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**Commander Major Mike Kline (center) and Karen Shaban of the Fairfax County Office of the County Executive greet neighbors and public safety staff at the block party in Engleside on Tuesday evening.**



**Pat Padberg serves up another hot dog straight from the grill.**

## National Night Out



**Ethan Lucas begins work on a page in the fire safety coloring book.**



**Freda Unger joins neighbors Craig and Donna Thompson at the party.**

**Residents and public safety staff mingle.**

## In the Weeds

**Some are concerned maintenance has reached crisis point.**

By MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

**D**on't like the grass growing in the median? According to a recent press release from the Virginia Department of Transportation, you don't have to wait for state transportation officials to take care of it. You can take care of it yourself by volunteering to help out with roadside maintenance.

"While we have stretched our mowing cycles the last few summers to save money in this diffi-

cult economy, the safety of drivers, cyclists and pedestrians remains our first priority," said Robert Prezioso, acting state maintenance engineer, in a written statement. "We encourage those who wish to adopt a highway to contact VDOT to receive the proper safety instruction and materials before they do any work near traffic."

Enter the red tape. According to a memorandum released earlier this month by Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, a hard frost

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## Lesser Than Expected

**Long-awaited vision for Route 1 corridor has yet to materialize.**

By MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

**O**f all the studies that have been done about revitalizing the Richmond Highway corridor, one stands out as being particularly visionary — even if little of it has come to fruition. Back in the summer of 1997, the county commis-

sioned a report that was prepared by Robert Charles Lesser & Co. titled "Revitalization Analysis for Richmond Highway." Known as the Lesser Report, the 130-page document now reads like a roadmap to a destination that has yet to materialize — an urbanized Richmond Highway corridor that's

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## One Step Away from Being Hungry and Homeless

**Benefit concert to support those in need on Route 1.**

By GALE CURCIO  
THE GAZETTE

**W**illiam Rose had it all — a wife, a family, a house and two cars. He got himself in a jam, got picked up by immigration and now he has nothing.

"My house is gone, my marriage is gone, my job is gone — I have zero," said Rose.

While Rose is not technically homeless because he is staying

with friends, he feels that he is "homeless in a sense." Because his paperwork (green card and Social Security card) was taken when he was released from a year in jail, he is unable to find a job.

Once a receiving manager for Giant Food, Rose is now volunteering in the food pantry at Rising Hope Mission Church. He had heard about the church earlier in the year when he was staying with friends nearby and decided to check out some of the programs.

He started volunteering with them and taking advantage of some of their programs. Although he no longer lives nearby, he comes from Fredericksburg every Tuesday to receive donations and stock the food shelves. While he is entitled to take some of the food for himself, he prefers to leave it for those "who really need it."

Rose gets by doing some odd jobs, but he really needs his papers back. The Rev. Keary Kincannon is trying to help and he

has a court-appointed attorney as well. Roses' father and brothers, who came to the country over 20 years ago, are all citizens.

"Once I get my documents back, I am good to go," said Rose. "I paid my dues and know that I have one

my chance. There will be no more trouble."

"William had a legal green card to be a permanent worker," said Kincannon. "He was also on the

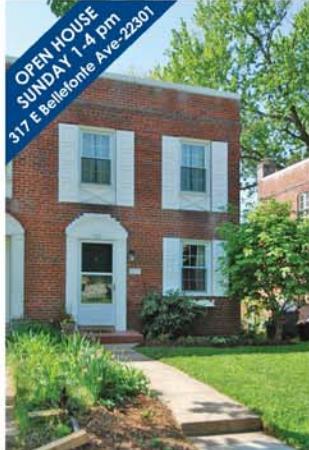
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# Commission Postpones Cell Tower Hearing

## Neighbors can have their say on Sept. 22.

BY NICHOLAS M. HORROCK  
THE GAZETTE

**T**he Fairfax County Planning Commission last week voted to postpone a public hearing to Sept. 22 on a plan to erect a cell phone tower at Carl Sandburg Middle School after unexpected local objections were sent to commission members.

Dozens of residents from the Mount Vernon area around Carl Sandburg came

to the July 29 commission meeting in hopes of raising their concerns at a public hearing scheduled that evening.

But several members of the commission reported receiving objections to the tower from residents. Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan said the key question seemed to be whether alternative sites had been studied.

The commission wanted the weeks before Sept. 22 to study the concerns. The commission assured the audience that anyone who wanted to testify will have an opportunity to do so in September.

Milestone Communications proposed to build a 120-foot tower on the school's lot. For use of school property it would pro-

vide Carl Sandburg with a single lump sum payment of \$30,000 and an estimated \$5-10,000 annual payment thereafter depending on how many companies leased antennas. Fourteen such towers have been built in the county since 2005. The towers carry cell phone antennas.

At a Mount Vernon meeting in June residents raised concerns about the pole's appearance and the health affects of radiation from the antennas on students and faculty at the school, but the opposition did not seem to be blocking the plan.

A representative of Milestone agreed to the delay.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE

Weeds near the intersection of Richmond Highway and Memorial Street.

# Several Forces Helped Delay Cell Tower

## Mt. Vernon Council and Hyland play role.

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

**S**everal weeks ago the application by Miles Communication to locate a Cell Phone Tower at Carl Sandburg Intermediate School looked like almost a sure thing. Miles Communications met with supportive community groups, mailed out a promotional postcard to the community, enjoyed the support of Waynewood area residents, parents of children attending the school, and staff of Carl Sandburg Intermediate school. In a short period of time all that has changed, at least temporarily. Since then through the efforts of residents directly affected, a community deliberative process orchestrated by the Mt. Vernon Council, and the intervention of Supervisor Gerry Hyland, the Planning Commission has deferred its consideration of the Miles Communications application to locate a Cell Phone Tower at Sandburg Intermediate School until a Sept. 22

hearing or later, with a clear signal that the applicant must look at other sites in the area.

At the final Mt. Vernon Council meeting before its August recess, two key actions took place. First, Hyland announced that he sent a letter to Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan and the Planning Commission urging that the application to locate a cell phone tower on the Carl Sandburg grounds be denied. Speculation among the attendees at the Council meeting centered on the fact there were other sites that were not given serious consideration by the applicant. New information that the School Board was supportive of cell phone tower sites on elementary school property also affected thinking.

Hyland also announced that he is going to ask his Vision Task Force to take a comprehensive look at the issue of locating more cell phone towers in the Mt. Vernon District. In addition, the Council passed a Resolution substituting the committee's original resolution recommending support for locating the cell phone tower on the Sandburg school grounds with a motion calling on the Planning Commission to defer action on the proposal and convey to Earl Flanagan the Council's desire for the applicant and the

Planning Commission to explore alternative sites.

Gregg Van Orden, Collingwood Springs area resident, said, "I have mixed opinions about the decision to defer the vote on the Carl Sandburg site. However, I am pleased that the supervisor and planning commissioner support the need to evaluate alternative locations which would impact fewer residents, and would ultimately improve cell phone coverage over the Sandburg site."

The evening following the Mt. Vernon Council's action and Hyland's announced opposition to the application of the Sandburg site, the county Planning Commission, on the motion of Flanagan, deferred further consideration of the application until September with the stipulated understanding that a public hearing on the application should include an analysis and presentation on alternative sites.

"If the Planning Commission had not deferred action until September there were 13 speakers lined up from various communities to speak in opposition to the Sandburg site," said Flanagan. "Based

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# Visioning Task Force Starts Bus tour of district planned for Aug. 7.

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

**T**he long-awaited grassroots citizens effort to influence the future direction of the county's priorities to improve the quality of life in Mt. Vernon begins with a bus tour of the District from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. this Saturday, Aug. 7. Participation in the bus tour is by reservation.

"Mt. Vernon's Visioning Task Force provides an opportunity to examine Mt. Vernon

today, and more important what we want Mt. Vernon to be tomorrow short term and long term. We will look at land use, public safety, human services, education, parks and recreation, environmental issues, economic and business issues, and challenges facing seniors just to name a few. This effort will focus on goals for the Mt. Vernon District to be accomplished to make our quality of life even better," said Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

Staff for Hyland said that anyone in the community can send in comments about

## Task Force

Supervisor Gerald Hyland's Mt. Vernon Vision Task Force includes approximately 60 volunteer citizens who will serve on eight standing committees and the chairs as follows:

Transportation, Dale Johnson, Task Force Co-Chair  
Environment, Parks, & Recreation Queenie Cox, Task Force Co-Chair  
Land Use, John Byers  
Human Services, Barnie Barnwell  
Public Safety, Joe Cammarata  
Business & Economic Development, Nate Wilson  
Education, Dale Rumberger  
Housing, Elisabeth Lardner

any issue they wish to convey to the Task Force c/o Supervisor Hyland. His office will then forward the comments to the executive committee (made up of the chairs of

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might come before volunteers are able to do something about unsafe medians. First there's the land-use permit application. Then there's the verification of the volunteers' name and address. After that, volunteers may be required to make a deposit for signs announcing work of a "residency maintenance manager." Don't forget that any signs provided by VDOT must be returned upon completion of each mowing event.

