friday following the election to deliver a copy of the identification to the local electoral board or to appear in person to apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. Voters may submit a copy of their ID via fax, email, in-person submission, or through USPS or commercial delivery service. Please note that the copy of the ID must be delivered to the electoral board by noon on Friday, or the provisional ballot cannot be counted.

Also by noon on Friday following the election, the voter may appear in-person in the office of the general registrar, in the locality in which the provisional ballot was cast, and apply for a Virginia Voter Photo ID Card. At the completion of the application process, the voter may request a Temporary Identification Document. This document may be provided to the electoral board to suffice the identification requirement.

## Absentee Voting in Person in Fairfax County

Voting begins Sept. 23, and with record turnout possible, voting early if you qualify is a good choice.

There are 19 valid reasons to vote absentee in Virginia, including working and commuting to and from home for 11 or more hours between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Election Day, which basically means anyone who commutes to a job. Check the Virginia Department of Elections list to see if you are eligible. <http://elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/index.html>

If you vote absentee in-person you will fill out the application when you arrive at the in-person absentee location.

### Absentee Voting Begins Sept. 23

Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 2/3,  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, 22035

Weekday Schedule:

❖ Sept. 23 to Oct. 14, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursday: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Closed, Monday,

## VOTE: Upcoming Dates

❖ To vote in November's election, you must be registered by Oct. 17: Voter Registration Deadline - In-Person: 5 p.m., Online [www.vote.virginia.gov](http://www.vote.virginia.gov) 11:59 p.m. To determine whether you are eligible and registered to vote in this election, visit the Virginia Department of Elections website at <http://elections.virginia.gov/> or call Fairfax Elections office at 703-222-0776.

❖ In-Person Absentee Voting began Sept. 23 and will continue until Nov. 5. <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/absentee.htm>

❖ Nov. 1: Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail, Fax, Email or Online: 5 p.m.

❖ Nov. 5: Final Day for In-Person Absentee Voting

❖ On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 8. Polls are open from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

❖ Nov. 8: Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: 7 p.m.

For more information on voting in Fairfax County:

Voter Registration: 703-222-0776, TTY 711

Absentee Fax: 703-324-3725

Email: [voting@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:voting@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Election Officer Info: 703-324-4735, TTY 711

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- ❖ Three Proposed County Bond Questions
- ❖ Two Proposed Constitutional Amendments

See the Connection's community guide on how to vote and what's on the ballot at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2016/aug/25/how-vote-fairfax-county/](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2016/aug/25/how-vote-fairfax-county/)

Oct. 10, Columbus Day.

❖ Oct. 17 to Nov. 4, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

❖ Saturday Schedule: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 5 is the last day to absentee vote in-person.

Absentee Voting at Satellite Locations

Saturday Schedule: Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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### Satellite Voting Locations:

❖ Providence Community Center - 3001 Vaden Dr., Fairfax, 22031

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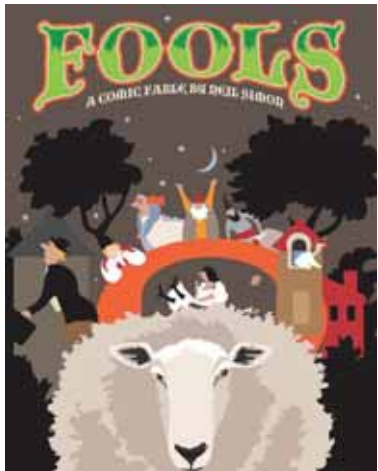
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## OPINION

# Needs of Aging Population

BY PAUL KRIZEK  
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

By 2030, one-in-four Virginians will be over 60 years old. That's over half a million more people than today, and that number will include me too. This is a tremendous demographic change, and it will present the Commonwealth with many new challenges to allow Virginians to age with dignity and respect.

Last week, many colleagues and I attended the Northern Virginia Aging Network's (NVAN) 17th annual legislative breakfast. NVAN consists of staff representatives from the five Northern Virginia Agencies on Aging, board members from the local Commissions on Aging, and representatives of allied organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association, National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and AARP. Participants meet every other month at NVRC to discuss issues of mutual concern, to craft a legislative platform for presentation to the Virginia General Assembly, and to discuss regional responses to critical issues affecting Northern Virginia's older adults.

As many readers know, elder care issues are one of my top priorities. Last session, I patroned legislation currently being studied by the Department of Aging and Rehabilitation Services that would address bank fraud in the senior community. In 2017, I will patron legislation to create non-expiring ID cards for residents age 80 and above. Wisconsin began issu-

ing senior ID cards this year, and it allows seniors to forego having to wait in line at the DMV or pay money to update their existing ID cards every five years, as is currently in the Code of Virginia.

These senior-IDs are not driver's licenses, which seniors will still need to have renewed as normal. These ID cards are for seniors who do not drive, but still desire a government-issued photo ID for reasons that might include doctor's visits, purchasing alcohol, and opening a bank account. Many of NVAN's legislative priorities align with my volunteer work as a board member of Mount Vernon at Home, which is a nonprofit helping area residents age in-place safely, comfortably, and confidently in their own homes in the community they love. I am going through this experience as I move my elderly parents from their condo into my home. My family is graciously helping to enhance accessibility with items like a ramp entrance and handrails.

As our aging population increases, we must work to keep elderly Virginians in their home community where they provide so much experience to the rest of us. These oldest members of our community make wonderful volunteers in our places of worship, with local nonprofits and schools and in daily civic life. Through aging in-place, they provide continuity and a living memory and knowledge of our local history. Good public policy requires that we recognize the importance of our growing senior population, both their needs and their considerable value to our community.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Property Taxes Shouldn't Pay All

To the Editor:

By now, you've no doubt heard about the meals tax referendum Fairfax County voters will face this November. Should it pass, the Board of Supervisors will have the authority to implement a 4-percent tax on prepared foods to generate money for our school system, capital improvements, and to help with real estate tax relief. Should it fail, the county will continue to rely predominantly on property taxes to generate revenue.

