

Small Voter Turnout Heralds Big Changes

McKay's 'Experience Counts' tagline resonates, as does the call for criminal justice reform in the Commonwealth's Attorney race.

BY ANDREA WORKER
THE GAZETTE

In an election night that will deliver major change to Fairfax County, voter turnout was just 10.2 percent of the county's more than 700,000 active registered voters.

It was not a general election, nor was it an election during a Presidential election year — events that generally bring the largest number of voters to the polling booths — but a higher turnout was expected given the unprecedented number of seats up for grabs on the Board of Supervisors, including the chairman's position. Some of these races hadn't experienced a primary in decades.

IN THE UNOFFICIAL RESULTS posted by the Virginia Department of Elections, Jeff McKay, the current Lee District representative on the Board of Supervisors, beat out his three opponents — Ryan McElveen, At-Large Fairfax County Public Schools Board member, Georgetown law professor Alicia Plerhoples, and developer Timothy Chapman, for the chairman's spot, taking 42.48 percent of the vote. Plerhoples was his closest rival with 31.34 percent and was the obvious favorite in several precincts, particularly in the Reston,



Celebrating the victory, from left: Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay. Connolly was chairman before he was elected to Congress.

Herndon and Vienna areas, with Chapman a distant fourth at 9.80 percent, despite outspending the McKay by more than \$350,000. Both Plerhoples nor McElveen campaigned with far less money.

The Virginia Public Access Project (vpap.org) reports \$87,327 spent by McElveen; \$147,791 spent by Plerhoples; \$503,169 by McKay; and \$853,399 by Chapman.

McKay promoted his 11 years of experience on the board — and the relationships he has built over those years — during his primary campaign. Previous experience did not win the day for all of the candidates, but seemed to weigh in his favor with the Fairfax County electorate.

McKay will face Republican Joseph Galdo in the general election on Nov. 5, but supporters at his election Watch Party at Kilroy's Sports Bar and Restaurant in Springfield — including U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) and current Chair Sharon Bulova — were more than ready to declare McKay the chair-elect.

"Things aren't perfect," acknowledged McKay supporter Henry Dent of Springfield at the McKay Watch Party, but the retired federal contractor said McKay won his vote because he has seen "progress in the right direction on

the real issues ... like affordable housing and pay raises for teachers and first responders and working on the traffic problems." Like McKay, Dent doesn't think that now is the time to "take a chance on people without any experience."

McKay's progression toward the chairmanship of the board leaves his current Lee District seat vacant. Four Democratic hopefuls contended: Planning Commissioner James Migliaccio; attorney Kelly Hebron; lawyer and nonprofit Melwood chief of staff Larysa Kautz all fell to Rodney Lusk, the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority national marketing director. Lusk won with 46.21 percent of the votes. With no Republican or Independent candi-

dates having filed for the seat, the primary win will send Lusk directly to the board in the new year.

James Walkinshaw, the former chief of staff to Connolly, won his race for the Braddock District Supervisor to replace Supervisor John Cook, who announced that he would not be seeking re-election. Walkinshaw defeated Irma Corado 67.22 percent to 32.78 percent, but unlike Lusk, Walkinshaw will be back on the campaign trail in just a few weeks as he will face two opponents in November — Republican Jason Remer and Independent Carey Campbell who is running for the position for the fifth time.

"I will take a few minutes to catch my breath and say 'hello' to my wife again, then it's back at it," said Walkinshaw at the Kilroy's event where he celebrated his victory along with McKay. "I can't take anything for granted. I have to get out there and keep listening and offering my message."

The impending retirement of long-time Supervisor Catherine Hudgins brought out five candidates seeking to replace her in representing the residents of the Hunter Mill District, a contest which featured some unusual elements.

Walter Alcorn, who has served on the Fairfax County Planning Commission for 16 years, took first place in that race, with 47.17 percent of the votes. Reston resident, long-time activist and child advocate attorney Laurie Dodd was the runner up with 24.94 percent. Shyamali Hauth, Maggie Parker and Parker Messick ran third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

THE HUNTER MILL RACE made election headlines on a number of occasions. For starters, there was the wide disparity in cam

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All in the Family

Greeting voters at the Hollin Hall Community Center Polling Place, Roberta McKay volunteers for her son, Jeff McKay, who won the Democratic primary for chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, June 11.

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Moving Forward

Mount Vernon High School awards diplomas to 434 students.

Mount Vernon High School held its 79th commencement on June 7 at the Michael M. Skinner Field House. Dr. Anthony Terrell, principal, awarded diplomas to 434 graduates who were cheered on by family and friends.



From left: D'Marco Mobley, McKayla Mozina, and Adam Garmiani before the graduation ceremony.



Alyssa Mirai Clements (on right) enters the field house with other graduates.



Maame Esi Abbam is the first student from the Class of 2019 to receive a diploma.



Asif Sheikh with his family. He will attend NOVA in fall.

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Ruth Hailemeskel, Senior Class president, delivers the Message to Seniors.



Ellen Doffour waits to be called on stage to receive her diploma.



Mary Beth Tinker, an advocate for students' rights, gives the commencement address.



Teacher of the Year Robert Kerr receives his award.



Getting the actual diploma brings a smile on the stage.



Coming off the stage, waves to friends and family in the audience are one of the last official moves of the graduates.

West Potomac Wolverines Look to the Future

Graduation ceremony speakers highlight opportunity.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

The future is what's ahead for the graduates of West Potomac High School, and it was suggested more than once that they take advantage of opportunities, deal with setbacks and go for the brass ring in life.

These suggestions and more rang through the Eagle Bank Arena on the afternoon of June 6, and the 535 members of the graduating class threw their mortarboards in the

air and headed out as high school graduates.

Some are headed to college, others to the military or jobs, remembering their former life at West Potomac with smiles.

"We are not the same people that entered West Potomac four years ago," said Jacqueline Amacker, the senior class president. "We've got this, congratulations Class of 2019," she said.

Class speakers James Schroeder and Manuela Danso-Fordjour reiterated that feeling. "Explore what the world has to offer," said Schroeder. "You made it, not

everyone does, but you did," added Danso-Fordjour.

The stage was full of school dignitaries, and a few elected officials such as Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon), state Sen. Scott Surrovel (D-36), and Del. Paul Krizek (D-44). The teacher of the year award went to history teacher Robert Kerr for his work addressing intolerance, and the student of the year went to Mary Ellen Bell.

"Right now in this moment, I'm the proudest principal in Fairfax County," said Principal Tanganyika Millard. "Once a wol-

verine, always a wolverine. Be strong and never give up."

The band rolled into the graduation favorite "Pomp and Circumstance," diplomas were handed out, the caps became airborne, and people gathered in the parking lot.

Mack Brown's son Savveon Pena went into the Reserve Officers Training Corp as a student, and it helped him out. "Very good education, my son, he's come a long way," Brown said.

Sofia Parkins was there to see her sister Isabel who specialized in architecture through the academy. "Helps them dive more into it," Sofia Parkins said of the academy classes.

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The mortarboard hats catch some air at the end.



A graduation song was performed for Aden Saleem, bringing smiles for everyone.

VIEWPOINTS

What are you doing after graduation? Asked after the West Potomac High School graduation ceremony.



Anferni Figaro, “Go to the military and then college”



Ally Castillo “Go to college and major in nursing”



Savannah Mason, “In the fall I’m going to James Madison University to study Justice Studies, but now I’m going to beach week”



Noel Alvarenga, “Moving to North Carolina, work in the city”



Stella Pallasch, “Study art and psychology at Mary Washington”

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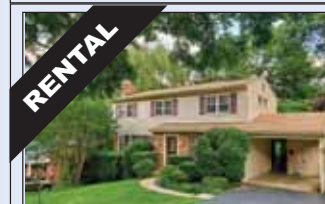


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Affordable Housing Projects Partially Funded in Mount Vernon

Residences at North Hill and The Arden move forward.

BY MIKE SALMON
THE GAZETTE

Years ago, there was a trailer park, a Shakey's Pizza and the Brooks Motor Lodge along Richmond Highway across from Lockheed Boulevard. One by one, those businesses closed and the 22-acre trailer park area sat vacant for several years. Now it's the planned site of the Residences at North Hill, a mixed-use development that will receive partial funding from an \$11 million in Affordable and Special Needs Housing loan allocation from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

North Hill is one of three Fairfax County projects that will receive funding and one of two projects in the Mount Vernon District. Plans for the 279-unit project are described by the county as a "mixed income affordable and market rate housing community comprised of multi-family rental apartments and for-sale townhouses." The other project is The Arden which will be closer to the Huntington Metro Station. Additional county funds, and funding from several other sources, will create more than 400 housing units for workforce, senior and low-income resi-



The overgrown area across from Lockheed Boulevard is being eyed for the North Hill development.

dents at these two sites, the Mount Vernon District office said.

"Affordable housing is and must continue to be a top county priority. As the Richmond Highway Corridor develops, Embark comes to fruition and Amazon HQ2 arrives, we know we need to continue creating and preserving affordable housing for all. If you live or work in our community, you should have the opportunity to continue to live here," said Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon).

According to information released by Gov. Ralph Northam (D), the North Hill prop-

erty will receive two portions of the funding totaling \$2,300,000 and the Arden Building will receive \$700,000. Other projects in Northern Virginia that are receiving money from this funding source is the new Lake Anne House in Reston and the American Legion Uniting to Serve project in Arlington. Both of those projects will receive \$700,000 each.

The \$11 million is from Federal Funding, Virginia Housing Trust Fund, and Permanent Supportive Housing sources. All the Fairfax County projects were allocated out of the Virginia Housing Trust Fund portion.

Affordable and Special Needs Housing (ASNH) loans are awarded through a competitive process, the Governor's office said. The Virginia Housing Trust Fund is a key source of financing for these affordable housing initiatives to support moderate- and low-income families. The governor and the General Assembly doubled the Virginia Housing Trust Fund in this recently completed budget cycle, providing an additional \$5.5 million and bolstering the state's commitment to increase affordable housing for low- and very-low-income persons.

"My administration is working hard to find innovative ways to reduce homelessness, expand access to quality affordable housing, and address evictions in Virginia," said Northam in a release. "The Affordable Special Needs Housing program provides Virginia the necessary resources to transform our housing stock and help create vibrant, thriving communities for all Virginians, in every part of the Commonwealth."

