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Pharmacy students **Munazza Zaheer, Majida Mehreen Naz, Amina Zafar and Veronica Castro** answer a question posed by a **Head Start student** after their safe use presentation.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/ GAZETTE

Here's 'Passport to Health

Students sponsor Health Fair for Head Start program.

Students in West Potomac Academy's Health and Human Services classes hosted a Health Fair for the children in the West Potomac Head Start program on Thursday, March 4, and Friday, March 5.

Based on the theme "Passport to Health," West Potomac Academy students introduced Head Start participants to dental careers, medical assisting, occupational and physical therapy, and pharmacy tech.

The Head Start children learned what regular check-ups with the doctor and dentist entail and how to brush their teeth correctly. They engaged

in fitness activities to address childhood obesity, led by West Potomac Academy students, and learned which medications at home are helpful and which could be harmful.

West Potomac Academy students participate in service learning projects including Mission of Mercy, Project Smile, Inova Blood Donor Services blood drives, and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) state and national competitions. Starting this spring, students will be placed in clinical observations and internships in medical and dental offices, physical therapy clinics, and pharmacies.



Crystal Umeres measures the weight and height of one of the children attending Head Start.



Dental career students Bianca Bradley and Milena Belajic.



Ali Hussein takes the pulse and listens to the heartbeat of a young student.

Cutting School Resource Officers?

Marine patrol would also be affected.

By GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Mt. Vernon District Police Commander David Moyer briefed the Mt. Vernon Council of Citizen's Association's (MVCCA) Public Safety Committee about the impact of proposed police department cuts at a recent meeting.

The proposed cuts — 6 percent county-wide for the police department — were part of a four-year trend in police operations cuts totaling \$28.76 million if this year's \$12.2 million in cuts are sustained.

"Eliminating 26 police security officer positions (SROs) at the middle school level [in Mt. Vernon: Carl Sandburg and Walt Whitman] is unacceptable," said District Supervisor Gerald Hyland.

The Board of Supervisor's Public Safety Committee Chair, Hyland vowed to fight the County Executive's proposed SRO position cuts, among other areas.

The 26 SROs now assigned to the middle schools are onsite in the middle schools fulltime to prevent and reduce the incidence of criminal and gang activity, and provide a safe and secure environment in the schools. They also serve as first responders for school-based emergencies, prevention counselors, assist in inves

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'The Buoy Draggers'

Frustrated by new boundaries, duck hunters face penalties for poaching.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Duck hunter Mike Bolinder calls them "the buoy draggers," waterfowl sportsmen who have become so frustrated by the recently redrawn boundaries at Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve that they willfully flout the law by moving the markers to their old location. Ever since the buoys were moved last summer, the new boundaries have been a source of frustration for duck hunters who prowl the edge of the preserve during the early

morning hours of winter. Last month, the Fairfax County General District Court dismissed charges against one hunter and issued another a fine for poaching.

"I can understand why many duck hunters would feel that moving the buoys was following the spirit of the law even if it violated the letter of the law," said Bolinder. "These buoys were in the same place for generations, and then all of a sudden they moved."

One hunter admitted to moving the buoy, although he told the con

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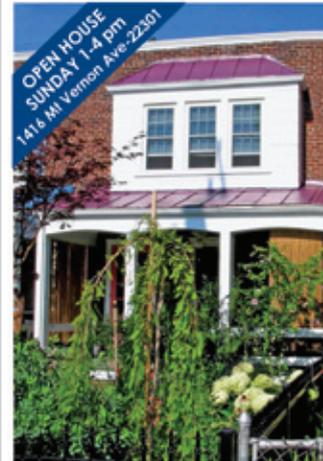
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Paintball Attack at Mt. Vernon Parkway

BY GERALD A/ FILL
THE GAZETTE

U.S. Park Police are investigating a recent paintball incident that occurred on the Mt. Vernon Parkway near Riverside Park.

Last Friday, March 5, 7:45 p.m., Dan Scandling and his wife were driving north on the parkway near Riverside Park when they were suddenly shot at by paintball guns at close range by an unknown individual or individuals hiding behind the fallen tree branches stacked along the Parkway.

Scandling, chief of staff to U. S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R-Va.) described the incident: "We were hit four times, one of them directly next to my wife's head on the passenger side window. If we were hit on the front windshield it could have easily morphed into a serious public safety problem."

"I called the Park Police and the officer who I talked to said they had recent complaints similar to mine as well as an incident of one or more individuals throwing things at cars driving on the Mt. Vernon Parkway while passing under the Alexandria Avenue stone bridge."

Scandling contacted the Gazette with the express purpose of bring-

ing publicity to this so that parents in the nearby neighborhoods would be on the lookout for children who have paintball guns and are leaving home at night who may be planning to participate in harassing motorists on the parkway.

U.S. Park Police public information officer David Schlosser said: "We have taken note of the incidents and complaints, and have alerted our patrol officers to be on the lookout for individuals engaged in this kind of potentially serious public safety activity."

Violators who are adults who are caught shooting paintballs or throwing debris at cars on the parkway will be arrested and charged with a misdemeanor. The misdemeanor charge would be filed in Federal District court under Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Juvenile violators who are caught shooting paintballs or throwing debris at cars on the Parkway will be arrested and charged with a misdemeanor in Fairfax County Juvenile Court.

Anyone who knows of a person or has information about a person engaged in shooting paintballs or throwing debris at cars on the parkway may contact the U.S. Park Police, Communications Dispatch: 202-610-7500.

Fallen

Almost 100 feet of the Mt. Vernon Estate brick perimeter wall collapsed the afternoon of Tuesday, March 9. The wall is 50-plus feet from the intersection of Old Mt. Vernon Highway and Old Mount Vernon Road. According to a spokeswoman for the Mount Vernon Estate, the Mount Vernon Ladies Association paid to have the joists added to the wall, although they were never installed. Meanwhile, the recent snow and subsequent warm weather combined with the soft ground at the site in a way that brought the wall down. Mount Vernon officials say their crews are working around the clock to clean up the site and repair the wall.



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Academy student designers: Maria Ruiz, Lauren Martin, Alana Leuterio, Emily Shockley, Lilly Guerra and Betsy Romero with instructor Maggie Robinson at the show and boutique sale.

Crystal Couture 2010

West Potomac Academy's fashion design students work featured at the annual Crystal Couture last month. Jungle, Jeans, Tats & Tees, this year's theme, was hosted by Crystal City BID.



la'Tasja Rousey walks the runway in Shaima Munye's design.



West Potomac Academy student designers watched as their creations were showcased on the runway in the lobby of the Lowe Enterprise offices at 23rd Street and Crystal Drive.

Police Investigating Bank Robbery in Penn Daw Area

Police are investigating a bank robbery that occurred on Tuesday, March 9 shortly after 11:30 a.m. A man entered the TD Bank, located at 6615 Richmond Highway, and approached a 22-year-old woman behind the counter. He implied he had a weapon and demanded money. The victim complied and the suspect exited with an undisclosed amount of cash. The victim did not require medical attention.

The suspect was described as black, in his 30s to 40s; about 5 feet 6 inches tall with a medium build. He was wearing a yellow construction hat, a dark sweat shirt, and blue jeans.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

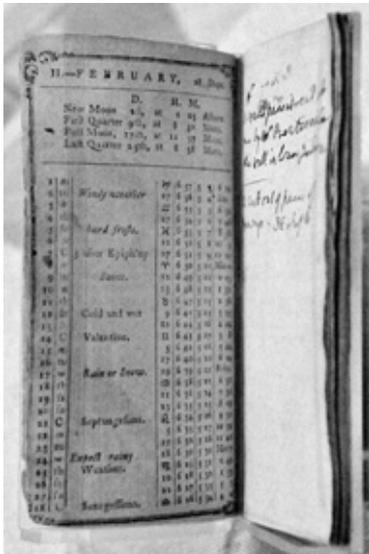
Bringing Them Home

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A special exhibit marks the 150th anniversary — Feb. 13, 2010 through Jan. 8, 2012 — of the public opening of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. It is located in the F.M. Kirby Foundation Gallery in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate.



A check for \$59,242, issued to John Augustine Washington III from the Mount Vernon Ladies Association. "On April 6, 1858 John Augustine Washington agreed to sell the Mount Vernon mansion and 200 acres to the Ladies Association for \$200,000 plus interest. A down payment of \$18,000 was required with installments due on Feb. 22, George Washington's birthday — of the next four years."



Martha Washington's copy of 'The Good Old Virginia Almanack', 1802.



The Spanish minister Don Diego de Gardoqui presented George Washington with a four-volume edition of Cervantes 'Don Quixote.'

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Needle book made of English or French silk with gilt paper. Ca. 1800-1850.



