

# Mount Vernon Gazette

VOL. XXI, No. 29

MOUNT VERNON'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER • A CONNECTION NEWSPAPER

JULY 22, 2010



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE

**Nature's Bounty** Freshly picked tomatoes from Westmoreland County. The Farmer's market at Sherwood Hall and Parkers lanes is open Tuesdays, 8 a.m.-noon.



**Alma Diaz has another box of this year's squash blossoms.**



**Caroline and Grace McCloud and Grace Almacy try all the samples at Grace's Pastry stand at the market.**



**Claudia Grice and a stem of peach gladiola.**

## Pointing Fingers

Local, state and federal leaders differ over past and worry about future of Richmond Highway.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

Sitting in traffic along Richmond Highway gives people a lot of time to think. But in those hours of single-occupancy vehicle alone-time, not everyone comes to the same conclusions.

Some say Tysons Corner has sucked all the oxygen out of the air in Fairfax County, diverting time and attention away from Richmond Highway. Others disagree that the corridor has been neglected, pointing toward improvements such as pedestrian

SEE LOCAL, PAGE 4

## New High-Rise Hotel Proposed

County planning staff support 200,000-square-foot hotel.

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

The Fairfax County Planning Commission heard testimony on Wednesday, July 14, for a proposal to amend the Comprehensive Plan to use 8.5 acres of land at the southwest corner of Richmond Highway and Hunting Avenue for a mixed-use

development retaining the 443-multifamily residential units and replacing existing office and retail uses on the site with up to 200,000 square feet for a high rise hotel.

Presently, the proposal is supported by Planning Commission staff and Mt. Vernon Council's APR land use task force. Others living

SEE PLANNING, PAGE 5

## Principal's 'Body Magic' Yearbook Ad Splits Community

Parents view King's zero tolerance policies conflict with her error in judgment.

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon High School Principal Nardos King placed a paid advertisement in the 2010 High School Yearbook ("The Surveyor," Vol. 70) that touted the value of purchasing "Body Magic" clothing and nutritional supplement drink products which King sells in her private business. The ad promises users of her products will achieve weight loss, protection from dis-

eases, control blood sugar, and enhance their sex drive.

The ad triggered concern among some Mount Vernon High School

parents and caused the Fairfax County Public School System to take an undisclosed personnel action affecting King. Responding to the controversy, Friday, July 9, Dr. Scott Brabrand, the Cluster 4 assistant superintendent, convened an invitation-only meeting of "parents in leadership positions at the school as well as others with an interest in the school," according to FCPS staff. King briefed those present on the circumstances

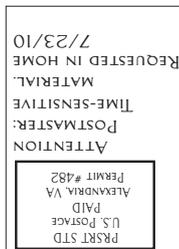
that led to her authorizing and paying for an ad in the yearbook. According to FCPS staff, she apologized at the meeting for including the ad in the yearbook. A few days

later King sent an electronically transmitted letter of apology to the Mt. Vernon community.

SEE ZERO TOLERANCE,  
PAGE 4

**"I was very disappointed in the ad, but I don't think it was deliberate on her part."**

— Mt. Vernon District School Board member Daniel Storck





# MCENEARNEY

ASSOCIATES, INC. REALTORS®

*Vicki Binkley*



Your South Alexandria Realtor  
703.944.0778  
www.vickibinkley.com

ALEXANDRIA

\$540,000



7549 Lindberg Drive  
MLS ID# FX7335369

ALEXANDRIA

\$950,000



7906 Bolling Drive  
MLS ID# FX7383191

ALEXANDRIA

\$1,200,000



1212 Shenandoah Road  
MLS ID# FX7363165



ALEXANDRIA

\$995,000



3701 Colonial Avenue  
MLS ID# FX7315228



ALEXANDRIA

\$829,900



9416 Macklin Court  
MLS ID# FX7365043



ALEXANDRIA

\$725,000



8511 Buckboard Drive  
MLS ID# FX7387930



LEADING  
REAL ESTATE  
COMPANIES®  
*of THE WORLD*

703.549.9292  
www.McEneaney.com  
*The BEST address for YOUR address*



LUXURY  
PORTFOLIO®  
FINE PROPERTY COLLECTION

# Students Earn First In State Competition

MVHS team represents Virginia at SkillsUSA national contest.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon High School students Adam Bouchard and Dimitri Daoulas won first place in a Virginia video production competition for high school students sponsored by SkillsUSA, a national student career and technical organization.

Adam and Dimitri, who attended video production classes at West Potomac High School this past year, are the first students from Fairfax County Public Schools to ever win at the annual statewide SkillsUSA competition in any category.

"They give you the top five teams every year and we have never even placed before this," said Nancy Mantelli, West Potomac's television production instructor.

As winners, Adam and Dimtri represented Virginia in video production at the national SkillsUSA competition in Kansas City, Missouri this past June. The organization also runs contests related to other career and technical fields like automobile repair, carpentry, culinary arts, cosmetology, plumbing, welding, graphic design and electrician work.

**ADAM AND DIMITRI'S** award-winning video was limited to one minute. It featured a character, played by Daoulas, who sought the help of the students participating in the other competitions with SkillsUSA in Virginia.

For example, Daoulas character went to the automobile repair students to work on his car and the cosmetology students to get "cleaned up." After an accident, he even sought the assistance of the emergency medical technicians.

"We made a little story that included each of the competitions," said Adam.

The students, who will both be seniors next year, had limited time in which to come up with a concept for their video and produce it. The whole project had to be

developed and finished in less than one day, they said.

Mantelli has always considered the boys talented but was still surprised when they won the state title.

"SkillsUSA can be very technical and they don't always acknowledge creativity," she said.

But the teacher added that Adam and Dimitri, who have known each other since the seventh grade, work well as a team.

"There is a certain rhythm that



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

**Mount Vernon High School students Dimtri Daoulas and Adam Bouchard won a statewide video production competition in Virginia.**

they have when they work together. Their friendship makes them a winning combination," said Mantelli.

Both Adam and Dimitri have an interest in editing professionally.

"My ultimate goal would be to do editing but I would also work for a production company or start my own company," said Dimitri.

West Potomac enrolls about 40 students from high schools all over eastern Fairfax County — including Annandale, Lee, West Springfield and Mount Vernon — in its television production classes.

**MANY OF THESE** pupils end pursuing a career in the arts, attending places like Savannah College of Art and Design, Virginia Commonwealth University and a special program at Boston University. Others enter the working world directly and take freelance jobs in new and television production locally, said Mantelli.

"The students learn how to work on industry-standard equipment," she said.



PHOTOS BY GERALD A. FILL/THE GAZETTE

**Above, from left: Marcus Broughton, Ft. Belvoir; Norman Campbell, Alexandria, and Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber volunteer fishing guide, Paul Thompson.**

## Chamber Hosts Fishing Trip For Soldiers

Mt. Vernon-Lee Chamber sponsored a Potomac River fishing trip last week for soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan who are now staying at the Fort Belvoir Wounded Warriors in Transition rehabilitation unit. The launch location was the Belle Haven Marina. Steve Chaconas, Chamber member and professional fishing guide, organized and recruited volunteer fishermen, other volunteers, and corporate sponsors to take the soldiers fishing on their boats, and hosting a BBQ lunch afterward. Twenty soldiers from Fort Belvoir participated.



**Soldier Kenny Mann, McKenzie, Tenn., seated in a wheelchair, having come in from the fishing trip, with his wife, Sarah, standing on the left. Volunteers John Johnston and Katie Fike assist.**

### OBITUARY

## Ruth Parker Horn

Ruth Parker Horn, of Baltimore, died on July 13, 2010. She is predeceased by her husband, Wilfred Moore Horn. Survived by her daughter, Charlotte Horn Malone and husband Gilbert; son, LTC John Horn, USA (Ret.) and wife, Carol; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held on Friday, July 23, 2010 at 12:30 p.m. at The Fairfax, 9100 Belvoir Woods Pkwy., Ft. Belvoir,

VA 22060. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Good Shepherd Housing & Family Services, P.O. Box 15096, Alexandria, VA 22309. Please make checks out to GSHFS. Online contributions may also be made at [www.goodhousing.org/donate.html](http://www.goodhousing.org/donate.html). Please note Horn Memorial in the check's memo line or comment section.

# Should Zero Tolerance Policy Apply to Principal?

FROM PAGE 1

For at least one group of parents with students now attending Mt. Vernon High School, the advertisement generated anger and a loss of confidence in the principal. Gathering as a group on Sunday, July 18, 10 parents discussed what they believed was the hypocrisy of the principal's administrative style and zero tolerance policies, including prohibiting so-called energy drinks on school grounds while simultaneously selling a similar energy-related drink through her private business. None of the parents who gathered on Sunday evening would agree to identify themselves fearing reprisals against their children.

Parents attending the meeting said they represented a variety of perspectives, including former Mt. Vernon High School graduates, parents of children with special needs, and parents of honors students. All parents present felt that King operated the school in an extremely rigid manner: "First offenses are dealt with severely and without flexibility" and "students are constantly on heightened alert."

Reflecting the general emotion-charged feelings of the group, one parent shared a letter at the meeting that she wrote to Brabrand expressing her dismay. It states, in part: "I am a parent of a child who has struggled with weight and sexual abuse ... To say the least we are struggling from the mental effects all of this has had on her ... then, to pick up Mt. Vernon's yearbook to see that our own principal places an ad in the annual yearbook that relates to weight loss and increasing sexual desire?!?!? Really? ... I heard that

The Body Magic ad as printed in Mount Vernon High School Yearbook.

## FCPS Regulations

Regulation 4427.4 III. Limitations on Non School Employment

1. "An employee of the Fairfax County School Board shall not accept employment ... that conflicts with the effective performance of contractual duties; reflects adversely on the school system or the education profession."

The phrase "reflects adversely on the school system or the education profession" is intended to place a reasonable restriction on the type of work in which an employee may be engaged" ... and "includes the requirement that employees decline employment that reasonably may be expected to create a conflict of interest."

an apology was made ... but I would really like to know what happened to zero tolerance? ... Can you share with me if any fur-

ther action is being taken?"

Despite the controversy, King continues to enjoy the support of some community leaders and parents.

Dean Norton, president, MVHS PTA, said, "Ms. King's yearbook ad is not newsworthy. It is outrageous to think that anyone who knows Ms. King would think that she deliberately put anything in the yearbook which would be controversial. It was a mistake and it is unfortunate that a small group of people would try and bring down an outstanding principal. Corrective action is being taken and we should move on to the more important issue of educating our children."

Mt. Vernon District School Board member Daniel Storck said, "I was

very disappointed in the ad, but I don't think it was deliberate on her part ... Ms. King has made a positive difference at the school and she has my strong support."

A parent of a rising junior, Jeannette Kraynick said, "I could not be happier at Mt. Vernon High School. I feel my child is safe. During the recent Cluster Superintendent meeting after Ms. King explained her story describing how her daughter came to her with the yearbook ad requirement I could see how she reacted as a mom and not a principal. Her daughter was a student at the school and came to her needing to get an ad sold. Ms. King approved placing her ad in the yearbook without proof-reading it. It was an unfortunate mistake."

## King's Letter

Excerpts of Nardos King's July 16 letter of apology to the Mt. Vernon Community

Dear Mt. Vernon Community:

I am writing you to express my deepest apology for my error in judgment in placing an inappropriate ad in the school yearbook which advertised products that I sell during my personal time. I did not proofread the advertisement before it was published, and the result was devastating to our parents and community ... I am grateful that the inappropriate ad was brought to our attention and that this situation has been addressed. No one has taken this matter lightly. The ad should have never made it into the yearbook and it was a mistake that I deeply regret.

You have my commitment that this will never happen again, and we have put practices in place to ensure that this will never happen again. I ask for your understanding and I hope that you will continue to support my efforts as principal of Mt. Vernon High School.

Nardos King  
Principal

Mt. Vernon High School

Also supporting King, parent Carla Amerau said, "Ms. King is a fantastic principal. She is wonderful with the kids. The students respect her, she is very consistent and, if they go over the line, they know what to expect. ... I have a problem with the hidden [hard to read] words but I don't have a problem with the overall ad. ... It is time to drop the issue and move on with life."

Charles Sabatier, chairman of the MVHS Science Department and a seven-year veteran of the school, said, "Ms. King is a motivational leader. She is inspirational for the faculty. She always makes decisions based on the needs of the students. On the other hand she is a polarizing figure because she does make tough decisions."

# Local, State, Federal Officials Focus on Richmond Highway

FROM PAGE 1

countdown clocks, the creation of a development corporation and millions of dollars to fund reams of studies to name a few. Now that traffic along the corridor is set to spiral out of control next when the Department of Defense moves thousands of employees to Fort Belvoir.

"We've been somewhat ignored," said state Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36) on her way out the door after a meeting of local, state and federal officials this week. "I want us to get our fair share."

But former and current members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors deny that the supervisors' time and attention has been distracted. When asked if Tysons Cor-

ner planning came at the expense of long-awaited revitalization to the Route One corridor, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) said that argument was "nonsense." Connolly, who was chairman of the supervisors before assuming his new job in Congress last year, said the county has invested about \$50 million in transportation improvements to the Route One corridor over the last five years.

"There's been lots of time and attention to the corridor," said Connolly. "Other than rail to Dulles, there's been very little that's taken place in Tysons Corner."

**THE DEBATE** about the past looms over the future on Richmond Highway, especially with the expected addition of thousands of

new commuters next year moving to Fort Belvoir. Add to that new traffic created by a new hospital and a new Army museum, and many elected officials who represent the region are concerned about the corridor becoming a daily parking lot at rush hour — clogging the road network and making commuting to Fort Belvoir an impossibility.

"This is a national security problem," said Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), whose district includes the new campus of Fort Belvoir at Mark Center. "If people can't get to and from Fort Belvoir, that's a threat to national security."

Herring said that if the Secretary of Defense were to classify the coming Fort Belvoir gridlock as a national security prob-

lem, access to money might open up. Currently, flow of transportation funding from the Department of Defense has been blocked by a number of obstacles. First, there's the rule that forbids the army from funding public transportation. Then there's the 1970s-era language that triggers major financial investment to infrastructure only when traffic has doubled.

"If traffic doubled here," said state Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35), Democratic majority leader, "we'd have a backup all the way to Miami Beach."

**THE STORY OF** Fort Belvoir dates back to the early 20th century, when the Depart-

SEE WORRYING, PAGE 6



**Wii Gift** The Mount Vernon Evening Lions presented a Wii game to the Manor Care Nursing Home. Nathan Baker, the activities director, accepted it on the behalf of the residents. This game is good to improve balance and coordination and the residents are pleased to be able to play the games on Wii. They have challenged the Lions to see who will win bowling.

## Planning Staff Support New Hotel

FROM PAGE 1

in the affected neighborhood are divided. Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan will vote on the proposal July 28 and Supervisor Gerald Hyland will review the proposal in September.

Keith Jones of the Hunting Creek Club Board of Directors objects to the proposal on the basis that the density, traffic, and neighborhood character impacts had been inadequately assessed.

He questioned why the Planning Commission would want a new hotel in that location in light of several existing hotels and motels close by. "Is this the highest and best use of the site? If there was a survey of the views of residents in the area, it didn't include the residents or Board of Hunting Creek Club. Often smart growth and slow growth concepts

**"We want a stable neighborhood, and do not wish to have our rights infringed upon or diminished."**

— Keith Jones of the Hunting Creek Club Board of Directors

become confusing rather than promoting mutual clarity which is understood by all in the community. I think this is what happened in this case," said Jones. "I recently wrote to the attorney who represents the owner and potential developer of the site .... In the letter I requested that he consider the impact of his client's proposal on our neighborhood. We want a stable neighborhood, and do not wish to have our rights infringed upon or diminished."

On the other hand The Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association supports the proposal. In addition, the Mt Vernon Council of Citizens Associations APR land use task force recommended including a similar nomination for this site.

Flanagan has not indicated how he will vote on the proposal. He said that staff recommended

SEE PLANNING, PAGE 6

**Local BUSINESSES Support the COMMUNITY**

- \$60,000 donated for local high school scholarships
- Thousands of dollars given to local charities
- Commercial taxes support schools and public services

**SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES!**  
Money spent at local businesses stays in the community.  
Your Bucks Shop Here!

For special local business discounts please visit  
[www.BuyMountVernon-Lee.com](http://www.BuyMountVernon-Lee.com)

**Mount Vernon-Lee**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



**Rex Reiley**  
**RE/MAX Allegiance**  
**703-768-7730**  
rex.reiley@rmxtalk.com



**Alex/Woodmill Estates \$609,900**  
**8808 Northern Spruce Lane**  
This home is immaculate, meticulous, & staged like a model. Pride of ownership abounds! Owners have replaced roof, heat pump, windows, & appliances. Remodeled baths, refinished hardwood floors, painted interior & exterior, refinished basement etc. etc. Beautiful sun room, 2 car garage & professionally landscaped. 5 minutes to Ft. Belvoir, 20 to Old Town, 30 to National Airport & 35 to Pentagon, D.C. - HURRY, won't last.



**Alex./Wessynton \$765,000**  
**3099 Cunningham Drive**  
Completely remodeled 5 BR, 3.5 BA Colonial in premiere-contemporary community of Wessynton. All major systems updated: kitchen-ceramic tile floor, granite counters, cabinets, sub zero frig, etc., baths, total HVAC systems, roof & gutters, thermal windows & freshly painted interior. 2-car garage. This is "turn key." Beautiful lot backing to woods. Wessynton offers boat launch just minutes to Potomac River by boat, tennis & basketball courts, and pool. 5 minutes to Ft. Belvoir, 15 to Old Town, 25 to National Airport, 30/35 to D.C./Pentagon.



**Alex./Mt. Vernon \$614,900**  
**9218 Volunteer Dr.**  
Spectacular 5 bedroom, 3 bath Split teeming with updates. Totally remodeled from top to bottom. Master bedroom & bath are a "10," overlooking the deck & professionally terraced landscaping. One-car garage plus enclosed porch. 5 minutes to Ft. Belvoir, 30 minutes to Pentagon & National Airport.