"While there is now a citizen option — onerous though it be — for mowing, there is none for filling potholes and lane striping," said McKay in a written statement. "Thus, our roads remain in an unsafe state of disrepair."

**MCKAY SAID** he is constantly hearing from constituents about tall grass, potholes, trash, unpainted lane markings and dysfunctional pedestrian crossings. But as a member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, his hands are tied because road maintenance in the county is the duty of state officials. As the result of cutbacks to VDOT's budget, McKay says, the roads in Fairfax County have reached what he calls a "crisis point."

"This is a major public-safety hazard," said McKay. "We can't even ensure the most basic things — like painting crosswalks — gets done."

McKay said that VDOT should have headlined its press release asking for grass-cutting volunteers "You Want It Done, Do It Yourself." Yet officials at VDOT responded that they were not interested in having citizens do their work for them. According to VDOT communications chief Jeffrey Caldwell, the department began receiving inquiries from interested citizens shortly after the budget for mowing was cut two

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## NEWS

# Long-Awaited Vision for Route One Yet To Materialize

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more like Connecticut Avenue than the automobile-dominated suburban sprawl that now dominates from the Beltway to Belvoir.

"This is a plan that was clearly ahead of its time when it was written," said Debi Sandlin, director of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation. "Frankly, it's still a little ahead of its time."

As Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland prepares to launch a new visioning task force, many of the ideas from the visioning process that led to the Lesser Report have yet to transpire. Meanwhile, another visioning effort is being launched as a listening tour spearheaded by the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations. It's all taking place as amendments to the county's comprehensive plan are being fi-

nalized in a way that planning officials say could lead to a realization of the vision outlined in the Lesser Report.

"This thing has been studied to death," said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay. "I'm tired of hearing about studies. I want action."

**REVITALIZATION ALONG**  
Richmond Highway has been a drama filled with dramatic plot twists and unresolved conflict. The narrative arc essentially begins in 1997 with the publication of the Lesser Report, a document that is still quoted by planning officials and community activists. A list of goals included making area more pedestrian friendly and reshaping the image of the area — in part by renaming the corridor "Woodlawn Boulevard."

"As an aging arterial that appears more or less abandoned by

a greater part of the development and consuming community, a vicious cycle of decline has set in," the 1997 report concluded. "Its image prevents the development of the very projects necessary to substantially alter that image."

Advocates for revitalization say that much has been accomplished since 1997, with a handful of new restaurants and businesses moving into the area. But little of this development has brought about the kind of pedestrian-friendly environment suggested by the report. Although planners would prefer developers to build close to the road with parking in the back, the dynamics of by-right development are such that the market forces have to be ideal to make that happen.

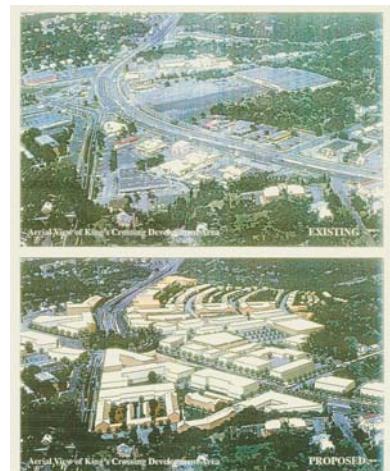
"This isn't Soviet Russia," said Earl Flanagan, who represents the Mount Vernon District on the Fairfax County Planning Commis-

sion. "We are totally dependent on what happens with the market."

**WHILE SOME** mixed-use development has been approved along the corridor, the economic slump has postponed the financing. That means the vision outlined in the Lesser Report will remain a dream deferred until the market conditions are ripe. County officials say they hope changes now being made to the comprehensive plan will make it more likely that developers will pursue mixed-use development. By encouraging mixed-use development and removing hurdles to this kind of development, the theory goes, the long-awaited vision of the Lesser Report may finally come to pass in the near future — as soon as financing is available.

"It's starting to happen now," said Elizabeth Haig, deputy director of the Office of Community Revitalization and Reinvestment. "It's slow, but we're definitely moving in that direction."

One major setback to the vision happened last year at Kings Crossing, one of the key areas of redevelopment envisioned by the Lesser Report. Although the report



The Lesser Report envisioned a traffic circle and mixed-use development at Kings Crossing. But last year, a Maryland-based developer announced plans to put a Wal-Mart here.

called for this area to be a key focal point of mixed-use planning, a Maryland-based developer announced plans to put a new Wal-Mart there — thwarting a major goal of the plan and redevelopment advocates.

"That location is probably frozen for the next 20 years or so," said Flanagan. "It's definitely a wrinkle in the plan."

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## Lack of Maintenance

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years ago.

"At first, we handed it as a case-by-case basis," said Caldwell. "This year, we decided to create a more formalized process."

**THE NEED** for creative solutions is the result of Virginia's budget crunch, a fiscal situation in which money for transportation has been tight. The six-year plan currently adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, for example, has no funding for construction along secondary roads. And although it has some funding for maintenance, each project in Northern Virginia has to compete against roads from Southwest and Hampton Roads.

"It's a concern for everyone," said Caldwell. "But that's the situation we're in."

During his campaign last year, freshman Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) was frequently critical of the funding levels for transportation maintenance and construction. Now that he's in elected office, state officials are examining a number of potential fixes — everything from privatizing state-owned liquor stores for revenue to creat-

ing toll roads and other public-private partnerships. Until something happens, Surovell says, he'll be working with the Fairfax Board of Supervisors to find long-term solutions.

"This weekend, I actually went out and personally mowed some VDOT median without a permit about a block from my house because I was so frustrated," said the weed-whacking lawmaker. "While citizen mowing squads to harvest the hay in the medians will help with appearance, it is certainly not a long-term fix."

## Delay for Hearing

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on new information I received — other sites not receiving serious consideration, the School Board's decision to include elementary school properties in the site selection process, Hyland's opposition, and the affected communities' opposition, I was prepared to move to deny the application if the Commission was unwilling to defer action until September."

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# NEWS



COURTESY PHOTO

**Dancers gather at the end of their first rehearsal at Collingwood Park in preparation for National Dance Day.**

## Highlighting the Joy of Dance

### West Potomac gathers community for National Dance Day.

BY GALE CURCIO  
THE GAZETTE

**A**s a dance instructor at West Potomac, Courtney Betzel loves to dance — and wants everybody else to love dancing. When she heard about National Dance Day, she wanted to be a part of it.

Along with dance instructor Jennifer Lisenby, West Potomac dance team members and local community members, she coordinated a series of rehearsals in Mount Vernon and then partnered with the Alexandria Dance Community and the City of Alexandria to hold a dance at Market Square on the afternoon of Saturday, July 31.

National Dance Day was being launched on FOX Network of "So You Think You Can Dance!" and dances were held all over the country that same day.

A flyer put together by Lisenby read: "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 in all capacities and to all ages, as a means to stay fit and be healthy as well as enhance the performing arts in the Alexandria Community."

**"I feel like we accomplished what we set out to do — get people dancing on National Dance Day."**

— dance instructor Jennifer Lisenby

"I thought the event went well, especially for the first year," said Lisenby. "I personally enjoyed myself and everyone who I spoke to had a good time. I feel like we accomplished what we set out to do — get people dancing on National Dance Day, some that have danced before and some that have never danced or thought they could dance."

"This will be an annual event and the main thing I think we will do differently next year is to have a couple more performances and then end with the group dance."

Judy Heiser has been a dancer for over 20 years. She participated in National Dance Day, along with both of her daughters, Kendra and Rylie Heiser.

"We had a nice turn out, maybe 75 to 80 dancers with a crowd of about 50 or so," said Heiser. "Next year, we will plan earlier and have more of an agenda with more participants, as well as get the word out. We even had

folks travel from McLean and Arlington for the event. I think it was fun and inspiring for the children to see the community together and getting their parents and friends dancing as a whole. It pumped up moral and got folks excited about collaborating in the cultural art of dancing."

A video of the first rehearsal can be seen at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pfkpGLwUxMQ>

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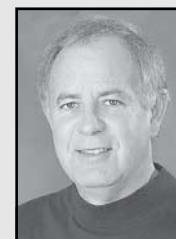
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# One Step Away from Being Hungry and Homeless

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path to citizenship. His papers have not been returned to him and as a result he cannot get hired anywhere. A definite injustice.<sup>o</sup>You don't find anyone who works harder and is good with people than William.<sup>o</sup> I'd consider hiring him if it was legal."