But what I'd like to discuss today is how we arrived at this point. As the chairman of our board's Budget and Legislative Committees, I'm constantly looking for ways to fully fund our world-class school system and great county services while also ensuring we're not taxing our most vulnerable and aging residents out of Fairfax County.

Virginia law severely limits the ways the Board of Supervisors can raise revenues. In fact, real estate

and personal property taxes accounted for approximately 79.7 percent of General Fund revenues in our recently-adopted Fiscal Year 2017 budget. The state does give the board the authority to place a meals tax referendum on the ballot, however.

I supported this action because I believe our residents should weigh in on how best for us to diversify our tax base. Such a tax is estimated to generate \$100 million in new revenue, one-third of which is expected to come from non-residents visiting Fairfax County. It's certainly not the silver bullet for our budget challenges, but constantly increasing property taxes is not the answer. The needs of Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) are growing; our residents expect our county programming to remain fully funded and operate at best-in-the-nation standards; yet our ability to look elsewhere to fund our budget is basically nonexistent. This is why you hear about significant potential cuts to school and county programming and budget shortfalls.

What's more, the Commonwealth chronically underfunds FCPS, only adding to our dilemma here in Fairfax County. It costs roughly \$13,000 to educate a student in our school system. Of that, Fairfax County pays about \$10,000. The state pays about \$3,000. In neighboring Prince William County, however, the county-state funding split is 50/50. It costs \$10,000 to educate a Prince William student, of which the state pays \$5,000 and the County pays \$5,000. This inadequacy is because of an outdated funding formula that primarily only measures wealth with no cost of living consideration in deciding how much money each school system in the state should receive. As you can imagine, this puts us in a real bind when compared to the rest of the state. The Board of Supervisors and School Board are working hard with most of our Northern Virginia delegation to help solve this, but it's no quick fix.

So when you send in your absentee ballots, vote

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### A MUSING

There is a myth that George Washington's false teeth were made of wood. In this case, a myth is not as good as a mile. Woodn't you like to know the truth? Fact is, President Washington had several sets of teeth, made of various materials including ivory, gold and lead. And what does this tell us about George? First, he could clearly take a big bite out of the most difficult tasks. Second, he was clearly a man of very strong mettle, maybe even heavy metal (Do I hear Aerosmith playing in the background?). Plus, he had "endentured" servants.

— BART HEWITT



# OBITUARY

## Laura Josephine Combs Davis

Laura Josephine Combs Davis died Sept. 19, 2016, at Georgetown University Hospital after a brief battle with cancer. She was born Sept. 22, 1939, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Samuel John Combs and Avaleah Lafferty Combs. After living in Camden, N.J. and Dallas, Texas, the family re-settled in Van Nuys, Calif. and Laura lived there until she left to attend college at Stanford University in 1957. As a young student, she studied music and played the piano. Laura won many academic awards and was an A student at Van Nuys High School.

Exercise was a constant in Laura's life: as head cheerleader, she choreographed routines for the entire cheerleading team. As a high school senior, Laura served in student government, won first place in the Bank of America Mathematics competition, and was chosen for membership in the prestigious Ephebian Society of Los Angeles.

At Stanford, Laura continued her athletic pursuits as a member of the ski team. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in mathematics from Stanford and, after moving to the D.C. area, a Master's Degree in statistics and artificial intelligence from the University of Maryland. She worked for the Naval Re-



search Laboratory as a specialist in artificial intelligence, attending many international conferences.

Laura raised two sons, Michael and Alexander.

Laura enjoyed traveling with her sons and their families. Books and home-grown fruits, vegetables, and herbs from her garden were abundant in Laura's home. After her retirement,

Laura remained active in her community: she joined the local elections board, was an usher for performing arts, taught popular exercise classes at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, volunteered at Mount Vernon and the American Horticultural Society, and was a block captain for the Wellington Civic Association.

Laura is survived by her sons, Mike and Alex; sister, Sarah; brothers, Bill and Tom; grandchildren, Christopher, Rachel, Ayla, and Lena; daughters-in-law Flossie and Janine; and nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends; all of whom loved her and will miss her dearly.

A memorial service will be held for Laura in December; for more details, please email [lauradavismemorial@gmail.com](mailto:lauradavismemorial@gmail.com). In lieu of flowers, donations in Laura's memory may be made to the Fairfax Library Foundation.

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## BurgerFi Sets Up Shop in Old Town

With its opening last week, local co-owners celebrate a homecoming.

BY HOPE NELSON  
THE GAZETTE

Peer down the 100 block of North Pitt Street and it's easy to spot a new neighbor. The erstwhile Pat Troy's Ireland's Own, shuttered for several years, now has new life in the form of the city's first BurgerFi. Open since Sept. 26, the locally owned franchise has begun to generate quite a bit of foot traffic — and prelaunch interest, too, with would-be customers peeking in the front door in anticipation.

But you haven't missed a grand opening event, franchise co-owner David Landry says.

"We just sort of unlocked the door and let the word get out that we were serving food," he said. "I'm pretty pleased with the reaction. We're doing a great lunch business, which I expected we would. There's a lot of fine dining in Old Town but not a lot of fast casual."

For Landry, the restaurant's new home on North Pitt Street is a

family affair — and a homecoming of sorts. He co-owns the restaurant — and its sister BurgerFi in Leesburg — with his son, Chris Landry, and their family friend, Tim Kelly. And David Landry has longstanding roots within Alexandria, having grown up in the city, making their second location a natural fit.

Just two weeks into the new location's opening, the team is settling in nicely.

"The reaction's been great," Landry said. "I've heard nothing negative about the food, but I didn't expect I would because the food's fantastic."

And about that food: Don't expect a cookie-cutter, from-a-package experience, Landry says.

