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Two Guilty In Firearms Cases

BY KEN MOORE
GAZETTE

Francis K. Fosuhene illegally acquired 23 or more firearms between September 2005 and December 2007, and then shipped at least 22 to Ghana where they were resold for a profit, according to U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg.

Fosuhene, 38 of Alexandria, pleaded guilty last Thursday, June 5, in federal court to aggravated identity theft and exporting firearms without a license.

Fosuhene faces a mandatory two-year federal prison sentence for aggravated identity theft and a maximum sentence of 10 years for the illegal exportation of firearms.

U.S. District Court Judge Liam O'Grady is scheduled to sentence Fosuhene in August.

According to statement of facts filed with his plea agreement, Fosuhene also admitted to enlisting others to purchase firearms on his behalf and to acquiring some of the firearms by using the name and personal identification information of another person with his same last name.

Fosuhene concealed the guns in shipments to Ghana by hiding them in or among other objects, according to Rosenberg.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosive and Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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Joyce Callahan's house on Potomac Lane.

PHOTOS BY GAIL CURCIO

Storm's Fury Misses

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

Except for scattered power outages and pockets of downed trees, Mount Vernon and Lee districts escaped the brunt of last week's violent storms with little damage or disruption. The primary inconvenience throughout southeastern Fairfax County was a lack of power for many residences, schools and businesses.

"We had no damage and the lights only flickered for a minute. But, we also have backup generator power in case of emergencies," said a spokesperson for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

Five schools in Mount Vernon District including Mount Vernon High School were without power and had to close for a day.

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After the storm on the George Washington Parkway.



The corner of Dalebrook & Danton Lane, wires down, power out for over 24 hours

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Joyce McCarty exhibits
"Joy" at the Torpedo Factory.

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Connolly Wins Congressional Primary

Fairfax chair will face Republican businessman in fall election.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE CONNECTION

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerry Connolly (D-At-large) won his congressional district's Democratic primary June 10, capturing approximately 58 percent of the vote and more support than the three other candidates combined.

The win means Connolly will face Fairfax County businessman Keith Fimian for an open seat in Virginia's 11th Congressional District this fall. Incumbent Rep. Tom Davis (R) announced his retirement earlier this year and Fimian, who has never run for public office before, is the Republican nominee.

"Voters in the 11th District have an opportunity to change the direction of our country," said Connolly during his victory speech at the Police Association Hall in Fairfax.

If the chairman wins the general election, Connolly could contribute to a net gain for Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives overall.

The high stakes of the race have led to some national attention already. After winning last night's election, Connolly received phone calls from the congressional Democrats' Majority Leader, U.S. Rep. Steny Hoyer (Md.), and the head of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, U.S. Rep. Chris Van Hollen (Md.)

"I was surprised by the margin. With this low of a turnout, I didn't think it would be this clear."

— Del. Mark Sickles (D-43)

IN THE PRIMARY, Connolly received 14,228 votes. His closest competitor, former Rep. Leslie Byrne, collected

8,196 votes, or 33.35 percent of the total ballots.

Iraq War veteran Doug Denny won 1,508 votes, or 6.13 percent of the total. Physical therapist Lori Alexander garnered 638 or 2.59 percent of the votes.



PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Fairfax chairman Gerry Connolly will be the Democratic nominee for an open seat in Virginia's 11th Congressional District.

Of the three localities included in the 11th Congressional District, the county chairman ran strongest in Fairfax County, where he received 60.48 percent of the vote. He also won in the City of Fairfax, where he received 54.76 percent of all ballots cast.

Byrne, considered Connolly's most formidable foe, won a larger percentage of the votes cast in Prince William County, with 45.07 percent to Connolly's 43.94 percent.

But overall, voter turnout was much
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Ellmore Victorious

Christian conservative wins out against libertarian alternative in the ninth.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Scoring a victory for the "compassionate conservative" wing of the Republican Party, mortgage lender Mark Ellmore was able to tamp down a libertarian insurgency fueled by supporters of U.S. Rep. Ron Paul (D-Texas) on Election Day. Although Singh was able to score a win in Arlington with a 6 percentage-point lead, Ellmore won by substantial margins in Fairfax County with a 28-percentage-point lead and Falls Church with a 24-percentage-point margin of victory. The final tally was closer in Alexandria, although Ellmore won with 8-percentage-point lead, Singh was able to take 10 out of the city's 26 precincts.

"We need fresh energy and new blood, someone who believes in term limits," Ellmore

said over a beer at his victory party in Bailey's Crossroads. "I do not intend to take up residence in the United States House of Representatives."

Calling U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) the "king of earmarks," Ellmore vowed that he would decline any pork spending if elected to Congress. Last year, according to a report by the Citizens Against Government Waste, Moran secured 44 earmarks — ev

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

Campaign manager Daniel Tillson, left, listens as Mark Ellmore claims victory in the Republican primary.

Moran Wins

The nine-term Congressman amasses a four-to-one margin.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) won more than 80 percent of the vote in yesterday's primary election, setting the stage for a general election battle with Republican businessman Mark Ellmore.

Moran, former Alexandria mayor and member of Congress since 1991, beat Falls Church lawyer and relative unknown Matt Famiglietti in a race in which slightly more than four percent of registered voters cast ballots.

After the election results came in, Moran said that the victory "feels good," but that he thought this primary race was unnecessary.

"Democracy is just about the worst process you can go through for governance, other than all the others. It proved that tonight," he said. "Everybody gets a chance to run [but] I hate to spend taxpayer money on something like this."

FAMIGLIETTI, who has cerebral palsy, was frequently critical of Moran throughout the



PHOTO BY DAVID SCHULTZ/THE CONNECTION

U.S. Rep Jim Moran (D-8) thanks supporters after his primary victory while holding his two-year-old grandson, Aidan.

primary campaign. He ran to the left of Moran, chiding him for breaking with the Democratic Party on issues such as free trade and bankruptcy law.

But Famiglietti said that he had not run a negative campaign. "I criticized him for policy reasons. I did not get personal," he said. "I ran hard but it was strictly on policy and I think policy is fair game ... I had to give the Democratic Party a reason to vote

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SCHOOLS



Mount Vernon District resident Betsy Hunger, member, Mount Vernon Citizens for Sustainable Energy, stands next to the organization's display at the Stratford Landing Elementary School's First Annual Environmental Fair.



PHOTOS BY CHUCK HAGEE/GAZETTE

Arlington resident Marnie Ross stands next to her Mercedes Benz "Smart Car" which was one of various exhibits at the Stratford Landing Elementary School's First Annual Environmental Fair.

"K-Kids" Stress Environment

K-Kids combine helping others with community needs.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

Protecting and preserving the environment is a major goal for members of Stratford Landing Elementary School's "K-Kids." To make that point they staged their first "Enviro-Fair" last Friday evening in the school's cafeteria.

"These kids are extremely involved and very organized."
—Kellee Heather,
parent advisor, K-Kids

Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Kiwanis and the Stratford Landing PTA, the club has raked up a substantial set of achievements during its first year. In addition to their first annual Environmental Fair, the 35 member club, made up of students from kindergarten to sixth grade, raised over \$2,800 with a walk-a-thon to provide funds to victims of the Harris fire in California, collected \$611 in pennies for a Peace drive, plus initiating a host of other activities and projects.

Some of those accomplishments include assembling 25 activity gift bags and making fleece blankets for home-

less children, writing letters to Virginia National Guard soldiers deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan, collecting food for United Community Ministries food bank, decorating Christmas ornaments as a fundraiser, and participating in the Dyke Marsh/Belle View Marina Clean-up.

"These kids are extremely involved and very organized," said Kellee Heather, a parent advisor to K-Kids. She is joined in that role by Jane Cerza who operates the technology laboratory at Stratford Landing Elementary School.

"This is the first K-Kids club we have sponsored in the Mount Vernon area. We aid them financially as well as with services by our volunteers," said Bruce Malkin, president-elect, Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club.

Overall, throughout Mount Vernon District, the local Kiwanis club sponsors "K" clubs in four high schools and a middle school in addition to the Stratford Landing club. Kiwanis "K" clubs range from elementary school through college, each carrying a different designation, according to Malkin. College is "Circle K," high school is "Key Club," middle school is "Builders Club," and the elementary level is "K-Kids."

LAST FRIDAY'S TWO HOUR Enviro-Fair featured exhibits and spokespersons from such diverse organizations as the Mount Vernon Citizens for Sustainable Energy and the Raptor Conservancy of Virginia. There were displays on how to make the environment greener, what types of plants are native to the area and which are invasive, a watershed interactive display by Huntley Meadows Park, and an actual "Smart

Car" owned by Marnie Ross of Arlington.

"This is a great car particularly in this time of \$4 a gallon gas. I'm averaging about 46 miles to the gallon," Ross said standing next to her red and black convertible made by Mercedes Benz and selling for \$19,000. "The base price is about \$12,000, but I added some extras," she said.

The Sustainable Energy group's exhibit focused on how to reduce the population's carbon footprint. "We formed the group in

February and have about 60 members. But, we are always looking for more," said Mount Vernon area resident Becky Hunger, who serves as head of the group that meets on a quarterly basis at the members' homes.

Aleta Dust, a volunteer with the Raptor Conservancy, drew a particularly fascinated crowd with her four live birds — a Barred Owl, Eastern Screech Owl, Broad Wing Hawk, and a small falcon known as a Kestrel.

The conservancy's primary mission is to rehabilitate injured birds of prey, according to Dust. A prime example was her Barred Owl named Dark Eyes. "He was hit by a truck several years ago and lost a couple of his talons plus he is blind," Dust explained as Dark Eyes sat on her gloved arm.