**A FESTIVAL** for the Hungry and Homeless on the Route One Corridor will be held on Aug. 6, to focus attention on the ever-growing needs of people like Rose and others who are helped by places like Rising Hope Mission Church.

The day will begin at 1 p.m. in the parking lot of Rising Hope Mission Church, 8220 Russell Road, with a festival of resources to assist the homeless and needy. Social Service providers from all across the area will be present with food, clothing, medical care, job counseling, and other resources to help the homeless. Rising Hope is asking the general public, who do not need these resources, to bring non-perishable food items and clothing to replenish their food pantry and clothing closet.

The afternoon will include: Mt. Gilead Full Gospel Church mobile hot-food trailer; The Mid-Atlantic Gleaning Network (MAGNET) with bins of fresh farm produce to distribute to the hungry; K.I. Services, Inc. with their community trailer for HIV Testing & Counseling; The New Hope Housing Medical Mobile Outreach Program (MMOP); Mount Vernon Mental Health Homeless Services; Mount Vernon Evening Lions Club - Sight and Hearing Van; UCM's Workforce Development Center; The Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Laurie Mitchell Employment Center(LMEC); Crowns of Life Gospel Band; and Griff the Comedian. Others are still being lined up for a festival of services to assist the homeless and needy.



**William Rose is hoping to get back on his feet with some help from Rising Hope Mission Church.**

Jeff Majors, internationally known jazz and gospel composer, musician and harp master, will be present all day assisting Kincannon as Rising Hope tends to the needs of those locked out of jobs and housing because of life's circumstances. The day will culminate with a benefit concert featuring Majors and his National Tour for the Homeless at 8 p.m. at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road.

This is the second annual event presented



**Sharon Emory and Deborah Allers serve the noon-time lunch at Rising Hope Mission Church.**

by Rising Hope to support the fight against homelessness along the Route One Corridor. The benefit concert itself is free to the public in exchange for a can of food. An offering will be collected at the concert to fund the homeless programs administered by Rising Hope. Last year Grammy award winner and Oscar nominee James Ingram made a surprise appearance at the event.

Majors has been bringing his "National Tour for the Homeless" to churches across the United States since 2007. Known for his "Sacred Series," Majors has created a spectrum of selections from modern music to classical hymns. He has played his harp for the funeral of Civil Rights leaders such as Coretta Scott King and Dorothy Height.

**THELLA JACOBS** also lost everything — a job working for the government, a house, and a car. Yet, the thing that hurt the most was that she lost the support of her family.

"It started when I lost everything and ended up in Eleanor Kennedy Shelter," said Jacobs. "The feelings that I had — that I didn't just lose material things but my family as well. There was nobody to support me or take me in. I felt like a hole opened up and dropped me in. The calvary was not coming. It was the worst time in my life."

Jacobs found help at Rising Hope. She had heard about the things that Keary was doing and decided to check it out.

"He [Keary] is a great 'white boy,'" said Jacobs. "I felt like I was part of a group."

Jacobs started getting help, but then she had a heart attack and couldn't work. She was getting ready to go downhill again and ran into Keary at the Shopper's Food Warehouse.

"I was at a crossroads — I would either go to church on Sunday or go back to D.C. or get lost," said Jacobs.

Jacobs made the decision that would ultimately save her life — she came back to Rising Hope. She has reconciled with her family and now has her own condo and car.

"I came to Rising Hope and grabbed hold

of the faith," said Jacobs. "The power of prayer and love of family made me come back to Rising Hope. If I went back to where I came from I would not have made it. I come [here] all the time now and little by little, things got better and better. Thank God I didn't go in the other direction."

Jacobs comes in for the noon prayer facilitated by Vanisa McCormick and the free lunch that is provided every day.

**MARILYN COLE** also takes advantage of the noon prayer and lunch. She comes to Rising Hope every day and volunteers. Cole had been living in the Kennedy Shelter after she pulled a muscle and couldn't get a job doing housekeeping. Her name wasn't on the lease of her apartment and she ended up living in the shelter.

She has been going to the South County Center to apply for jobs and receives help from Jennifer Mann, who runs the Skill Source Center.

"I want to further my education," said Cole. "I am almost 50 years old and I have a learning disability, but I have always desired to be educated — one step at a time."

Ironically, in the past, Cole had been a minister helping other people and said, "I don't like living in the shelter, but this has humbled me. We are a true family [at the shelter]. There are some true survivors there."

**FOR NEARLY 15 YEARS**, Rising Hope Mission Church has been serving the spiritual and physical needs of the homeless and needy on the Route One Corridor south of Alexandria. Because two-thirds of this small United Methodist congregation has been homeless at some time in their life, they have a desire to help others who find themselves cut-off and cut-out of the mainstream.

"The miracle happening at Rising Hope is that those we came to serve and heal are finding their healing as they serve others in need," said Kincannon.



**Thella Jacobs and Marilyn Cole have lunch at Rising Hope Mission Church.**

The church stocks and manages a food pantry that feeds over 1,400 people every week. The free lunch program serves over 1,600 hot meals every month. They maintain a clothes closet which serves all ages and distributes household items to over 200 families in the community every week, free of charge. Emergency referrals, job counseling, and 12 Step Recovery classes are just a few of the other services offered by the church. Over the course of a year Rising Hope serves the needs of over 8,000 people in the Route One Corridor.

Kincannon started the ministry in the trunk of his car; counting the car, Rising Hope has had seven different locations. This year, they served 9,000 members — 3,000 of those are homeless.

"We want people to know that we are here," said Kincannon. "The ministries are bursting at the seams. There is a tremendous need — you don't realize how much need there is and how many people are living on the edge. Many husbands and wives work two jobs and still can't make it. We would love to get a lot more people involved with us to help us find a larger place. I'm convinced that when you get people in the community involved, that's the best way. Out of those connections, things happen. People get jobs; doctor's office offer services. Some of our best financial support comes from our volunteers."

Kincannon is pleased that other social service agencies are participating in the festival, and said, "One of the wonderful things about his area is that the supporting agencies work together. Come on out and support us this weekend and learn more about Rising Hope."

For more information, contact Rev. Keary Kincannon @ 703-472-6100 or Sharon Emory @ 703-360-1976 or email Info@risinghopeumc.org. Contact Rising Hope at 703-360-1976 for tickets or further information.

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# NEWS

## 'Med Cottages' on their Way

**Temporary family health care structures legislation became effective July 1.**

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

**R**esponding to the national and local surveys indicating that retirees desire, by as much as 80 percent or more, to stay in their homes for as long as practical, the General Assembly passed a law this past legislative session mandating that local governments amend existing neighborhood zoning ordinances to authorize "temporary family health care structures" (HB-1307 approved April 8, 2010) throughout the Commonwealth.

"Med Cottages" as they are commonly called by advocates, and "Granny Pods" as they are characterized by skeptics, are intended to enable aging family members to avoid being housed in nursing homes, and to be instead temporarily housed in a structure owned by a family caregiver and attached to a single family dwelling in a backyard, and hooked up to the primary residences' electrical, water and sewer services.

Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) a co-sponsor of the bi-partisan legislation, said, "As seniors in the Mt. Vernon community age, many want to be able to age in place or age in the close company of their family. ... I thought this concept was a way to give families more options in caring for an aging loved one who needed medical assistance ... from my point of view the more flexibility and options families have, the better our society can meet everyone's particular situation."

However, others, including Jeff Reed, executive director of Mount Vernon At Home (MVAH), cau-

tioned not to be too quick to declare the legislation a panacea for aging in place Mt Vernon senior residents.

"Installing a small mobile cottage in a backyard ensures that a physically or mentally impaired family member will be living close by, but a variety of services must still be provided if we are to avoid the potential for these cottages to isolate and in effect 'warehouse' the person," he said.

"Transportation, in-home health care, and social connections will still be important issues to ensure that the resident is cared for adequately and has a good quality of life. ... Successful aging in place requires three elements: One is appropriate housing. The second is adequate transportation. The third element is adequate services and socialization. This legislation provides for adequate housing in proximity to the family, but the other elements must still be available for a mentally or physically impaired person to live successfully in the neighborhood."

**ALTHOUGH THE NEW** state law mandates that local governments amend their local residential zoning ordinance to authorize the temporary family health care structure,

Fairfax county planners say there is much work to be completed to define what the structure should consist of, what design will be compatible with neighborhood character, accommodate to existing setback requirements, and health and safety standards. Also, some lots in the older neighborhoods where the demand may tend to be greater, might not be an adequate fit. County zoning staff warn of significant "interagency coordination, thinking, and planning" in order to bring about the man-

dated Med Cottage concept in Fairfax County in a manner that will fulfill the legislation's purpose: to provide quality temporary housing for mentally and physically impaired residents in proximity to family.