**Alex./Wessynton \$689,900**  
**3008 Sevor Lane**  
Large, meticulously maintained 5 BR, 3.5 BA Colonial w/2-car garage & finished bsmt in Mt Vernon's premiere contemporary Wessynton. Pride of ownership is apparent: exterior painted in '06, HVAC systems all replaced in past 5 yrs. Beautiful carpet over hwd floors throughout main & upper levels. Large picturesque windows over look beautiful landscaping. Lower level has rec room, den, 2 storage rms, & bath w/large jacuzzi tub. Wessynton offers pool, tennis, basketball courts & boat launch. 5 minutes to Ft. Belvoir, 15 to Old Town, 25 to Ntl Airport & 30/35 to D.C./Pentagon.



**Alex./Wessynton \$659,900**  
**3020 Cunningham Drive**  
Large 5 BR/2.5 BA Colonial with 2-car garage and full unfinished basement in Mt. Vernon's premiere contemporary subdivision of Wessynton. This home is priced to allow some updating. Large covered screened porch off the family room allows you to enjoy your beautiful private backyard. Wessynton offers a pool, tennis court, and boat launch that allows quick access to Potomac River - 5 minutes to Ft. Belvoir, 15 to Old Town, Alex.



**Alex./Bucknell Manor \$362,900**  
**6932 Vanderbilt**  
Stunning & meticulously maintained 2-level Cape Cod loaded with updates: Kit, both baths, double pane replacement windows & washer & dryer on upper level. Roof in '03, siding in '04 & A/C in '07. Large gorgeous back yard w/newer privacy fence. Minutes to shopping & Huntington Metro, 25 minutes to Ft. Belvoir.



**Alex./Mt. Vernon \$369,900**  
**7737 Schelhorn Road**  
Lovely 1-level brick rambler on a beautiful .53 acre lot. Freshly painted interior, beautiful parquet floors, vaulted ceilings and 2 full baths. Family room can be easily converted to a 3rd bedroom. Great location—10 minutes to Ft. Belvoir (south) or Huntington Metro/Alex (north).

**For more information:**  
**www.RexReiley.com**

Each Office Independently Owned and Operated



## NEWS

**mak.**  
aveda concept salon

Hours  
Tues - Fri:  
10 am - 8 pm  
Saturday:  
9 am - 5 pm

Aveda Concept Salon  
515 East Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22314  
703.548.3444  
maksplace.com

Bring this ad  
and receive  
**20% off**  
your first  
service at  
**mak's Place**



**Route One remains clogged with traffic, which will get worse when tens of thousands of new employees start working at Fort Belvoir next year.**

PHOTO BY  
MICHAEL LEE POPE/  
GAZETTE

### *La Petite Hairstylists* Specializing in

- Hair Style & Cut • Highlights ~ Foil/Cap
- Perm • Hair Extension

BEFORE	Brazilian Blowout	AFTER
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Japanese Perm</li> <li>• Hair Straightening</li> <li>• Manicure &amp; Pedicure</li> <li>• Wax</li> </ul>	

1703 Belle View Boulevard, Alexandria  
703-765-4744 • www.lapetitehairstylists.com

## Worrying over Highway's Future

FROM PAGE 1

ment of War purchased 1,500 acres of Belvoir Manor and opened a new facility originally known as Camp A.A. Humphreys during World War I. Later renamed Fort Belvoir, the installation became an important part of the Mount Vernon District.

In 2005, a major military reorganization prompted by security concerns in Crystal City set in motion a plan to move tens of thousands of daily commuters from Arlington to Fort Belvoir — a plan that includes a new campus of Fort Belvoir at Mark Center in Alexandria. Local leaders have objected to the plan for years as a setback to ongoing efforts to encourage greater use public transportation. Unlike the installations in Crystal City, Fort Belvoir does not have Metro access. And unlike a rejected potential site near the Franconia-Springfield Metro station, neither Fort Belvoir campus has Metro access.

"This is a major step backward," said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay. "We really missed an opportunity in Springfield."

**THE CORRIDOR SEEMS** to have had its share of missed opportunities. A much-anticipated deal to create mixed-use development at Kings Crossing collapsed last summer, leading to another big-box Walmart with a giant parking lot out front. And Puller said her many attempts to fund a transportation study in the General Assembly have met with failure. With the BRAC reorganization set to be implemented next year, some are concerned that years of attention to Tysons Corner have run out the clock when planning for Richmond Highway was desper-

ately needed.

"The discussions that have taken place in Tysons Corner have involved thousands and thousands and thousands of hours of discussions with people and consultants and professionals and politicians and Metro and a lot of other people," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "Those kinds of discussions have not happened in our part of the community."

"The difference between Tysons Corner and Route One is everything," responded McKay. "The starting point is different, the future endpoint is different. The revitalization challenges in both places are different."

**WHATEVER DISAGREEMENTS** about the past, leaders from various levels of government convened at the South County Government Center this week to plan a strategy for the future. With the September 2011 deadline fast approaching, many fear that unless drastic action is taken soon the corridor could be disastrously clogged. The highlight of the meeting was a preliminary report from the National Academy of Sciences that funding for improvements to Richmond Highway might be able to come from the Pentagon from the Defense Access Roads Criteria.

"These folks, being scientists, I think we have a pretty good case here," said U.S. Sen. Mark Warner as the meeting wrapped up Monday morning.

Although the final report from the National Academy of Sciences isn't due until January, Warner said at the conclusion of the meeting that he hopes to use the preliminary report as leverage to get funding from the Pentagon.

## Planning Staff Support New Hotel

FROM PAGE 1

deleting existing retail functions at the site to reduce traffic, and to call for reconfiguring the design of the hotel to take into account the HCC and other concerns about neighborhood character. Communications Flanagan received from one HCC resident after the hearing indicated that agreement by the developer to reconfigure the design to take into account concerns about HCC neighborhood character would result in support among many residents.

Flanagan said that right now there are no publicly available banquet facilities to accommodate

wedding receptions, banquets, galas, etc. east of West Springfield in Fairfax County. This proposal would provide a hotel with such capability. In preparation for the July 28 Planning Commission markup and vote, Flanagan requested the developer to address all of the concerns of the Hunting Creek Club. Assuming that the proposal is passed by the Planning Commission, the next step is for the Board of Supervisors to take it up after the summer recess, in September. The first step by the Board of Supervisors will be to hold a public hearing on the proposal, as marked up by the Planning Commission, prior to the vote to amend the Comprehensive Plan.

**ALEXANDRIA LIGHTING & SUPPLY**  
701 No. Henry St., Alexandria, VA  
**703-548-2320**  
www.alexandrialighting.com  
Ample Free Parking

## Summer Showroom Sale Under Way!



**Open Late Every Wednesday!**  
**7:30 AM – 7:00 PM**  
**Expert Staff**  
**Showroom Open to the Public**  
**Se Habla Español!**

# Authors Discuss 'The Fairfax'

Book signing and open house held at military retirement community off of Route 1.

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

Residents, friends, and families associated with "The Fairfax," a uniformed services eligible retirement home located Belvoir Woods Parkway off of U.S. Rte. 1, gathered for a luncheon Friday, July 16, to honor the authors of a new book describing the history and founding of the retirement community.

In addition, the day was marked by an open house, tour of homes, and a book signing. Guests of honor at "The Fairfax" were Lieutenant General Frank Camm and Colonel John Schlight, co-authors of "The History of The Fairfax."

Camm received the Distinguished Graduate Award from West Point in 2005 after a distinguished career in the U.S. Army. He chaired the group that developed an Army Officer Retirement residence. He and his wife, Arlene, moved into "The Fairfax" in 2007.

Schlight is a retired Air Force navigator who flew in the French Indochina War and

the Korean Police Action. He later returned for a tour of duty in the Vietnam War. He has a Ph.D. from Princeton University. He has lived in "The Fairfax" since 2007 along with his wife, Ellen.

Nestled on a 60-acre estate at the edge of Fort Belvoir, "The Fairfax" is home to retired officers and their spouses who served in the U.S. uniformed services, the Foreign Service, FBI and CIA. It was developed initially in 1989 by the non-profit Army Retirement Residence Foundation - Potomac. It is owned by a real estate investment trust and managed by Sunrise Senior Living, Inc. Its 500 residents pay a membership fee of \$1,000 per person or \$1,500 per couple to join the foundation and must pass a physical examination in order to be eligible for residency in one of the garden apartments or cottages. Housing options include one- to three-bedroom units.

"The Fairfax" offers a range of health care services including assisted living, skilled nursing, and a specialized neighborhood for the memory impaired. Some of the amenities include a gift shop and country store, library, bank, beauty/barber shop, computer



PHOTO BY GERALD A. FILL/THE GAZETTE

Lieutenant General Frank Camm and Colonel John Schlight, co-authors of "The History of The Fairfax."

center, activities room, woodworking shop, party rooms, and guest suites.

Sunrise Inc. staff said that approximately two-thirds of the residents come from Northern Virginia.

## CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon police department through July 16.

### POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA/ POSSESSION OF A CONCEALED WEAPON/ DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE/ ARREST

Police arrested a man after a traffic stop on Saturday, July 10 around 4:01 p.m. in the 8400 block of Frye Road. The driver was issued a summons for driving on a suspended license and one of the passengers, a 31-year-old male of no fixed address, was taken to jail and charged with possession of marijuana and being in possession of a concealed weapon.

### LARCENIES

- 2600 block of Arlington Drive.** License plate stolen from vehicle.
- 3400 block of Audubon Ave.** Wallet and personal documents stolen from vehicle.
- 3400 block of Audubon Ave.** Wallet stolen from vehicle.
- 7900 block of Audubon Ave.** Stereo and money stolen from vehicle.
- 6000 block of Bangor Drive.** Tools stolen from vehicle.
- 3100 block of Brosar Court.** Cash stolen from residence.
- 8600 block of Buckboard Drive.** Cell phones stolen from community pool.
- 2400 block of Byrd Lane.** Tools stolen from vehicle.
- 6000 block of Florence Lane.** Outdoor lighting stolen from residence.
- 2300 block of Huntington Ave.** Chocolate milk stolen from business.
- 2300 block of Kimbro St.** License plate stolen from vehicle.
- 3800 block of Laramie Place.** Cell phone stolen from residence.
- 3300 block of Lockheed Blvd.** Bicycle stolen from residence.

**Reico** Save at the Reico Clearance Center!  
KITCHEN & BATH

Great deals on cabinetry for kitchens, bathrooms, garages, basements or wherever you need cabinets to maximize your storage and living space. In-stock flat panel birch doors available in 3 finishes. Choose vanity tops, faucets, sinks and other products at **substantially reduced prices.**

Hours of Operation: Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Reico Clearance Center**  
6790 Commercial Drive, Springfield, VA 22151  
1-800-REICO-11 (734-2611)  
www.reico.com/clearancecenter

Visit us today and find your great deal!

**A Sensible Child Care Solution**

- Flexible, Reliable, Live-in Child Care
- Carefully Selected English Speaking Au Pairs, Ages 18-26
- From Europe, Asia, the Americas, and South Africa
- Culturally Enriching Family Experience
- Low Average Weekly Cost of \$338. All Inclusive
- Convenient Online Au Pair Selection
- Local Community Representative Support
- US Govt. Designated with Over 20 Years Experience

www.eurapair.com  
800-333-3804 Ext. 2

**eurAuPair**  
Intercultural Child Care Programs

**NOW LEASING** www.gypsyhillplace.com

Be closer to the people and places you love.

Gypsy Hill Place offers an opportunity for active adults to take advantage of apartment living in a landmark building, beautifully transformed with all the modern conveniences of a hassle-free lifestyle, next door to Gypsy Hill Park and close to the heart of Staunton's charming historic downtown.

**GYPSY HILL PLACE**  
Active Living for Adults 55+

Contact us today to reserve your place in Staunton's history!  
540-294-1754

Gypsy Hill Place is committed to Equal Housing Opportunities and does not discriminate in its practices based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability.

# OPINION

## Tolls and a Transportation Fix

Could the links add up to \$20 and more per trip? And why won't Virginia issue bonds if it can collect that kind of toll revenue?

As someone who pays more than \$10 to drive round-trip the entire length of the Dulles Toll Road and then Greenway to Leesburg on my way out to Hillsboro, I am forced to recognize that commuters and others will pay to drive on congestion-free roads.

Leaving my office in Alexandria, however, I could soon have the choice to pay to drive in the High Occupancy Toll Lanes on my way around the Beltway, then a possible future choice to pay either the basic rate or an upgraded rate to drive on the Dulles Toll Road, followed by the choice to drive on the Greenway or to take Route 7 out into outer Loudoun. Could that add up to \$15 or more each way? (Already during rush hour, it costs \$5.25 each way on the Greenway, \$4.55 off peak; and it's \$1.75 on the Dulles Toll Road.)

Toll lanes are also on the drawing board for 395 and 95, places where effective means (slug lines) are in place to gather enough (three) people in a car to qualify as "High Occupancy," the current qualifier for using the existing HOV lanes. You can't buy your way onto those lanes at this point.

Choosing all the tolls would be well beyond most people's means in anything but an emer-

gency. But others will be able to consider the cost a business expense, or will be able to value their own time highly enough to pay the freight.

The real concern is that we aren't using the future tolls to create funding for the broad transportation initiatives that we need to thrive economically. The current model of public-private partnerships allows private companies to collect and keep all the tolls virtually forever (50 years) in exchange for building these particular roads.

But knowing that the revenue stream is out there, Virginia could issue bonds and contract the building of the roads and toll lanes, thereby using any surplus revenue to continue to improve the commonwealth's transportation infrastructure.

Once you admit that you're going to charge tolls, really significant dollar amounts of tolls, you don't need a public private partnership to make transportation improvements happen. You can manage contractors and use the revenue stream to keep Virginia moving. The commonwealth seems only to be able to stomach high tolls when the money is going to a private company, not when it might go to the public good in the future.

Still one can only hope that 20-30 years from

now the idea of rush hour and congestion — that we will each climb into a car one person at a time and drive on the same roads to work at the same time every day — will be as inconceivable as dial-up access to the internet.

Then all those extra lanes might be wide open with little toll revenue coming in.

And we can only hope that whoever is writing the contracts for these public private partnerships has the best interests of the Commonwealth at heart and isn't shifting the risk of that sort of innovation away from the private sector while leaving them to reap the profits without sharing.

Maybe in 50 years, the separate HOT Lanes will serve to separate bicyclists from skateboarders from pedestrians as old roadways become the recreational areas of the future, much as unused rail lines and former tow paths.

— MARY KIMM,

MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

### Send in Your Pet Photos

The Pet Gazette is coming next week, publishing July 28. We must have all submissions no later than Friday morning, July 23.

We welcome, photos, artwork and short stories (200 words or less) about your pet. Tell us a funny story, or explain how your pet helped you or a member of your family through a tough time.

We prefer digital submissions. E-mail to PhotoMV@connectionnewspapers.com, and write "Pets" in the subject line.

## McKay: We Are Not a Tysons Wannabe

BY JEFF MCKAY  
LEE DISTRICT SUPERVISOR

### COMMENTARY

I grew up on the Route One corridor — along with my parents and grandparents. We have all been proud to call Route One home. So, as a third generation Route One neighbor, it upsets me personally when people badmouth my home or compare it to Tysons Corner.

First, let me say that neither the constituents I hear from — nor I — want to see the corridor recast as a Tysons wannabe with a sea of generic high rises. Route One has its own history and its own special flavor with many small, vibrant businesses and closely knit residential communities — the type of character absent from many other places. There's a community spirit here that I wouldn't trade for anything else.

Does Route One have serious needs and serious challenges? Absolutely it does and I'd be the first to say it has benefited from many of the resources that Fairfax County has directed its way.

Route One is one of the County's revitalization areas. Revitalization is one of those things that builds incrementally while we glare at our calendars and wonder why it takes so darn long. So why can't the process move faster? Most revitalization areas — and Route One is no exception — have multiple property own-

ers with sites that are expensive and hard to redevelop. The land parcels may be small, have difficult frontage, or present a host of other challenges. The number of owners involved can make it difficult to consolidate enough properties to support a large town center or mixed use development.

While the County uses all the tools it has to facilitate certain types of development, the private sector will make its decisions based on the economics of the situation. So as much as we might like to see a Nordstrom's instead of a Walmart, we don't have the legal right to tell a land owner to whom he or she has to lease the property.

The public sector — namely the state — is responsible for infrastructure such as roads and sidewalks. In this area, the state has failed miserably. Since taking office and from my position as chair of the Fairfax County Board's Transportation Committee I've worked with our federal and state officials to try to get funding for critical transportation improvements. But with state transportation dollars as elusive as unicorns, I'm not holding my breath to see transit or significant Route One widening any day soon. With BRAC and its increased traffic only short months away, I'm working to find creative ways to leverage the County's transportation dollars and access to federal

grants. We've been successful in this area — just look at two of the county's largest road improvement projects: the extension of the Fairfax County Parkway to Route One and the widening and extension of Mulligan Road, also to Route One. County — not state — funding matched federal stimulus funding to pay for this work. These improvements are vital to revitalizing the Highway and will result in the best east/west connectivity we have ever had on Route One.

**WHILE BRINGING** Metro to the Highway is certainly needed, realistically, we're many years and many millions of dollars away. However, did you know that Route One is now the most heavily used transit corridor in the county? That's because of the investment that Fairfax County has made in the REX and Connector bus lines.

So — don't get caught up in false comparisons to other areas of the County. Look at the blighted buildings that have been replaced with modern, attractive ones as well as the revitalized shopping centers up and down the corridor like Hybla Valley and Beacon Mall. We still have work to do but acting like we haven't come a long way is just not true or productive.

And remember that perception is reality. We all need to be Route One ambassadors and speak well of our community. Community pride and word of mouth do attract good investment.