"We don't pour anything frozen out of a bag. Our French fries are potatoes in the morning and they become French fries. Our onion rings are huge jumbo onions in the morning and they become onion rings. Everything's made from scratch. Unlike a lot of faster-casual restaurants, we just don't take any shortcuts," he said.

But the real reason people are coming to

### DETAILS

**BurgerFi**, 111 N. Pitt St.  
**Hours:** 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday; 11 a.m.-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

**Try this:** The Breakfast All Day (aka BAD) Burger. Topped with maple syrup, ketchup, a fried egg, hash browns and bacon, "it has a cult following like you wouldn't believe," co-owner David Landry said.



**BurgerFi, which opened last week in the former location of Pat Troy's Ireland's Own, has begun to see steady business already.**

BurgerFi are the, well, burgers. And Landry insists that customers won't be disappointed.

"That's what we do is burgers; the meat is the best we can buy," Landry said. "People are smarter these days. People are paying attention to what they put in their bodies. And while I will never pretend that a cheeseburger is health food, Americans are always going to eat cheeseburgers. And if you're going to eat a cheeseburger, then you really ought to eat this one. No junk, no additives, no hormones, no antibiotics; it's humanely raised and source-verified. You just can't buy a better meat."

While the neighborhood has quickly embraced

BurgerFi, Landry and his team are eager to give back once they have the restaurant fully launched and running smoothly.

"Right now we're focused on honing our skills with all our new people and doing things right, and turning this new location into a place that people are excited to go to, but certainly we plan on getting heavily involved in the local community," including local schools, sports teams, and law-enforcement and veteran's organizations, he said.

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### CALENDAR

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

#### ONGOING

**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Alexandria Live Music Week.** Through Oct. 8, various times at various locations throughout Alexandria. The 2nd Annual Alexandria Live Music Week, presented by Alexandria Live and On Tap Magazine, is a citywide music event featuring Alexandria's diverse music scene and musicians, as well as the clubs, bars, restaurants, shops and venues that feature and promote live music in Alexandria. This year there will be over 50 participating venues and over 300 performances, including a full schedule of music during Del Ray's Art on the Avenue. Admission varies by venue. Visit [www.livemusicweek.com](http://www.livemusicweek.com) for more.

**Blackberry Daze.** Through Oct. 9, various times at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. This is an adaptation from the novel "Blackberry Days of Summer" by Ruth P. Watson. Tickets are \$60. Visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org) for more.

**Crybaby Art Studio.** Thursdays through Oct. 13, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. CryBaby Art Studio is an art class designed for parents with infants (0-1) to relax and exercise their creativity learning watercolor techniques each week with baby by their side. Registration is \$100 for four-week series / \$25 per class (art supplies included). Visit [www.metamorphosisaec.com](http://www.metamorphosisaec.com).

#### Photo Exhibit: "Never Forget."

Through Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily at Multiple Exposures Gallery — Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The photographs in this exhibit follow photographer Alan Sislen's 15-year photographic journey beginning before 9/11, and continuing today. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com) for more.

#### "A (Mis)Perceived Physique: Bodyscapes by Three Women Artists."

Through Oct. 16, gallery hours at Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibition space for the Torpedo Factory Art Center, presents work by three women who use the female body to explore issues of equity, power, politics, and memory. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

#### Exhibit: "Garden Muse."

Through Oct. 23, 9-4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 12-4:30 p.m. Sunday at Green Springs Garden — Horticultural

Center, 4603 Green Spring Road. The Horticulture Center at Green Spring Gardens is featuring the award-winning photographs of Cindy Dyer, a graphic designer, photographer and USPS Stamp Artist. Free. Visit [www.gardenmuseshow.com](http://www.gardenmuseshow.com).

#### Exhibit: "The Fanciful in Daily Life."

Through Oct. 23, gallery hours at The Associates' Gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. "Upside Down: Inside Out: The Fanciful in Daily Life" features three-dimensional work by Erika Cleveland. This imaginative fiber artist explores the fanciful in daily life with her needle-felted dolls, from life-sized to small, flying from a trapeze to hanging from a vine. Free. Call 703-524-5723 or email [assoc.gallery@gmail.com](mailto:assoc.gallery@gmail.com) for more.

#### Exhibit: "Song of the Woods."

Through Oct. 24, gallery hours at Green Springs Garden — Historical House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist Mary Exline displays her abstract expressionist paintings. Free. Visit [www.artis.com/maryexline](http://www.artis.com/maryexline).

#### Exhibit: "In All Things."

Through Oct. 29, gallery hours at The Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. The Convergence Arts Initiative will feature the work of artist and educator, Glenn Howell in his latest exhibit, "In All things." The title of Howell's photography and print show reflects the diversity of his image

making and his belief in the promise of redemption of all things. It is a juxtaposition of the "dystopian" elements seen in our world with a vision of Heaven as evidence of God's grace. Free. Visit [www.ourconvergence.org](http://www.ourconvergence.org) for more.

#### Poe Immersive Theater: "A Dream Within a Dream."

Through Oct. 31, 8 p.m. or 10 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. This show is a surreal interpretation of the life, works, and mad genius of Edgar Allan Poe, as seen through the lens of the characters in his works and the people in his life. Tickets are \$5-40. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/Poe](http://www.torpedofactory.org/Poe) for more.

#### "Transformations: Tapestries in Glass."

Through Nov. 6, gallery hours at The Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Anita Bucsay Damron's vibrant mosaics draw from many sources, both traditional and contemporary. Inspired by tapestries from Rajasthan and Gujarat, India, her pieces incorporate crystal from Austria and the Czech Republic, specialty glass from Murano, Italy, and found objects such as beads, brooches, and cameos. Damron notes that "new applications of mosaic art encourage recycling and reuse," and her creative reuse of materials is what gives this ancient art form its exciting new sparkle. Free. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) for more.

#### Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery:

##### "Salute to Secondary Colors."

Through Nov. 6, gallery hours at 105 N. Union St. The secondary colors orange, green, and purple are the theme for this show. Artists were challenged to use these hues individually, paired, or in a triadic color scheme. Free. Visit [www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com).

#### "Oh The Joy."

Through Nov. 6, Gallery hours at The Athenaeum, 201 S. Prince St. Artists from across the region were asked to interpret the theme, "Oh! The joy!" The selected entries represent the wealth of art being created in D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. Free. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

#### John M. Adams: "Current Interrupted."

Through Nov. 13, gallery hours at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 E. Campus Drive. Free. Visit [www.thefullempy.com](http://www.thefullempy.com) for more.

#### Matthew Grimes: "(In)Material" and "Pliant."

Through Nov. 14, gallery hours at The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center at Northern Virginia Community College, 4915 E. Campus Drive. Free. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter) for more.

**Young at Art Exhibition.** Through Nov. 17, gallery hours at Durant arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Calling all



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senior artists. This annual event is cosponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria and Goodwin House Foundation. The Call for Art is Oct. 4, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. \$20 fee to submit up to three works of art. Visit [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org).

**Thursday Mornings with Kathryn Conewey.** Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. The themes in the book, "The Artist's Rule," will be a foundation to share experiences with creative practice. Each session will begin with a quiet time and exploration of materials before transitioning to a discussion of the themes and practices outlined in the chapter. Participants should purchase a copy of "The Artist's Rule" and read the introduction and first chapter prior to the first meeting. Registration is \$50. Visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening) for more.

**Art Making as Meditation with Kathryn Conewey.** Second Wednesday of each month, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Each session begins with a short reading and a brief introduction to materials. Silence for making and meditation lasts an hour followed by sharing images or insights gained through the process, if desired. Children able to participate in silence are welcome to come with a parent's quiet supervision. RSVP not necessary for attendance, but helpful for planning purposes. Email [info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org](mailto:info@centerforspiritualdeepening.org).

## THURSDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 6-8

**Preview: "By the Seashore."** 10:30 a.m. Thursday-Friday, 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Saturday at The Lab at



**Asleep at the Wheel is touring in support of their album "Still the King: Celebrating the Music of Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys." They will perform on Oct. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.**

Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Join Arts on the Horizon for a special sneak peek performance of this work-in-progress. From birds and fish, to sand and water, and everything in-between, young audience members explore the shore, ocean, and the sky. Using an imaginative mix of puppetry, movement, and sound, this sensory-filled production is specifically designed for babies and young toddlers. Tickets are \$3. Visit

[www.artsonthehorizon.org](http://www.artsonthehorizon.org) for more.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 6-27

**"Co-Creating the Cosmos."** 7:30-9 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Frank Frost is an award-winning documentary film producer. His current work – The Teilhard de Chardin Project – is a television biography in production for public television on the life and

thought of the revolutionary Teilhard de Chardin: Jesuit priest, paleontologist, visionary. Registration is \$25. Visit [www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening](http://www.staidansepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening).

## FRIDAY/OCT. 7

**Curious Critters Children's Puppet Performance and Book Signing.** 10:30 a.m. at Hooray for Books!

1555 King St. David FitzSimmons will put on a young children's "animational" program, complete with puppets and take home activities, as well as sign copies of his award-winning "Curious Critters" children's books. Free. Call 703-548-4092 for more.

## Alexandria Fire Department Black

**Tie Gala.** 6 p.m. at Embassy Suites Hotel, 1900 Diagonal Road. The gala will include a cocktail reception and dinner, and a silent auction (to benefit the Friendship Firehouse Foundation and the Alexandria Firefighters and Paramedics IAFF Local 2141 Helping Hands Relief Fund). Guest speakers for the evening will be United States Fire Administrator Ernest Mitchell, Jr. and Chief Billy Goldfeder, Director of the Safety, Health and Survival Section for the International Association of Fire Chiefs. Tickets are \$75. E-mail [FD-Gala@alexandriava.gov](mailto:FD-Gala@alexandriava.gov) or call 703.746.5241.

## Family Art Night.

6-8:30 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Pizza, soda and water will be on hand, complements of the Office of the Arts. Choose from painting, mosaics, cardboard games and poetry pictures. Advance per person reservations: \$5 residents; \$10 nonresidents. At door: \$10 residents; \$15 nonresidents. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac](http://www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac).

## Cameron Run Rocks.

6:30-9:30 p.m. at Cameron Run Regional Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave. Batting cage, mini golf, rock wall, games and prizes. Free. Visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org) for more.

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/ OCT. 7-9

**The Hive Grand Opening.** All day at The Hive, 301 Cameron St. Find a juice bar and braid bar, a book

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**Wine Festival and Sunset Tour.** 6-9 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Learn about the successes and failures of George Washington's wine endeavors, listen to live music and tour where Washington stored his wine. Friday, October 7: \$40; Saturday, October 8: \$48; Sunday, October 9: \$36. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/calendar](http://www.mountvernon.org/calendar).

## OCT. 7-25

**Silent Auction: "Birdhouses of Del Ray."** Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans' artists have created one-of-a-kind birdhouses for the "Birdhouses of Del Ray" silent auction fundraiser. Artists used a wide range of materials to create and decorate their birdhouses. Free to participate. Visit [www.delrayartisans.org](http://www.delrayartisans.org) for more.