The Embark Housing Advisory Group looked into affordable housing units in the Mount Vernon District in December 2018 and found that there were approximately 3,958 housing units in the Mount Vernon District that are affordable to households earning up to 60 percent of the area median income.

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon Police Department.

BODY IDENTIFIED – Detectives are continuing to investigate a homicide that resulted in the discovery of a body in North Hill Park on May 23. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner has identified the victim as a juvenile and confirmed the cause of death is homicide. Due to a 2017 state law that prohibits Virginia law enforcement agencies from directly or indirectly identifying deceased juvenile victims of a crime, the police are prohibited from providing any identifying information unless parental consent is provided. Parental consent has not been obtained in this case and no additional information pertaining to the victim will be provided.

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8500 block of Carlos Court, 2016 Honda motorcycle

JUNE 10 LARCENIES

2700 block of Arlington Drive, wheel from vehicle
4400 block of Brevard Court, cash and glasses from vehicle
1900 block of Elkin Street, beer from business
7300 block of Fairchild Drive, bicycle from residence
2300 block of Huntington Avenue, beer from business
2500 block of Parkers Lane, property from residence
8300 block of Pondsides Terrace, tools from vehicle
6700 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from location
7700 block of Richmond Highway, tools from business
7800 block of Richmond Highway, beer from business
7200 block of Saul Road, cash from

residence
8600 block of Richmond Highway, beer from business
8700 block of Village Square, wallet from vehicle
6300 block of Virginia Hills Avenue, wallet from residence

JUNE 7 LARCENIES
9400 block of Ferry Landing Court, wallet from vehicle
5100 block of Old Mill Road, wallet from location
6000 block of Richmond Highway, tool from vehicle

JUNE 6 LARCENIES
2900 block of Arlington Drive, cigarettes from business

9400 block of Ferry Landing Court, wallet from location
2500 block of Parkers Lane, property from residence

JUNE 5 LARCENIES
4700 block of Hanrahan Place, tires from vehicle
2300 block of Huntington Avenue, charger from location
7800 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from location
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6900 block of South Kings Highway, cigarettes from business
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OPINION

The Future Is in Good Hands

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

Last week, I had the honor and pleasure to attend both Mount Vernon and West Potomac High Schools' graduation ceremonies. What moving experiences! I can say this unequivocally: the future is in good hands if those graduates have anything to say about it. And, you know that they will! What terrific young people we have in our community! The students were very excited to be graduating and yet maintained a respectful decorum and wonderful professional demeanor. It was the parents and grandparents that yelled the loudest, cheering most robustly as their children received their honors and diplomas. The ceremonies included music by the talented school bands and choirs and both professional guest speakers and equally inspirational student speeches. The newly minted West Potomac and Mount Vernon high school graduates will be attending well over 100 different institutions of higher learning come this Fall. Many others are joining the military, serving our nation proudly. The pride on the faces of faculty and teachers alike during the ceremonies was unmistakable, and they deserve our thanks for successfully educating and guiding our children.

The words from Rod Stewart's song "Forever Young" came to mind: "And when you finally fly away we hoped we served you well. But whatever road you choose, we're right behind you win or lose."

These graduates, including my daughter and niece from West Potomac High School, are ready to take hold of their futures. Yet, in four years, many of them may have large student loans to pay that will make it difficult to pursue their family and career dreams. That is why this year I am proud to say that during the 2019 General Assembly session, the Appropriations Committee on which I sit approved funding in the budget to provide for the first public college tuition freeze in nearly two decades.

The General Assembly then allocated over \$57.5 million in the state budget to public colleges who promise to hold tuition steady. The tuition freeze will go into effect for the 2019-2020 school year for in-state undergraduate students at all



Mount Vernon High School Graduation.



West Potomac High School Graduation.

15 public colleges in Virginia: Christopher Newport University, College of William and Mary, George Mason University, James Madison University, Longwood University, Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, The University of Virginia's College at Wise, University of Mary Washington, University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), and Virginia State University.

Furthermore, of the 15 schools, six of them will freeze tuition for out-of-state students. These



Del. Paul Krizek on jumbotron at WPHS graduation.

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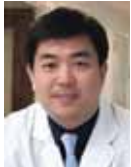
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OPINION



Mikalah and Lesley.



Leslie and family.



Newest Storck delivery:
Dan and Deb Storck welcome grandson Samuel Steven Storck born May 6 to Ben and Katie Storck, Lincoln, Neb.

Reflecting on Importance of Family

BY DAN STORCK
MOUNT VERNON DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

Each year for the past 15 years, I have attended 5-10 graduation ceremonies. Sure, some of these are for friends and families, but most are as a representative of our community in recognition of this important rite of passage. Graduations serve as a powerful connection between generations, symbolically passing the torch to the next and inspiring both young and old, alike. One speaker I heard this

year reminded me that our paths in life are seldom a straight line and it is those zigzags in life that sometimes help us stop and think, re-focus our goals and renew our determination to reach our full potential!

As I celebrate my first Father's Day as a new grandfather I think of the circle of life, the varied experiences of our family and of the many life stories yet to come. I had forgotten the intensity of feelings, concern, and very frequent, joyful sharing that a first born creates in new parents' lives. It has been a wonderful reminder of my own early moments as a new parent. We all know parents are a critical part of child-

hood development and growth. It does not matter whether those parents are biological, foster or adoptive. Did you know there is a constant need for more foster parents in the county? Have you ever considered becoming a foster parent?

When children enter foster care, their worlds are often turned upside-down through no fault of their own. To lessen the trauma, it's especially important to keep siblings together, and to find foster homes that are close to their friends, schools, and activities so they can maintain as much normalcy as possible.

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In Performance

On June 2, before a packed auditorium at West Potomac High School, more than 300 young dancers from Tiny Dancers' Alexandria Studio entertained the audience of family and friends with two performances of "Beauty & the Beast." From "Be Our Guest" to "Great Balls of Fire" to "Something Then," the dancers performed custom choreographed numbers from the musical classic. Tiny Dancers, located in Old Town, offers a specialized program of ballet, tap and hip-hop for children ages 2-12. The company also has studios in Fairfax City and Mosaic. For more information, visit www.tinydancers.com or call the Alexandria studio at 703-739-0900

Metropolitan School of the Arts Raises \$163,379

"Champion of Young Performers Award" presented to Burtons Grill & Bar.

Metropolitan School of the Arts (MSA) Academy of Alexandria hosted its annual fundraising campaign celebration raising \$163,379, doubling the amount raised in 2018. The campaign concludes at the end of the school year. The monies will fund MSA operating costs and tuition support.

This year, the academy awarded its first "Champion of Young Performers Award" to Burtons Grill & Bar of Alexandria for its financial and volunteer support to MSA. Burtons has been a top-level annual sponsor of MSA the past three years and has donated a catered lunch for our Academy celebration, valued at \$10,000 the past two years. They also support MSA's pre-show receptions, Starving Artist Card, prepare discounted lunches to the academy, and offer allergy-friendly healthy meals during tech weeks of MSA's major performances.

"We are grateful to have such a committed partner with Burtons who shares values of promoting healthy living to families and generosity to our community," said Melissa Dobbs, founder and executive director of Metropolitan School of the Arts of Alexandria. "We are overwhelmed with the gracious giving of our community to help us surpass our 2019 fundraising goals," said Dobbs.

MSA's other annual sponsors include Footlights Dance & Theatre Boutique, The Anderson Company, Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota, Mosaic Express Printing, Arbonne, Fidelis Property Group, Jones Group International, Offit Kurman Attorneys and Burke & Herbert Bank. Financial grantors include the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation and Kohl's.

The MSA Academy was also a recipient of its first matching challenge gift of \$50,000 from an



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MSA student, Elisha Wise (center) with MSA students at annual MSA showcase.

anonymous supporter, which helped drive this year's success.

The Academy at Metropolitan School of the Arts is a college preparatory performing arts program for emerging young artists, grades 7 to 12. For more information, go to www.metropolitanarts.org.

"Champion of Young Performers Award" was given to Burtons Grill & Bar of Alexandria for its outstanding financial and volunteer support to MSA: Heidi Seiffert, MSA marketing director; Doug Berryhill, general manager of Burtons Grill and Bar; Scott Perry, culinary director of Burtons Grill and Bar; and Melissa Dobbs, MSA founder and executive director.



Basic Training Graduate

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Nicholas J. Patterson graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Patterson is the son of Deborah and Michael T. Patterson of Alexandria.

He is a 2012 graduate of West Potomac High School, Alexandria. He earned an associate degree in 2015 from Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale.





Congratulates the Class of 2019!



Back Row L-R: Robert Goeas, James Bransford, Vincent R. Nicholson, Jr., Doug Altree, Robby Culbertson, Alban Erdle, Sarah Friedrichs, Olivia Krivacek, Sevyn Walton, Brooks Whitmer

Second Row L-R: Christian Torborg, Sara Munson, Allison Bruehs, Evelyn Tucker, Alexandra Feeley, Sarah Wood, Lauren Oehler, Alexandra Smethurst, Owen Katz, Griffin Loveng

Front Row L-R: Amber Dunton, Olivia Purefoy, Peyton Zarate, Eddie Jones, JD Buscher, Timothy Larson, Sarah King, Sophia Carr

Members of the Class of 2019 have been offered admission to and/or will be attending the following high schools:

Bishop Ireton High School, Bishop O'Connell High School, DeMatha Catholic High School, Edmund Burke School, Episcopal High School, The Field School, Flint Hill School, Georgetown Preparatory School, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, Gonzaga College High School, The Heights School, The Madeira School, Maret School, The Potomac School, Robinson Secondary School, St. George's School, St. John's College High School, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, T.C. Williams High School, West Potomac High School

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Small Voter Turnout Heralds Big Changes

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paign dollars spent. Winner Alcorn shows a total of \$75,926 in campaign dollars expended, while fourth place Maggie Parker spent \$246,368, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

Bulova and others raised First Amendment concerns when Parker displayed large signs at the Wiehle-Reston Metro station while her opponents were barred from campaigning there. Parker works for Comstock Companies developers, the company that built the station with Fairfax County in a public-private partnership. The question of access remains to be resolved.

The Hunter Mill contest also included the youngest candidate in any of the Board of Supervisors races in Parker Messick who is just a few years beyond his college graduation.