Some of the other activities included tossing plastic rings over bottles, raffle drawings for various prizes such as reusable grocery bags, and a "dirty sock" contest. Each attendee received a free raffle ticket upon arrival.

The dirty sock contest, with a registration fee of \$5, involved placing a sock over a car's exhaust pipe to see which came out the dirtiest. The winner received a free lubrication and oil change at Hollin Hall Service Station.

Completely organized and operated by the students, ranging in age from five to 12, the K-Kids have their own committees, elected officers, and Board of Directors. The Club's Environmental Committee Chair is sixth grader Evan Morris.

"A lot of work has gone into putting on this fair. And, the kids want to make it an annual event," said Cerza.



Aleta Dust, a volunteer with the Raptor Conservancy of Virginia, displays a Barred Owl during the Environmental Fair at Stratford Landing Elementary School.

PRIMARY 2008 Election? What Election?

Voter turnout slight.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

Assessing the voter turnout for Mount Vernon and Lee districts in Tuesday's primary election the old children's idiom comes to mind — "Smarty, Smarty gave a party and nobody came." And, that applied to both sides of the political aisle.

In visiting eight precincts, covering both managerial districts, with a total voter registration in excess of 22,000, the gross turnout in all eight precincts, for both political parties, totaled only 739 by 3 p.m. That is less than three percent.

"Normally by this time on election day we have had about 500 voters," said Chief Election Officer Mattie Palmore at the Paul Springs Retirement Home voting site at 1 p.m. Only 100 had voted by that time on Tuesday.

Voters in that precinct normally cast their ballots at the Martha Washington Library on Fort Hunt Road. But, the library is scheduled to close for renovations prior to the November general election. Therefore, the primary voting site was moved to familiarize voters with the new location.

At Walt Whitman Middle School on Parkers Lane the turnout was less — only 72 by 1:30 p.m. The break down was 53 Democrats and 19 Republicans. "We have averaged 10 voters an hour since we opened. There have been no surges as usually occur

in the morning and at noon — just a steady 10 an hour," said Chief Election Officer Pauline Wade.

Some of the Mount Vernon precincts are in the Eighth Congressional District while other are in the eleventh. Those in the former had both party primaries. The latter held only the Democrats' primary because there was no contest on the GOP side.

The polling place with the highest turnout by mid-afternoon was Stratford Landing Elementary School on Riverside Road. By 1:45 p.m. they had reached a total 185 voters out of a total registration of 3385 — exceeding the overall average by only two tenths of one percent. All those were Democrats, it being an eleventh congressional district precinct.

Another eighth district polling place was Hollin Hall Senior Center on Shenandoah Road. There the count was 92 out of a total registration of 1854. Their vote break down by party was 63 Democrats and 29 Republicans.

Voter turnout at both Riverside and Woodley Hills elementary schools polling places combined reached only 178 by mid-afternoon — 87 out of a possible 2054 at Riverside and 91 out of a possible 2800 at Woodley Hills. Each was voting Democrats only.

ADDING INSULT to injury for the poll workers at both sites, who were cheerfully enduring a painfully slow day, both sites mysteriously lost their air conditioning for about an hour. Long enough to bring some of the sweltering heat inside and aggravate the boredom.

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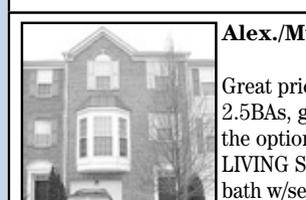
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PEOPLE

Getting to know... Linda Masnik

BY GREG ROSENSTEIN
GAZETTE PACKET

Linda Masnik has done it all. After growing up in Brooklyn, New York, Masnik came to the Washington D.C. area to receive her Library Science degree from Catholic University. From there, she worked in both regional and community libraries as an electronic specialist, head of the information department, assistant branch manager and now Kingstowne Library branch manager. The road to her current position was not easy, but Masnik would not have wanted it any other way.

Why did you decide to become a librarian?

I loved the library when I was growing up - I still remember going to story times at my neighborhood library - where the reading alcove had a real fireplace. The library was also a place where I could get help finding information and finding good books to read. What could be more rewarding than a career working in a place that feels like home, helping other people discover the wonderful resources and books of the library.

How did you get where you are today?

I have worked in several different positions in the library system - I worked as an electronic specialist, as the head of an information department, and as an assistant branch manager. I've worked at both regional and community libraries. I enjoy the challenge of learning something new - you don't always have to move up in a organi-

zation to challenge yourself.

How many years have you been director?

I have been the branch manager at Kingstowne for two years.

What is the best part about your job?

The community and the customers - I really enjoy working at the public information desk to help our customers find what they need, and help them use the library to the best advantage. Our staff prides itself on terrific customer service - and that makes my job easy.

What is the most difficult part of your job?

Sitting at my desk. I have a lovely little office and paperwork is a necessary part of my job but I make sure that I work directly with our customers every day.

What is your worst experience as a librarian?

The worst experiences have been building problems that could not be anticipated - a roof leak or flood that damaged part of the collection.

Books you would recommend and why?

I read mostly fiction and mystery - everything from family sagas to international intrigue to psychological thrillers. I also love true crime. Sometimes I like books that make me think - other times I just want to escape into reading.

What are you doing to promote

reading in your area?

This summer the Kingstowne Library will host a summer reading program for adults as well as one for children to promote families reading together. We are also involved with Fort Belvoir Elementary

School and the Van Noy Library on Fort Belvoir in Project ExCELLS, to promote the use of the library services which we all offer. Project ExCELLS runs a summer library van to serve the families that live on base.

Favorite movie?

My Cousin Vinny and Dirty Dancing.

Favorite local restaurant?

Olympians - it is located right upstairs from the library. I can always find something that appeals to me. It is the sister restaurant of Spartans which is near my home.



Linda Masnik

I've tried to sample all the restaurants in the Landsdowne Centre

Favorite thing to do on weekends?

Exercise, read, go to the movies, dinner out with friends.

Best part about Alexandria?

The mix of neighborhoods, from suburban to urban to Old Town.

MOUNT VERNON THIS WEEK

Flag Day At Mount Vernon — Liberty Takes Root

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

A Virginia Liberty Tree will be dedicated at Mount Vernon Estate's Texas Gate at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, followed by a seated program on the Bowling Green featuring remarks by Dr. Peter A. Lillback, author of "Lessons on Liberty and Sacred Fire," and a brief fife and drum performance, all backdropped by a full-scale replica of the Liberty Bell.

Jointly sponsored by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association and The Providence Forum, the Flag Day program honors the acts of "America's first organized clandestine freedom fighters," known as the "Sons of Liberty," who displayed their displeasure with the British imposed Tax Act by hanging tax collectors in effigy from a

large elm tree under which they gathered in Boston during 1765. When the British seized Boston in 1775 they cut down the tree and used it for firewood.

The British used the Stamp Act for more than revenue raising. It was basically a means of censorship, or a "knowledge tax," curtailing the colonists' rights to communicate freely. It applied to anything written and circulated or published on paper.

From the time the Sons of Liberty gathered under the branches of the large tree at the corner of Boston's Essex and Orange streets, it became known as The Liberty Tree. Eventually, each of the original 13 colonies had either their own Liberty Tree or Liberty Pole that became a symbol of "popular support for individual liberty and resistance to tyranny."

After the British destroyed the

tree, colonists displayed it on flags to symbolize the spirit of liberty. Those flags were often seen on the battlefields of the Revolutionary War.

But age and nature took its toll over the years on the symbolic trees. The last "Liberty Tree" to succumb was in Maryland, an 800-year old Tulip Poplar. It was fatally damaged by Hurricane Floyd in

2001, ironically near the beginning of the War on Terrorism with the attacks of 9/11.

The Providence Forum, a national nonprofit historical organization, salvaged all the wood from the Maryland tree, as well as 14 seedlings. It has been crafted into various commemorative objects. One of those is the yoke of the Forum's "Spirit of Liberty Bell."

BRIEFS

Store Employee Robbed

A 38-year-old Manassas man, working at Colortyme Rent To Own, 6230-F North Kings Highway, in the Penn Daw section of Mount Vernon District, was robbed at gunpoint on Saturday, June 7, shortly after 8 p.m., according to Fairfax County Police.

A black man, approximately five feet 10 inches tall, weighing about 200 pounds, displayed a handgun and demanded money from the employee. The vic-

tim handed over an undisclosed amount of cash and was not injured, police reported.

The suspect, who was described as having brown eyes and wearing dark clothing, fled out the rear of the business. Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-RIPS/8477, email at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus message to CRIME/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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PHOTOS BY GAIL CURCIO

Waynewood School after the storm

Waynewood Pool

Storm's Fury Misses Southeastern Fairfax County

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But, there was no physical damage reported.

The Mount Vernon Government Center on Parkers Lane did not fare as well. "We had some windows and the roof leaking in the front lobby area," said Brett Kenney, Chief Aide to Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland.

"The Yatch Haven pump station lost power and was operating on a generator.

The Mount Vernon Adult Day Care Facility lost power Wednesday night but the residents sheltered in place while DeWitt Army Hospital lost steam generation and had to cancel surgeries," Kenney said.

A sink hole also opened in the rear corner of the parking lot at the Government Center and Hollin Hall Senior Center on Shenandoah Road closed due to lack of power, according to a countywide storm damage report issued by Merni Fitzgerald, director, Public Affairs, Fairfax County. Ac-

ording to the same report the George Washington Recreation Center's sundeck fence was damaged by a tree.

