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## It's Spring

West Potomac varsity soccer player Michelle Rigel Cruz advances the ball towards the goal in a Monday night scrimmage against Washington Lee High School.

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## Awaiting Advice

Long-awaited recommendation on citizen review board for police expected this month.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE

Advocates for a citizen review board to the Fairfax County Police Department have been waiting more than a year for some kind of action on their request. Now, finally, their day has arrived. But that doesn't necessarily mean they'll get the answer they asked for or what they want.

Later this month, County Executive Anthony Griffin will present his recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. His presentation will include a series of options Police Chief

David Rohr forwarded to the county executive last week, although county and police officials have declined to share any details from the secret memorandum.

"The conversations I've had with the county executive seem to indicate that he is going to recommend some kind of review process," said Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland. "I think in all likelihood we will come out of this with some kind of process to handle the issues that have been raised."

The push for a citizen review board to the police department began in February 2010, shortly

**"Maybe they are getting solid advice from people outside the citizen oversight world."**

— National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement

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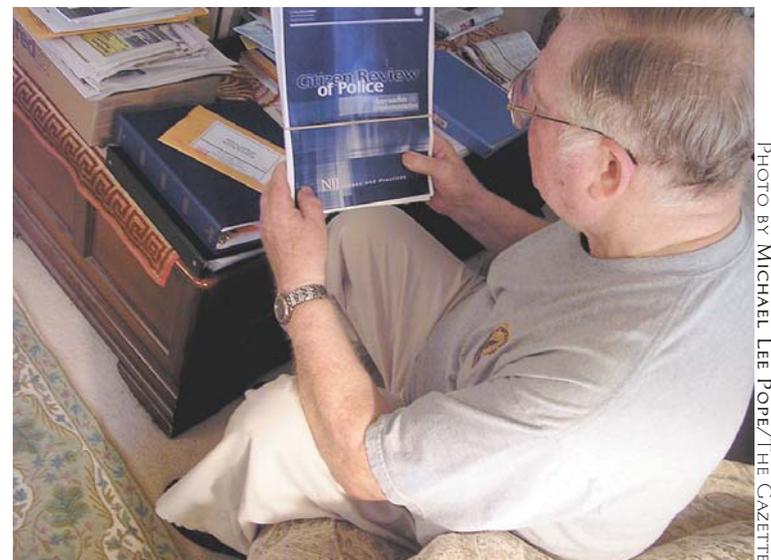


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Nicholas Beltrante reviews documents collected in his quest to create a citizen review board for the Fairfax County Police Department.

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# Urgent Care Center to Open on Richmond Highway

**New facility seeks to fill gap in health care services.**

BY GALE CURCIO  
THE GAZETTE

**M**others who come home from work to children with running noses and fever, will have an alternative to the emergency room or getting up at O-Dark-Hundred to make an appointment with the local pediatrician for the next morning.

Doctors Express Mount Vernon is opening this month on Richmond Highway. It will open at 8 a.m. seven days a week and close at 8 p.m., except for Saturday and Sunday, when it will close at 6 p.m.

A franchised operation with 32 other locations, Doctors Express ensures that patients will always see a board-certified doctor and all nurses and x-ray technicians are licensed professionals. With digital x-ray equipment on-site, patients take a CD copy of their x-rays with them — and records are sent directly to their doctors.

The on-site laboratory meets CLIA standards and it can provide the majority of tests required by urgent care patients while they wait. Doctors Express provides Occupational Health services for employees and employers, as well as travel medicine and vaccination.

The person behind this new venture is Earl Reed. A long-time resident of Mount Vernon, Reed has served as a fighter pilot, opened a chain of drugstores in Moscow and, as a government contractor, managed a \$22 billion budget in Saudi Arabia.

"I know how to run a business," said Reed, who looked at several other franchising operations before he decided on Doctors Express. "I expect to begin receiving patients in March and have a highly public grand opening in early April. I really want to edu-



**Dottie and Earl Reed in front of Doctors Express of Mount Vernon.**

cate the Potomac side on what an urgent care clinic really is. It's not just a 'sniffle clinic' but instead a complementary facility to the local emergency room and primary physician — not a competitor. Working moms can get in and out in less than an hour and experience a 'one-stop shop' — leaving with full laboratory work, x-rays if needed and prescriptions rather than having to wait elsewhere.

"This will be a valuable, complementary asset to our community. I have one full-time, highly-experienced ER physician and four part timers committed to us at this point."

Reed is currently in the process of getting credentialed (accepted) by the major insurance carriers in the area. This is a time-consuming process but eventually they will be able to accept almost all health insurance carriers for treatment.

John M. Shiver, coordinator of undergraduate programs, Department of Health Administration and Policy at George Mason University, said, "This is conventional medicine focused on the needs of the customer. It is equivalent to the care you get at an emergency room. It's a great place for kids who need care after school."

Shiver, who is an expert in the field of urgent care, went on to say that 66 percent of patients who visit the emergency room are not experiencing an emergency situation. They just need to see a doctor outside of office hours.

Reed has some background in medicine; he was a pre-med student at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina. He planned to go to medical school but it competed with his dream of becoming a fighter pilot that he had since he was in third grade.

"Once they gave me the keys to an F-4, why would I want to go to medical school?" said Reed. "I was a career fighter pilot in the US Air Force; I flew F-4s and F-15s and had two tours in Viet Nam, flying over 400 combat missions."

After 20 years in the Air Force, Reed retired as a colonel and became a program manager in the Pentagon for the Royal Saudi Air Force Foreign Military Sales Program. They needed an F-15 pilot with prior program management experience.

He then formed a 50-50 joint venture with four female PhD Russian pharmacists who were the managers of 13 state (City of Moscow)-owned pharmacies inside Moscow.

They had the stores but no products after the collapse of the USSR.

Reed said, "My American partner and I arranged procurement and delivery of pharmacy stocks for the stores from Bulgaria and America. I did this for about three years until I became engaged in the conversion of the Russian anthrax factory in Kazakhstan into a pharmaceutical plant under contract to the U.S. government as part of the Nunn-Lugar, swords into plow shares program for their weapons of mass destruction conversion."

A few years ago, he decided that he needed a more lucrative plan for retirement. He started researching franchising operations, eliminating ones that involved food or retail. Out of five plans presented to him by a broker, he liked this one best.

With that, he started searching for financing. He was approved for a Veteran's Expedited Loan — 18 months later.

"I started the SBA loan process in August 2009, expecting to close no later than December, 2009," said Reed. "Through no particular element's fault, I just barely got it closed in December 2010 as part of the President's stimulus plan. Thank God as a veteran, I got the accelerated 'Patriot's Express Plan.'"

Reed has been married to Dottie for 41 years. They met in kindergarten and grew up in the same small town in the panhandle of Florida (same high school class). She just retired as a kindergarten teacher after 24 years at Grace Episcopal School in Old Town. They are long-time members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church and have two grown children, Jennifer Reed, 33, and John (Sheff) Reed, 32, — both living in this area.

Doctors Express Mount Vernon is located at 7609-B Richmond Highway. Phone number is 703-598-2544. Visit [www.doctorsexpress.com/mountvernon](http://www.doctorsexpress.com/mountvernon) for more information.

*Gale Curcio is an independent writer and public relations consultant in Mount Vernon.*



**Physicians, staff and volunteers gather at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital to celebrate recent awards in stroke care, wound healing, breast health and other accomplishments with a celebration held on March 3.**

## Celebrating Quality Care



**From left: Kylanne Green, executive vice president, Inova Health System; Cleveland Francis, M.D., cardiologist, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, and Barbara Doyle, CEO, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.**

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## NEWS

# Police Chief Compiles Options

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after Fairfax County Police Officer David Ziants shot and killed an unarmed driver on Richmond Highway. Police officials failed to release the incident report or the dashboard video footage of the incident, even when the information was requested in a Virginia Freedom of Information Act request. That led retired D.C. detective Nicholas Beltrante to begin advocating for a citizen-led review board that would be able to investigate complaints against the police.

"Citizens should have the opportunity to investigate these matters," Beltrante said in a March 2010 interview. "But the way things work now, the process is biased in favor of the police and citizens don't have any input."

**THE MOVEMENT** was slow to catch on, and it received some early resistance. When Beltrante approached the Public Safety Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, the panel declined to even consider the issues. And Hyland interpreted the lack of interest among members of the council as an indication that the effort had scant community support.

"We've already got a lot of commissions, and most of them just end up making paper," said Dallas Shawkey, chairman of the Public Safety Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations. "If someone feels they've been wronged, they can file a civil complaint."

But Beltrante was not alone. In May, he and others who were concerned about a lack of oversight at the Fairfax County Police Department formed the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability. Central to the mission of the coalition was the effort to advocate for a citizen review board, a concept which has been endorsed by the American Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP and the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.

"The problem is that there's a lot of police misconduct in Fairfax County," said Shirley Stewart, a member of the Fairfax NAACP. "And it's getting swept under the rug."

**IN A CLOSED EXECUTIVE** session last year on May 25, members of the Board of Supervisors discussed the issue with Chief Rohrer. According to Chairwoman Sharon Bulova, the meeting concluded with the chief agreeing to consider a process for community discussion on how such a review mechanism might be structured. The chief promised to return with some models and strategies as well as a timeline for engaging the community.

"I think it would be helpful to assure ourselves and either confirm that the right decision was made or to be able to go back and correct something that may not have gone as well as it should have," Bulova said in October.

Since that time, it's been a waiting game. Supporters of the citizen review board have been eagerly anticipating the police chief's recommendation. In December, police officials decided they would not be making a public recommendation. Instead, the chief of police would make a secret report to the county executive, who would then make a final recommendation to members of the Board of Supervisors.

"The Police Department is just one of many stakeholders in this issue and the recommendation will come from the county, not the police chief," said police spokeswoman Mary Ann Jennings in a December e-mail. "That will happen after all the discussions and considerations are complete."

**NOW, AFTER MORE** than a year of waiting, the county is finally ready to move forward with a recommendation. But it's unclear what kind of research has been conducted by county officials in advance of the March 29 meeting. For example, leaders of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement say they have never been contacted by anyone from the police department or county government.

"Maybe they are getting solid advice from people outside the citizen oversight world," said Phillip Eure, immediate past president of the association. "It's not at all clear to me that Fairfax County officials have consulted with the people who are most knowledgeable about police review boards, although we remain ready, willing and able to help them at any time."

### CRIME REPORT

*Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon police department through March 4.*

#### ROBBERY

**Two men robbed an 18-year-old man** in the 3100 block of Monticello Drive around 8:25 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. The suspects apparently cut

the victim with a sharp instrument. The victim was treated at the scene for non life-threatening injuries.

**A 29-year-old Alexandria-area woman reported she was robbed** by three men around 12:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15 in the 8300 block of Brockham Drive. The victim alleged that she was struck in the

head from behind by the suspects. They knocked her to the ground and took cash before fleeing. The victim later responded to the hospital around 2:30 a.m. and reported the incident.