### Med Cottages Law

The new state law requires the fulfillment of the following criteria in order to locate a temporary family health care structure in a neighborhood:

1. Owner of the dwelling must be a caregiver related by blood, marriage, or adoption to or the legally appointed guardian of a mentally or physically impaired person for whom he is caring.
2. The mentally or physically impaired person to be housed in the temporary structure must be a Virginia resident who requires assistance in two or more activities of daily living as certified by a licensed physician.
3. The temporary family health structure must be a transportable residential structure, limited to one occupant, that meets uniform building code standards and consists of no more than 300 gross square feet.
4. The owner of the temporary structure must obtain a permit from the local government.
5. The temporary structure must be located on a single family zoned residential zoning district on lots zoned for single-family detached dwellings.
6. The temporary structure must comply with setback requirements that apply to the primary home.

{Virginia Code: Chapter 296: Section 15.2-2292.1}



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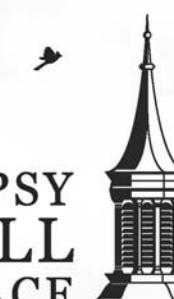
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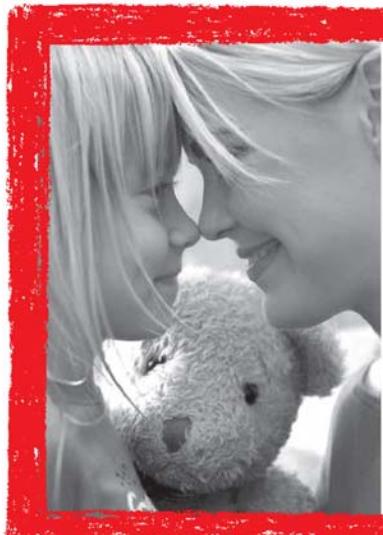
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# OPINION

## Five Percent Off

**Back-to-school sales tax holiday a reminder of other back-to-school rituals; buy some extra supplies for needy students.**

**W**hile some of us are not sure how it got to be August, never mind time to start thinking about going back to school, the first day of school is more than a month away, Tuesday after Labor Day, Sept. 7.

Virginia families can take advantage of what amounts to a three-day coupon for five percent off many back-to-school items. Sales tax is suspended for the coming weekend, Friday through Sunday, Aug. 6, 7 and 8 (restrictions apply).

During this three-day period, purchases of qualifying school supplies selling for \$20 or less per item, and purchases of qualifying clothing and footwear selling for \$100 or less per item will be exempt from sales tax.

The tax holiday should encourage more families to spend their back-to-school dollars in

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local stores rather than online. This is an excellent time to support local businesses, many suffering from the recession as well as competition from online businesses that offer tax-free shopping all the time. Local businesses that don't get their money from the federal government need local shopping support now more than ever.

Back-to-school shopping for supplies is one of many important things to take care of before school starts. Students need up-to-date immunizations. Early in fall, flu shots will also be available. Add to the list of "safety" items: talk with your students about what they are doing online (hint: it mostly isn't shopping).

But probably the most important thing parents can do to ensure a successful school year is to make contact with your child's teachers,

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Inadequate Notification

To the Editor

I write to express my frustration with the way that Fairfax County has handled the application by T-Mobile Northeast LLC to erect a monopole on the grounds of Carl Sandburg Middle School. I believe the process has not been entirely open and fair.

I live on Stockade Drive, across from houses that border the school, and I can see the school's playing fields and lights from my living room.

I first learned of the proposed monopole in an informal community e-mail circulated by the Collingwood Springs Citizens Association's president. Supposedly, T-Mobile raised a balloon at the proposed site, but I did not receive any formal notification of the demonstration from either the county or T-Mobile.

I also was not formally notified of four of the alleged five community meetings concerning the monopole.

One of those meetings was covered by a reporter for the Mount Vernon Gazette. In an article published in the Gazette on June 10, 2010, the reporter wrote that "it appears there is no significant opposition to the siting of the tower on the Sandburg grounds."

That conclusion is absolutely invalid given the fact that many households around the proposed

site were not notified of the meeting and thereby were denied an opportunity to express either opposition or support for the monopole.

Shortly after that poorly advertised community meeting, a concerned neighbor in the Collingwood Springs subdivision who is opposed to the monopole circulated a petition asking people who were also opposed to the monopole to sign. Within weeks of that neighborhood petition, Milestone Communications mailed an appeal asking recipients to sign an on-line petition in support of the monopole.

I find it ironic that the company could pay for a mailing to support the monopole but not a mailing to notify my community of the balloon demonstration or four of the alleged five community meetings.

Finally, I disapprove of the way that the county's Department of Planning and Zoning has posted notification of the Planning Commission meeting on July 29 at which the application for this monopole was scheduled to be considered.

The county has put up three sign boards. One stands at the entrance to Carl Sandburg Middle School. The other two signs stand on two of four footpaths leading onto the school's property. Those two footpaths are on cul-de-sacs where few people will see the signs.

Two other footpaths in the Collingwood Springs subdivision lead to the school from central lo-

cations on Rampart Drive and Stockade Drive, but the county has not posted notices at these well-traveled locations.

The current application for a monopole should be denied. T-Mobile Northeast LLC should start the process at the beginning, and that company and the county should formally notify everyone within a one-half-mile radius of the proposed site of all balloon demonstrations and all community meetings.

Everyone whose health or property values may be affected by this monopole should receive ample opportunity to comment on the application.

**Ruth G. Thomson**

Alexandria

## Seek Hyland's Support

To the Editor:

The Citizen Coalition for Police Accountability (CCPA) is a newly-formed grassroots advocacy group that is promoting accountability and transparency from the Fairfax County Police Department. One of our primary objectives is to urge the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to appoint a Citizen Complaint Review board to accept and review citizen allegations of misconduct or negligence against members of the police department. This movement has gained widespread support from ordinary

## August Sales Tax Holiday

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### BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

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See this link for a complete list of upcoming Back-to-School nights

<http://www.fcps.edu/news/backtoschool.htm>

make sure they know who you are, how to contact you and that you care. Use the online tools to track your child's progress (but don't go crazy monitoring every blip).

One of the best ways to kick off this regular contact with your child's school is to attend back to school night. Most back to school events for parents are already scheduled; mark your calendar.

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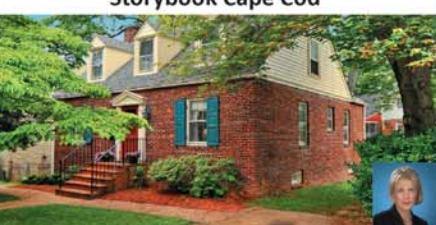
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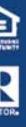
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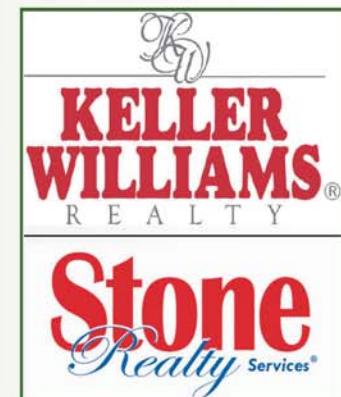
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## OPINION



Anne Feighery, 5, of Riverside Gardens, compiled a book on her dog, Frank, a Scottish terrier. The excerpt above depicts Frank and his friend Bella, a Labrador retriever.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 8

the CCPA regarding this incident was one from "EWW" that read "My experience as a homicide detective (retired) with a large metropolitan police department caused me to wonder about recent, and not so recent incidents."

The CCPA and many of Supervisor Hyland's constituents urge him to support the appointment of a citizen complaint review board by our Board of Supervisors.

For information about the CCPA visit [virginiaccpa@aol.com](mailto:virginiaccpa@aol.com).

**Nicholas R. Beltrante**  
Executive Director, CCPA

### Wrongheaded Opposition

To the Editor:

On July 14, I testified at the Fairfax County Planning Commission's (PC) public hearing

concerning the nomination of Cynthia Smith of the Newington Civic Association (NCA) to amend the Comprehensive Plan (CP) regarding the 7-acre Leatherland property.

2008 culminated the Leatherland family's efforts to rezone their property from R-1 (7 homes as a matter of right) to PDH-2 (up to 14 homes in a cluster configuration), their applica-

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## OPINION

# Tax Holidays, U.S. 1 Funding, Paving and Potholes

BY SCOTT SUROVELL  
STATE DELEGATE

**T**here are a few hot issues in state government that Mount Vernon residents are no doubt interested in.

First, this weekend, Aug. 6-8, is a "sales tax holiday" for "Back-to-School" items such as school supplies and clothing. The holiday does not apply to all items. It applies to school supplies that cost \$20 or less and clothing that costs \$100 or less. You can read further information including a specific list of qualifying items on my blog, *The Dixie Pig*, at [scotturovell.blogspot.com](http://scotturovell.blogspot.com).

