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Turkey Trot at Mount Vernon Woods Elementary

Second graders at Mount Vernon Woods Elementary ran two laps on Wednesday, Nov. 23; the girls went first followed by the boys (above). The Turkey Trot event was organized by Natalie Dorssett and Clint Waybright, the school's physical education specialists.



Girls cheer on the boys.



Second grade girls run their laps.



Fastest: Mariana Benitez Villatoro (left, 3rd place), Leaja Farmer (center, 1st place), and Jaden Kear (right, 2nd place)



Fastest: Cain Felder (left, 3rd place), Kevin Hidalgo-Portillo (center, 1st place), and Nathaniel Barrios (right, 2nd place)

‘Clawing Away For Information’

Parents of Annie McCann pursue human trafficking as possible factor in her 2008 death.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

For Mary Jane and Dan McCann, losing their 16-year-old daughter Annie was a personal catastrophe. “This unholy journey we’re on now,” Dan McCann said, is like “our own twin towers.”

Annie McCann was a junior at West Potomac High School when she was last seen by her parents, early on the morning of Halloween, Oct. 31, 2008.

Two days later, Annie was found dead in Baltimore, poisoned to death with lidocaine, a numbing medication.

Years later, the McCanns are still looking for answers.

“We just have to keep clawing away, clawing away, clawing away for information,” Mary Jane McCann said. “It’s amazing we could get out of bed and put one foot in front of the other. If it weren’t for our faith in God, we wouldn’t be here.”

Baltimore police investigated Annie’s death and offered the theory that she committed suicide by drinking the antiseptic Bactine, which she had a bottle of for cleaning pierced ears.

Annie also left a note in her room, saying, “Life is too short.” She took a lot of money, clothes, and the car she had been driving to school.

“It’s a terribly sad case. They’re obviously devastated. I want to do everything I can to help them.”

— Commonwealth’s Attorney Ray Morrogh



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“The runaway note, your jaw drops, first plane,” Dan McCann said. Then after learning of Annie’s death: “Your whole world is destroyed, OK?”

McCann’s parents describe their daughter as artistic, funny, a high-achieving student beginning to come into her own.

“She’s the funniest person I ever met,” said Dan McCann. “I didn’t expect that

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Pursuing Answers in Their Daughter's Death

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from my daughter, no."

Though they initially went along with Baltimore police, the McCanns began to believe the case was much more complex than it was being treated.

But after struggling to obtain Annie's official autopsy report and having it reviewed by forensic pathologist Dr. Michael Baden in October 2009, "It crystallized for us," Dan McCann said. "It would've been impossible for Annie to kill herself using Bactine. At that point, we were starting to think, 'It looks like she was murdered.'"

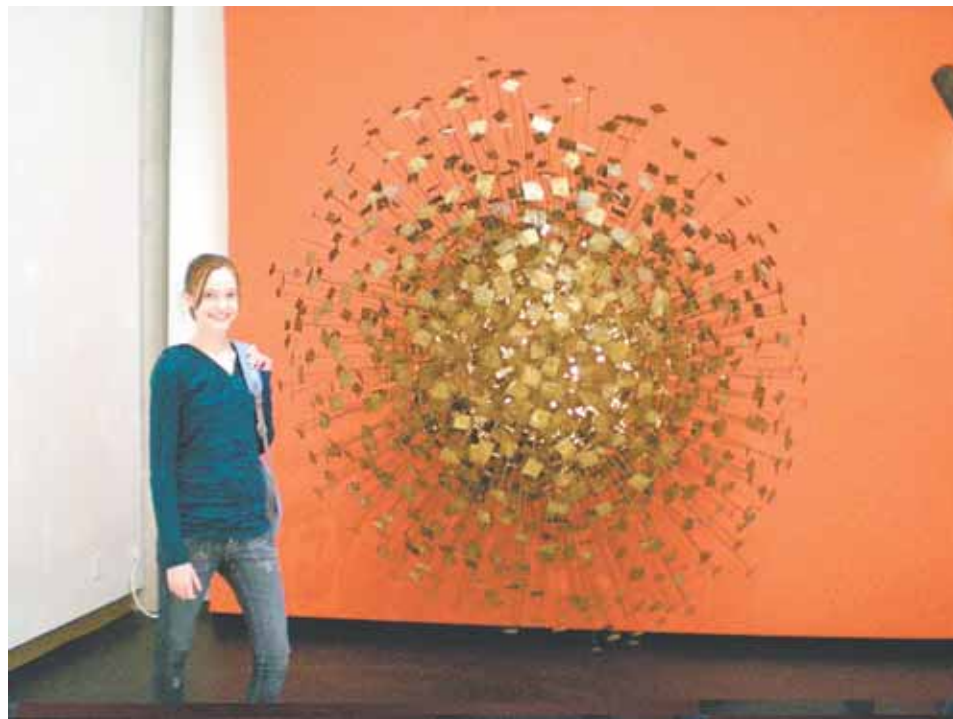
The medical report showed more than 22 bruises and abrasions to Annie McCann.

Over time, the McCanns parents came to the painful conclusion that their daughter was sodomized and brutalized before being poisoned to death with lidocaine, and the lidocaine did not come from Bactine.

This was not the finding of Baltimore police, nor the FBI, which McCanns say confirmed BPD's findings.

"They did harm, actual harm, to us, by rubber-stamping a shoddy investigation," Dan McCann said. "You can well document, Annie was seen happy, animated, unbruised, tasting, sampling cannolis in Little Italy Baltimore. Hours later, she's battered, brutalized, with poison in her stomach. I don't see how you can connect those dots in any way but homicide."

For months, the McCanns reached out to U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley (R-Iowa), head of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Grassley



For Mary Jane and Dan McCann, losing their 16-year-old daughter Annie was a personal catastrophe, a 9-11 in their home.

has previously engaged with Fairfax County in requesting information from Fairfax County Police regarding the shooting death of Springfield resident John Geer by Police Officer Adam Torres.

They made direct contact with Grassley's office in November 2015. By January, they had a meeting with senior counsel Jason Foster, they said. Then in March, Grassley

wrote to FBI director James Comey, Jr., requesting information on the case from them.