Four-bottle wine cooler made in England of fused silver plate on copper, 1790. One of the silver service pieces that was recently discovered in old family trunks by Mary Lee Bowman and her husband Robert E. Lee IV. The silver after the death of George and Martha Washington was in the Arlington House, the home of General Robert E. Lee and his wife Mary Anna Randolph Custis Lee. Mary was also Martha Washington's great granddaughter. "At the onset of the Civil War, General Lee encouraged his wife to evacuate their home and take the Washington silver with her." The silver was packed up and sent to VMI in Lexington, Va. where it was buried underground.

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Pilot's Preview

The cast of "Hard To Be Me" gathers outside the American Film Institute in Silver Spring, Md. before the pilot preview on Sunday, March 7.

Mount Vernon screenwriter Edward Robert Bach at the preview of his new TV pilot "Hard To Be Me."



Business Seminar Offered on 'BRAC and Beyond'

The Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation will present "BRAC and Beyond ... Stimulating Business Growth" on Tuesday, March 30, 8:45-11:30 a.m. at the Best Western Mount Vernon, 8751 Richmond Highway.

This business seminar is sponsored by Virginia Commerce Bank.

Featured speakers include:

❖ Colonel Mark Moffatt, deputy garrison commander for Transformation and BRAC at Fort Belvoir with a status update of BRAC expansion projects at Fort Belvoir and impact to the region.

❖ Bridget Bean, director, Washington Metropolitan Office, Small Business Administration on certification programs geared toward helping small business owners secure government contracts.

Participants will be able to talk directly with the speakers and representatives from each of the organizations immediately following the presentations.

Cost for the event is \$15 per person in advance/\$20 after March 19 and will include a light breakfast by Roy Rogers and break refreshments by Red Hot and Blue.

RSVP to 703-360-5008 or info@sfdc.org.

Police Investigate Fatal Single-Vehicle Crash

Police are investigating a single-vehicle crash that killed a 47-year-old man.

Around 10:40 p.m. on Thursday, March 4, Umar Adam was operating a 2008 Honda Civic southbound on South Kings Highway. Near the intersection with Southgate Drive he veered off the road to the right and struck a brick wall.

Adam, of 2651 Arlington Drive in Alexandria, was transported to the hospital and succumbed to his injuries a short time later.

Speed and alcohol do not appear to be factors in the crash.

There were no signs of braking prior to the impact. The medical examiner will determine the cause of death.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers by phone at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call Fairfax County Police at 703-691-2131.

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PEOPLE

Reagan Presidential Campaign Historian: Craig Shirley

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon area resident Craig Shirley is somewhat of a renaissance man. Whether it is politics “I began campaigning for Republican conservatives when I was 8 years old,” sports — 14 years as a Fort Hunt youth league lacrosse coach — or lobbying for business, political, or international firms before Congress or the executive branch, all the while writing campaign history books, one has the sense that whatever he is involved in at the moment he is “all in” to use the poker expression.

Shirley has many passions but one of them that occupies most of his time — when not managing his government relations business or coaching youth sports or sailing — is writing about former President Ronald Reagan and his political campaigns for President of the U.S. He has written and published two political history books about Ronald Reagan: “Reagan’s Revolution” in 2005 and “Rendezvous with Destiny: Ronald Reagan and the Campaign that Changed America” in 2009.

Shirley prepared for his political history writing through many years of working on political campaigns including Barry Goldwater and Reagan Presidential campaigns. His conservative roots go back to his childhood when he joined his father and others in the campaign for Barry Goldwater for President. Years and many campaigns later, in working on Reagan’s campaign in 1980, he observed first hand Reagan the man, and his insurgent struggle (1976 nomination loss) and ultimate triumph both within the Republican party establishment and Reagan’s successful Presidential nomination bid (1980) and then the Presidency itself.

In the words of his publisher, his books “are the antidote to ‘presentism’ — the practice of presenting or interpreting the facts of the past in terms of current day knowledge and understandings.”

In the Forward to “Rendezvous with Destiny,” Shirley writes: “This book is both a primer on practical politics and a meditation on the practicality of idealism. It arrives, serendipitously, at a moment when conservatives are much in need of an inspiring examination of their finest hour.”

Q. Why did you select writing about the history of Reagan’s campaigns and not other political history?

A. Seven or eight years ago I realized that no one ever wrote about the Reagan chal-



Craig Shirley, author of “Reagan’s Revolution” and “Rendezvous with Destiny: Ronald Reagan and the Campaign that Changed America.”

lenge within the Republican party.

Q. How long did it take you to write your first book, “Reagan’s Revolution”?

A. It took over a year. It took me four years to write my recently published “Rendezvous with Destiny” book.

Q. What would you say is so important about the “Rendezvous” book?

A. The 1980 campaign changed politics and political culture forever. It marked the rise of conservatism. In my view it stands as one of the most important transformational political races in American history. There is no other book of its kind. Until they opened up their files to me, the Reagan Presidential library has kept sealed the information about Reagan’s 1976 and 1980 campaigns. So, for the first time the public, through my books, have the benefit of the inside behind-the-scenes machinations and political struggles of the Reagan political revolution within the GOP which I have been privileged to study, conduct archival research, and interview hundreds of people in the campaign. It is my hope that historians and the interested general public will be enriched and better understand one of the most consequential politicians in modern American political history.

Q. What did you believe was the most important fact you uncovered about Reagan’s run for the presidency during the ‘76 and ‘80

campaigns?

A. It may be surprising from an outsider’s perspective but I discovered how much the Republican party establishment hated Reagan. The reason was he wanted to transform the Republican party to one of being a country club party into a party which represents the views and values of the man in the street. I have a particular section in which I describe how Reagan actually worked behind the scenes against former President Richard Nixon to stop him from the Republican nomination. I also uncovered the mystery of who stole the Jimmy Carter campaign briefing books. The perpetrator was Paul Corbin; Chapter 28. It was a big deal at the time but it didn’t really make any difference in the campaign. There are many other revelations and insights throughout the book.

Q. Why should someone read “Rendezvous with Destiny”?

A. It’s the first book ever written that is devoted to the history of the 1980 Reagan presidential campaign. Also, readers will be able to track the change in politics that Reagan engendered nationally and unquestionably led a generation of Americans into adopting principled idealism as the mantra of Republican conservative political philosophy. I also believe that by reading “Rendezvous with Destiny” one will better understand about the political struggles going on now within the national political establishment. Those who wish to engineer a resurgence of Republican political conservatism as a force in American politics would be

Profile

CRAIG SHIRLEY

Age: 53

Occupation: President, Shirley & Banister Public Affairs, a government relations and marketing firm; political historian

Marital Status: Married to Zorine Bahppu-Shirley (they first met during the 1980 Presidential campaign). His wife edited both of his published books on former President Ronald Reagan. Four children: daughter, Taylor; sons: Matthew McGivern, Andrew Abbott, Mitchell Boman Reagan Shirley

Hobbies/Interests: Politics, Fort Hunt youth league coaching (14 years: Lacrosse), sailing, water sports.

Education: Springfield College, Mass. B.S. 1978. Majored in history and political science.

Most Influential: Late father, Edward Bruce Shirley. “By his example he taught me how to think, reason, and instilled in me values that are so important in my life and how I conduct myself ... Dad was a firefighter, military service veteran, small business owner.”



wise to read and understand the Reagan principles.

Q. What is your next writing project?

A. I am already writing about Reagan’s 1984 campaign.

Q. What has it meant to you to be called one of Reagan’s historians?

A. President Reagan was such a giant political figure, beginning as California Governor and then President. To be referred to as you just did in your question as one of Reagan’s historians is a humbling and gratifying experience. I always admired this happy, complex, and principled man. Working on his campaigns and then studying the man and those who worked with him, his political fights, and his impact on American politics and America, is as good as it gets for me. I have been blessed to be in a position to chronicle this chapter of the history of American politics and Ronald Reagan.

Q. You have studied Reagan for many years. What would be the most important message you would like to convey about what you learned about Reagan the man and what he stood for in his lifetime?

A. He practiced principled idealism. He loved America. He united the American people even though they didn’t always agree with him because they trusted his principled idealism and love of country and he had the uncommon ability to communicate it to all walks of life.

SCHOOL NOTES

Students at Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School will celebrate National School Breakfast Week with a special breakfast for students, their parents, and staff members, served by members of the American Culinary Federation-Nation’s Capital Chef’s Association, on Friday, March

12, at 8 a.m. Using the theme Breakfast: Ready - Set - Go!, the chefs—in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Food and Nutrition Services — will serve breakfast for the Mount Vernon Woods community. Food and Nutrition Services’ Energy Zone bear mascot will

be on hand to stress the importance of a healthful breakfast. Parents have been invited to join their children for breakfast. West Potomac Academy Fashion Design student **Alexis Foreman** has been named to the Seventeen Maga-

zine Style Council for 2010. Foreman will be involved in stories that demonstrate her personal style and will explain to readers how to get that style in affordable ways. She will also work on projects and photo shoots and will first be featured in Seventeen’s March issue.