It is important to remember that the holiday also applies to all shoppers, not just families with children. Also, please make sure you patronize our locally-owned Mount Vernon businesses if you can, to keep your capital in our community.

Last week, we also found out that the \$150 million in funds secured by Congress-

man Jim Moran did not clear a procedural hurdle in the U.S. Senate. I met with Congressman Moran last week and he assured me that this funding is still very much alive and that he will continue to fight to ensure that we get investment in U.S. 1 infrastructure in the near future to help address the coming traffic nightmare posed by the influx of traffic to Fort Belvoir resulting from base realignment (BRAC) changes.

Congressman Moran also assured me that the extension of the Metro subway Yellow Line from Huntington to Fort Belvoir is a long-term priority for him and he agrees that a Metro extension would do wonders to help bring about reinvestment, economic growth and traffic relief in the U.S. 1 corridor. I intend to do all I can to make this a reality within the U.S. 1 corridor.

As always, the biggest impediment right now is funding. The transportation situation in Northern Virginia is approaching a crisis. I have been hearing a lot this spring

and summer from people concerned about the state of our roads. The winter's heavy snows and this summer's storms left pothole, curb, sidewalk and sign damage all over the area. There are communities that were on the 2010 paving schedule that were removed without notice.

VDOT has cut their staff by 30 percent in the last two years because of flat gas tax revenues and increasing maintenance expenses (The gas tax is a major source of transportation funds in Virginia). VDOT has told me that for all secondary road (roads numbered 600 or higher) paving has been postponed for one year and some pothole repairs cannot be done because of lack of funds. Fairfax County's secondary road construction allocation has gone from \$28 million in 2009-2010 to a little over \$1,000 this year — that is not a typo — a little over \$1,000. There are 2,500 lane miles of "poor" graded secondary roads in Fairfax County that need paving today. You only have to look at the surface of Fort Hunt Road to confirm this.

We are also now ready to harvest hay in most medians due to cuts in funds for mowing.

The Governor chose to allocate part of this year's limited excess revenues to transportation, but we have not yet seen how these funds will be spent. Our state government has avoided dealing with this transportation situation for too long. In the past, this neglect has meant lost time and money. It could soon result in significant property damage and injuries. Dealing with this situation will require leadership, collaboration and sacrifice. I hope we can have some real discussions soon about solving this crisis.

I hope to see you at the Farmers' Market this summer or around the community. I hope you will continue to share your views and suggestions. Please email me at [DelSSurovell@house.Virginia.gov](mailto:DelSSurovell@house.Virginia.gov) or call at 571-249-44TH (4484). Also check my blog ([scotturovell.blogspot.com](http://scotturovell.blogspot.com)). It is an honor to serve as your delegate. I hope to continue to earn your trust.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE II

tion requesting permission to construct 11 homes. The Leatherland family has owned their property and paid taxes on it for 80 years. During that time, the adjacent neighborhoods had been upzoned to PDH-2 and the Leatherlands posed no objection. Their request to develop 11 homes would have matched the actual density of the adjacent neighborhood. Their application was accompanied by 15 pages of proffers covering every imaginable subject, including schools, stormwater management, parks, transportation, tree cover, tree save, buffers and limits of clearing.

In 2008, the NCA opposed the application and the MVCCA supported the NCA's opposition. At the MVCCA meeting, Ms. Smith made factual misstatements — I sought to be recognized to correct the record but the presiding co-chair refused to recognize me.

Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan had pledged, in 2006, when he was being vetted for the position by a task force top heavy with MVCCA partisans, that he would abide by MVCCA resolutions. True to his word, when the application came

before the PC in 2008, he moved to deny it. Not a single other planning commissioner supported his motion. When another planning commissioner moved to approve the application, only Commissioner Flanagan opposed. At the Board of Supervisors (BOS), Supervisor Hyland moved to deny the application. His motion prevailed although only a minority of supervisors present supported it. You see, when he made his motion, three supervisors left the board room including then chairman and current congressman Gerry Connolly. Of the supervisors remaining in the room, only three joined Supervisor Hyland in support of his motion — two opposed and one abstained. As a result, the community lost 15 pages of beneficial proffers.

Ms. Smith's nomination this year sought to amend the CP to add language providing some of the proffers lost when her community successfully opposed the rezoning in 2008. It also proposed downzoning the property from R 1-2 to R-5-1. I have testified at every public hearing concerning the Leatherland property (I'm not acquainted with any member of the Leatherland family) because I have been appalled by their treatment at the hands of the NCA and its members Alan Boyd and Cynthia Smith, the MVCCA, Commissioner Flanagan and Supervisor Hyland.

PC Chairman Pete Murphy apparently agrees with me because after Ms. Smith made her presentation last week, he castigated her for her nomination, indicating he couldn't support it. He pointed out that the Leatherlands have paid taxes on their land for 80 years and it would be unconscionable to downzone their land and add onerous development conditions to the CP I subsequently testified, handing out the 18-page transcript from the PC's 2008 hearing and reminded the PC that the NCA had given up the proffers when they successfully opposed the rezoning. I urged the PC to vote

down Ms. Smith's nomination. The hearing concluded with an effective Power Point presentation from a member of the Leatherland family that documented numerous false statements by Mr. Boyd and Ms. Smith and highlighted Mount Vernon Tree Commissioner Eleanor Quigley's utter lack of any technical expertise concerning the very trees she is appointed by Supervisor Hyland to protect. It also documented how Commissioner Flanagan and Supervisor Hyland relied upon representations by these people to support their opposition.

This episode is one of the worst examples of poor judgment exhibited by our Mount Vernon planning commissioner and supervisor. A prominent planning commissioner once told me that if a planning commissioner pledges fealty to the decisions of a community organization, we don't need that planning commissioner. Just mail in the decision of the community organization and that will do it. We need a planning commissioner who fulfills the proper role of that position — making independent judgments on planning and zoning issues. I will applaud our commissioner when he exercises the good judgment he possesses and disagrees with the MVCCA when appropriate.

As to Supervisor Hyland, I start by saying that I have supported him for over two decades. I recently cleaned out a closet and found 17 Lobsterfest T-shirts including from the very first one — those who attended will know its color. Gerry, we need a supervisor with the good judgment to know when to abide by the wishes of an adjacent neighborhood and when to tell them you can't in good conscience do so. The PC vote against Commissioner Flanagan's motion and three supervisors leaving the room when you made yours should have signaled you that you were doing the Leatherland family a great disservice by abiding by the wrongheaded wishes of an adjacent neighborhood and the MVCCA. You can do bet-

ter.

At the July 28, 2010 meeting of the PC, they voted down Ms. Smith's nomination, voting instead to retain the currently adopted provisions of the CP. At least in this instance, justice prevailed.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

## Girls and Boys At Recital

To the Editor:

Regarding the reporting on "Dance Recital Packs Hall at Carl Sandburg Middle School" you should have stated "girls and boys" in all instances. There are boys in the dance school and you even have at least one (mine) in the photos that were featured. There will be boys participating in future years, as well, so please note them in future articles. Also, in Act II, there are dancers ranging in age to their 60s, so your noted age range stopping at 14 is a bit inaccurate.

Thanks, and I am glad that I have a photo of him among his classmates.

**Alanna Stribling**

*P.S. I'm in my 30s and danced with the teen and adult class to the song from "Wicked."*

## Note of Thanks

To the Editor:

The family of Julia E. Slavey would like to thank everyone for the cards, food and acts of comfort at a very sad time in our life.

**The Slavey Family**

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Some 60 restaurants will feature specials Aug. 20-29 during Alexandria Restaurant Week.

# Alexandria Restaurant Week is Aug. 20-29

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Restaurant Week menus and online reservations are available now on VisitAlexandriaVA.com. A one-stop shop for a complete Alexandria Restaurant Week experience, the website invites diners to browse the diverse list of delectable restaurant choices. Many of the city's favorite foodie establishments are participating including Bastille, La Bergerie, the Grille at Morrison House, Del Merei Grille, Geranio, A La Lucia, Tempo, Cheesetique, FireFlies, Fontaine Caffé & Creperie, Grape BEAN, and ACKC Cocoa Bar.

This 10-day gourmet and gourmand event enables residents and visitors to enjoy tantalizing multi-course meals and distinctive treats prepared especially for the occasion showcasing the inventive culinary diversity offered throughout the city. From fabulous fine dining to casual neighborhood favorites and tasty little delights, Alexandria Restaurant Week offers something for everyone.