Grassley followed that up with an Oct. 11 letter: "I requested non-redacted copies of all records related to the FBI's involvement in this case, including the recommendations list and the communications strategy document ... and all records relating to communications about the McCann case

between or among FBI employees or BPD."

Grassley goes on to say he received "limited documentation" in response from the FBI, leading him to conclude "It is unclear whether the FBI even opened a criminal inquiry into this matter."

The congressman requested all non-redacted documents related to Annie's case and asked several additional questions, all of which he set an Oct. 25, 2016 deadline for.

Still searching for answers, the McCanns' lawyer recently reached out to Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh to explore the possibility of looking at the case from an angle of Annie being a victim of local human trafficking.

At a meeting with Morrogh's office at the beginning of November, the family handed over documents, theories and leads they've gathered with a private investigator.

"I agreed to look at them," Morrogh said. "It's a terribly sad case. They're obviously devastated. I want to do everything I can to help them." Morrogh said he really doesn't have any jurisdiction over any potential murder in Baltimore, but human trafficking out of Fairfax County is something he could pursue.

If that view is confirmed, the question is does he see probable cause to assert jurisdiction.

"We just don't know yet," Morrogh said. "You want to help a grieving parent in a situation like this. We'll do everything we can to find some answers."

Husband Arrested For Murder

Fairfax County Police

Major Crimes detectives have an Alexandria man in custody for fatally stabbing his wife in the 8400 block



of Diablo Court. A murder warrant was obtained for Ricardo Molina-Martinez, who is in his late 40s. The victim is Yesenia Membrano-Diaz, 35, of Alexandria.

Officers had responded to the home on Nov. 28 at 4:50 a.m. after a resident reported she heard screaming outside and then saw a woman outside on the ground.

Officers found the Membrano-Diaz; who was unresponsive, suffering from trauma to the upper body.

She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Detectives from the Major Crimes Division and from the Crime Scene Section investigated. A K9 team and the police helicopter, Fairfax 1, responded to help search for a suspect.

One Suspect Arrested for Robbery, Another Still at Large

Detectives are seeking the public's assistance in identifying and locating a suspect in connection with a robbery that occurred outside the 7-Eleven store at 8434 Frye Road, on Friday, Nov. 18, at about 6:30 a.m. A 58-year-old woman went into the store and used the ATM to withdraw cash. She left the store and as she walked toward Frye Road, a man grabbed her from behind and threw her to the ground. A second suspect grabbed the victim's wallet and both suspects fled toward the adjacent apartment complex. The victim did not require medical attention. One suspect has been identified and arrested. An 18-year-old man from Alexandria was apprehended at his home on Monday, Nov. 21, shortly before 10 p.m. He

was transported to the Adult Detention Center and charged with robbery. The second suspect was described as 18-26 years old, of unknown race, about 5 feet 8 inches tall.

He was wearing a red jacket, with a reflective vest over it, tan pants and construction style boots. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective E.L. Carpenter of the Criminal Investigation Section at the Mount Vernon District Station at 703-360-8400, or Crime Solvers electronically by visiting www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text-a-tip by texting "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES(274637) or by calling 1-866-411-TIPS(8477), or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.



Robbery suspect

Man Sentenced to 17 Years for Child Pornography

Lucas Aronson, 31, of Alexandria, was sentenced on Nov. 18 to 204 months in prison for production of child pornography, enticing minors to engage in sexually-explicit conduct online and recording the acts. Aronson was also ordered to serve a lifetime of supervised release, register as a sex offender upon release from prison, and to pay a total of \$20,000 in restitution to his victims.

Aronson pleaded guilty on Aug. 23. According to admissions made in connection with his plea, Aronson posed as a minor girl

while using video and text chat websites to chat with minor girls online. Aronson engaged in sexually explicit chats and enticed some of the minors to engage in sexually explicit activity on web camera and recorded the videos, which he maintained on a thumb drive that was found in his residence. In January 2015, Aronson was arrested after streaming a video of a toddler-aged female engaged in sexually explicit conduct with an adult male on a chat website.

Dana J. Boente, U.S. Attorney for the East-

ern District of Virginia; Leslie R. Caldwell, Assistant Attorney General of the Justice Department's Criminal Division; Colonel Edwin C. Roessler Jr., Fairfax County Chief of Police; and Clark E. Settles, Special Agent in Charge of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) Washington, made the announcement after sentencing by U.S. District Judge Anthony J. Trenga.

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New Member

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The Mount Vernon Evening Lions inducted Sue Smyth into their club, at its November dinner meeting. Her sponsor is Lion Mary Jane Holt. The Lions will be celebrating its 100th anniversary as an international organization this coming year. The Lions motto is "We Serve;" its focus includes sight, hearing and community projects. For more information, visit <http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/mountvernonelc/>.



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Troop 1906 was established in 2004 as a joint venture between Bethlehem Baptist Church, located at 7836 Fordson Road in Gum Springs and the Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Its purpose was to co-sponsor a Boy Scout troop to serve the historic Gum Springs community. Boy Scout Troop 1906 builds future leaders by combining educational activities and life-long values training via a Scouting program for young people that builds character and trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship while encouraging personal fitness and having fun.



Bryce C. Furlow completed his Eagle Scout Service project, an outdoor display bulletin board for Walt Whitman Middle School in April 2016 and was promoted to the rank of Eagle Scout after a successfully Eagle Scout Board of Review on Oct. 20. Bryce is currently the Troop Guide. He is a senior at Hayfield Secondary School. Bryce works for the City of Alexandria as a lifeguard, and plans to attend a four-year college next year.



Here are the members of Troop 1906 at their Fall Court of Honor with troop co-sponsor, Xi Alpha Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

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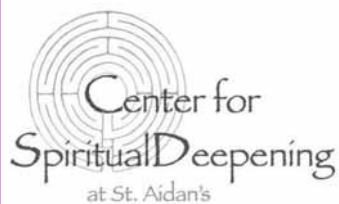
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Inova Mount Vernon Hospital has received an "A" patient safety rating for every reporting period since fall 2014.



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OPINION

Expand Early Voting Now in NOVA

BY SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE SENATOR (D-36)



The success of early voting in the 2016 Presidential Election reaffirms my conclusion from visiting 12,000 homes last year — Virginia should expand early voting.