PROVIDENCE was another district that saw five Democrats on the Primary ballot to replace Supervisor Linda Smyth who, like Hudgins and Bulova, announced that she will retire at the end of the year. In the unofficial results, FCPS School Board member Dalia Palchik's 39.79 percent of the votes tops Planning Commissioner Phil Niedzielski-Eichner's 23.40 percent; court officer Erika Yalowitz's 13.97 percent; former Vienna Town Council member Edythe Kelleher's 12.73 percent; and consultant Linh Hoang's 10.12 percent for the seat.

Next up, Palchik will face Republican Paul Bolon in November.

Dranesville Supervisor John Foust and Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck appear to be unopposed in November. In the Springfield District, Republican Pat Herry will face Democrat Linda Sperling; in the Sully District, current Supervisor Kathy Smith will see Republican Srilekha Pallo on the ballot; and Democrat Penny Gross will be challenged by Republican Gary Aiken.

PERHAPS THE BIGGEST SURPRISE to some was the defeat of longtime Commonwealth's Attorney Ray Morrogh.

Challenger Steve Descano, a former federal prosecutor pressed a progressive agenda for criminal justice reform, winning with 51.04 percent of the vote.

Morrogh has served for 35 years and has held the top prosecutorial spot in Fairfax County and Fairfax City since 2007, prosecuting a number of high-profile cases.

Descano is a West Point graduate who spent 6 years as a federal prosecutor in the Obama Administration, first as a Special Assistant to the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and then as a trial attorney in the Criminal Tax Division and the Consumer Protection Branch. He served on the inaugural Fairfax County civilian panel providing oversight to the Fairfax County Police.

The two men met at public forums several times during the campaign. Morrogh often described his opponent as "unqualified."

Descano said Morrogh lacked a vision of where reforms — particularly to combat systemic racism and bias — need to occur.

Former Gov. Terry McAuliffe endorsed Descano, as well as the reform minded challenger in Arlington, Parisa Dehghani-Tafti, who defeated incumbent Theo Stamos there because the two incumbents signed on to a Republican effort to block restoration of voting rights of former felons who had completed their sentences. Both Descano and Dehghani-Tafti received large donations from the same Political Action Committee, giving them a financial advantage.

With no other declared candidates to be faced in November, Descano will be the new Commonwealth's Attorney.

The number of races and candidates and the contentious nature of some of the campaigning for Board of Supervisor positions and for Commonwealth's Attorney may have stolen the election limelight there were also primaries for several members of the General Assembly. Incumbent Barbara Favola handily defeated Nicole Merlene to retain her position as the nominee for Virginia State Senator for the 31st District.

Jennifer Boysko did the same with her

challenger M. Sharafat Hussain for Senate District 33.

Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35), the Senate minority leader, had a tougher time of it. In the first challenge he has faced in decades, Saslaw held off human rights lawyer Yasmine Taeb by only 362 votes. Taeb is the first Muslim woman to be elected to the Democratic National Committee. A third

candidate, Karen Elena Torrent, received 697 votes.

At the victory party, Saslaw admitted that things got a "little closer than I thought it was going to be."

In the Democratic primary races for the Virginia House of Delegates, the incumbents Kaye Kory (D-38) and Alfonso Lopez (D-49) triumphed over their opponents.

Election Results, Democratic Primary

Commonwealth's Attorney

(FAIRFAX CITY-FAIRFAX COUNTY)

Steve T. Descano	35,247 votes	51.04%
Raymond F. Morrogh	33,813 votes	48.96%

Chairman-Board of Supervisors

Jeffrey C. McKay	29,691 votes	42.48%
Alicia E. Plerhoples	21,905 votes	31.34%
Ryan L. McElveen	11,458 votes	16.39%
Timothy M. Chapman	6,848 votes	9.80%

Member Board of Supervisors

(BRADDOCK DISTRICT)

James R. Walkinshaw	6,410 votes	67.22%
Irma M. Corado	3,126 votes	32.78%

Member Board of Supervisors

(HUNTER MILL DISTRICT)

Walter L. Alcorn	5,385 votes	47.17%
Laurie T. Dodd	2,847 votes	24.94%
Shyamali Roy Hauth	1,746 votes	15.29%
Maggie D. Parker	1,010 votes	8.85%
Parker K. Messick	429 votes	3.76%

Member Board of Supervisors

(LEE DISTRICT)

Rodney L. Lusk	3,173 votes	46.21%
Kelly M. P. Hebron	1,424 votes	20.74%
James T. Migliaccio	1,227 votes	17.87%
Larysa M. Kautz	1,042 votes	15.18%

Member Board of Supervisors

(PROVIDENCE DISTRICT)

Dalia A. Palchik	3,634 votes	39.79%
Phil A. Niedzielski-Eichner	2,137 votes	23.40%
Erika Milena Yalowitz	1,276 votes	13.97%
Edythe Frankel Kelleher	1,163 votes	12.73%
Linh D. Hoang	924 votes	10.12%

Member Senate of Virginia (031)

Barbara A. Favola	3,227 votes	72.02%
Nicole K. Merlene	1,254 votes	27.98%

Member Senate of Virginia (033)

Jennifer B. Boysko	1,828 votes	86.39%
M. Sharafat Hussain	288 votes	13.61%

Member Senate of Virginia (035)

Richard L. "Dick" Saslaw	5,605 votes	48.55%
Yasmine P. Taeb	5,243 votes	45.41%
Karen Elena Torrent	697 votes	6.04%

Member House of Delegates (038)

L. Kaye Kory	3,493 votes	63.23%
Andres F. Jimenez	2,031 votes	36.77%

Member House of Delegates (049)

Alfonso H. Lopez	995 votes	77.98%
Julius D. "JD" Spain Sr.	281 votes	22.02%



Descano



McKay



Walkinshaw



Lusk



Saslaw

Changing of the Guard:
Lee District Supervisor
Jeff McKay will face a
Republican and an
Independent in the
November general elec-
tion for the rights to top
elected spot in Fairfax
County. He won the
Democratic primary in a
four-way race to succeed
Sharon Bulova.



Source: Virginia Department of Elections



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- ◆ Three National Merit finalists and 10 commended scholars.
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- ◆ Part of the winning alliance that won the Inspire Award (grand champion) at the Virginia robotics qualifier; won the Collins Aerospace Innovative Design Award at the Virginia State Championship; advanced to 2019 FIRST Tech Challenge World Championship in Detroit.
- ◆ Received a Cappies nomination for "Peter and the Starcatcher;" performed in all drama and musical productions, Evening of the Arts, Multicultural Night, and the Pit Orchestra; and wrote and directed the plays for the 2019 One-Act Play Festival.
- ◆ Performed in the Virginia District X Music Festivals and participated in the Choral Evensong at the Washington National Cathedral.
- ◆ Volunteered thousands of hours with local community organizations; built life-changing relationships with children in Romania, Haiti, and Nepal; founded non-profit organizations; developed innovative social enterprises; prepared and served food to our hungry neighbors, organized numerous supply drives, donated blood; and received Alexandria Rotary Club's Jefferson Cup for Community Service.
- ◆ Won four Gold Keys, five Silver Keys, and four Honorable Mentions in the regional Scholastic Art & Writing Awards; 1st place at the Best of the Independent Schools Art Competition; Best Painting and Best Sculpture at the All-City Alexandria Art Exhibition; and three Honorable Mentions at the Congressional Artistic Discovery Competition.
- ◆ Twenty-four student-athletes to play collegiate athletics next year, representing eight sports.
- ◆ Won individual championships in track and field. Led field hockey to an ISL regular season championship and girls soccer and lacrosse to an ISL tournament championship. Led boys basketball and tennis to IAC championships. Participated in league finals or state tournaments in boys basketball, soccer, tennis, wrestling, and lacrosse; girls soccer, field hockey, tennis, softball, and lacrosse; and coed cross country, swimming and diving, and track and field. Won VISAA state championships in boys basketball and lacrosse and girls lacrosse.

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ATTENDED BY THE CLASS OF 2019

American University ◆ Auburn University ◆ Boston College ◆ Boston University (2) ◆ Butler University ◆ Carleton College ◆ Carnegie Mellon University ◆ Christopher Newport University ◆ Clemson University ◆ Coastal Carolina University ◆ Colgate University ◆ College of Charleston ◆ College of William & Mary (6) ◆ Colorado College ◆ Colorado State University ◆ Creighton University ◆ Davidson College ◆ Denison University ◆ Dickinson College ◆ Fordham University ◆ Furman University (3) ◆ George Washington University ◆ Georgetown University ◆ Georgia Tech ◆ Hampden-Sydney College ◆ High Point University ◆ Kenyon College ◆ Lafayette College ◆ Miami University (Ohio) ◆ Middlebury College ◆ Mississippi State University ◆ New York University ◆ North Carolina State University ◆ Northwestern University ◆ Notre Dame University ◆ Oberlin College ◆ Pennsylvania State University (2) ◆ Princeton University ◆ Purdue University ◆ Randolph-Macon College (2) ◆ Rhodes College ◆ Salisbury University (MD) ◆ Savannah College of Art and Design ◆ St. Andrew's University (Scotland) ◆ Syracuse University (3) ◆ Texas Christian University (3) ◆ Towson University ◆ Tufts University ◆ United States Air Force Academy Prep School ◆ United States Naval Academy ◆ University of Alabama (3) ◆ University of California, Santa Barbara ◆ University of Delaware ◆ University of Denver ◆ University of Georgia ◆ University of Maryland, Baltimore County (3) ◆ University of Maryland at College Park (2) ◆ University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ◆ University of North Carolina at Wilmington ◆ University of Pennsylvania (2) ◆ University of South Carolina (4) ◆ University of Virginia (7) ◆ University of Wisconsin, Madison ◆ Villanova University ◆ Virginia Commonwealth University ◆ Virginia Tech (8) ◆ Washington & Lee University (2) ◆ Williams College ◆ Yale University



Girl Scouts from left: Ella Schmutz, Gabby Copt, Alese Cowardin, Mary Frances Wallmeyer, Hallie Crawford, Nicole Zajac, Izzy Dominski, Michaela Englefield, Victoria Santacroce, Elizabeth McMahon, Audrey Ruhlen, Antonia Goulet, Maria Mate, Larkin Duffy, Emilie Lytle, Kate Daly, and Grace Gibbons. Sunrise residents from left: Sue, Micheline, Barbara, Ann, and Janet.