The August event is the first time Alexandria Restaurant Week has been offered in the summer. The success of two winter restaurant weeks, held in 2009 and 2010, brought about a summer event by popular demand from both diners and restaurateurs.

The Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association coordinates and markets the event which is free for participating restaurants. In addition to serving as an economic driver for Alexandria restaurants, Alexandria Restaurant Week builds the Alexandria brand as it helps the City to become known as a culinary destination.



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### 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.

**Alexandria Library's SummerQuest reading program** has begun, but it is not too late to sign up! Children ages 6-12 can sign up for SummerQuest (and children under 5 years old can sign up for SummerQuest Junior) at the children's desk at any of the four Alexandria Library branches. Specials event schedules are available at any branch or online at [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

### FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

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

### THURSDAY/AUG. 5

**Barkley Square Yappy Hour.** Del Ray's "Dog Days of Summer." Scavenger Hunt, photos with Barkley, doggie pools, beer, wine and music. At Barkley Square, 2006 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-548-3644 or visit [www.barkleysquarebakery.com](http://www.barkleysquarebakery.com).

**The Ash Lovelies.** 7-9 p.m. Free. The Ash Lovelies create "Chamber Folk Tangle Pop." What else do you call a band that features a viola, oboe, guitar synthesizer, bass, keyboard, cajone, synthesizer modules, electronic noise, and assorted guest players/singers? At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**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.

### AUG. 5-8

**Wellness Workshops.** Suzie Celentano will present several workshops and master classes at the DCAC International Fitness Convention. At the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. Visit [www.dcafitness.com](http://www.dcafitness.com).

### FRIDAY/AUG. 6

**Alexandria Citizens Band Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Featuring the City's oldest performing arts organization. At



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### FRIDAY/AUG. 6

**QuinTango Concert.** 7 p.m. Free. Alexandria's internationally renowned music group QuinTango brings an hour of music, stories and dance to the Lee Center Friday night. At Kauffman Auditorium, Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St, Old Town Alexandria.

Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Call the hotline at 703-746-5592.

**Festival for the Hungry & Homeless.** 1-4 p.m. Social Service providers from all across the area will be present with food, clothing, medical care, job counseling, and other resources to help the homeless. In the parking lot of Rising Hope Mission Church, 8220 Russell Road, Alexandria. Contact Rising Hope at 703-360-1976.

**Musical Art of the Andes.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Yarawi, playing South American, Latin American and world music using traditional Bolivian instruments. At Griss 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/AUG. 7

**Cocker Spaniel Adoption Day.** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Oldies But Goodies Cocker Spaniel Rescue. At the Alex-Hybla Valley PetSmart, 7690 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. Visit [www.cockerspanielrescue.com](http://www.cockerspanielrescue.com).

**A Fine Beginning Housewarming.** Noon to 4 p.m. Free. Features living history interpreters portraying the Carlyle family. At the Carlyle House, 121 North Fairfax Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit [www.nvra.org](http://www.nvra.org).

**Alexandria Art Market.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A variety of original artwork from over 20 artists will be displayed for sale including painting, photography, pottery, jewelry, and glasswork. At the Nicholas A. Colasanto Park, adjoining the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria (corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Mount Vernon Avenue). Contact Kimberley Bush at 703-627-7656 or email [DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com](mailto:DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com).

**Summer Concert Series.** 7 p.m. Free. Featuring the Jazz Ambassadors, a 19-member big band. Part of the U.S. Army Field Band. At Centennial Park, off of English Ave., Fort Meade.

**Friendship Firehouse Festival.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Celebrate the 236th birthday of the Friendship Fire Company in the 100 block of South Alfred Street. Kids of all ages will enjoy displays of historic and modern firefighting apparatus, free birthday cake, craft books, food vendors and more! Go on tours of the historic firehouse, first built in 1855. Children will receive free Friendship Fire helmets! Visit [www.friendshipfirehouse.net](http://www.friendshipfirehouse.net) or on weekends, call 703-746-3891.

**Tavern Day at Gadsby's Tavern.** 1-5 p.m. Free open house will feature continuous tours of the site by

costumed guides, the opportunity to dance like George and Martha Washington, and more. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street in Old Town. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbytavern.org](http://www.gadsbytavern.org).

### SUNDAY/AUG. 8

**Summer Chamber Music Series.** 3 p.m. Free. French hornist Jay Chadwick and pianist Sarah Strauss Himmelfarb performing Bach Violin Sonatas arranged for horn and piano. Violinist Joel Ang, violist Cesse Ip, cellist Paul Marshall and pianist Stephen Bertino performing Faure's Piano Quartet in C minor. Susan Brockman and pianist Stephen Bertino performing Faure's Fantasie, for Flute and Piano, and Thomas F. Dunhill's Valse Fantasie. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

**Mystic Warriors.** 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."

### MONDAY, AUG. 9

**Theology on Tap.** 7 p.m. Food, fun and faith in a casual setting. This session's theme is "The Athletes 6-Pack" Winning for Christ. Must be 21. At Pat Troy's Ireland's Own, 111 North Pitt Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4535.

### WEDNESDAY/AUG. 11

**Luncheon at Springfield/Alexandria Women's Connection.** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Topic: "I'd Love to Own a Gift Shop (What you need to know)" with guest Shelly Jennings, owner of three Collectible Treasures stores. At the Springfield Golf & Country Club. Cost is \$17/person. For reservations, call 703-590-6562 or email to [SpringWmConn@yahoo.com](mailto:SpringWmConn@yahoo.com).

### THURSDAY/AUG. 12

**Jean Bayou Performs.** 7 p.m. Jean Bayou has maneuvered her way through motherhood, womanhood, the neighborhood (and other hoods too numerous to mention) to write songs of love, loss, redemption and bad family vacations. Performs at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035.

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## THEATER

# 'Serenading Louie' at Gunston's Theatre 2

## American Century revives Lanford Wilson play.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE GAZETTE

**A**rlington and greater Washington are fortunate to have The American Century Theater, a company that makes it their business to give theater audiences the opportunity to see full productions of plays that theater lovers always wished they'd seen. Right now, it is Lanford Wilson's "Serenading Louie" that they are bringing back to life. Few serious theater goers have seen this play because it is produced so infrequently.

Wilson is much better known for his more frequently produced plays such as the slightly quirky portrait of losers in a dilapidated hotel in Baltimore that is missing one letter from its fluorescent sign, "The Hot l Baltimore," or his touching, Pulitzer Prize-winning play for a cast of two, "Talley's Folly," which Dominion Stage gave such a lovely production of a few years ago.

The obscure reference of the title yields a clue as to the kind of drama this play offers. The "Louie" being "Serenaded" here is the one in the Yale drinking song about the "poor little lambs who have lost our way (Baa! Baa! Baa!)."

In the play, it is two marriages which have gone astray in suburbia, circa 1970. As with most Wilson plays, it is a conversational drama and it is in its language that Wilson demonstrates his strongest skills. Some will find the language beautiful and touching. Those are the ones who listen to dialogue with an ear for the turn of phrase, imagery and

momentum. Others will find it frustrating. They are the ones who want the author to get on with it ... "just let me learn what I need to follow the events of the plot." Which one are you? That is what will determine if you like the show or not.

During the first act you find yourself concentrating on who these four people are, what their backgrounds are and what has gone wrong with their marriages. It is clear from the first moment that the first of the two marriages is in trouble, and it certainly doesn't take long for the state of the second one to become obvious.

As Wilson specified, the shift from one home to the other doesn't involve changing the sets. Instead, it is clearly "Carl and Mary's home" or "Gabby and Alex's home" just by virtue of who is at home in it. It takes a few scene shifts to catch on to this concept, but it has the dual benefit of allowing nearly instantaneous transitions between scenes and emphasizing the playwright's view of the quality of life in suburbia. (Hint: he's not too wild about it.)

Deborah Wheatley designed a thoroughly satisfying set to serve as the two homes. It could have benefited from more sound absorbing material under its platform surrounding the sunken living room, for the echoey sound of the footsteps when the cast walks to the doors simply draws attention to the fact that they are on a stage. Andrew Griffin's lighting also draws a bit too much attention to the fact that the home is in a theater by being so dim that you wonder why the characters don't turn on some lights in their homes.

Wilson's male characters are the better developed and, therefore, the more interesting



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**Hans Dettmar as Carl with Vanessa Bradchulis as Mary.**

ones in the play. The failures of the marriages are really being examined through their eyes, with more attention to their expectations, desires and needs than those of their wives. We learn more about the men's worlds than we do about the wives'.

It isn't altogether surprising, then, that the performances of Theodore M. Snead, as an attorney with political ambitions that make at least the appearance of marital solidarity important, and Hans Dettmar, as a husband who can't quite figure out what to do with the knowledge of his wife's infidelity, are the most memorable. Snead is particularly good at getting the most impact not only out of Wilson's words, but out of the silences between them.