In 2016, I personally knocked on over 12,000 doors and after July 1, using an online secure application form, I helped over 900 voters sign up to vote by mail from their home. Nearly all of them had no idea they could vote early or vote from home. The vast majority of these voters did not participate in non-presidential elections (or even some presidential elections) because of a disability, lack of transportation, long commutes or disabled family members that required 24-7 home care.

This year, early voting exploded. In 2008, a little over 99,000 Fairfax County residents voted early. That dropped to 92,000 in 2012, but exploded this year to 120,000. The same was true in Prince William County. The rea-

son? Localities opened more early voting locations and kept them open longer.

There are two major reasons people do not vote early or by mail. They do not know they are eligible or voting early in-person is not always convenient.

There is no question that the legislature should pass what's called "no excuse" early voting.

The State Senate has passed no excuse early voting twice, but the legislation is always killed in the House of Delegates and it is unlikely to pass in the near future.

In the short term, Northern Virginia's localities need to expand early voting and they can.

Nearly all voters who ride the Metro's Yellow, Blue and Orange Lines or the Virginia Railway Express are eligible to vote by mail or vote early because they work outside of the jurisdiction in which they live. Localities need to set up early voting stations at all Metro and major transit stations.

If you cross a county line — from Stafford into Prince William, Prince William into Fairfax, or Fairfax into the City of Alexandria — you can vote early by mail or in-person. If you work day takes you more than 11 hours from home,

you can vote early.

Seniors who have trouble standing in line are eligible to vote early.

So are individuals caring for disabled family members. All first responders are eligible to vote early or by mail.

Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford County governments and public schools employ thousands of people. They need to get early voting information out to their employees. Social service providers need to ensure that qualified voters receive information.

Finally, in non-presidential elections, many voters choose not to take time from work to participate in state and local elections. Our localities should better publicize early voting stations and have longer hours to increase participation.

Facilitating more early voting will require more election officers and thus more money, but shorter lines and fewer disruptions save all of us time on Election Day and encourages more participation in our democracy.

It is an honor to serve as your state senator. Email me at scott@scottsuovell.org if you have any feedback.

COMMENTARY

Facing Addiction, Tools in Fairfax County

The following information was provided by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.

The Surgeon General released the first-ever report on Facing Addiction in America on Thursday, Nov. 17. Among key findings in the comprehensive report are treatments and management of early interventions of substance use disorders, the many paths to wellness and recovery, and a vision for the future, which encompasses a broad, inclusive public health approach.

The Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board reported a 9 percent increase in the number of individuals served with a history of heroin use from FY 2014 to FY 2015.

Through the first half of 2016, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department assisted 40 patients with suspected heroin or opiate overdoses.

There were 18 deaths from heroin overdoses in Fairfax County in 2015.

Approximately 23.5 million Americans are in recovery from addiction. While addictions are common, many who become addicted are unaware of the treatment and supports that can help them recover.

In our community, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board (CSB) can help. A new, anonymous online screening tool is now available on the CSB website. For help on where to find resources, talk to someone at the CSB at 703-383-8500 or visit the Merrifield center for a screening: Walk-in hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Merrifield Center is located at 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive, Fairfax, just off Arlington Boulevard at the corner of Willow Oaks and Williams Drive.

The national opioid and heroin overdose crisis has captured the attention of residents and

leaders across the country. Addiction is a medical condition and overcoming the powerful drive to use substances is difficult; support from family, friends and colleagues can help loved ones get started on the path to recovery. In conjunction with the release of the new report, behavioral health advocates urge all to observe a national night of conversation to engage in discussions about addiction and substance use disorders with those you love.

CSB clinicians and therapists urge parents, family members and caregivers to talk children about alcohol and drug use.

Oftentimes, parents have more influence over their children's behavior, including substance use, than they think. Talking to your children about alcohol and drug use is not always easy, but it is important. Become informed, from reliable sources, about substances to which your children could be exposed, and about substance use disorders, and talk openly with your children about the risks.

Some tips to keep in mind, from the National Council for Behavioral Health and the CSB: Be a good listener; set clear expectations about alcohol and drug use, including real consequences for not following family rules; help your child deal with peer pressure; get to know your child's friends and their parents; talk to your child early and often; and show support toward people in recovery. Extend kindness to people with substance use disorders and encourage treatment. Be supportive, not judgmental, of those that have problems.

Additionally, all are encouraged and welcome to attend upcoming, free community forum with a focus on drugs, addiction and personal stories of recovery and healing. CSB personnel and resources will be on hand.

"Parents Reaching Out To Educate Communities Together (PROTECT) Against Substance

Abuse," a forum hosted by the Unified Prevention Coalition of Fairfax County will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5 at the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Gatehouse Administration Center, in the First Floor Cafe. Hear the personal stories of those with lived experience; parents, young adults, and professionals. A resource fair with community organizations will be held from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Free parking is available at the bottom of the garage. Register for the event.

More information on substance use disorders and resources is available on the CSB website (www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/publications/substance-use-disorder.htm) and the National Council for Behavioral Health (www.thenationalcouncil.org). Seek help for yourself or those you care for; you are not alone.

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NEWS



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Celebrate Peace

The Mount Vernon Evening Lions named the winners of the Lions International Peace poster contest from Mount Eagle Elementary School. First prize went to Norah R. Nijbroek. A tie for second place went to Estefani Lovo Rivera and Manavi Kumar. The theme for this year's contest was Celebrate Peace. Norah's poster will compete in the 24-A District in December. This contest is offered to sixth and seventh graders in more than 200 countries. The international winner will receive a prize of \$2,500 and a trip to the United Nations where the prize is presented.

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ONGOING

Mount Vernon Preservation Challenge. George Washington's Mount Vernon has embarked upon a special year-end fundraising campaign that will help ensure the ongoing preservation of the estate of this nation's first president. Mount Vernon does not accept government funding, instead relying upon donations from patriotic individuals and organizations. Through the Preservation Challenge, Mount Vernon hopes to raise enough money to perform critical repairs and restoration work on original structures located in the historic area. For more information, visit www.mountvernon.org/donate.