**A 20-year-old man was robbed at knifepoint** in a parking lot in the 7500 block of Richmond Highway around 10:25 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16. The suspect was described as black, between 5 feet 8 inches and 6 feet 1 inch tall, 180 to 220 pounds, in his mid-30s and wearing a black hoodie, a mask and black pants. The victim was not injured and detectives believe the victim was targeted.

#### DRIVING ON A SUSPENDED

#### DRIVER'S LICENSE/

#### RESISTING ARREST/ ARREST

**Police conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle** around 5:40 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26 in the 8500 block of Laguna Court for traffic charges. The driver was arrested after an investigation determined he had multiple outstanding warrants. A 26-year-old male of Triangle was taken to jail and the warrants were served. He was additionally charged with driving on a suspended driver's license and resisting arrest.



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# OBITUARIES

## Eligius A. Wolicki



Dr. Eligius A. Wolicki, 83, died Feb. 18, surrounded by family at his home after a long illness. Wolicki was born in Buffalo, N.Y., to Polish immigrants on May 10, 1927. The youngest of five children, he grew up during the Great Depression, helping with the family grocery business and excelling in school. He attended Kensington Public High School in Buffalo and received a wartime accelerated magna cum laude B.S. in physics from Canisius College at the age of 19 and a Ph.D. in nuclear physics from the University of Notre Dame at the age of 23.

Wolicki worked at the University of Iowa before joining the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C., in 1952. He worked there until his first retirement in 1984. He received a Meritorious Civilian Service award while serving as Acting Superintendent of the Nuclear Sciences Division in 1971.

Wolicki's second career as a consultant saw him elected to fellowship in the American Physical Society and also to the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. He was proudest of coining the term "single event upset," a concept that was critical to development of successful modern satellite communications. He left his scientific careers in 1995.

After his second retirement, he devoted himself to playing piano, composing music, dabbling in philosophy and continuing his world travels. Together with his wife, Wilma, he traveled to six of the seven continents, 40 countries and most of the states.

Wolicki was a member of his church choir as well as the Alexandria Harmonizers. He played ping-pong and tennis into his 80s, danced, and served as a volunteer role model of "can do" activities following double-hip replacements at the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

He enjoyed fellowship and service as a Brother Knight in the Knights of Columbus, Mount Vernon Council. He is preceded in death by his parents, two older siblings in infancy and his brother, Edward, who died in WWII. He is survived by an older sister, Laura Bylebyl, of N. Tonawanda, N.Y., his wife of 56 years, Wilma Pitsenbarger Wolicki,

four children: Dr. Karol and Valerie Wolicki of Greensboro, N.C.; Dr. Ann and Marc Ascher of Lebanon, N.J.; Stasia and Patrick Rhoads, and Stefanie and Scott Jarrell, all of Northern Virginia. He also leaves five grandchildren: Caitrin, Matthew and Patrick Rhoads of Alexandria, and Thaddeus and Kadja Wolicki of Greensboro, N.C.

Services were held Feb. 23 at St. Louis Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to KOVAR to assist intellectually disabled adults, c/o Knights of Columbus, 8592 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309.

## Lawrence Crann



Lawrence Bruce Crann, 94, died on Sunday, Feb. 27, at Spring Hills Assisted Living in Mount Vernon. Lawrence was born Aug. 6, 1916, in Fall River, Mass., and spent his childhood in Orange, N.J. He graduated from Newark

College of Engineering in 1942 and was commissioned into the Navy shortly thereafter. He served aboard the submarine Razorback from its commissioning in 1944 until the end of World War II. During this period, he served at various times as Communications Officer, Diving Officer, Engineering Officer and Executive Officer. He was aboard during all five war patrols and was present at the signing of the peace treaty in Tokyo Bay.

Crann married Barbara McCreary in 1945 and settled in the Mount Vernon community in 1949 where they resided for 61 years. He worked for the Department of Agriculture, Rural Electrification Administration, until his retirement in 1975. Crann spent his retirement years golfing at Mount Vernon Country Club, where he won numerous tournaments, including the Seniors Championship. His last win was at the age of 88, a two-man team victory with golf partner Tom Nunan.

Crann was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. His wife Barbara died in January 2011. He is survived by three daughters — Wendy Newcomer of Richmond, Laurie Kitchin of King George, Va., and Chris Bramante of Bethesda, Md.; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. A memorial celebration will be held at Mount Vernon Country Club at a later date.

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## Note to Gov: Sign the Autism Bill

**Bipartisan effort supports early treatment.**

**A** new law to mandate very basic and limited insurance coverage for treating autism in young children awaits the signature of Gov. Bob McDonnell. The added coverage will be a lifeline to many families already coping with major challenges.

The bill passed by wide margins with wonderful bipartisan support (including all of our Northern Virginia legislators). It passed 29-8 in the Senate; 73-24 in the House of Delegates.

The governor is facing a major lobbying effort by some business and insurance company interests to veto the bill, and he has not yet said what his intentions are. The law would save money over time, because it will result in young adults with autism functioning at a higher level.

Contact him and urge him to sign this bill into law.

<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/contact.cfm>; (804) 786-2211.

### SB 1062/HB 2467 verbatim:

Health insurance; mandated coverage for autism spectrum disorder. Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and treatment for ASD in individuals from age two to six, subject to

an annual maximum benefit of \$35,000 of coverage for applied behavior analysis. This requirement does not apply to individual or small group policies, contracts, or plans. The mandate will also apply

EDITORIALS

## Safe for Saint Patrick's Day

**Plan ahead to get home safe after celebrations.**

**W**hile the City of Alexandria holds its Saint Patrick's Day parade early, that leaves that much more time for celebration on the day itself, March 17.

The Saint Patty's Day SoberRide program will offer 12 hours of safe passage from 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 17th until 4 a.m. the following day to keep impaired drivers off the road during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

First, plan ahead to manage this yourself: leave your car at home, take public transportation, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn't available.

But if you find yourself needing a ride, area residents 21 and over celebrating with alcohol can call the SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a free, safe way home (up to \$30 cab fare).

to the state employees' health insurance plan and to the local choice health program. This measure will not apply to an insurer, corporation, or health maintenance organization, or to government employee programs, if the costs associated with coverage exceed one percent of premiums charged over the experience period.

Last Saint Patrick's Day, 525 possibly impaired people used the SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired. More than a third of traffic fatalities on Saint Patrick's Day and the early morning hours of the next day are alcohol related nationwide.

Sponsors of this year's Saint Patrick's Day SoberRide include the Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association, as well as some of the area's Irish restaurants, including Ireland's Four Provinces and Murphy's, Ri Ra and Sine Irish pubs.

Since 1993, this program on targeted holidays has provided 51,718 safe and free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the area. See [www.soberride.com](http://www.soberride.com).

## Reaching for Stars

BY SCOTT SUROVELL  
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

**B**ack when I was a student at Waynewood Elementary, field trips were always a big moment. Several stick out in my head — Jamestown & Williamsburg in 4th Grade, Philadelphia in 6th Grade, and one other — the Planetarium at Fort Hunt High School (Carl Sandburg Intermediate School today).

I remember learning the difference between the size and color of stars and planets in the sky, the changing of the constellations, and the corny picture of the arrival of Halley's Comet in 1986. Coming straight on the heels of Star Wars IV and V, it was an amazing experience for a kid from Northern Virginia where the sky has never really been the best place to stargaze.

COMMENTARY

On one of the nights right before my election, I was out after midnight putting up door hangers in Hybla Valley and got a call while walking by a field at the back of some condominiums that backed up to Huntley Meadows Park. While I was talking on the phone, I started looking around and couldn't believe how few stars there were due to the light pollu-

tion. It got me thinking about how kids in our areas probably do not see many stars between the light from Washington, D.C. and the U.S. 1 Corridor.

After I was elected, I had a conversation with a Fairfax County School administrator who was not even aware of the Planetarium's existence — it hadn't been used in years due to lack of resources to fund field trips and a lack of staff to run the equipment.

Fairfax County teaches astronomy units in 4th, 5th and 6th Grades. Fairfax County Public Schools also has eight planetaria — the highest concentration in the United States except for Dallas, Texas. Seven of them have staff and are operational. Carl Sandburg's is the only one that is not functional.

Carl Sandburg's new principal, Terrence Yarborough, is working on getting the equipment operational, locating volunteers, and staff willing to be trained. I'm also working on some funding. Hopefully, it will be back up soon so that the children in our community can benefit from the same things we did as a kids growing up in this community.

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**Stratford Landing Elementary School's 2011 Odyssey of the Mind 5th Grade Team won 1st place in the Spontaneous category. The students included Magnolia Totaro, Muhammed Ali, Garret McCown, Cole Newman, Celia Lane, Abbie Bougie and Avery Myart.**



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8601 WOODLAND HEIGHTS CT	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$835,000	Detached	0.71			WOODLAND HEIGHTS
2314 WILKINSON PL	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$755,000	Detached	0.49			KIRKSIDE
8614 FORT HUNT RD	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$733,333	Detached	0.33			FORT HUNT MANOR
7808 LEE AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Detached	0.98			WELLINGTON
1057 DALEBROOK DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$642,000	Detached	0.25			WAYNEWOOD
8510 BUCKBOARD DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$605,000	Detached	0.29			RIVERSIDE GARDENS
3101 SPRING DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Detached	0.26			VALLEY VIEW
2302 WILKINSON PL	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$587,500	Detached	0.36			KIRKSIDE
4212 DANDRIDGE TER	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$568,000	Detached	0.32			SOUTHWOOD
2510 CULPEPER RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$565,000	Detached	0.32			STRATFORD
7507 LINDBERG DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$562,000	Detached	0.09			GROVE AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS
2440 HUNTINGTON PARK DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Townhouse	0.05			PAVILIONS AT HUNTINGTON
1702 COOL SPRING DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Detached	0.28			COLLINGWOOD SPRINGS
8910 CAMDEN ST	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Detached	0.27			STRATFORD LANDING
7949 BOLLING DR	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Detached	0.29			WELLINGTON ESTATES
2495 DAWN DR	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Detached	0.22			BELLE HAVEN MEADOWS
4404 FERRY LANDING RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$487,500	Detached	0.51			MT VERNON PARK
1128 NEAL DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Detached	0.24			COLLINGWOOD ESTATES
3113 BATTERSEA LN	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$445,000	Detached	0.29			RIVERSIDE ESTATES
8331 WAGON WHEEL RD	5	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$432,500	Detached	0.24			RIVERSIDE ESTATES
6926 COLUMBIA DR	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$430,000	Detached	0.17			BUCKNELL MANOR
7012 POLINS CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$424,000	Detached	0.29			HUNTLEY
2917 BREEZY TER	5	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$406,000	Detached	0.50			PENN DAW VILLAGE
7102 FORT HUNT RD	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Detached	0.27			BUCKNELL MANOR
2809 JEFFERSON DR	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$379,900	Duplex	0.09			JEFFERSON MANOR
2737 CARTER FARM CT	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$372,000	Townhouse	0.04			HUNTINGTON AT MT VERNON
3442 TURTLE DOVE NOOK	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$355,000	Townhouse	0.03			GROVE AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS
5838 EDGEHILL DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Semi-Detached	0.08			JEFFERSON MANOR
8324 COOPER ST	6	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$349,000	Detached	0.36			TIMOTHY PARK
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3208 ELMWOOD DR	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$320,000	Detached	0.22			BURGUNDY VILLAGE
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2406 HUNTINGTON AVE #B1	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$311,000	Duplex	0.12			HUNTINGTON
8473 BYERS DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$310,000	Townhouse	0.04			SKYVIEW PARK
7414 CONVAIR DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$309,564	Detached	0.36			HYBLA VALLEY
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8112 KEELER ST	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$250,000	Detached	0.26			WOODLAWN TERRACE
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# Compromise Budget Aids Education