Girl Scouts sitting in front from left: Maria Mate and Emilie Lytle. Girl Scouts in back from left: Michaela Englefield, Izzy Dominski, Mary Frances Wallmeyer, Kate Daly, Larkin Duffy, Victoria Santacroce, Antonia Goulet, Nicole Zajac, Gabby Copt, Audrey Ruhlen, Grace Gibbons, Elizabeth McMahon, Hallie Crawford, Ella Schmutz, and Alese Cowardin.

Committed to Service Girl Scouts visit, entertain and present raised planter box to Sunrise residents.

Girl Scout Troop 1508 from the Basilica School of Saint Mary visited the Mount Vernon Sunrise Senior Living community in Alexandria on Friday, June 7.

The group of 7th grade Girl Scout Cadettes were there to present a raised planter box that they had assembled. Decorated and painted, the eight-foot box will allow for gardening residents to put their green thumbs to work.

The girls also set up and presented the Sunrise residents with

a Fairy Garden, seeds, and a butterfly garden. They used their Girl Scout cookie money towards this project.

Since September 2018, Troop 1508 has visited the center at least once a month to converse, sing, act, create crafts, play board games, and even play Bingo with the Sunrise residents. The Cadettes plan to continue visiting with the Sunrise residents throughout the summer, onto their 8th grade year and beyond. Their hope is to inspire other youth groups to do similar rewarding projects in their communities.



Girl Scouts danced and sang for the Sunrise residents. Girl Scouts, from left, are: Mary Frances Wallmeyer, Izzy Dominski, Kate Daly, Elizabeth McMahon, Larkin Duffy, Victoria Santacroce, Maria Mate, Emilie Lytle, Alese Cowardin, Ella Schmutz, and Grace Gibbons.

Coast Guard Marks 80th Anniversary Of its Volunteer Auxiliary

Those who enjoy boating and appreciate the navigational aids and other resources that make America's waters safe can give much of the credit to the U.S. Coast Guard and to its unpaid, volunteer Auxiliary, whose 80th anniversary is this month.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary was established by Congress on June 23, 1939 to help address an increase in boating accidents as the United States emerged from the Great Depression and more Americans could afford boats.

During WW II Auxiliarists were authorized to serve as temporary Coast Guard reservists. Like the Auxiliarist on lookout in the black and white photo (inset in photo at right), they helped se-

cure America's waters. Today, the Auxiliary's 26,000 volunteers provide nearly four million hours of service annually in all 50 States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa and Guam, offering Boating Safety classes, free Vessel Safety Checks and Safety Patrols.

Modern day Auxiliarists do not have law enforcement or military responsibilities, but do provide radio watch standers at Coast Guard stations and assist with search and rescue when called upon by the Coast Guard. Like their active duty and reserve Coast Guard counterparts, auxiliarists are "Semper Paratus" (always ready) — and always looking for volunteers. Contact Flotilla 25-08's Vice Flotilla Commander Ted Caliga at johnbielli@gmail.com, to learn how to join.



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Coast Guard Auxiliary marks 80 years. Auxiliarists John Sawyer (left) and Jim Bach from Flotilla 25-08 (Mount Vernon) on safety patrol with inset photo of auxiliarist in WW II.

Family

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Currently, there are more than 200 kids in foster care in Fairfax County. The Department of Family Services' Foster Care and Adoption program offers temporary foster homes for these children and services to help their families. Right now, the greatest need is for foster families willing and able to take in sibling groups, unaccompanied minors, teens and medically fragile children. There is also a need for families who speak Spanish.

Stories abound from the foster families in our community:

"Finding my forever family has made such a big impact in my life!

We enjoy being together, supporting each other, and making lots of new memories. I strongly encourage anyone considering fostering or adopting to do it — you can make all the difference in the life of a kid like me." — Mikalah

"As a first-time single parent, I was nervous about raising a teenager, but everything fell into place the minute I met her, and it's been an exceptional experience ever since!" — Lesley

"I have learned that adoption is not for the faint of heart. Some days I am aggravated. Some days I am exasperated. Some days I am heartbroken. Some days I ask,

'what have I gotten myself into?' But every day I know that this is among the greatest things I have ever done. In some situations you are literally saving a child's life. But in every situation you are offering a child the opportunity to see all the possibilities this world has to offer." — Leslie

These video stories are also powerful testimony to the successes of

foster care: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/children-youth/foster-care-adoption/videos>

So as you ponder parenting this Father's Day weekend and if you have room in your life for more, I hope you will consider the important role you could play in a young person's life as a foster parent. To learn more about becoming a fos-

ter parent and the resources available, come to a monthly information meeting or call 703-324-7639 or TTY 703-222-9452. More information can be found here: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/children-youth/foster-care-adoption>.

As always, it is my honor and privilege to serve as your Mount Vernon District supervisor.

In Good Hands

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schools are Christopher Newport University, George Mason University, Norfolk State University, Virginia Military Institute, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Radford University.

We all are aware that student loan debt puts a tremendous strain on college students, recent graduates, and their families, as tuition costs have risen steadily over the years. In fact, as of 2018, 62 percent of students in Virginia gradu-

ate with debt. On average, this debt reaches almost \$30,000 per student. College tuition costs have been on the rise for decades, but the Great Recession spurred this trend on when state support dropped by 15 percent. By 2010, Virginia began to rely more on tuition dollars than state coffers to fund higher education. This tuition freeze is an important step in the right direction towards restoring higher education funding in the Commonwealth.

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Application Deadline: Fire Academy. The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is now accepting applications for its Girls Fire and Rescue Academy summer camp, which will take place July 11-13, 2019. The Academy is open to female students who will be in grades 7-12 in the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. Participants must be a Fairfax County resident. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fire-ems.

SATURDAY/JUNE 15

Boating Safety Classes. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Washington Farm United Methodist Church, 3921 Old Mill Road. Prepare for boating season by taking one of the Boating Safety classes offered by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 25-08. Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia have varying requirements for boaters before they may legally operate certain motorized vessels on their respective waterways. Register with Jeff Burt at jdburt@verizon.net or 703-307-6482.

TUESDAY/JUNE 18

Community Input Welcome. 6:30 p.m. The Potential Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District (HOD) Working Group (appointed by Supervisor Dan Stork) meets

monthly at the Administrative Offices of Supervisor Stork at 2511 Parker's Lane in Alexandria. The purpose of the working group is to explore the feasibility of establishing a potential HOD and to facilitate communication between the entire community and the county. The working group welcomes input. Contact co-chairs Barbara Ward (barlward1@cox.net) or V. Lee Cutler (velmalee_13@msn.com) with questions, comments or to observe an upcoming meeting. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/hollin-hills-hod for more.

TUESDAY/JULY 9

Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group. 7-8 p.m. Fairfax County's Family Caregiver Telephone Support Group meets by phone on Tuesday, February 13, 7-8 p.m. This month's topic is After Hospitalization: What's Next? Call 703-324-5484, TTY 711 to register.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 17

Fairfax Commission on Aging Meets. 1-3 p.m. at McLean Governmental Center, Rooms A & B, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean. The public is welcome to attend and join in the comment period that begins each session. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/familyservices/older-adults/fairfax-area-commission-on-aging. Call 703-324-5403, TTY 711 for meeting access needs.

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Designer Annie Elliott designed this room adding an abstract painting by artist Karen Silve.

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Versatility of Abstract Art

Ideas for decorating with this adaptable art form.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

From adding a burst of boldly colored angular shapes to a sterile, white wall to using spheres in muted tones to create serenity in a bedroom, abstract art has the ability to set the tone or change the mood of a space. In spite of its versatility, melding it tastefully into a home's décor can be daunting. Local designers share their strategies for aesthetically appealing placement of this adaptable art form.

Abstract art can become the center of attention in a space, notes Pamela Harvey of Pamela Harvey Interiors of Herndon, Va. "One of my favorite ways to transform the look of a room is to add an over-sized piece of abstract art to create a dramatic focal point," she said. "My go-to frame is a simple floater frame to give the art a clean finished look."

Abstract art works well in pairs allowing the use of smaller scale pieces, advises Amanda Mertins of Patina Polished Living in Alexandria.

"Don't be afraid to hang abstract art in gallery style. Be mindful to use like frames and materials," she said. "The use of complementary colors to your space is a safe way to incorporate abstract art into your décor without allowing it to grab all the attention."

One of Mertins' favorite uses of abstract art is pairing it with what she describes as its decorative opposite: traditional décor. "Beautiful wood furniture, silver, crystal lighting and porcelain accessories are perfect as a backdrop for bold prints and abstract paintings," she said. "Mirrors are wonderful to use as abstract décor, but always pay attention to what will be reflected in the mirror."

Abstract art work is a versatile accessory and works well in modern as well as traditional room settings, suggests Harvey. "When choosing a piece I look for something that has some of the room's existing colors in it with an opportunity to introduce new colors into the space."

Harvey implemented this technique in the recent

re-design of a client's living room. "We added a piece that had blue and white, but introduced a bold pink to create a dramatic focal point on the back wall."

Abstract art shouldn't be limited to neutral spaces, says Annie Elliott of Bossy Color, Interior Design by Annie Elliott. "If your walls are white and your furniture is gray, the effect will be pretty, but cold and museum-like, not homey," she said. "You should complement a painting's colors [and] the room should feel harmonious. If you put a red sofa under a red and blue painting, the effect may [appear similar too] a hotel lobby."

From a practical standpoint, Anne Walker of Anne Walker Design believes in mixing media to avoid creating a space that has an overly uniform aesthetic. "Oil paintings, both abstract and traditional, framed photography, sculpture, textiles, antique botanicals, framed mirrors, antique porcelain china – all of these art forms can co-exist happily in a single home," she said.

Versatility is one of the traits of abstract art that Mertins appreciates. "This style of art can be very bold and take charge of a room or be soft and fade into the background," she said. "If your room needs a focal point, then abstract art is the way to go."

"The use of black and white art will make a bold statement without adding color to a space," continued Mertins. "Monolithic art produces a solid look, splatter art is happy and upbeat while graceful line drawings impart a feeling romance and intrigue. Photographic art can be personal, bold and sometimes more affordable than painted pieces."

Works of art that one purchases spontaneously, such as during travels, is often both more meaningful and more likely to enhance a home's décor, says Walker. "When art is purchased for the entire home all at once, the result can often feel contrived," she said.

"Surround yourself with art, furnishings and objects that make you feel joyful, and consult a design professional if you need help editing or arranging your collection," continued Walker. "I've often helped clients sort through their existing art collections and place them in just the right spot," she said. "Moving a piece of art from the wrong location to the right location can not only transform a room, it can transform the work of art itself."