THURSDAY/DEC. 1

2016 Mary Thonen Richmond Highway Beautification Awards. 4:30-7 p.m. at the TownePlace Suites, 8632 Woodlawn Ct. Awards held in conjunction with the grand opening of the TownePlace Suites in Woodlawn. Visit www.sfdc.org.

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

School Open House. 2-4 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

Health Information and Enrollment Fair. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at South County Government Center 8350 Richmond Hwy. Get qualified assistance in finding information about Health Care coverage as well as application assistance for coverage under Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, FAMIS and/or the Governor's Access Plan. 703-704-6700

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 7

Facing the Empty Chair. 7:30-9

p.m., St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road. Carey Gauzens, LCSW, from the Center for Pastoral Counseling of Virginia will facilitate an opportunity to share feelings, thoughts, and coping strategies for dealing with grief and the holidays. 703-360-4220 or www.staidanepiscopal.com/Center-for-Spiritual-Deepening

THURSDAY/DEC. 8

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital's New ER Featured at Business Breakfast. 8-9:30 a.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Deborah Addo, President and CEO of IMVH will highlight all the new amenities at this hospital. \$25 for Chamber members and \$35 for non-Chamber. www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org or call 703-360-6925.

SATURDAY/DEC. 10

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.

WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY/DEC. 14-15

Draft Action Plans for the Chesapeake Bay, Sediment, Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB), and Bacteria Total Maximum Daily Loads. 6-8 p.m. at Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Rooms 4 & 5 on Wednesday, and Conference Rooms 2 & 3 on Thursday, 12000 Government Center Pkwy. The draft plans will be presented at two public meetings to present the County's Draft Sediment, PCB, and Bacteria TMDL Action Plans. SWPDMail@FairfaxCounty.gov or 703-324-5500

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Fairfax Water

PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER RATES AND PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET

At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2016, Fairfax Water will conduct a public hearing on its Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges and the 2017 Annual Budget. The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2017, include the following:

1. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$10,240 to \$16,020.
2. An increase in the Service Connection Charge from \$1,150 to \$1,240†.
3. An increase in the Quarterly Billing Service Charge from \$10.10 to \$12.20†.
4. An increase in the Base Commodity Charge from \$2.68 to \$2.81 per 1,000 gallons of water.
5. A decrease in the Turn-Off / Turn-On Charge from \$52 to \$44.
6. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to include the increase in the Commodity Charge.
7. An increase in the Overhead Charge for Labor from 104% to 105%.
8. A decrease in the Installation of Sewer Use Meter Charge from \$46 to \$35.

Revenues are expected to be \$171.3 million in 2017. Water sales are expected to provide \$149.2 million. Approximately \$22.1 million is expected from connection charges, investment income and other sources.

The major areas of operation and maintenance expense are:

Category	— \$1,000s —	
	2016	2017
Personal Services & Employee Benefits	\$ 53,877	\$ 55,808
Power and Utilities	10,417	10,572
Chemicals	6,342	7,566
Purchased Water	4,512	5,576
Supplies and Materials	5,173	5,248
Insurance	1,176	1,201
Fuel	567	625
Postage	632	654
Contractual Services	10,473	10,671
Professional Services	748	910
Other	2,305	2,484
Subtotal	96,222	101,315
Transfer to Improvement Fund	(9,616)	(9,305)
Total	\$ 86,606	\$ 92,010

Net revenues are expected to be appropriated as follows:

Debt Payment	\$41,129,000
Improvement Fund	\$11,000,000
General Fund	\$25,733,000

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our website at www.fairfaxwater.org/rates. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed changes should call Ms. Eva Catlin at 703-289-6017.

Interested parties may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

Fairfax Water
Public Hearing Comments
8570 Executive Park Avenue
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All written comments must be received by close of business on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, to be included in the record of the public hearing.

†Charges reflect fees associated with a standard 5/8" residential meter. Changes in charges for larger residential and commercial meters are reflected in the Proposed Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Charges.

News



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Students from Carl Sandburg Middle School and Fort Hunt Elementary School help place new signage on Woodmarsh Trail Loop.

At Woodmarsh Trail

New trail markers will catch the eye of park visitors hiking along the Woodmarsh Trail in Mason Neck Park thanks to the efforts of Mount Vernon area Boy Scout Noah Ventura, who took on the project for his Eagle Scout badge. Noah enlisted help from other Girl and Boy Scouts

from Carl Sandburg Middle School and Fort Hunt Elementary School, along with Rosalind Wu, visitor services manager of the Potomac River National Wildlife Refuge Complex. Noah spent over 300 hours in almost 10 months on the design and placement of the markers.



Rosalind Wu and Noah Ventura pose with one of the replaced trail markers for his Eagle Scout project designed to help visitors better navigate Woodmarsh Trail Loop.

CRIME REPORTS

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Police Station.

BURGLARY: 2800 block of Fairhaven Avenue, between 11:30 p.m. Nov. 26 and 3:42 a.m. Nov. 27. Investigation determined a home was burglarized and electronics were reported missing. There were no signs of forced entry.

BURGLARY: 8000 block of Richmond Highway (Mr. Kleen Car Wash and Detailing Center), Nov. 25 around 8:13 p.m. Investigation determined entry was forced through a window and cash was reported missing.

BURGLARY: 8100 block of Richmond Highway (Mount Vernon Car Wash and Detailing), Nov. 24 around 11 p.m. Investigation determined entry was forced through a window and cash was stolen from inside.

ROBBERY: North Kings Hwy./Fairhaven Ave. Nov. 23, 9:37 p.m. The victim was approached by two Hispanic men who threatened him with what is believed to be an airsoft gun, and took his baseball cap. He was not injured. The suspects were both wearing gray, hooded sweatshirts and black pants. They got in a gray Mitsubishi SUV and drove away.

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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

LTA Stages 'A Christmas Carol'

Charles Dickens' classic is a holiday tradition.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

The Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) is staging the Charles Dickens' classic, "A Christmas Carol," just in time for the holidays — from Dec. 2-17. Watch as Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserly Victorian humbug, travels with ghostly guides through Christmas past, present, and future to find the true meaning of the season. The show has a cast of 32 actors, 16 of whom are under the age of 18, some as young as age 6.

