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Escaping the Heat

Nathan Goff checks the water traffic before instructing his students to continue in their sailboats at the Washington Sailing Marina Summer Sailing Camp.

Battleground Primary

Republicans Jeff Frederick and Tito Munoz vie for nomination to take on Toddy Puller.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Two of Northern Virginia's best known Republican superstars are fighting it out for the chance to take on two-term state Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36), former state Republican chairman Jeff Frederick and Tito "the Builder" Munoz. With the August primary just weeks away, the race has become of the most closely watched senate primaries in Northern Virginia — one of a handful of battleground districts.

"This one is definitely on the Republican list of targeted races," said Isaac Wood, di

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Concert Benefits Wounded Warriors

Ulysses S. James takes center stage at Kennedy Center.

BY GALE CURCIO
THE GAZETTE

When H. David Meyers asked Ulysses S. James to conduct last month's "A Tribute to Wounded Warriors" that was held at The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, James said yes without hesitating.

The fact that this was the largest orchestra that James, founder and music director of the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association (WMPA), had conducted didn't faze him. He has already conducted at the Kennedy Center, Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall and Strathmore Concert Hall.

"I said I will do the best I can," said James. "What I'm quite keen to do is shape music and tempo and dynamics so it gets more and



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Ulysses S. James during rehearsal.

more exciting.

"H. David Meyers is always aware of and looking for ways to contribute and promote orchestral music and play. He's been work-

ing towards this [concert] for over a year. It was based on the philanthropic notion and personal desire to perform with a large orchestra.

"He always thinks big. What he likes to do is have people have a good time and create a greater interest in classical music."

James said that they had just two rehearsals that day giving them time to rehearse each piece only one time.

"I'm pretty used to that," he said. "It was quite wonderful — I conducted as well as I know how."

Meyers came up with this idea not only to promote orchestral music, but also to pay a tribute to the wounded warriors. In the audience were several wounded warriors, and special tribute was paid to one of those warriors, Staff Sergeant Jas Allen.

Months of planning culminated in Meyers, members of Beethoven Found — a nonprofit organization that works to help raise awareness of the importance of classical mu

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'Good Teacher'

Mount Vernon resident named Northern Virginia Hispanic Teacher of the Year.

BY BRIDGET ALLEN
THE GAZETTE

A recent movie starring Cameron Diaz called "Bad Teacher" portrays teachers in a negative light. Diaz's character has no love for the students she teaches or for the teaching profession. Yet, the students at Freedom High

School in Woodbridge have no reason to believe the hype. Why would they, with a teacher like Michelle Marrero of Mount Vernon?

Marrero is an ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) instructor at Freedom High School. Along with her co-

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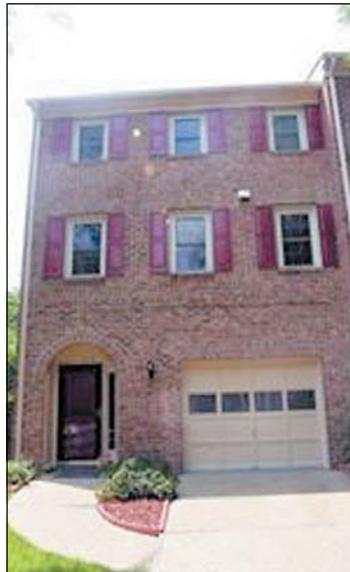


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Teacher Honored

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chair, Marrero has developed programs that are successful not only for the test scores the students have achieved — the SOL passing rate for students learning World History, rose from 60 percent to 90 percent — but because of the positive changes made in their lives.

Why did she choose ESOL as a concentration? “I wanted to teach English on the mainland and expose myself to diverse cultures,” she said. “I’m fascinated by the different traditions. Here in the U.S. there’s so many rich cultures represented. I love reading about and learning about them. I wanted my son exposed to this.”

What about the difficulties one faces in a classroom full of students from various cultures? “In my classroom one of my rules is: we have to respect each other,” Marrero said. “The kids have to learn to work together to complete the task I give them. I think that, based on tradition, religion and race, that each student has a lot to bring to society and to the classroom.”

When asked about the obstacles to learning English that students face, Marrero said, “I prefer to use the word ‘challenges.’ The challenges for people learning a new language are the same, no matter what country they come from.”

What’s the biggest challenge, by far? “The acculturation process,” she said. “Because many students come from rural environments, learning can be overwhelming — like the number of people the child may encounter for the first time and the food, the buildings. Some of them experience cultural shock.”

MARRERO FOLLOWED in her mother’s footsteps. “Several factors inspired me to teach English. First, the majority of my family members are bilingual. The second thing was in first grade, in Puerto Rico I learned English. I just loved English. The third reason was that my mother was an English teacher; I remember visiting her classroom when I was younger.”

Carmen Ivette Colon is a veteran teacher at Edison High School; she remembers her daughter’s dedication to helping others. Colon taught adult conversational English to professionals in Puerto Rico, and her daughter accompanied her to the classes.

“She was very observant and helpful,” Colon said. “I think she knew what she wanted to do at an early age.”

It was those classes, along with the ones she taught to rural communities in Puerto Rico, that influenced Marrero’s dedication, teaching style and philosophy.



Leveo Sanchez presents the 2011 Victoria D. de Sanchez Northern Virginia Hispanic Teacher of the Year Award to Michelle Marrero of Mount Vernon.

“Michelle is creative, thorough and organized,” Colon said. “She’s a real leader, and she establishes personal relationships with so many families. She also appreciated what she had. When I was teaching in Puerto Rico, during teacher appreciation week, the families would bring oranges and live chickens to me from the farms. She remembers when we would collect clothes for the more needy families in the countryside, and she’s brought those experiences to Freedom High School.”

ONE OF MARRERO’S students, Edgar Alvarez, said she has made a once-frustrating task manageable, and even fun.

“In the beginning, I was lost. Now, I feel confident speaking English,” he said.

Not only does Marrero provide students individual attention, she’s taught them many things about areas other than English.

“Yes, she’s taught me how to improve things like my grammar and pronunciation, but she’s also helped me improve my study habits,” Edgar said. “Now, I can keep up with the work and I feel comfortable with the language,” Edgar said.

Marrero’s work and dedication has impacted more than her student’s test scores; it’s had a positive impact on their families, their attitudes and their goals for the future.

Edgar said that he’s able to help his dad and mom learn English. He’s also seen Marrero help other students who’ve struggled with the language and family issues to stay and succeed in school.

Edgar said, “I call her my ‘second mom.’ She treats people well. She helped me so much when I was applying for college that I wrote about her as a role-model in my application’s essay.”



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An American Celebration

The First Virginia Regiment fires a 21-gun salute just before the daytime fireworks display over the Potomac River during an American Celebration at Mount Vernon Estate on July 4.



Volunteers hand out slices of “Happy Birthday, America” cake.



Willa Gustowski and Gillian Warburton ride a horse during an American Celebration at Mount Vernon Estate on July 4.

Installation Appreciation Day at Fort Belvoir

The Belvoir Federal Credit Union will host the 6th Annual Installation Appreciation Day, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 23, at Fort Belvoir. The event is a way for Belvoir Federal to celebrate Fort Belvoir’s military and civilian communities.

Belvoir Federal CEO Patricia Kimmel and other Fort Belvoir leaders will address the Installation Appreciation Day crowd at noon. Among the scheduled speakers are Fort Belvoir Commander Col. John Strycula and Col. Susan Annicelli, commander of the Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, which is scheduled to open Aug. 10.

