



Joanna Holcomb sets out more baked goods.



The Dahlstom's look carefully at the finely crafted needlework.

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Nelly's Needlers' Hosts Annual Fall Bazaar

On Saturday, 45 of Nelly's Needlers filled the Underwood Room at Woodlawn Plantation with baked delights and bounty of needlework at the annual fall bazaar.

Knitted items, hats, jackets, scarves, sweaters, crocheted pieces, needlework samplers and linens ... quilts and baby gifts and toys, holiday decorations and more.

Nelly's Needlers is a volunteer organization the sponsors programs and activities throughout the year at Woodlawn to promote the needle arts and to raise funds for Woodlawn. Currently, the group in raising money to redo the bathrooms in the mansion.

For more information on Woodlawn visit www.woodlawn1805.org



Marilyn Giovanette fastens a scarf.



Bazaar organizer Edie Bartlett shows off some of the crocheted and knitted items for sale.

Saudi School Lease Extended

Despite protest, Board of Supervisors approves temporary lease for Islamic Saudi Academy.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Opponents of the Islamic Saudi Academy howled with derision when supporters of the Richmond Highway facility defended their school Tuesday night, Oct. 19. One man shouted "bravo" and "encore" after every speech deriding the in-

stitution as a "terrorist training cell" or a "threat to America." Several people booed and hissed at the elected officials behind the dais at the Fairfax County Government Center. Tensions grew so thick at one point that Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) threatened to walk out of the public hearing rather than have it hi-

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Residents Critique Park Authority's Plan

More focus on preserving natural resources sought.

BY BRIAN CAIN
THE GAZETTE

The Fairfax County Park Authority received mixed reviews of its "Great Parks, Great Communities 2010-2020 Comprehensive Park System Plan," during a public meeting on Thursday, Oct. 14 at the South County Government Center. The meeting was the final of four meetings that previewed the draft plan and solicited public comment. The

draft plan was meant as a guide for park planners to balance acquisition, development and protection of parkland for the next decade.

While some local residents expressed thanks to the Park Authority for providing recreational spaces for children and adults, other residents complained that the plan was more focused on land acquisition than it was on preserving natural resources. Bob McLaren, who is a member of the Hayfield Farm Citizens Association, Lee District Land Use Advisory Committee and the Environmental Quality Advisory Council for Fairfax County, said the parks

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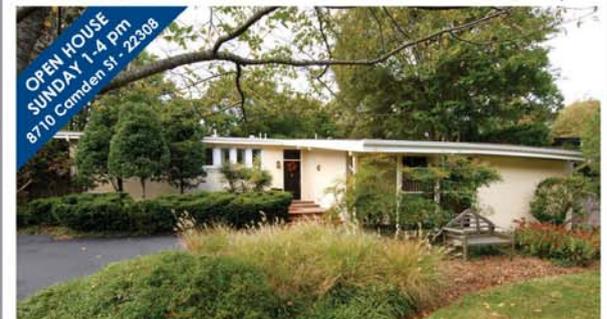
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PEOPLE

Fashion in Her Bones

Mount Vernon resident Kim Schalk takes on local fashion.

BY GRACE POWELL
THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon resident and fashion designer, Kim Schalk, can't ignore a good piece of fashion even if she wants to. "It does call me, it actually screams to me," she said.

Schalk, 44, opened her first fashion boutique, Betty, in Adams Morgan D.C. during the 1990s. The popular shop closed after the recession in 2000. Still Schalk kept her foot in the fashion industry.

Now she is ready to once more launch her designs throughout the Greater Washington region and eventually in fashion boutiques all over the US. "It's calling me back as loudly as ever," she said.

Schalk is a self-taught designer. She learned how to use a sewing machine by observing her mom and grandma. After college, she worked at Barneys in New York. Schalk's coworkers loved her skirt patterns and encouraged her to make more.

Schalk also remembers taking a class from a German seamstress who "had a very strict way about her." The class confirmed Schalk's fashion potential. "She put in my mind that 'oh' it's really not that hard."

The birth of "God Help Miss Agnes," Schalk's vintage inspired women's clothing line, came soon after. The line is full of handmade designs such as classy tailored blouses, skirts and purses.

Schalk's goal as a designer is simple. She wants to make clothes that are innovative, form fitting, good quality and affordable "all in one package." Those who know Schalk say she creates that and more.

"Gosh she has great design and is really, really fashion forward," Jeanie DerryBerry, Schalk's best friend, said.



Fashion designer Kim Schalk, wearing a top that she designed.

Many of Schalk's designs are inspired by mistakes. "This is when poor eye sight is an asset," she joked. For example, when Schalk enters a store, she zeroes in on things that catch her eye. She could glance at a plain coat and see major fashion potential. "What I see in my head is not what I see physically," she said.

Schalk's designs are featured at local fashion boutiques including: Nana, located in Washington D.C. and Periwinkle, located in Arlington and Alexandria.

Nana's owner, Jackie Flanagan, said shoppers have a "love at first sight" experience when they encounter Schalk's clothes at her shop. "It's so obvious that she has her own look that's kind of a va-va-voom-classic." Flanagan said. "There is always a sexy twist with her outfits."

Both Flanagan and DerryBerry believe Schalk could hands-down win Bravo's

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Kim Schalk designed this jacket.



The back of the Kim Schalk-designed jacket.



Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland and Shirley Robson browse through the tables of crafts on Saturday morning.

Center Hosts Annual Craft Fair

The Senior Center at Hollin Hall was bustling with shoppers on Saturday, Oct. 16, browsing through the dozens and dozens of items displayed and for sale at the annual fall craft fair.

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Renata Lynch and her granddaughter Julia Midelton.



Harriet "Sam" Foley displays her knitted hats and scarves at the fair.



Mary Ciske embroiders the face of new rag doll.



Lorraine Adams finishes tying a ribbon bow for one of her flower centerpieces.

NEWS

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The Rev. Howard John Wesley addresses the audience at the partnership signing.



Alfred Street Baptist Church Pastor, the Rev. Howard John Wesley signs the partnership agreement with Hybla Valley Elementary School Principal Dr. Lauren Sheehy.

Promoting Student Achievement

School, church sign partnership agreement.

Hybla Valley Elementary School (HVES) and Alfred Street Baptist Church (ASBC) signed an official agreement of partnership on Thursday, Oct. 14, to help promote student achievement through literacy.

ASBC pastor the Rev. Howard John Wesley and Hybla Valley School Principal Dr. Lauren Sheehy agreed to the following terms of the partnership: HVES will provide guidance in engaging the ASBC congregation in its efforts to enhance overall student achievement in the entire student population, identify needs and priorities for the literacy focus in addition to support at the annual book fair, pro-

vide supervision for all ASBC volunteers participating in school events and contribute feedback in reports evaluating the impact of the partnership. In turn ASBC will help at-risk children to purchase books during the annual book fair, volunteer to staff the book fair and other school activities during the year, assist the school in acquiring supplemental resources for the library and reading room, support informal learning activities such as field trip and engage HVES in church-wide projects targeting the community.

The partnership will focus on supplementing the resources in the reading room to expand opportunities for engaging the parents more aggressively in the learning process with the guidance of teachers. The partners also will leverage the resources of the community to support this literacy effort and provide more informal learning opportunities for disadvantaged students.

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Death in Rose Hill Area Classified as a Homicide

Police are investigating an apparent homicide that occurred around 11 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 14. The victim, identified as Wyatt Campbell, 18, of 6119 Rose Hill Drive in Alexandria, sought medical treatment at the Inova Springfield Healthplex around 10:30 p.m. and died shortly after 11 p.m.

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

Shooting Called Self-inflicted

Mount Vernon Police responded to a report of a shooting incident on the parking lot at the Huntington Metro, located at 2501 Huntington Avenue, on Monday, Oct. 4 around 10:24 p.m. Police were called by a woman who was concerned for a family member who failed to show up after agreeing to meet at the Metro.

Police located a 32-year-old man in a parking lot

suffering from a gunshot wound to the lower body. He was transported to Fairfax Hospital initially with life-threatening injuries. The victim's condition has since been changed to non-life threatening injuries.

Police have determined that the man involved in this incident had self-inflicted wounds and then drove himself to the parking lot at the Huntington Metro.

Good Shepherd Housing Highlighted

Mount Vernon-based Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services has been selected to be featured in the 2010-11 Catalogue for Philanthropy: Greater Washington. A panel of 100 expert reviewers from large and small foundations, corporate giving programs, giving circles, and peer nonprofits, evaluated nearly 250 applications; Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services is one of 70 outstanding nonprofits to be featured this year.

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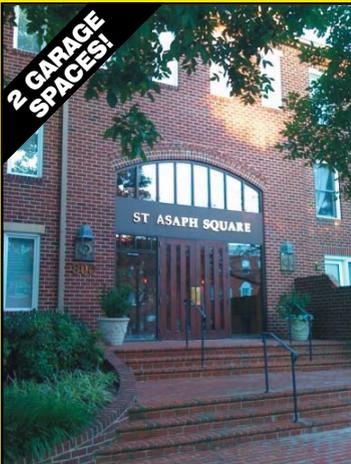
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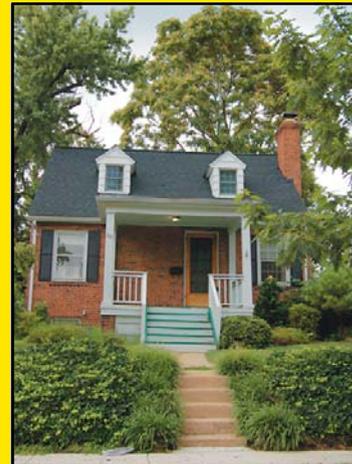
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Resident walkers Lucille McGary, Edward Faulstick, June Schaeffer and Jackie Burns were joined by Executive Director Robinette Todd, Director of Recreational Services Krista Wells, Recreation Assistant Ophelia White and Recreation Assistant Amy Edmondson. The team raised \$1,075 for the Alzheimer's Association.

Retiree June Schaeffer and her family participated in the walk in memory of her husband, Eugene, who died from Alzheimer's. He was a resident of Spring Cottage, Spring Hills Mount Vernon Assisted Living's secure memory care unit for residents with late-stage Alzheimer's and dementia. Schaeffer feels that Alzheimer's is a hidden disease and that walking in the Memory Walk was her way of paying tribute to her late husband while building recognition for the prevalent disease.

"My family and I are unfortunately not the only ones that have

lost someone to this terrible disease," said Schaeffer. "It's about time we find a way to treat it suc-

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Jim Moran in the 8th

Jim Moran knows a good thing when he sees it. Being in a position to deliver billions of dollars for innovative work into the local economy via defense and homeland security contracts is a good thing. He's correct that it's a major reason Northern Virginia's unemployment rate is half what is nationally. His efforts have played a significant role in bringing more than \$40 billion in government contracts specifically into the 8th district.

While Moran has been in Congress for nearly two decades, he started in local government in the City of Alexandria. Smart people who have cut their teeth at the local level and who have their hearts in the right place have a big leg up when it comes to representing their constituents well, especially here in the Washington region. Moran is a great example of this phenomenon at work over time. He is an effective advocate for rail to Dulles and other transportation improvements. He has been an advocate for the environment and the Chesapeake Bay, humane treatment of animals and equal pay for women. He is positioned to help the region make the best of BRAC and the unfortunate moving of 20,000 defense workers away from workplaces with access to Metro.

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Moran and his challenger Patrick Murray aren't playing to the center. Moran, aside from his role in delivering defense dollars to local contractors, swings to the left. He has challenged the Obama administration on Iraq and opposed the surge in Afghanistan. He predicts that without a change in approach, we'll have 100,000 troops in Afghanistan for more than a decade, an outcome no one embraces. Murray trumpeted the arrival of the "Bush/Cheney Alumni" into his Alexandria and Arlington based district. He is prone to begin sentences, "The founders of this country didn't intend ..."

Jim Moran's real opponent is voter apathy. He represents his district well, both functionally and in political views. He does need Democrats to come out and vote.

Connolly in the 11th

Much has changed since Gerry Connolly beat Keith Fimian two years ago in the race to replace retiring Tom Davis. Now we have a rematch between the two, but now, even more than two years ago, it's clear Connolly is the right man for the job.

Connolly brought his experience from serving on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with him to local government when he joined the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors first as the Providence District supervisor and then as chairman. He led the county with vision, enthusiasm and direction in booming times, seizing the opportunity to make major progress in the environment, transpor-

tation, affordable housing and other intractable problems. Connolly's intellect and drive supported the quality of life in Fairfax County.

Along with his local government credentials, Connolly brings more than a decade of experience on Capitol Hill in foreign affairs. Serving in Congress requires a different style from Connolly, but the detailed, hands-on experience from his years in local government combined with his intellect and grasp of the complex issues facing his district and the nation position him to accomplish much in Congress as well.

Connolly has bucked his party from the right, the opposite of Jim Moran, lobbying aggressively against allowing the tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans expire, saying it's not the time to raise anyone's taxes, representing the interests of one of the wealthiest congressional districts in the country.

If Keith Fimian were to be elected to Congress, Northern Virginia would be worse off. If Fimian understands the role of government or the complexities of either the local or national economy, he has not demonstrated that knowledge over the course of two campaigns. A successful businessman, if he is serious about entering public service, he should consider the path of Pat Herrity, John Cook or Jim LeMunyon, and start locally.

— MARY KIMM,

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See the League of Women Voters Guide in this edition of the Connection.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CCPA Gains Support

To the Editor:

The Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability (CCPA) has urged the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to appoint a Citizen Complaint Review Board to accept and investigate citizen allegations of police misconduct or negligence and make its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and the Chief of Police. This proposal has received resounding support from hundreds of ordinary citizens and nearly a dozen well-respected local, state and national organizations including the ACLU of Virginia, Fairfax Branch NAACP, National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, National Black Police Association, National Lawyers Guild, National Police Accountability Project, Racial Justice and Immigrants Rights Project and The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. A number of active and retired law enforcement officers have also endorsed the concept of a citizen review board. Among these were Washington D.C. police Chief Kathy L. Lanier who has gone on the record stat-

ing "Citizen Review Boards can play an important role in strengthening community trust in police."