BY LINDA T. "TODDY" PULLER  
STATE SENATOR (D-36)

**T**his year's General Assembly Session ended one day late. Budget negotiators worked to reach a compromise on the budget resolving the differences between the Senate and the House. For FY 2012, \$75.6 million in funds from the General Fund (GF) were added for K-12 education by reaching a compromise between the Senate's proposal of \$100.6 million and the House's reduction by \$0.7 million. Additional

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funding of \$68.8 million was included for Medicaid provider restorations and \$30 million was appropriated to the Behavioral and Developmental Services Trust Fund in response to concerns raised by the U.S. Department of Justice. The purpose of the fund is to transition individuals from state training centers into the community. In the area of Public Safety, state aid was partially restored to localities with police departments.

With regard to the proposed reinstatement of the 5 percent employee Virginia Retirement System (VRS) contribution, a compromise was reached to require Virginia state employees to pay 5 percent into their retirement accounts and receive a 5 percent raise to offset the contribution. Employees hired after July 1, 2010 will continue to pay the required 5 percent retirement contribution as outlined under the 2010 pension reform but will not receive the 5 percent raise. Retirement contributions for teachers were not changed at the state level.

The Route 1 Transportation Study bill that I introduced passed and is to be funded at around \$1.5 million. This first critical phase

will look at the scope of what the whole study should include.

"Ashley's Law" that I introduced in the Senate passed. It amends the Code of Virginia relating to emergency vehicles proceeding through intersections. I introduced the bill after one of my constituents, Ashley McIntosh, was killed when a police officer ran a red light without a siren at a high speed on Route 1 during icy, winter conditions. This requires that emergency vehicle operators have both their sirens and flashing lights on or be able to stop when proceeding through a red light.

I also put forward a bill to require that the party against whom a Freedom of Information Act petition is brought be provided a copy of the petition prior to the filing of the petition. This bill was offered in response to the filing of petitions against Prince William County Schools who were not notified of the petition and had to rush to respond to the suits.

SB 1339 amends Virginia's Code regarding population projections for comprehensive planning in urban development areas. These projections may now be based either on the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service of the University of Virginia or the Council of Government (COG) estimates. I carried this bill at the request of Prince William County.

Other bills that I introduced included: the allowance of purchasing direct recording electronic voting machines from any source to meet legal mandates for accessible voting equipment; the designation of October 2011 and the years thereafter as "Family History Month"; the issuance of a license plate celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fort Belvoir; and the enactment into law of the constitutional amendment adopted by vot-

ers in November 2010 providing a property tax exemption for veterans who have a 100 percent, service-related disability or their surviving spouses. This includes both the principal residence and the land on which it is situated. Effective date is Jan. 1, 2011.

As a result of my initiative on SJ 294, the Joint Commission on Health Care will study the growing health issue of eating disorders.

We were able to prevent the privatization of the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) stores that the Governor proposed this year. The ABC bill came before the Senate Committee I chair. I refused to bring the bill up for consideration as I had told the Governor's staff that I would not bring up the bill unless the House of Delegates acted on it first. The Republican Chair in the House also refused to consider the bill.

ABC has worked well for Virginians for nearly 80 years. The system makes a wide variety of products available in clean, reasonably located and safe stores statewide. The operation is transparent and free of the corruption that has plagued other states. And ABC has been profitable. In good times and bad, ABC generates badly needed revenue for critical state services, including public education, law enforcement and mental health. I was against this initiative from the beginning. The Virginia ABC system seems to work, is not broken and doesn't need fixing. There was also a fear that the number of stores would be increased from 333 to 1000, liquor costs would rise and funds to the government would decrease. The Governor says he will bring this issue back up next year.

For the rest of March, we will be working on re-districting and will go back to Richmond in April to develop the redistricting plan.

# 44th Changes But Also Stays the Same

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL  
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

**O**n April 4, we will return to Richmond for a constitutionally-mandated special session to consider vetoes and draw boundaries for state and federal legislators' districts. The Board of Supervisors controls redistricting for Supervisors and School Board seats.

The Constitution of Virginia requires every district to "be composed of contiguous and compact territory and shall be so constituted as to give, as nearly as is practicable, representation in proportion to the population of the district." There is no requirement that districts be drawn to protect incumbents, consider the political implications of the lines, or yield to communities of interest.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 also requires the General Assembly to take no step that effectively dilutes minority voting rights. Also, because of Virginia's history of racial discrimination, all of our electoral activities are subject to the review of the

Department of Justice before they become final.

The 2010 Census found that Virginia now has 8,001,024 people. Most of the population growth in Virginia has occurred in Northern Virginia, primarily in Prince William and Loudoun Counties. Northern Virginia is expected to gain 2.5 delegate seats and one senate seat in the exurbs between Fredericksburg and Leesburg. Hampton Roads will lose a seat along with Southwest Virginia and probably Southside Virginia. This could give the more populous areas more leverage in the legislature.

I support bipartisan or nonpartisan redistricting. Elected officials should not draw their own districts. In the past two years, the State Senate passed legislation to establish bipartisan redistricting, but the House of Delegates killed it. The Governor also campaigned on redistricting reform but did little to press it during this legislative session. He has set up a bipartisan commission to make recommendations and appointed Mount Vernon resident Jean Jensen to serve. Feel free to send them your suggestions or ideas.

The House and Senate will propose their plans later this month and the public will have an opportunity to comment in writing and via public hearing. You can design your own plan, on this website - <http://gardow.com/davebradlee/redistricting> and if you would like it to be considered. All of the Virginia census and political performance data have been uploaded.

The General Assembly will vote on plans in the first week of April. The plans will then go to the Governor for signature or amendment and then on to the U.S. Department of Justice for approval. Political primaries will take place two-and-a-half months later than usual, on Aug. 23.

Roughly speaking, the 44th District currently includes both sides of U.S. 1 to the Potomac River and from Huntington Avenue to Woodlawn minus the communities of Belleview, Marlan Forest, Villamay, Hollin Hills, and Kirkside which are represented by Del. David Englin. The 44th District, with 79,833 people, is the closest to the "ideal" in the entire state out of 100 districts. It is

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LETTERS

## Keep Westgrove A Natural Park

To the Editor:

I encourage support for master planning for Westgrove Park, an ecologically sensitive parcel, and to avoid its "interim use" as a dog park. These 21-acres are in a vulnerable area, close to the Potomac River and draining into Dyke Marsh. Dyke Marsh is a unique ecosystem and the largest temperate freshwater tidal marsh in the National Park Service (NPS) system. According to NPS scientists, it is the only climax riverine cattail marsh in the system. It is the last extensive freshwater tidal marsh system on the Potomac River in our area.

In 2003, Audrey Calhoun, then superintendent of the NPS' George Washington Memorial Parkway, stated that Westgrove Park, in its natural state, "will help ensure the protection and preservation of Dyke Marsh." Because of NPS' interest, their staff did a one-day inventory and, through this small sample, found 150 plant species, 25 species of birds, nine species of butterflies, and seven species of dragonflies. A Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) study done in 2004/5 describes the meadow habitats at Westgrove as "relatively uncommon in Fairfax County." It is important to note that studies have shown that dogs particularly threaten ground-nesting birds and can cause a 40 percent drop in bird numbers and a 35 percent drop in bird species. It would take years to recreate the trees, vegetation, and wildlife that currently exist in Westgrove Park.

As a neighbor to Belleview Elementary School, Westgrove Park is ideally suited to support the movement toward outdoor education for children.

Although it has been disturbed over the years, Westgrove Park is part of a green corridor that connects to Dyke Marsh. Such corridors are infrastructures, imperative to viable ecosystems because they protect biodiversity and allow species to move or spread. Westgrove is one of our few remaining natural areas and I believe it wise to keep it in its natural state. "Interim use" as an off-leash dog park will cause further disturbance. Let's work through the master planning process to preserve these 21 acres as a protected, natural park, filled with native plants and animals.

**Eleanor F. Quigley**

Mt. Vernon Representative

Fairfax County Tree Commission

*Quigley is writing for herself, not for the Commission.*

## Responsibility Matters

To the Editor:

One of the most controversial issues with Fairfax County Schools and

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**Alex/Yacht Haven \$1,975,000**  
**4813 Tarpon Lane**  
**Waterfront Living!**



Enjoy your own dock and boatlift, sited on 140' of waterfront, with this custom Boucher home! Features four

large bedrooms, four full and two half baths, four fireplaces, large gourmet kitchen, and two car garage, with huge windows and decks to take in the sweeping panorama!

**Wellington Estates \$749,900**  
**7945 Bolling Drive**  
**Attention to Detail**



Custom home built in 2004 filled with light from towering windows. Open two story dining room adjacent to chef's kitchen. 5/6

bedrooms, three full and one half baths. Versatile floor plan allows flexible use of rooms on all three levels. All this plus two story guest suite with separate entrance, kitchenette and laundry.

**Waynewood \$524,900**  
**8413 Conover Place**  
**Move-In Condition**



This classic home has many updates to include replaced windows, refinished hardwood floors, new carpet on

lower level, and newer HVAC systems, just to name a few. Four bedrooms, two full and one half bathrooms on two levels with over 2500 sq ft. Walk from formal dining room to deck and wonderful yard.

**Waynewood \$649,900**  
**8518 Culver Place**  
**Living Large!**



This home has over 2500 sq ft of living area with a huge addition that adds a master suite, extra bedroom, and family room. A total of 5 bedrooms and 2 full

plus 2 half baths makes this perfect for a large family. The kitchen has been completely remodeled to accommodate a busy lifestyle with top of the line appliances, cabinets, island and large dining area. A must see!