Installation Appreciation Day visitors can meet

former football tight end and current ESPN 980 personality Doc Walker. Activities available for children include a rock climbing wall, moon bounce and clown, as well as face painting and balloon animals. Visitors will have the chance to win more than 20 prizes, including a free cruise. Local radio station 105.9 The Edge will provide music.

Installation Appreciation Day is open to the general public. Visitors who do not have a vehicle with a DoD decal must enter through Tulley Gate, located off Route 1. Visit www.BelvoirCreditUnion.org/iad2011 for more information about Installation Appreciation Day.



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Hybla Valley Elementary School Receives Books

A delegation from Colonial Republican Women presented Hybla Valley Elementary School staff with a donation of new books on June 6. Colonial Republican Women, a local club affiliated with the Virginia Federation of Republican Women and the National Federation of Republican Women, provided the books in participation with the Barbara Bush Literacy Project.

The Republican group was represented by Debbie Bodlander, president; Paula Steiner, first vice president; Kathleen Chevalier, secretary; Nanci Sale, treasurer; and Kimberley Harris, immediate past president.

Colonial selected Hybla Valley ES because it serves a diverse multicultural population in southeastern

Fairfax County. Over 52 percent of its student body are enrolled in the English for Speakers of Other Languages curriculum, and over 87 percent are enrolled in the free or reduced priced meals program.

In consultation with Hybla Valley's teachers, Colonial Republican Women provided a variety of K-6 children's books selected from wish lists provided by the teachers for use in their classrooms. Gently used books were also donated for direct distribution to students.

Members of Colonial Republican Women met with Principal Lauren Sheehy, Librarian Denise Pinchback, and teachers Kathy Nolton, Lauren Robinson, Carla Okouchi, Jan Duggan, Susan Walters, Danielle Paxton, Kimberly Stone and Emily Rice.



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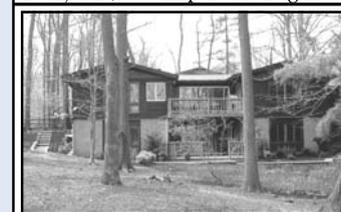
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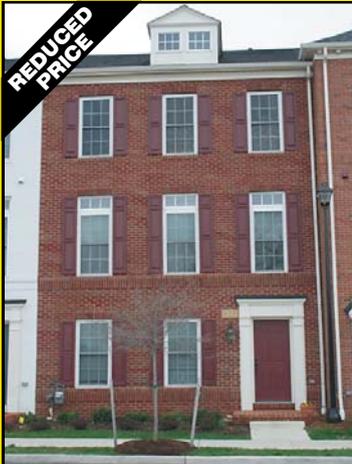
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Republicans Frederick and Munoz Vie To Take on Puller

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director of communications for the Virginia Center for Politics. "These are both very well known individuals, so Republicans are optimistic that they can go into the general with a strong candidate to take on the incumbent."

The district leans Democratic, but Republicans see a close margin that puts them within striking distance. For example, an analysis conducted by the Virginia Public Access Project analysis shows that voters in the newly reconfigured district barely supported Democrat gubernatorial candidate Creigh Deeds with 51 percent of the vote over Republican Bob McDonnell with 49 percent of the vote. Contrast that with the 2008 presidential race in which Democrat Barack Obama won with 63 percent compared to Republican John McCain. Wood says the true inclination of the district is probably somewhere in between.

"Republicans understandably think they have a shot at this seat," said Wood. "They only need two seats to flip the Senate, so they're going to be focusing a lot of attention on whichever candidate wins the primary."

AS STATE PARTY chairman, Frederick gained a reputation as one of the most outspoken Republicans in Virginia. But it was also a time of tension between Frederick and party leaders in the McCain campaign, which eventually lost Virginia to Obama. Frederick says that he disagreed with the campaign's tactic of frequently changing the message to a new attack against the Democrat rather than coming up with a consistent message in favor of the Republican.

"It was their way or the highway," Frederick says of the McCain campaign. "I was uncomfortable doing what they asked me to do, but I took bad advice and did it anyway."

When asked about Munoz, Frederick couldn't think of any significant policy dif-

ferences between the two candidates — party because "he seems to be copying everything I do and say." The former party chairman bristles at the implication that Munoz is the candidate for Tea Party voters, describing himself as the candidate of the grassroots and his opponent as having won the support of former U.S. Sen. George Allen.

"George Allen is the poster child for the establishment," said Frederick. "He fashions himself as the Tea Party candidate and yet he aligns himself as closely as he can with the establishment."

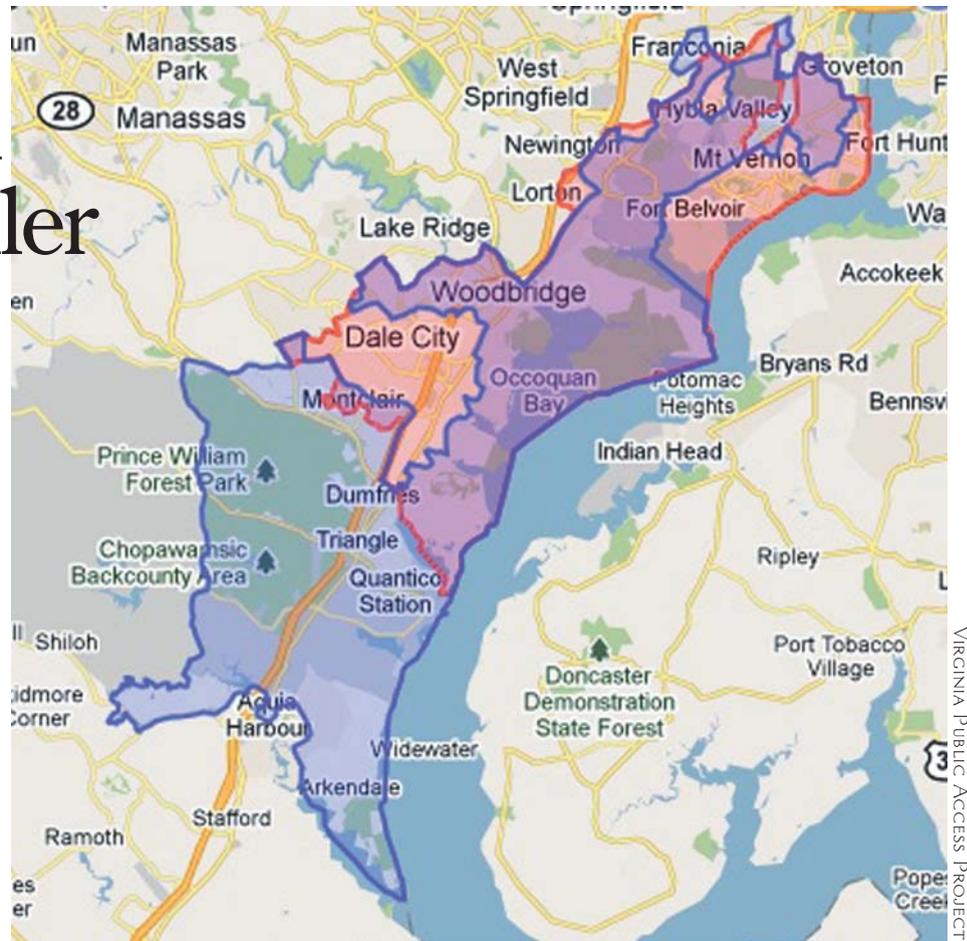
AS AN IMMIGRANT to the United States, Munoz hopes to sell his story as the American Dream — coming to America and becoming a business owner. When asked about his candidacy, Munoz says he hopes to represent "the little guy" in Richmond. On the campaign trail, he has frequently raised the issue of traffic congestion along the Route 1 corridor as a way to criticize Frederick and Puller, legislators Munoz says have done little to solve the problem.