Most of the electrical outages were caused by downed trees taking power lines with them, according to Dominion Virginia Power. Tree damage could be seen in residential areas throughout Mount Vernon District and at several spots along the George Washington Memorial Parkway. However, there were no serious accidents or damage as a result, according to Fairfax

County Police at Mount Vernon Station.

In many cases the greatest loss was frozen food in refrigerators where power was lost for longer periods of time. The Engleside Safeway was without power for several days and had to replace all frozen foods, according to the store's management.

Lee District was also spared any major damage or severe power outages, according to the office of Lee District Supervisor Jeffrey McKay.

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Italian Pie (Ellen Karch)	Pinewood Lake Homeowners Assoc.	7-Eleven corporation

OPINION

More Reasons for Change

Price of gas, "Code Red" add reasons to change behavior.

After days of intense heat, we begin this week with a "Code Red" air quality day, meaning that breathing the air is "unhealthy for all individuals."

On a "Code Red" day, no one should stay outside or exert themselves outdoors any longer than necessary, according to federal guidelines. At particular risk are active children and adults, and people with lung diseases, such as asthma.

The primary causes of air pollution in Northern Virginia are vehicle emissions and pollution from power plants here and to the west.

Approximately 60-70 percent of the pollutants that cause ground-level ozone are created from vehicles, lawn mowers, other garden equipment and common household products, according to the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments.

The price of gas has already motivated more commuters in the area to turn to public transportation. On predicted "Code Red" days, local bus service is free, which should provide even more incentive to see if you

can use transit for all or part of your commute.

The price of gas is excruciating, and takes a far higher toll on the working poor, but at \$4 a gallon and above, we're all motivated to seek conservation and alternatives. As businesses and individuals work to save money, the environment and air quality will also benefit. There's a chance that such measures could ease traffic as well.

On bad air quality days, children, older people and individuals with heart or respiratory ailments should reduce outdoor activities. Even healthy individuals should limit strenuous outdoor work and exercise.

Here are a few more suggestions to help air quality:

- ❖ Limit driving and when possible, com-

Air Quality Info

For the air quality forecast for Northern Virginia and links to maps, see <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/airquality>. For more information, see www.epa.gov/airnow.

bine trips or work from home.

- ❖ Use area bus and rail lines or carpool.
- ❖ Avoid mowing lawns with gasoline-powered motors.
- ❖ Refuel vehicles after dusk; avoid idling.
- ❖ Conserve electricity, keep air conditioning no lower than 78 degrees, turn off unneeded lights.

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Free Ride

Riding some local buses is free on "code red" days. Check for your chance to ride for free.

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EDITORIAL

Health Consequences of Bad Air

While some people say they might consider moving out of the region because of the traffic congestion, for others the choice to move might be necessary to save their health.

Consider the risks:

- ❖ One out of every three people is at a higher risk of experiencing ozone-related health effects, including active, otherwise healthy children who spend a lot of the summer playing outdoors.
- ❖ People of all ages who are active outdoors are at increased risk because during physical activity, ozone penetrates deeper into the part

of the lungs that are more vulnerable.

❖ Ozone can aggravate asthma. When ozone levels are high more people with asthma have attacks that require a doctor's attention or the use of additional medication. One reason this happens is that ozone makes people more sensitive to allergens, the most common triggers of asthma attacks.

❖ People with respiratory diseases that make their lungs more vulnerable to ozone may experience health effects earlier and at lower ozone levels than less sensitive individuals.

❖ Ozone can irritate the respiratory system,

causing coughing, throat irritation, and/or an uncomfortable sensation in the chest.

❖ Ozone can increase susceptibility to respiratory infections.

❖ Ozone can inflame and damage the lining of the lungs. Within a few days, the damaged cells are shed and replaced — much like the skin peels after a sunburn. Animal studies suggest that if this type of inflammation happens repeatedly over a long time period (months, years, a lifetime), lung tissue may become permanently scarred, resulting in less lung elasticity and permanent loss of lung function.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't Educate Illegal Immigrants

I read a newspaper article recently that the Chairman, Fairfax County School Board, Dan Storck wants to sue the military to pay for space needed to educate the children of the 19,000 new BRAC workers expected at Ft. Belvoir.

It seems to me that those U.S. citizen workers will probably contribute to our local economy as a minimum by paying taxes and spending on necessities to maintain their livelihood. Those who own their houses will also contribute by paying real estate taxes some of which is allocated to education.

So why pick on law abiding U.S. citizens

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Car Warranty Scam

BY BOB McDONNELL

Mary Westbrook's car is all the rage. The 59-year-old widow receives incessant letters, and calls on her cell and home phones. The solicitors won't disclose their name, or their company's name, nor provide her with anything in writing. Yet they're insistent that she buy an extended warranty on her car.

The only problem: Westbrook hasn't owned a car in two decades. She is one of many citizens being preyed upon by one of the latest and most widespread consumer scams in Virginia — the extended automobile warranty scam.

James Landrum, a 27-year-old electri-

cal engineer in Richmond, has received more than 50 phone calls in the past few months from telemarketers claiming to want to extend his auto warranty.

"It's a huge nuisance," Landrum said.

Many other consumers have contacted our Office about this scam.

In the face of this flood of auto warranty scams, keep the following tips in mind:

— Beware of mailings that appear to come from your automobile manufacturer offering extended warranty coverage.

— Beware of pre-recorded phone calls. In Virginia, it's illegal for telemarketers to use recorded solicitation calls for initial sales contacts.

— Never give out personal financial information over the phone, like your bank

account, credit card or social security numbers, unless you are absolutely positive that you know the party with whom you are dealing.

— Check to see if you already have a car warranty, or if your warranty has already expired. Many of the consumers who've received these offers say their car warranties expired long ago.

— When considering an extended warranty, always get information in writing before you agree to sign up or pay any money. Know and understand fully what you will be getting for your money.

— Certain "extended warranties" do not always provide the peace of mind and financial protection that consumers ex-

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OPINION

Beware Car Warranty Scams

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pected. Many of these contracts, when closely scrutinized, exclude so many items that they really provide very little coverage for outrageous prices.

— Check out a business with the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs, our Attorney General's Office, or your local Better Business Bureau before doing business with them.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 8

(military workers) when there is deafening silence by Chairman Storck, Supervisor Chairman Gerry Connelly and other local officials who support Chairman Storck about spending millions of dollars to educate the influx of illegal im-

migrant children in our school system. The cost of educating such children is much higher than educating English speaking children. And, what about the cost of medical, social and public safety services for illegal immigrant children?

It seems that Chairman Storck

and other local officials who support him need to get their priorities straight and do what is right for law abiding U.S. citizens who respect and obey our laws.

Frank Medico
Mount Vernon

If you fear you've lost money due to this or any scam, you can file a complaint with the Virginia Office of Consumer Affairs (www.vdacs.virginia.gov) and the consumer protection office of the state where the company is based.

Consumer protection is an important statutory duty of the Office of the Attorney General, and our staff can help. In an age of increased consumer issues, we all must continue to be educated and vigilant.

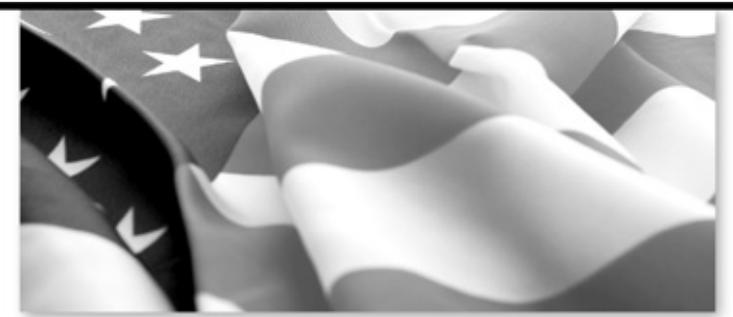
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Also winning the 2007 Julia Johns award; George H.C. & Patricia W. Berger are applauded as they move to the podium to receive their award.

Julia Johns Award Presented

The 1872 Society held its sixteenth annual membership reception May 28, at the home of Joseph F. Viar Jr., chair of the Board of Trustees of the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation. The Julia Johns Award of Distinction was presented to Lorraine Tate Hensley.

The award was established to recognize and honor individuals who embody the same spirit as our hospital founder, Miss Julia Johns, and who have made a notable contribution to advancing health care for the Alexandria community.



Senior Vice President of Inova Health System and CEO of the Inova Alexandria Hospital Christine Candio talks with Drs. Sarah and Matthew Poggi at the reception.



Catering for the annual membership reception was provided by Charlene's Kitchen. Pictured are Lisa Dantzler, Suzie Howell, Charlene Dantzler-Henry and Mary Tyler Stackhouse.



T.J. Fannon, 2002 Julie Johns Award recipient and Larry Hirsch.



2008 Julia Johns award winner Lorraine Tate Hensley receives her award from board chairman Joe Viar.

LIFE Working at Home

Two baby-boomers jump-shift careers.

MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon residents Tom and Amy Southard made an unusual change in their lives last year. The empty nesters turned their spacious home into a bed and breakfast. Instead of downsizing, they just opened the front door to visitors.

“Our daughter moved out, and then my nephew, who had been staying with us for a while,” Amy explained. “We have a big house with lots of empty bedrooms, and we enjoy meeting new people. It just seemed like a good idea.”

Amy, a real estate agent and kitchen/bath designer, and Tom, a recently retired CPA, custom built their home ten years ago. Located in a small, upscale development on the Mount Vernon Parkway adjacent to the historic Tower House, they call their B&B Mount Vernon Manor. “We are the closest B&B to the Mount Vernon Estate,” Tom said, “plus we get some overflow from the Old Town B&B’s.” They offer three bedrooms for guest use.