Lloyd Bittinger, who produced the show in 2012 and 2015, said "A Christmas Carol" has become an Alexandria tradition during the holidays. "There are hundreds of people who come to see the show every year, year after year. We try to put enough fun elements into the show, like music, singing, dancing, and special effects (fog, snow, lightning, etc.) to make it a warm and fun experience, in spite of Scrooge himself. We want the audience to leave the theatre feeling happy, singing a song, and loving having been there. We want this to be the start of their holiday period."

Director Michael J. Baker Jr. said LTA's team of producers, designers, actors, and volunteers have fashioned the stage in the mold of an 1843 Dickens Village. Baker, who portrayed Scrooge five times with different directors, said, "My journey as Scrooge has given me an everted view of 'A Christmas Carol' and the Dickensian terrain as a whole. I have endeavored to sculpt a portion of the tale from the actor's perspective — how Scrooge perceives the world and his audience, instead of the reverse."

In addition, he said: "Things discussed but never seen come to life in this latest LTA rendition. The chapel, the schoolhouse, Scrooge's bed chambers, Marley's under-



The cast of LTA's production of "A Christmas Carol" in rehearsal.

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world and Scrooge's own funeral procession are but a few of the new revelations. Each serves to enrich Scrooge's metamorphosis and highlight the play's overall themes of gratitude, generosity, and hope."

Co-producer Russell Wyland, who has been involved with LTA's productions of "A Christmas Carol" for about 15 years, said: "People tend to think of 'A Christmas Carol' as an easy show because LTA does it every year. But in many respects, the show actually become harder each year, as we try to make it new for the audience." In addition to co-producing, he's served as costume designer, set designer, set builder, rigger, and set decorator through the years.

Away from the theater, he is a Victorianist who studies and writes about 19th-century England. "Doing The Christmas Carol means I am always thinking about how to make it more authentic," he said.

Tony Gilbert, who plays the role of Scrooge, said: "This is an 'on the stage all the time' role so it takes sustained concentration and little chance for water. Plus, many, many of our beloved actors have 'Bah! Humbugged!' this part, and even though the actors I have seen as Scrooge have schooled me, at the end of the play, I

try to bring myself into the role. I hope to tell Dickens' timeless story and deep lessons with my castmates as best as I can."

Clare Baker plays the role of the Ghost of Christmas Past. "This year, we are trying to establish a stronger connection between Christmas Past and Scrooge's younger sister Fan. I have been working to play her as a youthful and yet wise character," she said.

As far as challenges, she said: "There have been many different portrayals of Christmas Past, so it was difficult at first to make the part my own. Additionally, it was hard to find a way to find a way to play a spirit and yet maintain the youthfulness that Fan had. I observed the young actress who plays Fan, Vika, and tried to bring some of the youth she has to my part."

Nic Barta plays the role of Dick Wilkins, a kind-hearted, cheerful guy. "He loves the Christmas season and celebrating it with a lot of people. He and Scrooge were friends in school and when they worked for Mr. Fezziwig when they were young. After Scrooge becomes obsessed with money, he and Dick drift apart and don't really talk to each other anymore," he said.

Avery Evans plays the role of Boy Dick Wilkins, Belle's Child #3, who was

Ebenezer's friend when he was a boy away at school. He said the challenge was working on his projection. "It feels funny being loud and doing a proper British accent," he said. "I am trying to imagine my Papa in the last row. He is coming all the way from New York to see the play and I know he will want to hear me."

Ashley King plays the role of Fred's wife, who she describes as: "A very loving, caring, and devoted wife who admires her husband's positive outlook on life." She said a challenge was adapting her physicality to the time period. "I tend to slouch or pop my hip out but through repetition I am now able to stand up properly," she said.

In his first role, Lucas Trueblood plays the role of Boy Cratchit, the son of Bob and the brother of Tiny Tim. "I am a fun character because in one scene I get to decorate a tree while my brother and sister set the table," he said. "Speaking in an accent and being loud enough are hard for me."

The Little Theatre of Alexandria (LTA) is staging "A Christmas Carol" from Dec. 2-17. Tickets are \$17. Show times are Wednesdays through Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. The venue is located at 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com or call the Box Office at 703-683-0496.

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

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

Fairfax-based non-profit **Britepaths** (formerly Our Daily Bread) is seeking community members to sponsor families in need who live throughout the Fairfax County area. Sponsors are matched with an individual or family with demonstrated need, and may opt to provide a Thanksgiving meal, December holiday meal, and/or gifts for children under 18. Cash donations and gift cards are welcome to assist those who are not sponsored. Britepaths is expecting to have 3,000 households on its assistance list. A great family, company or group holiday service project. Register and learn more at: britepaths.org. Contact 703-273-8829 or hpassist@britepaths.org.

THROUGH DEC. 24

West Potomac High School Athletic Boosters Christmas Tree Sale. Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and weeknights from 5-8 p.m. next to Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. 703-360-1048

THROUGH DEC. 9

Toys for Tots. At Sheehy Honda, 2434 Richmond Highway. Collecting new, unwrapped toys as part of the company's annual Sheehy Cares Toy Collection to benefit the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program.

THROUGH JAN. 6

Mount Vernon Holiday Tours. 9

a.m.-4 p.m. at 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Tour the Mansion, watch historic chocolate-making demonstrations, and meet Aladdin the Camel. Join daily "Camel Talks" and learn more about the rare animals at George Washington's home during the holiday season. Hear from costumed friends and family of the Washingtons tell stories of Christmas traditions of the past. Mount Vernon is open every day of the year, including Christmas Day and New Year's Day. 703-799-5203 or www.mountvernon.org. Adults \$17, ages 6-11, \$9, ages 5 and under free.

Holiday Ornament Making. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at 3200 Mount Vernon Hwy. On select weekends, make a Mount Vernon holiday wooden ornament. For children ages 5-10, accompanied by an adult. Included in admission. Supplies limited. Adults \$17, ages 6-11, \$9, ages 5 and under free.