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PEOPLE NOTES

Tenley Hardin has recently published her first novel, “Still Life.”

She has been teaching English for Mount Vernon High School in Alexandria for three years. In 6-8 weeks, “Still Life” will be available for mass distribution on Barnes & Noble.com and Amazon.com.

BULLETIN BOARD

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THURSDAY/MARCH 11

Our Natural Puzzle: Putting the Pieces Together. 7:30 p.m. Get a peek at how interdependent our insects, plants, other wildlife, and even humans can be and try to put together our local nature puzzle. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.

League of Women Voters. 7:45 p.m. Discusses the impact of early Monday closings for elementary schools. At Paul Spring Retirement Community, Mt. Vernon Room, 7116 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 703-658-9150 or visit www.lwv-fairfax.org.

Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting. 7 p.m. The Advisory Group advises City staff on Fort Ward Park and Museum use and management. At the Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria. Call Laura Durham at 703-746-5493.

FRIDAY/MARCH 12

Help With Forms. 2 to 4 p.m. Fairfax County residents with disabilities or who are 65 years of age or older are invited to workshops to receive assistance completing application forms for real estate tax relief and car tax relief. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 201, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573, TTY 711.

SATURDAY/MARCH 13

Open House. 2-4 p.m. Come and learn more about Alexandria Academy, a new independent classical day school opening for grades 5-8 in Old Town,

Alexandria. Alexandria Academy, 400 South Washington Street, Alexandria. Visit www.alexandria-academy.org.

"Recruiting Day." 1-4 p.m. Free. "Recruiting Day" gives you the chance to explore Civil War reenacting. At Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4848 or www.fortward.org.

Speak Up for a Child — Volunteers Needed. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is hosting an information session. At Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria. To learn more, call 703-273-3526, x22 or email ekosarin@casafairfax.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 16

Mount Vernon Evening Lions Club. 7 p.m. Grace Capuno will be speaking on diabetes. Meets at Pema's Restaurant, 8430 Richmond Highway. Call Andrea 703-960-4973.

Author Tim Wendel. 7 p.m. Will sign his book, *High Heat: The Secret History of the Fastball and the Improbable Search for the Fastest Pitcher of All Time*. At the Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway, Alexandria.

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Features a presentation entitled "Research Resources in the Greater DC Area, presented by certified genealogist Phyllis M. Jule Legare, CG. Meets at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road in Alexandria. Call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or haroldm@erols.com.

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OPINION

No Way

Assembly should kill bill that would pave way to hand state tax revenues to private companies in public-private transportation projects.

While most states are working on ways to increase revenues during the recession, which cost states across the country more than \$80 million in just 12 months in 2009, Virginia's governor appears to be looking for a way to give away future state revenue.

Virginia already has a public-private transportation act, which paved the way for the ongoing construction of "High Occupancy Toll" Lanes on the Beltway for example.

Public-private partnerships have their place.

But a last minute proposal in the Virginia General Assembly would not only allow the private entity to collect direct revenue from a project, like tolls, but would also allow agreements that would pay the private company a portion of increases in tax revenues that might result from the project.

If this were in place when the HOT-Lanes agreement was written, for example, the Commonwealth of Virginia might be paying the private company in this public-private partnership quarterly payments equal to as much as 50 percent of income taxes paid by construction workers and engineers working on the project, plus a similar proportion of sales taxes paid on equipment and materials purchased for the project, plus "multiplier or spin-off economic activity," and so on, in addition to the agreement that allows the company to collect

the tolls on the road for more than half a century.

CONSIDER: The bill, HB 1395, allows for the state to pay grants to a private entity out of a "portion of the growth in state taxes attributable to the development of the project."

"State tax revenues attributable to such economic activity may include, but shall not be limited to, state tax revenues from (i) wages, salaries, and contract payments paid to persons in the development of the transportation facility; (ii) purchases of machinery, equipment, and materials in the development of the transportation facility; (iii) insurance premiums paid; (iv) the production of goods or services at business locations within a geographical area surrounding or adjacent to the transportation facility; and (v) multiplier or spin-off economic activity relating to the development of the transportation facility including, but not limited to, wages, salaries, and contract payments paid to multiplier or spin-off jobs."

The money would be paid out of the General Fund, money intended to pay for basics of education, public safety and a social safety net, all facing draconian cuts right now.

If that isn't scary enough, the bill would also allow localities and "authorities" to enter into such agreements.

MANY OTHER STATES that have entered

into public-private transportation projects have done so by having the private company pay huge up-front cash payments, billions of dollars, in exchange for "leasing" a toll road, that is collecting the tolls for some often very long period of time into the future. In the HOT Lanes example, the company is widening the Beltway and replacing and repairing bridges, etc., between approximately the American Legion Bridge and the Mixing Bowl, in exchange for being able to charge an as-yet-to-be determined toll to drive in a lane that will be kept free of congestion by raising the tolls, likely much higher than the \$4.15 each way currently charged on the Dulles Greenway. Vehicles with three or more occupants (high-occupancy) will ride in the congestion-free lanes without charge. Or that's the plan.

At the point that the state believes that it's appropriate to collect tolls approaching \$10 for a round trip on a portion of their commute, it makes sense to investigate the funds available to the state directly by issuing bonds based on that revenue stream.

It's not clear who is looking out for the best interests of the citizens of Virginia in these partnerships. Details of some proposals, like a proposal for HOT-Lanes on I-95 appear to build in many guarantees and protections for the private companies, but less for the Virginians who would be paying the tolls or who could be getting less benefit for their tax dollars.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Not the Time To Raise Taxes

To the Editor:

The Fairfax County Executive in his overview memo to the Board of Supervisors regarding the pro-

posed 2011 county budget states that the average residential property taxpayer's tax bill for 2010 will be \$48.55 lower than the 2009

tax bill because decreased assessment values and despite the 5 cent proposed increase in the real property tax rate from \$1.04 to \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value.

That's putting the best foot for-

ward to sell a tax rate increase. A 5 cent tax rate hike will increase residential property taxes for all improved residential property owners by \$216.21 based on the County's mean assessed value (average) of \$432,439 for 2010. In other words, the 2010 property tax decrease would total \$264.76 instead of only the decrease of \$48.55 stated by the County Executive if the 5 cent tax rate increase were not adopted. The actual amount of tax increase will vary depending on the actual assessment value for individual properties.

A spot check in my neighborhood reveals that the tax increase is slightly more than \$300 per property with a 5 cent tax rate increase. And, for the 55,613 property owners that had no change in assessed value for 2010, they will see their tax bill rise also by 5 cents per hundred of assessed value. For example, for a \$400,000 assessed value property in 2009, the tax bill was \$4,160. But, the tax bill for 2010 will be \$4,360 or an increase of \$200 over 2009 bill and not \$48.55 less than 2009 as stated by

Going to Odyssey Regionals

Students at Stratford Landing Elementary School in Mount Vernon won First Place in the Odyssey Of The Mind competition last week. They will now go on to the Regional Competition. The winning team included sixth-grade students: Micheal Bell, Sam Kendrick, Jade Schaub, Alex Richwine, Jonathan Gannon, Grace Kennedy, and Emily Carbone.



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OPINION

Leading Subcommittee on Guns

BY TODDY PULLER
STATE SENATOR (D-36)

Senate Courts of Justice Committee Chairman Henry Marsh appointed me as chair of a new Special Subcommittee. This subcommittee was tasked with conducting hearings on a number of laws relating to guns. Other members of the subcommittee are Sena. Janet Howell, Sen. Louise Lucas, Sen. Frederick Quayle and Senator Marsh.

The Special Subcommittee convened on Thursday, March 4, to conduct a full hearing on the bills. We voted to send them to the full committee or "pass them by indefinitely" which in effect kills the bill.

House Bill 49 would have removed Virginia's 16-year-old restriction on allowing the purchase of more than one handgun a month. It is believed that this existing law helps law enforcement track potential gun-running operations. The bill was killed in the subcommittee 4-1.

Another gun bill I found to be very egregious was House Bill 1070 which would have allowed holders of concealed-handgun permits to bring their weapons into emergency shelters. This would include homeless shelters and crisis shelter situations like Hurricane Katrina. Social workers already have numerous intake procedures that must be followed such as trying to prevent alcohol or drugs from being brought into the shelters. Allowing guns could have resulted in some unintended tragic situations if passed into law.

Among other bills killed in subcommittee were:

❖ HB 69 to exempt guns and ammunition made and kept in Virginia from federal law. We believed this was probably unconstitutional and would have preempted the Interstate Commerce Clause.