**Alex/Hollin Hills \$724,500**  
**7720 Elba Road**  
**Contemporary Classic**



Meticulously maintained by original owners. Deceptively spacious 2 level home with 5 bedrooms, 3 full

baths, 2 floor to ceiling brick fireplaces. Light filled living room and formal dining room, spacious eat-in kitchen, master bedroom suite with full bath and family room. Beautiful hardwood floors on main level.

**Alex/Hollin Hills \$749,900**  
**1808 Drury Lane**  
**Secluded Two Level Contemporary**



New features enhance the original mid-century modern aesthetic! This 2 level home has four bedrooms and three full

baths. This home will not disappoint with remodeled chef's kitchen, adjacent family room, large dining room, remodeled baths, and lower level recreation room. Too many details to list!

**Alex/Hollin Hills \$649,900**  
**1939 Marthas Road**  
**Special Contemporary**



Classic Hollin Hills contemporary with large master bedroom and family room addition with beautiful private yard and

carport! Three bedrooms, two full baths, den, large living room with fireplace, gourmet kitchen with Viking stove, parquet floors. Lots of light and space.

**Alex/Hollin Hills \$749,900**  
**1922 Marthas Road**  
**Spacious One Level Living**



Bright one-level contemporary with over 2300 sq ft of living space. On breath-taking landscaped and wooded

lot. Brand new bamboo flooring throughout, this 4 bedroom, 3 full bath house includes a huge master suite addition. Floor to ceiling windows throughout bring the outdoors inside!

**Alex/Randall \$599,900**  
**2200 Shiver Drive**  
**Famously Designed Contemporary**



Custom all brick two level home designed by Dr. Jerome Lindsay, former architect at Howard University.

This green home has triple pane windows, zoned heat, solar hot water heater, and generator back up. Each of the four bedrooms has soaring windows to let in the light.

**Alex/Virginia Hills \$379,900**  
**3718 Logan Court**  
**Expanded One Level Living Plus Garage**



This expanded and upgraded rambler features an amazingly open and bright kitchen addition, master bedroom addition with

walk-in closet, large master bath and French doors to patio. Three bedrooms, two full baths, roof, windows, siding, HVAC replaced in 2004. All this plus oversized two car garage with walk-up storage!

**Old Town \$429,900**  
**902 Franklin Street**  
**Historic Home in Great Location**



Charming all-brick detached townhome built in 1820. Spiral staircase leads to two upper level bedrooms and full bath. Main level with wide-plank oak floors in living room and dining

room. Remodeled kitchen leads to large fenced backyard with patio. Steps to bus!

**Alex/Quaker Ridge \$739,900**  
**3549 Goddard Way**  
**Almost New Four Level Townhome**



This exceptional townhome with over 3400 sq ft of living space. Huge thought has been given to every detail with the entire third floor comprising of master suite with luxurious bathroom, two walk-in closets and den. Gourmet kitchen, second story deck and walk-out basement are just a few details for this 4 bedroom with 2 full and 2 half

bath home.

**Alex/Beauregard \$415,000**  
**698 N Armistead Street**  
**Large Townhome-Close In Location**



This 3 bedroom with 3 full and one half bath townhome has over 2500 sq ft of living space on 3 levels.

Updates galore in this wonderful home to include Brazilian cherry floors, new carpet, paint, roof, windows and too many other details to list. This home is a must see!

**Alex/Del Ray \$195,000**  
**3311 Commonwealth Avenue #1**  
**Charming and Quaint!**



Wonderful one bedroom and one bath condo in convenient Auburn Village. This 700

sq ft condo has bright white kitchen cabinets and roomy dining and living room. Steps away from shopping, bus line.

**Alex/Mt. Vernon \$899,000**  
**3612 Becherer Road**  
**Media Room for the Tech Savvy**



Brick front colonial built in 2004 with over 5500 sq ft of living space. Huge bedrooms, soaring 2 story living room, and

gourmet kitchen. This home is designed for entertaining, including a finished lower level with a media room that begs for a bowl of popcorn. A must see home in move-in condition.

**Alex/Del Ray**  
**116 E Bellefonte**  
**Two Story Addition!**



This updated three story home offers lots of space and a great location just off Mount Vernon Avenue! Convenient to

everything Del Ray has to offer. Two level addition adds sitting room to master bedroom and formal dining room off updated kitchen. All this and a large yard and off street parking.



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**JUST LISTED!**

3932  
Ft Worth Ave  
\$959,000  
Updated Colonial -  
Seminary Ridge  
Exciting new listing! Spacious  
3LVL colonial in prime Seminary  
Ridge location. Home is in  
pristine condition with many fabulous features including: + large  
BRs, updated white kitchen, newly finished hdwd flrs, luxurious  
master suite and oversized 2 car gar. Deck overlooks private  
grounds. Walk to St. Stephens/St. Agnes School.

**OPEN SUNDAY!**

2205  
Basset St  
\$729,000  
**Total Renovation!  
Prime Location!**  
Unique Opportunity-Fabulous  
3 level Colonial. Totally  
renovated and updated from  
top to bottom. Custom features include: brick exterior, bright,  
open floor plan, hardwood floors, 3.5 updated BAs, 4 large BRs  
w/luxurious master suite, 2 FPs & finished LL w/direct outside  
entrance. Prime cul-de-sac location. Fenced lvl lot. Move In  
Ready! OPEN 3/13, 1-4, GW Pkwy; R-Stratford; L-Basset.

9316  
Allwood Dr  
\$489,500  
**Absolutely Impeccable!  
New Price! Stunning home**  
features bright open floor  
plan with soaring cathedral  
ceilings on main level. This  
fabulous property has been  
substantially updated and  
is in absolutely impeccable condition. Gleaming hardwood  
floors, track lighting, finished lower level, garage and much more!  
Gorgeous setting on half acre tract fronting a quiet street in the  
heart of Mt. Vernon.

**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**

7916 NEW MARKET  
RD / Hollin Hall  
Village / \$475,000  
**FANTASTIC 2 LEVEL  
raised Rambler.** Renovated  
kit w/granite & SS,  
hardwoods on main level,  
fully finished lower level  
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**Bette Gorman, CRS 703.585.2235**  
**Betsy Gorman 703.861.4825**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**

6624 E WAKEFIELD  
DR #B-1 / Alex  
\$233,900  
**THIS BELLE VUE  
CONDO has it all - 2nd  
flr 2 bdrm end unit with  
3 sides of new windows,  
remodeled kitchen with  
gorgeous granite, updated bath with new tile &  
fixtures, and beautiful hardwood floors throughout.**  
Call for more information:  
**Margaret Keagle 571.332.5264**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**

4331 Mt Vernon  
Memorial Hwy  
Alex / \$735,000  
**"ONE ACRE OF  
GEORGE'S LAND"**  
Down private country  
lane, sits this charming  
brick colonial featuring  
3+bedrooms, a new gourmet eat-in kitchen w/granite & SS  
appliances, sunroom, deck, family rm, 2-car garage,  
barn, & land. *Please call Renee for an appointment!*  
**ReneeSellsAlexandria.com**  
**Renee Reymond 703.507.5330**

**CONTRACT!**

**Just Completed!**  
8826 Camden St \$879,900  
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!

**JUST LISTED!**

8919  
Union Farm Rd  
\$560,000  
**Updated Home -Tranquil  
Location!**  
Made for entertaining! Shows  
like a model home! Remodeled  
inside and out! New kitchen w/  
stainless and granite, baths w/new fixtures and ceramic tile,  
designer paint and new carpet. Pool and deck were redone in  
2009. Upper deck and lower tiered deck create a wonderful outdoor  
space for all seasons. Quiet street overlooking golf course and  
backs to woodland.

**NEW PRICE!**

4408  
Tarpon Ln  
\$598,000  
**Yacht Haven-Near River!**  
Spacious four level home has  
been meticulously maintained.  
Absolutely gorgeous half acre lot  
within walking distance of  
clubhouse and river in this  
fabulous waterfront community. Both home and grounds are in  
exceptional condition. Significant upgrades include luxurious  
baths, hardwood floors and much updating throughout. Unique  
opportunity to be near water at reasonable price.

8011 JACKSON RD  
Alexandria  
\$399,900  
**EVERYTHING NEW** in  
this home with work to  
be done by mid-March  
2011: windows, exterior  
& interior doors,  
insulation, drywall,  
electric, lighting, plumbing, HVAC, water heater,  
hdwd flrs, bath & kitchen ALL NEW. 1 level, 1  
wood-burning, fireplace & 3BR/1BA. Waywood  
ES pyramid.  
**Adele dePolo 703.298.5987**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**

1911  
JAMESTOWN RD  
Alex / \$450,000  
This home is ready for  
you! 3BR, 1BA in Hollin  
Hall Village. Beautiful  
refinished hardwood,  
wood fireplace, fenced  
backyard. Unfinished basement plumbed  
for bath - and too many more upgrades to  
list!  
**Susan Haughton / Mindy Brubaker**  
**571.242.9913**

7010 HUNTLEY  
RUN PL  
Alexandria  
\$355,000  
Sophisticated, newly  
constructed 3 lvl TH w/  
the ease of condo  
ownership, conv. to  
metro, Ft. Belvoir, O.T. &  
more! Elegant touches throughout this 3BR/2.5BA  
garaged home incl gourmet kit w/bar area, granite &  
custom cabinetry. Elegant Master Suite w/lux BA,  
gas FP, huge WIC, and luxury BA. STUNNING!  
**Kim Muffler 703.282.7739**

**CONTRACT!**

4117  
Robertson Blvd  
\$719,000  
**Upgraded Throughout!**  
Owner just spent thousands on  
upgrades. All the work has been  
done for you. Move right in and  
enjoy! Classic colonial with 2 car  
side load garage. Elegant foyer, formal dining room with built-  
ins, family room off kitchen leading to deck. Table space kitchen  
features silestone counters. LL boasts rec. room, den, full bath &  
storage. Two fireplaces, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Huge lot with  
mature trees and gardens.

**CONTRACT!**

9212  
Cherrytree Dr  
\$675,000  
**Expanded and Updated!**  
Fabulous large home with bright,  
open floor plan with many major  
updates including: gourmet kit,  
updated baths, thermal replacement windows. Stunning main  
level family room with large windows, recessed lighting and FP.  
Glass doors lead to multi-tiered deck overlooking beautifully  
landscaped grounds. Expanded driveway and oversized 2 car  
garage. This property offers size, location and condition!

**CONTRACT!**

9316  
Heather Glen Dr  
\$650,000  
**Price Slashed-  
Large Colonial!**  
The most house for the money  
in areal 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!