THURSDAY/DEC. 1

Antique Holiday Open House. 5-7 p.m. at 8101 Richmond Highway. Array of antiques, vintage items, hand-crafted jewelry, artwork (old and new), furniture, decorative handmade crafts, as well as hard-to-find items. 202-256-5332

FRIDAY/DEC. 2

First Friday: "Season of Celebrations". 6 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Event is grounded in the music of the Middle East, primarily Arabic and Turkish music, but also includes styles such as Balkan, Armenian, Romani, Andalusian, North African and Sephardic music. \$5 residents; \$10 nonresidents. At door: \$10 residents; \$15 nonresidents. 703-746-5565 or www.alexandriava.gov/Arts.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 2-4

Del Ray Artisans' Holiday Market. 6-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Handmade fine arts and crafts from local artists. Different artists each weekend. DelRayArtisans.org/event/holiday-market-2016

Art League Holiday Ceramics Sale. Friday noon-9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m. at the The Art League's Madison Annex, 305 Madison St. Featuring hundreds of ceramic pieces created 40 students and associates of The Art League. Pieces range from functional to sculptural in purpose, and from classical to whimsical in style. www.theartleague.org/content/holiday_ceramics_sale

North Ridge Community Tree Sale at Trinity United Methodist Church, at Cameron Mills Road and Allison

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Street. Friday noon-8 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday noon-5 p.m. NorthRidgeCitizens@comcast.net

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/DEC. 2-3

46th Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Weekend. a full lineup of festivities that celebrate the Scottish heritage of Old Town Alexandria including Scottish Christmas Walk Parade, Heather and Greens Sales, Taste of Scotland, Holiday Home Tours and Deck the Halls with Santa. For parade application and ticket sale information, go here: www.campnagcenter.org/scottishwalkweekend

"A Christmas Carol." Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m., and 7 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Mount Vernon High School Theater Presents "A Christmas Carol." \$7 for students, \$8 for seniors, military, and MVHS staff, and \$10 general admission. www.mvhs.theatrearts.com

SATURDAY/DEC. 3

Carlyle House open house. noon-4 p.m. at the Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St. The museum will be open and docents will be available to answer questions about the house and the collection while guests tour at their own pace. Free. 703-549-2997

Mount Vernon High School Holiday Market. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. Shop indoors from over 30 vendors. Free admission. ptsaholidayfest@gmail.com.

Artistic Artifacts Annual Open House. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 4750 Eisenhower Ave. New and vintage fiber art and mixed media supplies.



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Annual Scottish Christmas Walk Parade

The 46th annual Scottish Christmas Walk Parade on Saturday, Dec. 3 will marching units filled with the magnificent tartans of Scottish Clans, the stirring sound of Scottish bagpipes and drums, Scottish dancers, reenactment groups, Scottie dogs, dignitaries, classic cars, Santa Claus, and much more. The parade begins at St. Asaph and Wolfe Streets and concludes at Market Square with a massed band concert. The parade will take place rain or shine.

There will be product demonstrations, make & take activities, as well as fiber and mixed media art for sale by 15 local artists at the Holiday Market. 703-823-0202 www.artisticartifacts.com

American Arabesque: A Celebration of Culture. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at 1605 Cameron St. Shop for holiday gifts made by Arab American artists and artisans from Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, and Yemen. Foty Fusion, the Huda Asfour Quartet, and Rami Adly are among the local Arab American professional musicians performing at the

inaugural festival—with a debut performance by the new Arab Jazz Collective. \$5, under 5 free. www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac or tinyurl.com/zcckew

SUNDAY/DEC. 4

Gardeners Holiday Open House. 12-4 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. A holiday-themed garden featuring holiday decorations and seasonal displays, live music, holiday breads and ornaments for sale, plus free refreshments. Free admission.

Sponsored by Friends of Green Spring. For children, a holiday puppet show by Bob Brown Puppets at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. \$4/person for puppet show, advance registration recommended. For more information, call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring.

Gardeners Holiday Puppet Show. 1-2 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Register in advance for this festive, holiday puppet show by a professional troupe. Registered children must be accompanied by a

registered adult. \$4/person. Register online for the 1 p.m. show at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 2904894301 or register for the 3 p.m. show using code 2904894302. You may also call 703-642-5173. Sponsored by the Friends of Green Spring.

Holiday Market. 1-5 p.m. at the Charles Houston Center, 901 Wythe St. Sponsored by the Friends of the Alexandria Commission for Women to raise money to support programs critical to women in the city, such as those dealing with domestic violence and sexual assault. It showcases the work of creative women artists and artisans, including jewelry, pottery, glasswork, prints, notecards, hats, scarves, purses and other accessories. Free. FriendsOfAlexWomen.com

TUESDAY/DEC. 6

Excursion to Lewis Ginter:

GardenFest of Lights in Richmond. 2-10:45 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. The GardenFest of Lights features botanic displays and more than a half million lights arranged in botanical themes throughout the gardens, including an orchid and model train display. \$112 per person includes motor coach, driver tip, entrance fee, garden tour and semi-private buffet dinner. Trip cancellation deadline is Nov. 21. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 2904914101 or call 703-642-5173.

WEDNESDAY/DEC. 7

Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society's A Christmas Carol. 8-

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HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT

3 Holiday Paths for December Meals

By HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

With Thanksgiving in the rearview mirror and Christmas approaching within a month, it's easy to lose track of where your next meal will come from. Here are three local eateries that stand at the ready to help — either for dining-in or taking-out.

Junction Bakery and Bistro, 1508 Mount Vernon Ave.

Heading to work early for a meeting, or getting started on holiday shopping first thing on a Saturday? Look no further than Junction to get a leg up on the day.

For a hearty meal to carry you through the events of the day, give the country breakfast sandwich a try. Eggs and sausage nestle among the flaky, crumbly top and bottom of a cheddar-and-chive biscuit, and by your final bite, you'll be mentally tallying up the ingredients to suss out how to re-create such a feast at home. In the mood for a lighter bite? The California toast brings opulence to sourdough. A plate's worth of bread topped with avocado, snap peas, hazelnut, and mushrooms, to call this meal "toast" is an understatement indeed.

The Pita House, 719 King St.

Admittedly, The Pita House in Old Town is open for both lunch and dinner. But it's safe to say that there's nothing better than stopping in for a bite to eat around noon-time and warming up with a cup of soup or a hot sandwich — or a whole platter, if you've skipped breakfast.