At first glance, putting aside the orderliness of accounting to host strangers in your home would seem a wrenching change. The Southards, however, seem to have made a mid-life change without ruffling a tablecloth.

“Most importantly, we didn’t have to change anything in the house, except add

wireless Internet access and buy more linens,” said Amy. “But using a booking agent has taken a lot of the hassle out of running a B&B.” They use Alexandria and Arlington B&B Network, which handles all of the reservations and room charges, pays the local room taxes, and sends the Southards a monthly check for the net proceeds. The agent also set up their page on bedandbreakfast.com



Amy and Tom Southard in front of their Mount Vernon Bed and Breakfast above and the great room left.



and helps spread the word on the Internet, the primary means by which people find B&B’s.

Amy, who pursues her real estate and design businesses from a home office, found that cooking breakfast for guests and doing the laundry fit into her regular schedule. Tom, who owned an accounting firm when they started the B&B eighteen months ago, has enlarged his role since he retired.

“When I was working, I tried to help Amy with breakfast between 8 and 8:30 a.m., and then go to the office after 9,” he said. Now,

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The largest guest room, left, and another one, above.



Amy and Tom Southard serve breakfast in their Bed and Breakfast, which is also their home.



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Academics

- Accepted by 151 colleges and universities in 21 states, the District of Columbia, and England.
- Academic honors program offers and academic scholarships, including:
 - One National Merit Scholarship Finalist
 - 12 National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholars
 - One National Achievement Outstanding Participant
 - 21 inducted into the Cum Laude Society
 - More than 40 percent received scholarship or merit aid
- 97 enrolled in 24 Advanced Placement courses—a total of 92 percent of the class—who went on to take 280 AP examinations this spring.
- Participated in such prestigious programs as the Presidential Classroom; Virginia Governor's Schools; the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at Georgetown University; the College Chemistry Experience at the Catholic University of America; and Model OAS, Model UN, and Model Judiciary.
- Recognized by the Alexandria Historical Society for excellence in the study of American history.

Community Spirit

- Conducted a blood drive for the local chapter of the American Red Cross.
- Prepared sandwiches, participated in food drives, built homes, delivered toys, and raised money for local people in need.
- Hosted a Special Olympics soccer tournament.
- Participated in international causes in Romania and the Dominican Republic.
- Contributed to the school's sustainability and recycling efforts.

Athletics

- 27 students participating in their sport next year at some of the country's top colleges and universities.
- Earned All-American status and Academic All-American status in boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, and softball.
- Recognized as Athlete of the Year by the Alexandria Sportsman's Club in field hockey, ice hockey, swimming, golf, and girls lacrosse.
- Led the field hockey and girls lacrosse teams to undefeated seasons, and league, tournament, and state championships.
- Set new school records in track & field, swimming, field hockey, and girls lacrosse.
- Many individual athletes named to All-State, All-Met, and All-League teams for their performances throughout their high school athletic careers.

The Arts

- Received a rating of excellent for the fourth straight year as a Level 4 wind ensemble at the Virginia District X Band Festival.
- Received a rating of superior for the fourth straight year as a Level 5 string orchestra at the Virginia District X Orchestra Festival.
- CAPPIS nominated in 11 categories, including best play, putting each in the top five out of 26 productions.

The members of the Class of 2008 have distinguished themselves in all areas of school life and in our community. As they leave us to attend some of this country's finest colleges and universities, we salute them for a job well done. We know that they will use their talents to become respected and worthy citizens of the global community that awaits them. Best wishes and congratulations!



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Fairfax Looks To 'Sister City' Relationship In Korea

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors endorsed a "sister city" relationship with Songpa-gu, a district located in the southeastern part of Seoul, Korea.

The supervisors voted to share best environmental, educational and cultural practices with the Korean locality at its June 2 meeting. The partnership would not require the expenditure of county funds, outside of e-mails and phone calls, according to supervisor Sharon Bulova.

Songpa-gu has a population of approximately 620,000 people spread over 34 square kilometers. It has four major subway lines and three major expressways near it and was the site of the main stadium for the 1988 Olympic Games.

The Mayor of Songpa-gu, Kim Young Soon, is aware of the large Korean-American community in Fairfax County and expressed an interest in becoming Fairfax's sister city in January. Fairfax County Public Schools has also been enthusiastic about the relationship, said Bulova.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Fairfax May Join Lawsuit over Prisoners

Fairfax County may sue Virginia if the commonwealth insists on renting 1,000 prison beds to other states when it could use them for hundreds of its own prisoners taking up space in county and city jails.

Supervisors directed staff to look into the possibility of a lawsuit at its June 2 meeting. They also asked officials to return with the precise number of state prisoners currently housed in the local Fairfax County jail.

County chairman Gerry Connolly said he thought it cost the locality approximately \$125 per day to keep a prisoner in jail and Virginia reimbursed Fairfax for approximately \$14 of that cost.

"It would be interesting to know has cost us [to house state prisoners] for the last five to 10 years," said supervisor Gerry Hyland (Mount Vernon.)

Others expressed concern that the keeping state prisoners in county jails was eating up the locality's ability to house offenders.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Fairfax Schools May Pass on Hybrids

Several Fairfax County School Board members are less than enthusiastic about automatically replacing the school system's cars with hybrid vehicles, a policy change called for by Fairfax's "cool counties" initiative.

Each hybrid would cost about \$10,000 more for the school system to purchase than a regular vehicle, said the schools chief operating officer Dean Tistadt. Hybrids also require special motor oil and some maintenance has to be provided by the dealer, said school board member Tessie Wilson (Braddock.)

Other board members also said several questions remain about the environmental damage hybrid vehicle waste can cause.

"This is not such a simply swap. What looks like an environmental savings, it could actually be a wash," said at-large school board member Tina Hone.

If the school board decides to forego purchasing hybrids, it will run counter to similar decision made by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The county government has already started buying hybrid vehicles in an effort to reduce its carbon footprint, said Fairfax County chairman Gerry Connolly in a recent debate.

"I know they are buying a lot of hybrids," said Tistadt.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Parents Would Lose Rights

Parents oppose Virginia proposal that could write their leverage out of special education regulations.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
GAZETTE

Linda Falkenson's daughter doesn't pick up on the social cues that most other people do. She suffered from a stroke in utero that has left her with some challenging emotional disabilities.

At times, the 13-year-old, isolated at school, can make inappropriate comments or talk too loudly. She doesn't have full sensation around her mouth, so she doesn't realize that crumbs are on her chin, according to her mother.

Sometimes Falkenson is the only person who understands the full impact of her daughter's disability. So the Vienna mother does not understand why Virginia's Board of Education would consider decreasing her power over her daughter's special education.

Currently, a Virginia school system can only terminate a student's special education services with a parent's consent. But proposed changes to special education regulations would revoke this veto power. Parents would also lose the right to call additional meetings with school staff to review their child's "individualized education program."

"I am my daughter's best advocate," wrote Falkenson in testimony to Virginia's school board.

MORE THAN 100 PEOPLE, including Falkenson, signed up to speak before the state school board at Oakton High School June 2. Most came to oppose the proposed changes in special education regulations. Parents, students and other advocates were most concerned about the new limits that could be placed on parents of children with special needs.

"I know of no families who request services their child no longer needs," said Phyllis Yoshida, the special education representative on the McLean High School Parent Teacher Student Association.

Several said the change would end up hurting special education students and could lead to an increase in litigation on the part of parents. Without an avenue to secure the services their children deserve, families would be forced to resort to the legal system, said many parents at the hearing.

"The Virginia Board of Education's proposal to limit parent rights and participation in the



PHOTOS BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE

At Oakton High School June 2, Virginia's Board of Education listened to more than 100 residents testify about proposed changes to special education regulations.



"The overwhelming sentiment is that the parent-school relationship needs to be more balanced."
— **Margaret Fisher,**
Fairfax County Council of PTAs



"We shouldn't give any signals or do anything to suggest that parents are not welcome."
— **James Lafferty,**
Alexandria parent of a child with autism



"Parents need to be more involved because they know their children best."
— **Wesley Robinson,**
Woodson High School special education student

special education process can be summarized in two sentences: 'Parents, get out of the way and let us do our job. We're the professionals.' If only that were true," said Teresa Champion, a Springfield resident whose son has special needs.

The Oakton hearing was the eighth of nine the state school board conducted around Virginia. Complaints about the proposed limits on parents rights "have been a constant through out all the public hearings," said Charles Pyle, director of communications for the Virginia Department of Education.

One person spoke in favor of the proposal to eliminate parental consent during the hearing. Mary Lou Wall, of the Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education, said it doesn't make sense to give parents unilateral veto

Special Education Report

In addition to concerns about changes in the state law, Fairfax County special education advocates are also worried about practices in the local school system.

In its annual report to the Fairfax County Public Schools, the school board's advisory committee on students with disabilities stated it is "very concerned that the rights of students with disabilities are being violated under [federal law] and their access to the education available to their non-disabled peers compromised."

The committee listed the following as some of the most "prevalent and pervasive" issues:

- ❖ Special education screening committees at local schools will require a child to fail before they will test for disabilities thereby forcing parents to forgo the support they have already put in place in order to get services.

- ❖ High school guidance counselors resist placing students with disabilities in accelerated classes.

- ❖ Some children must "work" their way back to a less restrictive environment.

- ❖ Some teachers do not have the proper training to implement the individualized learning plans of students with special needs in the general education classroom.

- ❖ Some school administrators are unprofessional or intimidating toward parents who are trying to be advocates for their children.

- ❖ Some schools fail to provide reading remediation to students in middle and high school who have been successful with accommodations but cannot read independently.