7990 THOMAS  
NEVITT ST  
Lorton / \$439,900  
**GORGEOUS 3 level TH**  
w/2-car garage. Gourmet  
eat-in kit/family room  
opens to deck. Super  
Master suite w/high  
ceiling, soaking tub,  
ceramic tile, sep shower & huge WIC. 2-sided gas  
fireplace in living/dining rooms. LL rec room w/half  
bath opening to pretty terraced fenced landscaped  
yard.  
**Mary Bourke 703.906.5825**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**

1405 ARGALL PL  
Old Town  
\$599,000  
3 bedroom & 2.5 bath home with  
deck, fireplace, wood floors, garage  
parking and quick commutes to  
DC; excellent North Old Town  
location.  
**Michael Manuel 703.615.6317**

6423 15th ST  
New Alexandria  
\$629,900  
NEW PRICE for this  
beautifully updated  
colonial on large private  
lot. Gourmet kitchen  
with granite counters,  
wine refrigerator, huge  
family room with built-in bookcases, 2 fireplaces, patio,  
hardwood floors and custom trim & moldings  
throughout.  
**Klancl Vanderhyde 703.919.4460**

**SOLD!**

7106  
Colgate Dr  
\$499,500  
*Hollin Glen -  
Super Value!*

**JUST LISTED!**

2335 Creek Dr \$989,900 *Waterfront Perfection!*

**CONTRACT!**

8714  
Bluedale St  
\$629,000  
Stratford  
Landing!

**CONTRACT!**

7406  
Rippon Rd  
\$759,900  
*Mason Hill  
Stunner!*

**SOLD!**

6515  
Princeton Dr  
\$749,900  
*Classic Colonial -  
Near Old Town!*

**CONTRACT!**

4504  
Neptune Dr  
\$479,900  
Prestigious Yacht  
Haven Estates

**NEW PRICE!**

2708  
FARNSWORTH DR  
Alex / \$367,000  
**JUST LISTED 2BR/2BA**  
Charming Duplex just 2  
blocks to Huntington  
Metro. Updated kit &  
baths, new appliances,  
wood floors, finished lower level, sep Dining room.  
Leave the car at home & take Metro everywhere!  
Enjoy Duplex living for a condo price - no HOA  
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**NEW PRICES - ALL UNITS!**

MOUNT EAGLE DRIVE  
Montebello  
5901: #1005-1007 - double unit  
w/2,150 sf of living space \$600,000  
5902: #760 - stylish, hardwoods,  
1 garage space \$350,000  
5904: #910 - popular "E" unit w/  
enclosed balcony & river views,  
\$345,000  
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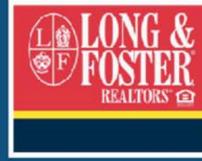
**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**

8310 SIMSBURY PL  
Alexandria South  
\$960,000  
Think Spring! Sit in the  
Gazebo on the Deck  
overlooking beautiful  
yard (nearly 0.5 acre). A  
4BR/4.5BA center-hall  
Colonial w/updated Kitchen, newly painted Family  
room w/fireplace - Rec room - Den. 2-car garage on a  
cul-de-sac.DIR: Alex. S on GW Pkwy - R on Collingwood - cross Ft.  
Hunt Rd - L on Riverside Rd - R on Lakeshire - L on Simsbury to 8310  
**Bev Morrison 703.517.1257**



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# Fairfax County REAL ESTATE

## 2011 Assessments

Hunter Mill Supervisor **Cathy Hudgins (D)** saw her assessment stay flat this year, unlike most Reston households that saw a slight increase in their home values. Her 2011 assessment, the same as last year, was \$545,440



Dranesville District Supervisor **John Foust (D)** saw a 4.29% gain in his property value when compared to 2010. The county valued Foust's house at \$2,765,510 last year and \$2,884,060 this year. Most McLean homes saw a smaller bump in their home values.



Lee Supervisor **Jeff McKay (D)** saw a slight increase of .58% in his home assessment in 2011. Last year, his home was worth \$641,330 and this year it is valued at \$645,030. Most households in Alexandria ZIP codes saw a larger bump of 1.64% in their real estate assessments.



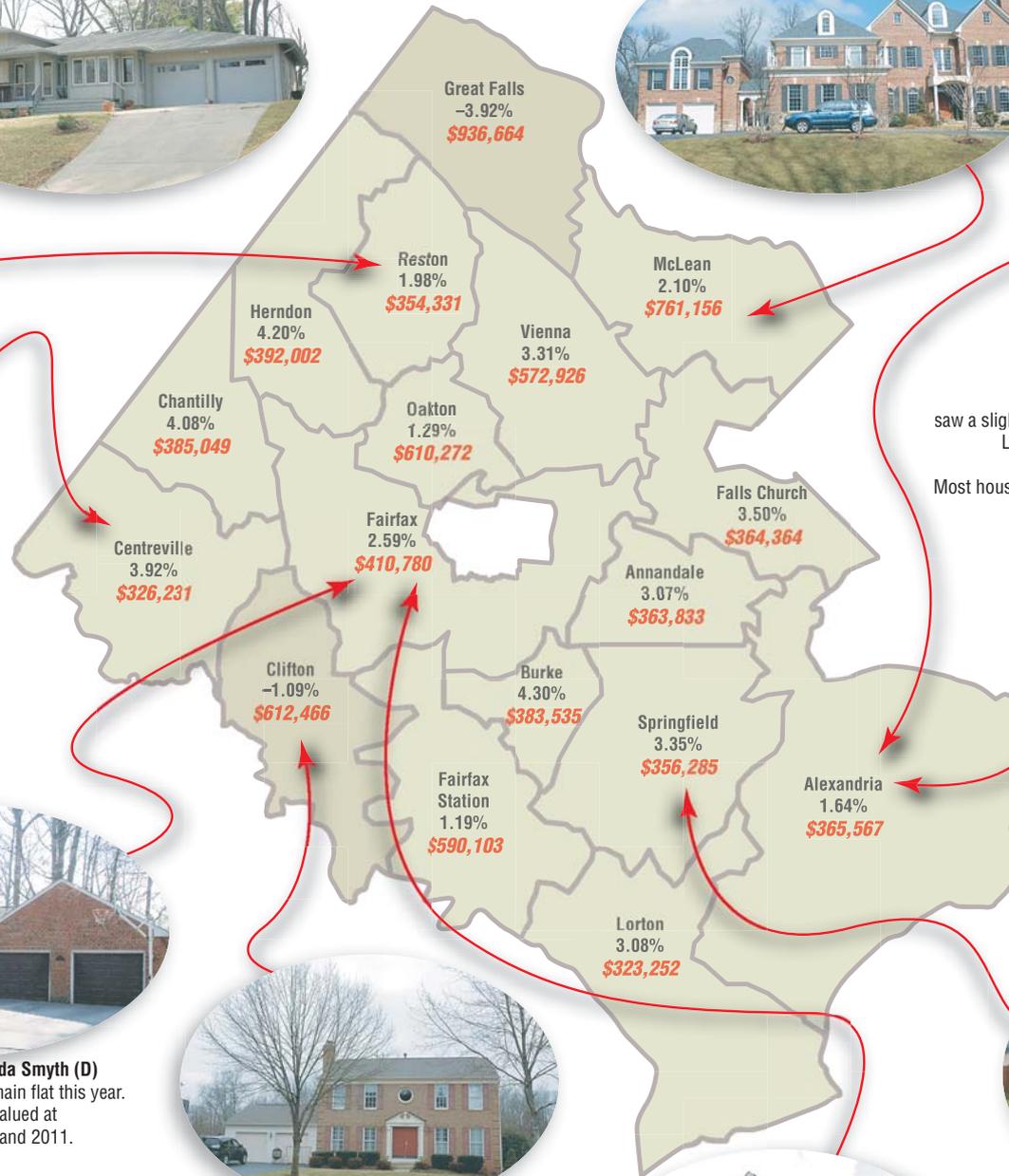
Mount Vernon Supervisor **Gerry Hyland (D)** was the only member of the Fairfax County board to see his assessment drop this year. Hyland lost .45% of his home value, taking him from \$402,810 to \$400,999.



Braddock Supervisor **John Cook (R)** saw a 6.1% increase in the value of his house when compared to last year. Cook's home was valued at \$381,570 in 2010 and \$404,860 in 2011. Cook's assessment increased more than most houses in his Springfield ZIP code.



Fairfax County Chairman **Sharon Bulova (D)** saw a much larger increase in her real estate assessment than most households in the county. Bulova's assessment went up 12.33% from \$526,990 in 2010 to \$591,990 in 2011.



Sully Supervisor **Michael Frey (R)** saw a 6.69% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Frey's home was assessed at \$195,410 in 2010 and \$208,480 in 2011. His home assessment increased more than most Centreville residences.



Providence Supervisor **Linda Smyth (D)** saw her home assessment remain flat this year. Smyth's house was valued at \$482,080 in both 2010 and 2011.



Springfield Supervisor **Patrick Herrity (R)** saw his home value remain flat this year. Herrity owns a house in Clifton assessed at \$525,750 in both 2010 and 2011.

**2011 County Average (Percent Change)**  
 Single Family Detached **\$535,298 (2.1%)**  
 Townhouse **\$318,614 (3.73%)**  
 Condos **\$211,281 (2.53%)**

ZIP CODE AREA	2010 MEAN	2011 MEAN	PERCENT CHANGE
Alexandria	359,674	365,567	1.64
Annandale	352,988	363,833	3.07
Burke	367,728	383,535	4.30
Centreville	313,922	326,231	3.92
Chantilly	369,952	385,049	4.08
Clifton	619,233	612,466	-1.09
Fairfax	400,391	410,780	2.59
Fairfax Station	583,177	590,103	1.19
Falls Church	352,035	364,364	3.50
Great Falls	974,906	936,664	-3.92
Herndon	376,196	392,002	4.20
Lorton	313,608	323,252	3.08
McLean	745,486	761,156	2.10
Oakton	602,520	610,272	1.29
Reston	347,456	354,331	1.98
Springfield	344,733	356,285	3.35
Vienna	554,550	572,926	3.31

### Changes in Real Estate Values Across the Region

Alexandria	0.46%
Arlington	1.4%
Fairfax	2.34%
Loudoun	2.45%
Prince William	5%

# Team from 'Chicago' Reaps Awards

Work on Little Theatre of Alexandria's musical honored.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE GAZETTE

There may have been many Alexandrians and Arlingtonians who walked away from this year's Washington Area Theatre Community Honors (WATCH) award ceremony at the Birchmere Sunday evening without the trophies in their hands that they had hoped to get, but the quality of the creative work on one show, the Little Theatre of Alexandria's production of the Kander and Ebb musical "Chicago" simply could not be denied. That show's director, its musical director and its choreographer copped a trifecta of awards.

There had been no fewer than 16 nominations for awards for work at the Little Theatre of Alexandria as well as 15 for The Arlington Players and seven for Dominion stage, but the productions of Elden Street Players who perform in Herndon dominated the evening. They had entered with 32 nominations and their victories were announced a total of 17 times throughout the evening.

The big winner of the evening was Elden Street's production of the musical "Rent" and it happened to have been nominated in many of the same categories as the Little Theatre of Alexandria's "Chicago." In the 18 categories for which work on "Rent" was nominated, it won in 14. But its juggernaut could not totally displace "Chicago."