### Mount Vernon Gazette

www.MountVernonGazette.com

Newspaper of Mount Vernon

An independent, locally owned weekly newspaper delivered to homes and businesses.  
1606 King Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

**NEWS DEPARTMENT:**  
To discuss ideas and concerns,  
Call: 703-778-9410  
e-mail:  
gazette@connectionnewspapers.com

**Steven Mauren**  
Editor, 703-778-9415  
smauren@connectionnewspapers.com

**Michael Lee Pope**  
Reporter, 703-778-9437  
alexandriagazette@yahoo.com

**Steve Hibbard**  
Associate Editor, 703-778-9412  
shibbard@connectionnewspapers.com

**Julia O'Donoghue**  
Education & Politics, 703-778-9436  
jodonoghue@connectionnewspapers.com

**Jon Roetman**  
Sports Editor, 703-224-3015  
jroetman@connectionnewspapers.com

**ADVERTISING:**  
To place an advertisement, call the ad department between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

**Display ads** 703-778-9410  
**Classified ads** 703-778-9411  
**Employment ads** 703-778-9413

**Julie Ferrill**  
Display Advertising, 703-778-9446  
jferrill@connectionnewspapers.com

**Helen Walutes**  
Display Advertising, 703-224-3028  
hwalutes@connectionnewspapers.com

**Andrea Smith**  
Classified Advertising, 703-778-9411  
asmith@connectionnewspapers.com

**Barbara Parkinson**  
Employment Advertising  
703-778-9413  
bparkinson@connectionnewspapers.com

**Publisher**  
Jerry Vernon

**Editor & Publisher**  
Mary Kimm

**Editor in Chief**  
Steven Mauren

**Photography:**  
Louise Krafft, Robbie Hammer

**Art/Design:**  
Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong,  
John Heinly, Wayne Shipp,  
John Smith

**Production Manager:**  
Jean Card

**Editor Emeritus:**  
Mary Anne Weber

**CIRCULATION: 703-778-9427**  
**Circulation Manager:**  
Ann Oliver

**CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS, L.L.C.**  
**Peter Labovitz**  
President/CEO

**Mary Kimm**  
Publisher/Chief Operating Officer  
703-778-9433  
mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

**Jerry Vernon**  
Publisher/Executive Vice President  
jvernon@connectionnewspapers.com

**Wesley DeBrosse**  
Controller

**Debbie Funk**  
National Sales, 703-778-9444  
debfunk@connectionnewspapers.com

A Connection Newspaper

# COLDWELL BANKER RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

**Just Listed! Open Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00!**



**134 NORTH PAYNE STREET**  
\$615,000 | Old Town Alexandria

Fantastic historic end-unit TH with lots of character! Living room with built-ins, sep dining room, new granite & stainless kitchen, plantation shutters & wide plank hwood fls throughout. Gracious private patio with porch, balcony off MBR.

Eloise Brantley | 703.408.4887

**Classic Colonial**



**7820 RIDGECREST DRIVE**  
\$990,000 | South Alexandria

Renovated classic colonial on 2/3 acre in cul-de-sac. 4/5 bedrooms, study, 3 baths, 2 car garage. Kitchen with stone floors, granite, breakfast bar, table area adjoining large family room with fireplace opening to deck and private yard.

Phyllis Patterson | 703.518.6158

**Open House Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00!**



**3114 RUSSELL ROAD**  
\$759,000 | Echwood

Renovated colonial with spacious eat in kitch with new heated floors, granite, GE SS 5 burner gas double oven and refrig. Large dining room and living room with gas fp, paneled fam rm. 2 large upper level BR's w/ 2 closets, hardwood floors.

Phyllis Patterson | 703.518.6158

**Circa 1810**



**425-427 NORTH ST. ASAPH STREET**  
\$1,295,000 | Old Town Alexandria

Located in the heart of Old Town, this warm and inviting 3 bedroom townhome offers beautiful English gardens plus two off street parking spaces. Just reduced to \$1,295,000.

Donnan C. Wintermute | 703.518.6156

**New Price**



**1111 I STREET, #C**  
\$725,000 | Belle View

Beautiful, unique custom built townhouse in a fantastic location! Convenient to Old Town, GW Parkway, bike trails and public transportation. Gorgeous architectural details, gourmet kitchen, deck off top bedroom. www.1111IStreet.com.

Rachel Carter | 703.851.4207

**Just Listed!**



**6617 KELSEY POINT CIRCLE**  
\$415,800 | Alexandria/ Kingstowne

Spacious LR/DR combo, crown molding, walks out to deck. Tile floors, white cabinets, pantry storage. Baths w/Italian tile, master luxury bath w/soaking tub. Lower level features rec/rm w/ceramic tile & gas fpl. 1-car garage. Foreclosure.

Sherry York | 703.625.3377

**Open Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00!**



**1226 OAKCREST ROAD**  
\$699,900 | Aurora Hills / Arlington

Amazing Location! Wonderful home tucked off the street just minutes from 395, Crystal City, Pentagon. 4BRs/3BAs on 3 levels with private putting green, deck with Jacuzzi, and beautifully landscaped yard. Hdwd floors, separate garage.

Mark Souder | 703.518.2800

**Just Listed**



**671 SOUTH COLUMBUS STREET**  
\$442,000 | Arch Hall / Old Town Alexandria

Don't miss this charming 2 BR, 1 bath unit convenient to everything Old Town has to offer. Great space with lots of updates and terrific storage. Wood burning fireplace and hardwoods throughout. Lovely outside patio, off street parking.

Linda Wolf | 703.856.2133

**Open Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00!**



**7816 ENGLISH WAY**  
\$799,000 | Bethesda

Classic home sited on near-half-acre lot. Secluded woodland feel with ample space for outdoor entertaining. Bright and inviting, well proportioned rooms, with the large family room with fireplace on it's own level. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths.

Mark Souder | 703.518.2800

**\$20,000 Price Adjustment**



**4212 DANDRIDGE TERRACE**  
\$599,900 | Alexandria

Center hall colonial with over 3,500 finished square feet! 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths on over 1/3 acre. Everything has been done for you --- move right in---all you need is your toothbrush!

Bonnie Rivkin | 703.598.7788

**Open House Sunday, 1:00 - 3:30!**



**2121 JAMIESON AVENUE, UNIT 1704-1705**  
Carlyle Towers / Old Town Alexandria

3 bedroom, 2 bath DOUBLE UNIT condominium home with heated / CAC sunroom with 27 feet of great city views! Eat-in kitchen, separate dining room, two garage spaces. www.CarlyleTowers1-1704.com. MarieMeyer@Live.com

Marie Louise Meyer | 703.836.2080

**Open House Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00!**



**1250 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET**  
\$668,000 | Old Town Alexandria / Porto Vecchio

Waterfront property! 1,582 square feet, two bedroom, two and one half bathroom condo with balcony, fireplace, garage parking. River views from every window.

Denise Davis | 571.332.8531

**Open Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00!**



**904 ORONOCO STREET**  
\$719,900 | Old Town Alexandria / 22314

All brick, open and bright inside, well maintained. 3 BRs, 1 office/BR, 2 full baths, 2 fireplaces, brick patio & 1 off-street parking. Portuguese and marble tile, large master bath, hdwd floors, crown molding, storage and so much more...

Bob Kuletz | 703.615.2626

**Style And Open Space!**



**5957 EARLSTON COURT**  
\$447,000 | Alexandria/Kingstowne

Three level garage town home that backs to trees for privacy! Granite, hardwood floors, 2 master bedroom suites, rec room with fireplace, professionally painted, new carpet, new windows, patio, and fenced yard.

Sherry York | 703.625.3377

**New Price! Open Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00!**



**275 PICKETT STREET SOUTH, UNIT 201**  
\$349,700 | Hillwood

2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 level end unit condo, hardwood floors, fireplace, renovated baths, tons of space and 2 parking spaces.

Bob Kuletz | 703.615.2626

**Just Listed!**



**3601 RANSOM PLACE**  
\$334,900 | Alexandria / Huntley Meadows

Elegant brick end TH w/3 fin levels - bright, sunny main lvl, huge kit/FR w/island, table space, passthru to living room, overlooks trees and valley. 2 huge BR & 2 full BA up & BR, Rec rm w/gas FP and BA on lower, fenced yrd. Foreclosure.

Sherry York | 703.625.3377



**For All Of Your Real Estate Needs Visit: [www.CBMove.com](http://www.CBMove.com)**

310 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

703.518.8300 Main Office

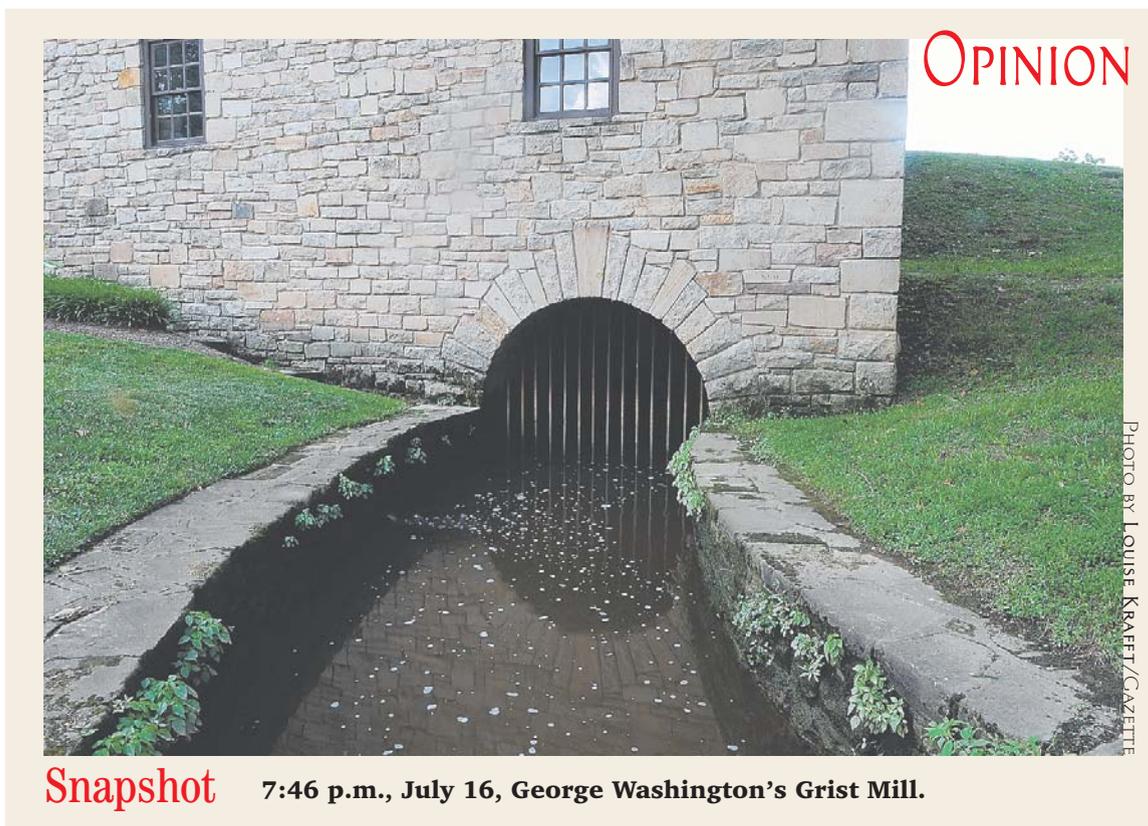
Information is deemed reliable but is not guaranteed. Equal housing opportunity. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is owned and operated by NRT, LLC.

# WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?



**FREE ESTIMATES. AND WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING. CALL US. 703-684-7702**

**Tech Painting Co.**  
Since 1987  
[www.techpainting.com](http://www.techpainting.com)



**Snapshot** 7:46 p.m., July 16, George Washington's Grist Mill.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### A Canine Response

To the Editor:

I'm submitting the letter to the editor below on behalf of my cocker spaniel, Chase, who seems to think even the most weighty matters sometimes need a bit of levity — please understand that these are the views of my spaniel, and do not necessarily reflect the views of her owners.

— Anne Holloway

As a resident of the Mount Vernon area, I am responding to Mr. Spiegel's recent comments regarding leash laws [Letter, The Gazette, July 1-7]. I am an aging (though some have commented on my looking like a mere "pup") cocker spaniel prone to an affliction termed "cocker rage" (though only when truly provoked ... for the record, that mailman was meddling with MY mailbox). It's really just a teensy case of "cocker rage" and I really only mention it in the interest of full disclosure and not because it has any bearing whatsoever on my writings here. (But if that mailman tries to put his grimy hands in MY mailbox again he'll need a fire hydrant's worth of mace to put me off!) But I digress ...

Mr. Spiegel writes of the need for me and my canine compatriots to be controlled off premises. Specifically, Mr. Spiegel states I must be either "in a cage, or on a leash, cord or chain" — eegads! I'm all for the leash laws but caged? Chained? A cord??! I may be pushing 9 — that's about 54 in your human years (I multiply by 6 since I'm considered under-sized for a cocker so do not even THINK of multiplying by 7) but I still have some dignity. (Okay, okay, during



**Chase**

the recession when my owners saw fit to bathe me with a hose in the front yard rather than pay for the Pretty Pets Salon that was a low point in terms of my dignity). Nonetheless, I shudder to think of myself on the end of a "cord," or worse, a "chain." And frankly the prospect of making my daily rounds in a cage, well, it just seems to defeat the purpose of a walk. Which brings me to the subject of pet strollers ... but, oh, nevermind ...

Back to Mr. Spiegel and those leash law scofflaws. As a cocker spaniel of some years (as I mentioned before, I'm aging very well — fur covers a multitude of sins — sorry PETA) I must commend Mr. Spiegel for his compassion and well wishes. Too many of my unleashed friends have gone to that great meadow in the sky as a result of catching a lovely whiff of rabbit and racing headlong into the street to meet their doom. And, I certainly understand Mr. Spiegel's concern for the general human population when he states

that off-leash dogs could "intimidate the elderly or children." (And, just for the record, that time I growled and menaced that young child was because I believed he was holding my precious stuffed dog toy — my eyes are a bit weak, another affliction of the cocker breed I'm afraid).

In closing, I understand that Mr. Spiegel is considering taking photographs of certain pets carousing off-leash for purposes of documenting the leash law scofflaws. I would only ask that Mr. Spiegel not photograph me as I walk with my owners early in the morning. It's not that I'm afraid to be reported to the authorities or that I care particularly about whether or not my owners are fined, but I really don't look my best in the early morning hours. And, frankly, I'd prefer if we held off on any photo ops until I can get back into the Pretty Pets Salon.

**Chase Holloway**  
Alexandria

### School Board Welcomes Dialogue

To the Editor:

You were correct in your editorial ["From Readers on School Board and Staff," The Gazette, July 14-20] in which you pointed out that school board members commit themselves to public service with the best interest of all schools at heart. It is a job that we are proud to carry out, no matter how difficult the decisions we face might be. Our leadership responsibility is to serve all our children

MORE LETTERS, PAGE 18

[WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM](http://WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM)

# PERILS OF THE LOST JUNGLE

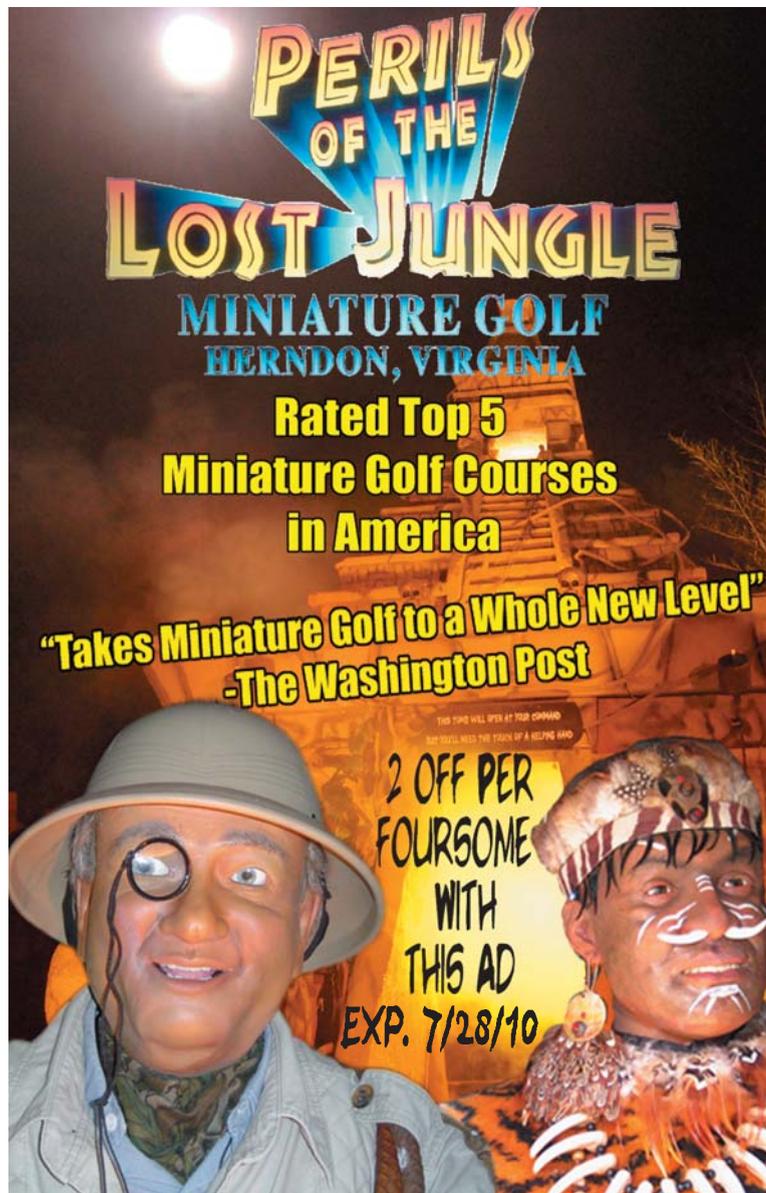
## MINIATURE GOLF

HERNDON, VIRGINIA

**Rated Top 5 Miniature Golf Courses in America**

**"Takes Miniature Golf to a Whole New Level" -The Washington Post**

2 OFF PER FOUR SOME WITH THIS AD EXP. 7/28/10



# Weichert, Realtors®

**Alexandria/Old Town**  
 121 N. Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314  
**703-549-8700**  
 www.weichert.com