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Mount Vernon's Be Washington Experience Wins Design Award

Mount Vernon's interactive theater, Be Washington: It's Your Turn to Lead, has received a merit award from the Society for Experiential Graphic Design (SEGD). This award honors design work that connects people to place by providing direction, content, and compelling experiences in public spaces. The Be Washington on-site experience is included with admission, and is also available for free online.

"Mount Vernon and the Be Washington team are honored by this SEG D Merit award," said Rob Shenk, senior vice president for Visitor Engagement at George Washington's Mount Vernon. "Our goal was to transport our players back into the world that George Washington inhabited.

Not only has great care and attention been paid to the Be Washington user interface, but also to all the physical and digital design elements that make you feel like you are in the presidential mansion in Philadelphia, the rough fields outside Pittsburgh, or the battlefields along the Delaware

River."

Be Washington invites visitors to step into Washington's shoes and experience first-hand four historical scenarios that Washington faced as both general and president, deepening their understanding of Washington's leadership and the challenges he faced. The interactive theater, which opened in February 2018, features a 25-foot, 6K LED wall and 18 touchscreen desks that enable guests to interact with the films.

The SEG D jury noted "Live-action reenactments are an under-rated and under-utilized interpretive tool in history museums, yet they are difficult to pull off tastefully — and without violating visitors' suspension of disbelief. This project puts well-produced reenactments within an interpretive, gamified framework, challenging visitors to engage with historic characters that are immediate and real, and also engage with each other through a communal, multiplayer experience."

George Washington's Mount Vernon partnered with Cortina Productions, the lead interactive producer, theater designer



Society for Experiential Graphic Design jury members congratulate Alisa Katz (second from left) from Cortina Productions and Rob Shenk (center) from George Washington's Mount Vernon.

Gallagher and Associates, and Solomon Group, which helped design the AV systems and in fabricating the space. Funding for the project was provided by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, the

Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, and The Hearst Foundations.

Be Washington also received the 2019 Thea Award of Outstanding Achievement in the museum experience, limited budget category

from the Themed Entertainment Association, as well as top honors at the Southern Museum Conference Technology Competition in the media production category in 2018.



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ENTERTAINMENT

The Sting of Shakespeare's Intent

Metropolitan Homeschool Productions is optimistic about relationships in "The Taming of the Shrew."

BY ELENA MARIE AUCLAIR

If I be waspish, best beware my sting!" warns Katherina in "The Taming of the Shrew." The sting of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew" is that it is a madcap examination of marriage, gender, and the social climate of the Elizabethan period. Sparking controversy because of the plot that, on face value, puts forward submission under abuse, Metropolitan Homeschool Productions (MHP) will bring the zany humor of this Shakespeare classic to life later this month at the Metropolitan School of the Arts' Black Box Theatre in Alexandria with a production directed by Barbara Schwartz.

Set in Padua, "The Taming of the Shrew" relays how eager suitors — including the scholarly Lucentio — pursue the father's, Baptista, lovely daughter, Bianca. Informed that Bianca's ill-tempered sister Katherina (Annie Farias) must marry first, a negotiation for Katherina's marriage with the "gentle" man Petruchio (Lewis Bliss) is made, and so the craziness begins.

"The Taming of the Shrew" is one of Shakespeare's earlier comedies in the style



Annie Farias (as Katherina) and Lewis Bliss (as Petruchio) rehearse a scene from "The Taming of the Shrew" with director, Barbara Schwartz.

of Commedia dell'Arte, which was an Italian theater form that relied on parodied characters and situations. For example, the vecchi were old selfish men like Baptista, and the innamorati were young lovers like Bianca and Lucentio who must overcome the vecchi. However, what makes this play unique is that the two leads, Katherina and Petruchio, don't fit these stock parodied forms — they're characters with complex motivations.

Schwartz believes that especially this play

of Shakespeare's should be taught and directed within its historical context. Bad-tempered women had to face punishments like carting — a public shaming by being carried through the streets in a cart wearing a metal bit. "Looking at it through an Elizabethan lens," said Schwartz, "Might help us understand that, while treatment toward women in their society was not at all favorable (and things haven't improved much in some parts of the world), we should give Shakespeare a little credit for trying to cor-

rect some of the sins of his time."

"The Taming of the Shrew's" main plotline is how Katherina and Petruchio find each other equals. Instead of trying to update the play, Schwartz would rather that the students "walk away from a period piece with a better understanding of that culture."

With that being said, MHP will perform "The Taming of the Shrew" as the Commedia dell'Arte play it is — as Schwartz put it, "a tongue-in-cheek, slapstick poke on marriage and societal norms ... all wrapped up in Shakespeare's never-wavering theme that true love ... should reign supreme." Instead of being cynical about the Katherina's controversial ending speech, in which she says, "Thy husband is thy lord, thy life, thy keeper, thy head, thy sovereign," (Act V, Scene II) Schwartz chooses to be optimistic.

"The script suggests," Schwartz said, "that as the final curtain falls, Petruchio and Kate are in harmony with each other. The lesson learned is that a balanced partnership in marriage is preferable to one that manipulates or dominates."

"I hope that our audiences will be less quick to judge the play if they understand that there is a logical transformation in Kate and Petruchio's relationship," said Schwartz. "Ultimately, I want ... our audiences to see this play as a fun parody of marriage and family relationships, and what, according to Shakespeare, constitutes good ones over rocky one."

MHP's "The Taming of the Shrew" takes place June 20-23 in the Black Box Theatre, 5775 Barclay Dr., Suite 4, Alexandria. Tickets are available at <https://metropolitanarts.org/tickets>. Email questions to homeschool@metropolitanarts.org.

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CALENDAR

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday. Photos/artwork encouraged.

ONGOING

Band Members Needed. Join the Mount Vernon Community Band, a group of players who enjoy playing many styles of band music in a relaxed atmosphere. Rehearsals are Tuesdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Mount Vernon High School Band Room, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road. No auditions. All instruments needed. Contact Eric Leighty directly 703-768-4172 or visit www.mvbands.com/join-us/

Photography Exhibit: "Tonal Visions." Through June 15, gallery hours at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. Featuring work by Alan Sislen. The highly graphic, black and white architectural images in this exhibit explore the range and beauty of tones that might or might not have existed, but were visible in the mind of the photographer. Whether it's the darkest tones that convey a sense of mystery, the brightest tones that attract attention, or the mid-tones that provide the connecting tissue, it is this range of tonalities that shapes the lines, curves, volumes and objects to give the structures life, beauty and meaning. This exhibit is an

exploration of tonalities. Visit www.MultipleExposuresGallery.com or call 703-683-2205.

Riding the Rainbow. Through June 30, gallery hours at Scope Gallery at 105 North Union St., ground floor Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Blinding color and vivid mixes are in the glaring spotlight for the "Taste the Rainbow" tribute to LGBTQ Pride Month at the Torpedo Art Center's Scope Gallery. Hues are huge as Ceramic Guild artists play with clay with an eye for celebratory color. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit www.scopegallery.org.

Art Exhibit: Landscape X3. Through June 30, gallery hours at Gallery 311 at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., Studio 311. In a new exhibit at the Torpedo Factory, painters Ellen Delaney and Gale Waller and photographer Jo Ann Tooley take on the traditional subject of landscapes. Delaney's paintings consist of larger-than-life abstracts while Waller's work emphasizes a majestic topography with defined shapes and edges. Tooley's black & white photographs strip nature of its color. Visit torpedofactory.org/partners/gallery-311/.

Art Exhibit: "Art in Meditation – the Chakras." Through June 30, gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Art in Meditation – the Chakras" features area artists interpreting the chakra energies. The exhibit, juried

by contemporary artist Jeff Erickson, will have an associated Art-To-Go marketplace and Well Ray June 22. Summer solstice reception Friday, June 21, 7-9 pm. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits.

Art Exhibit: Notes of Color. Through July 21, gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The Washington Sculpture Group presents Notes of Color. Visit nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

4Living Legends of Alexandria: African American Activists. Through July, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Living Legends of Alexandria: African American Activists highlights the work of African American men and women who have made important contributions to the growth and productivity of the City of Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 for more.

Creative Summer Programs. Through Aug. 31 at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans' Creative Summer Programs is a series of workshops exploring the arts. Learn techniques in photography (macro and SmartPhone), painting, sculpture, mixed media, jewelry-making, sketching, and more; and discover how to use art for affirmation, communication, and intention. Details and registration at DelRayArtisans.org/programs/

creative-summer/.

Mount Vernon Farmers Market. Wednesdays (through Dec. 18), 8 a.m.-noon at Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market opened May 1 with an array of farm-fresh produce and local foods, plus some new features (fresh brewed coffee!). 17 local farmers and producers will sell fresh, locally grown vegetables and fruits; meats; Chesapeake Bay seafood; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; milk, cheese and eggs; herbs and plants; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets.

THURSDAY-SATURDAY/JUNE 13-15

RENT: School Edition. 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. RENT is set in New York City's gritty East Village, and this revolutionary rock musical is an imaginative retelling of the classic Puccini opera, La Boheme. \$12. Visit westpotomactheatre.org or call 703-718-2500.

FRIDAY/JUNE 14

Alexandria After Work: the Toccata Players. 6-8 p.m. At Lloyd House, 220 North Washington St. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington (FSGW) and The Office of Historic Alexandria sponsor the

Alexandria After Work Concert Series the second Friday of the month. Tango, Latin American folk songs, and pop and jazz weave together as the Toccata Players draw on influences from Astor Piazzola to Radiohead. Justin Heath on guitar, Manu Osorio on violin, and Rachel Cannon on viola bring "chamber music with a pulse" — equally suited to a party, a concert hall, or the pub. Suggested donation for the musicians; no ticket required. Beer and wine for sale. Visit fsgw.org for more.

Sunset Movie Night: Aquaman. 7-11 p.m. at Mt. Vernon RECenter, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Summer Sunset Movie Nights at Mt. Vernon RECenter are back every Friday in June. Free. Visit ZelsmanPowersGroup.com for details.

Mount Vernon Nights: DuPont Brass (Soul). 7:30-8:30 at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Performances will feature musical styles from soul to pop and bluegrass and rock. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/mt-vernon-nights.

JUNE 14-AUG. 4

Art Exhibit: More Than A Body. Gallery hours, at Target Gallery at

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Caribbean Blue by Ellen Delaney, The Magic Mountain by Gale Wallar, and The Road Less Traveled by Jo Ann Tooley.