❖ HB 490 that would instruct the Virginia State Police to develop a plan to issue lifetime concealed-handgun permits. With the present budget cuts, we didn't want to impose additional requirements on the police time and funding.

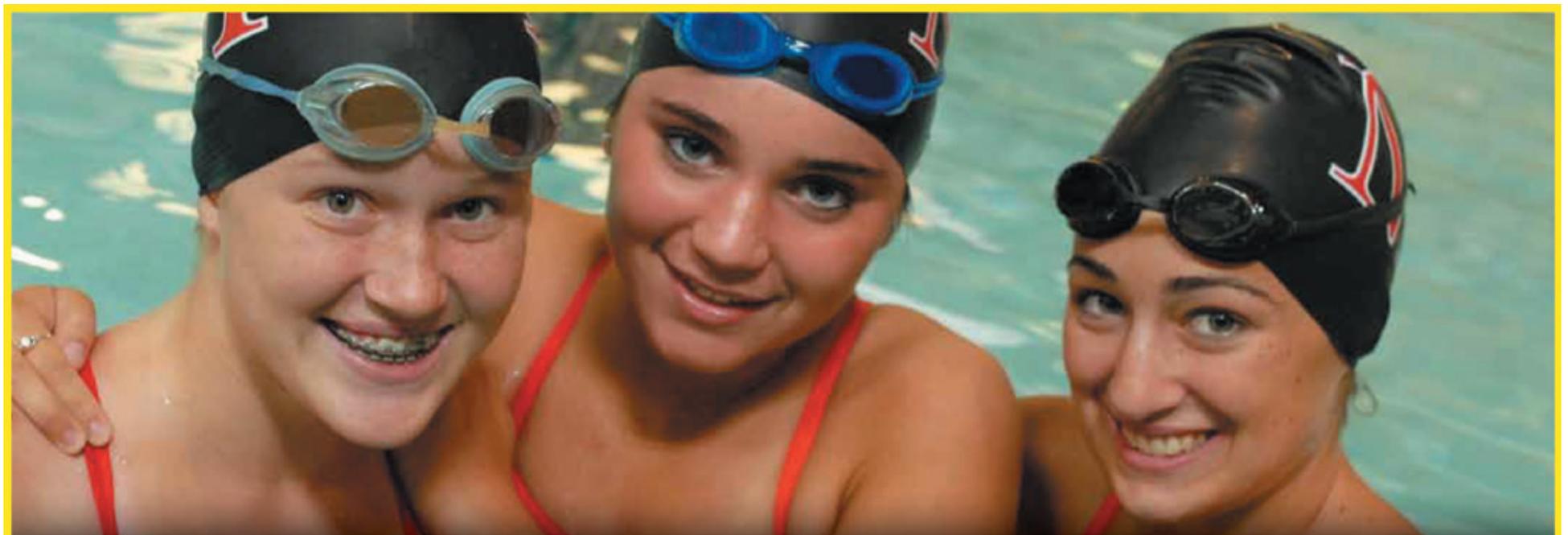
❖ HB 108 to prohibit local police departments from conducting gun-buyback programs unless they auctioned the guns to licensed dealers.

❖ HB 171 would have required most businesses to allow employees and/or customers to carry legal weapons into their parking lots within a locked vehicle. The entire business community including the State Chamber of Commerce opposed this bill. Businesses testified they feared disgruntled employees with such easy access to a gun could result in confrontational situations that might end tragically.

The Senate had passed a number of these bills dealing with gun issues previously. Basically the House bills were companion bills. We sent most of these on to the full committee.

I voted against many of these bills when they came before the Senate earlier and I plan to vote against them again. But I believe that since the bills had passed the Senate and a similar bill had passed the House, it was only fair that they go to the full Senate for a final vote. For more information about how legislation is moving through the General Assembly, go to: <http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>.

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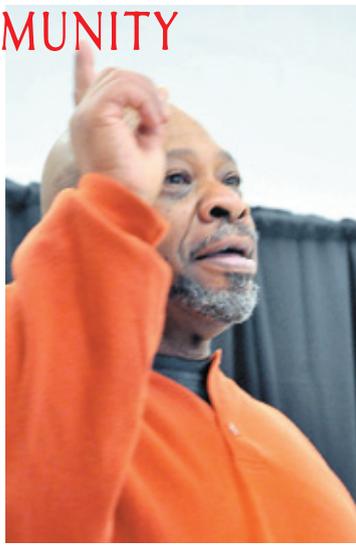
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Delores Chase arrives with a tray of barbecued chicken.



Betty Graves describes the judging process to the guests.



Gum Springs Historical Society executive director Ron Chase announces that dinner is served.



Mattie Palmore brought her granddaughter Avarie Arrington to the dinner.



Josephine Evans brings out a tray of her baked chicken.

A Taste of Gum Springs

Residents of Gum Springs gathered Saturday afternoon, Feb. 27, in the cafeteria of the Gum Springs Museum and Cultural Center for some “good old home-style cooking.” Over two dozen dishes were prepared; barbecued, baked and roasted chicken, sweet potato pies, macaroni and cheese, collard greens

with ham, cornbread and fresh apple cake. All participants will be featured in an upcoming cookbook, “Taste of Gum Springs.” The diners were asked to vote on their favorite dishes.

The event was sponsored by Chevy’s, Roy Rogers (Todd), Cadillac Ranch, Gaylord National, B. Smith Restaurant and the Potomac Riverboat Company.



Gloria Myles cooked up macaroni and cheese.



Gloria Greenhow with a sweet potato pie.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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the County Executive.

To get an idea of how much extra taxes you will pay in 2010 over 2009, multiply your assessment by 5 cents. For example, the total assessment is \$552,300. Multiply \$552,300 x .05 = \$276.15, the extra tax if the tax rate is increased from \$1.04 to \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value.

Elected officials should do what responsible families do when things are tough financially. Cut back and not continue to spend on things one likes. Also, save and plan for rainy days and not spend and spend and when things get tough raise taxes particularly in tough economic times as we are experiencing currently.

Consideration of tax increases should occur only if the Board of Supervisors can unequivocally state to all taxpayers that all county programs and services are absolutely essential and those essential programs and services are managed in the most efficient and economical manner.

Increasing taxes on the hard working and strapped taxpayers should not automatically be the answer each time the county faces budget difficulties which generally

develop because of the Board of Supervisors policies and actions or inactions.

Let the supervisors hear from you. Go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov to find your supervisors phone number and email address.

Frank Medico
Mt. Vernon

Protect Medicaid Funding

To the Editor:

Healthcare is a resource intensive business. To be effective as a healthcare provider, hospitals must manage resources closely to ensure patients receive the most optimal care. In other words, every dollar counts. For a non-profit healthcare system like Inova, this is especially true. But right now the General Assembly in Richmond is in budget discussions that would divert \$294 million earmarked for Medicaid patients to programs other than healthcare. Some \$100 million would go to Tobacco Indemnification and Community Revitalization, \$75 million to public colleges and universities, \$82.2 million to fund State employee bonus payouts in

2011. These are some examples of the initiatives that would be funded with money designated for care of the sick.

In addition to supplanting Medicaid dollars, the House budget leaves approximately \$300 million on the table: if the State, as proposed in the House budget, does not use the Medicaid money for Medicaid, the State loses the Federal match. This seems like a poor business decision.

The Senate version of the budget applies all of the Medicaid money to the Medicaid program, thereby making maximum use of the opportunity and leaving no funds on the table.

For Inova, the budget proposed by the House would reduce funding for Medicaid patients by an additional \$33.2 million dollars over and above the cuts proposed by Governor Kaine over the next two years. The effect of the Senate budget would reduce Medicaid funding to Inova by \$3.9 million over the proposed budget.

This is a difficult period for our Commonwealth. Everyone is being asked to do more with less to balance our budget. Healthcare has always done its fair share and more. But using dollars designated for healthcare to fund tobacco in-

demnification and state worker bonuses seems wrong.

We urge readers to call their delegates and ask them to reconsider the House budget and ensure that Medicaid dollars go to care for Medicaid patients. Similarly, we ask readers to call their senators and thank them for supporting the care of Medicaid patients and staying the course of reason.

John Fitzgerald
CEO

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital

What Will Connolly Do?

To the Editor:

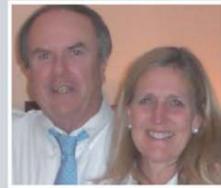
As residents of a county with relatively plentiful affluent residents and a significant number of retirees who depend on Medicare, the national debate over health care reform directly affects our locality. When the House Health Care Bill was passed, our first-term Congressman Gerry Connolly voted in favor. As I watched the weekend news programs, I found myself wondering what decision he will take when the time comes on March 18 to decide whether or not to support the Senate version

of the Bill. With the word “reconciliation” framing the current debate, there is a lot of confusion about what will transpire over the next week culminating in the House vote. As explained by its drafter Sen. Robert Byrd (D West Virginia), the reconciliation procedure bypasses Senate cloture rules and requires only a simple majority (51 votes), but is only applicable to budget issues.