— **Julia O'Donoghue**

power over the termination of their child's special education services if professionals agree that the support is no longer needed.

"There is a lot of confusion about these regulations. This is about celebrating children who tested out of special education," said Wall.



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Local Couple Runs B&B Two Guilty In Firearms Cases

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he often takes over the morning cooking and checks in new guests in the afternoon. "I'm trying to get him to do more," Amy said with a half smile and a nudge to her husband's ribs.

They both agree that meeting people is the fun part, and that "high maintenance" guests are the biggest problems. "Some just want to linger over coffee and chat all morning," Tom said. "They need more attention, beyond a bed and a meal."

Their home-based enterprise has certainly changed their shopping habits. They buy in bulk from big box stores, but often make last minute runs to the local grocery. "The people at Safeway must think we subsist on bacon, eggs, and orange juice," said Amy.

"Some [guests] just want to linger over coffee and chat all morning."

—Tom Southards

IN ADDITION TO out-of-town guests, local residents often book a room with the Southards for a special occasion. Brad and Melanie Phillips of the Virginia Hills neighborhood in Alexandria did just that in early May. "We celebrated our twenty-seventh wedding anniversary," said Brad. "We walked over to the Cedar Knoll Inn for dinner. It was an enjoyable time, and Tom and Amy were such nice people."

It would seem that running an inn might be a drag on two active Boomers, but they claim otherwise. "We're not going to let this run our lives," Amy declared as Tom nodded Amen. "We're going to keep it low key." When they want to travel, they tell the agent to turn away reservations. And Tom, who plays the guitar and has a dance band named "Who's Ya Daddie?" makes time for gigs at wedding receptions and parties.

How to Do It

So, you want to be an innkeeper?

According to its most recent study of the inn-keeping industry in 2004, the Professional Association of Innkeepers International found that B&B owners generally make a long-term commitment. Forty-two percent had run their businesses at least seven years, although the industry continued to appeal to new owners—34 percent had started up within the previous one to three years. Half of the study respondents, however, indicated they relied on outside income sources. For information on the B&B industry and the factors to consider before putting up welcome sign, go to www.paii.org and www.bedandbreakfast.com.

How to Find a B&B.

Google "bed and breakfast" and you will find several Web sites designed to find a B&B in specific areas. Bedandbreakfast.com, bbonline.com, bandbfinder.com, bbexplorer.com, and iloveinns.com are a few of many such sites.

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U.S. District Court Judge T.S. Ellis, III sentenced Khalid Ahmed, 37 of Alexandria, to five months in federal prison for unlawfully attempting to export firearms parts to Sudan. Ahmed pleaded guilty in March, according to U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg.

According to court documents, Ahmed

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After just 30 seconds on a day like last Saturday, that 95 degree temperature soars to 107.8 degrees. After 10 minutes it approaches 117.5 degrees.

"Pets in a car have no way to escape the heat. Even with the windows cracked open,

MILITARY NOTES

Marine Corps Pfc. Christopher M. Counts, son of Mary J. and Kenneth L. Counts of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Army Pvt. David P. Selby has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the grandson of Marian Selby of Alexandria, and Catherine Barber of John St., Suitland, Md. Selby is a 2004 graduate of Thomas Edison High School, Alexandria.

Navy Seaman Jermie D. Harris, a 2000 graduate of West Potomac High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Air Force Airman Hasan Bilal has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. Bilal is the nephew

HEALTH NOTES

E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

The **Alexandria Mental Health Family Support Group** of NAMI/FOCUS is open to all dealing with mentally ill family members suffering from depression, bipolar or schizophrenia. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Alexandria Mental Health Office, Community Service Board Clubhouse, 4480 King St. Contact J. Gulka, Facilitator, 571-451-0773.

Learn about Medicare on Friday, June 13 at 2 p.m. at NOVA's Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Free. 703-845-6222.

packed components of an assault rifle in his wife's luggage before she left on a trip to her native Sudan. The parts were discovered at Dulles International Airport on Aug. 22, 2007.

Before the firearms parts were seized at the airport, ICE agents had advised Ahmed about licensing requirements for export and U.S. sanctions against Sudan, after agents previously intercepted a package of gun

parts Ahmed sent to Sudan in the mail, according to Rosenberg.

Ahmed was sentenced to five months in community refinement and three years of supervised release after his release from federal prison.

The case was investigated by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Department of Commerce for Export Enforcement and the FBI.

temperatures can soar leaving pets vulnerable and in a life-threatening situation," said Michael Lucas, acting commander, Animal Services Division (ASD).

When the outside temperature reaches only 70, the temperature inside a vehicle can climb to 120 degrees within minutes. That can lead to heat stroke and death.

Animals do not perspire the same as humans. A dog's tongue is their cooling system — thus the panting. With only hot air to breathe a dog can suffer permanent brain damage within minutes, according to ASD.

In most Northern Virginia jurisdictions it is illegal to leave an animal locked in a vehicle during hot weather. The law allows any law enforcement officer to seize any animal that has been cruelly treated or is suffering from a condition that constitutes a direct and immediate threat to its life,

safety or health, according to ASD.

Anyone convicted of animal cruelty, a Class One Misdemeanor under the Virginia Code, can face up to five years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$2,500. Anyone witnessing an animal left unattended in a parked car on a hot day should, according to Fairfax County Police:

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—CHUCK HAGEE

of Mohammad Ali of Arlington.

Paul Chenevert has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army National Guard. Chenevert, an infantry operations officer with 19 years of military service, is assigned to the 29th Infantry Division, Fort Belvoir, Fairfax, Va. His wife, Michelle, resides in Alexandria. The captain graduated in 1989 from Catholic High School, Baton Rouge, La., and received a bachelor's degree in 1996 from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Marine Corps **Pvt. Geoffrey L. Hughes**, son of Vicki L. and John V. Hughes of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

Marine Corps Pvt. Taytra T. Todd, daughter of Georgia T. Todd of Alexandria, recently completed the Marine Corps Basic Enlisted Supply Course. Todd is a 2006 graduate of The Potomac

School of Mc Lean, and joined the Marine Corps in July 2007.

Army National Guard Spec. Joshua A. Price has returned to 116th Brigade Special Troop Brigade, National Guard Station, Fredericksburg, Va., after being deployed to an overseas forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Price, a cannon crewmember with two years of military service. He is the son of Andrea K. and Eugene R. Price of Alexandria and received an associate degree in 2006 from Norwich University, Northfield.

Army 2nd Lt. Gabriel L. LaMois has graduated from the Army Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. LaMois' parents, Loyd M. and Eve L. LaMois, live in Alexandria. In 2003, the lieutenant graduated from Bishop Ireton High School, and received a bachelor's degree in 2007 from Virginia Commonwealth University.

or call Inova HealthSource 703-750-8800.

Dr. Kevin Fricka, orthopedic surgeon, will present "Osteoarthritis and Gender Knee," Wednesday, June 18, at 7 p.m., Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parker's Lane. To attend, visit www.inova.org or 703-750-8800.

Dr. John Albrigo, orthopedic surgeon, will discuss hip and knee replacements that are minimally invasive, Monday, July 28 at 7 p.m., Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Road. To attend, visit www.inova.org or 703-750-8800.

Dr. Stefano Agolini, board-certified surgeon, will discuss new options for hernia repair, Wednesday, July 30 at 7 p.m., Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Road. To attend, visit www.inova.org or 703-750-8800.



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My name is Maddie Gibian. I am 6 weeks old now. This picture with my Granddad, KP Lau, was taken when I was 10 days old. Do you see the resemblance? I guess that yawning is contagious.



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Alexandria resident Rebecca Walker of West Potomac High School won the Female Dancer award for "Guys and Dolls."



Falls Church resident Emily Sellon of St. Stephen & St. Agnes in Alexandria won Cameo Actress for "Metamorphoses."



Alexandria resident Mary Stewart of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes won Featured Actress in a Play for "Metamorphoses."



Alexandria resident Natalie Walker of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes won Lead Actress in a Play for "Metamorphoses."



The Crapshooters — Alexandria residents James Custodio, Christopher Silva and Miguel Perez of West Potomac High School won Best Ensemble in a Musical for "Guys and Dolls."



West Potomac won Best Song for "Luck Be a Lady" in "Guys and Dolls." (From left): Alexandria residents Hunter Link, Paul Disselkoen and Graham Jenkins.

PHOTOS BY STEVE HIBBARD/THE GAZETTE

Cappies

Theater Students Honored At The Kennedy Center.

Starry statuettes were evenly distributed during Sunday night's ninth annual Cappies Gala, honoring the best and the brightest in high-school theater.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes in Alexandria and H-B Woodlawn in Arlington each won four Cappies during the three-hour ceremony at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Westfield, Robinson and West Potomac each won three.

The Best Play award went to Woodlawn for "As Bees In Honey Drown," and Best Musical went to Walt Whitman for "Aida." Chantilly's Eddie Monk won the Cappie for Lead Actor in a Play for "The Andersonville Trial," and Natalie Walker of St. Stephen's won the Lead Actress in a Play Cappie for "Metamorphoses."

James Madison's Trey Ervine won Lead Actor in a Musical for "Fiddler on the Roof," and Andrea Carroll of Whitman won Lead Actress in a Musical for "Aida." The Best Song award went to West Potomac's "Luck Be a Lady" from "Guys and Dolls."

This Cappies Gala was dedicated to the program's co-founder, Bill Strauss, who died of cancer in December at age 60. A published author and playwright, himself, his vision — along with that of co-founder Judy Bowns — was to celebrate students of theater and journalism via the Cappies, or Critics and Awards Program.