Art Exhibit: Landscape X3

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Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Target Gallery, the contemporary exhibition space for the Torpedo Factory Art Center, presents their competitive annual solo exhibition featuring Northern Virginia-based artist Julia Kwon. Kwon uses traditional Korean inspired textiles to create a dialogue on othering and objectification she experiences as a Korean-American woman. Julia Kwon: More Than A Body will be on view June 14-Aug. 4. An opening reception is planned for Friday, June 14, 7-9 p.m. with an Artist Talk at 8. Visit torpedofactory.org/target.

SATURDAY/JUNE 15

Beech Tree Puppets. 10 and 11:15 a.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Founded by Ingrid and Ole Hass in 2012, brings meaningful stories with sensory-friendly and Beech Tree Puppeteers feel that puppets can break down barriers, and provide insights and resolutions to cross cultural differences, and open people to new ideas and possibilities. Beech Tree Puppets have performed artful performances to schools, libraries and public theaters in the wider DC area. \$6 per person. To buy online, visit alexandriava.gov/Arts click on Durant Arts Center.

Gardening with Climate Change. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) Horticulturist Brenda Skarphol highlights ideas from Climate-Wise Landscaping by Sue Reed and Ginny Stibolt to help make a garden better adapted to the changing climate. Learn about some of the best performing native and non-native plants and trees that adapt to erratic climate conditions. Discover ways to manage rainwater for better drainage. Class takes place outdoors in the gardens. \$18/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code 1A9.709F or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Emancipation USA: Exploring Juneteenth in Texas & Emancipation in the DMV. 11 a.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Emancipation events were some of the most important celebrations in the African American community in the late 19th century. Join historian C.R. Gibbs as he provides new insights into the celebration of Juneteenth in Texas as well as regional emancipation observances here in Virginia, D.C., and Maryland. Tickets are \$5 each. Reserve online at alexandriava.gov/shop.

Declaration Day. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at

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George Mason's Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Join Gunston Hall in celebrating the anniversary of the Virginia Declaration of Rights, written by George Mason. This family-oriented program kicks off with a naturalization ceremony, followed by a variety of activities for all ages, a museum theater performance, and visits to Gunston Hall's brand-new exhibit: Revolutionary Rights. Visit gunstonhall.org for more.

Alexandria's Summer Kick-Off Concert. 4-5 p.m. at Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 East Windsor Ave. Celebrate the start of summer with Alexandria's Summer Kick-Off Concert, an hour of live music with all the fun sounds of the season, featuring the Alexandria Citizens Band. Bring the whole family to enjoy the concert, and introduce a new generation to great classics. Free. Call 703-920-8675 or visit www.eventbrite.com/e/alexandrias-summer-kick-off-concert-free-tickets-61736598829 for tickets.

Mount Vernon's Garden-Chic Soiree. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon. Take a leisurely stroll through George Washington's estate while enjoying a menu of hors d'oeuvres curated by Michelin-starred chef and owner of Masseria in Washington, D.C., Nicholas Stefanelli. \$200 for non-members, \$175 for members. The dress code is garden chic. There will be no Mansion tours during this event. Visit mountvernon.org/gardenparty.

Mount Vernon Nights: The United States Navy - Sea Chanters (Chorale). 7-8 p.m. at The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Performances will range from disco to Indian Bollywood and acoustic blues to big band. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's summer traditions. Come early to the Workhouse Arts Center to explore its vibrant arts scene. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance/mt-vernon-nights.

Country-Western Dance. 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance with lessons, 6-7 p.m. and open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 16

Dyke Marsh Meetup Walk with a Ranger. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Belle Haven Park/ Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Enjoy the outdoors on this 2-mile walk with a national park ranger to see the largest freshwater marsh in the nation's capital. Bring a pair of binoculars for viewing an eagle's nest and other marsh life. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/dykemarsh.htm.

Fort Hunt Park Concerts. Through Aug. 25, Sundays, 7-8 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, Pavilion A, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. Hear the Mount Vernon Community Band as they celebrate 40 years. All are welcome for free community concerts held at Fort Hunt Park every Sunday. Free. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/forthuntconcerts.htm or www.mvbands.com for more.

MONDAY/JUNE 17

MVHS Golf Fundraiser. 8 a.m. registration; 9 a.m. kickoff at Mount Vernon Country Club. The Mount Vernon High School Athletic Booster Club is partnering with Mount Vernon Country Club to present the The Michael M. Skinner Mount Vernon Community Day Tournament, to benefit the MVHS Athletics and the Mount Vernon District Trail Fund. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/yym5yl5z> for registration.

The Hospitable Garden: Welcoming Beautiful Butterflies, Moths and Other Critters. 7-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Welcome butterflies to a garden. This talk will help participants learn how to be a good host to Lepidoptera, providing cultural tips and plant suggestions to make winged guests feel right at home. This event is offered by Extension Master Gardeners. Free. Advance registration requested at mgnv.org. Questions? Telephone 703-228-6414 or email mgarlalex@gmail.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 18

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Fundraiser. 6:30-9 p.m. at the Home and Gardens of Major Jonathan Wilbor, 310 S. Lee St. ASO's annual spring fundraiser featuring a live and silent auction, Holland America cruise raffle and great food and drink. \$185 individual; first-timer event tickets, \$125 Individual. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 19

The Great Gatsby. 5:30 p.m. at Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. Picnic Theatre Company returns to Woodlawn Mansion garden for a Roaring Twenties cocktail hour and performance of F. Scott Fitzgerald's The Great Gatsby. At 5:30 the garden opens for cocktails and picnicking, performance is at 6:30, with no intermission. \$15. Call 703-570-6903 or visit www.eventbrite.com/e/picnic-theatre-company-presents-the-great-gatsby-tickets-62057367256.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 20-23

Taming of the Shrew. Thursday-Saturday, 2 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 and 6 p.m. at Metropolitan School of the Arts' Black Box Theatre, 5775 Barclay Drive, Suite 4. Watch Metropolitan Homeschool Productions' The Taming of the Shrew. One of Shakespeare's funniest comedies, this joyful, Italian rendition with comical characters, sound effects and pantomime will appeal to all ages. \$15 Visit metropolitanhomeschool.org for tickets.

FRIDAY/JUNE 21

Garden Talk: Bring on the Hummingbirds. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) Perhaps one of the most beloved birds in gar-den-ing, hummingbirds astonish with their aerial acrobatics, their beauty and the important role they play as garden pollinators. Attend this talk and learn about plants to attract these beautiful birds. \$10/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code 37F.853C or call 703-642-5173.

Nine and Wine. 5:30 p.m. at Pinecrest Golf Course, 6600 Little River Turnpike. Fit in an after-work round of golf and social afterwards at the clubhouse café. Price includes warm up balls, 9 holes of golf, push or power cart, one beer/wine/soda/or water. Tee times start at 5:32-6:04 p.m. \$27. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/golf/



Well Ray – Health & Wellness Festival

The free, family-friendly event will take on Mt. Vernon Avenue with a celebration of the health and wellness lifestyle movement. Over 75 health and lifestyle inspired vendors will provide a variety of activities to allow festival-goers the opportunity to explore, heal, taste and move in achieving a healthy life. Wellness and holistic health practitioners will offer services ranging from therapeutic treatments such as massages to acupuncture, physical therapy and nutritional counseling, health screenings, meditation, and more. Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Mt. Vernon Ave in the heart of Del Ray. Free admission. Rain or shine. Visit WellRayDelRay.com.

pinecrest/nine-and-wine/062119 or call 703-324-8782.

Summer Solstice: "Art in Meditation – the Chakras." 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. "Art in Meditation – the Chakras" features area artists interpreting the chakra energies. The exhibit, juried by contemporary artist Jeff Erickson, will have an associated Art-To-Go marketplace. Visit DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits.

Sunset Movie Night - The Avengers: Infinity Wars. 7-11 p.m. at Mt. Vernon RECenter, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Summer Sunset Movie Nights at Mt. Vernon RECenter are back every Friday in June. Free.

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Watercolor Workshop – Still Life.

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) Whether a beginner or an experienced painter, learn to paint still life in watercolor with the help of artist Dawn Flores. Gain skills in building form, developing color harmony and paint-ing flowers, water, shadows, and backgrounds. Bring objects to make simple compositions, or challenge yourself with crystal and silver. \$93/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code A4E.5C49 or call 703-642-5173.

Basic Pruning Workshop for Azaleas & Rhododendrons.

10 a.m.-noon at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) Learn to prune like a pro with this hands on workshop led by Peter Deahl of The Pruning School. Gain skills and insight into shaping and rejuvenat-ing azaleas to make them more beautiful and healthy. Learn how to care for and sharpen pruning equipment. Meet at Green Spring Horticul-ture Center. Bring gloves and pruners. \$23/person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code 91C.A1C2 or call 703-642-5173.

Watercolor Workshop-Still Life. 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 **Summer Saturdays.** 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road, Lorton. Join Gunston Hall for a summer of fun. Each Saturday in

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United Community Battle of the Bands.

1-5 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park Pavilion, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. United Community (formerly United Community Ministries) welcomes everyone for an afternoon of music, food and fun. Ticket includes admission, BBQ meal, soft drinks and sweets. \$40 per family of 5; \$15 adult; \$7 child (5-12); free admission for children 4 and under. Tickets available at bit.ly/BOTB-TIX.

Portside in Old Town Summer Festival.

2-8 p.m. in the new Waterfront Park at the foot of King Street. Kick off summer with a day of live music featuring an array of creative collaborations and genres, from Ethiopian jazz to Brazilian to Latin folk. Toast to summer at a waterfront beer garden by Port City Brewing Company, and savor bites from a pop-up Pizzeria Paradiso or Rocklands BBQ. Cool off with a treat from Dolci Gelati and enjoy fun for the whole family, including hands-on arts and history activities. Visit www.visitalexandriava.com/event/portside-in-old-town-summer-festival/15057/.

Mount Vernon Nights: Groove Train ('70s Disco Band).