**THINKING OF A REAL ESTATE CAREER? Call Kim Farina at the Alexandria/Old Town Office.**



**COMING SOON!**  
**Alex./Old Town \$1,675,000**  
 Circa 1850 detached home on double lot w/2-story garage! Three bedrooms, 2 baths, living rm, formal dining rm & den. High ceilings, lots of light & off-street parking.  
**723 South Lee Street**  
*Christine Garner 703-587-4855*



**OPEN SUNDAY!**  
**Falls Church \$400's**  
 The work has been done for you! Two levels, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths brick rambler w/garage. Inside the Beltway. Updated kitchen & baths. New roof. Fenced yard & deck.  
**7313 Camp Alger Avenue**  
*Sandy H. McConville 703-402-1587*



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**  
**Alex./Old Town \$998,000**  
 Detached historic home, fully renovated. Two BR, 2 full & 1 half BA. Gracious living, modern amenities—open plan, high ceilings, fireplace, gourmet kitchen & family rm. See photos/floor plans @ www.219southroyal.com.  
**219 South Royal Street**  
*Barbara Rosen 703-407-6481*



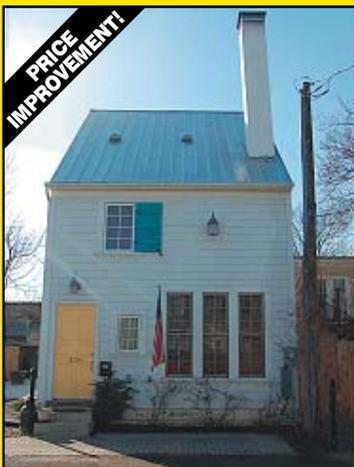
**Alex./Old Town \$1,200,000**  
**Backyard Boats!** Steps to the river, w/3 bedrms & 4.5 baths. 2-car garage.  
**721 South Union Street**  
*Diann Hicks 703-628-2440*



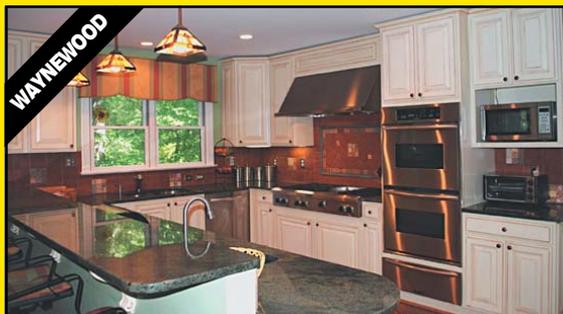
**Alexandria \$325,000**  
 Tranquil oasis nestled in private community adjacent to Huntley Meadows Park. 6 years young Beazer town house w/3 BR, 3.5 BA & 1-car gar. Close to Metro & shopping.  
**3442 Turtle Dove Nook**  
*Cindy Baggett 703-593-1418*  
*Leslie Rodriguez 703-400-3010*



**COMING SOON!**  
**Alex./Rosemont \$899,000**  
 Updated 1920s Colonial w/3 finished levels, 4 upper BR & 3.5 BA, Family rm off kitchen, sun room, formal dining rm & living rm. New windows & detached garage, Blocks to Metro & shopping.  
**404 Russell Road**  
*Christine Garner 703-587-4855*



**PRICE IMPROVEMENT!**  
**Alex./Old Town \$549,900**  
 Try this on for sighs! Parker Gray District home w/3 bedrms & 2.5+5 baths built 2007. Close to 2 Metros, so leave the car! Features include high ceilings, wood flrs, amazing kitchen w/SS, granite & cabinets galore! Private fenced patio for evening enjoyment & BBQs.  
**219 A West Street**  
*Sandy McConville 703-402-1567*



**WAYNEWOOD**  
**Alexandria \$1,465,000**  
 Warm & inviting custom home on almost 1/2 acre. Private, wooded lot. Entertain in your chef's gourmet kitchen for 2 - w/deck, nestled in the treetops. Bountiful storage plus a "secret room." Walk to park, pool & school.  
**902 Emerald Drive**  
*Joni Koons 703-209-7277 Greg Koons 703-209-7678*



**Alex./Old Town \$549,900**  
 Lovely 2 bedroom, 1 bath brick town house with deep garden just a few blocks from King Street Metro, shops & restaurants! New Windows, gleaming wood floors, updated kitchen & bath. Best of all, No HOA FEE!  
**212 South West Street**  
*Christine Garner 703-587-4855*



**Alex./Old Town \$798,000**  
**Surprisingly spacious!** 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Baths, 3 fireplaces, 2 parking spaces.  
**720 Gibbon Street**  
*Diann Hicks 703-628-2440*

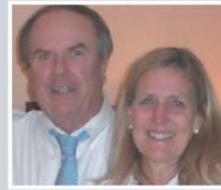


**WAYNEWOOD**  
**Alexandria \$360,000**  
 Delightful, 2 levels, 2 bedrooms, 1.5 baths w/loads of light through the bay window. Lush setting. New wood flrs on main level & brand new washer/dryer, Patio w/grassy area. Best of all: NEW WINDOWS!  
**3812 Jason Street**  
*Julie Hall 703-786-3634*



**Alex./Rosemont \$774,900**  
 Beautiful Col. w/3 BR & 2 BA. Det. studio, screened porch & landscaped yard w/stone patio. Arched doorways, custom built-in cabinets & window seat. FP, molding and beautiful wood floors. All on tree-lined street.  
**9 West Linden Street**  
*Babi Bomar 703-927-2213*

**Visit Us at Weichert.com for a full Listing of New Properties**



# CHRIS WHITE

#1 Long and Foster Agent in Virginia - 2009!



# LONG & FOSTER

ALEXANDRIA/OLD TOWN HISTORIC



Managing Brokers  
Anne Rector & Bill Jourdan

Call our Agents! Visit our Office!

**NEW PRICE!**



9316 Heather Glen Dr \$675,000  
Major Price Reduction - Super Value!  
Don't miss out on this unique opportunity-Price Slashed on fabulous colonial. Expanded with the most dramatic family room addition you'll ever find! All glass window walls overlooks magnificent custom pool! Other features include: screen porch, 3 lvl, 4BR and 2 car garage.

**OPEN SUN** **NEW PRICE!**



8714 Bluedale St \$629,000  
Stratford Landing - Colonial!  
Classic four bedroom center hall colonial on gorgeous level lot in prime Stratford Landing location. Home has been exceptionally well maintained and has had major updates such as thermal windows, new HVAC unit and foyer extension. Large deck overlooks landscaped private yard. Priced to sell! **OPEN SUN 7/25, 1-4.** GW Pky S, R-Collingwood, L-Fort Hunt, L-Elkins, L-Whittington, L-Bluedale.

8614 Vernon Ave \$425,000  
This Is Not A Typo!  
Real Price! Unbelievable opportunity! Totally updated 3 level colonial near Mt. Vernon Estate (at give away price!) Total renovation: gourmet kitchen with granite, stainless steel, 42" cherry cabinets, new paint, new roof, 2.5 baths, 4 bedrooms and finished lower level. Feels like a new home! You will not find a home in this location & condition even those priced \$100,000 higher!

**OPEN SUN 1 - 4pm!**  
**PRICE REDUCED!**



918 DARTON DR Waynewood / Alex \$698,000  
BEAUTIFULLY renovated 4BR, 3BA home w/deluxe kitchen, breakfast bar & breakfast area - new deck - customized upscale baths - family room, large rec room, formal living room & separate dining room - many special touches in this wonderful Waynewood home - plus 2 car garage!

Frank Roberts 703.898.0840

**NEW PRICE!**



1413 BELLE VIEW BLVD #B-2 Belle View / Alex \$239,000  
Tucked in the corner of a shady courtyard & just steps to the pool & shopping center, this 2 bedroom, 2nd floor condo has the largest floor plan in Belle View, plus a brand new IKEA kitchen. Great low price too!

Call for more information:  
Margaret Keagle 571.332.5264

**OPEN SUN 1 - 4pm!**



8647 VERNON AVE Mt Vernon \$500,000  
RENOVATED!!!!!! Entire main level new hardwoods - Completely new kit w/maple cabs, granite, breakfast bar, SSA - Lower level huge family room w/FP & new carpet - New light fixtures & fans - All 3BAs updated - Systems updated - Windows updated - 4BR - Brick patio - Fenced - Garage - Cul-de-sac. NO HOA FEES!

Connie McKeen 703.626.4417

**JUST LISTED!** **CONTRACT!**



4325 Adrienne Dr \$585,000  
Gorgeous Inside and Out!  
A Southwood Gem! Fabulous 4 bedroom colonial in pristine condition with many major updates including expanded gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry, silestone counters, SS and large breakfast room. Other features include hardwood floors, family room with fireplace and 2 car garage. Beautiful grounds with brick walks, stone patio & magnificent landscaping.

**NEW PRICE!**



6515 Princeton Dr \$815,000  
Classic Colonial - Near Old Town!  
Spacious home in Belle Haven area. Center hall colonial with up to date floor plan. Features include open kitchen with SS and granite, 3 finished levels, 4 large BRs and oversized 2 car garage. Formal living and dining rooms, family room off breakfast area. Prime "close-in" location. Two tiered deck and seasonal river views. Lower level hosts large rec room, full bath, huge storage area and direct outside access.

**NEW PRICE!**



9316 Allwood Dr \$519,500  
Absolutely Impeccable!  
New Price! Stunning home features bright open floor plan with soaring cathedral ceilings on main level. This fabulous property has been substantially updated and is in absolutely impeccable condition. Gleaming hardwood floors, track lighting, finished lower level, garage and much more! Gorgeous setting on half acre tract fronting a quiet street in the heart of Mt. Vernon.

**OPEN SUN 1 - 4pm!**



8422 CROWLEY PL Waynewood \$739,900  
Unique, one-of-a-kind, rebuilt 3 level "Redford" model rambler w/entire new floor addition & front porch. Open floor plan of 3,600+sqft living space, 2 Master suites w/sitting room, 2BR main lvl, 1BR guest suite on lower lvl, 3.5BA. Rec & family rooms. Lower lvl fireplace. Sunfilled. Skylights. And more...!

www.WaynewoodRealtors.com  
Anita 202.460.1809 & Elke 703.967.7633

**NEW PRICE!**



3733 HUNTLEY MEADOWS LA Alex / \$405,000  
Move right into this pristine 3 lvl Brick TH in historic Huntley Meadows; mins to Metro, OT, BW, Belvoir & more! 3 BR, 3.5BA w/ gourmet kit, fab deck overlooking trees & wonderful sunsets. Lux Master Suite, fin low lvl w/gas FP & backyard oasis! A true "10"!

Kim Muffler 703.282.7739

**OPEN SUN 1 - 4pm!**



1203 POTOMAC LN Waynewood \$585,000  
VERY WELL MAINTAINED large split foyer home w/2 car carport, .38 acre lot w/pool & patio. Formal DR & LV. Kit w/table space. Upper level has 2 BR, 1 full BA. Lower level features 2BR, 1 full bath, and family room. Great Value! Customize or Expand. Waynewood ES, Potomac, OT & Ft. Belvoir

www.WaynewoodRealtors.com  
Anita 202.460.1809 & Elke 703.967.7633

**WATERFRONT!**



4713 Dolphin Lane \$1,395,000  
Custom Waterfront - Private Dock!  
Spacious, updated home remodeled and expanded by leading custom builder as his own residence. Exceptionally bright, open floor plan capitalizes on fabulous waterfront location. Features include huge deck, private dock, waterview master suite, updated kitchen spectacular sunroom, gorgeous yard, two car garage and bulkheaded water frontage. Owner Financing Available!

**NEW PRICE!**



7106 Colgate Dr \$698,900  
Hollin Glen - Super Value!  
Owner's relocation provides unique opportunity in prestigious "close-in" Hollin Glen. Spacious well maintained home just minutes from Old Town. Many fabulous features include: 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, updated gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors and 2 fireplaces. Custom two tiered deck. Check the comps! Nothing like it in close-in Fort Hunt are for under \$600,000!

**JUST LISTED!**



8418 Aylee Pl \$698,900  
Classic Colonial - Just off Parkway!  
This is the one you've been waiting for! Rare 4 bedroom, 3 level colonial in Prime Collingwood-Waynewood location. Spacious home features updated eat-in kitchen w/SS appli. and granite, 3 finished levels, 2.5 updated baths, 2 fireplaces and large garage. Elegant dining and living rooms. Gorgeous fenced yard with privacy fence and patio on quite cul-de-sac in Waynewood School area.

**OPEN SUN 1 - 4pm!**



11831 LARRY RD Fairfax \$504,900  
Impeccably maintained 3BR, 2BA home on a half-acre lot with more than 2,000 sqft of living space on the main level. Highlights include hardwood floors, large family room, eat-in kitchen, dining room, master suite, deck, two-car garage and more.

Dayna Blumel / Kerry Adams 703.597.2252

**OPEN SUN 1 - 4pm!**



7227 STOVER CT Alexandria \$349,000  
SPACIOUS! UPDATED TH in WOODSTONE. 3 BR & den/4thBR, 3.5 BA, 3 fin lvls, deck & fenced yard. Updates: windows, siding, HVAC, HWH, carpet, kit w/granite, SSA plus more! Close to Ft. Belvoir, Metro, 1495. DIR: from OE: S on Rte I, R on Lockheed, R on Harrison, L on Bedrock, L on Stover Ct. to 7227.

Pictures: www.ijamani.com  
Inderjeet Jumani 703.472.8804

**OPEN SUN 1 - 4pm!**



2115 YALE DR Alexandria \$529,000  
Belle View Terrace brick home awaits its second owner! Spacious 4BR, 2BA, separate dining room, living room w/fireplace, Family room, separate laundry & huge party/storage room on a 5th level. Large patio for summer fun! New paint, refinished hardwood floors.

Rose Mary Cousins 703.627.0404

**UNDER CONTRACT!**

**CONTRACT!** **CONTRACT!**




1139 Cedar Dale Ln 4319 Ferry Landing Rd

**NEW PRICE!**



9333 Brambly Ln \$549,500  
One of Area's Best Values!  
Don't miss out - Quite simply the best value for under \$550,000 you will find in Alexandria area. This home offers everything: updated, 5 bedrooms, large room sizes, brick fireplace, hardwood floors, covered parking, pristine condition and prime location on quiet cul-de-sac. Compares favorably with properties that cost thousands and thousands more. A stunning value!

**Fall Delivery!**



**We're Underway!**  
8826 Camden St \$874,900  
Ground floor opportunity to add your personal touches to this new creekside home in Stratford Landing. Custom Wakefield home loaded with upgrades! Call for details.

**BOTH OPEN SUN 1 - 4pm!**



7606 AUDUBON MEADOW WAY Huntley Meadows / \$425,000 3BR, 2.5 BA  
1501 ALEXANDRIA AVE Waynewood \$569,000 4BR, 2.5BA

Jennifer Collier 703.966.1810  
Ginger Webre 703.927.8399

**PRICE REDUCED!**



6989 EARLSTON DR Kingstowne \$444,900  
BEST DEAL IN KINGSTOWNE!  
4BR, 3.5BA, 1-car garage, 2 master suites, vaulted ceiling, crown moldings, 1 fireplace, 42" kitchen cabinets, deck and patio. Within minutes to Springfield METRO & Van Dorn METRO, Kingstowne center and so much more. "Beats ALL comps!"

Desiree Gilman 203.981.6037

**NEW PRICE!**



5563 SEMINARY RD #116 Falls Church \$259,999  
Luxury 2BR condo with New carpeting & paint with lovely patio overlooking common area. Living room w/gas FP, new W/D, separate Dining room & a fantastic kitchen. Additional storage. Garage parking included. Great amenities including pool & walking trails. Pet friendly.

www.soldbyanya.com  
Anya Macklin 703.518.8720



CHRIS WHITE 703.283.9028  
www.chrisandpeggywhite.com  
chris.white@longandfoster.com

400 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA 22314  
703.683.0400 ~ FAX 703.683.1303  
www.OldTownAlexandria.com



# PARTNERS IN REAL ESTATE

www.partnersinrealestate.com • Licensed Brokers in DC, VA and MD



**David W. Spires**

**Marjorie J. Spires**

**Robert B. Burroughs**

703-765-3500 • Cell: 703-850-4256    703-660-6789 • Cell: 703-472-7713    703-370-0808 • Cell 703-856-2426



**7729 Lee Avenue**

- Custom, Stone & Bead Board New England Cape on 2/3 Acre
- G.W. Parkway bike and walking trails just one block away
- Hard-wood floors throughout
- Approx. 4,000 Sq.Ft. under roof • Two Generous Master Suites – One on each Level
- New Main Level Master Bath
- Large Formal Rooms to include Library/Music Room
- Commercial Chef's Kitchen

w/Viking Appliances & Granite • Extensive Built-ins and Mouldings • Six-Panel Doors • Two Masonry Fireplaces • Huge Two-Car Garage • Garden House/Playhouse • Recently Appraised at \$1,300,000 • S of Old Town Alexandria - in the community of Wellington.