"I'm a builder," said Munoz. "I know how to build roads."

The campaign between Frederick and Munoz features each candidate trying to distance itself from the Republican establishment, a debate that has caused some of the most heated rhetoric between the two Republican contenders. Munoz brushed aside Frederick's criticism of the Allen endorsement as a pointless attack, criticizing Frederick for "quitting" after his second term in the House of Delegate. As for the claim that Munoz is somehow part of the "establishment," that's an allegation he rejects as unintelligible.

"I believe 'establishment' means you have been established," said Munoz. "I have never been in political office."

ALTHOUGH THE TWO Republican candidates are close on the issues, the candidates have drastically different visions for what they would do in office. Frederick says



The red areas of the map indicate portions of the 36th Senate District that were lost during redistricting and the blue areas show areas that were gained. Purple areas remain unchanged.

JEFF FREDERICK, 36

A native of Falls Church, Frederick attended Garfield Elementary School in Fairfax County before moving with his family to Florida. He received bachelor's degrees in economics and political science from Emory University before joining the Navy. In 2003, he was elected to the House of Delegates, where he served two terms before becoming chairman of the Republican Party of Virginia for a year before he was removed from office by the party's governing body.



the first bills he would introduce would eliminate the car tax, create zero-based budgeting in Virginia and create a lockbox to keep transportation funding from being used for other purposes.

"Every year, people run on getting rid of the car tax and yet it never happens," said

TITO MUNOZ, 50

A native of Popayan, Columbia, Munoz came to America in 1977 and began working as a laborer. He received an associate of applied science in civil engineering and construction management as well as an associate's degree from Northern Virginia Community College,



where he attended classes over the course of a decade while working full time. Munoz owns his own construction company and is a talk show host of "America Eres TU" (America Is You) on WURA 920 AM.

Frederick. "I think keeping our promises should be a priority."

Munoz, on the other hand, refused to say what bills he would introduce as a freshman senator.

"I'm not going to put a saddle on a horse I don't have," he said.

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Waynewood Celebrates Fourth of July

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Local fire trucks led the parade and hundreds of children celebrated the American holiday with patriotic displays on their bikes, wagons and floats.

— GALE CURCIO



Waynewood Citizens Association president Anita Vida D'Antonio waves to spectators.



Waynewood Scholarship winners Ben Aleixo and Elizabeth Herbst ride in the parade.

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Tommy Corridon leads the Waynewood swim team in the parade.



Dan Storck waves to parade watchers.



Ben Aleixo, Brady Corum, Sarah Jane Underwood, Taylor Maddox, Alison Underwood and Eddie Bittner enjoy hanging out.

Concert Given in Tribute to Wounded Warriors

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...sic education in youth — and volunteers who spent hundreds of hours to gather together musicians, singers and conductors.

The result was an event attended by hundreds of people and raised money to help the Wounded Warriors.

"I wouldn't do a single thing differently," said Meyers. "It was the best concert ever — and the largest at the Kennedy Center."

Musicians came from the Baltimore Symphony, the National Symphony, and the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association. In total there were 117 members of the orchestra, but they had to cut that number to 108 to fit on the stage.

Also conducting was David Sheets, director of ministries for marriage and choral conductor at McLean Bible Church.

Singers also came from all over — a total of 287. There were so many that the stage could not accommodate them either. Instead of not using all of them, Meyers decided to have the extra singers line up in

the aisles.

One of the local singers, Bernie Cohen, said, "Overall it was warm and wonderful and for an excellent cause. I was very impressed with how the rehearsal went. A 110 piece orchestra. Nine bass fiddles, 12 Celli, six French horns. Numbers that match some of the best orchestras in the world. Then the concert started. Singers standing in the loft, standing in the aisles of the auditorium. The presentation of the colors, the Star Spangled Banner, the talk ..."

Meyers served as master of ceremonies and introduced the various guests — including Julia Nixon, Carol Connors, Shawn K. Clement and Jon Anderson.

Nixon, who performed the lead role of Effie in "Dreamgirls" on Broadway, sang a rendition of "Summertime," while Connors sang "America the Beautiful" and then helped to conduct the theme from "Rocky."

Anderson, lead vocalist and creative force behind Yes, sang "The Warrior Hymn," a song penned by Shawn K. Clement and arranged by Carl Rydlund, and later sang

"State of Independence." INSPIRE, a gospel group from Washington, D.C., also performed "America the Beautiful."

Meyers, who has been a concert oboist for years, performed the Oboe Concerto, a piece composed for Meyers by Albert Willem Holsbergen in 2007. Holsbergen later signed copies of his "Beethoven Lost & Rediscovered" CD.

A group of performers from the John Hopkins Peabody Conservatory performed Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," and Tristan Clarke, a local student who just completed his freshman year at the Conservatory, said, "It really was a pleasure to play such a powerful piece for such an invested audience. This is one of those performances that only come around every few years. Very memorable."

Meyers' goal is to create a National Wounded Warriors Day and a National Telethon.

The next event is scheduled for Oct. 14 at the Verizon Center.

For more information, call 240-270-2010.



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H. David Meyers introduces Shawn K. Clement, the composer of "The Warrior Hymn."



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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To the Editor:

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Hot Races? Primaries? Uncontested?

Northern Virginia awash in uncontested races; but there are several hot primaries on Aug. 23.

First of all, there are some very important races taking place on Aug. 23, and absentee voting is already underway. If there is any chance you might either be away on vacation on Aug. 23 or you might have a combined work day and commute of 10 hours (that is to say, if you work), or you might be away for any other reason, you can vote in person absentee or by paper ballot absentee.

DIFFERENT VIEWS

PRIMARIES AUG. 23

❖ Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Braddock district Democrats, Janet Oleszek and Christopher Wade compete to face incumbent John Cook (R) in November.

❖ Senate District 30, Democrats Adam Ebbin, Libby Garvey and Rob Krupicka are in a three-way race for the nomination to replace retiring state Sen. Patsy Ticer. The winner will face Tim McGee (R) in November. This district, including parts of Arlington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon, trends to Democrats, so the primary could determine the winner.

❖ Senate District 31, Democrats Jaime Areizaga-Soto (D) and Barbara A. Favola (D) face off; winner will face Caren Merrick (R), to replace retiring Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple. If you live in McLean, Great Falls, parts of Herndon or Sterling, listen up, you are likely in this newly configured district that used to be almost entirely in Arlington.

❖ Senate District 36, Republicans Jeffrey M. Frederick (R) and Tito Muñoz (R) compete to

face state Sen. Toddy Puller (D) in this district that includes Mount Vernon, parts of Lorton and much more of Prince William County than before redistricting.

❖ Senate District 39, Republicans Miller Baker and Scott Martin compete to challenge incumbent state Sen. George Barker (D) in November. This district encompasses parts of Centerville, Clifton, Lorton, Fairfax Station, Springfield and the City of Alexandria.