CCPA is a pro-police advocacy group comprised of hundreds of grass roots citizens who have voiced their approval of a Citizens Complaint Review Board. Such a board would be comprised of one appointed citizen from each Fairfax County district who would be appointed by their supervisor.

Thus far, a number of supervisors have expressed their interest or support of the proposed board. Comments from supervisors include:

Chairman Sharon Bulova: "I look forward to working with the Chief to create a Citizen Review Board in Fairfax County."

Supervisor Foust: "I believe it is appropriate to consider the proposal for a Citizen Review Board."

Supervisor Frey: "I will keep an open mind in this matter."

Supervisor Gross: "I look forward to discussion creating a review board such as the one you propose."

Supervisor Herrity: "Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help."

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Benefiting Inova

Barbara Doyle, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, CEO, accepted a donation from Randy Bender of The Bender Group, which will assist in purchasing a Telemedicine System for the hospital on Oct. 6. This new technology will allow hospital staff to monitor patients remotely, decreasing the number of interruptions and encourage a more favorable environment for healing. The donation was made possible by contributions from golfers at the 12th Annual Bender Charity Golf Tournament held in June. Next year's Bender Group golf fundraiser for Inova Mount Vernon Hospital will be held June 6, 2011.

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Supervisor McKay: "I'm always looking for a way in which we can increase the accountability and transparency of our agencies."

Thus far, the Public Safety Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations has rejected the proposed Citizen Complaint Review Board and Supervisor Gerry Hyland remains uncommitted to the proposed board.

The era of "the police policing police" has ended. It's time the public has its say when citizens allege police misconduct or negligence. The Citizen Complaint Review Board is an absolute necessity now.

Nicholas R. Beltrante
Executive Director, CCPA

Unsatisfying Correction

To the Editor

I was very surprised to read a "Correction" in the recent opinion page of the Gazette, regarding alleged Mount Vernon Council "communication" with the SLCA. During the time in question, there was no information disseminated to the SLCA community regarding a clandestine proposal to create a public "park" within the Stratford Landing Community. Many of us were in a "panic" when we found out (with only a weekend to respond) there was a Compre-

hensive Plan Nomination in the works submitted by an outside organization, particularly after our community had overwhelmingly debated and decided this moot point. Yes, it was a moot point dragged out and even encouraged by our county supervisor who should have known that the county staff, attorney and common sense had precluded any "park" being created. Our community president was so much unaware about this; she had to send a representative (she was ill) on short notice to beg the MVCCA to defer a vote, which they so arrogantly declined. Before a "correction," I would expect some verification ... was the SLCA Executive Committee, or president contacted to verify the emails in question? Those emails mentioned should be "opinion." However, unsigned, they have been allowed to become hearsay. As for the original MVCCA proposal referring to a "... boardwalk or nature pathway," that's a park by most every definition.

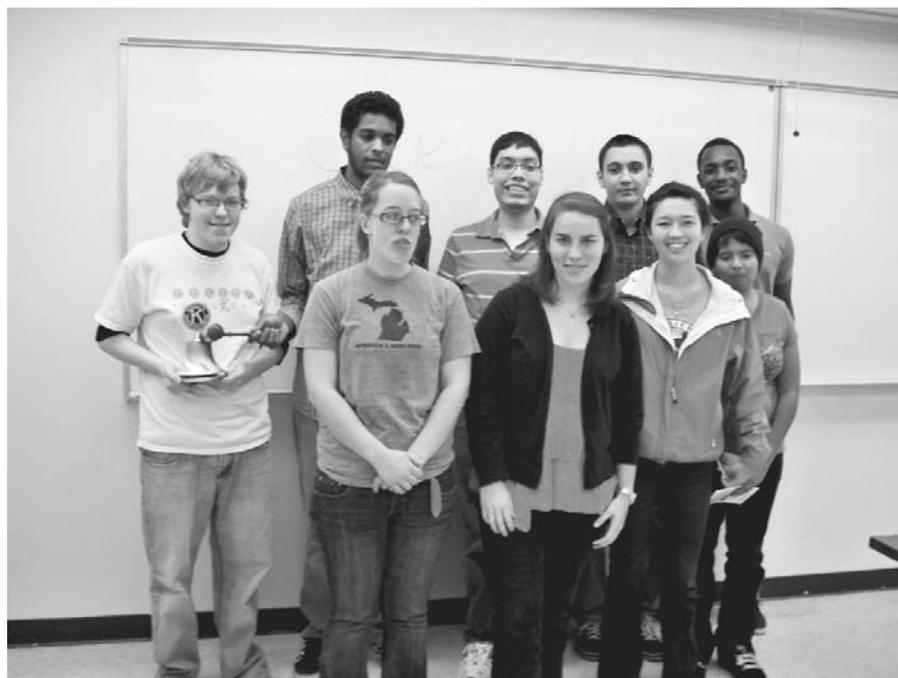
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Community Not Informed

To the Editor:

In writing letters to the editor, I strive to be accurate and factual, but I am not infallible. When a possible error occurs in a let-

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Community Service

Nine of the Kiwanis Club members at NOVA Community College (Alexandria campus) gather after their planning meeting on Oct. 13. At rear on left is VP Ryan Pierpoint, holding bell, and next to him is President "Ash" Elmelik, holding the gavel. Bruce Malkin, past president of their sponsoring organization, the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club, was in attendance and offered ideas and information to help them choose their activities, including a joint Food Drive on Oct. 30 outside the Hollin Hall Safeway, 7900 Fort Hunt Road, to benefit UCM's Food Pantry.



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Board Approves Temporary Lease for Saudi Academy

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jacked by a vocal group of opponents.

In the end, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors voted to extend the annual lease of county-owned land at 8333 Richmond Highway to Saudi Arabia. The agreement will generate \$2.6 million for the county, with an option to raise the rate 5 percent in two following years. Hyland said that he was sympathetic to those who raised concerns about the school, including several speakers noting of Ahmend Abus Ali, the Islamic Saudi Academy graduate who was convicted of trying to kill former President George W. Bush.

"I have a problem with that," Hyland told opponents shortly after offering a motion to extend the lease. "So do you."

The building on Richmond Highway was originally constructed by Fairfax County Public Schools. But by the late 1980s it was in disrepair and the school system decided it no longer needed the facility. In 1989, the county executed the first lease with the royal embassy of Saudi Arabia doing business as the Islamic Saudi Academy. The terrorist attacks in 2001 changed the perception of many Fairfax County residents, however. Now detractors say the school is indoctrinating a generation of radical Islamic terrorists who will try to implement Sharia law in America.

"Their graduates are a rogues gallery of people who spend their weekends photographing bridges," said James Lafferty, chairman of the Virginia Anit-Shariah Task Force. "Get as tough with those people as you do the people who aren't cleaning up their front yards."

THE SUPERVISORS docketed the academy's lease agreement at the end of a daylong session, which included several blight declarations. A handful of speakers expressed alarm that the county was will-



Jerry O'Dell speaks against the Islamic Saudi Academy.

"This school has been a darn good neighbor to the citizens that live closes to it."

— Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland

ing to take action against landlords who are unwilling to improve their property yet allow the academy to maintain operations. Others said they are still angry about the lease agreement supervisors approved two years ago.

"We're mad as hell," said Denise Lee of Act for America. "And we're not going to take it anymore."

School officials explained that they are not expecting to use the Richmond High-

way facility for the long term. The academy has another site on Pope's Head Road in Fairfax Station, and school officials say they are looking at other potential locations throughout the county. Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay said he was pleased the school system is examining the potential for doing something with the property after the academy's lease expires.

"We don't have a magnet school for the arts in this county," said McKay, whose district is across the street from the facility. "This would be an ideal location."

Many speakers who opposed the lease extension said they are concerned the school's textbooks may be teaching children to kill Christians, Jews and Americans. One woman waved a sheet of paper she said was

an instruction on how to remove hands and feet of infidels. Another speaker placed several dimes on the podium, which he said was a reference to the 30 pieces of silver paid to Judas Iscariot to betray Jesus Christ.

"This is a public safety problem," said Thomas Cranmer of Great Falls. "Would you approve a lease to a Nazi organization that wanted to put Jews in gas chambers?"

WHEN THE SPEECHES were over and it was time for the supervisors to consider the lease, Hyland produced several letters of support for the organization, which included the two neighborhood associations closest to the school. He also said he received letters of support from a handful of local businesses, and that he only heard from two constituents opposing the lease extension. The supervisor said the academy has been located on Richmond Highway for most of his time in elected office and that the school is widely considered a good neighbor in Mount Vernon.

"This school has been a darn good neighbor to the citizens that live closes to it," said Hyland. "The academy is not going to be there forever. We know that."

John Cook (R-Braddock) offered a motion that would have denied the lease extension in favor of finding an ultimate disposition of the property. Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) agreed with Cook, pointing out that the way agreement is worded the matter would be docketed for another public hearing until four years had elapsed. But a majority of supervisors moved forward with extending the lease, giving school officials more time to find an alternative location for the part of the Islamic Saudi Academy located on Richmond Highway.

"We will work to oust you," said Jerry O'Dell after the public hearing concluded. "Down with the tyrants who sit on our board."

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Citizens Ask Authority To Focus on Natural Resources

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natural resources have been underfunded for years.

"I can go down the list, as far as natural resources go, and they're dying," said McLaren. He cited the recent dam break at Kingstowne Park as one example. "Kingstowne Park just recently had a serious tragedy there when the dam broke. But even before this, the trails in Kingstowne Park were not maintained. There's been trees down for years across the trails. We really need to pay more attention to our natural resources."

Ned Stone, representing the Friends of Dyke Marsh, noted that although the draft plan addressed the issue of connectivity, it primarily concerned connectivity for humans — not animals.

"For creatures that cannot fly, connectivity means crossing the road — and we all know about road kill," said Stone. He said

other counties provide crossing structures that allow animals to cross under roadways, allowing them safe passage from one natural habitat to another. "I am not aware of any [crossing structures] in Fairfax County."

Some of the complaints stem from funding issues. John Dargle, director of Fairfax County Park Authority, admits the park authority does have some weaknesses and that budget reductions in the past four years has not helped the situation.

"We definitely have an old system that needs to continually be repaired, maintained and replaced," said Dargle. He said the system requires large amounts of money to maintain and the system relies on bonds. He noted the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has recently put a park bond on hold. "Currently our capital budget is not sufficient to stay up with an aging infrastructure, but we have



Bob McLaren addresses Fairfax County Park Authority.



Ned Stone represented the Friends of Dyke Marsh.

dedicated a lot of our bond dollars and tried to extend those dollars over the last several years to look at repairing and replacement of facilities that generate revenue so that we can be sustainable."

The Park Authority is accepting comments

concerning the "Great Parks, Great Communities" draft plan until Nov. 15. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/greatparks/ to submit comments online. The final plan will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors in 2011.

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CRIME

Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon police department through Oct. 15.

ROBBERY

Three men robbed a 24-year-old man of his wallet and cell phone on Saturday, Oct. 9 around 4:17 a.m. in the 3900 block of Woodhue Place. The victim was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

BURGLARY/ ARREST

A 16-year-old boy was arrested after allegedly breaking into a trailer at the Quander Road School, 6400 Quander Road, just after midnight on Sunday, Oct. 10. He was charged with burglary, possession of burglarious tools and destruction of property. He was additionally charged with telephone threats for allegedly sending threatening text messages to a family member.

ROBBERY/ ARREST

Two men were arrested for allegedly robbing a 35-year-old man in the 6100 block of Richmond Highway around 11:33 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 10. A 29-year-old male and a 35-year-old male, both of no fixed address, were charged with robbery. The victim and both suspects were treated at the scene for minor injuries sustained during the alleged crime.

ROBBERY/ ARREST

Police arrested a man for allegedly robbing a 20-year-old man in the 8000 block of Richmond Highway around 7:15 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 11. A 20-year-old male of the 7900 block of Audubon Ave. was charged with robbery. Additional warrants on a second suspect are pending.

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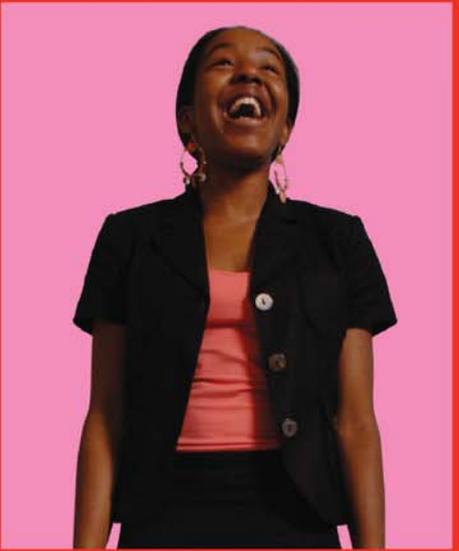
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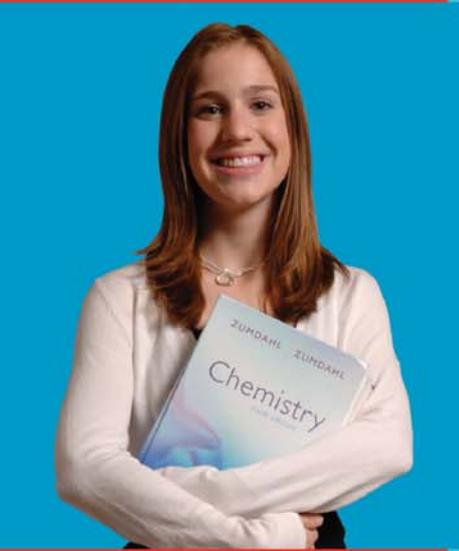
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ter to the editor or article, a person believing there is an error has two options: (1) they can write a letter to the editor identifying the error and signing their name to the letter, or (2) they can contact the editor and ask that a "Correction" be published while remaining anonymous.