**Call for Your Private Tour**

**Offered at.....\$1,175,000**



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-5**

**7207**

**Park Terrace Drive**

- Magnificence along the Potomac River • Smashing, Remodeled Rambler in Villamay • Elegantly Appointed from top to bottom
- Villamay's Largest Kitchen with Island and Wet Bar
- Luxury Master Suite with Sunken tub looking to River
- Formal Living and Dining

Rooms at Rear Elevation • All Baths Remodeled/Powder Room Added • Laundries on Both Main and Lower Level • Decking spans entire Rear Elevation overlooking River • Extensive List of added Amenities at Property. **Dir: S on G.W. Pkwy from Old Town. R on Tulane. Immediate L on Park Terrace to 7207 on left.**

**Offered at.....\$1,250,000**



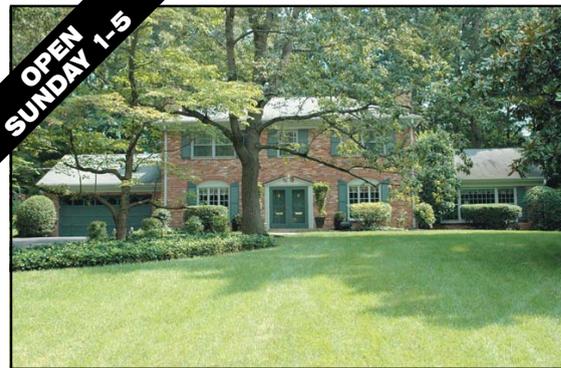
**OPEN SUNDAY 1-5**

**1200 Gatewood Drive**

- Custom, Modified Split-Level on Large Corner Lot
- Conveniently Located Main Level Two-Car Garage
- Roofline Transoms Lend Contemporary Flair
- Use of Rare Pecky Cypress Accent Hardwoods
- Updated Corian Kitchen w/Generous Breakfast Space
- Luxury Master Bath

• New Master Suite w/Sitting Area & Walk-in Closet • Fabulous Entertainment/ Recreation Area on Lower Level. **Dir: S on GW Pkwy from Old Town. R Tulane, L Park Terrace, R Villamay Blvd., L Admiral to corner of Admiral & Gatewood**

**Offered at.....\$975,000**



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-5**

**7403**

**Fort Hunt Road**

- Custom Colonial tucked away in private setting
- Remodeled from top-to-bottom since 2002
- Elegant Formal Rooms flank Large Entry Foyer
- Family Room with Cathedral Ceiling & Massive Fireplace • Chef's Island Kitchen w/Granite & Finest Appliances • French Doors

Open to Two-Level Brick Terrace at Rear • Totally Remodeled Baths & Utility/Laundry Room • Storage in Three Locations to include Walk-in Attic • Two-Car Garage • Custom Closets • Hardwood Floors. **Dir: S on GW Pkwy from Old Town. R on Morningside, R on Fort Hunt Rd to 7403 on right.**

**Offered at.....\$790,000**



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-5**

**271 Pickett Street South, Unit #302**

- Great Location in sought-after Hillwood
- Beautiful & Spacious 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath Unit with 9-Foot Ceilings
- Large Living Room with Wood-Burning Fireplace
- Dining Room with sliding glass doors to Private Balcony
- Great Open Kitchen – Perfect for Entertaining
- Master Bedroom with Huge Walk-In Closet • Huge Master Bath with Soaking Tub and Separate Shower

• New Carpet Throughout • Steps to Metro Bus and Minutes to Van Dorn Metro • Reserved Parking, Pool and Clubhouse • Don't Miss this Opportunity! **Dir: From 395 Duke Street East, R on Pickett Street South, R into Hillwood, Building 271, Unit #302.**

**Offered at.....\$329,000**

**~ COMING SOON ~ RENTALS**

**Marine Drive Alexandria \$3,000/month**

- Detached home in Villamay – 5 bedrooms, 3 baths
- 2-car garage – Corner lot – Metro picks up at corner

**Olde Town Road Alexandria \$2,500/month**

- All-brick 3-level Town House near Beltway
- 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths
- Metro bus at corner – terrific location.



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-5**

**537 Tobacco Quay**

- Turn-Key—Move Right In! • In Historic Old Town • One Block to River • Three Bedrooms • Newly Remodeled Kitchen • New Marble Bathrooms • Assigned Parking In Courtyard • Refinished Hardwoods • Bright Paint Colors • Washer/Dryer Hookups • Lovely Built-Ins Flanking Fireplace. **Dir: Washington Street. East on Oronoco. L on Tobacco Quay to end of street. Parking Space #18**

**Offered at.....\$675,000**



ARTS ♦ ENTERTAINMENT ♦ LEISURE

## Alexandria Film Fest Seeks Entries

The fourth annual Alexandria Film Festival, scheduled for Nov. 4-7, is soliciting entries from U.S. and international filmmakers. Three cash prizes will be awarded to top films at the Festival: Best of Show (\$500), Jury Prize (\$300) and Audience Award (\$200). Accepted film genres include narrative features, documentaries, shorts, and animation. Deadlines for entries are: Regular Deadline: Aug. 1; and Late Deadline: Aug. 15. Regular fees are \$35 for feature-length films and \$25 for shorts. Discounts are available for those who enter by the Early Bird Deadline; late fees apply to those who enter by the Late Deadline.

The Film Festival will again partner with Withoutabox, the film industry's premiere online service platform, to accept online film submissions. To submit films online, visit [www.withoutabox.com/login/7816](http://www.withoutabox.com/login/7816). All online submissions will receive an entry fee discount.

This year's Festival is led by Pat Miller, Chair of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. "Last year's Festival attracted 158 film submissions from 14 countries," said Miller. "This year, we will be involving a larger panel of judges to include previous attendees, film enthusiasts, filmmakers and film and video professionals. Not only will this provide us with critical input, it will broaden our support base."

The Alexandria Film Festival is sponsored by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Office of the Arts. For more information or to obtain entry forms and submission guidelines, visit [www.alexandriafilm.org](http://www.alexandriafilm.org). For additional information, call the Alexandria Commission for the Arts at 703-746-5588 or [aca@alexandriava.gov](mailto:aca@alexandriava.gov).

The City of Alexandria is committed to compliance with the City's Human Rights Code and the Americans with Disabilities Act. To request a reasonable accommodation, call the Alexandria Commission for the Arts at 703-746-5588 (TTY 703-838-4902).

# Good 'Company' at Theatre

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE GAZETTE

Swirled with a rich amount of sweetness covering an acid base, sourness is blended away into a good natured, high-spirits Little Theatre of Alexandria revival of the Stephen Sondheim musical, "Company." Don't fear, Sondheim's music and lyrics have lost none of their bite and the George Furth book still presents marriage as a rough plod.

Fashioned by director Joanna Henry, "Company" is an evening not unlike the recent capping of the BP oil gusher; good news after so many struggles. Henry's concept is without gimmicks or highly abstract theatrically. She finds the positive and emphasizes the cute to soften the sharper edges of these city-dwelling neurotic characters by casting actors with excellent singing skills, good comedic timing and a comfortable manner.

The musical is built around a sequence of scenes depicting the bumpy, non-romantic parts of marriage through the eyes of Robert, a 35-year-old bachelor. The scene is set as Robert is about to be celebrated with a surprise birthday party given by five affluent couples, who are his best friends. He also considers the prospects of commitment to any of his three current, very different girlfriends.

Edgy sharpness of "Company" is most compelling with the standout performance of Karen Jadlo Shotts an acerbic grumbler; a woman of a certain age who can arch an eyebrow and sling verbal taunts with the highest accuracy. Whether within the ensemble or solo, the attention gravitates to her; her expressions of disdain, her "I've seen it all" gestures give Shotts a mesmerizing energy. She nails the anthem "The Ladies Who Lunch," about the foibles of women with a scolding, worn voice; a drink in hand splashing about.

A first-rate singing performance by Patrick McMahan as Robert centers the evening. McMahan presents a handsome easy charm giving a reason for others to care about him and want to find him a wife. Yet when he delivers several of his solos standing center stage, more non-verbal clues would be ef-



From left: Ronnie Hardcastle, Karen Jadlo Shotts, and Patrick McMahan star in "Company."

fective to show deeper emotions whether for caustic themes or the longing for love ("Someone is Waiting" and "Marry Me A Little"). When he has second doubts about his stewardess girlfriend staying over rather than flying out, this reviewer wanted to hug the poor girl and shoe him away.

There are joyous musical highlights through out the production; the delightful work of Corinne Baker, Christina Matula and Maureen Reed in an Andrews Sister's type rendition of "You Could Drive A Person Crazy" with its cloying adorableness. Sara Jane Lilley's melt-down as a bride on her wedding day performing (I'm Not) "Getting Married Today" is a combustible treat as she builds energy wending her way through tongue-tying lyrics about her fears of marriage. The ensemble does nicely-tuned, well-timed, full throated versions of production numbers; "Side by Side by Side" and "Being Alive" with its poignant, "I'll always be there, as frightened as you to help us survive."

With a well-calibrated orchestra under the musical direction of Christopher A. Tomasino, the unseen orchestra of keyboards, reeds, horns, bass and percussion is on its marks blending together with the

actors to present a rich musical evening. Choreography by Kay Casstevens while simple was effective. The women gave off easy fun in their gyrations; the men often appeared uncomfortable.

The set (MYKE) with Ken and Patti Crowley's lighting provide a whiff of the urban with scenes isolated in various areas of the stage. The city location is depicted by projections of black and white skyscrapers within two large frames at disorienting angles at the rear of the set.

"Company" first opened in New York in April 1970 winning six Tony Awards including Best Musical. In May 2002 it was part of The Kennedy Center's production of Sondheim musicals. A 2006 New York production won the Tony for Best Revival of a Musical.

## Where and When

Little Theatre of Alexandria production of "Company" continues through Aug. 7 at 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria. Performances are Wednesday-Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$19-\$22. Call 703-683-0496 or log on to [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).

## McLoone's Pier House Opens at National Harbor Place



McLoone's Pier House at National Harbor has opened for business. Located in the National Harbor Plaza, the menu includes warm Lobster Roll, Kingston Grilled Wings, Crispy Calamari, Sunset Salmon, Pistachio Encrusted Halibut as well as zesty salads, a raw bar, comfort foods, and a selection of grill items.

While designing McLoone's Pier House, Tim McLoone, founder and president of McLoone's Restaurants, expressed his desire to take full advantage of the water view that this property offered. With a Sunset Countdown Clock prominently displayed over the bar, each night they take a moment to celebrate this ritual. McLoone's Pier House is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner with weekend entertainment at the Piano Bar. It is located at 141 National Harbor Plaza, Building E, in National Harbor, Md. Reservations can be made by calling 301-839-0815.

# CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to the Gazette, [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

## ONGOING

**Children enter a world of fantasy** and fables when costumed interpreters weave three tales together during Mount Vernon's storytelling session, "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon," held every Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Storytelling sessions will take place in the Hands-On History Room in the Donald W. Reynolds Education Center. "Washington Builds a Barn" is the theme for August's storytelling sessions. During the 20-minute session, children learn Aesop's fables and listen to stories about George Washington's life! The storytelling program is recommended for children ages three to eight. Parental supervision is required. "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon" is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; youth ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free.

## NOW THROUGH AUG. 21

**Summer Dance and Fine Art Program.** Saturdays. Cost is \$350 for 10, two-hour classes. Students study dance for one hour followed by a one-hour fine arts class. For children ages 3 to 9 divided into three age groups. Contact Virginia Britton, Director, The Alexandria Ballet, at 703-379-8997 or 703-568-4425 or visit [www.thealexandriaballet.com](http://www.thealexandriaballet.com)

## NOW THROUGH AUG. 10

**Zenergy's Summer Yoga for Teens.** Tuesdays from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. At Nativity Lutheran Church, 1300 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Cost is \$10/class. Drop in anytime. Bring a yoga mat and water (mats are available for \$10). Contact instructor Susan Doyle at [zenergy.yoga@cox.net](mailto:zenergy.yoga@cox.net) or call 703-933-1986.

## THURSDAY/JULY 22

**Djesben.** 7-9 p.m. Free. Djesben includes a trio of multi-instrumentalists whose diverse backgrounds guarantee to delight with a variety of styles: jazz standards, bebop and bossa nova, as well as original tunes influenced by music from around the globe. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**SummerQuest Dance Party.** 11 a.m. Free. Put on your dancing feet and come ready for ribbons, rhythm shakers and lots of fun. This free event is open to children ages 2 and up. At Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1703.

## FRIDAY/JULY 23

**Janine Wilson Band (Roots/Rock).** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Wammie Award winning roots/rock vocalist Janine Wilson sings "impassioned vocals that, while powerful, never overpower the songs." Wilson weaves tales of love, heartache and more than a little mischief. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

## SATURDAY/JULY 24

**Soldier-Led Walking Tours.** 10 a.m.



## SATURDAY/JULY 24

**Bebe and Cece Winans Concert.** 7 p.m. tickets are \$5 to \$68. Live on the Plateau at National Harbor, a 4,500 seat outdoor concert venue, National Harbor, Md. For tickets, visit [www.etix.com](http://www.etix.com) or call 800-514-3849.

and 2 p.m. Free. A Union Civil War soldier will give guided tours. Visitors will learn about Fort Ward's construction and a soldier's life in the Defenses of Washington as they explore the Officers' Hut, the preserved walls of the fort, and the restored Northwest Bastion during the 90-minute tour. At Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call Fort Ward Museum at 703-746-4848 or visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).

## SUNDAY JULY 25

**"Wag and Wash."** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Charity Dog Wash to support the American Red Cross of the National Capital Region. Bring your well-trained dirty dogs for a personalized wash, rinse and towel dry. Proceeds go to the programs and services of the American Red Cross. \$15 suggested donation. Hosted by Your Dog's Best Friends, 2000-A Jefferson Davis Highway (US Route 1) in Alexandria. Call 703-549-8300 or [infoalexandria@usa.redcross.org](mailto:infoalexandria@usa.redcross.org).

**Main Street Community Band.** 7:00 to 8 p.m. Free. A concert in Ft. Hunt Park, six miles south of Old Town Alexandria on the GW Parkway, 703-289-2550 or [www.nps.gov/gwmp](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp) and go to "News and Fun Things to Do."

**Summer Chamber Music Series.** 3 p.m. Free. French hornist Jay Chadwick and friends. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

**Sweet Summer Music Tea Program.** 1-3 p.m. \$27. Enjoy sweet summer music as you sip tea. Local musician Jody Marshall will delight you with the unique, mellow notes of the hammered dulcimer. Ms. Marshall will play and tell us the story of this traditional stringed instrument that has traveled the world and goes back to early America. A full English tea is included in this program. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-941-7987 to register. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org).

**Burlesque-A-Pades.** 7:30 p.m. \$29.50. Burlesque-A-Pades brings together a collection of the nation's most in-demand burlesque performers for a glittering and intimate one-night-only affair. At The

Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**Open Studio.** 1-5 p.m. The studio artists at Convergence will host an Open Studio. More than eight artists in residence welcome the public to their studios for the day. Original pieces will be for sale for \$100 or less. At the Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria (across Crestwood Drive from the Gallery at Convergence.)

## JULY 26-30

**Alexandria Debate Camp.** Daily 3 to 5 p.m. Geared toward students ages 11-14 (rising 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders). Taught by Elizabeth Denning, founder and director, a rising senior at TJHSST. To be held at Sherwood Regional Library, Conference Room #1, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. To register, email: [debatelife@ymail.com](mailto:debatelife@ymail.com).

## JULY 27-29

**Lyceum's History Camp for Kids.** For children ages 5-7. Clio's Kids mini-camp introduces children to American history and life in historic Alexandria through artifacts, storytelling, singing, crafts, old-fashioned games, and visits to nearby historic places. Clio's Kids runs from 9 a.m. to noon. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. Cost is \$105, which includes snacks and souvenirs, and advance registration is required. To register, call 703-746-4994 or visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org).

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 28

**Learn to Dance Salsa.** 7 p.m. Ballroom and Latin dance lessons for beginners. No partner necessary. Six-week course is \$75/person; drop-in is \$14. At Dance Studio Lioudmila, 18 Roth Street, Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868 or visit [www.dancelioudmila.com](http://www.dancelioudmila.com).

**Writer Misha Crews.** 7:30 p.m. Will discuss her book, "Homesong." Hosted by the Friends of Duncan Library. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**Book Discussion.** 6-7:30 p.m. \$12. Expand your gardening knowledge in a friendly, social setting. Join us at Green Spring to discuss, The Gardener's Year by Karel Capek. Books will be available at Green Spring Gardens at time of registration. Pre-registration required, book included. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 to register. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org).

## THURSDAY/JULY 29

**18<sup>th</sup> Century Dance Class.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Learn the dances of Jane Austen's time — danced by Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy. Cost is \$30/series or \$12/class. Singles or couples are welcome. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 703-746-4242.

**The Full Cup Girl's Night Out Women's Health Event.** 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Featuring Dr. Marla Gebaide from Centreville Chiropractic Center who will a discussion on women's health that tie into wearing the proper fitting bra.

At 218 N. Lee Street, Suite 206, Old Town Alexandria. RSVP to [lindsey@thefullcup.com](mailto:lindsey@thefullcup.com). Space is limited. Visit [www.thefullcup.com](http://www.thefullcup.com).

**Reverie Jazz Trio.** 7-9 p.m. Free. The Reverie Jazz Trio will perform early jazz standards and forgotten favorites in a style reminiscent of a bygone era while bringing back the great melodies and emotion exemplified by the great jazz and blues music of the 1930's, 1940's and early 1950's. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

## FRIDAY/JULY 30

**The Reunion Music Society Jazz Orchestra.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Led by NOVA's Professor of Jazz Studies Herb Smith, this orchestra will be performing selections from jazz notables such as Duke Ellington, Charlie Bird and Miles Davis along with songs from Broadway shows. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

## SATURDAY/JULY 31

**How to Use Herbs.** 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Fee is \$5/per workshop; advance registration required. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

**National Dance Day.** 5 p.m. Wear Red, White, and Blue to honor our nation, with hopes of bringing awareness to the community of how important fitness and dance can be. At Market Square in Old Town Alexandria.

## SUNDAY, AUG. 1

**Harmony Heritage Singers.** 7 to 8

p.m. Free. Women's four-part harmony show chorus performs in Ft. Hunt Park, six miles south of Old Town Alexandria on the GW Parkway, 703-289-2550 or [www.nps.gov/gwmp](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp) and go to "News and Fun Things to do."

**Summer Chamber Music Series.** 3 p.m. Free. Master class for young musicians 18 years old and under with violinist Elisabeth Adkins and pianist Edward Newman. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

**Potomac Harmony Chorus.** 7 to 8 p.m. Free. A concert in Ft. Hunt Park, six miles south of Old Town Alexandria on the GW Parkway, 703-289-2550 or [www.nps.gov/gwmp](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp) and go to "News and Fun Things to do."

## TUESDAY/AUG. 3

**National Night Out** — America's Night Out Against Crime. 6 to 8 p.m. Crime Prevention Program. Live Music. Light refreshments. Model apartments will be available to tour. At the Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-797-3815 to reserve a seat.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 4

**Mt. Vernon Kiwanis Club Speaker.** Drinks at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Talk at 7:20 p.m. followed by Q&A's. Amb. Thomas Pickering, former Under Secretary for Political Affairs, and Ambassador to Russia, Israel and three other countries. Will give his perspectives on major global issues. Cost is \$27/person for dinner (cash bar). At the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club. If you are interested in attending, contact MVKC President Bruce Malkin at [brucemalkin1@gmail.com](mailto:brucemalkin1@gmail.com).