❖ House of Delegates 49, Democratic primary, Stephanie Clifford (D) v. Alfonso H. Lopez (D). So far there is no Republican or other candidate so the winner of the primary could be uncontested in November in this Arlington district.

UNCONTESTED:

Parties could still add a candidate up until Primary Election Day, Aug. 23, but at this point it's unlikely that many of these seats will be contested. This is not an exhaustive list.

Fairfax County, Hunters Mill Board of Supervisors, incumbent Cathy Hudgins (D) is so far uncontested. Also on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Pat Herrity (R-Springfield), Jeff McKay (D-Lee), Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon), Michael Frey (R-Sully) are uncontested.

House of Delegates District 35 in Vienna, Del. Mark Keam (D) is so far uncontested

House of Delegates, District 86, Del. Tom Rust (R) is so far uncontested in this district in parts of Oak Hill, Herndon, Chantilly and Loudoun.

House of Delegates, District 41, Del. Eileen Filler-Corn (D) is so far uncontested in this district that covers parts of Fairfax, Burke and Springfield.

House of Delegates, District 53, Del. Jim Scott (D) is so far uncontested.

House of Delegates, District 43, Del. Mark Sickles (D) is so far uncontested.

House of Delegates, District 44, Del. Scott Surovell (D) is so far uncontested in this Mount Vernon district.

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House of Delegates, District 45, Del. David Englin (D) is so far uncontested in this district that includes parts of Mount Vernon, Alexandria and Arlington.

House of Delegates, District 46, Del. Charniele Herring (D) is so far uncontested in this City of Alexandria district.

There are some hotly contested races for November, but more on those races later.

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The summer edition of the Pet Gazette will publish on July 27, with contributions and submissions due July 21.

Send in photos of you or other members of your family with your pet or pets along with a caption that includes the full names of everyone pictured, the ages of the pet(s) and any children, information about the pet(s) and a description of what is happening in the photo. Include your town name as well. Good to include: who, what, where, when and why.

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Send photos and other submissions by July 21 to smauren@connectionnewspapers.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Above The Law?

To the Editor:

Well, the guilty dog is barking! I was surprised to see Mr. Lehner's arrogant confession in print last week. As a Stratford Landing resident, I am still amazed that a handful of "special" unleashed walkers continue to feel they are above the law. I don't know Mr. Lehner other than to see him frequently allowing his dog Max to run free deep into yards of his neighbors, doing his "business" wherever, while his "owner" pedals a bicycle well behind his hound. After reading his letter, his arrogance is only exceeded by his total disregard for the safety of others. His admission of driving his kids around in the open bed of his truck, dangerous and illegal, as well as providing alcohol to minors makes Casey Anthony

seem to be June Cleaver by comparison.

My dog in this hunt is very personal. While on one of his runaway unleashed tours of Stratford Landing, his pet, Max, was hit by a car. The car did not stop, however my wife did and took Max and his irresponsible owner to his home. Max was really in bad shape and his owner was distraught. As Max's wounds healed, this owner did not learn his lesson. He is once again running free. So, Mr. Lehner has already caused one car accident. This time only a dog was injured. Next time? Sounds like Mr. Lehner is very willing to put all of us at risk. Mr. Lehner has also been seen letting his Max run wild through County Parks and on County School property, both illegal as well.

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Marine Research

The Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) has welcomed this year's group of high school students as part of the Virginia Governor's School program. The VIMS Governor's School is a four-week summer residential program that provides high-achieving Virginia high school students with hands-on experiences in marine research. The program is structured as an apprenticeship in which each student works with a faculty sponsor and VIMS graduate students on an authentic research project. Kharis Schrage of West Potomac High School (right) is working in the York River with professor Rochelle Seitz and graduate student Cassie Glaspie (left) to study whether the type of sea grass present affects blue crab predation on bay scallops and Baltic macoma clams.

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This is the first time I have seen a law-breaker submitting a confession to a local paper for his neighbors and law enforcement to document. Laws won't stop him. Embarrassing mentions in our SLCA Newsletter don't deter him. Causing car accidents doesn't faze him. Perhaps the death of a neighbor, a child or even his Max might.

**Steve Chaconas
Alexandria**

Enough About Dogs

To the Editor:

I am sorry to say that the once tranquil neighborhood that my family and I moved into way back in the spring of 1965, Stratford Landing, has literally gone to the "dogs." Our former neighborhood champion, Mr. Peter Brinitzer, must be in heaven shaking his head on the recent developments taking place in our neighborhood. Would anyone believe over a "park for dogs?" Holy Toledo! Certainly there are more significant issues impacting our area including people going hungry along the

Route 1 corridor.

I have to give credit to Mr. Lehner for addressing the issue of "privacy" in his letter to the editor of the Gazette July 7. It is truly unfortunate that we find neighbors going to extremes to "investigate intensively their neighbors' activities." It is frightening to know I might be observed/being watched just walking through the neighborhood with or without a dog.

I wrote a letter to the editor of the Gazette a couple of weeks ago that was not published. In my letter I stated that if I had a dollar for every word published by the Gazette on the subject of the "park for dogs" during the last year, it would pay for my round trip air fare from Dulles to Munich, Germany. I now believe it would also pay for my two-week stay in Bavaria.

Melvin R. Bielawski

Exclude Personal Attacks

To the Editor:

I am writing to register my request that you adopt an editorial

policy to exclude unfounded personal attacks. Your publication of [the letter] "Self-Appointed Crusader" clearly demonstrates that the Gazette is in need of such a policy.

While I think it is healthy for community members to raise concerns so that they can better their community, I believe letters should focus on facts, issues and opportunities for improving the community. A letter that provides a public venue to claim that a person is shameful and creepy because they have taken a picture on a public street documenting that the author of the letter is engaging in a behavior that threatens the well being of others is misleading and disingenuous in my opinion. Publication of such letters establishes a precedent that invites further personal attacks and discourages more civilized community dialogue. Perhaps most troubling of all, accepting letters with personal attacks that respond to the efforts of community members that are trying to improve the community discourages constructive community input.

Despite the good intent on the part of a dog owner or a dog, off leash dogs pose a real risk to others, which is why we have leash

laws. Sometimes, it takes an injury to change behavior. My experience with friends who have experienced such injuries has taught me that these kinds of injuries can take many months of painful recovery.

I sincerely hope you will adopt a policy to screen out letters to the editor that include personal attacks and reject future letters with personal attacks such as found in "Self-Appointed Crusader."

Larry J. Zaragoza, D.Env.

Shouldn't Interfere

To the Editor:

Kudos to Tom Lehner for his response to Jay Spiegel's letter. Yes there is a leash law. However, beyond perhaps reminding a passing dog owner of that law Mr. Spiegel should not interfere. If the dog is on his property or if the dog is approaching Mr. Spiegel then he has the right to call Animal Control.

On a somewhat related note, I was glad the Gazette finally gave space to the opinions of others. It

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Uranium Mining: The Coming Battle in Virginia

BY SCOTT A. SUROVELL
DELEGATE (D-44)



Things are starting to heat up in Virginia over uranium mining. The General Assembly is likely to consider a bill early next year to allow uranium mining. I have started to get emails on the issue so I thought I'd let everyone know where I stand.