Two weeks ago, my letter was published concerning the saga of the MVCCA's attempt to seek a Comprehensive Plan (CP) amendment concerning the Little Hunting Creek pumping station. In my letter, I related my communication with the president of the Stratford Landing Citizens' Association (SLCA) on Aug. 28, 2009 and how she was completely surprised by the information I gave her that the MVCCA was contemplating a pumping station nomination including a public access park feature. I also related that she immediately contacted the MVCCA and requested that the park language be removed from the proposed nomination and that the MVCCA complied with this request. I also stated that the MVCCA never formally notified the SLCA concerning the proposed nomination.

Someone contacted the editor and requested that a correction be published. The editor complied, publishing a correction stating that SLCA officials were notified of the proposed nomination in emails

dated July 4, August 21 and August 28 presumably in 2009. The correction also stated, in an impressive example of "hair-splitting," that: "While the original proposal referred to a boardwalk or nature pathway, eventually deleted, it was not precisely referred to as a park." Taking these issues up seriatim, I respond as follows:

Concerning the alleged emails, the question is what was the proposed language of the proposed nomination when the SLCA was allegedly notified? I would be more than surprised if the park language was included prior to August 28, 2009. I challenge the correction requestor to authorize the Gazette to publish the emails so Gazette readers can see for themselves whether the park language was included in those notifications.

My comments were based on (1) the SLCA president's utter surprise at hearing about the nomination on August 28, 2009, (2) her immediate request to the MVCCA that the park language be removed, demonstrating her lack of prior knowledge, and (3) and the fact that the MVCCA nomination process had been going on since April 2009 yet I did not recall the SLCA providing any notice to the community about the pumping station nomination on its website or in its newsletter prior to August 28, 2010.

Concerning the park language, here is the language that was deleted at the request of the SLCA

president: "Community-serving public facilities might support passive uses to promote watershed stewardship and wetlands study, for example a boardwalk and nature pathway to provide walking access to Little Hunting Creek and its wetlands. Any such uses should address neighborhood concerns about security and parking." Those who reside in Stratford Landing and who have been forced to confront this issue for many years know that the quoted language refers to a public park.

The Stratford Landing community was provided 2006 reports from the County Attorney and the County Risk Management Assessment department making it clear that public access to county-owned facilities such as the pumping station could not be limited solely to the adjacent Stratford Landing community. The County Attorney stated that limiting access just to Stratford Landing residents would constitute an "unlawful gift." The Risk Management report stated: "If we are going to allow public access, then it must be accessible to the entire public." No amount of hair-splitting can change the fact that the language deleted from the MVCCA nomination would have "paved" the way for a public park at the pumping station. Thankfully, it's gone.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

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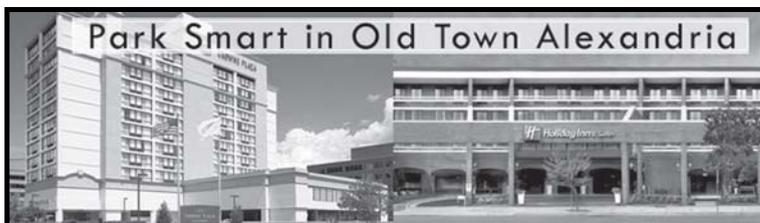
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Donnan C. Wintermute 703-518-6156



South Meadows \$244,731
7505-L Calderon Court, Alexandria VA 22306

Great 2BR, 2BA condo with vaulted ceilings, sunroom, open floor plan, fireplace and balcony overlooking trees/common area. Nice kitchen, washer/dryer, plenty of parking, pool and low condo fee. Great value.



Yvonne S. Croft 703-973-1540



Huntley Meadows \$445,000
7012 Polins Court, Alexandria VA 22306

Best Buy in 22306! Seller has purchased HOC and will credit for kitchen countertop upgrade! Inviting colonial on cul-de-sac with wonderful private backyard & deck. 3 bedrooms, den and 3.5 baths all on 3 fully-finished levels.



Phyllis Patterson 703-518-6158



Stratford \$699,000
1900 Sword Lane, Alexandria VA 22308

Mint Condition. \$60k in recent improvements. 4BR, den, 2.5BA, dream kitchen w/granite, stone backsplash & SS appls. Renovated bath, HW floors, screened porch, flagstone patio & landscaped/fenced backyard.



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Old Town \$707,000
904 Oronoco Street, Alexandria VA 22314

Price Reduced! One of a kind, detached home in Old Town. Unique in character with lots of storage. Off-street parking, plenty of light and great finishes. Don't miss out on this opportunity.



Bob Kuletz 703-615-2626



Braddock Heights \$699,900
2503 Farm Road, Alexandria VA 22302

Open Sunday 1-4pm Charming 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home with updated kitchen, fireplace, hardwoods and lovely backyard. Many major updates and minutes to DC, 395, airport & Pentagon.



Mary Cay Harris 703-981-9976



Potowmack Crossing \$225,000
1716 W. Abingdon Dr #202, Alexandria VA 22314

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Old Town \$525,000
809 Gibbon Street, Alexandria VA 22314

Beautifully renovated Old Town townhouse. Offering 2 master suites, 2.5 renovated baths, gourmet kitchen, brick fireplace, crown molding, private patio and parking.



Joy Deevy 703-930-5198



Hayfield View \$339,900
7447 Duddington Drive, Alexandria VA 22315

Just Listed! Minutes from Kingstowne. 3 level sunlit updated townhome with 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, fireplace and fenced backyard overlooking the pond. HVAC unit, windows all replaced and fresh paint. Move in ready.



Bonnie Rivkin 703-598-7788



Torpedo Factory \$570,000
125 North Lee Street # 502, Alexandria VA 22314

Penthouse with Soaring Ceilings. Steps to the Potomac and King Street, views of Alexandria. One bedroom with den/guest area and two full bathrooms.



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Mount Vernon firefighter Gregory Merryman helps Scarlett Brown work the fire hose.



Mount Vernon firefighter Lauren Costello explains to the children the safest methods when dealing with a home fire.

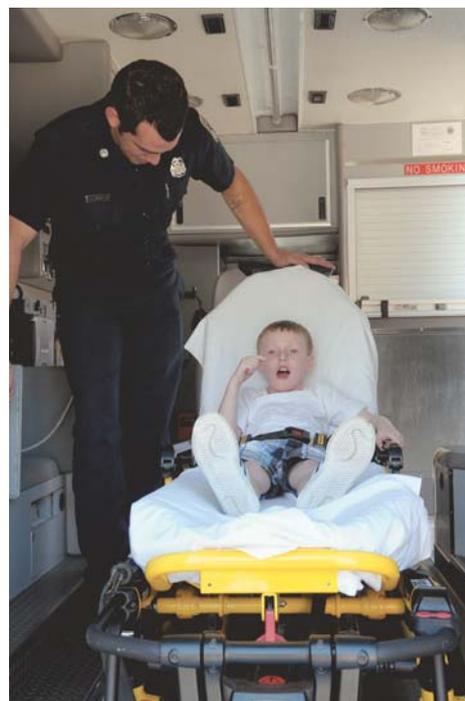
Teaching Fire Safety

An open house for Fire Safety Month was held at all the Fairfax County Fire Stations earlier this month.

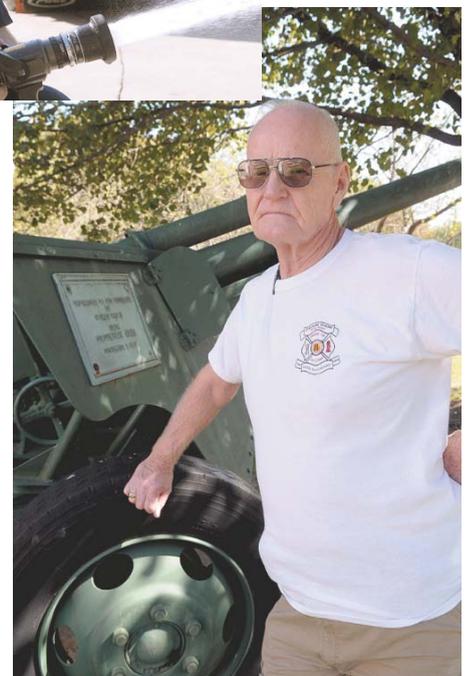


Penn Daw Fire Captain Glenn Mason shows his daughter Amber how to work the fire hose.

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LOUISE KRAFFT/
GAZETTE



Firefighter John Wright Sol shows Nicholas Fossum about the workings of the EMS ambulance.



Retired Fairfax County firefighter Buzz Jackson stands in front of the cannon that is the Penn Daw Station mascot. The cannon was brought to the firehouse and dedicated to the veterans of WWII from the Groveton area on December 7, 1947.

HOME SALES

SEPTEMBER 2010
\$1,277,500 ~ \$310,000

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
6210 RANDALL CT	5	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,277,500	Detached	0.28	BELLE HAVEN		
3000 CUNNINGHAM DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,237,500	Detached	0.46	WESSYNTON		
5412 GRIST MILL WOODS WAY	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$824,750	Detached	0.73	GRIST MILL WOODS		
6907 ANDOVER DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$800,000	Detached	0.29	WESTGROVE		
7403 FORT HUNT RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$777,500	Detached	0.70	VILLAMAY		
3612 OLD VERNON CT	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$768,000	Detached	0.45	PETTITTS LANDING		
918 DARTON DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.30	WAYNEWOOD		
8511 BUCKBOARD DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$695,000	Detached	0.26	RIVERSIDE GARDENS		
1601 BELLE HAVEN RD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Townhouse	0.14	OLDE BELHAVEN TOWNE		
2103 MARTHAS RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$640,000	Detached	0.43	HOLLIN HILLS		
1206 H ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$639,999	Detached	0.17	NEW ALEXANDRIA		
8719 WATERFORD RD	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$639,900	Detached	0.31	STRATFORD LANDING		
1321 BUNKER HILL RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Detached	0.26	HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE		
9218 VOLUNTEER DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$595,000	Detached	0.48	MT VERNON FOREST		
2401 ELBA CT	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$590,000	Detached	0.41	HOLLIN HILLS		
1515 BELLE HAVEN RD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$585,000	Townhouse	0.13	OLDE BELHAVEN TOWNE		
3201 BATTERSEA LN	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$574,000	Detached	0.31	RIVERSIDE ESTATES		
8325 FLEETWOOD CT E	5	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Detached	0.36	COLLINGWOOD SPRINGS		
1811 DUFFIELD LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Townhouse	0.04	BELLE HAVEN ON THE GREEN		
1113 MORNINGSIDE LN	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Detached	0.50	WELLINGTON HEIGHTS		
2055 BLUNT LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$510,650	Townhouse	0.03	HUNTINGTON RESERVE		
3860 ELMWOOD TOWNE WAY	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$505,000	Townhouse	0.05	ELMWOOD		
2907 DOUGLAS ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Detached	0.15	THORNROSE		
8021 CANDLEWOOD DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$455,000	Detached	0.32	KIRK		
1913 ROLLINS DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$422,000	Detached	0.17	BUCKNELL MANOR		
8213 TIS WELL DR	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.06	HUNTINGTON AT MT VERNON		
8614 VERNON AVE	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$399,000	Detached	0.10	MOUNT VERNON HILLS		
5909 EDGEHILL DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$386,000	Semi-Detached	0.08	JEFFERSON MANOR		
2769 CARTER FARM CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Townhouse	0.06	HUNTINGTON AT MT VERNON		
8404 RICHMOND AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$365,000	Detached	0.43	MT ZEPHYR		
3601 RANSOM PL	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$361,000	Townhouse	0.06	HUNTINGTON MEADOWS		
4309 ROLLING STONE WAY	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$349,000	Detached	0.22	STONEBROOKE		
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6360 CHIMNEY WOOD CT	2	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.05	SOUTH KINGS STATION		
3773 SHANNONS GREEN WAY	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Townhouse	0.03	MOUNT VEE MANOR		
7113 HUNTLEY CREEK PL #44	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$339,000	Townhouse	0.00	GROVETON WOODS		
2458 WINDBREAK DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$331,000	Townhouse	0.06	MT VERNON SQUARE TOWNHOUSES		
8308 HUNTER MURPHY CIR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.03	MOUNT VEE MANOR		
4718 LAURIEFROST CT	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Townhouse	0.03	SKYVIEW PARK		
8108 KEELER ST	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$329,000	Detached	0.28	WOODLAWN TERRACE		
5853 MOUNT VERNON DR	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$319,950	Duplex	0.08	ANNALANE TERRACE		
7147 HUNTLEY CREEK PL #61	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$318,000	Townhouse		GROVETON WOODS		
2838 FAIRHAVEN AVE	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$310,000	Duplex	0.09	JEFFERSON MANOR		
2228 HUNTINGTON AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$310,000	Duplex	0.08	HUNTINGTON		
8453 HALLIE ROSE ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$310,000	Townhouse	0.03	SKYVIEW PARK		
8800 BEAUCHAMP DR	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$310,000	Detached	0.50	COLONIAL ACRES		

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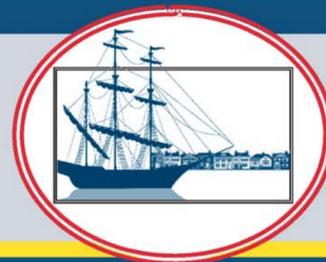
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7106 Colgate Dr
\$535,000
Hollin Glen-Super Value!

MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! OWNER WANTS IMMEDIATE SALE. Owners have priced to sell immediately! Spacious home in prime location just minutes from Old Town. Many special features include: updated kitchen, 4 large BRs, 3BAs, hwd flrs, fin LL, 2 fireplaces, fenced in rear yard with two level deck. Move fast nothing like it at this price in prime "close-in" market! OPEN SUN 10/24, 1-4. GW Pky S, R-Belle Haven Rd; L-Fort Hunt Rd; R-Rollins; L-Colgate.