## OCT. 7-30

**Art Exhibit: "Local Flavor."** Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Local Flavor" art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans showcases member artwork that highlight the things they adore, crave, and experience in their beloved neck of the woods—and celebrate the special touches found in community. Free. Visit [www.DelRayArtisans.org](http://www.DelRayArtisans.org).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 8

**Plants and Birds and Rocks and**

**Things.** 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Geologist Tony Fleming, author of the recently published *Geologic Atlas of the City of Alexandria, Virginia and Vicinity* (2016) and several other publications on local geology, will guide us through the history and structure of the atlas, and highlight how to use it to answer questions about the local landscape using several geologically-dependent natural communities as examples. The presentation will also set the stage for the afternoon excursion in and around Holmes Run Gorge, one of the most geologically and ecologically diverse places in northern Virginia. Free. Visit [www.vnps.org/potowmack](http://www.vnps.org/potowmack).

**Art Safari.** 12-4 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. An Alexandria family tradition, Art Safari returns to the Torpedo Factory Art Center for its 21st year. Resident and visiting artists lead young visitors in an afternoon full of hands-on creative activities such as papier-mâché, fiber, and printmaking. Enjoy the Alexandria Archaeology Museum's special activities featuring their collection of 18<sup>th</sup>- and 19<sup>th</sup>-century pottery and china, as well as The Art League's popular Gallery Scavenger Hunt. Free. Visit [www.TorpedoFactory.org](http://www.TorpedoFactory.org).

**Family Fun: Leaf Critter Crafternoon.** 1-2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Children will enjoy creating animal images from different leaf shapes, glue and wiggly eyes. Make one to take home and one to hang in our nature gallery. Children must be accompanied by a registered

adult. This family-friendly nature program is intended for ages 5 and up. Tickets are \$6. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 487 3801 or call 703-642-5173.

**Poetry Exchange.** 1-4 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. The Poetry Society of Virginia invites you to its annual Poetry Exchange. Bill Glose, author of "Personal Geography," and Henry Hart, author of "Background Radiation," will read from their works. Free. Call 703-930-5214 for more.

**Gardening With Virginia Natives.** 2-3:30 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Learn the best management practices for growing plants native to Northern Virginia. Master Gardeners of Arlington and Alexandria will cover the basics of sustainable landscaping practices that make the most of available water, improve soil health and reduce maintenance. Free. Visit [www.mgnv.org](http://www.mgnv.org) for more.

**Living With Difference.** 3-4:30 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Come and discover more of how communities can be made stronger through the diversity they support. Free. Call 703-746-1781.

## SUNDAY/OCT. 9

**Opera Nova Brunch.** 12:30 p.m. at Washington Golf & Country Club, 3017 N. Glebe Road. Opera singers including Jose Sacin will perform opera arias and Broadway show tunes, as well as selections from "Treemonisha," Scott Joplin's opera, to be staged for children next spring by Opera Nova. Tickets are \$60. Visit [www.operanova.org](http://www.operanova.org).

## MONDAY/OCT. 10

**Riley Etheridge Jr and Leon Russell.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$39.50. Visit [www.thebirchmere.com](http://www.thebirchmere.com) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 12

**Asleep at the Wheel.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Touring in support of their Grammy Award-winning album "Still the King: Celebrating the Music of Bob Wills and His Texas Playboys," Asleep at the Wheel perform. Tickets are \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) for more.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 13

**Yacht Haven Garden Club Fashion Show.** 10 a.m. at Fort Belvoir Officers Club, 5500 Schulz Circle, Fort Belvoir. Fashions for women of all sizes will be provided by Details of Occoquan. Tickets are \$40. Call 703-354-3728 for more.

**Community Partner Night.** 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Alexandria City Hall, 301 King St. The Alexandria City Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. will host "A Salute to Community Service and Partnership" in honor of its 10-year anniversary. Free. Email [alexcitytld@gmail.com](mailto:alexcitytld@gmail.com) for more.

**Lecture: "Foreign Policy Issues and Election 2016: More Light than Heat."** 7-8:30 p.m. at Cameron Station Clubhouse, 200 Cameron Station Blvd. Dr. Larry Korb will discuss the foreign policy positions of the candidates with time for your questions. Free. Call 202-494-9796.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 14

**Garden Talks with Master Gardeners: Fall Beauty.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Master Gardeners show off a variety of gorgeous perennials, shrubs and trees in rich gold, burnt orange, brilliant burgundy and vibrant red shades that can add to an existing plantings for remarkable, colorful results. Tickets are \$10. Register online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring) using code 290 488 5101 or call 703-642-5173.

**Port City Black Veil Happy Hour & Female Stranger Mystery Quest.** 6-8 p.m. happy hour, 8-10 p.m. mystery quest at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Join Port City Brewing Co. and Gadsby's Tavern Museum to celebrate the release of the Long Black Veil, a special craft beer inspired by the famous tale of the Female Stranger. Ticket prices not yet announced. Visit [shop.AlexandriaVA.gov/Events.aspx](http://shop.AlexandriaVA.gov/Events.aspx) for more.

## SATURDAY/OCT. 15

**The Mount Vernon Masonic Temple Open House.** 8:30-11:30 a.m. at 8717 Fort Hunt Road. Free breakfast will be served. Visit [mountvernonlodge219.wordpress.com](http://mountvernonlodge219.wordpress.com).

**Beauty in Sustainability Symposium.** 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. In this double header program, learn how to plan and plant a home garden that is a source for beauty, labor savings and environmental change. Get to know lovely native alternatives to some common exotic plants. These natives