The eatery's spinach melt is the ultimate in wintertime comfort food. Spinach and tomatoes topped with feta and mozzarella cheese, all nestled into a pita and heated to gooey bliss, this sandwich is sure to hit the spot. Or consider the beef shawarma, marinated beef topped with lettuce, tomatoes, onions, and tahini sauce and served in a pita as well. Warm up with a cup of Turkish coffee to complete the meal and you'll be ready for the events of the afternoon.

Thanida Thai, 835 N. Royal St.

Swing by Thanida Thai in North Old Town for a bite in or a takeout box and you'll be satisfied either way. The little eatery that has been in place since the summer has made a big footprint in a short amount of time, and you really can't go wrong when perusing the menu.

The pad thai is a top seller, and for good reason: No matter which protein you add in (chicken, beef, pork, or tofu), the nutty,

creamy flavor carries through the dish and is good through the final bite. Or for a vegetarian choice, the veggies chu chee — sautéed Thai eggplant, mushroom, and assorted vegetables in a coconut milk-curry paste — will add plenty of spice to your evening.

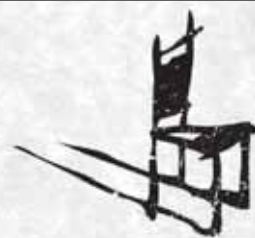
Hope Nelson owns and operates the Kitchen Recessionista blog, located at www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.



Thanida Thai's veggies chu chee will add plenty of spice to your daily life.



Del Ray's Junction Bakery and Bistro has plenty to offer for breakfast or lunch.



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'Fully Committed' at MetroStage

BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN
PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
METROSTAGE

Now that the holidays have officially begun it is time to think of holiday entertainment. And now that I have convinced everyone that a holiday tradition at MetroStage must include "A Broadway Christmas Carol" (having played for six years on our stage), we have decided to offer something entirely different this season. Equally as fabulous and entertaining, it does not include our three intrepid actors singing their way through Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." But it does include one iconic actor playing

40 characters.

"Fully Committed" by Becky Mode features the amazingly talented and versatile Tom Story, one of Washington's finest actors, playing 40 different eccentric, insanely demanding characters, as he juggles their reservation requests at a very much in demand restaurant in Manhattan. It is perfect for our intimate theatre setting, and it even turns out to have an unexpected Christmas theme.

Written and first produced almost 20 years ago, "Fully Committed" was recently revived on Broadway starring a well-known actor from the popular television series "Modern Family." As we like to say, Broadway may have Jesse Tyler Ferguson but Washington (and Alexandria) have Tom Story, an acclaimed actor who is often seen on the stage at Studio Theatre and the Shakespeare Theatre, and most recently in the revival of "Angels in America Parts 1 and 2," a co-production of Olney Theatre Center and Round House Theatre. He has received a total of six

Helen Hayes nominations and always creates lasting and memorable characters on the stage. Next up is "Blood Knot" at Mosaic Theatre.

So when the opportunity to bring Tom Story to MetroStage, with director Alan Paul from the Shakespeare Theatre, both of whom I had been trying to get across the river for some time, I leapt at the chance. A window had opened, we jumped through it, contacted the playwright, waited for the revised script (still in draft form), and the rest is history.

MetroStage is very pleased to be presenting the first regional production of the revised, updated script since the very popular Broadway production closed in July. In September it was even chosen as one of the Top 10 Picks on DC Stages This Season (along with productions at Arena Stage, the Kennedy Center, Ford's, Folger, and Signature). To quote Peter Marks in the Washington Post, "This is about as good as casting gets: Tom Story as the frenetic reservations-taker (and everyone else, including the snooty chef) in a Manhattan restaurant so hot its patrons would sell their souls for a corner table. The one-man play ... gives the versatile, hardworking Story the opportunity to cross "tour de force" off his bucket list."

And as MetroStage says, "a great choice before, during or after the holidays." We look forward to seeing you at the theatre, and happy holidays from everyone at MetroStage.

See www.metrostage.org/.



Tom Story portrays 40 characters in "Fully Committed."

HOLIDAY CALENDAR

9:15 p.m. at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Reception at 7 p.m. Appetizers and sweets, beverages including a champagne punch, free photo opportunities with Father Christmas.
www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us/ or at 703-549-6242

THURSDAY/DEC. 8

The Dan Band. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Holiday Show www.Birchmere.com

FRIDAY/DEC. 9

The Honky Tonk Holiday Show. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Bill Kirchen & Too Much Fun and special guest Commander Cody
www.Birchmere.com

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 9-11

Del Ray Artisans' Holiday Market. 6-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Handmade fine arts and crafts from local artists. Different artists each weekend. DelRayArtisans.org/event/holiday-market-2016

SATURDAY/DEC. 10

Natural Holiday Ornaments

Workshop. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Class by horticulturist and Green Spring decorating veteran Nancy Olney and her team of volunteers will share crafting skills. \$38/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 2904831101 or call 703-642-5173. For ages 16-Adult.

Winter Solstice Workshop. 1-2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how people in the past celebrated the winter solstice and create an evergreen centerpiece, complete with beeswax candle. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult. \$10/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes using code 29048315001 or call 703-642-5173. For ages 5-Adult.

Holiday Choral Concert. 3 p.m. at Washington Lee High School, 1301 N. Stafford St. The Encore Chorales of Langston Brown, Alexandria, Potomac Arts Academy and Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads invite the community to a free Holiday Choral Concert. For more information, visit encorecreativity.org, call 301-261-5747 or email info@encorecreativity.org.

Civil War Christmas in Camp. noon-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum and

Historic Site, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Learn how Christmas was observed during the Civil War. \$2 suggested donation per person; \$5 per family. 703-746-4848 or www.alexandriava.gov/fortward

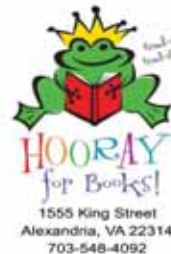
Historic Alexandria Candlelight Tours. 4-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Travel through centuries of local history as you learn more about Alexandria during the holiday season at Carlyle House, Gadsby's Tavern Museum and the Lee-Fendall House. \$25 adults; \$20 seniors (65 years and older) and active military; \$5 children (ages 6-17). 703-746-4242 shop.alexandriava.gov

Friendship Firehouse Ornament Decorating Workshop. 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. Decorate and take home ornaments inspired by firefighting. For children ages 4-10, and their caregivers. No registration required. 703-746-4994 or www.alexandriava.gov/friendshipfirehouse

Kwanzaa How-To Workshop. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. This interactive workshop will present information about Kwanzaa and how to do it. 703-746-4356

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/DEC. 10-11

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This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,330,000-\$629,000 range.