7115 Colgate Dr
\$755,000
Updated and Expanded!

Expanded colonial in prime location just minutes from Old Town. Many fabulous features include: exceptionally large room sizes, first floor family room, updated custom kitchen and baths, finished lower level and expanded master suite with luxury bath and cavernous walk-in closets. Stunning custom sunroom overlooks gorgeous pool and grounds. Uniquely fabulous home. OPEN SUN 10/24, 1-4. GW Pky S, R-Belle Haven Rd; L-Fort Hunt Rd; R-Rollins; L-Colgate.



3427 Ramsgate Terr
\$539,000
Like New by Wakefield!

Total renovation by area's leading custom builder! This home was stripped to the shell and re-built to the highest standards. Many fabulous features typically found in builder's million dollar custom homes include: stunning gourmet kit, custom hardwood floors, thermal windows, main level master bedroom, 3 new baths and finished lower level. New home luxury at re-sale price. Unique opportunity! OPEN SUN, 10/24, 1-4. S GW Pkwy; Sharp R on 235; R-Battersea; L-Wagon Wheel; L-Ramsgate.



6918 COLUMBIA DR
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\$ 449,000

NOTHING TO DO BUT MOVE RIGHT IN! Totally redone - all new kitchen w/granite, 4 bedrooms, 2 new baths, new plumbing and wiring, beautiful hardwood floors, detached garage w/ workshop or studio. Convenient to public transportation. Located close to Old Town and National Airport. For an appointment to see, call...

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6371 ALDERMAN DR / Alexandria
\$ 689,000

Kingstovne living at its finest. Landmark colonial style 4BR, 3.5BA. home privately nestled behind mature trees & shrubs. Upgrades include: enclosed sunroom, large UL family room/bedroom, moldings, warm wood floors, gas fireplace, brick driveway, 2-car garage and so much more. Many community amenities & EZ commuting everyw here.

Michael Manuel 703.615.6317



JUST REDUCED!
5836 BERKSHIRE CT
Huntington
\$ 415,000

WHAT A PRICE for a brick end townhouse with garage and huge oversized lot, walking distance to Metro. Just reduced for quick sale, this 3 level, 3.5BA also has a country kitchen w/fireplace & rec room wood stove, along w/patio. Call Renee.

ReneeSellsAlexandria.com
Renee Reymond 703.507.5330



6515 Princeton Dr
\$795,000
Classic Colonial - Near Old Town!

Spacious home in Belle Haven area. Center hall colonial features open kit w/SS appliances and granite counters, large room sizes, 3 fin levels, 4BRs & 2 car gar. Formal living and dining rooms, family room off breakfast area. Prime "close-in" location. Two tiered deck and seasonal river views.



9110 Congressional Ct
\$725,000
Classic Mount Vernon Colonial

One of Mt. Vernon area's most imposing homes. Stately columned front and exceptionally large lot with custom pool creates true "estate" feel to this special property. Features include: large room sizes, 3 finished levels, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, 3.5 baths, masonry fireplace & large garage. Gorgeous setting on fenced lot in prime location on quiet cul-de-sac just off parkway.



9516 Mt. Vernon Landing
\$1,999,000
Waterfront - Major Price Adjustment!

Re-Introduction to market! New price on custom waterfront home in spectacular setting with long water frontage and sweeping water views. Many features including: 3 levels with full walk-out water view lower level, 6 bedrooms, open Kit/Family Room with stone fireplace and dramatic water view deck. Water view master suite features large sitting room with fireplace. Significant cosmetic work just completed. Super Value!



JUST LISTED!
ALEXANDRIA CITY
Malvern Hill
\$ 949,900

Well maintained all brick Colonial on large, level lot with 4BR, 2.5BA. Highlights: formal living & dining rooms, cat-in kitchen, family room, laundry room, lower level rec room, 3 fireplaces, and deep backyard with patio. Sold as-is.

Dayna Blumel / Kerry Adams 703.587.7841



8302 CENTERBROOK PL
Mt Vernon
\$ 970,000

RENOVATED 5BR/4.5 BA colonial-style home with over 5,300sqft. Highlights: Beautiful sunroom addition; gourmet kit w/granite, center island, breakfast area leads to huge family rm w/gas frpl; deck & patio, rec & exercise rooms, wet bar, professional landscaping, sprinkler sys. & more!

Brad Kintz 703.519.6644



PRICE REDUCED!
1250 S WASHINGTON ST
Porto Vecchio #314
\$ 450,000

EXCELLENT VALUE! & OPPORTUNITY! Elegant 2BR/2BA one-lvl residence features designer paint, crown molding, hardwood floors & is in immaculate condition. Garage, 24-hr desk, pool, tennis, security. Owners enjoy amenities galore including limo service.

Pat Tierney 703.850.5630



9316 Heather Glen Dr
\$650,000
Price Slashed! Large Colonial!

The most house for the money in area! 3 level, 4BR, 2 car garage colonial with the most spectacular family room addition you will ever find! Curved all glass walls and screen porch overlook fabulous custom pool. Originally priced in the \$800's. Owner wants immediate sale and has slashed the price accordingly!



4117 Robertson Blvd
\$719,000
Updated Throughout!

Owner just spent thousands on upgrades. All the work has been done for you. Move right in and enjoy! Classic colonial w/2 car side load garage. Elegant foyer, formal dining room w/built-ins, family room off kit leading to deck. Table space kitchen features silestone counters. Lower level boasts rec room, den, full bath & storage. 2 fireplaces, 4 bedroom, 3.5 baths. Huge lot with mature trees & gardens. Stunning!



8709 Gateshead Rd
\$579,500
Spacious Colonial-Gorgeous Setting!

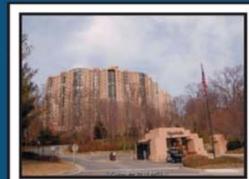
Classic center hall colonial in uniquely beautiful setting. This exceptionally well maintained home is in "move-in" condition. Popular floor plan with open kitchen-family room, 4BR, including private suite. Fin walk-out lower level. Updated kitchen with granite countertops and custom cabinetry. Other features include covered parking for 2 & screened porch overlooking parkland.



1250 S WASHINGTON ST #805
Porto Vecchio
\$1,250,000

WATERFRONT PENTHOUSE has stunning river & National Harbor view, 2,400sqft, w/an octagonal marble ctr hall, wood burning frpl, and his and her MBAs. The open floor plan leads to a sunny solarium, kit and MBA have been renovated & many designer details!

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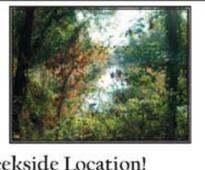
9316 Allwood Dr
\$499,500
Absolutely Impeccable!

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.



3618 Old Vernon Court
\$859,900
Stately Colonial-Prime Location!

Stately COLONIAL-PRIME LOCATION! Exciting new listing, classic colonial with updated modern floor plan. High ceilings, 3 finished levels, bright, open floor plan, gourmet kitchen, stunning master suite. THIS HOME HAS IT ALL! Fabulous location at the end of quiet cul-de-sac with gorgeous level, fenced yard with irrigation system. Nothing like it on the market at this price!



New Home-Creekside Location!
8826 Camden St \$874,900
Unique opportunity-Brand new custom home by Wakefield on stunning large tract spanning both sides of creek in prestigious Stratford Landing. Fabulous floor plan loaded with upgrades! Call for details!



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
7501 TOLL CT
Alexandria
\$ 649,000

HOUSE BEAUTIFUL! 3 lvl center-hall brick colonial-Expanded/renovated kit w/ Palladian window overlooking priv fenced bkyd-deck, brick patio-sep DR, FR w/frpl, Mstr BR/BA/dressing rm - updated BA - Full bsmt w/lg fin rec rm & storage/utility room.

Franki Roberts 703.898.0840



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
1911 JAMESTOWN RD
Alex / \$ 450,000

This home is ready for you! 3BR, 1BA in Hollin Hill Village. Beautiful refinished hwd, wood fireplace, fenced backyard. Unfinished basement plumbed for bath & too many more upgrades to list! www.susanmovesyou.com

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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4
414 PARK AVE
City of Falls Church
\$ 875,000

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PEOPLE

Fashion in Her Bones

FROM PAGE 3

"Project Runway," a show where designers compete to win \$100,000 for a fashion line and other prizes.

Schalk tried out for Project Runway three times.

The third time Schalk tried out, she was pregnant with her third child. She had morning sickness and a strep throat during her audition but her portfolio was solid. Christian Siriano, a Project Runway winner, dubbed her designs "fierce."

Still, despite Schalk's design talent, witty personality and quirky sense of humor, she believes she just has not fit the reality TV formula, yet. "They don't realize that she's gold," Derryberry said.

In the end, Schalk balances fashion with family. She loves her husband, three young children and lives life as a full-time mom and full-time designer.

"Basically, every free minute she gets she's working on her design," Schalk's husband, Foster Friedman said.

Friedman said Schalk can make anyone look their best. "One her greatest talents is taking an individual, telling them what to wear and making them look better than they ever have in their life," Friedman said. "It's absolutely amazing."

Schalk said her love for fashion is hard to



A dress that Kim Schalk designed.

explain. "It's like how certain people like butterscotch," she said. "It's just about loving it, it's a calling."

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Asian Art Records Set at Potomack Company Sale

The Potomack Company auction house in Alexandria established itself as an industry leader at its October Auction by achieving record prices for Asian works of art with 124 Asian lots bringing \$1,112,000 in vigorous international bidding.

The Potomack Company achieved the third highest record worldwide for a Chinese Carved White Jade Table Screen (Lot 74) that brought \$411,250. In the last 25 years, approximately 400 Chinese jade table screens have sold worldwide at auction, and in that time only two higher sale prices for similar items have been realized at Christie's Hong Kong and London.

The Potomack Company also set a world record for a Chinese Jade Partial Zodiac Set (Lot 61) that sold for \$164,500.

Asian jade at the Potomack Company's Oct. 2 sale surpassed the previous Washington area record by over \$400,000. Gallery owner Elizabeth Wainstein attributes the success of the auction house to "the caliber and experience of our specialists as well as our strategic location in the Washington, D.C. area. It has been exciting to see Washington emerge as a world financial center with access to an international population of discriminating collectors and buyers."

"There is now another name to add to the list of auction houses competitive in the Asian market," says The Potomack Company's Asian arts specialist Pamela Cole. "Clients have another option besides going to Hong Kong or London to realize significant prices for their Asian art."

Bidders present in the gallery flew to Alexandria from Hong Kong, Singapore and Beijing to participate in person. Other clients in the United States and foreign countries competed for the art by telephone and internet bidding.

The October auction had a charitable component as well, with the sale of the red-and-gold tulle dress worn by reality television star Michaele Salahi to the White House State Dinner as an allegedly uninvited guest last November. The dress sold for \$7,000, with \$3,435 from sale proceeds to be forwarded to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and \$2,061 to the Clinton Bush Haiti Fund.

Arlington Players Stage Musical 'Cabaret'

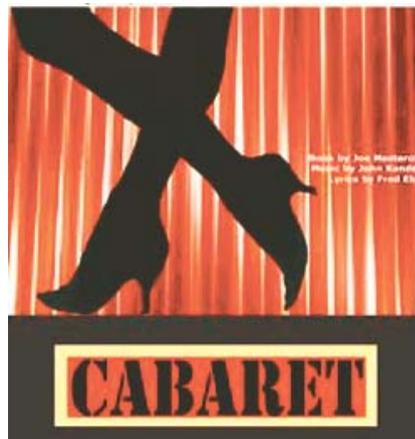
Izquierdo, Harrison and Kiesling headline cabaret.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

For over 40 years, theatergoers who have come to see the musical "Cabaret" expecting an evening of light escapism have been in for a shock. Interspersed with some of the most clever lyrics and catchy tunes to be found in a musical of the 1960s is a message of emotional power about the consequences of ignoring the rise of evil. When the swastika banners descend, bringing an end to the party at Berlin's Kit Kat Klub, the impact can be breathtaking.

"Cabaret" is the Kander and Ebb musical (book by Joe Masteroff) that was a great hit on Broadway, became a hit movie, hit big again with a Broadway revival and has been produced in our area by professional theaters (Signature Theatre, Arena Stage), indoor community theaters (Little Theatre of Alexandria), outdoor community theaters (the Annapolis Summer Garden), and even youth theaters (The Wildwood Summer Theatre). With so many memories of prior productions to compete with, the Arlington Players' production draws from rather than battling those memories, and doesn't pull any punches in the climax of the story of an American writer who witnesses Germany's willful disregard of the danger of Nazism.

In its current production of "Cabaret," the Arlington players have tackled yet another one of Broadway's more challenging major musicals. They have done well by "Ragtime," "Follies" and "Sweet Smell of Success" in the past and now add "Cabaret" to the list. The evening jumps about a bit as the story shifts from the forced gaiety of Berlin's decaying cabaret society and the even harsher reality in the "real world" of a rooming house, but it comes together just in time to score its emotional final point.



Director Malcolm Edwards fields a large cast on the even larger stage of the Thomas Jefferson Theatre and stages some of the early scenes with a careful combination of celebratory abandon in the early Kit Kat Klub sequences and a more personal touch for the scenes in the rather dilapidated rooming house where the personal side of the show plays out.

ANDY IZQUIERDO, the award-winning and always reliable leading man, plays the bizarre master of ceremonies at the Kit Kat Klub. He delivers the best singing and some of the best dancing of the evening with "Wilkommen," "Two Ladies," "The Money Song" and the emotionally shocking "If You Could See Her." He brings a star power to the role and plays it without the white-face sexual ambiguity of Joel Gray's original. This lets a hint of Izquierdo's clean cut good looks of a healthy nice young man shine through which gives the "Emcee" a strange touch of decency that conflicts with the character.