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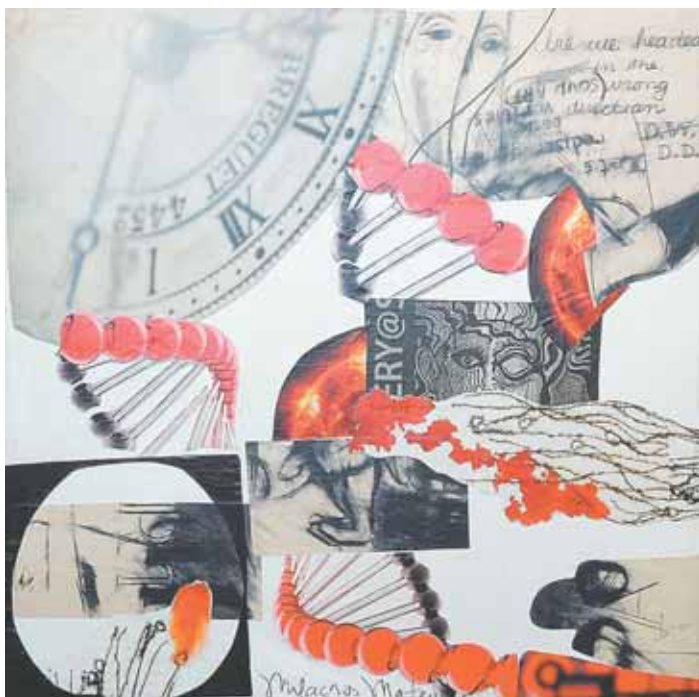
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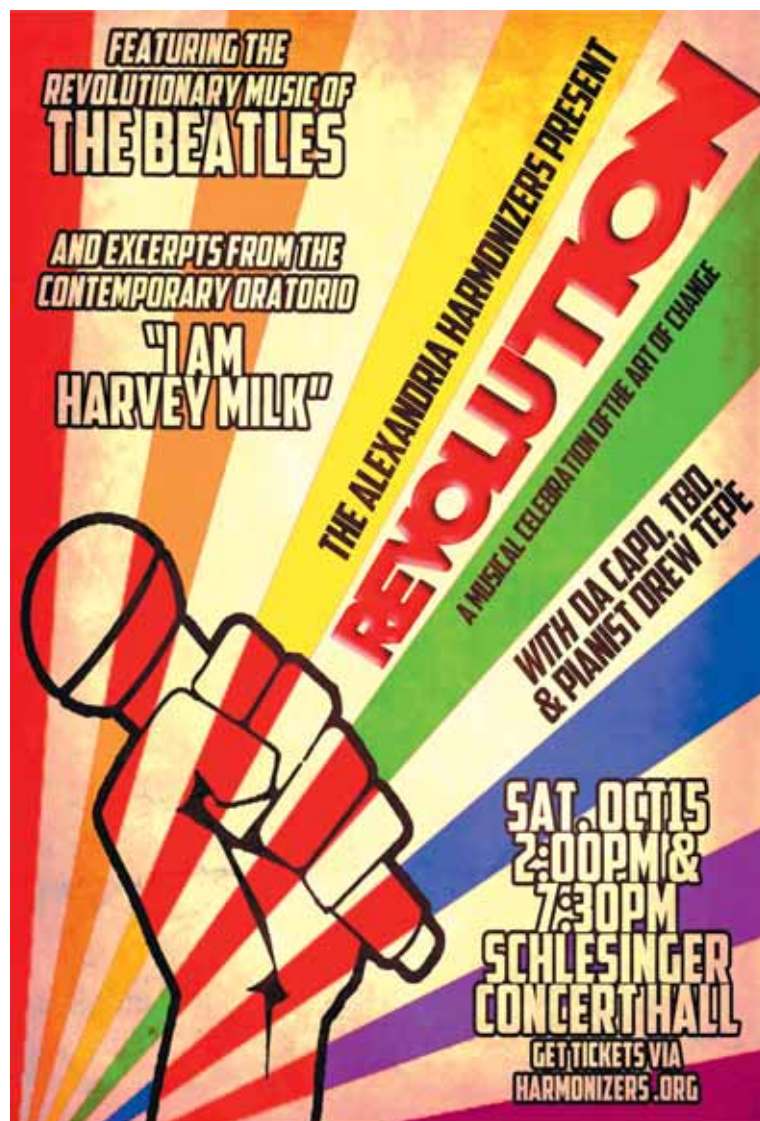
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## LETTERS

FROM PAGE 10

in-person at one of our satellite locations, or hit the polls on Nov. 8, I'd hope you consider the predicament the county is in.

**Jeff McKay**  
 Lee District Supervisor

## No Tax Relief

To the Editor:

I am writing to oppose the Meals Tax Referendum. I attended a meeting last week in which the referendum was debated. Attendees included Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck and Springfield Supervisor Pat Herrity.

Supervisor Storck actually said this in support of the tax: "This is about yes for me, yes, yes. First off, it is a chance, it is a chance for us to grow and help our restaurants here locally thrive. Yes, the restaurants in this area will thrive, I think, because of this meals tax ultimately, I absolutely do." Increasing the tax burden targeted on a specific industry will help that industry thrive? Nonsense.

The brochure mailed by the county concerning the meals tax says the following: "A meals tax would diversify the county's tax revenue base. The Board of Supervisors is seeking authority to impose a meals tax to reduce the county's dependence on real estate taxes." When I read these sentences, what they mean to me is that the purpose for the Meals Tax is not to increase the net taxes we pay but, rather, to spread the taxes over more categories of taxation. If the purpose for the meals tax is to diversify taxes, not raise them, the referendum would require the BOS to reduce the real estate tax rate to a level offsetting the increase in revenue attributable to the revenue from the meals tax. The representation that diversification is the only goal is false. If voters approve the referendum, taxes are going up.

The referendum language states: "70 percent of the net revenues to Fairfax County Public Schools" and "30 percent of the net revenues to county services, capital improvements and property tax relief." What this means is there is no guarantee that imposition of the new tax will result in material reduction in real estate taxes. As quoted above, the 30 percent not going to schools can be spent by the county in three categories, county services, capital improvements, and property tax relief. There is no requirement that property tax relief will comprise a significant percentage of that 30 percent. Since 70 percent of the new tax (2.8 cents out of the 4 cent tax) cannot be for property tax relief, this is an added tax burden for taxpayers. There are over 400,000 housing units in the county. The BOS can satisfy the referendum requirement to provide property tax relief by awarding every housing unit owner a \$1 dis-

count on their tax bill, saying they've provided the required "tax relief" and then spend the other \$29,600,000 of the 30 percent of the projected revenue on the vaguely worded "County services" and "capital improvements." If all the 30 percent were used to reduce real estate taxes, the reduction would only average about \$75 per housing unit. Quite small.