Strauss was honored with a special tribute during Sunday's gala, and his wife, Janie — a member of the Fairfax County School Board — was presented with an award called, "The Show Must Go On."

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(From left): Chris Beatley and Max Krembs of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes won Best Sound for "Metamorphoses." Not pictured is Andrew Groody.

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Fairfax County Public Schools will add the foreign language in the elementary school (FLES) program to four additional schools during the 2008-09 school year, as approved by the Fairfax County School Board as part of the FY09 budget. The School Board allotted \$1.3 million to continue the FLES program to the next grade level in current schools and to expand the program to four additional schools for the next school year.

The four new schools are Waples Mill Elementary in Oakton, which will offer FLES in Spanish; Pine Springs Elementary in Falls Church, which will offer FLES in Spanish; Mt. Vernon Woods Elementary in Alexandria, which will offer FLES in Chinese; and Brookfield Elementary in Chantilly, which will offer FLES in Spanish. FCPS currently offers FLES in 25 elementary schools.

IB Physics II students from Mount Vernon High along with their teacher, Charlie Sabatier, helped fifth-grade students at Riverside Elementary School prepare for SOL science exams by conducting a science experiment testing Stomp Rockets on June 2, 3, and 4. The three days included designing an experiment, launching rockets and analyzing data in order to make some conclusions.

The following student from Stratford Landing Elementary was honored by the Northern Virginia District PTA in its PTA Reflections Contest.

Photography — Middle — **Sarah McKeown**, Stratford Landing Elementary School.

The **Stratford Landing Elementary** K-Kids Club hosted the school's first Environmental Fair on Friday,

June 6 in the Stratford Landing café. This student-run organization has arranged for a demonstration by the Raptor Conservancy, representatives from the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park, Cool Neighborhoods, and the American Geological Institute as well as information from the National Wildlife Federation and Fairfax County Water Authority. Fair attendees learned how to live greener, checked out a Smart Car, learned which plants are best for their yards, played environmental games, and enjoyed healthful snacks.

Jeff Dietze, former director of student activities at West Potomac High School, has been selected for induction into the 2008 Virginia High School League (VHSL) Hall of Fame. Dietze, who recently retired as director of student activities at West Potomac High School after 33 years, is being honored for his contributions to athletics in Virginia. He was instrumental in developing a national certification program for athletic administrators while working with the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and co-authored the National Council for Accreditation of Coaching Education state certification of state coaching education program. His work on the Virginia high school coaches' education program, designed to educate coaches about local and state regulations, is credited with setting the standard for coaches' education nationwide. Thanks to his leadership, Virginia has the only national certified coaching education program for high school coaches in the U.S. He is past president of the Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association and held several leadership positions in the VHSL.



It's a Tie!

A huge crowd turned out to see Waynewood Elementary sixth-graders and Waynewood faculty fight to the finish in the first-annual Student/Faculty Basketball Game on May 15 at Carl Sandburg Middle School. Waynewood faculty scored first and held the lead until the final moments when students rallied to tie the game. The final score was a tie — 47 to 47. It was an intense and exciting contest and the hometown crowd loved every minute. The Waynewood teachers vowed to start training immediately to assure victory in 2009.

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To have a notice listed in the Bulletin, e-mail the Mount Vernon Gazette at gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

The **Mount Vernon Republican Women** are hosting their June meeting on Thursday, June 19 at 7 p.m. at the home of Gail McNally. The speaker for the event will be Rodica Scoma, MD, a physician and member of our club. The title of the presentation is "Heart Attacks and Strokes in Women, What Precipitates?" This meeting is open to all interested members, guests, and community members. For information, call Debbie Fountain, 703-780-5942.

Sign-up for "Master the Art of Reading," the Fairfax County Public Library's 2008 Summer Reading Program. The library invites kids from preschool to high school to enjoy the magic of reading this summer. The program runs from June 13 to August 30. Preschoolers through sixth graders read 15 books. (Children can have books read to them.) Students in grades 7-12 read eight books. Visit the library's Web page at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library>.

The **Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** is seeking persons who are diplomatic, assertive, and good communicators to serve as volunteer ombudsmen. Volunteers are assigned to a specific local nursing home or assisted-living facility in the City of Alexandria and make weekly visits, meeting one-on-one with residents. For further information and to obtain an application, call 703-324-5422, or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman.

Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is hosting an information session on Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m. - noon at the John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. To learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children, call 703-273-3526, ext. 22 or e-mail ekosarin@casafairfax.org for more information.

The **Fairfax County Sheriff's Office** will photograph and fingerprint your children for free at several events around Fairfax in May and June. If your child is ever missing, the ID card will give authorities vital information to help them locate him or her. This community service is available for county and Fairfax City residents, ages 0-17. For more information or to schedule a public safety event, contact Captain Sean Whitmore at 703-246-7521 or e-mail sheriff@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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On Tuesday, June 17, 2008, the **Mount Vernon Genealogical Society (MVGS)** will meet in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The meeting will start at 1 p.m. and is free. The meeting will feature a presentation entitled "Digital Reference, Digital Resources and Digital Maps at the Library of Congress." The program will be presented by Ed Redmond. Additional information about the meeting and MVGS can be found at <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>. Any questions about the program should be directed to Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or haroldm@erols.com.

One on One Basketball presents its first overnight camps this summer. Located at the 130 acre Episcopal High School campus. The Northern Virginia Basketball Camp caters to boys ages 7 - 16 and provides a day camp option. The Northern Virginia overnight Camp runs July 6-10 for \$475. The day camp option (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) is \$350. The Intensive overnight Camp runs July 11-13 for \$350. Team and group discounts available. One on One Basketball runs other day camps throughout the region. Call 202-244-BALL or visit <http://www.lon1basketball.com/dc/>

This year, from March through September, **Mount Vernon Archaeology** will be excavating in the Upper Garden, one of two walled gardens that flank the western approach to George Washington's home. Washington created the garden during his 1775 redesign of the Mount Vernon grounds, transforming a circa 1760 rectangular garden into an elliptical space bounded by a brick wall as well as a greenhouse and slave quarter to the north.

Opportunities to volunteer are available Monday through Friday; in addition, we will be working on Saturdays during the months of June, July and August. Work hours are between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Contact Curt Breckenridge at cbreckenridge@mountvernon.org or 703-799-6303 if you would be interested in volunteering.

Band musicians [young or old] bring instruments and play along with the **Mount Vernon Community Band** during their Tuesday evening band prac-

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Alexandria resident and Belle Haven CC member Rob Menefee won medalist honors at the Laurel Hill GC zone qualifier for both the Virginia amateur and open championships.

Menefee Tops Qualifying Tourney

MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE GAZETTE

Alexandria's Rob Menefee led all players at a combined zone qualifying tournament for the 2008 Virginia amateur and open championships at Lorton's Laurel Hill Golf Club on June 2. Menefee shot a 1-under 141 over two rounds on the demanding Laurel Hill track – Fairfax County's showcase municipal golf course. David Ramsey (Chantilly) and Jeffrey Topp (Fairfax) tied for second in the amateur qualifying, while Topp finished second alone in the open qualifier. The SunTrust State Open of Virginia is scheduled for July 17-20 at Independence Golf Club in Midlothian, Virginia. The amateur will be at Kingsmill in Williamsburg, June 24-28.



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The Virginia Elite 16s East Coast Championship gold medal team members pose with their medals. Along with the 16s, The Virginia Elite 18s and 17s teams took home gold medals over the Memorial Day weekend.

Elite Sweeps Volleyball Titles

Virginia Elite Volleyball Club swept the 18, 17 and 16 year old divisions of the East Coast Volleyball Championships held in Pittsburgh, PA over Memorial Day weekend. Virginia Elite 18s won the Beast of the East Competition with a 6-0 record against the east coast's toughest competitors, while Virginia Elite 17s won thrilling matches against strong opponents to claim the gold in the 17s Championship Division title.

Meanwhile, Virginia Elite 16s faced tough competitors from Canada, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Ohio but remained undefeated with a record of 9-0, winning the gold medal in 16s Championship Division. Virginia Elite 15s also brought home

gold Memorial Day weekend by winning the 15s Division at the South Atlantic Championships held in Richmond, VA. All four Virginia Elite teams will represent the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area at the US Volleyball Association National Championships in Dallas, TX, June 26-July 5, 2008.

"This week, our teams won four championship titles through hard work, dedication and teamwork," said John Teifer, College Recruiting Director for Virginia Elite. "The competition was extremely tough, but all of our players' hard work paid off. We're incredibly proud of all of our players and coaches and their championship achievements."

Savage Wins Stroke Play Championship

Riding a streak of four birdies on the last five holes of the final round, Alexandria resident Shelley Savage won the Virginia Senior Women's Stroke Play Championship June 3-4 at the Country Club of Petersburg. The biggest birdie came on the thirty-sixth and final hole. With just a sand wedge second shot left to the green, she told herself, "Just accelerate and stay in your posture. It came off perfect." A retired Navy Nurse Corps captain, Savage serves as a staff nurse at Arlington's Virginia Hospital Center.

Other Northern Virginia players in the first flight included Mimi Hoffman (Springfield), third low gross, Arline Hoffman (Alexandria), first low net, and Linda DiVall (Alexandria), second low net.

—MICHAEL K. BOHN

Shelley Savage of Army-Navy CC won the 2008 Virginia Senior Women's Stroke Play Championship.



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PRIMARY 2008

Moran Beats Challenger

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for me.”
Despite the landslide defeat, Famiglietti said that the race was a success for him. “Regardless of whether I win or lose, I’m glad I’ve done this race,” he said. “I’ve brought some issues up that needed to be talked about. I am ready to do this again if the need arises in two years.”