The best acting of the evening comes from Scott Harrison as the American writer through whose eyes the story is told. Harrison is making his debut with the Arlington Players and it is one that should earn him opportunities at this and other theaters in the area. He's entirely convincing in a role that has been a problem for actors with less experience. His singing is acceptable as well.

The role of the cabaret headliner who

Where & When

The Arlington Players' production of "Cabaret" plays through Oct. 23 at the Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 South Old Glebe Road, Arlington. Remaining performances are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 - \$20. Call 703-549-1063 or log on to www.thearlingtonplayers.org.

doesn't realize that the small club struggling on the edges of disaster is as high in the entertainment world her limited talents can take her is Lauren Palmer Kiesling. She sings both the brightly comic numbers of "Don't Tell Mama" and "Perfectly Marvelous" and the big number of emotional discovery in the second act, the title number. She has a nice comic touch which is a requirement for this role and she gets the tragedy of self delusion right in her dialogue scenes.

Bill Karukas and Jennifer Strand team up as the more mature couple, the Jewish grocer who proposes to his landlady who simply can't bring herself to accept the dangers of such a marriage as the Nazis come to power. Karukas has a fine soft touch for the light comedy but doesn't fare as well with the harsher moments such as when a brick is thrown through the window of his grocery store. He's not helped much, however, by Edwards choice of staging that moment without the brick being visible on stage. Strand is very good in the dialogue scenes, but on the songs she doesn't seem to be able to make up her mind if she's singing to the other characters on stage or to the audience.

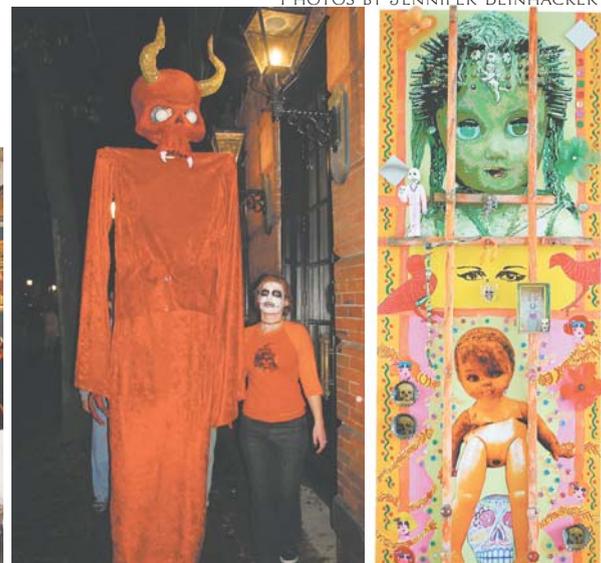
The cast is large and choreographer Jeremy A. McShan is able to deploy large forces for his dances at the Kit Kat Klub, including a nine-member chorus line for the act two opening "Kick Line" number, and Keith J. Miller leads some spirited steps in the first act.

Music Director Brock Holmes conducts a large orchestra and they play quite well but tend to sound a bit swallowed up in the huge, covered orchestra pit of the Thomas Jefferson Theatre.

Ofrenda – Art for the Dead Parade, Art, and Masquerade, Performances

SATURDAY/OCT. 30

3 p.m. to 11 p.m. Free. Parade, art, and masquerade with multiple performances. Art Outlet and the Torpedo Factory Art Center collaborate for a marathon Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) day to night-long festival: an afternoon of artist-made altars and ofrendas (offerings), Mariachis, an evening parade through Old Town; and a night-time masquerade including bands (Mariachi Estrellas, DJ Gringo, Hootenanny Orchestra, Stripmall Ballads, American Sinner, and The Torches), Dragon Fire Drummers, and tribal belly dancing with Rhythm & Cues.



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ENTERTAINMENT

OCT. 21-23

Fall Book Sale. Sponsored by Burke Branch Friends of Alexandria Library. Wednesday from 4 to 6:30 p.m. is the Friends-only preview sale; Thursday from 1 to 8:30 p.m.; Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. At Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1704.

THURSDAY/OCT. 21

"Vodka Lemmon" film. 7 p.m. Donation of \$10. Presented by the Alexandria-Gyumri (Armenia) Sister Cities Committee. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. RSVP Jane Coughran at 703-836-3824

or coughranjn@aol.com.
Mt. Vernon Branch AAUW. 7 p.m. Speaker Weis Sherdel will discuss the role of newcomers in our society, cultural identity and the American Dream. At the Mt. Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria. Call Mary Ellen Mehler at 703-780-8494.

"Breast Talk." 6 to 8 p.m. Learn about breast cancer prevention, risks, what to avoid, and general breast health. With Dr. Anne Favret; presented by The Full Cup Women's Health Series. At The Full Cup, 218 N. Lee Street, Suite 206, Alexandria. Space is limited, RSVP to alexandria.store@thefullcup.com or call 703-836-9441.

Virginia's Role in Restoring the

Treasure of the Chesapeake Bay. 10:45 a.m. Free. Presentation by Claudia Hamblin-Katnik, Watershed Program Administrator, City of Alexandria, on things homeowners can do in their yard or garden to reduce harm to our local water resources, which feed into the Bay. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Wayneswood, Fellowship Hall of Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8523 Ft. Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4245.

18th Century Dance Classes. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Dance master Corky Palmer will lead a fun series of 18th-century English country dance classes in preparation for the Masquerade Ball on Saturday, Oct. 23. The cost is \$30 for the series or \$12 per class.

Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 703-746-4242. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

OCT. 21-24

Excavate Shuter's Hill. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Gain hands-on experience in site-excavation methods and record keeping. On the grounds of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Dr., Alexandria. Sponsored by the Alexandria Archaeology Institute. www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

FRIDAY/OCT. 22

Career Fair. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. With 20 employers signed on. Hosted by Westwood College in Annandale. At Landmark Mall, 5801 Duke Street, Alexandria.

OCT. 22, 23

"La Boheme." 8 p.m. Repertory Opera Theater of Washington presents G. Puccini's "La Boheme," fully staged and sung in Italian with English Supertitles. Tickets are \$25/adults; \$20/students and seniors. At Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Call 571-403-0814 or tickets@repertoryoperadco.org or visit www.repertoryoperadco.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 23

Del Ray Chili Cook-Off. 4 p.m. Chili and cornbread tastings and contest. Awards ceremony at 6 p.m. Bring \$10 and your best pot o' chili and any fixins you need. You are responsible for handing out samples, so bring a table. You must also name your chili. New this year is an award for best Veggie Chili. At 1904 La Grande Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.delraychilicookoff.com.

Designer Jewelry Trunk Show.

Featuring designer Lauren K's antique cushion-cut rings, big stone pendants, chandelier earrings and hand-hammered gold. At Mystique Jewelers, 211 The Strand, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.mystiquejewelers.com.

Rummage Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. Great deals on gently used infants', children's and adult clothes, toys, games, gear, books, electronics, household wares, furniture and more. At Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool, 7719 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria. Visit <http://www.tauxemont.org>.



SATURDAY/OCT. 23

Masquerade Ball. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$45/advance; \$50/door. Come dressed in pre-19th century costume. Enjoy live music, English Country dancing and a seasonal dessert. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum ballroom, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703-746-4242.

Haunted Old Town After Dark.

8:15 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Bars, food, live entertainment and a ghost tour of Alexandria. Hear ghost stories of our founding fathers and creep through the dark night of Old Town. Have drinks at Chadwicks, pizza at Bugsy's Restaurant, hear live guitar music at the Fish Market and hear a live Irish band at Murphy's. Cost is \$35. Meet at the corner of King and Fairfax Street (by the Town Square) in Old Town. Call 301-519-8030 or email: events@thingstodoc.com.

"Mousequerade" Ball.

1 p.m. Author Cheryl Barnes will sign her book, "Alexander, the Old Town Mouse" and read the story of Alexander and his ball at Gadsby's Tavern. For kids ages 4 to 7. Admission is \$10/child. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or purchase tickets at www.gadsbystavern.org.

Woman's Workshop.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Workshops from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Keynote speaker Charlyne Braxton, Survivor of Domestic Violence, at 12:30 p.m. At Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Email WomensGroupofMtVernon@gmail.com.

Rebuilding Together Event.

8:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed for Rebuilding Together's Energize Alexandria event to winterize homes for in-need homeowners. 100-plus volunteers will be repairing 30 homes throughout the City of Alexandria. To volunteer, visit www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org or send an email to: vg@rebuildingtogetheralex.org.

Walk to Fight Breast Cancer.

8 a.m. Walkers can choose from a 1.5K/3.5K/5K walk or run. Sponsored by the City of Alexandria and the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation.

The Walk will begin and end at the AMC Hoffman Center Theaters, Eisenhower Ave. and Swamp Fox Rd. in Alexandria. Registration is \$30 for adults and \$15 for children, if pre-registered by Oct. 20. On-site registration is \$40. Visit www.RebuildingTogetherAlex.org or send an email to: vg@rebuildingtogetheralex.org.

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SUNDAY/OCT. 24

In the Company of James Madison. 3 to 4:30 p.m. John Douglas Hall will discuss the difficult relationship between America and Great Britain as of October 1810. Tickets are \$15/person/ \$10/students. At the Assembly Room at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. To purchase tickets, visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703-746-4242.

ENTERTAINMENT

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www.alexcanerwalk.com or call 703-746-5030.

Fall Open House. Noon to 5 p.m. Come to the Washington's area's oldest antique mall and meet many local dealers with many specialties. At the Mount Vernon Antique Center, 8101 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.

FACETS' "A Taste of Fall." 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$35. Food, fun, entertainment, and a live and silent auction to raise funds to help families and individuals struggling with homelessness. At 8333 Little River Turnpike Annandale. Register at www.FacetsCares.org or call 703-352-3268.

Lecture. 5 to 7 p.m. "The Lees of Virginia in the Digital Age." Learn about the effort to bring online the papers of the historic Lee Family of Virginia. The presentation will be made by historian and author Frank E. Grizzard, Jr., Director of the Lee family Digital Archive at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leeendallhouse.org.

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. At Raceway Farms, Newington, off Telegraph Road, between Beulah Road and Fairfax County Parkway. The Rain Date is Sunday, Oct. 24.

Halloween Party. 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Book Sale by The Burke Branch Friends; 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: Story Time with Miss Beverly; 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Face Painting by Heavenly Face Designs; 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.: Live Interactive Music Show w/ Mr. B.; at Alexandria's Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1704.

Fall Tree Sale. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Alexandria's Urban Forestry Steering Committee (UFSC) and the Department of Recreation, Parks and



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From left: Christoph Luty, bassist; Jeff Hamilton, drummer; and Tamir Hendelman, pianist.

THURSDAY/OCT. 28

Jeff Hamilton Trio. 7:30 p.m. Free concert. At Episcopal High School, Pendleton Hall, 3900 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.episcopalhighschool.org or call 703-933-4135.

Cultural Activities will hold its sixth annual tree sale. At the George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

OCT. 23-24

Fall Harvest Celebration. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Horse-drawn wagon rides, wheat treading in the 16-sided barn, a straw bale maze, early-American games, music and demonstrations. \$15 adults; \$14 seniors; \$7 children 6-11; free for children under 5. At George Washington's Farm in Mount Vernon. Visit MountVernon.org or call 703-780-2000.

OCT. 23-31

Recycling Electronics Event. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All electronics from old computers, hard drives, monitors, modems, fax machines, and printers to old TVs and microwaves are welcome. At Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road (corner of Seminary Road and Quaker Lane).

SUNDAY/OCT. 24

Doggie Trick, Treat or Howl. 1 to 4 p.m. Bring your canine all dressed up to enjoy a festive Halloween celebration filled with lots of spooky surprises. At The Christmas Attic, 125 S. Union St, Alexandria. Co-sponsored by Old Town

Doggie Boutique - Chateau Animaux <http://www.chateau-animaux.com> and www.christmasattic.com.

Eclipse Chamber Orchestra. 3 p.m. Sylvia Alimena leads the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra in a program of works by Haydn, Bartok, Stravinsky, and Richard Strauss. Tickets are \$20-\$25. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-635-2770.

Free Chamber Music Concert. 4 p.m. Featuring Claudia Chudacoff, concertmaster of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and cellist Sean Neidlinger. At the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. Open

seating. Visit www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

Washington Metropolitan

Philharmonic. 7 p.m. Free. Conducted by Ulysses James. Pre-concert lecture with Dr. Stephen Bertino at 6:15 p.m. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria.

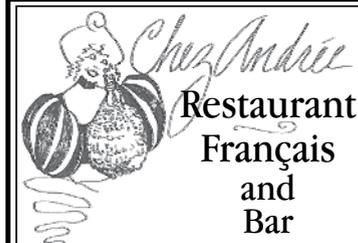
Boarding Schools Reception. 7 to 9 p.m. The Ten Schools Admissions Organization will be holding an informational reception for prospective students and families to learn more about secondary boarding schools. At the Hilton Alexandria Old Town in Alexandria. Contact Diane Jameson at The Loomis Chaffee School, 860-687-6321, email at diane_jameson@loomis.org, or RSVP online at <http://www.tenschools.org/rsvp/>

Del Ray Halloween Parade. 2 p.m. Meets at Mt. Vernon Ball Field, 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Sponsored by Delray Business Association. Call Gayle Reuter at 703-684-3535 or email gayle.reuter@mail.house.gov.

"Great Opera Moments." 4 p.m. New Dominion Chorale and Bel Cantanti Opera company; featuring soloists who perform with the Metropolitan Opera Co. The soloists are Shannon Roberts, soprano; Kevin Courtemanche, tenor; and Mikhail Svetlov, bass. \$30/admission; \$25/seniors; students/\$5. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Visit www.newdominion.org or 703-442-9404.