7-8 p.m. at The Workhouse Arts Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. Performances will range from disco to Indian Bollywood and acoustic blues to big band. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's summer traditions. Come early to the Workhouse Arts Center to explore its vibrant arts scene. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/JUNE 22-23

Ham Radio Field Day. Saturday, noon through Sunday, noon at Joseph Hensley Park, 4200 Eisenhower Ave. The Alexandria "ham radio" Field Day is conducted in late June every year by the Alexandria Radio Club in participation with over 40,000 hams throughout North America, who set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate emergency preparedness to support the public. This year Alexandria Radio Club is also celebrating its 65th Anniversary. Everyone is invited. Young and old, families, technology clubs, and scouting groups are encouraged to visit the Alexandria Radio Club Field Day 2019 event. Visitors may want to try their hand at operating one of the stations with club members. Free. Call 703-329-9658 or visit www.w4hfh.org for more.

SUNDAY/JUNE 23

Dyke Marsh Meetup Walk with a Ranger.

11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Belle Haven Park/ Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Enjoy the outdoors on this 2-mile walk with a national park ranger to see the largest freshwater marsh in the nation's capital. Bring a pair of binoculars for viewing an eagle's nest and other marsh life. Free. Call 703-235-1530 or visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/dykemarsh.htm.

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Sunset Movie Night

Summer Sunset Movie Nights at Mt Vernon RECenter are back every Friday in June, 7-11 p.m.. Visit ZelsmanPowersGroup.com for details.

Mount Vernon Community Band Celebrates 40 Years

BY KATHY SHENKLE
MVCB PERCUSSION/PIANIST

The Mount Vernon Community Band (MVCB) is celebrating its 40th season. Come hear the MVCB's Concert Band at the National Park Service's Summer Concert Series at Fort Hunt Park at 8999 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, on Sunday June 16 from 7-8 p.m.

Concert Band rehearsals are held at Mount Vernon High School's Band Room at 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria, every Tuesday from 7:30- 9:30 p.m. Players at any level are welcome without audition. Bring your own musical instrument.

The Mount Vernon Community Band was founded in 1978. The MVCB includes six groups. They are the Mount Vernon: Concert Band, Swing Band, Dixieland Band, German Band, Brass Ensemble, and Flute Ensemble.

The band is a volunteer local group of musicians who wish to keep their musical skills in tune. Members include graduating high school students, former military musicians, college musicians, and other Mount Vernon area neighbors.

Each ensemble plays at many types of events: Fourth of July picnics, retirement homes, senior centers, civic association meetings, local government events, the Mount Vernon Yacht Club's annual commissioning, schools, libraries, parks, churches



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The Swing Band

and Oktoberfest events. Concert band performances include marches, light classics, popular show tunes and overtures, and patriotic selections. The band has also played at George Washington's Mount Vernon estate. The band plays concerts and/or background music.

Band members, including the conductor, volunteer their time and represent a wide range of ages, careers and personal interests. The goal of the group is to provide pleasure and service to the community and enjoyment to the members who play music

together.

Eric Leighty is the president of the band. See the band's website for conductor biographies, and scheduling information at www.mvbands.com/concert-band/

Owen Hammett Retires From Band

Owen Hammett has been a vital part of the volunteer Mount Vernon Community Band for over 25 years.

He conducted the Swing Band, the Dixieland band, and sometimes the German Band and the Concert Band.

He played the trombone and euphonium in all of the Mount Vernon bands (Concert, Swing, German, Dixieland, and Brass). Last Fall, he played the bass drum in the Concert Band and the German Band.

Hammett has also been the band's logistics expert, manager, scheduler, promoter, and announcer.

It will take five people to do the jobs that Owen has done over the years.

In recent years, Owen Hammett has volunteered with the National Park Service by coordinating, recruiting, scheduling and setting up for the bands playing in the Fort Hunt Park Summer Concert series. He invites all of the Mount Vernon Community Band groups each year.

He played in the volunteer Washington Redskins Band for 10 years.

Owen's past musical resume includes: principal trombone in the University of Alabama Symphony, three years as a volunteer with the band of the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE), leader of the Saint John's Brass Ensemble (Saint John's Cathedral, Izmir, Turkey). He has been performing big band music since the late 1950s. A native of Alabama, Hammett served in the U.S. Army, and worked as a civilian.

The MVCB has also granted an annual competitive Dale Moore Memorial Scholarship to a graduating senior from the Mount Vernon High School band program since 2002.

CALENDAR

Real Housewives of Jamestown. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (Adults) In 1619 the first "bride ship" arrived at the Jamestown colony, bringing single English women to marry, start families, and stabilize the community. Hear fascinating stories of America's first mailorder brides and discover that many found enrichment, empowerment, and liberation in their new lives. \$36 (program + tea); \$15 (program only). Pro-grams are by reservation only. Call (703) 941-7987, TTY (703) 324-3988.

Fort Hunt Park Concerts. Through Aug. 25, Sundays, 7-8 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, Pavilion A, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. All are welcome for free community concerts held at Fort Hunt Park every Sunday. Free. Visit www.nps.gov/gwmp/planyourvisit/forthuntconcerts.htm for performer.

TUESDAY/JUNE 25

Concert in the Garden. 6-8 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Fun, interactive kids activities begin at 5 p.m. Join us for live music, food and fun amidst the beauty of our gardens. Enjoy dinner from the food truck or bring a picnic dinner to enjoy on the lawn. Traditional complimentary cake and lemonade service starts at 6 p.m. along with the music. Free. Call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Twilight & Tiptle Tours. 6-9 p.m. at Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway. Experience Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House by twilight. This tour series is a rare chance to see one of Wright's houses illuminated against a night sky. Grab a drink, included in the price of the

tour ticket, and walk through the house on a leisurely, open house style tour with plenty of time to take stunning photos. \$35. Visit www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/ for more.

JUNE 25-JULY 28

Art Exhibit: Labyrinths and/or Mazes. Gallery hours, Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, Studio 29, 105 North Union St. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of its juried show, Labyrinths and/or Mazes. Sometimes one is led to success and sometimes one hits a dead end. Gallery embers have pushed their paths and have come up with wonderful results. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work may also be exhibited. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 26

Getaway: Hershey Gardens & High Glen. 6:30 a.m. departure from Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. 6:30 p.m. return. (16-Adult) Includes motor coach, admission and lunch. Visit Hershey, Pennsylvania to explore Hershey Gardens. Then head to Frederick, Md., to tour the private High Glen estate gardens. Wear comfortable walking shoes and dress for the weather. \$113 per person. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code 33F.DC1E or call 703-642-5173.

FRIDAY/JUNE 28

Sunset Movie Night: Captain Marvel. 7-11 p.m. at Mt. Vernon RECenter, 2017 Belle View Blvd. Summer Sunset Movie Nights at Mt.

Vernon RECenter are back every Friday in June. Free. Visit ZelsmanPowersGroup.com for details.

Mount Vernon Nights: Empty Bottle String Band (Old-time, String Band). 7:30-8:30 at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Performances will feature musical styles from soul to and pop and bluegrass and rock. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights for more.

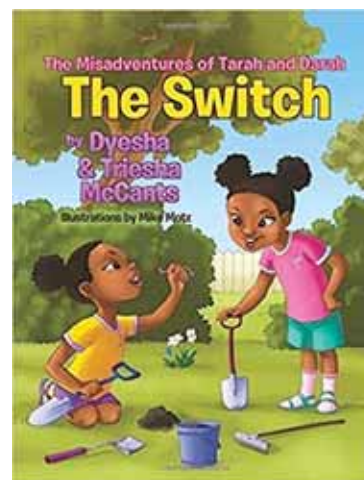
SATURDAY/JUNE 29

Workshop-Terra Cotta Succulent Container. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. (16-Adult) Pot up a tabletop terracotta container with eye-catching succulents. A Green Spring horticulturalist demonstrates how to mix balance, scale, proportion, contrast and rhythm to make dynamic container designs for these fascinating plants. \$39/person for the program and \$25/person for the supply fee. Register at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/parktakes/ using code D46.BA22 or call 703-642-5173.

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Workhouse Fireworks. 5-10 p.m. at

Workhouse Art Center, 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton. This year, the US Navy Band Sea Chanters – the



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United States Navy's official chorus – will treat guests to a performance that ranges from traditional choral music to opera, Broadway, and contemporary music. Guests at Workhouse Fireworks will also be able to enjoy local food trucks and craft beer and fine wine, as well as soft drinks. Free admission; \$25 per vehicle parking (purchase in advance online). Visit workhousearts.org/fireworks.

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JULY 1-AUG. 4

Ceramics Go Casual. Gallery hours at Scope Gallery, ground floor Studio 19 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St. The "Siestaware" Kiln Club show features calm colors and organic contours in a collection of blessed out dishes and shapely sculptural work by the Kiln Club artists. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit www.scopegallery.org.

MVHS Awards Diplomas to 434 Students



Matthew Van Buren walks across the stage to receive his diploma.



Dual credit students are recognized. A combined total of 768 college credits were earned by students taking dual enrollment courses.



Carmen Faviola Soto Euceda smiles as she approaches Principal Anthony Terrell.

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THE GAZETTE



Rania Jones is happy to finally have her diploma in hand.



Kataerina Von Fahnestock with Principal Anthony Terrell.



Burhan Ahmed outside the field house after the commencement. He will Intern at Accenture Federal.



Principal Anthony Terrell (far left) along with distinguished guests and school board members as the commencement gets underway.



All students rise and are declared graduates.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

Browne Academy's Ovation Choir performing.



Browne Academy's Concert Band performing.

Recognition from Festival of Music

Browne Academy's Concert Band, Ovation Choir, and Bruins Choir recently participated in the Festival of Music at Kings Dominion. Each group performed in front of a panel of internationally renowned composers and musicians, who provided ratings and positive feedback. Browne's Concert Band received a "superior" award

(the highest possible rating) and both choirs received "excellent" awards (the second highest rating). Browne Academy's performing arts program offers numerous opportunities for its students to be involved in instrumental and choral ensembles, as well as the annual spring musical.



Members of Browne Academy's Concert band members hold their "superior" award.

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Charles Lester (Ben) Vennell, 87, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away at home on May 31, 2019. Born July 6, 1931 in Oberlin, Pennsylvania, Ben worked for the Department of Labor until he enlisted in the Navy in 1950. After his tour of duty ended, Ben began a successful retail career. In 1958, he opened The Hollin Hall Variety Store, followed by The Needle and Thread in 1965 and The Treasure Chest in 1969. Ben retired in 2008 after owning The Variety Store and supporting the Alexandria/Mount Vernon community for 50 years.