NOW THAT THE primary is over, Moran will gear up for a general

election battle against Ellmore, who defeated Arlington defense contractor Amit Singh in yesterday’s Republican primary.

Moran said that he was looking forward to running against Ellmore because their stances on the Iraq War – Moran opposes it, Ellmore defends it – could make for a good contrast. “If Mr. Ellmore is elected it will be a bit more interesting,” Moran said before the results of the Ellmore-Singh race were in. “It could be a better debate.”

Rather than hold a large victory party for the primary win, a group of Moran friends, family members and staffers got together last night at an Arlington bar and grill for a small get-together.

Many Moran supporters had been canvassing all day in near 100-degree heat and took this opportunity to relax and have a drink with their friends. But Bryan Spoon, Moran’s unofficial campaign manager, stayed glued to his laptop all night watching the election returns come in.

Results

	Votes	Percentage
Moran	11,815	86.60%
Famiglietti	1,827	13.39%
Total	13,642	
Percent of active voters	3.36%	

Arlington totals

Moran	3,367	84.30%
Famiglietti	627	15.69%
Total	3,994	
Percent of active voters	3.11%	

Before Moran arrived at the party, Spoon phoned in updates to the Congressman on his cell phone. “We have some bad news,” he said jokingly. “We only have 87 percent, sir. We blew it!”

Election? What Election?

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“It just went off and then came back on. We don’t know what happened,” said Riverside Chief Election Officer Mike Pablo. That was around 2 p.m. when the heat index was nearing the 105 degree mark.

Along the Richmond Highway corridor section of Lee District the

story was the same at both Hybla Valley and Groveton Elementary schools polling places. Both sites were voting Democrats and Republicans.

Hybla Valley Elementary School polling place on Lockheed Boulevard with a total precinct voter registration of 4597 had seen only 44 cast their ballot by nearly 3 p.m. Of that total, eight voted GOP

and 36 chose one of the democrats.

At Groveton Elementary School votes tallied 68 by about the same time with 43 choosing one of the democrat contenders and 25 going for a Republican. The total registration of eligible voters in that precinct is 2653.

As Mattie Palmore theorized at the Paul Springs site, “Maybe the

heat is working against us. Particularly for older voters, this heat can be dangerous.”

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a different message by their absence. Perhaps, they just decided to pass on the party — both the event and the entities.

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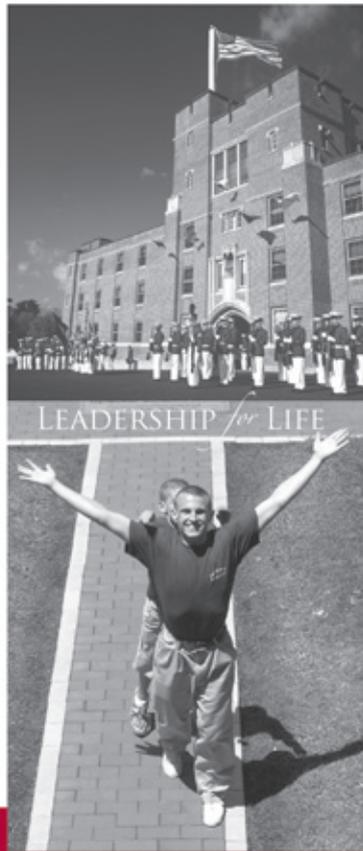
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PUPPY DOG TALES

The Cat from Iraq

BY DAISY MAE DEL RAY

I just love this job. People call me and stop me on the street to suggest topics for articles. Because of some great leads, I recently interviewed Marian Van Landingham's Dachshunds and I have been meeting with puppy raisers for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. Look for both of these stories this summer.

I have a great story for you this week. A friend of mine popped into the office one day to tell me about Mickey the traveling cat. I trotted over to Eight Hands Round on Mt. Vernon Avenue in Del Ray to talk to Cindy Gompert about Mickey. Later that afternoon I had a long talk with David, Cindy's husband, to get some additional details.

Our story opens in the Green Zone in Baghdad, Iraq in 2006. We are outside the palace at the guard station watching the guards check passes as people arrive for work. There are two teenage cats sitting next to the guard, one has been nicknamed Seven and the other one Garbage. These guys show up every day having appointed themselves feline guards. Some people even bend down to show Seven and Garbage their passes. They are very friendly cats.

Somewhere in the Green Zone is the other character in this story, David Gompert. He lives in one of hundreds of identical trailers and he is one of the lucky ones because he does not have a trailer-mate. The rule is for two to share the 8'X12' living space but David is by himself. The only problem is that he gets a little lonely so he starts thinking that he might want to share his space with one of the cats roaming the "Zone." David has seen and heard the story of Seven and Garbage. "I am a cat person," he tells me, and "I asked the Aussies to see if they could find me a cat." Soon Seven and David are roommates. The first order of business was a bath. Cindy told me that David called her very early one morning to ask, "How do you wash a cat," "very carefully," she replied.

Under all that dirt was a gorgeous orange and white tabby. Seven was renamed Mickey, after Mickey Mantle (jersey # 7). I asked David about the adjustment for Mickey who had never been inside." "Oh, he took to it quickly, bed was great and he slept with his head on the pillow," David told me. "His diet went from garbage can fare to steak, fish and grilled tuna."

The living arrangement was good for awhile and then came the call of the girls and the fun of the trailer got old. Mickey was alone for up to 18 hours and he began to act up. Down went the curtains, magazines were shredded, everything not nailed down got shoved under the bed, and then, according to Cindy, Mickey peed on David's pillow. It was time for Mickey to be given his freedom. Off he went.

A month later our wandering boy was back. David told me that he was really surprised that he was able to pick out the trailer as they all looked alike. [So like a person - Mickey knew exactly how to find the right trailer]. All was OK for a few days then the Halliburton folks who run the trailers found out about the contraband feline and told David he had to go. There was only one thing to do. Take him to the palace. There he was outfitted with a litter box



Daisy Mae

of desert sand, all the finest foods and his stuffed camel. It was hard keeping him in the bathroom so there were occasions when a little trashing was going on, and it was remarkable how quickly he learned how behave during meetings, be nice to all the important people and to do a little typing on the computer.

Alas, all things must come to an end and it was time for David to go home. The future would have been pretty bleak for Mickey if he were to remain behind. I heard that the word was out that there were too many cats and that many were to be eradicated. This was not to be the fate of our hero. Dur-

ing the transition between Iraq and home Mickey spent some time at the home of the Italian ambassador where he was seen by Saddam Hussein's former veterinarian, got his shots, was rendered useless to the female feline population, and obtained a health certificate for travel. On the way out, two final glitches appeared, the Iraqis were not going to let Mickey leave the country and so a few dollars exchanged hands, and David and Mickey had to fly commercial. Once airborne, David and a 17-pound cat stuffed into a small carrier headed to Frankfurt, Germany and then on to Dulles and then to home in Old Town.

Today, Mickey is an indoor/outdoor cat. He sleeps up close to Cindy and is the sweetest cat in the world according to David. Louise, the cat already in residence when Mickey showed up initially gave him what for, but they now have a normal sibling relationship. Mickey has two sides to his personality according to David, "he is rambunctious and almost aggressive with a very serious side, and he is genuinely affectionate and innocent, especially with Cindy." Mickey spends most of the year in Old Town and he summers with the family in Maine. I think that David really summed it up when he told me, "This is the luckiest cat in the world, he drank out of greasy puddles using his paws to get to fresher water, ate scraps, had a death sentence over his head, and now, he has the best, is well fed and clean. He earned it."

What a great story. Do you have a story for me?

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— Daisy Mae

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Saint James' Episcopal Church of Mount Vernon will highlight the 50th anniversary of its founding this year with a visit and sermon on June 22 by The Rt. Rev. David Colin Jones, Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Virginia, The Rev. B. Kris Kramer, Priest-in-Charge, announced. Assisting in this "Homecoming Celebration" service will be The Rev. Holt Jenkins of Alexandria. Saint James' honored Rev. Jenkins last year with the title of Priest Emeritus for serving as the priest who conducted the first service of the newly founded parish 50 years ago at Woodley Hills Elementary School in Mount Vernon.

In addition to Homecoming Sunday on June 22, Saint James' calendar for the 2008 celebration includes the following events:

June 27-29 – Region VI Weekend at Shrine Mont: Saint James' has enjoyed this spiritually uplifting and restful weekend for many years. Our 50th anniversary will make our time together at Shrine Mont even more special this year, with The Rev. Howard Hanchey, formerly Saint James' first professional counseling priest, as our convener.

July 14-18 – Vacation Bible School: Last year was the first time in 20 years that Saint James' conducted Vacation Bible School. The week was highly successful with 30 children participating. This year we are planning for at least 50 children. Adult parishioners are also blessed through their "hands-on" involvement with the children. Public invited.

July 26-27 – Feast of Saint James': We will celebrate with a gala that includes a play, St. James'-A-Lot, a musical based on Camelot, written and produced by members of Saint James', and featuring Saint James' actors and musicians. The play recounts the history of Saint James'. The evening will include a dinner and "surprise" visitors. Public invited.

September 7 – Rally Day: Family Fun Day and kick-off for fall, with children's registration, a picnic, Moon bounce, face painting, cake walk and old-fashioned games for the whole family.

Kid's Club will be from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on July 9 and Aug. 13 at Washington Street United Methodist Church, 115 S. Washington St. The church playground/courtyard and Children's Library will be open all morning for kids and parents to come and go as they please. Visit www.wsumc.com or 703-836-4342.