Salvation Army 125th Anniversary. 4 to 6 p.m. Expected guests are Alexandria's Mayor, the National Capital Area Commander for The Salvation Army and Alexandria Citadel

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Chinese Jade Zodiac Set Realized Price: \$164,500



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Brass Band. At Market Square, 301 King St., Old Town Alexandria. Call Cpt. Ken Argot at 703-836-2427 or Kenneth.Argot@uss.salvationarmy.org.

Swordsmen's Training. Free. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fencing Master Peter Ryan of the Living History Foundation will provide the instruction. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Contact Michele Longo, Curator of Education, at 703-746-4242.

Bella Voce Singers. 5 p.m. Sundays@Heritage Concert featuring West Potomac High School's Bella Voce Singers. At Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 703-360-9546.

MONDAY/OCT. 25

Supper With the Symphony.

Two seatings available at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Three menus offered: \$35/\$25/\$10 Prix Fixe.

Presented by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. With guests Maureen Bunyan, ABC-7 News; Mayor William D. Euille; and Vice Mayor Kerry Donley. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. Make reservations by calling 703-548-0885 or emailing Adrien Finlay at finlay@alexsym.org. Or visit www.alexsym.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 26

Mount Vernon Quilters

Unlimited. 12:30 p.m. Free. Thread expert Cindy Needham will visit Mount Vernon Quilters Unlimited to present a guild lecture entitled "Thread Facts and Fiction." At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact: MVQUPresident@gmail.com

Independent School Information

Night. 7 p.m. Free admission. Learn about the value of an Independent School education as well as affordability and financing, the financial aid process, the admissions process and admissions testing. Also present will be representatives from Alexandria Country Day School, Browne Academy, Grace Episcopal School, and St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School. At Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 27

"The Fountainhead."

7:30 p.m. Whatever one's own politics might be, Ayn Rand's paean to artistic freedom, starring Gary Cooper and Patricia Neal, is an interesting statement on the individual's right to control his or her own creative idea. At the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. "Cinema 22" is sponsored by the Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22. Contact Andrew Hammer at 703-765-9015 or andrew@hammerhouse.net.

Art on the Rocks. 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. The Art League has challenged five mixologists to each select a juried piece from the October exhibit Dinner Party as inspiration to create a cocktail. Ticket holders may sample the cocktails and vote for their favorite at the event. Buy tickets by phone at 703-683-1780, in person, or downloading an order form from http://theartleague.org/content_pages/view/184 and faxing it to 703-683-5786. Tickets are \$25/advance, \$30/door. At The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union Street, Torpedo Factory.

THURSDAY/OCT. 28

Doggie Happy Howl-o-ween

Costume Contest. \$10 registration fee. Contest registration from 5 to 6 p.m. Contest begins at 6:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the best dressed



Virginia Coffield and Matty Heller as Doc Gibbs and Mrs. Gibbs.

OCT. 29, 30 AND NOV. 6

"Our Town." 7:30 p.m. The drama department of St. Stephens & St. Agnes High School is performing "Our Town." Tickets are \$5. At St. Stephens & St. Agnes High School Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephens Road, Alexandria. Visit www.ssssas.org.

owner/dog couple, the most glamorous canine, the overall "top dog," (best costume), and the best pound puppy. To benefit the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. At the courtyard of Hotel Monaco Alexandria/Jackson 20, located at 480 King Street, Alexandria. Visit www.jackson20.com or www.monaco-alexandria.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 29

An Evening of Music for Low Brass.

8 p.m. Free. The U.S. Air Force Band Chamber Players performs. At the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

Annual Harvest Festival.

5 to 8 p.m. Featuring the much-anticipated Bates' Haunted House and center staff performance of Michael Jackson's "Thriller." The Haunted House is \$1 per visit. At the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria. Sponsored by the City of Alexandria.

"The Spirit Realms of Woodlawn."

Cost is \$45/person. Three speakers will demonstrate their craft for each session: Barb Mallon, psychic medium; Geraldine Amaral, Tarot; and Peggy Arvidson, Certified Hand Analyst. First session is: 7-8:30 p.m. Second session 8:30-10 p.m. Woodlawn is located at 9000 Richmond Highway, three miles west of Mount Vernon. For reservations, call 703-780-4000 or visit www.woodlawn1805.org.

Fashion Show Luncheon.

10:30 a.m. reception and silent auction; 12 noon luncheon, fashion show and door prizes. Tickets are \$43/general; \$53/patron; \$65/benefactor. Sponsored by the Board of Lady Managers of Inova Alexandria Hospital. At the Alexandria Hilton Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria. For reservations and tickets, call Lynda West at 703-836-8853.

SATURDAY/OCT. 30

Apple-Dipping Demo. 3 p.m. BRABO Pastry Chef Kate Baltren will lead a red wine/caramel apple-dipping demo in The Butcher's Block. Apples are \$6. At 1600 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-894-5253 or visit www.braborestaurant.com.

Halloween Story Time Tea. 2 p.m.

Sponsored by The Grille at Morrison House and Chef Dennis Marron, who will create an adult and children's tea. \$38/adults; \$28/children. Features a reading of "Corduroy's Best Halloween Ever." For reservations, call 703-838-8000 or email

storytime@morrisonhouse.com. The Grille at Morrison House is at 116 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit www.thegrillealexandria.com.

Safe Night Out Haunted

House. 6 to 9 p.m. Ghoulsh games, freaky fun, frightening food. All ages welcome. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. At Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Call 703-360-6088 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/rec.

Death at the Carlyle House.

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. At John Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., to the Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Sponsored by Alexandria's Footsteps to the Past. Call Jim Bartlinski at 703-549-2997.

DC Metro Church Block Party.

Noon to 4 p.m. Live bands, free food and drinks, a moonbounce, raffles and inflatables. At 1100 North Fayette Street, Alexandria. Katie Wilson at blockparty@dcmetrochurch.org

Trick or Treat at Boutiques.

Children and adults are invited to visit 28 boutiques in Old Town to receive special tricks or treats. To identify participating OTBD stores, a "Trick or Treat with the Boutiques" poster will be displayed in all participating stores.

L.B. Taylor Lecture and Book

Signing. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. With author of Ghosts of Virginia, Volume I and Civil War Ghosts, L.B. Taylor. At Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway, three miles west of Mount Vernon. Call 703-780-4000 or visit www.woodlawn1805.org.

Forgotten Cemeteries Heritage

Trail Bike Ride. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Cycle back in time on this 14-mile guided loop of Alexandria's forgotten burial sites. Meet at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, in the parking lot, Alexandria. Reservations and a signed waiver required at 703-746-4399.

Story Time Tea.

2 p.m. "Corduroy's Best Halloween Ever!" by Don Freeman, Lisa McCue. Personalized readings, arts and crafts activities and house-made treats. Reservations are required. Cost is \$38/adults; \$28/children. Call 703-838-8000 or email

storytime@morrisonhouse.com. At the Grille at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit www.thegrillealexandria.com.

Bird Walk.

8 a.m. Free. With the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia. Join Bill Brown to explore the wetland and woods at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-438-6008.

Rummage Sale.

8 a.m. to noon. High-quality used infants', children's and maternity gear, including clothing, toys, games, books and furniture. At Fort Hunt Preschool, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.forthuntpreschool.com or call 703-768-7584.

Used Book Sale. Friends of the Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria. Call 703-768-6700. All ages.

OCT. 30-31

Edgar Allan Poe Performance.

8 p.m. Cost is \$15. Actor David Keltz performs a chilling story or two, such as "The Black Cat," "The Cask of Amontillado," or "The Tell-Tale Heart," along with well-known poems such as "The Raven" and "El Dorado." At The

SCHOOLS

Budding Filmmaker Premieres Feature Film

Students in School Age Child Care star in local filmmaker's project.

By JULIE HIRSCHHORN
THE GAZETTE

The scene at the Cinema Arts Theater in Fair City Mall in Fairfax in August was one straight out of a Hollywood premiere. In fact, it was a premiere.

Filmmaker Danny Commander of Fairfax, a SACC (School Age Child Care) program employee, spent 18 months directing and producing his first feature film, "Times Destination."

Limousines rolled up to the premiere location, carrying the film's young actors and actresses, who were all part of the SACC program and the making of the movie.

Of course, no movie premiere would be complete without a red carpet and paparazzi. As the young stars stepped out of limousines that were rented from Reston Limos, they walked a mini red carpet where they were greeted by many photographers and posed for their close-ups.

"I want to act like a movie star everyday. It was a fun experience," said film star Jayla Muse of Fort Belvoir.

The movie was made with the help of 60 children from several elementary schools in Fairfax County including Lane, Hayfield, Forestdale, Franconia, Gunston, Garfield, Springfield Estates and Island Creek. Along with acting, these students also aided in the production aspects, such as lighting, sound, script writing and camera work.

"It was difficult for the kids to handle at first, but they were really interested," said Commander. "They knew that this opportunity wasn't something that comes along that often."

"I want to act like a movie star everyday. It was a fun experience."

— Jayla Muse of Fort Belvoir



Abby Flowers of Alexandria had two children in the film. From left are Abby Flowers, Katie Flowers, Giselle Gonzalez, Nathan Gonzalez, Will Flowers and Reid Williams. Katie started working on the film in the fall of 2009 when she was in sixth grade. When she went into the seventh grade, she would come back whenever filmmaker Danny Commander needed her. She worked weekends, afternoons and during the summer. 'I learned not to be shy in front of the camera,' she said.

Most of the child stars thought filming was a blast. They did not even seem to have trouble memorizing lines, which can be a problem for many professional actors. "It was pretty easy because Mr. Danny would be nice about it and tell us our lines if we messed up," said Reid Williams of Potomac Park, Md.

Commander also had the unwavering support of the SACC directors and employ-

ees. "I'm very proud," said SACC director Anne Goldstein. "Having an opportunity for children to take a vision and work on it over a period of time is great. This is all about creativity and hard work."

"Times Destination" focuses on a man who finds a ticket on the ground with consequences and then has to go back in time in a time machine to try and fix the errors of his way. "It was really exciting. My favorite part was when we were in a time machine," said Haley Breaux of Alexandria.

Many of the SACC staff were pleased with the way the children handled production



Filmmaker Danny Commander describes some of the challenges and rewards of the two year project about to be screened.

and filming. "You would think that since they're kids they would have a hard time, but they were awesome," said SACC employee Tiffany Howard of Woodbridge.

"I liked messing around with all my friends and always laughing," said film star Will Flowers of Alexandria.

"Times Destination" was filmed locally in places such as Shadowland Laser Tag and Lucky's Sports Bar and Grill in Alexandria.

The premiere hosted about 600 SACC students, guests and chaperones during two showings of the film, giving each screening a full house. The first was at 10:30 a.m. and the second at 12:55 p.m. With popcorn and drinks in their hands, the cast and crew enjoyed seeing their hard work pay off.

Commander hopes to continue his passion for directing and producing by making other small film projects in the future. "You never know where making a movie is going to go," said Commander. "When you finally get to see the finished product, that's what you're working for."

SCHOOL NOTES

Send announcements to the Mount Vernon Gazette, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, 400 Fontaine Street, Alexandria, will offer group tours on Nov. 3 for prospective Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten parents. Tour the Lower School campus, meet administrators, and see the faculty in action. Call 703-212-2705.

Archie Mackie, a resident of Alexandria has earned a Bachelor of Science in Business from Excelsior College.

The following Virginia Tech students were among those honored at the university's spring commencement ceremony held May 14, 2010, in Lane Stadium.

❖ **Robert Hull** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems

Engineering degree in industrial and systems engineering from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Joel Kurz** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree magna cum laude in finance from the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Cathryn Leffler** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree in mechanical engineering from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Robert Lloyd** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree in mechanical engineering from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Jacinda Romero** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from the College of Science.

❖ **Ryan Shapiro** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree magna cum laude in management from the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Julianna Spangler** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

❖ **Kathryn Steele** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Arts degree magna cum laude in international studies from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **David Belkoski** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science degree in fisheries science from the College of Natural Resources.

❖ **Phillip Boone** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in business information technology from the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Michael Creaven** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering degree magna cum laude in aerospace engineering from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Omar Faruqi** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree cum laude in business information technology from the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Julie Mickey** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in animal and poultry sciences from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

PEOPLE NOTES

Mount Vernon resident **Dr. John N. Russell, Jr.**, head of the Naval Research Laboratory's (NRL's) Surface Chemistry Branch in the Chemistry Division, has been elected to the 2010 class of Fellows of the American Chemical Society (ACS).



Russell is recognized for his work in the field of surface chemistry that has focused on fundamental chemical reaction mechanisms and kinetics on metal and semiconductor surfaces, and for outstanding contributions to the ACS through the Colloid and Surface Chemistry Division and the ACS Council.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS THE CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS



The League of Women Voters®

FALL 2010 VOTERS' GUIDE

GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010 POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The Leagues of Women Voters of Alexandria, Arlington, the Fairfax Area, Falls Church, Loudoun County, and the Prince William Area Member-At-Large Unit, are cooperating with The Connection Newspapers to produce this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in choosing candidates for election to public office.

The above-referenced Northern Virginia Leagues sent questionnaires to candidates for the United States House of Representatives whose names were qualified to appear on the November 2, 2010 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word and space limitations. The candidates' original responses are on file with the Northern Virginia Leagues of Women Voters. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

A nonpartisan political membership organization, the League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League of Women Voters does not support any

political party or candidate.

For additional information on the Fall 2010 Voters' Guide, or the League of Women Voters, please visit the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area at www.lwv-fairfax.org or call 703-658-9150. To view the submissions of all Northern Virginia candidates, visit <http://virginia.va.lwvnet.org/electionday.html>. You may also find comprehensive, nonpartisan information on the November 2, 2010 elections on the League of Women Voters' interactive online website, www.VOTE411.org, sponsored by the LWV Education Fund. The LWVFA gratefully acknowledges the Frances Silver bequest.