There is no guarantee approval of the referendum and imposition of this new tax will result in a dollar more going to our schools. The BOS decides how much money is to be transferred to the school system from tax revenues from all sources during budget hearings and votes in March-April each year. In the most recent budget, that number was \$1.7 billion. If the new tax is enacted, the BOS could very well decide to maintain the level of school funding at \$1.7 billion or even reduce the number. At the \$1.7 billion level, that would mean the BOS is basically adding the predicted \$70 million revenue from the Meals Tax they are legally obligated to transfer to the school system (70 percent of the predicted \$100 million) to \$1.63 billion appropriated from other sources (a total of \$1.7 billion) and thus freeing up \$100 million (the 70 percent for schools plus the 30 percent for county services, capital improvements and property tax relief) to be spent elsewhere at BOS discretion with virtually no real estate tax relief required to be included. This demonstrates the clear fraud in the BOS sales pitch for the Meals Tax.

Our schools need increased revenue. There is no guarantee enacting the Meals Tax will provide that increased revenue. The solution is electing politicians capable of gaining Fairfax County more than the current 23 percent return on the 100 percent of the tax money (derived from the state income tax, sales taxes, and real estate transfer taxes) we currently send to Richmond. Increasing that percentage to 26 percent would equal all the revenue projected to be derived from the Meals Tax with no increase in taxation.

Supervisor Herrity said this to an audience member at the meeting: "You were at the meeting when Supervisor Gross said we just need to put whatever language is in there so we can get it passed." There it is in a nutshell: say anything to get it passed. Printing and mailing the brochure cost taxpayers over \$400,000. I suggested that BOS members who approved the one-sided brochure should be asked to reimburse the county treasury out of their county salaries. I double-down on that suggestion.

For all of these reasons, the referendum should be defeated. It does not amount solely to a diversification of revenues, rather, it amounts to a tax increase. There is no guarantee enactment of the tax will result in a larger appropriation to our schools. The only guarantee is that it will give our BOS \$100 million more to spend as they wish. Vote No.

**H. Jay Spiegel**/Mount Vernon

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**MORRISON, James Thomas, 36**, of Alexandria, Va., passed away September 27, 2016. James was born into a military family on April 22, 1980 in Honolulu, Hawaii to parents Thomas Allen & Karen Ann (Petit) Morrison who survive him. He is also survived by an older sister, Kelly Morrison Pop and husband Maximilian, and an older brother Douglas Morrison and wife Emily and niece/nephew Ella Grace and Wesley Allen. He lived as a child in Charleston, S.C., San Pedro, Calif., and Springfield, Va. Growing up he loved swimming, skateboarding with friends, and played football, baseball, and soccer for various youth programs. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield where he was honored for his photographic talents. He attended Northern Virginia Community College where he graduated with an Associate's Degree. His commitment to the food and beverage industry was very evident in his dedication to friends and patrons at the Evening Star Café where he worked for twelve years. He loved playing team sports - roller blade hockey, bowling and fantasy football-and enjoyed summers at the beach and pool. He was a regular attendee at Washington National's baseball games and enjoyed watching Redskins football, LA Kings hockey and Liverpool soccer. He liked vegetable gardening, sharing his crops with housemates and friends and making creative culinary delights. James was founder of "Monday Taco Night" which under his tutelage grew to become a regular and much beloved affair in the Del Ray community of Alexandria.

James will be especially remembered for his sense of humor and social acumen. A Memorial Mass was celebrated Wednesday October 5, at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Richmond, Va. Online condolences received at [woodyfuneralhomeparham.com](http://woodyfuneralhomeparham.com).

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# NEWS



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**FCPS Superintendent Karen Garza (back, right) laid out FY2018 required expenditure assumptions totalling over \$58 million. Enrollment growth, retirement rate increases and health insurance rate increases were among those costs Garza said “are going to fluctuate but we have no choice but to pay.”**

## Split Over Meals Tax

FROM PAGE 1

Springfield District school board representative Elizabeth Schultz said in no uncertain terms she wouldn't vote for releasing the statement. She said she was critical of the statement omitting text to help voters understand the “magnitude of the impact” the tax would have, especially on low income families.

Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) spoke to some criticism the Board of Supervisors has received over previous public mailings on the meals tax coming across as intended to influence voters to vote in favor of it.

“It depends on whether you think you have a spending problem or a revenue problem,” Herrity said. “This is PR.”

Bulova explained the statement was developed by both chairs to be used to explain how funds from the meals tax would be used.

Budget committee chair Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) asked if any supervisor or School Board member thought anything in the statement wasn't factual.

Sully District School Board representative Tom Wilson called the move for a meals tax “premature,” and that the supervisors don't have good information on the implications of the meals tax, if passed, on restaurants, families and other businesses.

“I don't think it will have a negative impact on restaurants and staff,” responded Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville). “The

opposition, they haven't stepped forward” with proof the meals tax will be the blow they say it will.

Schultz continued her opinion, following the meeting, calling the statement “classic liberal tax-and-spend mentality.”

“Instead of being more jobs — and economic growth-oriented, we're going to make it more difficult to live in Fairfax County.

To Herrity, Schultz and others, Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon) said his response is “Show me where we're spending \$100 million wrong. I hear bits and pieces, but they're small pieces. The issue is we're talking about a much larger challenge.” Storck said he's supportive of finding other ways to fund education and reduce the burden on real estate property tax, but that the Virginia General Assembly limits the county's options by withholding income tax and constraining other taxing power. “I'm frustrated because state legislature needs to give local communities the trust they say they have in us,” Storck said, “to make the kind of local decisions frankly democracy was founded on. Give us those choices, those opportunities. I think that the referendum is a way to do that. We have to at least make an effort to see it through.”