In point of fact, there will be no opportunity for Democrats in the Senate to try to use the “nuclear option” of reconciliation unless the House first passes the Senate version of the Health Care Bill without any changes. For any Bill to become law, it must be identically passed by the House and Senate and signed by the President (assuming no veto). This must occur before reconciliation can commence.

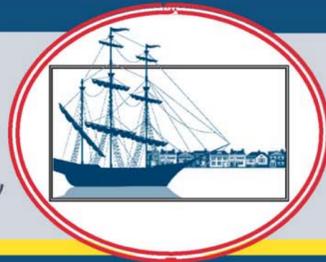
The original House Bill has a strict prohibition against Government funding of abortion that Congressman Stupak and a dozen or so of his colleagues required to obtain their approval. The Senate Bill is less strict on that subject which is a sticking point for Congressman Stupak et al.

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OPINION

Working To Revitalize Route 1

By SCOTT SUROVELL
STATE DELEGATE

Two weeks ago, I organized a bipartisan coalition of 31 legislators who signed a letter to Governor McDonnell asking him to designate all of U.S. 1 as "Historic Route 1." The Governor accepted my suggestion. I am hopeful that this designation and the recognition that comes with it will begin to raise the profile of U.S. 1 in Fairfax County and the Commonwealth and create more tourism and jobs, improve economic development and make U.S. 1 a true asset.

RICHMOND
REPORT

Today, I met with the new chairman of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and we discussed my long-term vision of U.S. 1, including extending the Metro Yellow Line from Huntington, improving transit through Hybla Valley all the way to Fort Belvoir, and efforts to stimulate jobs, economic development and redevelopment. I hope to take more steps when I return from Richmond to further promote interest in revitalizing this corridor.

My legislation to level the playing field for Virginia companies who do business with the state or localities passed the Senate unanimously this week. I am hopeful that Governor McDonnell will sign that bill along with my other bills that passed both chambers.

The budget continues to dominate the agenda. Several proposals are being floated addressing the justice system: not filling an empty Fairfax County General District Court judgeship; eliminating one-third of Fairfax County's Circuit Court law clerks;

and eliminating funding for court-appointed attorneys (These funds were added two years ago after Virginia was threatened with a suit over its court-appointed attorney practices); and allowing prosecutors to set classes of cases where they are not seeking jail time making individuals allegedly not eligible for court appointed counsel. These cuts will result in delayed trials, acquittals of guilty persons for procedural defaults, and denying Fairfax County's residents prompt determination of their legal matters on things as simple as divorces, adoptions or approvals for estate accountings.

As of today, the House of Delegates and the Senate seem to be at an impasse on the budget largely because of the House Republicans' refusal to accept any of former Governor Kaine's proposed fee increases and revenue assumptions that allowed the Senate to cut K-12 education by \$550 million less than the House did. It is looking like this session may not end this week as scheduled.

Finally, I am also very concerned about the actions taken by Attorney General Cuccinelli this past month attacking environmental regulation and sexual orientation anti-discrimination policies. His recent actions are a step in the wrong direction and endanger our state's ability to attract jobs, top students and top talent. We can do better.

In the meantime, please visit my blog, The Dixie Pig, at scottsurovell.blogspot.com for three to four more articles per week and many of my floor speeches. I need your input so please be sure to share your views and suggestions. It is an honor to serve as your delegate.



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Alexandria Historical Society Calls for 2010 History Award Nominees

The Alexandria Historical Society is calling for nominations for the 2010 T. Michael Miller Alexandria History Award, to be presented to a person or persons who have made noteworthy contributions to the preservation of the historic, cultural, and artistic heritage of Alexandria. Honorees will be presented with a certificate and gift at a special awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. Four outstanding history students from each of Alexandria's high schools will also be honored at the ceremony. A reception will follow the awards ceremony and lecture.

The Alexandria History Award has been renamed the T. Michael Miller Alexandria History Award in honor of the contributions of Alexandria historian T. Michael Miller, who retired in 2009 after three decades of public service and research into Alexandria's past.

The guest speaker will be Robert G. Stanton who was director of the National Park Service from 1997 to 2001 and today is a senior adviser to the Secretary of the Interior. As director of the National Park Service, Stanton oversaw major planning and resource preservation programs at the White House, Yellowstone, Yosemite, and Gettysburg.

Organizations and interested individuals are invited to submit written nominations to the History Awards Committee of the Alexandria Historical Society. Each nomination should be in the form of a narrative, no longer than two pages, which explains in some detail the contributions of the nominee. Copies of the nominee's work, including publications, should be included.

Nominations should be mailed by Friday, March 12 to the Office of Historic Alexandria, 220 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Contact Bill Dickinson of Alexandria Historical Society at 703-370-3089 or visit www.alexandriahistorical.org.

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Guest speaker
Robert Stanton



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Clay Connection members clockwise: Joan Bickelhaupt, Becca Witt, Dick White, Barb Oksanen, Marianne Cordyack, Rachael Witt and Donna Downing.

Pottery Artists Make Soup Bowls to Help Fight Hunger

Members of Clay Connection gathered recently to hold a marathon bowl-making session. Bowls they made will be donated to the Empty Bowls benefit supper for hunger relief to be held on April 9 in Reston. For a minimum donation of \$20, guests at the event will choose a handmade pottery bowl and receive a simple supper of soup, bread, beverage and dessert. The bowl is theirs to keep as a reminder that there are "empty bowls" in our community.

Hundreds of bowls in various colors and patterns are being made by area potters from all over the area. In addition to Clay Connection, they include members of the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center in Vienna, the Clay Café in Chantilly and potters from the Reston and Herndon Community Centers.

Marianne Cordyack, president of the Clay Connection, said the group is holding three "Bowl-a-Thons," gathering at 5 p.m. and working late into the night to make 350 bowls. She said she is glad her group can help out.

"I make bowls. It's something I do well, and it's something I can do to help fight hunger in Northern Virginia."

Dick White, a longtime member of Clay

Connection, adds, "It's part of our tradition. It's something we do as a group to help out."

Also helping out is the Creative Clay Studios in Alexandria, whose owner, Ed Bull donated the use of the studio for the Clay Connection artists.

The Empty Bowls fundraiser, to be held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Friday, April 9 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., will be the third annual such benefit sponsored by the Giving Circle of HOPE. All proceeds will go to Food for Others, the largest distributor of free food to the needy in Northern Virginia.

Peggy Cressy of the Giving Circle of HOPE said the event has been hugely successful. "It seems to resonate with people. They feel good about helping others, but they also have a lot of fun picking out their beautiful ceramic bowls."

Cressy says that there are many volunteers who work hard on the event but the potters are the foundation of it all.

"Without the wonderful handmade bowls by all the local potters, there wouldn't be an Empty Bowls fundraiser."

Tickets for Empty Bowls are available by contacting givingcircle@hotmail.com or calling 703-648-0222.



Major Antiques Show On March 12-14

Antiques In Alexandria, a show featuring 60 of the nation's top antique dealers, returns to Flippin Field House at the Episcopal High School, 3900 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, on March 12-14. Hours for the show are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 12; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 13; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 14. A Gala Preview Party will be held on Thursday, March 11 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Antiques In Alexandria features a wide array of fine American, English, Oriental and Continental furniture, silver, porcelain, rugs, paintings, jewelry, clocks, folk art, garden furniture, and other decorative arts. With 60 nationally-recognized dealers, Antiques in Alexandria has dealers of interest to all collectors.

Among the dealers exhibiting at the 2010 show are Mark and Marjorie Allen, W. Graham Arader III, Alfred Bullard, Douglas Constant, Judd Gregory, G. Sergeant Antiques, Andrew Spindler, and William Cooke.

Special events at this year's show include a guided show tour with a decorative arts expert (Friday, 10 a.m. \$25), an illustrated folk art lecture with Americana expert Bev Norwood (Friday, 2 p.m. \$25), a speakeasy party (Friday, 6-8 p.m. \$45), a champagne brunch with Chris Jussel, original host of Antiques Roadshow (Saturday, 11 a.m. \$45), an evaluation and conservation clinic (Saturday, 2-5 p.m. \$5 per item), a lecture and fashion show on the eight-decade history of the cocktail dress (Sunday, 1 p.m. \$35), and a loan exhibition (Spirits in America).

Proceeds from ticket sales and special events benefit three Washington-area charities. General admission is \$15 per person and includes a show catalog. There is free parking, a cafe, and a bar during show hours. Visit www.antiquesinalexandria.com or call 703-548-SHOW.



Author Joy Peeler with Mike Moehrl.