For additional information on the November 2, 2010 General and Special Elections, voter registration, the district in which you are eligible to vote, where to vote, or absentee voting, contact your local election office:

Fairfax County Office of Elections 703-222-0776

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb

City of Fairfax General Registrar 703-385-7890

www.fairfaxva.gov/Registrar/GeneralRegistrar.asp

You can also contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or visit www.sbe.virginia.gov.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED TO VOTE

Officers of Election are required to request identification from each voter. **PLEASE BRING IDENTIFICATION WHEN YOU COME TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010.**

Acceptable forms of identification can be any ONE of the following:

- Virginia voter identification card
- Valid Virginia driver's license, or special identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Military identification card
- Any Federal, state, or local government-issued identification card
- Valid employer-issued identification card containing your photo
- Valid United States passport
- Original Social Security card

If you do not present an acceptable form of identification, you may still vote after signing, under oath, an Affirmation of Identity, which is certification in writing that the name and address information provided to the election officials at the polling place is correct.

UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THE OFFICE

TERM: Two years

SALARY: The current salary for Members is \$174,000. The salary for the Speaker is \$223,000, and the salary for the Majority and Minority Leaders is \$193,400.

DUTIES: Legislative powers, with responsibility for making laws,

raising revenue and adopting the federal budget; sole power of impeachment

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

What are the most important actions you would take to improve our **ECONOMY?**

How do you propose to **BALANCE** the need to provide affordable energy with the need to protect the environment and natural resources?

What other **ISSUE** is important to you?

CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 8TH DISTRICT (VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)



J. Patrick Murray
Republican – Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Colonel Patrick Murray served in numerous armor, intelligence and diplomatic assignments throughout the world. A Russian speaker and Iraq war veteran, he also served as Military Representative to the UN Security Council. After 24 years in the Army, Murray seeks to serve as the Congressional Representative from Virginia's 8th District.

ECONOMY: Out of control spending by Congress has made our economy worse and jeopardized our children's economic future. We need to reduce deficit spending and the \$13 Trillion national debt, provide certainty for businesses to create jobs by maintaining our existing tax structure for 6 years, provide investment incentives for small business and eliminate

unreasonable regulatory impediments to economic growth.

Longer term, we need bipartisan agreement on entitlement reform to maintain the strength of social security, Medicare and Medicaid, as well as private sector strength.

BALANCE: Green energy technologies are the future, but our energy and national security problems are today. We need a balanced "all of the above" energy policy to eliminate our dependence on petro-dictators who would distort our foreign policy objectives. Combined with traditional sources, we need a national policy of developing solar, geothermal, wind, nuclear and other environmentally friendly energy sources. This will allow an orderly and economically sustainable transition away from less environmentally friendly sources.

ISSUE: We live in a very dangerous world made even more so with the immediate prospect of Iran acquiring nuclear weapons.

As the US military departs Iraq, Iran has clear designs on expanding influence. We must use all our instruments of national power (diplomatic, information, military and economic) to ensure Iran does not acquire nuclear weapons. If they do, it will fuel a Middle East arms race and destabilize the region as well as provide an existential threat to Israel.

I agree with President Obama that the war in Afghanistan is in our nation interest. We therefore need to ensure we provide full support for our servicemen and women deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan to accomplish their mission. It is in our national interest to ensure that Afghanistan does not become safe-haven for training and operations for Al Qaeda.

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James P. "Jim" Moran, Jr.
Democrat – Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: Congressman Moran has dedicated his life to public service in Northern Virginia. He sits on the Appropriations Committee, serving as Interior and Environment Subcommittee Chairman. He chairs the Animal Protection Caucus, Congressional Health Prevention Caucus, the New Democrats Trade Task Force and serves on the Democratic Steering and Policy Committee.

ECONOMY: Arlington's unemployment rate is 4 percent, 4.4 percent in Alexandria and 4.7 percent in Fairfax County – all less than half the national average. This is due to our region's emphasis on quality schools, a healthy living and recreational

environment, an inclusive society, exceptional local governance, as well as the positive effect of the federal government. Companies are looking to move to Northern Virginia because of its strong economy, highly skilled workforce and diverse, enlightened communities. In just the past two years, major corporations like Northrop Grumman and SAIC have decided to relocate here. To keep our economy growing and our unemployment low, we need to continue investing in education, public transportation and workforce housing.

BALANCE: As Chair of Interior and Environment Appropriations, I have successfully fought off efforts to restrict EPA's ability to regulate greenhouse gases under the Clean Air Act, as well as blocking offshore drilling off the Atlantic Coast. I also support an increased gas tax whose revenue would be put into public transit. It is imperative that we begin the transition to clean, renewable

sources of energy such as wind, solar and geothermal energy. Off Virginia's coast, there's enough wind to power the entire state.

ISSUE: As Chair of the Congressional Animal Protection Caucus, I have worked very closely with the U.S. Humane Society, the ASPCA and other like minded groups to ban internet puppy mills, the gathering and slaughter of wild horses, dog and cock fighting, animal crush videos and recently successfully passed the "Truth in Fur Labeling Act" which requires garment manufacturers to disclose the use of fur, due to the fact that a recent Humane Society investigation revealed that most garments labeled as "faux" fur were made with imported dog fur. I strongly support preventing the inhumane treatment of cows, pigs and poultry on industrial farms.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 8TH DISTRICT (CONTINUED)
(VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)



J. Ron Fisher
Independent Green – Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Family man, civic-minded progressive activist, Captain USNavy (retired). Director of a nonprofit: DFPA.org dedicated to improving fire safety. President of a small business that hires disabled veterans: VetsSS.org. Honors graduate of the Naval Academy; Masters in Business Management from Central Michigan. Pro-choice and supporter of government funded embryonic research.

ECONOMY: Provide employment opportunities for all at living wages that, in particular, provide: Vital public and social services; Affordable housing, healthy food and clean water; Education and training; Comprehensive Medicare for all. Other employment opportunities are listed below and in WeThePeopleNow.org

Provide funding for above by: Nationalizing the Federal Reserve and operating it as an agency of the government providing low or no interest loans directly to small and medium size businesses and not the large banks; Recouping over \$23.7 trillion provided or committed to financial institutions; Seizing large insolvent financial institutions and operating them as GOCOs; Freezing all foreclosures and evictions; Outlawing trading of derivatives, adjustable rate mortgage, naked short sales and unregulated hedge funds; Limiting interest rates to 4% on all secured mortgages and loans and 6% on unsecured loans and retroactive to the origination of the mortgage, credit card or loan; Re-implementing the equivalent of the Glass-Steagall Act of 1933.

Accomplish additional actions outlined on WeThePeopleNow.org

BALANCE: Build energy efficient transportation systems, based primarily on rail, nationwide; Develop and implement

non-polluting alternative energy sources and energy conservation measures; Cut military spending by 90% (the US military is the biggest hydrocarbon user in the world); Nationalize BP; Reuse, recycle and/or compost everything; Retool factories to build rail, rail cars, electric cars and hybrid buses.

ISSUE: Ending U. S. Wars by: Ordering immediate, unilateral cease fire in Iraq and Afghanistan; Halting all attacks and covert operations in Pakistan and elsewhere; Ceasing all military aid; Apologizing to the people of the Mideast; Mounting massive relief efforts and implement “Marshall Plans” in Afghanistan, Iraq, Palestine and Pakistan; Orderly withdraw all US troops and contractors from the Mideast and ultimately the world; Returning troops to the U.S. to provide leadership, training, logistics and technical personnel for a new WPA and Civilian Conservation Corps.

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CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 11TH DISTRICT (VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)



Keith S. Fimian
Republican – Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Chairman and Founder, U.S. Inspect; 7 year CPA with international accounting firm KPMG; patent holder; degree in accounting from William & Mary; full four year athletic scholarship, captained football team; Family: wife Cathy and three grown daughters

ECONOMY: The most critical thing government must do to encourage economic growth is eliminate uncertainty. Out-of-control spending, the prospect of more tax increases, increased energy and healthcare costs, etc. prevent business from hiring and investing. Most career politicians in Congress do not

understand this, nor do they know what it takes to create jobs or how the economy grows—and their policies are hurting the economy. We must control spending, keep taxes low, take meaningful steps to address healthcare costs and ensure American companies have access to abundant, affordable energy.

BALANCE: America needs a comprehensive energy policy that includes traditional fossil fuels, nuclear, solar, wind and other renewable resources. Rapidly advancing technologies are already allowing us to explore for traditional forms of energy more safely and with less impact on our environment. Technologies of the future are being developed that will dramatically transform the way we get our energy. We must also ensure that existing safety regulations are enforced to prevent another disaster like the oil spill in the gulf.

ISSUE: Many of the people representing us in Congress serve with one goal in mind: winning re-election. I am running because I want to leave my daughters a better nation than the one I inherited. Career politicians will take any position and tell people anything they want to hear if they think it benefits their re-election bid. That’s how otherwise good and intelligent people vote to recklessly spend trillions of dollars, putting the interest of their own re-election ahead of the next generation. I’m not a career politician. I am a small businessman who has had the great privilege of living the American Dream. I want to serve in Congress to make a difference for my daughters and future generations.

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Gerald E. “Gerry” Connolly
Democrat – Incumbent

BIOGRAPHY: I graduated from Maryknoll College and earned a M.A. from Harvard. Before being elected to Congress, I served on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, including five years as Chairman. I also worked 20 years in the private sector for IT companies.

ECONOMY: I have always fought to protect and grow Northern Virginia’s economy by lowering the property tax rate and balancing budgets to help attract four Fortune 500 companies and thousands of good-paying jobs. In Congress, I cosponsored a tax cut for local technology companies

and passed a tax credit for small businesses that hire new employees.

I led efforts to complete important transportation projects like extending Metrorail to Dulles and expanding the Fairfax and Prince William County parkways so our region is prepared for economic growth. With good schools, low taxes, and strong infrastructure we can protect and grow our economy.

BALANCE: We need a new energy plan that reduces our dependence on foreign oil and creates jobs. That’s why I am working with local businesses to make Northern Virginia a research development center for clean energy technology. I’m opposed to drilling off Virginia’s coast and believe we should invest in wind, solar, and biofuels.

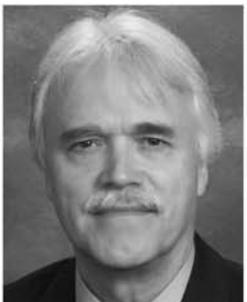
ISSUE: The federal deficit is an issue we must tackle and that’s why I have consistently voted against reckless spending proposed by both parties. I cosponsored pay-as-you-go legislation and broke with my own Party to vote against two spending bills totaling \$269 billion and the \$350 billion big bank bailout. And I voted twice to block Congressional pay raises. We need to limit the burden we leave to our children and that means being willing to make the tough choices.

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David William Gillis, Jr.
Independent Green – Challenger

CANDIDATE DID NOT RESPOND.



David L. Dotson
Libertarian – Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: David earned a B.A. from the University of Michigan in Near East & North African Studies, and a master’s in Journalism from Northwestern University. He has been a business reporter, associate editor and realtor, designed and built houses as a Habitat for Humanity volunteer, and is currently a researcher/editor.

ECONOMY: My first priority would be to stop fighting unconstitutional, undeclared wars in the Middle East, bring our troops home from all countries where they are stationed, and end our pursuit of global empire. The cost of the Iraq war alone has been estimated at more than \$3 trillion. Bringing our soldiers home

would reduce the threat of terrorism and eliminate a major drain on the economy. Second, I would eliminate the Federal Reserve and return to a sound money system such as the gold standard. The Fed harms the economy by extending unlimited credit to financial and other institutions, printing unlimited amounts of dollars backed only by future taxes, and monetizing the debt by purchasing treasury bonds and real estate and other toxic assets. Additionally, I would seek amendments to: balance the budget, thereby preventing the Treasury Department from borrowing trillions of dollars and driving us deeper into debt; repeal the income tax, which is a form of theft, or slavery, and whose repeal would encourage people to be more productive. More generally, I would promote legislation that supports a system of free-market, laissez-faire capitalism, which is the best political-economic system for economic growth.

BALANCE: I support the development of nuclear power in the U.S., as well as increasing the ability of oil companies to drill on and closer to land. Otherwise, we will remain dependent on foreign oil, which leads to perpetual war in the Middle East, and will continue to create regulations and incentives that encourage higher-risk drilling further offshore, and increase the possibility of another disaster like the BP spill.

ISSUE: I would fight to reclaim our individual rights and freedoms that have been lost, or are threatened, by the wars being waged against terror, drugs and poverty, and against the freedom to choose how we live our lives.

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GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010
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Christopher F. DeCarlo
Independent – Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Christopher DeCarlo, Fairfax, VA. 51 years old. Hometown: Vienna. Married to Kathleen. Five children ages 4, 5, 9, 11, 12 attending public schools. Graduate of Marshall High School –1976. Attended Georgia Institute of Technology, 1977-79. President of family business Fairfax Propane.

ECONOMY: Highlight the collusion between government and big business and its negative effect on our economy.

BALANCE: Promote the use of abundant and clean alternative motor fuels.

ISSUE: My number one issue of importance is the influence of campaign contributions which have corrupted our system

of self government. I am an incorruptible, transparent, and qualified candidate.

My candidacy is about trying to restore trust in our government by offering a new standard of representation based on no campaign contributions. My candidacy is an opportunity for voters to reintroduce and promote the original concept of true citizen representation. Voters have the power to reduce corruption. Voters have the power to set the standard.

America needs to get back to its roots of citizen representation as well as innovation, creativity, small business development, entrepreneurial spirit and encouraging people to take responsibility for themselves. We need simple common sense laws and rules. We need opportunities and incentives for people to grow, develop, and improve. These components have made America great but now our success is threatened by entitlement programs, suffocating regulations, high taxes, increasing

risk and perpetual political patronage and protection. Complex regulations that are subject to different interpretations are causing us to lose time, investment opportunities, industries and jobs while other countries are using our technology against us. America needs to reverse its bureaucratic trend and work strategically to make efficient use of our resources and capacity.