## Where & When

The American Century Theater's production of "Serenading Louie" plays through Aug. 21 at the Gunston Arts Center's Theatre Two, 2700 South Lang Street, Arlington. Performances are Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$26 - \$32. Call 703-998-4555 or log on to [www.americancentury.org](http://www.americancentury.org).

Dettmar erupts to great effect, but it takes him a while to build up his head of steam.

Their women (the characters do exist in the play simply as the men's women) are given some great lines when it serves the structure of the scenes. Vanessa Bradchulis adds layers of meaning to the halting half statements Wilson penned for the unfaithful wife, and Robin Covington is at her best when her character is confounded by her emotionally claustrophobic husband's reaction to her clinging.

Director Steven Scott Mazzola's touch in the first act is sure, pacing the scenes to build one on the other as the emotions heat up. He can't quite keep the momentum going after intermission, however. In part, this is a failure of the play itself. Wilson becomes too talky after intermission and his final plot development presents a challenge that the production doesn't quite meet, in part because the sounds of off-stage events are too soft and muffled to register with the dramatic impact Wilson obviously intended.

This may not be a perfect production, but it is not a perfect play either. Instead, this is probably the only chance you will have to see it for quite a while. The American Century Theater comes through again with a theatrical opportunity to be valued.

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## FINE ARTS



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### NOW THROUGH SEPT. 4

**"Sunflowers Say Summer."** Photography exhibit of sunflowers at Buzz Bakery, Coffee and Lounge, 901 Slaters Lane, Alexandria. The work of six metropolitan-area photographers will be on exhibit. Photographers Grayce Warren-Boulton, Candace Clifford, Sheila Galagan, Jo Ann Tooley, Pam Richmond and

Marge Silverberg are part of the f11, A Women's Photography Collective.

### AUG. 3 TO OCT. 3

**Photography Exhibition.** "You Are Who You Are," photographs by Louise Noakes; and "Shadow and Substance," photographs by Grace Taylor. Reception is Sunday, Aug. 8 from 2-4 p.m. At Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, #312, Alexandria. Call 703-683-2205.

### AUG. 4 THROUGH SEPT. 6

**"Scapes: The Annual Landscape Exhibit."** Artwork inspired by all environments may be a part of this exhibit – urban and rural, industrialized and primitive, coastal and arid, and works portraying the beauty and destruction created by Mother Nature. At the Art League Gallery. Opening reception: Thursday, Aug. 9, 6:30-8 p.m.

### AUG. 4 TO SEPT. 5

**Artist Genevieve Lynn.** "In Misty China" captures moments in landscape, people and culture. Opening reception is Saturday, Aug. 7 from 6-9 p.m. A Chinese brush painting demo and workshop will be held on Sunday, Aug. 8 from 3-5 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King street, Alexandria. Visit [www.jaderiverstudio.com](http://www.jaderiverstudio.com).

### AUG. 6-22

**Gathering of the Legends.** Meet Alexandria's Living Legends of 2009-2010 Photo exhibition, many of whom will be in attendance. Twelve individuals or teams were selected from among the nominees as the 2009-10 Living Legends of Alexandria – Chet Avery, Rosalind Bovey, V. Rodger Digilio, Nelson A. Greene, Sr., Alice Merrill and Linda Odell, T. Michael Miller, John Porter, Joan and John Renner, David G. Speck, Pat Troy, Lois Walker, and Betty R. Wright. Opening reception is Aug. 6 from 7-10 p.m. Artist's Talk/Q&A: The Art of Photojournalism, Aug. 12 from 7-8:30 p.m. Presented by the Del Ray Artisans. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-625-2330 or visit [alexandrialegends@earthlink.net](mailto:alexandrialegends@earthlink.net) or [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com).

### THURSDAY/AUG. 12

**Artists' Talk.** 7-8:30 p.m. "The Art of Photojournalism," at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Free. RSVP: 703-625-2330.

### AUG. 13 THROUGH SEPT. 29

**FEAR Exhibition.** Preview reception on Friday, Aug. 13 from 6-9 p.m. featuring Adam Garcia on the marimbas "Up Under the Roof" screening. At the Gallery at Convergence located at 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-998-6260 x3.

### NOW THROUGH AUG. 15

**Marsha Staiger and Alison Sigethy — Art in Balance: Rhythm and Repetition.** These two artists present an exhibit that investigates the paradox of balance, the nature of rhythm, and the beauty and order created by repetition. The Torpedo Factory Art Center's Target Gallery hosts the annual Artist of the Year exhibition, which is sponsored by the Friends of the TFAC. At 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, x4 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

### THURSDAY/AUG. 12

**Second Thursday Art Night.** 6-9 p.m. Free. Visitors are invited to browse open studios, interact with artists and are encouraged to bring a donation for Community Partners for Children or the ongoing Carpenter's Shelter Food Drive. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org); 703-838-4565 x2.

# COMMUNITY



## Basketball Camp

**From left are: Kyle Smith, Chris Cheng and Levon Bell at Coach Wootten's Basketball Camp in Frostburg, Md. All three played on the U13 Ft. Hunt Flyers summer team. Kyle's team came in 1st place in the SEC regular season and his team won the "Time & Score Tournament Champion" contest for which he received a trophy. Levon's team made it to the tournament final and his team won the "21 Tournament Champion" contest for which he received a trophy. Chris was selected as an All-Star and his team won the All-Star game. He also received the "Jack Bruen Memorial Award - Outstanding Camper" for his age group for which he received a trophy.**

## MVCCA BRIEFS

On Wednesday, July 28, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations convened to hear Supervisor Gerry Hyland brief the members on Board of Supervisors' matters, to receive updates on MVCCA Committee actions, and vote on proposed resolutions. The Mount Vernon Council will not meet again until September.

Hyland:

❖ Requested the Board of Supervisor's (BOS) support of his request for county staff to inspect telecommunications facilities on county land and work with operators to ensure they are safe, secure, and up to county standards. Photos of poorly maintained unsafe sites were circulated to BOS.

❖ Requested jointly with other members for the BOS to approve the design changes to Phase 3 of the Fairfax County Parkway Extension Project as outlined in the NEPA Re-evaluation document for Phase 3.

❖ Shared with Council members the joint Board letter signed by Chairman Sharon Bulova, Supervisor Jeff McKay and himself to the Virginia U.S. Congressional delegation expressing the sense of urgency to obtain the necessary

federal appropriations (\$150 million) to complete the transportation improvements in the Fort Belvoir-Route 1 corridor to ease traffic congestion projected by the federal Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) actions. The letter was sent July 27 in response to the recent decision by Congress not to include the previously agreed upon transportation funding in the Fiscal Year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill.

❖ Announced that his much anticipated Mt. Vernon "Visioning" Task Force will kick off its deliberations with a bus tour of Mt. Vernon District on Aug. 7. [Details on page 3.]

❖ Announced that he conveyed his opposition to the site location of the Cell Tower on the grounds of Carl Sandburg Middle School to Commissioner Flanagan. He also said that he would ask his Vision Task Force to look at the overall issue of cell tower locations throughout the Mt. Vernon District.

### COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS:

❖ Resolution to approve the site location of a cell tower on the property of Carl Sandburg Middle School was substituted by a new

resolution and passed to defer a vote on the proposal until additional information and sites were explored. The resolution to defer action on the Sandburg site was verbally conveyed to the Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan. [Details on page 3.]

❖ Resolution was passed to request the Board of Supervisors to evaluate the traffic, environmental, and zoning issues associated with the Mt. Vernon Ladies Association (MVL) proposal to build a Presidential Library and Convention Center in the immediate vicinity of the George Washington Estate. Concern was expressed that the original proposal for a Presidential Library for scholars had been substantially revised to include a convention center. This meant that a multitude of planning and infrastructure issues needed to be more fully explained as part of the proposal before county approval should be granted for the building construction. Among the issues discussed was the significance of traffic congestion that would be added to the existing commuter and tourist traffic.

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Linda DiVall, four-time state golf champion, at work in her Old Town Alexandria office at American Viewpoint, the political consulting company she founded in 1985.

## Birdies and Ballots

Alexandria political consultant is state champion in golf.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN  
FOR THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon.

**A**h, yes, the numbers. In Linda DiVall's two passions in life, numbers rule. In her day job as a political consultant and pollster, positive percentage points of public approval drive her clients' campaigns and strategies. While playing championship golf, DiVall comes negative numbers — those scores below par. She is doing well on both counts.

On July 30, DiVall won the Virginia Senior Women's Amateur Championship, her third title in the prestigious tournament since 2003. This year's victory at the Homestead's Old Course was especially satisfying to DiVall because it's a national election year, the biennial cycle that drives her company, American Viewpoint.