To most people, this issue seems to have come out of the blue, but it has actually been around a while. In the 1970s, large deposits of uranium were found in Virginia along the base of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Companies purchased mining or exploration leases in several places, including several in Fauquier County and Prince William County at the head of the Occoquan River.

The largest deposit in the United States is believed to be located in Pittsylvania County in the southern part of our state and currently the mining companies are focused on that area.

In 1982, the General Assembly of Virginia enacted a statewide ban on uranium mining, in part because of the 1979 nuclear plant accident in Pennsylvania, known as Three Mile Island turned public opinion against anything uranium.

With energy prices rising and pressure to

transition away from coal and oil, some people are starting to look at expanding nuclear power again. In 2008, the General Assembly rejected a bill to authorize a study to examine the safety of uranium mining in Virginia. There are currently four separate studies underway, including one by the National Academy of Sciences. We expect them to be completed by the end of this year.

One reason the issue has become more visible recently is that Virginia Uranium, the company proposing to mine uranium in Pittsylvania County, offered to fly most state legislators to France to tour uranium mines. They maintain that visiting would be helpful because France it has similar climate to Virginia. It is my understanding that uranium has mostly been mined in dry climates like the arid Southwest U.S. and opponents of uranium mining say that Virginia's wet climate and storm potential pose unacceptable risks for uranium mining. About 15-20 people (out of 140) have taken the trip. I did not go for a variety of reasons (that is an entirely different discussion).

Many of the communities near the proposed Pittsylvania mining site are very focused on this issue. So is Virginia Beach

because they get their drinking water from Lake Gaston. Many others are starting to pay attention.

At this time, we do not know what the four studies will conclude. In theory, I assume almost anything can be done safely within certain assumptions and with enough money. The problem is that the assumptions are frequently wrong. Humans have frequently proven to be very capable of under-estimating risk until after the facts. Just consider the impact of the recent Pacific tsunami on Japan's nuclear plants, 9-11, or flooding along the Mississippi or Hunting Creek nearby.

One key issue is the safety of storing the mining waste, waste that can get into drinking water and containing elements that have been linked to serious diseases. A critical question for me is what kind of storage is planned, whether than storage is feasible and whether it is safe. Some say the waste must be contained for one thousand years. Uranium itself is radioactive and highly toxic to human and environmental health.

Here's a good example of an unanticipated natural disaster in Virginia. In 1969, Hurricane Camille came up the East Coast and then "parked" on top of Virginia for two days. It dumped 27 inches of rain on rural Nelson County in central Virginia in three hours; 153 people were killed and 133 bridges were washed out. It wreaked horrendous devastation throughout Nelson

County, destroying homes, farms, buildings and lives. Nelson County is also right along the U.S. 29 corridor right at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains. A weather event like that on top of or near a uranium mine would be truly frightening. Can any waste storage system or mining operation withstand that kind of powerful storm?

I've posted a map of old Northern Virginia uranium lease sites [on my website.] You will see that several sites are near the Occoquan River which feeds the Occoquan Reservoir, the major drinking water source for most of Fairfax County. Mining a material that could permanently destroy the Occoquan River and impair the drinking water for millions is a non-starter for me. It is unacceptable to me to subject anyone else to that kind of risk.

Where do I stand right now? In fairness, I would like to see the various studies to be completed this year, but based on what I know so far, I am skeptical of lifting the ban. I've told that to the Virginia Uranium people. If I had to vote today, I would vote no.

However, I do owe the proponents and the opponents an opportunity to make their case. I have little to no experience with mining. I'm learning as much as I can right now to make an educated decision. I hope you will share your views with me by posting comments here or emailing me at scottsurovell@gmail.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM PAGE 11

seems like the past several years Mr. Spiegel has had his own personal column under the guise of "letters to the editor." It was nice to finally see an issue without one of his weekly letters.

**Lisa Thompson
Alexandria**

Just Obey Leash Laws

To the Editor:

I have learned that people often accuse others of the behavior they themselves are exhibiting. So it is with Tom Lehner, a member of my community, whose letter was published in last week's Gazette concerning my efforts to convince him and a few others to obey our county's leash laws in the name of the safety of their dogs and community residents. The truth has no relation to Mr. Lehner's description of me in his letter. He described my actions as "shameful" and "creepy," terms more applicable to his long-time community misbehavior, particularly as his letter issued a public confession that he routinely ignores a variety of laws. Avoiding any justification for his illegal actions, instead, Mr. Lehner chose to try diverting attention away from himself by attempting to assassinate my character. His effort failed — not only does his illegal behavior remain a source of concern,

his submission of such a vile letter to the Gazette revealed his "character" to the community at large.

I have observed Mr. Lehner riding his bicycle past my house with his dog running well ahead off leash over a hundred times over the past couple of years. I and others have asked and even implored him to use a leash. The Stratford Landing community agrees with me as evidenced by its June 2011 Newsletter in which it castigated the Tom Lehnners of our neighborhood and, in fact, encouraged neighborhood residents to report to the police department and its animal control division those who refuse to leash their dogs, describing them as "scofflaws among us whose egos are too big to get it." While running his dog on his bicycle two years ago, the dog was hit by a car. Luckily the dog "Max" survived. Anyone else would have embraced that second chance and not repeated the behavior. Not Tom Lehner. After several months of Max's recuperation, Mr. Lehner is out in the community again risking Max's life as well as the health and safety of other neighbors he may encounter. This is truly shameful and creepy.

After the article appeared in the Stratford Landing Newsletter, Mr. Lehner sent me an e-mail in which he informed me of his belief that only a police officer or an animal control officer could ticket him for his illegal off-leash bicycle dog walking, and so he would continue with impunity (we'll see). He informed me in another recent e-mail

that he will "continue, despite the dangers and your efforts to stop us." In my letter to the Gazette about Mr. Lehner and others, I quoted that e-mail and asked rhetorically "Do we get a vote?" On July 1, 2011, Mr. Lehner sent me an e-mail and in reply to that rhetorical question said "The answer is no, you do not." Unbelievably shameful and creepy.

He accused me of describing "the personal habits of women ...;" I merely described that certain women walk their dogs past my house on or off leash. Perhaps Mr. Lehner was embarrassed by the fact that his own wife walks their two dogs on leash while he defiantly refuses to do so on any consistent basis. He equated my attempts to enhance the safety of my community with McCarthyism; truly outrageous. He accused me of revealing the occupations of private individuals (I didn't mention anyone by name nor did I identify anyone's employer). He criticized me for photographing him and his unleashed dog on a public street where no one has an expectation of privacy. Of course, he'd prefer that his off-leash dog running using his bicycle not be documented.

Mr. Lehner analogized my efforts to protect my community from his illegal activities to "news accounts of others who are stalkers or predators" and accused me of "snooping" on my neighbors as if I'm looking into the windows of his house rather than what is really occurring, namely, observing him on a public street from inside

my home. As he well knows, I am not stalking anybody or snooping; I'm inside my house looking out the window as he passes by — he chooses the route he takes, not me. Over the past week, he has slowly driven his car back and forth past my home multiple times, stopping in front of my home to look at me as I work at my computer, before driving on. He has also done so on his bicycle without Max. Who is the stalker? Recently, when he rides his bicycle by my home with his dog running off leash, he waves at me with a smile on his face. Shameful; creepy. I only hope Mr. Lehner can be stopped before Max or another valued member of our community is injured or worse. I'm not acquainted with Mr. Lehner; my desire that he and others comply with our leash law is not personal. If someone is injured or worse as a result of his irresponsibility, that is a bell that cannot be unringed. It is truly unfortunate that our government is required to legislate common sense to guide those who don't have any.