More information on the 2016 Meals Tax Referendum is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax), including the text of the ballot question in both English and Spanish.

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# Senior Living

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Mark Harris from Alexandria comes up for air during the 50 yard breaststroke in the 50-54 age group. Harris won a gold medal in the event that was held at the Claude Moore Recreation Center in Sterling on Sept. 16.

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## Senior Living



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**Joanne Brenton from Alexandria swims her way to gold in the 55-59 age group breaststroke at the Claude Moore Recreation Center in Sterling on Sept. 16.**



**Mark Harris from Alexandria comes up for air during the 50 yard breaststroke in the 50-54 age group. Harris won a gold medal in the event at the Claude Moore Recreation Center on Sept. 16.**

# From the Beginning to the End

**982 participants signed up for 2016 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics.**

The Northern Virginia Senior Olympics (NVSO) opened Sept. 10 and ran through Sept. 21 with another record registration of 918 participants. Saturday opening day ceremonies were followed by track and rowing events at Thomas Jefferson Community Center in Arlington and diving competition at Yorktown High School Aquatic Center.

Fifty events were held at 25 different venues across Northern Virginia including horseshoes and bocce at Fairfax Senior Center-Green Acres, field events at Stone Bridge High School Stadium, swimming at Claude Moore Recreation Center, tennis mixed doubles at Wakefield District Park and Wii Bowling at Greenspring Retirement Community Center in Springfield. There were two 100+ age group entries this year, Vera Punke from Arlington and Hilda Gross from Burke entered in the duplicate bridge competition held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Arlington.

— SHIRLEY RUHE



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**ABOVE: Bob Shellhouse of Alexandria and Wayne Bell show off their medals following the 80-89 age group finals match on Sept. 14. Shellhouse won gold by defeating Bell 8-3 (8 game pro set) in the championship held at Wakefield District Park in Annandale.**



**Mark Harris sporting his gold medal for breaststroke.**

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**The Senior Olympics Spelling Bee, held at Lee Community Center on Lee Highway in Arlington, rounded out the 12 days of competition in the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics from Sept. 10-21.**



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## Senior Olympics Football Throw

**Clarence John Wells-Martin, 70, strikes a winning pose after setting a new record in the Football Throw event on Sept. 14 at Wakefield District Park in Annandale in the 70-74 age group with a distance of 115' 2". Wells-Martin beat the previous record of 104' 3" that was set in 2012.**

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## Senior Living

# Regaining Mobility

Local orthopedic surgeons offer keys for successful joint replacement surgery.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE CONNECTION

Tired of the limited mobility and pain that have thwarted her love of foreign travel and fall hiking, Lynda S. Johnson, 72, scheduled a knee replacement surgery for later this month. She chose a doctor, found a pet sitter to watch her Cairn terrier, and enlisted her sister to live with her while she recovers.

"I had been debating for months about whether to have it," she said. "I was in so much pain, though, that I don't really think I have anything to lose."

For Johnson and approximately 7 million other Americans living with a hip or knee replacement, the decision to undergo such a surgery is fueled by a quest for less pain, more mobility and an overall boost to their quality of life.

Nearly 90 percent of patients who have knee replacement surgery experience less pain and 85 percent of the replacement joints still work after 20 years, according to the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. Most patients will feel better, and feel better quickly.

Addressing overall health issues like high blood pressure, diabetes and obesity can boost the chances that a joint replacement surgery will be successful, says Dr. C. Anderson "Andy" Engh orthopedic surgeon, Anderson Orthopedic Clinic at Inova Mount Vernon. "Work on both your overall health and conditioning," he said.

Patients should be up and out of their hospital beds as soon as possible. "Patients are walking with assistance hours after their surgery. The reason patients do better when they get up and move around is that they decrease the risk of pneumonia and blood clots," said Dr. Mark P. Madden, an orthopedic surgeon with OrthoVirginia. "We start out with patients using a walker and having someone assist them in walking, and they generally progress to become fully weight bearing without any assistance at all."

Also, have a support system in place prior to surgery, whether it's a significant other, grown child or close friend. Often dubbed coach or advocate, that person might at-

tend medical appointments with a patient prior to surgery, serve as their point of contact the day of surgery and provide morale support throughout the recovery process.

"The more eyes and ears in addition to the patient's, the better," said Engh, explaining why it's so helpful to have someone with the patient at appointments and throughout the recovery. "We approach things that we have to do with set expectations, and sometimes those expectations can keep us from hearing other things. Having another person there is a good reality check and note taker."

The coach should be able to spend a significant amount of time with the patient during the early recovery period. "That person can expect to be with you 16 hours a day for two to five days after surgery," said Engh. "I don't want someone alone by themselves all day during work hours. The coach or advocate is like a safety marshal who keeps the patient safe and reminds them to take their time during their recovery."

Dr. George Aguiar, an orthopedic surgeon at Reston Hospital Center, advises patients to determine how they will get help with grocery shopping, transportation, pet care and house cleaning in advance. "Having these types of things handled before you go into surgery can only help the recovery process."

Patients should plan ahead to safety-proof. "Do everything you can do to avoid a fall within the first two to three months after your surgery," said Engh. "Have clear pathways and be aware of rugs that can catch your feet. Have good, secure handrails on stairways to help prevent falls."

Timing also plays a role in the success of joint replacement surgeries. "Some patients ask if they're too old to have surgery," said Engh. "Don't wait until you're home bound to have this surgery because the recovery will be quite long."

To decide whether joint replacement surgery is the best option, says Madden, work with a physician and weigh the effect the pain is having on one's quality of life.

"There's no right answer for every patient," said Madden. "The real answer is to work with your doctor to find the right treatment."

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