I am the only candidate free of financial and political obligations and I have the skills, experience and qualifications to be focused on these issues.

I am on the ballot to try and prove that honesty and ethics is more important than money. People of honor and conscience are more important than people of greed. Citizen representation is essential to the continued prosperity and success of our country.

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS – VOTE YES OR NO

The Virginia General Assembly has approved each of the following three proposed amendments to the Constitution of Virginia at two of its regular sessions separated by a general election. The amendments, as ballot questions, are now submitted to voters for adoption. The explanations for each amendment are provided by the Commonwealth of Virginia State Board of Elections. For additional information on the proposed constitutional amendments, visit the State Board of Elections website: www.sbe.virginia.gov.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #1

Article X, Taxation and Finance.
Section 6, Exempt Property.

QUESTION: Shall Section 6 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to authorize legislation that will permit localities to establish their own income or financial worth limitations for purposes of granting property tax relief for homeowners not less than 65 years of age or permanently and totally disabled?

EXPLANATION

PRESENT LAW

Under the Constitution, the General Assembly may give localities the power to grant full or partial exemptions from real estate taxes to persons 65 years of age or older or for persons permanently and totally disabled. The exemption applies to owner-occupied property used as the sole dwelling of such persons. The exemption is currently available only to such persons who bear "an extraordinary tax burden" in relation to their income and financial worth.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment (i) removes the requirement that tax exemptions are available only to such persons who bear "an extraordinary tax burden," and (ii) gives the General Assembly authority to permit localities to determine their own income or financial worth limitations for tax exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or for persons permanently and totally disabled.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #2

Article X, Taxation and Finance.
Section 6-A, Property tax exemption for certain veterans.

QUESTION: Shall the Constitution be amended to require the General Assembly to provide a real property tax exemption for the principal residence of a veteran, or his or her surviving spouse, if the veteran has a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability?

EXPLANATION

PRESENT LAW

Currently, the Constitution does not grant real estate tax exemptions specifically to veterans. However, the Constitution does allow the General Assembly to give localities the power to grant full or partial exemptions from real estate taxes to persons 65 years of age or older or for persons permanently and totally disabled who "bear an extraordinary tax burden" in relation to their income and financial worth. This exemption applies to owner-occupied property used as the sole dwelling of such persons.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The proposed amendment would require the General Assembly to pass a law exempting from local taxation the principal residence owned and occupied by any veteran with a one hundred percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability. The veteran's surviving spouse could continue to claim the exemption so long as he or she does not remarry and continues to occupy the home as his or her principal residence.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT #3

Article X, Taxation and Finance.
Section 8, Limit of tax or revenue; Revenue Stabilization Fund.

QUESTION: Shall Section 8 of Article X of the Constitution of Virginia be amended to increase the permissible size of the Revenue Stabilization Fund (also known as the "rainy day fund") from 10 percent to 15 percent of the Commonwealth's

average annual tax revenues derived from income and retail sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years?

EXPLANATION

PRESENT LAW

The Revenue Stabilization Fund (also known as the "rainy day fund") is used to offset shortfalls in anticipated revenues in any given year, and thus is designed to provide a cushion in the event of an economic downturn. The Constitution cur-

rently limits the Fund to 10 percent of the Commonwealth's average annual tax revenues from income and sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The proposed constitutional amendment increases the maximum size of the Fund from 10 percent to 15 percent of the Commonwealth's average annual tax revenues from income and sales taxes for the preceding three fiscal years.

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VOTE YES OR NO

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Supervisors contract a debt, borrow money and issue bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia, in addition to the bonds previously authorized for transportation improvements and facilities, in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$120,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds to finance the cost of constructing, reconstructing, improving and acquiring transportation improvements, including improvements to primary and secondary State highways, off-street

parking, pedestrian improvements, and ancillary related improvements and facilities, and including capital costs of land, transit facilities, rolling stock and equipment in the Washington metropolitan area allocable to Fairfax County, Virginia pursuant to the provisions of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact?

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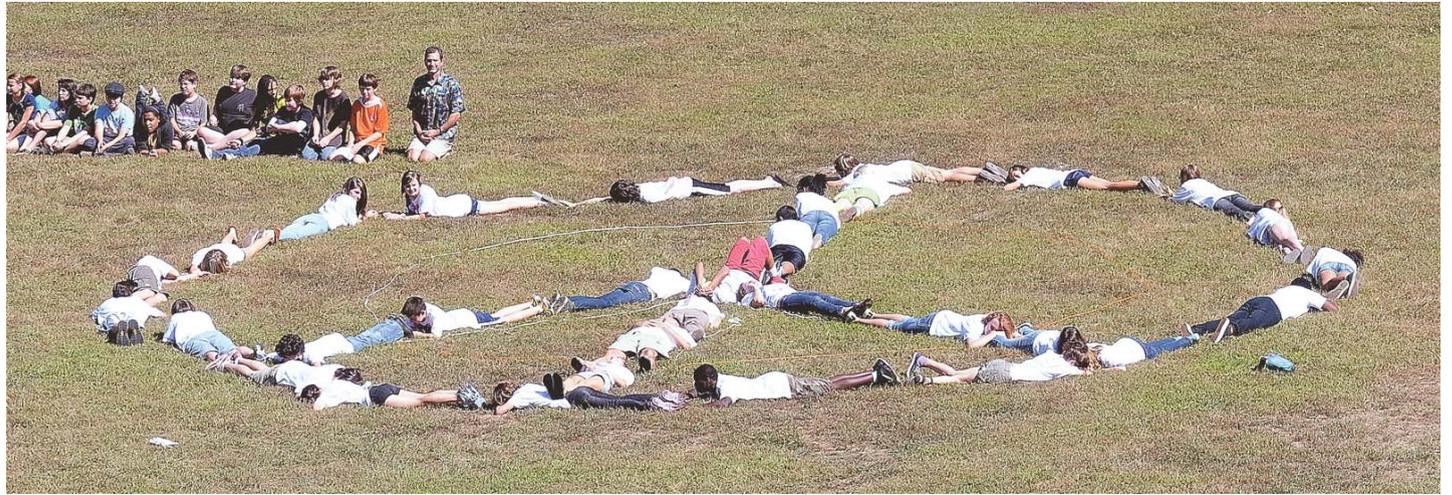
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SCHOOLS

International Day of Peace

All of the students at Burgundy Farm School participated in an International Day of Peace Program last month. Each class prepared a presentation which they performed at the amphitheatre. The early childhood students started off singing "Peace Flows Like a River." After all of the presentations, the students walked to the soccer field and made a formation of a Peace symbol and spelling out the word Peace.



The eighth graders form the PEACE symbol on the soccer field.



The first graders made posters and made lists of words beginning with the letters PEACE.



The eighth graders spelled out Give Peace a Chance People!



The early childhood students sing "Peace Flows Like a River."



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For the finale of the presentations, the entire student population stood and sang "Lean On Me."

Mensah Leads Majors to Confidence-Building Win

Junior rushes for 202 yards in 37-20 victory over Washington-Lee.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The Mount Vernon football team's evening of offensive dominance started with a physical 11-play, 52-yard touchdown drive that featured 10 running plays. It ended with junior running back Dennis Mensah racing 50 yards untouched for his second score of the contest. And somewhere between was a team developing a swagger and a belief that it has what it takes to make some noise in the National District.

Mensah rushed for 202 yards and Mount Vernon produced its highest point total in two years during a 37-20 victory at Washington-Lee on Oct. 15. The Majors totaled 260 yards on the ground and improved their record to 3-4, including 3-1 in the district. Mount Vernon finished 0-10 in 2009 and its previous victories this season were by eight and three points, respectively. Only once in six games had Mount Vernon scored more than 17 points — a season-opening 55-20 loss to West Potomac.

Against the Generals, a team that entered the game with a 2-1 district record, the Majors made plays and carried themselves with confidence.

"We really needed to get going against



Mount Vernon running back Dennis Mensah, seen earlier this season, rushed for 202 yards during the Majors' 37-20 win over W-L on Oct. 15.

"We wanted to establish the running game. We knew that [the Generals] watched us run on every film that they saw. My thing is, that's what we do and you're going to have to show me that you can stop it."

— Mount Vernon head football coach Barry Wells

somebody, which we hadn't done all year," first-year Mount Vernon head coach Barry Wells said. "I know that the talent was there,

but the kids needed to understand that if we can execute or come close to executing the game plan that we can put some num-

bers on the board."

The Majors didn't waste any time getting to work, scoring a touchdown on the game's opening drive. Ten run plays spread between four ball carriers and a 14-yard pass from Robert Decardi-Nelson to Julien Randolph produced a 4-yard touchdown run from Sadiq Oyedele and a lead the Majors would not relinquish.

"We wanted to establish the running game," Wells said. "We knew that [the Generals] watched us run on every film that they saw. My thing is, that's what we do and you're going to have to show me that you can stop it."

W-L didn't stop the Majors' ground game, allowing three Mount Vernon tailbacks to reach the end zone. Senior Emmanuel Tackie rushed 12 times for 31 yards and a touchdown and junior Oyedele carried seven times for 18 yards and a score.

"Their opening drive was our major concern," W-L head coach Josh Shapiro said. "We talked all week if they were going to go north and south and we couldn't wrap up, make tackles and come downhill and play, it was going to be a long night."

Mensah, the team's biggest back at 5 feet 11, 164 pounds, did most of the damage. No. 4 is primarily a tailback, but he lined up at fullback when he broke free for a 50-yard touchdown late in the fourth quarter.

"Now that we see that we can win a couple games," said Mensah, who gave credit to the offensive line after the game, "we're gaining confidence."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

West Potomac 4-0 In Patriot District

The West Potomac football team defeated Lee 54-12 on Oct. 15, improving its record to 5-2, 4-0 in the Patriot District. The Wolverines are tied atop the district standings with Lake Braddock, last season's AAA Division 6 state runner up.

West Potomac has scored 104 points in its last two games and have reached the 50-point mark three times. The Wolverines defense has held three of four district opponents to 15 points or fewer.

Next up for West Potomac is a home game against T.C. Williams at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 22. The following week, the Wolverines will host Lake Braddock.

MVHS 5K

The Mount Vernon High School 5K Turkey Trot and Wellness Walk will take place on Nov. 13 rain or shine. Registration is at 7:30 a.m. and the race starts at 8:30 a.m. General registration fee is \$35. Teachers or students with a valid ID card can participate for \$25. The race begins at the Rock entrance of MVHS. The race benefits the MVHS Cares Emergency Fun, to help pro-

vide education-related assistance and incentives for MVHS students.

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 to be put on the e-mail list.

Fort Hunt Winter Basketball

Registration is open for the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association winter basketball season. Those interested may register at www.fhyaa.org.

The league is for boys and girls ages 6-18. All players must be properly registered and have paid to play.

Registration fee is \$75 with a \$15 dis-

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5Qs West Potomac junior running back Brandon Johnson

Q: What goes through your mind when you have the ball and there's open field ahead of you?

A: When I see an open hole I try to hit it as quick as I can. My favorite college athlete is [running back] Jeffery Demps from Florida. I just try to get that model from him. If he sees a hole, he just hits it, whether it's about to close up or not.

Q: Do you have any plans for after high school?

A: I'm trying to major in criminal justice. I'm taking a class right now, just trying to use that as a backup in case football doesn't take me anywhere.

Q: Who is your favorite music artist?

A: Lil' Wayne. His style of music is different. I'm a different type of person.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "Paranormal Activity." Just the thought of ghosts and all that and you actually seeing it gives me chill bumps.

— JON ROETMAN



RICHARD MAPLE

Q: What location is the farthest from the Washington D.C. metro area that you have traveled?

A: I went to Alabama. I played Pop Warner and we went to the championships so we had to play out there. Unfortunately, we lost.

SPORTS



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For the first time, Fort Hunt Girls Lacrosse hosted clinics for “Scoopers,” players ages 4-6. Fort Hunt hosted five clinics last spring and five more are scheduled for Sundays in the fall. Go to www.forthuntlax.org for more information.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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count for a second basketball player in the family and a \$20 discount for a third player. There is a \$5.50 Fairfax County field use fee per registrant. A \$40 late

fee will be assessed to anyone registering after Nov. 1 (except high school age).

Contact Catherine Gorham at gorhamca@aol.com or more information.

Majors Defeat Washington-Lee

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Prior to the season, Wells did not mention Mensah as one of the team’s primary ball carriers. On Friday, Wells said the running back worked his way into the mix after an attitude adjustment.

“He kind of just popped up,” Wells said. “Dennis had some buy-into-the-program issues early on. I don’t think Dennis felt like I was a stick-to-the-guns kind of coach; that he’d be able to kind of do it his way. One day he came into the office and he said, ‘I feel like I’m better than everybody you’ve got running the ball.’ I said, ‘Well, the problem with that is you’re not doing the right things. As soon as you do the right things, we’ll find out if you’re the best guy.’”

“I think he heard the message. He’s proven he runs hard. Of the three tailbacks, he’s the strongest back.”

MOUNT VERNON also found success through the

air, completing 7 of 9 passes for 62 yards and a touchdown. Senior Tre Cooke took over at quarterback late in the second quarter and finished 5-of-6 for 44 yards, including a 10-yard scoring strike to Julien Randolph that gave the Majors a 31-7 lead early in the fourth quarter.

Randolph, who made impact plays on both sides of the ball, said the team has a different mentality this season. Mount Vernon’s next test will be a home game against Falls Church at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 22. The following week, the Majors will travel to face Yorktown, which sits atop the district standings at 4-0.

“We can make a lot of noise [in the district; we’re] way better than last year,” Randolph said. “The excitement [level is greater]. We all focus in practice and everybody’s excited, even on walk-throughs. We’re all getting hyped, ready to hit.”

“He kind of just popped up.”

— Mount Vernon head coach Barry Wells

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