**H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon**

Get It Done On Route 1

To the Editor:

As the only candidate residing in south

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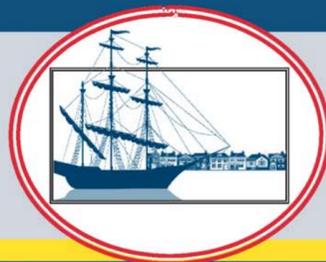
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\$719,000
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\$599,000
Alexandria South "WONDERFUL"
3 1/2 Colonial w/2 car side gar - newly redone kit w/ceramic floor tile, granite, new appl - brkfst nook - family rm w/FP - Fr. doors to sunroom w/skylights, backs to private wooded parkland - fenced yard - MstrBA w/new shower - fresh paint - LL rec rm - on cul-de-sac - mins to neighborhood pool/tennis - 4BR/2.5BA.



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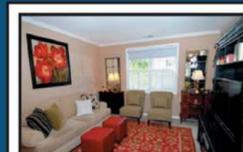
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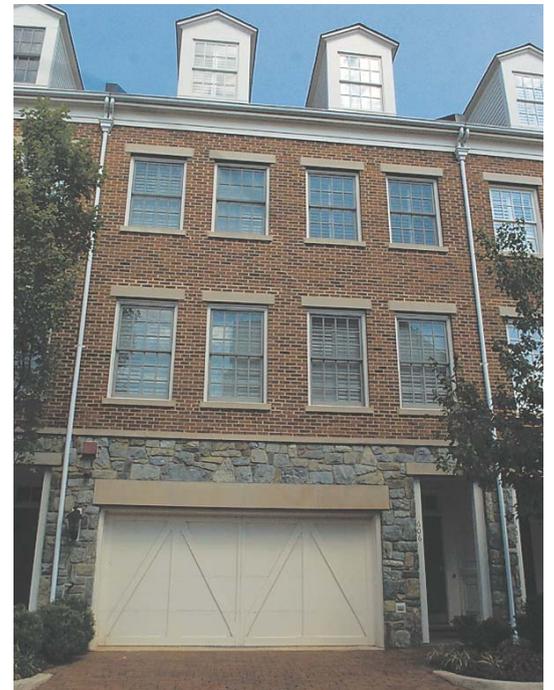
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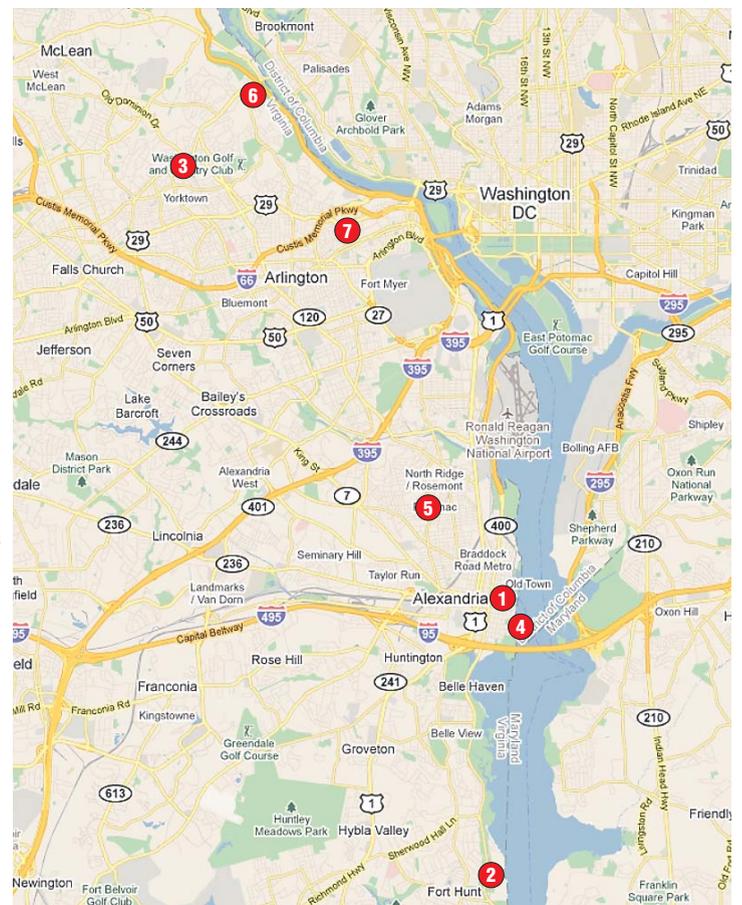
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Home Life Style

Design for How We Live Now

Interior design for real life: Pet-friendly, kid-friendly, family-friendly.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE

Deborah Wiener isn't turned-off by a messy house or pets of any size or shape. In fact, it is the kind of challenge that she wants to tackle. The interior designer considers herself a specialist "in real life, pet-friendly, family-friendly design."

So when Carlene Stephens approached her to get help decorating her Alexandria home, Wiener was in her element. Stephens and her husband Gary Sturm live with two Great Danes who have free rein of the house. She was searching for stylish but durable pieces that would accommodate both her active household and desire for fashionable furniture.

"I was so tired of having messed-up furniture or no furniture at all," said Stephens.

Sturm and Stephens had completed a home renovation project and added an open kitchen, dining and family room space.



The living room of the Mansfield home in Chantilly. On the sofa are 6-year-old twins Will and Josie Mansfield.

Wiener came up with a design for the room that took the couple's desire for style and durability into consideration.

"She began with a rug," said Stephens. "And the other furniture was chosen around it."

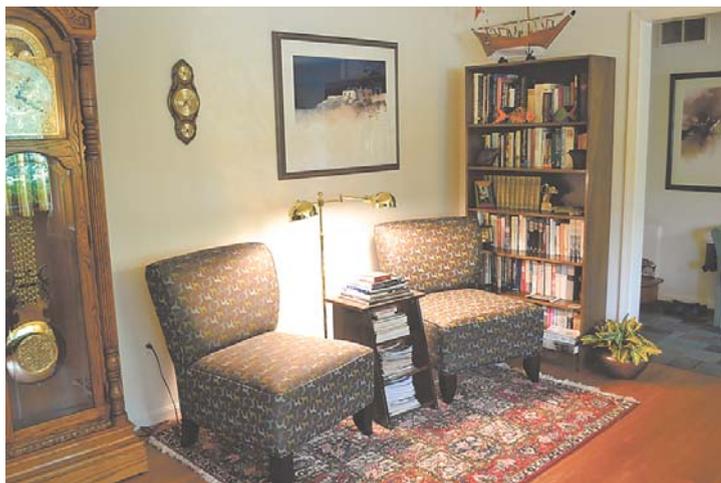
Wiener designed the room by choosing substantial furnishings that were chic but sensible and able to stand up to everything from sharp claws to muddy paws. She included pieces from Slobproof!, Wiener's own line of furniture that is made from a fabric called Crypton. The designer says it is virtually indestructible and can be easily cleaned.

Wiener started with a grey area rug with large circular patterns in shades of blue and yellow, and added a blue sofa and matching arm chair. She completed the look with two gray dining chairs and a gray ottoman that also serves as a coffee table.