Peeler Writes Inspirational Story

In her first book, former Alexandria teacher Joy Peeler has written an inspirational story of Mike Moehrl. On Eagle's Wings is the story of enduring faith, courage, and determination put forth by Mike as he finds his life changed in an instant when a fall from a horse renders him totally paralyzed. Awakening from the accident 24 hours later, Mike felt no fear or panic. Instead, he heard God speak and the message was clear. Come along with Mike through months of rehabilitation and struggles with life-threatening medical issues. The book is available on Amazon.com for \$13.99.

Joy Peeler has taught for 28 years in Alexandria City Public Schools, including elementary school at Stonewall Jackson, Ramsay, Jefferson Houston and Mt. Vernon. She is now living in Longwood, Fla., where she teaches creative writing at a private school and spends leisure time on a boat.

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ONGOING

The Del Ray Farmers Market is now open year round — located at the corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue and Oxford Avenue in Del Ray. During the winter months the market will be open 9 am to noon each Saturday. The Del Ray Market farmers that will be there are Smith Meadows meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces; Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods, eggs and jams and jellies; winter vegetables; fancy nuts; pralines; and bakery goods. Any questions, contact Pat Miller at pmiller1806@comcast.net.

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

Tea Dances. 1-3:15 p.m. Group class from 1-1:30 p.m. Ballroom, Latin and Swing music. \$11/person. At the Dance Studio Lioudmila, 18 Roth Street, 2nd Floor (off Duke Street), Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 20

"Chicago." Wednesday to Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. Presented by the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. The cast includes: Bethany Blakely as Velma, Jordan Houghham as Roxie, Andy Izquierdo as Billy Flynn, Jennifer Strand as Mama Morton, Jon Keeling as Amos, Melissa Stamps as Mary Sunshine, along with a talented ensemble that includes Ivan Davila, Akiyo Dunetz, Danielle Eure, Jacqui Farkas, Kristen Magee, Daniel McKay, Keith Miller, Angela Norris, Lauren Palmer.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 31

Woodlawn's 47th Annual Needlework Exhibition. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured handheld needlework includes: beadwork, needle made lace, cross stitch, smocking, miniatures, counted thread, samplers, fine hand sewing, canvaswork, quilted accessories, embroidery and hardanger. Lunch and desserts served 11:30-2 p.m. At Historic Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Call 703-780-4000, ext. 26329 or go to www.woodlawn1805.org.

THURSDAY/MARCH 11

Our Natural Puzzle: Putting the Pieces Together. 7:30 p.m. Get a peek at just how interdependent our insects, plants, other wildlife, and even humans can be and try to put together our local nature puzzle. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.

Bob Sima Concert. 7 p.m. Singer and songwriter at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035. Visit www.bobsima.com.

Comedy Stage Hypnotist. 7 p.m. Jason Linett performs at T.C. Williams High School fund-raiser. Tickets are \$8. Proceeds benefit the Class of 2010. At 3330 King Street in Alexandria. Contact Dawn Crawford at dawn.crawford@acps.k12.va.us for more details.

Book Sale. 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. At the Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Call 703-519-6000.

FRIDAY/MARCH 12

Ballroom Dancing for Couples. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Friday Nighters St. Patrick's Day Dance. Enjoy waltz, fox trot, cha cha, swing and more to live



SUNDAY/MARCH 14

The Kennedys Folk/Pop Duo. 7 p.m. With special guest Dan Cohn. Tickets are \$18/general, \$15/advance at FocusMusic.org. Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Contact Kay Coyte at kay@focusmusic.org or 703-501-6061.

music on large wooden dance floor in Mount Vernon area. Private club with dances on the second Friday of each month; \$15/person; reservations required. www.fridaynightersdancingclub.com.

Tips on Planting Trees and Shrubs. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$12/person. Sign up for this workshop by calling 703-642-5173. At Green Spring Gardens, 603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.

MARCH 12, 13

"Pippin." At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School. Tickets are \$5. Show times are March 12 at 7:30 p.m.; March 13 at 7:30 p.m. At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria.

SATURDAY/MARCH 13

Silent Auction. 7-10 p.m. To benefit the Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool, Alexandria. Lots of great deals. Details: <http://www.tauxemont.org/support/silentauction2010.pdf>

Dance Studio Lioudmila's Saint Patrick's Dance Party. Beginner Rumba Dance lesson from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Dance party from 8:30-11 p.m. Cost is \$15. At Dance Studio Lioudmila, 18th Roth Street, Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868, lblinov@aol.com. Web: www.dancelioudmila.com

Mozart in March. 7 p.m. Free. Presented by the Washington Sinfonietta. At Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria. Call 703-360-4370

Used Book Sale. Friends Book Sale. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

March Madness Festival. 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Historic Non-Fiction Author Thomas E. Crocker (Braddock's March) at 9:30 a.m.; Children's Author Betty Shepard (Virginia: An Alphabetical Journey through History) at 9:45 a.m.; Face Painting with Miss Nadine from 10 a.m. to noon; Children's Author Bebe Willoughby (Saving Emma) at 10:45 a.m.; Adult Novelist R. K. Price (I've Already Met the Devil) at 11 a.m.; Katie Balloons and her balloon show from 12 noon to 3 p.m.; Folk Dancers from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., plus refreshments and a book sale! At the Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

Recruiting Day. 1-4 p.m. Explore Civil War reenacting. Soldiers and civilians of the 3rd U.S. Regular Infantry will be on hand to talk about a soldier's uniform and equipment, demonstrate drills and explain the roles of military

and civilian re-enactors. At Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road. Visit www.forward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Alexandria Coin Show. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be 50 tables with U.S. coins and currency, world coins, banknotes, ancient coins, hobby books, gold, silver, medals, tokens and collectibles. Buy, Sell, Trade. Open to the public. Prizes and coins are given away for first 500 attendees. Visit www.members.cox.net/alexandriacoinclub. At the Hampton Inn & Suites, corner of I-495 Beltway and Route 1, Alexandria.

Storyteller Baba Jamal Koram. 11 a.m. to noon. Koram will present "African Stories in De Americas: The Gullah People" which explores the Gullah culture through traditional stories. From 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., take part in "Black Storytelling 101." At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356.

MARCH 13-14

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. With Maestro Kim Allen Kluge, violin soloist Allison Bailey and vocalists Elizabeth Bishop and Ta'u Pupu'a. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Youth tickets always \$5. Student and adults \$20-\$80. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org for tickets.

SUNDAY/MARCH 14

Choral Evensong and Reception. Treble Choir Festival Chorus. 5 p.m. At St. Paul's Old Town, 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria. Douglas A. Beck, Music Director. Call 703-549-3312.

Inspired by Nature. 3 p.m. Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. "Spring from the Four Seasons with Allison Bailey, violin; Haiku Suite: Three Nature Poems for Sakahachi & Orchestra with the Bowen McCauley dance; Das Lied von der Erde (Songs of the Earth) with Elizabeth Bishop, mezzo and Ta'u Pupu'a, tenor. Tickets are \$40/adults, \$35/seniors, \$20/students. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

Johannes Brahms: Ein deutsches Requiem. 4 p.m. \$18/person. Presented by the Maryland Choral

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Society. For this performance, the Maryland Choral Society will be joined by: Jessica Lennick - soprano, Andrew Sauvageau - baritone, and piano virtuosos: Jerfi Aji and Justin Bird. At the George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria.

Vesper Organ Recital. 6 p.m. Free. By Timothy Edward Smith of the DiGennaro-Hart Organ Company. At Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-1980 or email music.director@gracealex.org.

The Kennedys Folk/Pop Duo. 7 p.m. With special guest Dan Cohn. Tickets are \$18/general, \$15/advance at FocusMusic.org. Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Contact Kay Coyte at kay@focusmusic.org or 703-501-6061.

TUESDAY/MARCH 16

Intro to Pilates Class. 8:15 to 9:05 p.m. Free. Get a beginner mat workout from a Pilates instructor, and be on your way to a strong core, longer, leaner muscle, and a new attitude. Class size limited to 12 so reserve your mat in advance at 703-739-7601 or studiobodylogic@earthlink.net. Studio Body Logic - Del Ray, 2417 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria.

Restaurant Night Benefiting UCM. 5-8 p.m. 10 percent of the sale of your meal will be donated to United Community Ministries (UCM). At Dishes of India, 1510-A Belle View Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-660-6085.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 17

Swing Dancing. 9-11 p.m. With Scott



MARCH 12, 13

"Pippin." At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School. Tickets are \$5. Show times are March 12 at 7:30 p.m.; March 13 at 7:30 p.m. At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria.

Ramminger and the Crawstickers, which plays swing, R&B, blues, soul, rock, funk, jazz, and a little bit of twang. Cost is \$10. At Nick's Nightclub, 641 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

Boris Arratia. 7-9 p.m. Free. Boris Arratia performs Latin American guitar with a twist of jazz. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or go to www.torpedofactory.org.