"I usually play less and often poorly during the run-up to an election," the Mount Vernon resident said after the tournament, "so this win is great."

In addition to her three match play championships in the Women's Senior Amateur, DiVall, also won the 2009 Virginia Senior Women's Stroke Play tournament. In local competition, she has been a stalwart on the women's golf team at her home club, Mount Vernon. The club has won nine of the last 11 team titles in the top division of Women's District of Columbia Golf Association, and since 1991, seven Virginia state team championships. She is a two-time women's club champion at

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**DIVALL IS ALSO** celebrating this summer the 25th anniversary of her Alexandria company, which she founded in 1985. American Viewpoint provides polling and strategic consulting services to Republican congressional and presidential candidates. Her clients have included McCain '08, Bush-Cheney '00 and '04, Newt Gingrich, Fred Thompson, Phil Gramm, both Elizabeth and Bob Dole, and Mary Bono. The com

**IN THIS YEAR'S WIN** at the Homestead in Hot Springs, DiVall easily earned a spot in the championship flight after posting a 4-over 76 in the 18-hole qualifying round. After comfortable wins in her first two matches, DiVall won a tough quarterfinal on the third extra hole. She then beat fellow Alexandrian Arline Hoffman from Belle Haven in a tight semifinal, 1-up.

Before the final match against Portsmouth's Cindy Morris, DiVall reoriented her strategy.

"I was convinced that I was too focused on playing my opponents in the quarters and semis, she said afterward. "So in the finals, I just concentrated on playing the golf course. I thought to myself, 'Play your game, focus on the target, execute, and hit the shot you need to hit.' I did that pretty well."

The new approach clicked, and she rattled off 15 straight pars before winning 2-up.

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Riverside Gardens Sets New Relay Record

The Riverside Gardens Tsunami swim team finished the season with a 3-2 record in Division 7 of the Northern Virginia Swim League. In the team's final meet, Tsunami swimmers turned in a strong win over Ravensworth with a score of 227-175 on July 24.

Riverside posted 21 first-place finishes.

Freestyle first-place finishers: Jack Garland, Alec Dubois, Paul Dubois, Sean Sullivan, Morgan Long, Carolyn Murphy, and Megan McCormick.

Backstroke first-place finishers: Jack Garland, Jonathan Letai, Patrick Murphy, Morgan Long, Camryn Scott, Madison Zdebbski, Karley Zdebbski.

Breaststroke first-place finishers: Michael Ryan Clark, Cecilia Fenton.

Butterfly first-place finishers: Alec Dubois, Paul Dubois, Sean Sullivan, Emma Klein, Megan McCormick.

Riverside swimmers also won nine out of 12 relay races.

In addition to the winning season, Riverside Gardens celebrated a new team record in the 200-meter relay, boys 15-18. At the NVSL All-Star Relay meet, the Riverside boys team — Kevin Grant, Sean Sullivan, Michael Ryan Clark, Patrick Murphy — swam their race with a time of 1 minute, 43:29 seconds to set a new record. They were seeded 12th in the all-star competition and they finished eighth.

### Aces Finish CRCBL Season

The Alexandria Aces closed the 2010 Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League season with three consecutive victories and finished in sixth place out of eight teams with a 17-25 record.

Alexandria defeated the Southern Maryland Nationals 15-5 on July 23, and swept a doubleheader from the Herndon Braves, 7-6 and 8-0, on July 24.

Pitcher Max Knowles (NC Wesleyan) finished as the league leader in wins (6) and strikeouts (60) and second in ERA (1.23). Catcher Will Davis (Pennsylvania) tied for the league lead in home runs (4) and fourth in RBIs (24). Outfielder Rand Ravnaas was third in the league in RBIs (26) and tied for third in home runs (3).

The defending champion Bethesda Big Train defeated the Baltimore Redbirds 8-4 on July 31 for the

league title.

### Aces Booster Club

The Alexandria Aces is launching its inaugural booster club. The club will support Aces baseball and assist in expanding the program to support an annual charitable golf tournament, awards and recognition banquet and preseason "meet the players" dinner. Proceeds from these events will go toward developing and improving the Alexandria Aces baseball program, supporting local high school student athletes, supporting local recreational activities, supporting Little League and more. The Aces are seeking people who are interested in serving on the Booster Board of Directors and are seeking corporate and business sponsors to support the events. Those interested in serving on the board or sponsoring any events should contact John Herrity at 703-930-9930 or by e-mail at john@AlexandriaAces.org.

### 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 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: wboger@aba.com

### 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 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.

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Pictured are Riverside Gardens coach Kevin Mallon, Kevin Grant, Sean Sullivan, Michael Ryan Clark, Patrick Murphy and coach Brendan Murphy.

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## SPORTS

# Political Consultant Is State Champ

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pany also provides survey research to private industry companies such as Corning, Pfizer, and Monsanto.

As a regular guest on broadcast and cable television networks shows, DiVall offers analysis and insights during national elections. CBS News personalities, from Dan

Rather to Katie Couric, have welcomed her insights in their Election Night coverage.

She enjoys the parallels between golf and politics.

"I'm a very competitive person," she said recently. "I enjoy helping my clients prevail in an election as much as winning a golf tournament."

## Bus Tour This Saturday

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the standing committees). No deadline has been set for committee reports but the entire effort is scheduled to conclude by the end of the year or shortly thereafter. The final recommendations will be made available to the public and will be posted on Hyland's webpage.

"We hope the Task Force will take a serious look at the challenges facing business and the economy along the Richmond Highway," said Holly Dougherty, executive director, Mt.Vernon - Lee Chamber of Commerce.

Cynthia Hull, executive director of United Community Ministries, said, "I think the creation of Gerry's Vision Task Force is an exciting opportunity for all of us who live and work in this area of the county to have an impact on the future of the community. ... My hope and expectation is that there will be an in-depth look at all that the non-profits contribute to the region and that the work of the Task Force will demonstrate more than ever that our community is a better place for individuals, families, and neighborhoods because of the services we provide."

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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, bocce, 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.

16 and 30. Camps run from 9 a.m.- 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.

## 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.

## 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 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](mailto:lbritton7@yahoo.com) to be put on the e-mail list.

## Indoor Baseball Training

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# NEWS

## River Death Investigated

On Sunday, Aug. 1, around 11:20 a.m., police divers located the body of the kayaker who went missing in the Potomac River. The body of Kenneth E. Huggins, 46, of Suitland, Md. was located near Dyke Marsh about a mile south of the Belle Haven Marina.

Huggins went missing while kayaking with a 19-year-old man on the river. Multiple jurisdictions responded and coordinated a search for over eight hours.

The circumstances of the incident remain under investigation.

## 100 Pounds of Marijuana Seized

Police seized approximately 115 pounds of marijuana during a highway interdiction operation on Wednesday, July 21. Two officers participating in the operation stopped an 18-wheeler for an equipment violation around 6:30 p.m. on Interstate 495 near Van Dorn Street. An investigation revealed the marijuana in the truck's attached trailer.

Two men from Miami, Fla., were each charged with transporting controlled substances into the Commonwealth and possession of marijuana with the intent to distribute. One man was additionally charged with possession of cocaine.

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

## Two-Alarm Townhouse Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a townhouse fire on Sunday, Aug. 1, at approximately 8:20 p.m. at 5206 Pleasure Cove Court. Fire and Rescue Department personnel arrived on the scene and saw fire and smoke showing from the roof and windows on all levels of the home with the interior of the townhome fully involved in fire. Due to heavy fire and the potential for spreading to adjacent townhouses a second alarm was struck, bringing over 60 firefighters to the scene. The fire was brought under control in approximately 35 minutes. Firefighters also checked the adjoining townhomes for extension of fire and evacuated those occupants as well.

Damage is estimated at \$167,060. The structure and the contents are a total loss.

This fire is currently under investigation.

## Correction

In "New High Rise Hotel Proposed," the July 22 story incorrectly states that the Mt. Vernon Council's APR Task Force supports the proposal to locate a high rise hotel on the southwest corner of Huntington ave and Route 1. The proposal (9-IV-3MV) is a parcel of land nominated for a full service hotel by the owner of the land.

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Joyce was always a leader, mentor and friend to other agents within the community. Agents will remember her wonderful brokers' opens, and neighbors will remember the US flags placed in yards for 4th of July holidays. Joyce was always the "go to" person for getting things completed. She was highly respected by fellow Realtors® and became a true friend to the clients she helped. Joyce was a part of over 3000 Real Estate transactions during her career.

Through her career, Joyce made time for involvement with community service organizations and charities. Joyce loved the Mt Vernon area and its people, she loved the business, and we at Weichert loved having her in our Weichert Real Estate Family. We will miss having her amongst us, but the energy and dedication she tirelessly demonstrated will continue to inspire us.

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