Color was one of her secret weapons. "Color is camouflage, but beige is like hav

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PHOTOS BY MARILYN CAMPBELL



A reading nook in Winkle Nemeth's McLean home.



For one couple, furniture that can stand up to life with two Great Danes.

Wiener's Tips for Active Households

- ❖ Laminate your most heavily used dining chairs. Almost any fabric can be laminated. Just ask your fabric store or decorator where to send it. New flat finish laminations provide an invisible, moisture- and stain-proof barrier on fabric, making it virtually indestructible and inconspicuous, too.

- ❖ Protect wood finishes from wet glasses, hot cups and scratching with clear glass tops made to fit your table tops. Sure, you'll have to wipe them, but you'll protect what's underneath from everything your slob may put on top.

- ❖ Nothing lasts longer or looks better than a well-finished hardwood floor. Wiener recommends durable wool rugs as well.

- ❖ For family-friendly furniture, you can't beat protected leather.

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Solid Marble Bathrooms?

Seamless stone showers, walls and floors point to new direction in high-end bathroom design.

BY JOHN BYRD
GAZETTE

Susan Cassell, of Great Falls Design Build, recalls the chain of events that convinced her some of the fundamentals of bathroom design were about to change.

"We were remodeling a bathroom that had been seriously damaged from leakage caused by cracked grout," Cassell said. "This is a common homeowner concern, so I contacted Shawn Daghigh at EuroStoneCraft who had developed some ideas for dealing with this longstanding problem."

Cassell had worked with EuroStoneCraft — a local marble and granite importer and fabricator based in Herndon — for many years. But she'd heard that the firm had a new brainchild — a custom-made solid marble shower floor which they were introducing under a new division, Verona Showers.

"The shower floor pan is a solid stone slab custom-made to your shower width ... so there's no water-exposed grouting, no cracking or leakage," Daghigh said. "This means there's no mold build up, and no need for time-intensive maintenance."

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Home Life Style

Design for How We Live Now

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ing another child in the house. It needs protecting and watching," said Wiener. "Get out of the beige rut and use color to camouflage spills and stains."

Stephens said her furniture has already passed one important test.

"When the furniture arrived my dog had just taken a drink from his water bowl and was dropping water on the new sofa. It was like watching Niagara Falls coming from this Great Dane's mouth. I wiped it up quickly with no evidence that [the water] had been there."

Wiener said the goal is to design spaces that match the realities of life.

"I am not your typical designer," she said. "I am not there to judge a client's budget or taste. I am there to give them advice to make their lives better."

Wiener's advice also comes in the form of unconventional design tools such as "Wite-Out" and permanent ink markers. "Keep 'Wite-Out' on hand at all times," said Wiener. "It may be obsolete for correcting typos, but it's a miracle when it comes to camouflaging dings and scuff marks wherever you have white trim around your house — like door frames, baseboard molding or chair rails. Permanent ink markers can cover a lot of dings and scratches."

Melinda Mansfield says that she has one of the most active households in her Chantilly neighborhood. She and her husband Rob have 6-year-old twins, two dogs and three cats.



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Winkle Nemeth with her dogs Sid (black) and Annie in her McLean living room.

"I am not there to judge a client's budget or taste. I am there to give them advice to make their lives better."

— Deborah Wiener

"I have a face painting and glitter tattoo business for children," said Mansfield. "I am the troop leader for my daughter's Girl Scout troop and my husband is the leader of our son's Boy Scout troop. All the kids in the neighborhood come to my house to play."

Mansfield says that she likes a lively household, but not the mess that often comes with the

territory. She wanted to decorate her home to accommodate the chaos without sacrificing style. "I like really nice things," said Mansfield. "I always have. I wanted a fresh, clean look with good fabrics that will stand the test of time."

When Mansfield found interior designer Wiener, she knew that she'd found a good match. Wiener came up with a design for the home's living room and lower level that took Mansfield's desire for style and durability into consideration.

Solid Marble Bathrooms?

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"It struck me as a breakthrough," Cassell said. "I've found this a really effective solution for bathrooms, and the color options are impressive. I've been regularly introducing it to my clients."

EuroStoneCraft's already well-honed milling capabilities mean "everything they offer is one of a kind," Cassell said.

The firm's skill at shaping natural stone, granite or marble to precisely fit surface specifications eliminates any need to sectionalize or use exposed seams requiring grout.

Homeowner Lisa Schultz is pleased with the EuroStone/Verona design advantages, which allowed her to distinguish the interior of her spacious Great Falls colonial while greatly reducing maintenance needs. Schultz selected an array of custom-fitted surfaces for strategic parts of the house throughout an extensive five-month remodeling process, including finishing the master bath in contrasting shades of Verona marble hand-picked from the EuroStoneCraft showroom.

"The vanity, shower floor and tub surround are stunning — a very original shade of dark brown," Schultz said. "The floor, tub facing and shower walls

are a kind of mocha. The whole is nicely balanced — there's a restful symmetry."

The bathroom's "invisible shower" consists of a custom-made MarbaFloor pan, two solid marble walls converging in one corner and dual sheets of unframed glass forming the other.

Schultz said the master bathroom's new interior seems substantially larger than its previous incarnation, even though the footprint is mostly unchanged.

Schultz added a prized oriental rug, just for effect.

After 15 years at the same address, Schultz said the changes have reinvigorated her appreciation of her surroundings: "It feels like a whole new custom house, which is exciting."

Describing personal benefits accruing from her own recent master bathroom makeover, Stacy Smith was especially pleased at the relief from perennial grout-replacement duties.

"After years of contending with the predictable problems of mosaic tile — cracking grout, mold build-up, and grit — there's just no substitute for a solid maintenance-free stone surface."

David Prakken of Fairfax was impressed with both the functional and aesthetic outcome resulting from Verona Shower upgrades to his 25-year-old bathroom.



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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 12

ern Fairfax, I enjoyed reading Jerry Fill's article, "How Board Chair Candidates View Route 1," [Mount Vernon Gazette, July 7-13, 2011] and want to follow up on two issues.

With over 20 years experience serving on state, regional and local public committees as well as nonprofit boards, my focus remains working with people across political and ideological lines to create effective, sustainable solutions for the challenges confronting our community.

First, I will ensure the people of southern Fairfax County are heard. In fact, I have already made a public commitment to conduct monthly televised town halls with open formats hosted by local journalists and bloggers throughout our community. I will invest my time listening and advocating for the vital issues important to people.

Second, I am a proponent of Fairfax County acquiring the urban plan exception. With leadership from Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock), the Board of Supervisors has reviewed the issue. Every locality that has the exception recommends it to Fairfax County.

The exception will enable the Board to exercise control over our local roads. While my opponents complain, I will show innovative leadership.

Republican Williams offers to talk with everyone, but does not want to fund Route 1 despite saying we are "languishing at best."

Chairman Bulova (D) wants to increase your taxes and ignores the reality that you, along with every Fairfax County taxpayer,

are subsidizing other taxpayers to meet a state mandate at a cost of over \$501 million annually.

The argument used by advocates for the status quo is that Fairfax County is rich and other localities are poor. However, localities do not pay taxes; taxpayers pay taxes. Localities balance their budgets.

The argument ignores community needs assessments consistently showing 25 percent of Fairfax County households cannot meet their basic needs at least one month per year. Twenty-five percent of Fairfax County's population is over 270,000 Virginians. As a comparison, the total population of most localities in Virginia is significantly fewer than 270,000 people.