Ben is survived by his wife of 66 years, Gloria Ann Vennell, of Alexandria, Virginia, his daughter Vicki Vennell (Beth Jaeger) of Fort Collins, Colorado, his daughter Diane DeGiorgi (John DeGiorgi) of Springfield, Virginia, his grandson Andrew DeGiorgi (Erin DeGiorgi) and great granddaughter (Emilia) of Fairfax, Virginia, and his granddaughter Lauren Winslow (Cody Winslow) of Richmond, Virginia.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 2:00pm at Aldersgate Methodist Church in Alexandria, Virginia. Memorial donations in Ben's name may be made to the organization of your choice.

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What A Week!



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

The least of it was my pre-immunotherapy lab work on Wednesday and then my actual immunotherapy infusion on Friday. The most of it was my navigating websites and trying to properly complete applications/enrollment forms for the Virginia Unemployment Commission and the Maryland Health Connection.

For a man (me) who fancies himself your go-to-guy for sports and chocolate, getting immersed in policies and procedures for government agencies providing unemployment benefits and health care – with our (my wife, Dina and I) respective lives somewhat dependent on the time-sensitive completion of said documents, was akin to sending yours truly out to sing the National Anthem at the next Nationals' game. It would be a disaster of titanic proportions (fortunately without the loss of life).

As it has been my entire life, I can't sing any more than I can now compute.

As I sit and write this week's column, having barely survived the excruciating ordeal of this past week – with only an in-office visit left to go on Monday – I now have next week to look forward to. And what garden path am I leading you down?

Another week of time-sensitive/computer-centric tasks, of course. Once again I will be sitting at my computer attempting to navigate through another government web site and this time a private sector website, as I try to sign up for Medicare effective Sept. 1, as well as the associated but independent supplemental medical insurance necessary to fill in the coverage gaps that I, as a former insurance broker, know exist.

Granted, with these two tasks I do have some time. I just hope I have the wherewithal.

This past week took a toll emotionally. And I'm not sure if I really want to climb that emotional mountain yet again.

This week's tasks are not any easier. Shooting fish in a barrel they're not. They're more like having to make the barrel and then catch the fish. Not easier said than impossibly done. For a man who knows his limitations, the week ahead will likely test those limitations.

But if not me, then who? Unfortunately, it has to be me. The other party with whom I share a long-standing arrangement has a skill set unsuited to and incompatible with, computers, and the kind of searching/deciphering/hunting and pecking on web sites required for completion of this week's tasks.

Moreover, if I enlist her support or insist on her participation, my present and future will not be enhanced by the experience. She may be a resource in many other respects, but in this respect, she's not.

And I can respect that. Give me a little credit, I've learned something in our 40 years together.

That being said – and understood, I think I'll take the weekend off from such endeavors and prepare myself for next week as I consider the challenges which lie ahead.

I'd like to think I've gained some confidence in the progress I made this past week. I've nearly completed both tasks, tasks which initially seemed almost insurmountable. However, if it were not for the amazingly patient, courteous and knowledgeable assistance I received from the call centers associated with these sites, I'd still be stumbling and stammering (literally) into oblivion.

But as of this past Friday, I've nearly reached the promised land. ("I can see Russia from my house.")

I can only imagine the satisfaction I'll feel next Friday when I anticipate I will have completed two more of these tedious tasks and secured yet another part of our financial and emotional future.

Four huge hurdles overcome, but still with a few more yet to go: probably applying for a reverse mortgage and possibly researching a kitchen renovation.

Wait a second. Don't I have lung cancer? Jeez, I almost forgot.

With all this other stuff going on, the cancer compartment stayed closed. Now it's open again. Damn, now I really have problems.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Potomac Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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SATURDAY/JULY 20

Boating Safety Classes. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Washington Farm United Methodist Church, 3921 Old Mill Road. Prepare for boating season by taking one of the Boating Safety classes offered by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 25-08. Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia have varying requirements for boaters before they may legally operate certain motorized vessels on their respective waterways. Register with Jeff Burt at jdburt@verizon.net or 703-307-6482.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 8

Low Cost Rabies Vaccine Clinic. Noon-2 p.m. at Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria. Cost is \$15 per pet, cash and check only. Dogs, cats, and ferrets may be vaccinated at the clinic. Dogs must be on leashes; cats and ferrets must be in carriers. All pets will receive a 1-year rabies vaccination. To obtain a 3-year vaccine, bring pet's rabies certificate (not tag) showing the current rabies vaccination expiration date. 2019 county dog licenses will be sold for an additional \$10 per license. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/animalshelter/communityassistance/rabiesclinics for more.

THROUGH SEPT. 8

Metro Station Closures. Through Sunday, Sept. 8, 2019, the six Blue and Yellow line stations south of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (Braddock Road, King Street, Eisenhower Ave., Huntington, Van Dorn Street and Franconia-Springfield) will be closed for full platform reconstruction and major station improvements. Read more at www.wmata.com/service/rail/PlatformProject/.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynnieb517@verizon.net.

Operation Paws for Homes, a Virginia based 501(c)(3) organization seeks volunteers, especially to foster dogs. See www.ophrescue.org for information and all volunteer opportunities.

RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403- 5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Line Dance Instructor needed for the Gum Springs Senior Program once a week on either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Volunteer Solutions, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711.

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STEM VOLUNTEERS. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) needs scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and physicians to assist K-12 STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) teachers in the Northern Virginia Area, during the 2016-17 school year. In the 2015-16 school year, the numbers of STEM volunteers in Northern Virginia were: Fairfax County - 40, Arlington - 20, and Alexandria - one. Details of the collaboration are worked out between the teacher and the volunteer, and may involve giving demonstrations, assisting in lab experiments, lecturing on special topics, assisting with homework, etc. The hours are flexible, and volunteers attend a one-day training in September before being assigned to schools. To volunteer, contact donaldrea@aol.com.

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4296 Neitzey Pl
\$1,994,000

Truly spectacular estate in premier setting near the river in prestigious Oxford on the Potomac. Custom home capitalizes on its location with soaring high ceilings, glass walls and multi-level decks designed to capture sweeping views of the river & adjoining wooded areas. Special features include: multi-story entry foyer, grand room sizes, elegant interior finishes, elevator, truly breathtaking master suite with dramatic river views, and his & hers private baths. Nothing was spared in creating this unique, one of a kind masterpiece!

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9348 Mount Vernon Cir

Opportunity is knocking at Mt. Vernon on the Potomac - the area's premier waterfront community! Amazing price below tax assessment provides opportunity to put your personal stamp on this solid brick colonial! Huge potential with many features to work with including: recently installed "Andersen" windows, three finished levels, four large bedrooms, family room off kitchen, custom built ins throughout and oversize 2 car garage. Gorgeous private yard enhanced by custom pool with massive pool deck backing to private woodland. Bring your boat too!

JUST LISTED!



3717 Carriage House Ct
\$950,000

Riverwood gem with all the updates and improvements you're looking for. Classic colonial facade enhanced with custom brick work and trim. Floor plan enhanced by 2 sunrooms creating open and bright interior. Special features include: 3 finished levels, updated kitchen and baths, sun room additions, freshly refinished hardwoods, large deck overlooking serene back yard with ponds, basement with fireplace and custom bar, oversize 2 car garage. Great opportunity to be in one of the area's premier neighborhoods for under \$1 Mil!

JUST LISTED!



4706 Tarpon Ln
\$715,000

One Story luxury-expanded & updated Ranch just steps to Mount Vernon Yacht Club. Prime location on 1/2 Acre Lot Just steps from river, spectacular property, bright, White custom Kitchen, updated baths, main level master suite, newly finished lower level with direct walkout, 2 Fireplaces, oversized 2 Car Garage, spectacular grounds with large brick patio!

COMING SOON!



9223 Allwood Dr
\$615,000

Fully updated and turn key home on incredible almost .80 acre lot! All designer finishes and style enhances this 5 Bed/3 Bath home. Special Features include: Full HVAC system replaced, new designer kitchen, some new windows, hardwoods just refinished, interior paint, new tile basement flooring, huge deck just re-stained overlooking private grounds, covered parking, and a short stroll to Mansion House Club neighborhood pool! Incredible value for stylish turn key home in heart of Mt. Vernon!

JUST LISTED!



3808 Colonial Ave
\$849,500

Updated colonial in prime location on quaint street near Mt. Vernon Estate! Fabulous home features bright, open floor plan and many updated items commonly found in \$1 Mil+ homes! Special features include: high ceilings, open kitchen-family room, stunning master suite, finished lower level, and side load 2 car garage. Large deck overlooks back yard and private conservation land. Gorgeous setting!

SOLD!



9316 Heather Glen Dr
\$775,000

Fully renovated and expanded. Idyllic pool scene emphasized by walls of glass allowing views of the pool and tranquil back yard scene from many rooms! Special features include: 3 finished levels, updated kitchen and baths, 4 bedrooms on upper level, incredible pool scene, and 2 car garage. Your own private oasis in Mt. Vernon!

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9505 Lynnhall Pl
\$1,250,000

Just completed: Top to bottom renovation maintains the stunning Antebellum character and charm! Potomac River views, expansive verandas & half acre lot give this home a classic Tidewater Virginia feel. Brand new kitchen, baths, fixtures, flooring, the list goes on and on! Great opportunity for virtually new home in desirable Oxford neighborhood!

SOLD!



9112 Volunteer Dr
\$655,000

Spacious Colonial in the Williamsburg tradition featuring premier setting on large level lot in the desirable Westgate community near Mt. Vernon Estate. Features include: 4 Bedrooms, 2.5 baths, huge master suite with 2 large closets and private bath, 2 fireplaces in family and living room, hardwood floors on both levels, two car garage, & incredible sun room overlooking half acre rear grounds complete with two storage sheds.

SOLD!



3601 Riverwood Rd
\$785,000

Nicely situated 4 Bed, 2.5 Bath updated home in lovely Riverwood Community. Home features: updated custom Kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, beautiful hardwood floors on main and upper level, master suite with private bath and custom closet, replacement windows by Pella, gas fireplace, screened porch, fenced rear yard, and side load 2 car garage. Community has serene riverfront walking path and beachy area!

SOLD!



4710 Dolphin Ln
\$629,500

Exceptional opportunity near river just steps from marina and club house in prestigious Yacht Haven Estates! Imposing home in commanding setting on elevated grounds overlooking neighborhood with some views of water, huge room sizes and very few steps offer great potential for creating your own estate with close to one level living. Features include 5 bedrooms/4 full baths and amazing oversize two car garage. Rare opportunity to acquire property with true nautical estate vibe in premier setting for remarkably reasonable price!

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