## SATURDAY/JULY 31

**The Kane Sisters.** 8 p.m. The Irish Fiddlers with Edell Fox. Liz and Yvonne Kane, who play Sligo style fiddle, are releasing a new CD. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Tickets are \$20/advance, \$23/door. Visit [www.sunspotpro.com](http://www.sunspotpro.com) or call 1-800-404-9049.

## ENTERTAINMENT

# Rambling Garden Party at The Athenaeum on Aug. 1

The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association is hosting a fundraising 'rambling garden party' at its headquarters, The Athenaeum, in Old Town Alexandria, on Aug. 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. The event will take place in the historic Athenaeum and its walled courtyard as well as the two adjoining historic properties — the house and garden of 207 Prince Street and the garden of 119 S. Lee Street — which are seldom open to the public.

Staged throughout the locations of the party will be performances by well-known local musicians ranging from the contemporary roots of Dulcie Taylor to the jazz/rock/blues of Sol. The performers, all members of the Songwriters' Association of Washington, are donating their talents to the fundraising event of the Athenaeum. Many of the performers have participated in the Athenaeum's Second Thursday Music concert series.

The funds raised through this event will support the arts exhibitions, performances and other programs in the Athenaeum gallery as well as the preservation and maintenance of the historic building.

Admission to the rambling garden party is \$100 per person. More information is available at [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or by calling 703-548-0035.

The Athenaeum Gallery is located at 201 Prince Street. It is open Thursday, Friday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., and on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

### Q&A WITH TWIG MURRAY

**Q: What will the garden party be raising funds for?**

A: Most people refer to us as The Athenaeum because we're a beautiful Greek revival building; we have an art gallery. We are the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association. Our mission is to preserve the building. It's historically significant; we are totally privately funded; we are one of the few historic buildings open to the public not supported by public funds. The funds will help keep The Athenaeum in great shape and support the arts events in the building.

**Q: What advantages or special features does holding the party at the Athenaeum offer?**

A: The Athenaeum is open to public, so people can come anytime. This party is also going to be held in our building and courtyard, plus an incredibly beautiful historic house next door at 207 Prince Street, owned by Patricia Montague; it's a significant house seldom opened to the public. The party will be in their garden and house; behind that house there will be a party on the garden of that property. You can go in these spectacular, seldom



Sol



Dulcie Taylor



Bob Gramann

For further information or questions, contact Twig Murray ([twig@twigweb.com](mailto:twig@twigweb.com)) at the Athenaeum, 703-548-0035 or visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

open to the public private properties ... Seven performers doing wonderful performances throughout the party, in different places, in the Athenaeum and balconies overlooking the gardens. Everyone who comes is getting six or seven different mini concerts, quite well known and quite impressive; all performers are donating their time.

**Q: Is there a particular style of music these performers will have?**

A: A wide variety of styles. Some people who do contemporary, some who do country. One guy who's not only an accomplished guitarist, is also a guitar maker who hand-builds guitars, he's gonna be on hand with a bunch of his guitars, not only performing but giving demonstrations. We're gonna have jazz, folk, etc. We're also having a magician who will be wandering around performing magic tricks.

**Q: What is the Fine Arts Association hoping overall to accomplish with this party?**

A: One of our missions is to let people know the Athenaeum is part of the com-



Carol Gaylord & Bruce Katsu

munity, open to the public; people can rent the building, to increase awareness is also important. We're kind of on top of the world in every regard except financially, we wanted to buckle down and make a fabulous party with special things, so people feel that whatever they pay for their ticket, they got a lot for their dollar.

TORPEDO FACTORY ART CENTER  
ON THE WATERFRONT IN OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA



SHOP 3 FLOORS OF ORIGINAL ART  
MEET ARTISTS IN THEIR OPEN STUDIOS

10% off with participating artists! Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/specialoffer](http://www.torpedofactory.org/specialoffer) to download your coupon and view the list of participating artists.

82 ARTIST STUDIOS • 6 GALLERIES • THE ART LEAGUE SCHOOL

**Torpedo Factory ART CENTER**

OPEN DAILY 10AM-6PM • THURSDAYS 'TIL 9PM  
ARTISTS' HOURS VARY • 703-838-4565  
105 N. UNION STREET • ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314  
[www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org)

## Mount Vernon Gazette

If you do not get *The Mount Vernon Gazette* delivered to your home...

**FIRST CLASS MAILED SUBSCRIPTIONS** are now available for the first time with timely postal carrier delivery: \$30 for six months. *Help us meet the costs of providing first-rate community journalism on newsprint to your household.*

Call 703-778-9426 (or -9427) or e-mail [circulation@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:circulation@connectionnewspapers.com)

## The Royal Restaurant

(now smoke free)

**"What's for Dinner?!"**

You don't have to think too hard, let us solve this classic question.

In addition to our award winning menu, we have added some popular specials that add variety for everybody taste.

**Real food, for real people at reasonable prices.**

**Monday - Kids Night**  
Burger Night (Kids eat 1/2 price) Each child must be accompanied by adult having entree.

**Tuesday - Greek Night**  
Lamb Marinated and Roasted for 3 hours, Athenian Roast Chicken, Moussaka!

**Wednesday - All American Night**  
Meatloaf, Chicken Fried Chicken. Va. Ham

**Thursday - Italian Night**  
Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo, Calamari

**Friday - Fish Night**  
Crab Cakes, Shrimp & Scallops over penne pasta with white sauce

**Saturday - Steak and Chop Night**  
Prime Rib, Lamb, Surf and Turf, Pork Chops, and Moussaka

**Sunday**  
Brunch served 7am - 2pm

Dine in or call ahead and your dinner will be ready for pick up.  
**Dinner hours 2:30-9:30pm**  
**730 North Saint Asaph Street**  
**Alexandria, VA 22314**  
**(703) 548-1616**

 Ample Free Parking

# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 10

and not necessarily carry out the wishes of special interest groups. That can result in a clash that plays out in editorials such as yours.

However, I must take issue with your assumptions that the School Board has not engaged our community on important issues such as changing school start times, the consideration of purchasing an administration building, and closing schools. In fact, many of the same critics who are now crying foul have themselves participated in thoughtful discussions through special stakeholder dialogues last fall, which the School Board set up specifically to increase engagement between board members and parents, employees, and community/business leaders.

Superintendent Jack Dale has reached out and invited these same critics as well as community leaders to meet with him to discuss issues including the budget and the possible purchase of an administration building. The process through which we engaged our community on changing school start times was so transparent and well designed that it has won two national awards and made Fairfax County, yet again, a model for other school districts. This process elicited 94,000 survey responses and more than 1,600 participants at seven community dialogues. As a result, parents, community members, employees, and students all overwhelmingly opposed a change in school

start times. The School Board listened carefully and made the right decision to keep the bell schedule intact. This is an excellent example of community engagement.

Often, people who vehemently disagree with a particular outcome confuse that outcome with the process used to arrive at it. That's a natural reaction and is reflected in your editorial. Before making decisions, exceptional public leaders listen carefully to all sides and invite feedback from as many parents and community members through email, personal conversations, and community meetings. This School Board has deliberately ramped up its engagement efforts in ways I've described above, and in other innovative ways, such as using the FCPS Facebook page to collect nearly 1,500 responses on snow makeup options.

In another example, the School Board will host a first-ever countywide Education Summit on Saturday, Oct. 16, that is designed to bring our diverse community together to explore what our students need to succeed in school and beyond. This will be a wonderful opportunity to have meaningful conversations about our education system among parents, civic leaders, business leaders, college leaders, and more.

We encourage all our parents to stay updated and involved in issues that impact their students. And the School Board promises to continue to stay engaged with them.

**Kathy Smith**

Chairman, Fairfax County School Board

## Library Now Open

To the Editor:

A library is the heart of a community and Martha Washington Library is exactly that.

The new and improved building is much larger than the old structure and is environmentally friendly. It was built using sustainable materials. Its unique design allows maximum natural light to enter within its spacious interior. Inside, the building incorporates lighting with motion sensors to conserve energy. Water conservation is also a priority. It is hoped that the building will obtain "LEED" certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

We can feel a sense of pride as we enter our new "green" library as its interior features are equally impressive!

A new "quiet room" offers Wi-Fi which is great if you need a completely silent place to read or research information. The spacious children's section offers numerous new books set out on lower shelves allowing children to be more independent. Check out the foreign language and cultural section.

Our new library has planned many upcoming events for all age groups. Younger children can enjoy story telling and shows providing a great opportunity to meet your neighbors. "Group Discussion Kits" are available together with the use of the new "Group Study" room. While discussing a current favorite book we can also make new friends! The library also offers a compre-

hensive summer reading program which is always popular.

Working in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere the Martha Washington Library offers job, volunteer and community service opportunities for all ages.

Look out for the "Future Time Capsule" located outside at the front of the building adjacent to the new and larger book drop room.

When a new library such as this opens its doors it reminds us of how privileged we are when others less fortunate have little or no access to books. It raises a new awareness of the importance of reading both educationally and socially.

Reading can provide an escape and comfort for those in difficult or sad situations.

Reading arms us with knowledge and increases confidence.

Reading gives us the opportunity to learn and gain respect.

Teenagers can find role models amongst their favorite authors.

A library is a reflection on a community's attitude and commitment towards education through reading and the new Martha Washington Library is a shining example of this fact.

They have succeeded in making the library a fun and welcoming place for everyone.

See you there!

**Rebecca Schlight**

15-year-old student at West Potomac High School

# Visit These Houses of Worship

## Join A Club, Make New Friends, or Expand Your Horizons...

### Christ the Saviour Anglican Church

"To Love & Serve the Lord with Gladness & Singleness of Heart"

Location - Washington Mill ES  
9100 Cherrytree Drive

Worship Service - 10 a.m.  
Inter-generational Sunday School - after service  
Vicar, The Rev. Huey J Sevier

[www.christthesaviouranglican.org](http://www.christthesaviouranglican.org)

703-953-2854

### Come Meet Our New Pastor

Listen to her sermons at [www.wesleyva.org](http://www.wesleyva.org)

10 am Sunday Worship Service

Sunday School classes (child to adult)

and youth group (7th to 12th grade)

9 am to noon Monday through Friday Pre-School

### Wesley United Methodist Church

8412 Richmond Ave, Alexandria, VA 22309

(just off Richmond Highway, near Fort Belvoir & Mount Vernon)

703-780-5019 • [www.wesleyva.org](http://www.wesleyva.org)

### Good Shepherd Catholic Church

#### Mass Schedule

#### Saturday Evening

5:00 pm; 6:30 pm (en Español)

#### Sunday

7:30; 9:00; 10:30 am; 12:00 Noon

2:00 pm (en Español)

#### Weekdays

(Mass or Communion Service)

9:00 am (followed by Rosary)

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sundays (Sept.-July) during 9:00 am Mass (English)

#### Sign Language Interpreter

Sunday at 9:00 am Mass

8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria VA, 22309  
Tel: 703-780-4055 Fax: 703-360-5385 [www.gs-cc.org](http://www.gs-cc.org)

Loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves



#### UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST...703-960-8772

#### CHURCHES—AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION

ALLEYNE A.M.E. ZION CHURCH...703-548-3888

#### CHURCHES—ANGLICAN

CHRIST THE SAVIOR...703-953-2854

ST. ANDREW & ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND...703-683-3343

#### CHURCHES—APOSTOLIC

LOVE OF CHRIST CHURCH...703-518-4404

#### CHURCHES—BAPTIST

ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH...703-683-2222

COMMONWEALTH BAPTIST CHURCH...703-548-8000

DEL RAY BAPTIST CHURCH...703-549-8116

DOWNTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH...703-549-5544

#### FIRST AGAPE BAPTIST COMMUNITY OF FAITH...

703-519-9100

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALEXANDRIA...703-684-3720

PROVIDENCE-ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH...703-683-2565

SHILOH BAPTIST...703-683-4573

MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH...703-256-1239

VICTORY TEMPLE...703-370-2233

PLYMOUTH HAVEN BAPTIST...703-360-4370

CONVERGENCE-A CREATIVE COMMUNITY OF FAITH...703-998-6260

#### CHURCHES—BRETHREN

GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH...703-548-1808

ALEXANDRIA CHURCH OF GOD...703-548-5084

#### BUDDHISM

THE VAJRAYOGINI BUDDHIST CENTER...202-331-2122

#### CHURCHES—ROMAN CATHOLIC

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH...703-780-4055

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH...703-836-3725

ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH...703-765-4421

ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH...703-836-4100

#### CHURCHES—CHRISTIAN

HIS KINGDOM MINISTRIES...703-313-5029

FIRST CHRISTIAN OF ALEXANDRIA CHURCH...703-549-3911

#### CHURCHES—CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST ALEXANDRIA...703-549-7973

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH MT. VERNON...703-768-2494

#### CHURCH OF CHRIST

ALEXANDRIA CHURCH OF CHRIST...703-836-3083

#### CHURCHES—EPISCOPAL

EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH...703-683-0798

ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH...703-360-4220

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH...703-780-3081

ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH...703-765-4342

ST. MARK EPISCOPAL CHURCH...703-765-3949

#### CHURCHES—LUTHERAN

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA...703-780-5077

BETHANY LUTHERAN...703-765-8255

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH...703-765-5003

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA...703-548-8608

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, MISSOURI SYNOD...703-549-0155

MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA...703-765-5003

NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA...703-768-1112

#### ORTHODOX

SAINT APHRAIM SYRIAC...201-312-7678

ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA...703-417-9665

#### CHURCHES—PRESBYTERIAN

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...703-768-8510

ALEXANDRIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...703-683-3348

OLD PRESBYTERIAN MEETING HOUSE...703-549-6670

HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN...703-360-9546

MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN...703-765-6118

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...703-549-4766

#### CHURCHES—UNITED METHODIST

ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST...703-765-6555

BEVERLY HILLS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST...703-836-2406

DEL RAY UNITED METHODIST

#### CHURCH...703-549-2088

FAIRLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...703-671-8557

ROBERTS MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...703-836-7332

ST. ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...703-751-4666

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...703-549-5500

WASHINGTON FARM UNITED METHODIST...703-780-4696

WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...703-836-4324

#### CHURCHES—UNITARIAN

MT. VERNON UNITARIAN...703-765-5950

#### CHURCHES—UNITY

UNITY IN ALEXANDRIA...703-931-8507

#### SYNAGOGUES

AGUDAS ACHIM CONGREGATION...703-998-6460

#### SYNAGOGUES—ORTHODOX

CHABAD LUVAVITCH OF

#### ALEXANDRIA-ARLINGTON...

703-370-2774

#### SYNAGOGUES—REFORM

BETH EL HEBREW CONGREGATION...703-370-9400

#### THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

ALEXANDRIA I WARD...703-683-7577

ALEXANDRIA II WARD...703-549-9891

COLONIAL II SINGLES WARD...703-313-6249

OLD TOWN SPANISH WARD...703-519-9545

BELLE HAVEN WARD...703-780-4789

KINGSTOWNE WARD...703-313-6140

FRANCONIA WARD...703-313-6147

MT. VERNON WARD...703-780-9577

#### SALVATION ARMY

ALEXANDRIA CITADEL...703-836-2427

To Advertise Your Faith Community, call Karen at 703-917-6468

# Aces Rally Against First-Place Orioles

Pitcher Zimmer allows two earned runs over six-plus innings for victory.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

**A**lexandria Aces pitcher Kyle Zimmer appeared to be out of a fourth-inning jam when he induced a two-out groundball from Youse's Orioles batter Harry Slade. Instead, the seemingly harmless grounder, which should have ended the inning, turned into an error and an Orioles run. Two pitches later, the Orioles, playing with house money, added a hit and two more runs.

In a matter of moments, the Aces removed themselves from a 1-all tie in favor of a familiar situation: trailing despite strong pitching. Inept offense and defensive blunders had hurt the team all season. And on July 20, facing the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League's first-place Orioles, Alexandria's new 4-1 deficit seemed like an appropriate time for the Aces to fold the tent and prepare for another loss in a disappointing season.

**BUT ON THIS DAY**, Alexandria responded like a playoff team, rather than team 10 games under .500.

The Aces answered with four runs in the bottom of the fourth to take the lead and Zimmer's strong effort on the mound held up in a 7-6 win over the Orioles at Frank Mann Field. The victory was the Aces' first at home since June 25 and improved their record to 14-24.

"The guys fight. They're not going to lie down," Alexandria head coach Eric Williams said. "We told them going into it, it would be really nice to start spoiling some people's afternoons. They seem to play a different ballgame when we're playing No. 1, No. 2 teams for some reason."

Alexandria beat the second-place Bethesda Big Train 2-1 on July 16. After Tuesday's win over the Orioles, the Aces were tied for sixth place in an eight-team league with the Southern Maryland Nationals.

"You know the standings in the back of your mind going into every game," Alexandria catcher Eric Bainer said. "Whether you're playing the Big Train or [the Orioles], whoever's on top, you like to come out there and play up to the challenge every day."

Zimmer (San Francisco, sophomore) scattered eight hits and surrendered two earned runs over six-plus innings. The right hander



Alexandria Aces pitcher Kyle Zimmer, seen earlier this season, allowed two earned runs in a victory against the first-place Youse's Orioles on July 20.

struck out six and improved to 3-1 on the season with a 1.62 ERA.

The Orioles took a 1-0 lead in the third and threatened to rough Zimmer up for several more runs, loading the bases with one out. But Zimmer worked his way out of the jam, getting Chad Taylor to ground into a 1-2-3 inning-ending double play. After running into trouble in the fourth, Zimmer breezed through the fifth and sixth innings in a combined 23 pitches. He was pulled after allowing a leadoff single in the seventh.

The 6-foot-3, 200-pound right-hander threw 70 of his 106 pitches for strikes and delivered a first-pitch strike to 17 of 28 batters faced. Zimmer has not allowed more than two earned runs in any of his nine outings this season.