THURSDAY/MARCH 18

March Luncheon. 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20. The Army Officers Wives Club of the Greater Washington Area. At the Koran Room of the Ft. Myer Officers Club. The featured speaker will be Donna Engeman, advisor for the Military's Survivor Outreach Services. Contact Wendy Gifford, 703-903-1542, or Ruth Howell, 703-941-1300.

FRIDAY/MARCH 19

Evening of Music for Flute, Cello, and Harp. 8 p.m. Free. Presented by the United States Air Force Band Chamber Players Series. At the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

FINE ARTS



NOW THROUGH MARCH 28

PastForward. Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts. Reception is Thursday, March 11 from 6-8 p.m. PastForward will feature work of four former resident Torpedo Factory artists - Kathleen Dustin, Barbara Rachko, Anne Laddon and Joyce Zipperer. This exhibition kicks off the gallery's participation in Minds Wide Open. The artists will exhibit their latest works, from Rachko's pastel paintings, Zipperer's sculptures, Dustin's polymer clay works to Laddon's oil paintings. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center. The gallery is open daily from 10-6 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Visit www.torpedofactory.org

MARCH 11-APRIL 5

Peep and Strip Show. In Rosemary Feit Covey's "Peep Show" series, she combines the secret, sexual world associated with the modern definition of "Peep Show" with the innocent world of Victorian-era peep show boxes. Opening reception is Thursday, March 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. At the Art League Gallery, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Go to www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

FRIDAY/MARCH 12

Workshop: In the Bag. 6-10 p.m. Create a bag from recycled materials, old clothing, your favorite dress, vintage towels and more. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Advance registration is required by Tuesday, March 9 at https://secure.delrayartisans.org/ssl/Accessories.htm. Fee is \$40 for DRA members / \$45 for non-members. Contact Jen Athanas (jenafusion.blogspot.com), 571-332-0181 or jenathanas@hotmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 24

Selected Works by Hyers & Mebane. 6 to 8 p.m. Collection of photographs by Martin Hyers and William Mebane that unites several of the documentary photographers' recent projects. At the Angie Newman Johnson Gallery, Episcopal High School, 3900 W Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-933-4135. Visit www.hyersandmebane.com

NOW THROUGH MARCH 31

Sidney Lowery's "Waves." Reception on March 5 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. and March 28 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. At Blueberry Art Gallery, 116 E. Del Ray Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-894-8854 or info@blueberryartgallery.com.

Mt. Vernon Unitarian Book Sale

The Mount Vernon Unitarian Church will hold its annual book sale March 25-27. The book sale has been a fixture in the Mount Vernon/Alexandria/Fairfax community for many years with many thousands of books available for purchase. The books will be available in the "mansion" and in the "chapel" on the church grounds.

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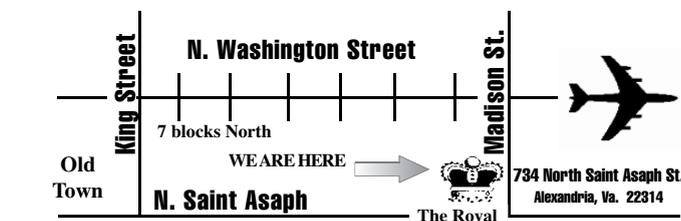
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The problem confronting proponents is that the Congressional Budget Office has determined that the abortion provisions in the House and Senate Bills are revenue neutral. Thus, adjustments of the abortion language cannot be addressed in the reconciliation process. Several news reports I saw include quotes from Speaker Nancy Pelosi confirming that this is the case. Accordingly, it appears the only way Democrats can succeed with their health care proposal would be to convince Congressman Stupak and his like-minded colleagues that they can obtain 60 Senate votes for the stricter House version of the abortion language. With 41 Republican Senators standing firm, this assurance cannot be given. Of course, Congressman Stupak et al could also withdraw their objection to the Senate's abortion language, which seems unlikely at this juncture. Convincing other Democrats who opposed the House Bill to switch their votes is proving difficult.

All of this abortion intrigue is over and above the facts that (1) the Bill contemplates, in its first

decade, only 6 years of benefits and Medicare benefit reductions (\$500 billion). Additionally, it assumes that Congress will reduce Medicare payments to physicians which Congress has refused to do year after year for 13 years. If Congress doesn't do so, that is a \$250 billion hit over 10 years. The Bill also delays the new tax on what are described as "Cadillac insurance plans" for eight years in an effort to placate some of President Obama's supporters. If Congress, eight years from now, fails to enact that tax (and fails to cut Medicare payments to physicians from now until then), the Health Care Bill becomes a sea of red ink as far as the eye can see.

What is Congressman Connolly going to do? Is he going to walk the plank in our District for the Democratic Party leadership and risk being a one-termer or is he going to do the right thing and vote to scrap the Bill and start over from scratch with an incremental approach more attuned to the demographics of our District? We'll see.

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FCPS Adds Three Snow Make Up Days in June

Superintendent asks Virginia to “waive” three additional instructional days.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE GAZETTE

The Fairfax County School Board voted to add three extra days to the end of the current school year to make up for instructional time missed due to major snow storms in December and February. Students will also be required to attend school April 12, which was previously a holiday for pupils.

In total, Fairfax students missed 15 days of instruction due to snow and inclement weather. Under Virginia regulations, Fairfax is actually required to reschedule seven of the 15 missed school days, but Superintendent Jack Dale is asking the state to excuse the system from an additional three days of instruction and any other snow days the system might incur before the winter season ends.

If the commonwealth agrees to Dale's request, Fairfax schools will be in session until June 25. If Dale has to schedule the additional three days of school, then students

will be in class until at least June 30.

Without a waiver, any additional snow days would push the end of the school year into the month of July, said Dale at the school board's meeting March 4. June 30 is the last day before the month of July begins.

“I think the only solution for this school board is to build a time machine and go back to September so that we can have all those early teacher work days back and have children go to school,” said School Board member Tessie Wilson (Braddock).

Fairfax school officials said the Virginia State Board of Education is likely to decide on whether to waive the three additional school days at a meeting March 18 or April 21.

School officials said the state has a fairly “high standard” for waiving instructional days. A school system has to demonstrate that they have exhausted all available options for making up the missed classroom time.

School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill) said he is not convinced Fairfax schools will meet the state standard for an instructional time waiver.

“It is not an open touchy feely process about whether to grant a waiver,” said Gibson, who wanted the school system to ask for a one-day waiver instead of a three-day waiver.

Advanced Placement International Bac-

calaureate and Virginia's standardized exams will have to sit for the tests on the same day as they would have before the snow. None of the authorities that control those exams would make exceptions for the students who are losing two weeks of preparation time, said Dale.

“I also want to point out that we are not changing the high school graduation dates at all. Those are booked, literally, almost a year and sometimes more than a year in advance,” said Dale. The superintendent said high school exams will be moved back to the final week of school.

School Board member Dan Storck (Mount Vernon) said he is worried about schools with large populations of at-risk students that already have a difficult time meeting the testing targets set by the commonwealth.

“I know we are going to pay the price for these lost days in our most challenged schools and with our most challenged students,” said Storck, who wants the school system to look into funding for Saturday school for some communities.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER Liz Bradsher (Springfield) had said she wanted Fairfax to end the school year June 22 because she believe students “check out” at the end of the school year and don't learn as much.

Personally, she would have preferred to add time onto the end of each school day

to make the instruction time up but acknowledged that there had not been much public support for that proposal.

The school system had floated the alternative of making up the 15 missed instructional days by extending each school day from mid-March to June by 30 to 45 minutes, in addition to making April 12 a school day for students.

School officials said 68 percent of people who responded to a survey about how to make up snow days said they would prefer to extend the school year by three days rather than add time to end of each day.

Student School Board member Shawn Ghuman, who is a senior at Langley High School, also took an informal survey on the social networking site Facebook and 635 of 637 students who responded preferred to see school days added to the end of the year, rather the length of the school day extended.

School Board member Ilryong Moon (At-large) gets irritated when people claim that students “can't learn” during the last few days of school. Moon listed several countries where students attend many more days of school than the 180 required in Virginia.

According to Moon, children in France attend school for 185 days, children in England attend school for 192 days, children in South Korea attend school for 220 days and children in Japan attend school for 223 days.

Proposed Budget Would Cut School Resource Officers

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tigations of drug and alcohol incidents, and to remove disruptive students.

Moyer echoed Hyland's view that the most onerous personnel cuts in the police department budget were the 26 SRO prevention and counseling positions assigned to the middle schools, and the reduction of two administrative assistant positions at each of the eight district stations (16 posi-

tions) who are responsible for staffing the front desk to handle walk-ins, accept and refer telephone calls.