For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewsPapers.com

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7620 LEITH PL	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$724,900	Detached	0.56	22307	MASON HILL
4905 GODFREY AVE	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$680,000	Detached	0.50	22309	WOODLAWN MANOR
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6932 VANDERBILT DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Detached	0.17	22307	BUCKNELL MANOR
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3321 WESSYNTON WAY	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Detached	0.35	22309	WESSYNTON
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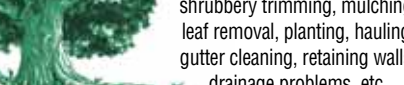
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Obituary



Frederick Ulysses Jones's soul was reunited with his maker as well as his earthly father and mother Weldon and Carlene née Robinson Jones upon passing peacefully at age 82 on Nov. 24th.

Fred was born in Texarkana, Texas on Feb. 13th, 1934. At an early age, Fred joined his grandmother in New Haven, Conn. where he spent his youth.

Fred enlisted in the United States Army in 1952 and was assigned to one of its first integrated artillery/tank battalions in the Korean conflict. Fred was involved in a number of military operations over his 22-year career in the Army, serving his country proudly during multiple overseas tours. Fred received numerous decorations for his service, including the Bronze Star medal, distinguishing himself in military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam.

Upon retirement from the Army, Fred pursued careers related to his college studies, first as Chief of Security and Investigations for the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. and later as a Senior District Court Commissioner for the State of Maryland, before retiring in 1990.

After succeeding in three careers, Fred applied his energy to advance a number of service, veterans and charitable endeavors, including the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and various Native American organizations. Fred especially enjoyed his monthly volunteer work for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, a manifestation of his constant efforts to ensure that no soldiers are forgotten or left behind.

Fred leaves his wife of 25 years, Annette (Witkin) Jones; stepdaughters Marilyn Witkin of Reston and Maxanne Witkin and her husband Peter Facas of Falls Church; stepson Ira Witkin of Boca Raton, Fla.; grandchildren Norman Facas of Alexandria, Nash Witkin of San Francisco, Calif., Sam Facas of New York, N.Y., Kira Witkin of New York, N.Y. and Elexis Witkin of Flower Mound, Texas.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 3rd at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home in Alexandria. Memorial gifts in Fred's memory can be made to either the Vietnam Veterans of America, PO Box 1748, Silver Spring, Maryland 20915, ATTN: Bill Highland, or St. Labre Indian School, Ashland, Montana 59004.

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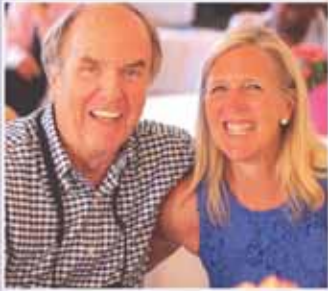
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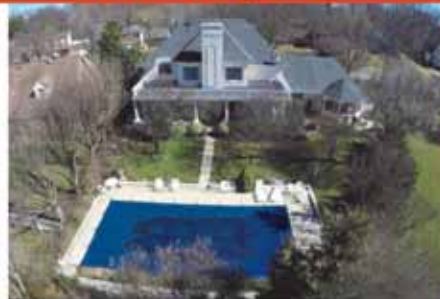
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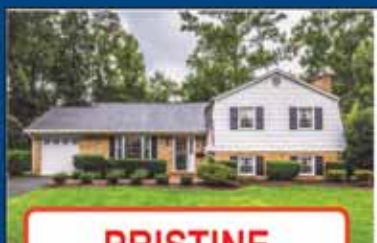
Wakefield Home's popular Custis, Radford and Stockton models at exceptionally attractive prices! These models typically sell for well over \$1,000,000. Numerous fabulous features include: large room sizes, open floor plan, high ceilings, chef's kitchen, custom trim detail and two car garage. Pre-construction allows for maximum customization! Limited time offer-free finished basement rec-room.



**9433 Forest Haven Dr.
\$745,000
New Orleans
Style Appeal!**

NEW PRICE!

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



**9314 Craig Ave.
\$635,000
Pristine Condition!**

PRISTINE

Truly exquisite property! Spacious 5 Bedroom home on gorgeous, fenced level lot in premier location. Numerous features include: Bright open floor plan, Hardwood floors, gas cooking/heat/hot water, thermal windows, and garage. Large deck overlooks spacious grounds. Property is in pristine "move in" condition!



**4220 Scotland Rd.
\$598,500
Unusual Opportunity**

Spacious 3 level Five Bedroom Colonial at remarkably reasonable price!

Features include: Large room sizes, Hardwood Floors, Five Bedrooms, Including Master Suite with private bath and sitting room. Prime location on large corner lot in the heart of Mt. Vernon. A ton of potential!



**8400 Riverside Rd.
\$795,000
Stunning renovation!**

Only 7 days on market!

Spacious 3 level Colonial with 4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths & 2 car garage. Totally renovated with truly amazing results! Virtually all major components are brand new. Includes: Roof, siding, windows, flooring, chef's kitchen, luxurious baths, trim detail, & interior decorating. Large deck & private level lot. Walk to Stratford E.S. & Sandburg M.S. If you've been dreaming of a new home in Ft. Hunt without the \$1,000,000 price tag, this is it!



**3808 Washington
Woods Dr.
Absolute Perfection**

SOLD

Best of both worlds. Stately colonial exterior combined with stunning bright open floor plan. Enhanced by over \$400,000 in recent expansion and upgrades including: Kitchen, 3.5 Baths, HVAC system and cedar shake roof. Other features include: Three beautifully finished levels, 4 fireplaces, and three car garage. Custom "Trex" deck overlooks magnificently landscaped 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!



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