"Zimmer's been lights out for us all year," Williams said. "He's kept us in every ball game that he's been in, and if it didn't turn out his way it's because we didn't give him run support or we didn't give him defense. He spots the ball well, he's got a little zip on the fastball. He's got a nice little slider he throws every now and then and he just throws that [split-finger] whenever he

wants to. He commands those three pitches and does real well with them."

Zimmer, whose fastball reaches 92 mph but sits usually at 88-89, said his first year in the CRCBL has been a learning experience.

"It's different playing every day," he said. "During the school year you're just playing

on weekends and maybe one midweek game. It's really mental playing every day and trying to stay in it and come to the park for six hours a day — especially being a

## 5Q

### Five questions with Alexandria Aces catcher Eric Bainer

**Q: Who is your favorite music artist?**

A: Parkway Drive, a rock band from Australia. I play drums and I like a lot of rock.

**Q: What is your favorite movie?**

A: "Tommy Boy," with Chris Farley. Chris Farley just cracks me up. I've probably seen that movie 1,000 times and it never gets old. You find something every time you watch it that makes you smile, makes you laugh.

**Q: Your dad was in the Air Force and is now a UPS pilot, leading to much relocation for your family. What has the experience been like?**

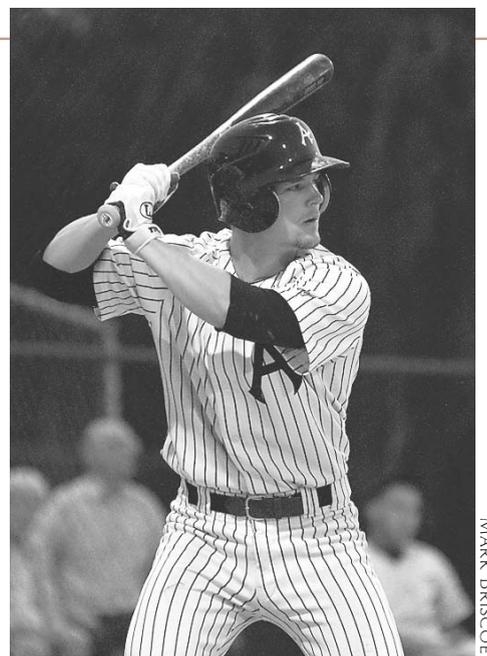
A: It's really humbling in the sense that you can't go into a new place and think everybody's going to respect you. You've got to try to fit your way in and be kind to everybody and try to make friends. It really teaches you how to get along with just about anybody — anybody from any walk of life.

[starting pitcher], not playing every day. You've really just got to try to stay in it, stay focused and try to take every day to get better, even when you're not pitching."

**TRAILING 4-1** in the bottom of the fourth inning, Alexandria's Zach Tessier (High Point, sophomore) led off with a walk. Chris Murphy (St. Mary's, junior) followed with a double and Spencer Branigan (Pennsylvania, sophomore) drove in a run with a single. Mike Gragilla (High Point, sophomore) then chopped an RBI double over the head of the Orioles first baseman and David Wood tied the score at 4 with an RBI groundout. Jared Denham gave Alexandria the lead for good with a run-scoring single.

Alexandria travels to face Bethesda at 7:30 p.m. on July 22. The Aces' final home game is at 7 p.m. on July 24 against the Herndon Braves.

"We're still trying to get some points across to some individuals about different aspects of hitting the ball and fielding the ball," Williams said. "We haven't stopped trying to teach them stuff, so we're still taking the opportunity to learn them while we can. It's a matter of whether they're taking the opportunity to listen."



**Q: How does Alexandria compare to other places that you have lived?**

A: It's similar to south Florida, in terms of the diverse culture and the population and how there's all kinds of different people. I like that about it. You run into people from all different walks of life. It's different with this humidity — even worse than south Florida. It's unbelievable here.

**Q: What do you like to do in your free time?**

A: Listen to music, hang out with the guys and play some Xbox.

— JON ROETMAN

# SPORTS

## Alexandria Post 24 Ends Season

Alexandria Post 24 ended its season with a 9-0 loss to Falls Church Post 130 in a single-elimination playoff game on July 17 at Lee High School.

Post 24 managed only six hits off pitcher Greg Goldsmith (Christopher Newport) and made little noise after squandering two early opportunities.

After falling behind 2-0, Post 24 had two on with one out in the bottom of the first but came up empty. Post 24 trailed 4-0 in the bottom of the second but managed to load the bases with nobody out. Once again, Post 24 came up empty, thanks in part to Post 130 turning a 1-2-3 double play.

"We had bases loaded and when they turned that double play we played flat from there on out," infielder and Mount Vernon graduate Andrew Sable said. "We just couldn't get anything going."

Andrew Zumwalt (Hayfield graduate) had two hits for Post 24. Sable, Ben Harris (Hayfield), Jimmy Woehrl (Mount Vernon graduate) and Mike Murdock (Mount Vernon graduate) each had one.

Post 24 started the season 8-3 but finished 10-15. Head coach Jim Glassman said he didn't get the kind of leadership he was hoping for from some of his older players.

"Our season's been a tale of two seasons," he said. "We started out great and then beach week hit and all the big maturity issues hit us. Guys you expect to be leaders were the ones who were the head of the kindergarten. From there it was all downhill. It's a shame because there's a lot of talent with these guys but they'd rather goof off than play decent baseball."

Glassman said he was pleased with Sable's leadership and said Justin Boutin (Mount Vernon), Colin Bowyer (Mount Vernon), Logan Beougher (Mount Vernon) and Pat Reamy (Mount Vernon) have the potential to be quality players in the future.

— JON ROETMAN

## New Gunston Boys Soccer Team Forming

A new SFL U16 team will play in the competitive Suburban Friendship League and will be coached by veteran Gunston coach Bill Boger. Tryouts will be held July 29 and Aug. 5 at Grist Mill Field No. 4 starting at 6 p.m. Experienced players born between Aug. 1, 1994, and July 31, 1996, are encouraged to contact Coach Boger as soon as possible at: wbooger@aba.com

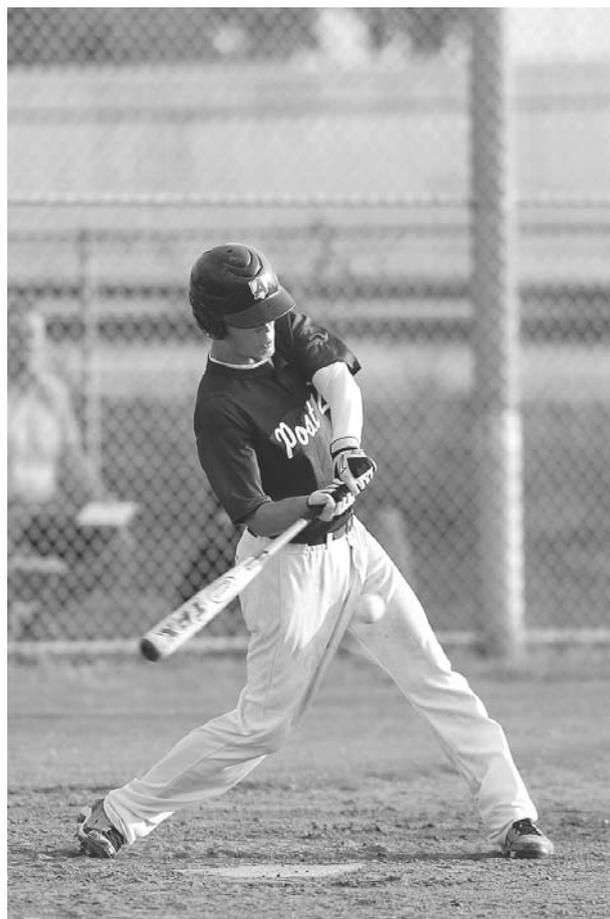


PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE GAZETTE

**Andrew Sable and Alexandria Post 24 ended their season on Saturday with a 9-0 loss to Falls Church Post 130.**

## Area Agencies Sponsor Senior Olympics

Since 1982, Northern Virginia Departments of Parks and Recreation and Area Agencies on Aging have been sponsoring the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Since that time, participation has increased to more than 600 senior athletes competing in more than 25 indoor and outdoor events ranging from sports to card games to line dancing to board games. Seniors are eligible to compete if they are 50 years of age by Dec. 31

vary but runners can expect between four and eight miles.

To join the Mount Vernon Milers, send Lee Britton an e-mail at lbritton7@yahoo.com to be put on the e-mail list.

## Indoor Baseball Training

The StrikeZone Academy, an indoor baseball training facility located in Alexandria, is offering week-long summer baseball camps for the weeks of July 26, Aug. 16 and 30. Camps run from 9 a.m.-

and live in the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church or the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun or Prince William.

The 2010 NVSO competition will take place Sept. 18-29 at more than 10 venues throughout Northern Virginia. Events include track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, pickleball, racquetball, golf, miniature golf, bowling, Wii bowling, eight-ball pool, men's basketball, men's and women's basketball free throw, frisbee throw, shuffleboard, bunto, chess, scrabble, cribbage, duplicate bridge, softball hit and throw, team line dancing and yo-yo tricks. New in 2010 are bocce and fencing.

Registration forms are available at senior centers, community centers and senior residences or by calling 703-228-4721. Information can also be downloaded at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us). Registration deadline is Sept. 1. Registration fee is \$10, which includes one event; additional events are \$1 each.

## Running Club On Sundays

The Mount Vernon Milers running club meets at 8 a.m. on Sundays. The group usually meets along the Potomac River, but the exact location is listed in an e-mail sent every Wednesday for the coming week. Distances

1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The target age group is from 7-11 years old. Extended hours from 1-4 p.m. are available as well. Cost is \$160 per week for the morning session and \$160 per week for extended hours. All camps are held indoors in our climate controlled facility, so parents have no need to worry about security, excessive heat, bugs, or lack of cold water and restroom facilities. Interested parents can register online at [www.thestrikezoneacademy.com/clinics](http://www.thestrikezoneacademy.com/clinics), via telephone at 703-823-0061, or stop by in person at 826 South Pickett Street, near the intersections of South Pickett and South Van Dorn Streets.

## Baseball Tryouts

The Northern Virginia Seminoles, a rising 13-and-younger travel baseball team, will be holding open tryouts July 26-27 for committed players for the upcoming 2010-11 season. Players must not turn 14 years of age prior to May 1, 2011. For more information contact: [seminolesbaseball15@yahoo.com](mailto:seminolesbaseball15@yahoo.com)

## Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Centers, Playgrounds and Youth Sports Division is now accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football program.

Teams are formed in the following weight divisions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: Anklebiters, 75 lbs, 85 lbs, 95 lbs, 110 lbs, 125 lbs, and 150 lbs. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7 - 16. Registration fee is \$25. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles Identification Card upon registration. For more information, call the sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the youth sports Web site at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

The registration deadline is Aug. 6.

## Youth Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently seeking volunteers to coach youth track and field, tackle and flag football, basketball, and volleyball. Criminal history background checks are required. Interested persons should call the youth sports office at 703-746-5402 extension 4345 or e-mail [mac.slover@alexandriava.gov](mailto:mac.slover@alexandriava.gov).

# PAY ONLY A \$1 A DAY!



**MOUNT VERNON**  
ATHLETIC CLUB

### \$1 CLUB MEMBERSHIP

At Alexandria's Best Fitness, Tennis and Racquetball Club

#### EVERYTHING YOU NEED:

- Cardio Equipment
- Strength Machines
- Group Fitness Classes
- Personal Training
- Kettlebells
- Tennis Courts\*
- Racquetball Courts
- Cardio Tennis\*
- Free Weights
- Nutrition Counseling
- Babysitting
- Pro Shop

Please Call Melissa 703-835-9405  
For Program Details & Restrictions

\*\$1/day is for Fitness membership Only. To inquire about tennis membership please see Melissa.

703-360-7300 | [www.mtvac.net](http://www.mtvac.net)

Some restrictions may apply. Please contact a membership advisor for details.

FOR EMPLOYERS

## Fill your job openings faster...

with Recruitment Advertising in

# Mount Vernon Gazette

**703-917-6464**  
[www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)

Great Communities • Great Connections  
Great Results

**TELEPHONE**  
A great opportunity to  
**WORK AT HOME!**

NATIONAL CHILDRENS CENTER  
No sell! Salary + Bonus + Benefits!  
**301-333-1900**  
Weekdays 9-4

**TELEPHONE**  
A great opportunity to  
**WORK AT HOME!**

NATIONAL CHILDRENS CENTER  
No sell! Salary + Bonus + Benefits!  
**301-333-1900**  
Weekdays 9-4

**LIFEGUARDS NEEDED**  
Alexandria area, AM & PM shifts.  
Must be ARC lifeguard certified  
and have pool operators license.  
Winter work available.  
Call VAPS @ 571-248-4400  
or Email vaps@comcast.net

**Home Instead SENIOR CARE**  
**COMPANIONS & CNA's NEEDED**  
Enable seniors to live independently in their own homes with our non-medical companionship and home care services. Rewarding P/T days, evenings, weekends, live-ins, medical benefits offered.  
**Home Instead Senior Care.**  
Call Today: 703-750-6665

**CLEANING CLEANING**  
**Y & Y CLEANING**  
13 yrs Exp.  
Excellent Refs,  
Guaranteed Satisfaction,  
Call Yamilet  
**703-967-7412**

**Chess Teachers!**  
Local elementary schools looking for part-time after school chess teachers. See [www.silverknightschess.com](http://www.silverknightschess.com) for more info or to apply.

**ASSISTANT TEACHER**  
Small mixed-aged preschool with extended day option in Alexandria VA is looking for experienced assistant teacher. Responsibilities include implementing developmentally appropriate curriculum. This is a full-time position, Monday - Friday 9:00 am -5:00 pm. Excellent benefits including insurance and paid holidays. Email resume to [jobs12@vts.edu](mailto:jobs12@vts.edu)

**Lead Wait Staff-Host**  
Paul Spring Retirement Community  
One position open for experienced person with excellent communication skills and strong dining room supervision experience. Full time 11:00 am- 7:00p.m.  
• Also seeking, one- pt/one day cook.  
Contact Shantrell Gunn 703-768-0234.

**CARE MORE CLEANING SOLUTIONS**  
Residential & Commercial  
10% Senior Citizen Discount  
**703-862-5904**  
OR  
**703-780-6749**  
caremorecleaning.com

**HOME CLEANING**  
Earn good money making our customers smile. Mon-Fri, 8:00am-5:00pm. Must have car, license, good driving record, car ins. (703) 536-2347. (Tysons area)

**Buyer/Purchasing Agent**  
Growing Scrap Metal Recycle company looking for an outside buyer/purchasing agent. Prospective hire MUST have clean driving record - be hard working driven and honest. Sales experience and knowledge of metal recycle industry a plus. Willing to train the right individual. Paid health insurance, monthly bonus, paid vacation and company vehicle. Call Mark or Eric - 703.430.3667 o.

**Educational Internships**  
Unusual opportunity to learn many aspects of the newspaper business. Internships available in reporting, photography, research, graphics. Opportunities for students, and for adults considering change of career. Unpaid. E-mail [internship@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:internship@connectionnewspapers.com)

**A CLEANING SERVICE**  
Since 1985/Ins & Bonded  
Quality Service at a Fair Price  
Satisfaction Guaranteed  
Comm/Res. MD VA DC  
[acleaningserviceinc.com](http://acleaningserviceinc.com)  
703-892-8648

**COLLEGE STUDENTS & 2010 H.S. GRADS SUMMER WORK!**  
\$17.00 Base-Appt, FT/PT, Sales/Svc, No Exp Nec, All Ages 17+, Conditions Apply  
**703-359-7600**

**CAREER EDUCATION**

**WESTWOOD COLLEGE**  
Earn a bachelor degree in just three years at Westwood College  
Call 877-852-9712 today to receive your free Career Success Kit!  
[www.westwood.edu/locations](http://www.westwood.edu/locations)

**Hotel Service Personnel**  
Seeking to fill the following positions:  
• **Night Auditor**, full and part-time  
• **Desk Clerk**, evenings/weekends  
• **Restaurant Cook/Server**  
Must be over 21 with valid driver's license. Apply in person at  
**Comfort Inn of Alexandria**  
5716 S. Van Dorn St.  
Alexandria, VA 22310

**THE CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS**

ALEXANDRIA  
**Gazette Packet CLASSIFIED**  
Classified or Home • Lawn • Garden:  
703-917-6400  
Employment: 703-917-6464  
E-mail: [classified@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:classified@connectionnewspapers.com)

**ELECTRICAL ELECTRICAL**  
**K & D ELECTRIC**  
COMMERCIAL / RESIDENTIAL SERVICE  
Family Owned & Operated  
Recessed Lighting  
Ceiling Fans  
Phone/CATV  
Computer Network Cabeling  
Service Upgrades  
Hot Tubs, etc...  
Licensed/Bonded/Insured  
Office 703-335-0654  
Mobile 703-499-0522

**HOW TO SUBMIT ADS TO THE CONNECTION Newspapers & Online CLASSIFIED**  
**DEADLINES**  
Zones 1, 5, 6.....Mon @ noon  
Zones 2, 3, 4.....Tues @ noon  
E-mail ad with zone choices to: [classified@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:classified@connectionnewspapers.com) or call Andrea @ 703-778-9411  
**EMPLOYMENT**  
**DEADLINES**  
Zones 5, 6.....Tues @ 11:00  
Zones 1, 3.....Tues @ 4:00  
Zone 2.....Wed @ 11:00  
Zone 4.....Wed @ 1:00  
E-mail ad with zone choices to: [classified@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:classified@connectionnewspapers.com) or call Barbara @ 703-778-9413  
**ZONES**  
**Zone 1:** The Reston Connection  
The Oak Hill/Herndon Connection  
**Zone 2:** The Springfield Connection  
The Burke Connection  
The Fairfax Connection  
The Fairfax Station/Clifton/Lorton Connection  
**Zone 3:** The Alexandria Gazette Packet  
The Mount Vernon Gazette  
**Zone 4:** Centre View North  
Centre View South  
**Zone 5:** The Potomac Almanac  
**Zone 6:** The Arlington Connection  
The Vienna/Oakton Connection  
The McLean Connection  
The Great Falls Connection