MOYER OBSERVED that if the cuts of front office assistants remain in the proposed budget, these duties will have to be covered by sworn officers who would normally be assigned to high priority street patrol operations.

The commander also commented on the

proposal to eliminate two marine patrol positions and cut operating expenses for boat patrols on the Potomac River. If these position cuts are sustained, the citizens of Fairfax County will have to rely solely on the Coast Guard patrols to respond to illegal or unsafe activity and rescue operations on the waterway. During 2007, the Fairfax County marine patrol conducted eight rescues, towed seven citizen boats disabled due to mechanical failure, and issued 64 warn-

ings and 41 summonses.

The county budget is facing a \$257 million budget gap and the proposed budget cuts and proposed real estate tax rate revision — recommended to increase the rate to a \$1.12 level — are intended to balance the Fiscal Year 2011 \$2.3 billion budget. The Board of Supervisors will be amending the overall budget proposal on a line item basis before it votes on the spending plan in April.

Duck Hunters Face Penalties for Poaching

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ervation police officer that he thought he was returning it to its rightful location. He failed to show up for his court date and was charged a \$100 fine and \$92 in court costs. The other hunter who was issued a court summons argued in court that he hadn't moved the buoy and didn't know it was in the wrong location. His charges were dismissed, drawing to a close the most recent chapter in the ongoing dispute between preservationists and hunters.

“We're pleased that the rules are finally being enforced,” said Glenda Booth, president of the Friends of Dyke Marsh.

“Ultimately, we would like to see and end to duck hunting in this area because it's contradictory to the reason the preserve was created by Congress.”

The tension between preservation advocates and duck hunters has been building for years as the Mount Vernon area has taken an increasingly metropolitan character. In the distant past, George Washington himself chased canvasback waterfowl through the creeks and coves along the Potomac River. But last year, a group known as Friends of Dyke Marsh made a formal request to the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries to ban duck hunting near the wildlife preserve. That request was

denied, but the National Park Service later asked the department to move the buoys several hundred yards into the Potomac River after GPS data indicated the buoys were in the wrong place.

“The new location of the buoys is stupid and dangerous,” said Bolinder. “Ironically, the new placement positions us in a way that we are now shooting toward the houses.”

Other duck hunters say they feel their constitutional right to carry on the tradition of Washington is being violated, and that Virginia officials did a poor job explaining the existence of the boundaries and the reason for moving the buoys. Hunters say

they have done more to preserve the sanctuary than preservationists, citing cleanup efforts conducted by hunters to pickup trash and yank invasive species. Furthermore, they say, their hunting license fees fund conservation efforts. That's why recent developments have become a rallying cry for the tightly knit community of duck hunters.

“It's just not safe to hunt in the deep waters,” said Tripp Baird, an Arlington resident who frequently hunts outside Dyke Marsh. “If you fall into 20-foot waters with waders on, you're a goner.”

The next duck season will begin in September.

Mount Vernon Coaches Reflect on Season

The Mount Vernon girls basketball team turned the ball over only five times. Senior point guard Jalinda Venable scored a game-high 21 points and went over the 1,000-point mark for her career. Senior guard Tracy King dished out eight assists while drawing the defense's attention.

While there were positives for the Majors on Feb. 25, Mount Vernon's 2009-10 campaign ended in a fashion similar to last season — a regional tournament loss to Oakton.

The Majors lost to the Cougars 44-38 in the quarterfinals at Oakton. The Cougars went on to win the Northern Region. Last season, Oakton beat Mount Vernon in the semifinals.

Jasmine McDonald, a second-team all-region selection, scored 11 points and King added six for the Majors on Feb. 25. Mount Vernon assistant Courtney Coffey said King, a first-team all-region selection, went from a scorer to a "facilitator" as Oakton pressured her with a box-and-one defense.

"We were able to get some other girls some key buckets based on the attention she was receiving," he said.

While the Majors limited their turnovers, head coach Terry Henderson said each of Mount Vernon's five turnovers led to something positive for Oakton. Coffey said three of the Majors' turnovers came in the final three minutes of the fourth quarter, each leading to a fastbreak layup for Oakton.

Mount Vernon went 15-7 and finished runner-up to Edison in the National District.

While the Majors will lose their "big three" of King, McDonald and Venable, Mount Vernon appears to have a bright future.

Sophomore forward Titi Gray and freshman guard Taylor Dunham saw extensive minutes for the Majors and figure to be leaders of the 2010-11 team.

"I thought we had a great season," Henderson said. "A lot of young kids really stepped up and played some good minutes for us, especially at key positions."

Sophomore Elizabeth Owusuwaa and freshmen Kelly Loftus and Tiffany Webster also figure to be contributors next season.

"We had a real young team," Coffey said. "A lot of our young players, they really



Mount Vernon girls basketball coach Terry Henderson talks to the Majors during a Feb. 22 game against Yorktown.

played a lot this year. ... I hate to look forward to next year already because we're losing some key seniors, but with those young girls getting a chance to get experience ... it's going to benefit them. ... I really believe we're going to be a promising team."

Majors, Wolverines Compete at Indoor Track States

Mount Vernon senior Clive Cameron finished fifth in the boys 300-meter dash (35.8 seconds) and 24th in the 55 hurdles (8.02), and senior Candace Bailey was 11th in the girls shot put (35 feet, 3 1/2 inches) on Feb. 27 during the state indoor track meet in Hampton.

Cameron and Bailey finished second in their respective events during the Northern Region meet.

West Potomac's 4x800 girls relay team (Dale Lescher, Sarah Jane Underwood, Kelsey Rosenberg, Julianne Bigler) placed third at the state meet with a time of 9:32.51. The boys 4x800 relay team (Max Muir, Peter Stebbins, Khoki Bernier, Ben

Aleixo) placed 10th (8:14.80).

Underwood also took fifth in the 1,000-meter run (3:00.33) while Rosenberg finished 17th (3:13.93).

The West Potomac girls finished 18th as a

team with 10 points. The Mount Vernon boys were 41st (four points).

Mount Vernon Spring Sports

The Mount Vernon baseball team will travel to Courtland for a scrimmage at noon on Saturday. The Majors open their season at home against Stonewall Jackson at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

The softball team has a scrimmage scheduled for 4 p.m. today at home against Mount View. The Majors open their season at home against Chantilly at 6 p.m. Monday.

The boys lacrosse team will host South County at 7:15 on March 18. The girls lacrosse team travels to scrimmage T.C. Williams at 7:15 p.m. Friday and opens its season at South County at 7:15 p.m. on March 18.

The boys soccer team will travel to scrimmage Hylton High at 7 p.m. today. The Majors host West Potomac at 7 p.m. Monday. The girls soccer team hosts West Potomac at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

The boys tennis team travels to face Wakefield at 4 p.m. March 17. The girls team hosts Wakefield at 4 p.m. March 17.

5Qs

Five questions with Mount Vernon guard Tracy King

Q: Do you have a favorite Winter Olympic sport?

A: Ice skating, because ... if I didn't play basketball I would really want to know how to do it. It looks so hard but it's so cool.

Q: What's your favorite music artist?

A: I'm going to have to go with India Arie. I just like her music. I like more slow music — I mean, I like to party — but when I just listen before a game I listen to slow music. ... I like to pretend like I know how to sing and I really don't.

Q: You suffered a torn ACL near the end of the 2008-09 season. What has the last year of your life been like in terms of dealing with the injury?

A: It's been a lot of rehab and working to get back to be able to play my senior year. That was just the main thing — I had to work, work, work. Through the summer I had early morning pool sessions at 7 [a.m.]. It gets draining and tir-



ing, but you always have that drive that you want to play again.

Q: What are your plans for after high school?

A: To play college basketball. North Carolina A & T is [my] No. 1 [choice] right now.

Q: Your mother, Nardos King, is the principal at MVHS. What is that like?

A: At first I was kind of nervous because I came from a different middle school than everybody that goes here, so I thought everyone would think, "Oh, it's the principal's daughter, she thinks she's gonna [get special treatment]." But now it's fine.

RICHARD MAPLE



West Potomac's Peter Stebbins and Megan Haley received the school's scholar-athlete award during last week's winter sports banquet.

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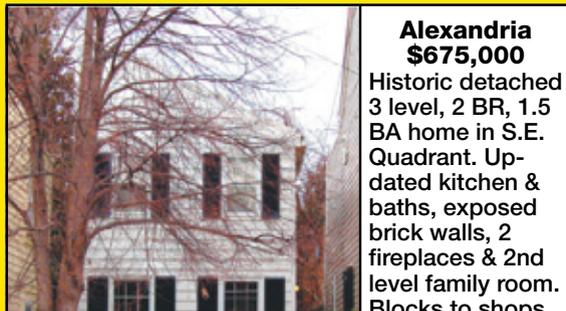
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