Children ages 3-through those who have just completed 2nd grade will learn what it means to know, speak, and live with God's love. The adventure will be Tuesday, July 15-Friday, July 18 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Washington Street UMC, 115 S. Washington St. To register, visit www.wsumc.com For more information contact the church at 703-836-4324 or office@wsumc.com.

It's time for children from ages 3 through grade six to blaze a trail to **Vacation Bible School**. Gather at the Bible Study Campfire to hear Bible stories and learn life applications, play games at the Recreation Barn, enjoy some grub at the Chuck Wagon and more. The adventure begins every evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m., June 23-27, Good News Baptist Church, 5940 Telegraph Road. Pre-register by calling 703-329-2990 or send an e-mail to Pastorcal@goodnewsbaptistchurch.org. Free. For more information, visit

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Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, has a special learning session from 9:45-10:45 a.m. every Sunday starting June 1 through Aug. 24. Children and adults will have the opportunity to learn about traditional Bible-times family life by playing authentic games, being apprentices in the Carpentry Shop, chatting with shopkeepers and more. To pre-register, call 703-765-6118 or Visit www.mvpconline.org.

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Connolly Wins Congressional Primary

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higher in Fairfax County and Fairfax City than Prince William. Approximately 7 percent of Fairfax County's active voters and 8 percent of Fairfax City's active voters turned up to participate in the primary, compared to just 2.5 percent in Prince William County.

The lion's share of 11th Congressional District voters also live in Fairfax County. Those residents account for 290,000 of the 446,073 active voters in the district.

SEVERAL FAIRFAX COUNTY residents who participated in the Democratic primary said they supported Connolly because of his performance as county chairman over the last four years.

"Connolly is like a [Lyndon Johnson] figure. He can get things done and move stuff along," said Jonathan Ottke, a Burke Democrat voting at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Connolly, himself, has emphasized his performance as an elected official, noting Fairfax County has been recognized as the best managed county in the country during his tenure. The locality has also received national attention for its school system and enjoys the lowest crime rate of the nation's 100 largest jurisdictions.

Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock), who serves as vice chairman of the Board of Supervisors, said she wasn't surprised by Connolly's strong showing in Fairfax County.

"I think Gerry has been an outstanding chairman. I expected him to win by very large margins in Fairfax County," said Bulova.

OTHERS EXPECTED a stronger showing by Byrne, who has represented parts of the district in the House of Representatives, State Senate and House of Delegates.

Connolly beat Byrne by a little over 24 points.

"I was surprised by the margin. With this low of a turnout, I didn't think it would be this clear," said Del. Mark Sickles (D-43), a Connolly supporter who represents the Franconia area in Virginia's General Assembly.

Internal polls for the Connolly campaign had always showed about a 20-point difference between the two candidates, but even members of the chairman's campaign staff had thought the race would be tighter.

"Our polling showed it, but I thought the margin would close," said Celinda Lake, whose company, Lake Research Partners, conducted field polls for Connolly's campaign.

Several people speculated that Byrne's negative campaign against Connolly could have done more harm than good for her campaign.

Byrne and other groups supporting her campaign sent several pieces of direct mail to Democratic voters that bashed the chairman, particularly for his part-time employment in community relations at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), a government contractor that has received business as a result of the War in Iraq.

"When you attack somebody for being a government contractor in this area, it will most certainly backfire," said Sickles.

Some outside groups have also attacked Connolly on behalf of Byrne over the past several weeks.

A few of Virginia's most prominent Democratic political bloggers backed Byrne and criticized Connolly by trying to link him to Davis and other Republicans over the past



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Former Rep. Leslie Byrne gives her concession speech.

several weeks. Many Democrats said they crossed a line by demonizing the county chairman in recent posts.

"I truly think that the bloggers, particularly Raising Kaine and Not Larry Sabato, hurt Leslie Byrne in this campaign. They posted mistruths and misrepresentations. It was revolting in my book," said George Burke, chairman of the Democrat's 11th Congressional District committee.

Others were upset with EMILY's List, a national political action committee that tries to help women who support abortion rights get elected to office. The group contributed at least \$23,550 to Byrne's efforts and paid for several negative mail pieces against Connolly.

"It's hard enough to see that stuff in the mail, to know that your neighbors are seeing it too ... But EMILY's List embarrassed me as a woman. How can women around

the country make assumptions about my husband?" said Smitty Connolly, the candidate's wife.

CONNOLLY ALSO sent negative mail pieces, including ones that attempted to tie Byrne to alcohol and tobacco lobbyists and all the negative campaigning may have turned voters off.

Those residents who usually participate in Democratic primaries said their mailboxes were flooded with fliers from both campaigns over the last several weeks. On primary day, many said they would be happy to see the end of the race.

"I am sick and tired of politics as usual. Negative campaigning is not something I am in favor of," said Burke resident Len Heimowitz, who called some of the direct mail he had received "awful."

Springfield resident Christine Stark said Byrne and Connolly, who promoted themselves as being "pro-environment," could have done a lot of good by not sending their "colored, non-recyclable fliers" through the mail.

Still, others said they were prepared for things to get nasty.

"I don't think anybody was surprised this campaign ended up negative," said Burke.

Many Democratic activists are trying to look forward to the general election in the fall, where they said Connolly has a very good chance of winning.

But the Democratic nominee cautioned his supporters not to be too confident. Connolly has spent most of the \$653,518 he raised on the primary and Fimian, who is personally wealthy, still has most of his \$957,263 available.

"Don't believe it is going to be easy," said Connolly of his race against the Republican.

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everything from \$1.6 million to battle narcoterrorism to a \$73,000 earmark to help the Beth El House provide social services and transitional housing for the homeless. Ellmore disagreed with Moran's longstanding support for the earmarking system, describing the current arrangement as one that lacks transparency. Other than earmarking, Ellmore plans to focus his campaign on building contrasts with the incumbent Democrat on border security and transportation issues.

"Why don't we have a rail to Dulles?" he asked. "Where is the tunnel to Tyson's?"

THE RACE BETWEEN Ellmore and Singh was in many ways a battle for the heart and soul of the Republican Party, and it was identified by "American Conservative" magazine as a bellwether of sorts for the national direction of the party. But the issues in the race became eclipsed by an increasingly hostile tone between the candidates. The

final days of the campaign saw a bitter series of accusations and counteraccusations, with each side claiming supporters of the other candidate were trying to mislead voters with campaign literature that was mailed to voters in the district.

The first punch was thrown by the Ellmore campaign, which issued a June 7 press release decrying a "smear campaign" led by Singh supporters to misconstrue Ellmore's position on border security. The next day, the Singh campaign blasted back by pointing out inaccuracies in a mailer sent by the Ellmore campaign. Singh campaign manager Steve Bierfeldt described Ellmore's bid as "a campaign based on lies," and documented numerous inaccuracies. Ellmore campaign officials later admitted they mistakenly misidentified which newspaper had published an article about Ron Paul supporters disrupting the Republican convention.

"It was a mistake, and we regret the error," said campaign manager Daniel Tillson. "This is not the kind of thing that we would have intentionally done because this sim-

ply isn't the kind of thing anybody would be able to get away with."

Congratulated by supporters at Babylon Football Café Tuesday night, Ellmore thanked his team of volunteers, many of whom had woken up at 3 a.m. that morning to install campaign signs in a district that stretches from Reston to Huntington. They cheered wildly as the precinct totals were posted on the Web site of the State Board of Elections on high-definition screens that normally feature the Washington Redskins. And they shared memories of a campaign that was launched in 2006, shortly after Ellmore lost the Republican primary in that race to Iraqi war veteran Tom O'Donoghue, who won with 69 percent of the vote. Ellmore credited Tillson with successfully leading the fight.

"This guy made me work for 12 hours a day," said the candidate.

"You're here," responded the campaign manager.

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"The demographics of this district are a problem," said Terri Hauser, former chairwoman of the Alexandria City Republican Committee. "This district was gerrymandered to be the Democratic dumping ground of Northern Virginia."

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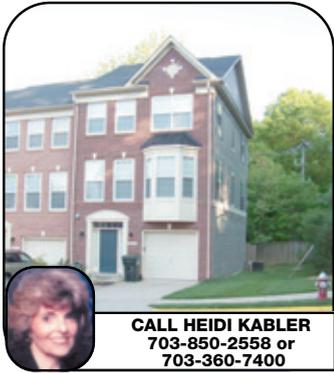
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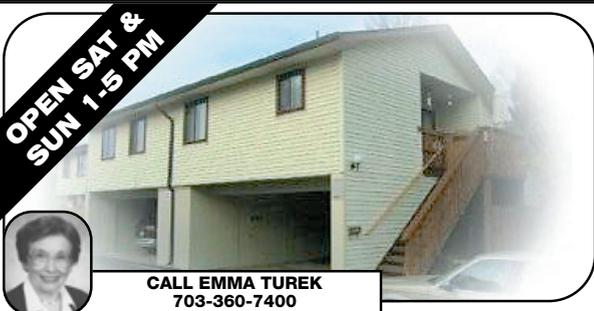


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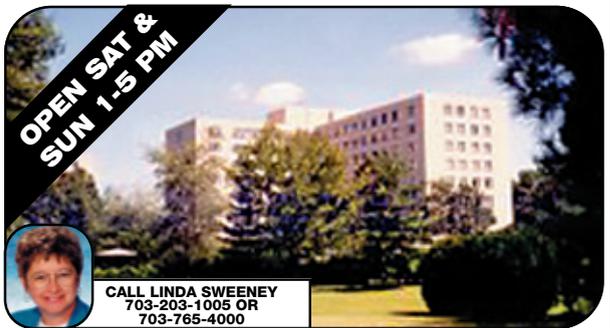


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