"Chicago" at the Little Theatre of Alexandria had been nominated in eight categories, often in direct competition with "Rent" and the nominee from "Rent" walked away with the trophy. However, twice the result was a tie between the two, with trophies going to both, including the prizes for Susan Devine who won the Outstanding Direction of a Musical award in a tie with Todd C. Huse who directed "Rent" and orchestra conductor Paul Nasto who won the Outstanding Musical Direction of a Musical award in a tie with "Rent's" John-Michael d'Haviland.

Amy Carson didn't have to share her award. She walked away with the single trophy for Outstanding Choreography for a Musical.

One other award was given for work at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. It went to Paul Morton for Outstanding Hair Design for a Play for his work on "Lady Windermere's Fan." In addition, Barbara Esquibel won the Outstanding Costume Design for a Musical for her designs for The Arlington Players' production of "The Producers."

The Washington Area Theatre Community Honors program was launched with the 2000 season and has grown to cover 31 community theatre companies in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Those companies presented 121 eligible productions in 2010 which were adjudicated for this year's awards. Other theaters garnering multiple awards this year included the Port Tobacco Players of Maryland with seven awards, Colonial Players of Annapolis (three) the Reston Community Players (two) and Silver Spring Stage (two).



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Cast, crew and supporters of the Little Theatre of Alexandria celebrate at the Washington Area Theatre Community Honors Awards ceremony March 6 at The Birchmere. LTA took home four awards.



Jordan Hougham and Bethany Blakey perform "Nowadays" from "Chicago" at the WATCH Awards ceremony March 6 at The Birchmere. Hougham and Blakey were nominated for Outstanding Performance by a Lead Actress in a Musical for the LTA production.



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Susan Devine, left, took home the Outstanding Achievement in Direction of a Musical award for her work on the LTA production of "Chicago." Devine shared the award with Todd Huse, who won for his direction of "Rent" at the Elden Street Players theatre in Herndon.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

### EVERY THURSDAY

#### Environmental

**Activists Needed.** 6 to 9 p.m. Clean up your community, your country, your planet — meet with the Sierra Club at its new NOVA Hub in Del Ray, 2312 Mount Vernon Ave., Suite 206, Alexandria. RSVP to Phillip Ellis, Sierra Club Field Organizer at 571-970-0257 or [phillip.ellis@sierracub.org](mailto:phillip.ellis@sierracub.org).

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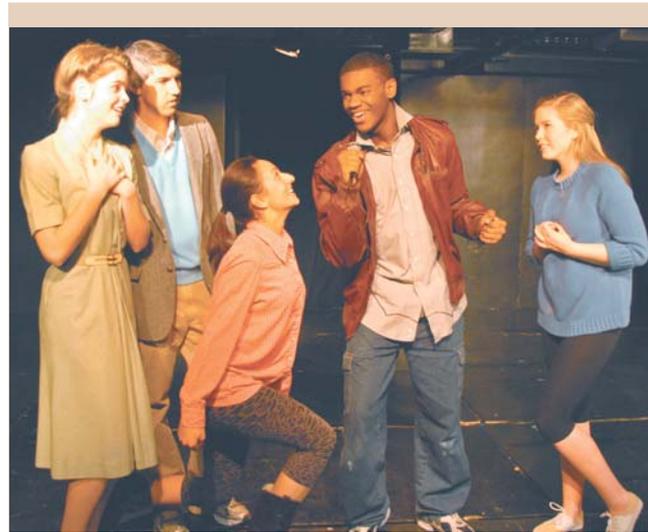
#### Woodlawn

#### Needlework

**Exhibition.** America's oldest and largest display of historic and contemporary needlework will be showcased at the 48th Annual Woodlawn Needlework Exhibition. Hundreds of needle workers from around the world, both professional and amateur, enter their creations each year. Demonstrations throughout the month will highlight a variety of techniques for the visitor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday - Monday during March. Admission prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students through 12th grade. At Woodlawn Plantation, 9000 Richmond Highway, three miles west of Mount Vernon. Call 703-780-4000 or visit [www.woodlawn1805.org](http://www.woodlawn1805.org).

### THURSDAY/MARCH 10

**"Race to Nowhere" Screening.** 7 to 9 p.m. Documentary film examines the



**Greg Roland as Conrad Birdie (center) sings one of his hit songs while the MacAfee family looks on. (From left): Heather Hartzell, Dru Hortum, Sibet Partee and Virginia Coffield.**

### MARCH 11-12

**"Bye Bye Birdie."** March 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Upper School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.sssas.org/arts](http://www.sssas.org/arts)

culture of education and achievement in America. Tickets are \$15/door; \$10 online at <http://www.racetonowhere.com/epostcard/4135>. At Mt. Vernon High School Little Theatre, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria.

**Pat Victor.** 7 p.m. Part of the Second Thursday Music at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org).

### MARCH 10-13

**"Cultivating Nonviolent Speech."** His

holiness Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda (known as Swamiji), a spiritual leader and Mahamandaleshwar, humanitarian, environmental advocate, author, and founder of Yoga in Daily Life, brings his teachings to a three-day program held at Yoga in Daily Life, 2402 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

The schedule and fees for the March 10-13 conclave are:  
Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m., Welcome Satsang. \$15 suggested donation.  
Friday, March 11, 7 p.m., Public Lecture - Cultivating Nonviolent Speech; \$15.

Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Yoga Workshop including asanas, talk by Swamiji, yoga nidra (deep relaxation), pranayama (breathing techniques), and meditation. Lunch included; \$45.

Saturday, March 12, 7 p.m., Stewards of the Earth - an evening of music and inspiration featuring Eco Voce and the Earth Sangha; \$20.

Sunday, March 13, 7 p.m., Farewell Satsang. Suggested donation, \$15.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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A discounted rate of \$100 is available for all events, though participants may sign up for individual events/programs. All programs are open to the public and reservations are requested. All programs are held at Yoga in Daily Life, 2402 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

On-line reservations may be made and further information may be found at: [www.yogaindailylifeus.org](http://www.yogaindailylifeus.org) or by calling 703-299-8946.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 11

**Silhouette Artist Karl Johnson.** Silhouettes are all hand-cut, original works of art. Will appear at Hurray for Books, 1555 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092. Visit [www.cutarts.com](http://www.cutarts.com) or call 805-230-9293.

**"Celtic Aire."** 8 p.m. Free. An evening of Celtic music performed by the U.S. Air Force Band Chamber Players. At George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

## MARCH 11, 12, 18, 19

**A Night of Broadway.** 8 p.m. Featuring Lisa Anne Bailey and Kat Brais, accompanied by Charlie Manship. Presented by Zemfira Stage. Tickets are \$15/general; \$10/students/seniors. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. Call 703-615-6626.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 12

**"Would You Rather" Giving Circle.** 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Performances by WMP Musicians and a Champagne Reception. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Contact WMPA at [wmpa@earthlink.net](mailto:wmpa@earthlink.net) or 703-799-8229.

**Tauxemont Silent Auction.** 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 at the door. Come celebrate Tauxemont Treasures and help raise money for Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool. At Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria.

**"Tracing Your Civil War Ancestors."** 1 p.m. Cost is \$10. Presented by experts from the National Archives and Records Administration. Archives



## SATURDAY/MARCH 12

**Movies with a Mission.** 4:30 p.m. Free. "Good Fortune." This film explores how massive international efforts to alleviate poverty in Africa may be undermining the very communities they aim to benefit. Screening will be followed by a discussion and gallery walk. Reservations are requested, as seating is limited. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Contact 703-746-4356.

specialists Constance Potter and Katherine Vollen will review some of the many Union and Confederate records and resources for researching Civil War ancestors. At Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Reservations suggested at 703-746-4848 or visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).

**Scout Day.** 1 to 3 p.m. Fee is \$10/Scout. Scouts will learn how to explore their own family histories through oral history, story-telling, and games. At Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden. Call 703-548-1789 or visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

**Swordsmen's Rendezvous.** 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Swordsmen tours last one hour and include re-enactment of 18th-century swordplay and a display and discussion of 18th-century weapons. Admission is \$5, ages 5 and up. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242.

**Metro Talent Explore.** 8 p.m. The Metro Talent

Explore is an opportunity for six local acts from the Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia areas to showcase their talents At T.C. Williams High School.

## MARCH 12-13

**Verdi's Requiem.** Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. Presented by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Kim Allen Kluge. In addition to welcoming soloists Jan Cornelius, Stacey Rishoi, Scott Six, and Gustav Andreassen, the ASO is collaborating with several local choruses: The Alexandria Choral Society, the Metropolitan Chorus, the Heritage Signature Chorale, and the NOVA Community Chorus. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center. Call 703-548-0885 for tickets or visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org).

## SUNDAY/MARCH 13

**Bach Vespers at Westminster.** Sundays, March 13, 20, 27; April 3 and 10, all at 6 p.m. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.wpc-alex.org](http://www.wpc-alex.org)

## TUESDAY/MARCH 15

**Mount Vernon Evening Lions.** 6:30 p.m. social; 7 p.m. dinner. Ian Roberts will be speaking about the Crop Walk. At Pema's Restaurant. All are welcomed. Contact Andrea Corsillo at 703-960-4973.

**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. Free. Meeting features a presentation entitled "Genealogical Gems in the U.S. Serial Set," by Claire Bettag. Meets at Hollin Hall senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Visit <http://www.MVGenealogy.org> or contact Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or [haroldm@erols.com](mailto:haroldm@erols.com).

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 16

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10.

With the Hot Buttered Nuggets. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

**"Race to Nowhere" Screening.** 7 to 9 p.m.

Documentary film examines the culture of education and achievement in America. Tickets are \$15/door; \$10 online at [www.burgundyfarm.org](http://www.burgundyfarm.org). At Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria.

**Cookbook Talk.** 9:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Jane Mengershauser, the food editor for The Journal for 10 years with her column, "Kitchen Sampler," will speak on "Cookbooks - Old and New". Public is invited and you may bring one or two cookbooks with your prized recipes for Show and Tell. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 17

**"Meet the Legends" Reception.** 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Silent auction and live auction, special guests the Hon. William D. Euille, mayor of Alexandria and Gen. George Washington, portrayed by Don DeHaven. Tickets are \$35/advance; \$45/door. At the Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria. Send payments to Living Legends P.O. Box 10485, Alexandria VA 22310. Visit [AlexandriaLegends@ninasara.com](mailto:AlexandriaLegends@ninasara.com).

## MARCH 18 THROUGH APRIL 3

**"Design for Murder."** A whodun' it murder mystery by George Batson, produced by Bailey R. Center and directed by Liz Owens. Presented by Aldersgate Church Community Theater. Tickets are \$15/adults; \$12/youth/seniors. March 18-April 3 Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; March 20, 27, April 3 Sunday Matinees, 2 p.m.; and March 31 Special Thursday, Dinner Show, 7 p.m. Dinner show tickets are available only online and must be purchased by Monday, March 28 before 5 p.m. Dinner show ticket prices are \$30 for adults and \$25 for youth. Discount tickets at [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org). At Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd.