**GUTTER GUTTER**  
**PINNACLE SERVICES, INC. LAWN SERVICE**  
MOWING, TRIMMING, EDGING, MULCHING & TRIM HEDGES  
Group Rates Avail!  
**703-802-0483**

**Hire Google™**  
Enthusiastic Internet expert available to help grow small businesses in the Alexandria area.

- Network of millions of potential customers
- Able to market your business anywhere on Earth, instantly
- Happy to work 24 hours a day, including weekends
- Flexible rates starting at free

See my resume and references at [google.com/hiregoogle](http://google.com/hiregoogle)

© 2010 Google

**GUTTER GUTTER**  
**M&O REPAIR**  
Gutter re-set work  
Most importantly if your gutter itself has moved outward or shifted to the point water and leaves are coming in behind the gutter, it can rot out the fascia board and the home could get potential interior water damage. We will reset the system.  
**783-843-4792**

**Metro Gutter**  
Clean/Install/Repair  
• Wood Replace & Wrapping • Pressure Washing  
• Chimney Sweeping & Repair  
20 YEARS EXP.  
**703-354-4333**  
[metrogutter.com](http://metrogutter.com)

ZONE 3: • ALEXANDRIA  
• MOUNT VERNON

# HOME & GARDEN

CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM CONTRACTORS.com

703-917-6400

ZONE 3 Ad DEADLINE:  
TUESDAY NOON

ZONE 3: • ALEXANDRIA  
• MOUNT VERNON

# CLASSIFIED

703-917-6400

ZONE 3 Ad DEADLINE:  
TUESDAY NOON

**DECKS**

**High Pressure Cleaning & Sealing**

- Decks
- Fencing • Siding

For Free Estimate call Bill  
703-944-1440

**ELECTRICAL**

**DISCOUNT ELECTRIC**  
July/Aug Discount  
**\$48/HR.**

- ✓Free Estimates ✓Licensed
- ✓Bonded ✓Insured

**703-978-2813**  
Cell 703-851-8091

**GUTTER**

**GUTTER REPAIRS**  
NEW GUTTERS  
WATER DAMAGE

**783-843-4792**

**LANDSCAPING**

**ANGEL'S LAWN MOWING**

- Trimming • Edging
- Mulching • Yard Cleaning
- Hauling • Tree Work

**703-863-1086**  
**703-582-3709**

**ROOFING**

**Roofing & Siding**  
(All Types)

Soffit & Fascia Wrapping  
New Gutters  
Chimney Crowns  
Leaks Repaired  
No job too small  
**703-975-2375**

**21 Announcements**

**Personal Assistant & Caregiver,**  
will manage and provide, for your home or health needs. certified in nutrition, massage therapy & CNA w 25 yrs exp. Excellent refs  
[www.renewme.us](http://www.renewme.us)  
760-672-1654

**101 Computers**

**HDI** EASY COMPUTER SOLUTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS & SMALL BUSINESSES  
**JENNIFER O. SMITH • COMPUTER CONSULTANT**

- > TRAINING > INSTALLATION > TROUBLE-SHOOTING
- > LET US TAME THAT BEAST FOR YOU

Serving the Area Since 1995  
**(703) 765-2222**  
JSMITHHDI@aol.com

**101 Computers**

**HANDYMAN**

**"NEIGHBORHOOD SPECIALIST"**  
We do all repairs!

- Tile • Kitchens • Baths,
- Small Additions,
- Home Improvements
- Grading • Hauling • Clean-up

**703-250-1788 or 703-582-1847**  
email: cehall@cox.net

**HANDYMAN**

**PINNACLE SERVICES**

- GUTTER CLEANING
- SMALL REPAIRS
- SCREENING
- POWER WASHING

703-802-0483  
GROUP RATES AVAILABLE  
FREE EST.

**LANDSCAPING**

**A&S LANDSCAPING**

Spring Clean-up • Planting  
Mulching • Sodding • Patios  
Decks • Retaining Walls  
Drainage Solutions

**703-863-7465**

**TREE SERVICE**

**ANGEL'S TRASH HAULING**  
Construction Debris,  
Residential, Office  
& Tree Removal

**703-863-1086**  
**703-582-3709**

**26 Antiques**

We consign/pay top \$ for antique/semi antique furn. including mid century & danish modern Teak furniture, sterling, mens watches, painting/art glass, clocks, jewelry, costume jewelry, etc. Call Schefer Antiques @ 703-241-0790.

**21 Announcements**

**21 Announcements**

**THE #1 HANDYMAN SERVICES**

LICENSED • INSURED • RELIABLE

- BATHROOMS
- KITCHENS
- CAULKING
- PLUMBING
- DECK REPAIR
- STORM DOORS
- ELECTRICAL
- PAINTING

No JOB TOO SMALL • LOW PRICES • ON TIME

[www.the1handyman.com](http://www.the1handyman.com)  
**CALL: 703-444-0806**

**HAULING**

**AL'S HAULING**  
Junk & Rubbish  
Concrete, furn., office, yard, construction debris

Low Rates NOVA  
**703-360-4364**  
**703-304-4798** cell

**7 DAYS A WEEK**

**PAINTING**

**PATRIOT PAINTING**  
[www.PatriotPainting.net](http://www.PatriotPainting.net)

Wallpaper Removal,  
Carpentry,  
Power Washing,  
Int/Ext Painting

Free Est. • Satisfaction Guar!  
Lic./Ins. Int./Ext.

**703-502-7840**  
Cell  
**571-283-4883**

**Employers:**

Are your recruiting ads not working in other papers?

Try a better way to fill your employment openings

**110 Elderly Care**

**ELDERCARE**  
Seeking position as ElderCare Provider. 10+ yrs exp, excellent refs, licensed.  
540-829-0513

Buildings for Every Project ~ Solutions for Every Budget

ECONOMICAL AFFORDABLE QUALITY

...and everything in between...

Building Specials!

24' x 32' x 10'	\$7,999	40' x 60' x 14'	\$18,999
30' x 40' x 10'	\$9,999	40' x 80' x 12'	\$22,999
30' x 50' x 12'	\$12,999	60' x 120' x 16'	\$53,999

1-877-434-3133 [www.cbstructuresinc.com](http://www.cbstructuresinc.com)

**IMPROVEMENTS**

**R&N Carpentry**

- ♦ BASEMENTS ♦ BATHS ♦ KITCHENS

Foreclosure specialist/Power washing  
♦ Exterior Wood Rot More!

Deck & Fence repair, Screen Porches  
No jobs too large or small  
Free est. 37 yrs exp. Licensed, Insured  
**703-987-5096**

**ANGEL'S TREE & HEAVY TRASH HAULING**

- Mulch
- Clean-up Grounds
- Spring Clean-up

**703-863-1086**  
**703-582-3709**

**PAVING**

**Joseph Sealcoating Specialist**

**PAVING**

35 Years Experience! Free Estimates!  
**703-494-5443**

**PAVING**

**THE CONNECTION**  
to your community

703-917-6464  
classified@connectionnewspapers.com

Great Papers • Great Readers  
Great Results!

**21 Announcements**

**21 Announcements**

**21 Announcements**

**The HANDYMAN**  
A DIVISION OF NURSE CONSTRUCTION

BATHROOM REMODELING, DRYWALL, PAINTING, CERAMIC TILE, CARPENTRY, POWER WASHING & MUCH MORE

You have tried the rest - NOW CALL THE BEST!!  
Proudly serving Northern VA - 46 yrs. exp.

Licensed Insured We Accept VISA/MC  
**703-441-8811**

**LANDSCAPE & CONSTRUCTION**

- Patios • Walkways
- Retaining Walls
- Drainage Problems
- Landscape Makeovers

**Call: 703-912-6886**  
**Free Estimates**

**URGENT NEWS FOR PEOPLE WHO TOOK ACCUTANE**

Accutane, a drug used to treat acne, has been linked to serious gastrointestinal conditions, even months or years later, including Crohn's Disease, Ulcerative Colitis, and Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). If you or a loved one suffered from any of these conditions after taking Accutane, call us now about monetary compensation at 1-800-THE-EAGLE (toll-free). We practice law only in Arizona, but associate with lawyers throughout the U.S.

**GOLDBERG & OSBORNE**  
1-800-THE-EAGLE  
(1-800-843-3245)  
[www.1800theeagle.com](http://www.1800theeagle.com)

Open 7 days a week

**21 Announcements**

**21 Announcements**

**21 Announcements**

**M. C. Lynch Home Improvement**  
Family Owned & Operated

Rotten Wood, Wind Damage, Trims, Windows, Doors, Deck, Stairs, Vanity, Basement Framing, Garbage Disposal, Painting, Power Wash, Siding Repairs.

Licensed, Bonded, Insured  
**703-266-1233**

**MASONRY**

**MOTTERN MASONRY DESIGN**

Specializing in Custom Stone and Brick Walkways, Patios, & Small and Large Repairs

Licensed, Insured

- Free estimates • All work guaranteed •

[www.motternmasonry.com](http://www.motternmasonry.com)  
Phone **703-496-7491**

**TAX FREE MILITARY BENEFIT**

Active, Reserve or National Guard. If you've suffered a traumatic injury after 2001, whether or not the injury was related to ANY military activity, **YOU MAY BE ENTITLED TO UP TO \$100,000** through TSGLI benefits you've already paid for.

Call **1-800-951-1473** to see if you qualify.

SFC James Rolhouse (Ret) OIF 06-08  
[www.MainStreetLawFirm.com](http://www.MainStreetLawFirm.com)

**James Rolhouse & Associates** Attorneys at Law  
Lawyers at James Rolhouse & Associates are licensed in MN and NV with principal offices in Burnsville, MN.

**CALL TOLL FREE 1-800-951-1473**

**21 Announcements**

**21 Announcements**

**21 Announcements**

**A&S Landscaping**

- All Concrete work
- Retaining Walls • Patios
- Decks • Porches (incl. screened) • Erosion & Grading Solutions
- French Drains • Sump Pumps
- Driveway Asphalt Sealing

**703-863-7465**  
LICENSED  
Serving All of N. Virginia

**Custom Masonry**  
**703-768-3900**  
[www.custommasonry.info](http://www.custommasonry.info)

Brick, Block, Stone, Concrete, Pavers

Repairs & New Installs  
All Work Guaranteed

**ALEXANDRIA Gazette Packet CLASSIFIED**

Classified or Home • Lawn • Garden:  
**703-917-6400**

Employment: **703-917-6464**

**THE CONNECTION**  
to your community  
E-mail: [classified@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:classified@connectionnewspapers.com)

*Jack Taylor's*  
**ALEXANDRIA  
 TOYOTA**

**WWW.ALEXANDRIATOYOTA.COM**  
 CELEBRATING OVER 35 YEARS OF BUSINESS!  
**(877) 210-5399**

**NOW'S THE TIME TO LEASE!**

**NEW '11 CAMRY**

**\$99/MONTH\***



**OR \$0  
 DOWN  
 LEASE**

**NEW '10 COROLLA**

**\$79/MONTH\***



**OR \$0  
 DOWN  
 LEASE**

**NEW '10 PRIUS**

**\$179/MONTH\***



**...OR RECEIVE 0% APR FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS!\***

**NEW '10 YARIS**

**NEW '10 TUNDRA**

**RECEIVE 2 YEARS OF  
 TOYOTA AUTO CARE  
 WITH THE PURCHASE  
 OF ANY NEW VEHICLE!**



\*0% APR FINANCING UP TO 60 MONTHS AVAILABLE ON APPROVED CREDIT ON NEW 2010 YARIS AND TUNDRA. ADVERTISED PRICE EXCLUDES TAG, TAGS, TITLE, REGISTRATION AND \$379 PROCESSING FEE. LEASE FOR 36 MONTHS. 12 K MILES PER YEAR. \$1,995 DUE AT SIGNING, PLUS TAX, TAGS, \$379 PROCESSING FEE, \$0 SECURITY DEPOSIT AND ACQUISITION FEE. OFFER ENDS 7/28/10.

**WWW.ALEXANDRIATOYOTA.COM**



The Best New Cars Make The Best Used Cars

**CHECK OUT OUR  
 PRE-OWNED  
 VEHICLES ONLINE!**

**The Toyota Certified Used Vehicles Advantage**  
 3 month / 3,000 mile Comprehensive Warranty  
 7 year / 100,000 mile Limited Powertrain Warranty  
 7 year / 100,000 mile Roadside Assistance Plan  
 160 Point Quality Assurance Inspection  
 CARFAX Vehicle History Report  
 Certified customers are eligible for standard new car financing rates



**TC**



**29  
 MPG\*\***

**XD**



**33  
 MPG\*\***



**28  
 MPG\*\***

**Weichert,  
Realtors®**

◆ Real Estate  
◆ Mortgage  
◆ Closing Services  
◆ Insurance

**703-360-7400**

[www.weichert.com](http://www.weichert.com)

**8301 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309**



**OPEN  
SUNDAY**

**MOUNT VERNON/ALEXANDRIA SO. \$925,000**  
**YOUR MAJESTIC COLONIAL MANSION**

Huge 3-level, 4 Bedroom and Den, 2 1/2 Bath, ALL-brick home on spacious 1/2 acre treed lot overlooking the Potomac River! Fully upgraded home with luxury kitchen (granite counters), hardwood floors on main & upper levels. From Alexandria, go South on GW Pkwy 6 miles; turn Right on Stratford Lane; then quick Right on Greylock Street. To 9027 on the Right side. (Note: Home is on one of George Washington's original farms.)



**OPEN  
SATURDAY**

**ALEX./HUNTINGTON AREA \$419,000**  
**WALK TO METRO**

Extremely attractive home, hardwoods thru main level. Superb master bath. Finished lower level walks out to brick patio. From Capital Beltway, Route 1 South, R Huntington, L Wyomissing up hill to home on R.

CALL MIKE DOWNIE 703-360-7400 or 703-360-3189



**ALEXANDRIA SOUTH \$349,500**  
**ALL-BRICK RAMBLER**

Enjoy one-level living in this nicely maintained rambler with a full basement. Many updates have been done including replaced windows, HVAC and more. Hardwood floors thruout. Large deck off dining room overlooks fenced rear yard.

CALL ELODIA HOWARD 703-203-1544



**MOUNT VERNON FOREST \$629,000**  
**DINE IN OR DINE OUT**

Spacious home in peaceful Mount Vernon setting features eat-in kitchen with island, formal dining room, large deck for outdoor dining & entertaining, plus gazebo & jacuzzi. Dual-zoned heating & cooling, ample storage and more. Directions: From Alex, G.W. Parkway south to Mt Vernon, continue on Mt Vernon Memorial Hwy to left on Cherrytree at Mt Vernon Forest.

CALL DAVID WILLIAMS 703-360-7400



**OPEN  
SUNDAY**

**WAYNEWOOD \$519,000**  
**IT'S PRICED RIGHT!**

Beautifully presented home with well-designed family room addition on landscaped lot. Hardwood floors, Colonial fireplace, 3/4 Bedrooms, 2.5 baths, ample storage. Meticulously maintained. Directions: From Alexandria, G.W. Parkway south to right on Wayne Wood, right Croton, right Doter.



**SOLD BY  
GEORGE**

**ALEX./WAYNEWOOD \$719,000**  
**SUPERB COLONIAL/CAPE**

Beautifully updated and presented, featuring remodeled kitchen, granite counters & sub-zero fridge. Lovely hardwoods throughout, plus hard-to-find main level bedroom. This is a must see.

**911 DeWolfe Drive**



**SOLD BY  
GEORGE**

**ALEX./WAYNEWOOD \$798,000**  
**THE MUST-HAVE KITCHEN**

All brick beauty with side load garage. Sought-after huge country kitchen with granite counters, brick hearth fireplace and tons of workspace. Large rooms throughout, hardwood floors, 3 fireplaces situated on lovely landscaped lot.

**8706 Eaglebrook Court**

CALL GEORGE CANDELORI 703-780-0547



Interest Rates are at a 40 Year LOW  
but changes are coming.  
Make your move now.

**Weichert Financial  
Services**

For all your  
mortgage needs call

**Shirley Parra**  
Gold Services Manager  
**703-360-7400**  
[sparra@weichertfinancial.com](mailto:sparra@weichertfinancial.com)

*Taking pride in  
personal service ...*

Schedule an appointment to  
meet with Shirley to review  
all your mortgage options.

POTOMAC RIVERBOAT COMPANY

HISTORIC SKIPJACK MINNIE V.



Reserve the MINNIE V.  
For Your Private Charter!  
**703-684-0580**

*Sail Into History*

*View the Potomac River aboard the  
Historic Skipjack MINNIE V  
(c. 1906)*

*Join us for a 90-minute sailing experience  
departing from National Harbor.*

703.684.0580 | [WWW.POTOMACRIVERBOATCO.COM](http://WWW.POTOMACRIVERBOATCO.COM)

**How to Get Your Mount Vernon  
People, Event and Business News  
into the Mount Vernon Gazette**

**Business Notes • Business People • People Page**

The Mount Vernon Gazette contains notes and news briefs about local businesses, people and events every week. While we cannot guarantee that every person, business or event about which we receive information will appear in the paper, here is the information we need for your news to be considered. We welcome photographs of successful, recent events and people whose accomplishments or awards are submitted. Be sure everyone in the photograph is identified.

**What is News?** Awards; community service; celebrations; anniversaries; obituaries; career promotions; new initiatives; major accomplishments; new locations; special events such as: scouting award ceremonies; nonprofit fundraisers; concerts; exhibits and shows; classes; seminars; book signings; youth sports notices, activities and awards; service club notices; religious notices, etc.

Your release must include:

- Name of Person, and Business, Organization or Event
- Address of the Business, Organization or Event
- Day of the Week, Date and Time of Event
- Name and Phone Number for More Information
- Three Paragraphs Describing Your News...Who, What, Where, When and Why

Please submit your calendar information at least two weeks before your event. Clear photographs from similar previous events are always welcome. All events should be open to the public. We give first priority to free events. E-mail listings to:

[gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com)

or mail to:  
Calendar, Connection Newspapers  
1606 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314.

For more information, call 703-778-9410.

**Mount Vernon Gazette**

[www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)