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**The Mount Vernon High School Spring Mulch Sale** is underway. The delivery date is Saturday, April 9 and orders should be received by March 29. The proceeds will support the senior class All-Night Grad Party to keep students safe. The price is \$5 (\$2.50 tax deductible) for a 3 cubic foot bag of shredded hard bark mulch. Orders of 10 bags or more will be delivered to homes in selected ZIP codes. To order or for more information, go to the MVHS website ([www.fcps.edu/MtVernonHS](http://www.fcps.edu/MtVernonHS)) or contact Robin Gordon at 703-799-1330 or email [MVHSparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:MVHSparentcouncil@gmail.com).

**The University of Mary Washington** has announced its dean's list for the fall semester of the 2010-11 academic year. The following area students are among the 781 students who have been named to the Dean's List:

- ❖ **Melinda Allen**, a senior, from Alexandria
- ❖ **Erin Burke**, a senior, from Alexandria
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- ❖ **Lauren Floyd**, a freshman, from Alexandria
- ❖ **Paola Maldonado-Torres**, a junior, from Alexandria
- ❖ **Matthew Motley**, a senior, from Alexandria
- ❖ **Duy Bui**, a senior, from Alexandria

**John E. Roessler**, a resident of Alexandria, has earned a Master of Business Administration, Managing in the Global Economy from Excelsior College.

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**Historic Mount Vernon** announced that Rebecca Aloisi has been hired as the Vice President of Marketing. Ms. Aloisi will lead the team responsible for marketing, media relations, social media and advertising at the most popular historic home in America.

**Mount Vernon Cardiology Associates**, located in Alexandria, was granted accreditation by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL). The laboratory is one of a growing number of echocardiography laboratories in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico to be so recognized for its commitment to high quality patient care and its provision of quality diagnostic testing.

**Dr. David C. Weintritt's** new Breast Cancer Clinic at INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital offers the latest advancements in genetic testing, cancer prevention, and treatment. High Risk Analysis and Screening is now offered to the public to assess breast cancer risk. The clinic is located at the Yellow Lobby Entrance of Inova's Mount Vernon Hospital at 2501 Parkers Lane, Alexandria. Valet parking is available. Clinic Hours are Mondays: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Call 703-313-8808.

**Inova Mount Vernon Hospital's Hyperbaric Oxygen Unit** was granted a four-year reaccreditation with special distinction by the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medicine Society (UHMS), a recognition earned by less than 20 percent of

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**The Wachovia Wells Fargo Foundation** is awarding 49 unsolicited grants of \$1,000 each to nonprofits serving the greater Washington, D.C. area as part of Wells Fargo's Community Partners program. Under the program, banking store team members select a nonprofit in the store's neighborhood to receive a grant. The greater Washington, D.C. nonprofits that are receiving the grants are: **Bryant Alternative High School (MV)**; **Mount Vernon Lee Education Partnership**; **New Hope Housing, Inc (V)**, and **West Potomac High School (MV)**.

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## LETTERS

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school officials just got a little more difficult. Since the tragic suicide of former W.T. Woodson High School student Nick Stuban, lines have been drawn between those who say harsh treatment (expulsion) from School administrators bears some responsibility for his death and those who say the expulsion played no role — that Nick had other issues that led to his death.

Although details are hard to come by, it seems Nick was caught with an imitation drug (not illegal-but banned) — and that this was his first offense.

The "School system has no responsibility" argument says that Nick's expulsion from school, the attendant social isolation of staying home, being barred from school, athletic activities and circle of friends plus his subsequent transfer to a new high school, where he knew few if any students, adds up to — nothing. The argument continues: the penalty for the offense was well publicized; Nick and his parents knew or should have known "it" was wrong. Nick did it anyway.

On the other side, "the School system bears some responsibility" argument held by most parents and students is the obverse of "no responsibility" and is easily made: how could the expulsion not have contributed to this tragedy?

How indeed? How could school administrators not bear some responsibility, having bypassed lighter punishments, among many available, to select the most severe discipline — coming down hard on an adolescent, with still-forming conscience, a mother ill with ALS, and bearing the pressures of teenage life in today's world? Especially so, considering expulsion was not prescribed for his offense and had to be purposefully selected by those serving on the disciplinary board. Nick and his family were right if they were surprised by the severity of the punishment he received given a lesser punishment (including a temporary expulsion) was prescribed for his offense.

In this dialectic, parents and students are almost unanimous: isolation and expulsion for a first offense is an over-reach and would prove damaging to any young psyche, especially this one; given his apparent clean record and difficult circumstances. The choice of the most severe punishment would affect an average teenager's evolving sense of self-worth and, likely, this student's consideration of available options.

Administrators say "not so;" and

so it goes. On this issue, as on so many recently, less grave but still important, parents are on one side and school administrators on the other. And, as on other issues, the gap between the two is wide and not bridged easily. Communication, already strained, is made more difficult by this tragedy — the second in 22 months.

We can't know what was in Nick's mind nor should we presume to. But, we can know this: how to set reasonable boundaries for our teen-agers; how to enforce them well at low levels of deviation, so that major transgressions are few and isolated; and, so that decisions and their consequences are clearly visible in their minds and hearts and on still-evolving consciences.

These are kids, after all; they are going to do stupid things. That's the definition of "experience" — learning from mistakes — and, pretty much, the history of the human race. We have to let our kids grow up, make mistakes, help them recover and learn from them, so they — like we — can reach our potential and grow safely to adulthood. The key in that sentence is "help them."

As the adults in their lives, we owe it to them to be open, emotionally available, compassionate in failure, and — especially — to exemplify good judgment and the virtues of honesty, integrity and — hey — responsibility.

Here's what's worrisome. If school administrators are right and the decision to expel Nick was not a factor in his death, then there is no need to change anything — we stay the course. But, if we "stay the course" and that proves to be wrong, we endanger others by our inaction. And if the expulsion was a factor in Nick's death, then we have a lot of work to do — starting with who made the decision?

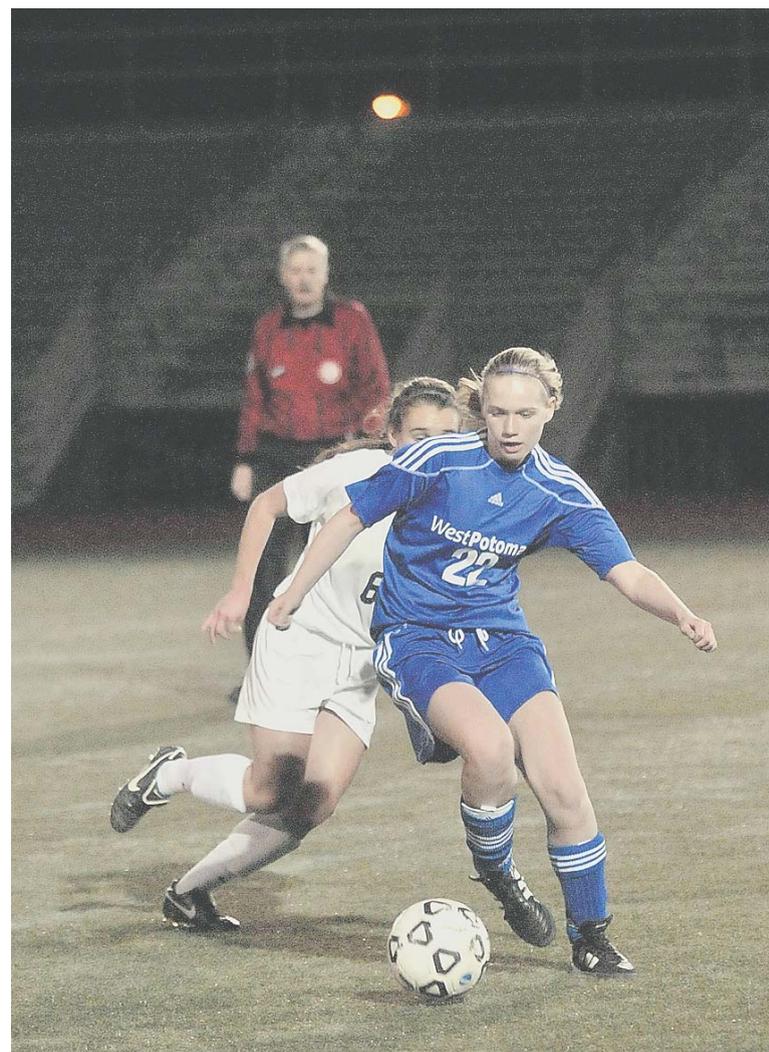
Bottom line: What are we doing to be sure this tragedy doesn't recur?

Here's a thought. How about the Board of Supervisors appoint a Blue Ribbon Commission to investigate the relationship between Nick's death and Schools decision-making process and report back to the Board of Supervisors, the School Board, and the public. The Commission would be comprised of business and community leaders, parents, educators, and perhaps behavioral scientists. This would be a good second step; the first step would be to suspend expulsions until we have better evidence to support them and know what happened here.

Barry M. Meuse  
Alexandria



Midfielder Michelle Rigel Cruz (8) and the West Potomac girls soccer team open the regular season at home against Mount Vernon at 5:30 p.m. on March 14.



Defender Marjorie Woods, right, is one of four freshmen on the West Potomac girls soccer team.

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THE GAZETTE

## First-Year West Potomac Coach Looking for Hustle

Wolverines have one senior, nine freshmen and sophomores on roster.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

With one senior on the roster and a first-year head coach, the West Potomac girls soccer team will spend the early part of the 2011 season finding its groove.

Garrett Hubbard enters his sixth season with the program, first as head coach. While the Wolverines are still learning to play with one another, Hubbard said he expects effort out of his athletes with hopes of be-

coming a team capable of advancing past the Patriot District Tournament.

"Right now, we have a very young team," Hubbard said. "We only have one senior. In the beginning of the season, we're looking for a lot hard work and a lot of hustle. ... Our goal at West Potomac is trying to qualify for the regional tournament" by winning a district tournament game.

The Wolverines' lone senior is forward Jennifer Schless, who Hubbard said has a high soccer IQ. The coach also said junior goalkeeper Caroline Kelly and sophomore midfielder Lindsey Sawzcuk will be key con-

tributors.

"Caroline is really our vocal leader," Hubbard said. "We haven't had a vocal leader like her in awhile. She's fearless back there. She gets everybody organized. She's a real leader on the field and one of the best goalies we've had at West Potomac in a long time. ... Lindsay has a lot of energy. She's got very quick feet and is hard worker."

West Potomac traveled to Washington-Lee for a scrimmage on Monday, losing 3-1. Sawzcuk scored the Wolverines' goal. Hubbard said with so many young athletes, Monday's scrimmage was about "getting the jitters out and recognizing that those girls can play at the varsity level. I think we have some good team spirit and some good

hustle."

Juniors Brittany Alderman, Nicole Sigda and Zoe Slobodin, sophomore Emma Yohannan and freshman Marjorie Woods are the team's defenders. Schless, junior Danielle Couture and freshman Olivia Watkins are the team's forwards, and juniors Michelle Rigel Cruz and Nathalie Walters, sophomores Sawzcuk, Sarah Rainey, Orion Taylor and Allison Vermillion and freshmen Madison Daley and Katherine Genaurio are the team's midfielders.

West Potomac will host Stuart Hall for a scrimmage at 7 p.m. on March 11. The Wolverines open the regular season at home against Mount Vernon at 5:30 p.m. on March 14 and open district play at South County on March 28.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### West Potomac Spring Sports

The West Potomac baseball team will scrimmage at Thomas Jefferson at 2 p.m. on March 12 before opening its season on the road against Mount Vernon at 6 p.m. on March 15. The boys lacrosse team will host a scrimmage against Marshall at 7:15 p.m. on March 10 and will open the regular season at home against West Springfield at 7:15 p.m. on March 17. The girls lacrosse team will scrimmage at South Lakes at 7:15 p.m. on March 11 and will travel for its season opener against Yorktown at 7:15 p.m. on March 15.

The boys and girls soccer teams will host a doubleheader against Mount Vernon on March 14. The girls will play at 5:30 p.m. and the boys at 7:30.

The softball team will host a scrimmage against Chantilly at 6:30 p.m. on March 10 and open the

regular season at Mount Vernon at 6:30 p.m. on March 17.

#### Mount Vernon Spring Sports

The Mount Vernon baseball team will open its season at home against West Potomac at 6 p.m. on March 15. The boys lacrosse team will travel to face South County at 7:15 p.m. on March 17. The girls lacrosse team will travel for a scrimmage at Edison at 7 p.m. on March 10 before opening its season at home against South County at 7:15 p.m. on March 17.

The boys and girls soccer teams will play in a doubleheader at West Potomac on March 14. The girls play at 5:30 p.m. and the boys play at 7:30.

The softball team will host West Potomac at 6:30 p.m. on March 17.



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West Potomac athletes were honored at the school's winter sports banquet.

# ‘Thoroughly Modern Millie’ at Madeira

BY EMILY WOODS  
WEST POTOMAC HIGH SCHOOL

**G**irl moves to New York City. Girl finds job. Girl meets boy. Girl tries to “Forget About the Boy.” The Madeira School Fine Arts Department’s vivacious production of “Thoroughly Modern Millie” aimed to please and was successful in doing so with this lovable story of 1920s dreams.

Based on the 1967 film, “Thoroughly Modern Millie” is a musical set in the era of flappers and prohibition. It opened on Broadway in 2002, and went on to snag six Tony Awards. The show follows the ambitious Millie Dillmount, a girl fresh from Kansas, obsessed with the prospects of staying “modern” and marrying for money instead of love.

**CAPPIES REVIEW**

It takes a paperclip salesman, a California actress, and a renowned bon vivant singer to get Millie to reconsider, and to take a chance on love.

Madeira’s all girl cast shined throughout the show. With a few exceptions in Act One, the actresses brought an abundance of energy to the stage and displayed commitment to the lively production. One of the most notable ensembles was Millie’s roommates at the Hotel Priscilla. The “Priscilla Girls” fully embodied their roles, nailing the ups and downs of being aspiring actresses in the 1920s and providing comic relief throughout the show. The “Stenographers,” as they slaved away at their typewriters and promptly judged Millie on her first day on the job,

were also a joy to watch. They showcased spot-on dance moves and stunning vocals during the entertaining song, “Forget About the Boy.”

In the title role of Millie, Katie Sotos carried the show. She won the audience over from the first scene, as she quickly learns New York City may not be all it’s cracked up to be. With her dance moves, powerful voice, and adorable persona, Sotos was a joy to watch.

Playing alongside Sotos was Kristen Bishof as Miss Dorothy. The two become fast friends after meeting at the Hotel Priscilla and learning they have more in common than they realize (“How the Other Half Lives”). Bishof had praiseworthy comedic timing.

In a school of all girls, it may be difficult to pull off a musical with both sexes. But not for Madeira. Taylor Eggleston and Kelsi Allison should be commended for their convincing performances as men. Both girls tackled their complex roles with realistic mannerisms and believable acting. Eggleston flawlessly portrayed hotshot boss, Trevor Graydon, impressing the audience with her rapid delivery in “The Speed Test.”

The cast and the stage crew worked well together to navigate the beautifully crafted set. The scene changes were as efficient and clean as possible.

“I’m a modern!” declares a proud Millie at several points throughout the production. Her statement captures the essence of the delightfully sweet show. Madeira’s Fine Arts Department crafted a musical that highlighted the dangers of conformity and the beauty of following your heart.

# Redistricting Looms

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only “short” 127 people. Although no changes would be required, changes to other districts could affect the 44th District. The 45th District (Englin) to the north is 1,300 people short and the 43rd District (Sickles) to the west is 2,000 people short. Delegate Albo’s district to the south has too many people.

The district I represent, the 44th, has changed since 2000 although parts of it have stayed the same. The 44th has become majority non-white – 35,693 or 44.7 percent out of 79,833 are white. The 44th was 21 percent African-American in 2000 and is the exact same percentage today even with population growth. The Hispanic population has increased by 88 percent in the 44th – from 14.58 percent to 24.59 percent. Additionally, those identifying as Asian has risen to 6.9 percent still well below the 2010 average Asian population in Fairfax County of

17.5 percent.

Hollin Hall, Waynewood, Fort Hunt and Stratford Precincts rank as #2 through #5 as the least diverse precincts in Fairfax County out of 230 precincts. This is unchanged from 2000. Each is over 91.5 percent white. Westgate Precinct (around Mount Vernon Estate) ranks 16th. Fairfield Precinct (roughly the west side of U.S. 1 between the South County Government Center and Little Hunting Creek) is the #1 most diverse precinct in Fairfax County and Groveton, Woodlawn, and Bucknell Precincts are in the top 20.

The rich diversity of our community is one of its important strengths. Given a limit of 80,000 people, I hope the boundaries of the 44th don’t change much. I like it the way it is.

If you have any comments or suggestions, send me an email at [scottsuovell@gmail.com](mailto:scottsuovell@gmail.com). Thank you for the honor of serving as your state delegate.

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Classic and refined, this stately center hall colonial is now updated in style and blessed with the finest improvements, as well as a recent, significant expansion. The main floor features high ceilings, original wood floors, sophisticated living room and a sunny family room with new arch top windows and wood-burning fireplace. Stunning details in the new master suite include a dressing room and en-suite bath surrounded in rich Italian travertine. Four additional bedrooms provide ample space for all. The lower level recreation room was added to create a welcoming space for play and entertainment as well as everyday functionality with its separate laundry room and full bath. Stone patio and fenced side yard. Two-level, two-car carriage building.

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ALEXANDRIA/DEL RAY

\$779,900



### Yesterday's Charm Enhanced with Modern Amenities

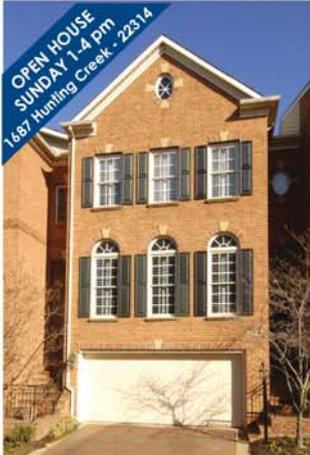
Craftsman style bungalow featuring welcoming front porch, three spacious bedrooms including fabulous master suite, three full baths, gracious living room with gas fireplace, open kitchen offering breakfast bar plus main-level guest suite or home office. Charming covered back porch, flagstone patio and fenced back yard just steps to all the fun on "The Avenue."

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OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA

\$835,000



### The Best of All Worlds

Wonderful community amenities including pool, tennis courts and tot lot add to the delights of this light-filled four bedroom, three full and two half bath, brick townhouse with generous custom built-ins, polished wood floors, carpeted bedrooms, three fireplaces, family room and a gourmet eat-in kitchen. A large deck, brick patio and two-car garage complete this generous offering.

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ALEXANDRIA

\$525,000



### Fort Hunt Split Level

Spacious three bedroom, two and a half bath split level colonial near Ft Hunt Park. Screened in porch and huge deck facing treelined backyard. Main level features living room with fireplace, kitchen with granite counters and breakfast nook and sunken family room. Fully finished lower level complete with full bath, bonus room and recreation room. Attached garage.

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OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA

\$595,000



### Urban Living at Its Finest

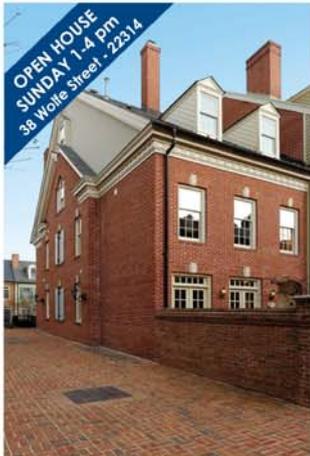
Historic Anchorage House in the heart of Old Town. This two bedroom spacious floor plan has light pouring in from huge windows on three sides. Refinished original floors, tall ceilings, beautiful moldings, a woodburning fireplace, built-ins with desk, wine cabinet and refrigerator in separate dining room. State of the art full bath and half bath are just a few special features of this breath taking unit.

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OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA

\$1,199,000



### Park Your Car & Park Your Boat

Live in this riverfront community with your very own 30' boat slip in the Harborside marina. Two bedrooms, two full and two half baths, living room with fireplace, gracious dining room, kitchen-family room combination. Deep molding and many custom built-ins are found in the library and family room. Lovely master suite with marble bath and two walk-in closets. Two car garage plus interior elevator.

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ALEXANDRIA/CLOVER

\$849,900



### Brand New Luxury Renovation in Clover

Large and beautiful home on 1/4 acre corner lot in Clover. Entirely renovated in 2010/2011 offering five bedrooms, three and a half baths, large kitchen and breakfast area, formal living room, separate dining room, bright and sunny lower level recreation room. Two wood burning fireplaces, hardwood floors throughout. One car garage and three driveway spaces.

**Annette Hinaman**  
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ARLINGTON

\$515,000



### Highly Sought-After Unit in Windgate

This brick end unit townhome truly sparkles with shiny hardwoods throughout the main level, updated cook's kitchen, open living room, dining room and kitchen pass through to the family room makes entertaining easy. Three bedrooms with fresh carpet and paint, partially finished lower level with large laundry room.

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