Do you want to tell people who cannot meet their basic needs throughout the year that they are rich? No. Neither do I; I choose to stand and fight for them and our entire community. My opponents remain silent.

Fairfax County is one large community with diverse regions and neighborhoods. In fact, we are so large the voters of Fairfax County elect 22.5 percent of Virginia state senators and 17 percent of our state delegates.

However, my opponents have not been able to leverage our strength effectively. They campaign with a vision of dividing rather than uniting our community. The best interests of Fairfax County and our people are clear. Working together, we will fulfill a better vision for our future.

Will Radle

Candidate for chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors - FairfaxAdvocates@gmail.com



Summer Reading

Stratford Landing Elementary held its second annual Summer Reading event on June 8 at the Gum Springs Community Center. Nora Mullin, the school's reading teacher, gave a presentation to the parents on summer reading loss; tips for helping children make appropriate book choices, and informing them of the school's summer reading program. Meanwhile, teachers met with students and gave book talks to spark interest in reading. Students then were able to browse and choose books to keep and enjoy all summer.

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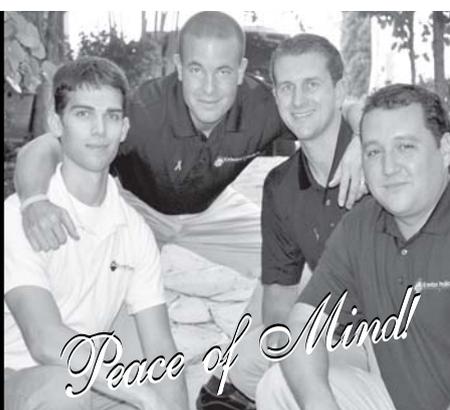
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Alien Encounters: 'Visit to a Small Planet'

TACT cast shines in Gore Vidal's satire.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Unexpected houseguests are a ritual of summer but none are likely to be so colorful as Kreton, a visitor from another galaxy who lands in Manasses, Va., in the mid-1950s to observe his "hobby," the human race, in the Gore Vidal play "Visit to a Small Planet," presented by The American Century Theater at Gunston Theatre Two in Arlington.

Originally debuting as a television play in 1955, Vidal's highly regarded satire is about a time-traveling alien whose hopes of amusing himself by observing the Battle of Bull Run are dashed when he arrives on Earth almost 100 years too late. Not to be denied his fun, he decides to simply start a war of his own.

The stage play, set entirely in the 1958 home of Roger and Reba Spelling and their 19-year-old daughter Ellen, playfully pokes fun at America's middle class culture and post-World War II fear of communism and is hilariously brought to life by TACT's perfectly cast ensemble of actors.

"I picked this show with Bruce in mind,"



PHOTO BY DENNIS DELORIA

Bruce Alan Rauscher plays Kreton in "Visit to a Small Planet," which runs now through Aug. 6 at Gunston Theatre Two in Arlington.

said director Rip Claassen of Bruce Alan Rauscher, who plays Kreton. "I have wanted to direct this show since I was 14 and spent

two-and-a-half months holding auditions to get just the right cast to bring it to life."

The play opens as Roger Spelling, one of America's early television network newscasters, gets a visit from his friend Gen. Tom Powers, who has just been assigned to investigate an Unidentified Flying Object spotted hovering over the Spelling home. Originally skeptical of the existence of UFOs, Spelling and his family play host to their alien visitor while unwittingly serving as their guest's entertainment.

From the moment he steps onstage in full Civil War regalia, Rauscher captivates the audience with his exuberance and a comedic timing reminiscent of a young Robin Williams in his early "Mork and Mindy" days.

Helen Hayes award-winner John Tweel plays the commanding General Powers, who is in over his head as he tries to stop Kreton's antics from escalating into a war between the Soviet Union and the United States. Tweel delivers a superb performance with his understated showmanship serving as

the perfect balance to Rauscher's high-energy role.

Rounding out the cast as the Spelling

To Go

"Visit to a Small Planet" runs through Aug. 6 at Gunston Theatre Two, 2700 South Lang St., Arlington. Call 703-998-4555 or visit www.americancentury.org.

family are Steve Lebens as Roger Spelling, Kelly Cronenberg as his Mamie Eisenhower/Lucy Ricardo-inspired wife Reba, and Megan Graves as their daughter Ellen.

"With so much attention on Kreton, it's easy to overlook the other actors," Claassen said. "The straight man roles are vital to the success of this show and Megan in particular is the rock holding it all together."

Noah Bird is Conrad Mayberry, the delightfully simple-minded and testosterone-fueled boyfriend of Ellen, and Tamra Lynn Testerman completes the troupe as Delton 4.

A large contribution to the success of "Visit" is the flawless stage recreation of the era with sets designed by Noel Greer and costumes by Rosalie Ferris.

"Visit" is one of Vidal's best-known works from the 1950s and TACT does a superb job of bringing the satirical and witty observations of middle-America to life. The brilliant acting by Rauscher and the rest of the cast in this final play of TACT's season is not to be missed.

And All That Jazz!

MetroStage concert 'rocks the house.'

MetroStage kicked off its inaugural jazz concert series July 11 with a performance by vocalists Roz White, Shang and Sylver Logan Sharp.

"They rocked the house," said financial advisor Adron Krekeler. "Nowhere in Old Town can you get what we did here tonight. I'm surprised the roof is still on."

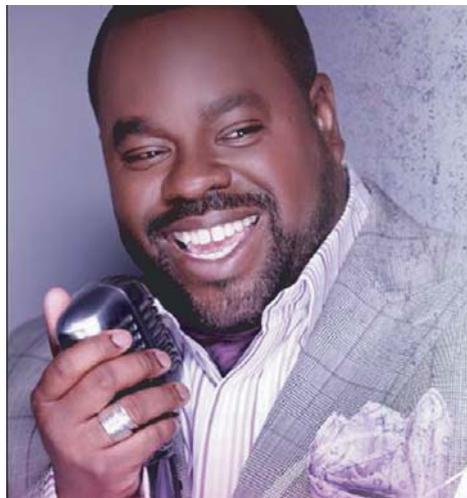
Susan Kellom also attended the show that repeatedly had the audience on its feet.

"It was overwhelmingly powerful and kept building to a spectacular crescendo," Kellom said. "Carolyn has created a masterpiece."

MetroStage artistic director Carolyn Griffin conceived the jazz concert series and worked with recording artist Lori Williams to make it a reality.

"It was spectacular," said real estate agent Donnan Wintermute. "I felt like we were in Blues Alley or New York. It was magnificent and I can't wait to come back."

The second concert in the series, Soulful Gospel, will be Monday, July 18 starring Victoria Purcell, Vanessa Williams and Robert E. Person. Inspirational Jazz, with Lori Williams, Nova Tate and William Knowles and the Saltman Knowles Group, wraps up the series on July 25. All tickets are \$30. For more information, call 703-548-9044.



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Shang, Sylver Logan Sharp and Roz White perform during a jazz concert July 11 at MetroStage.

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The Alexandria Seaport Foundation hosted miniature boat building as part of the Old Town Waterfront Fun days.



CHRISTINE SENNOTT

Adam, Lila and Miranda Baltaxe enjoy some ice during Waterfront Fun Days July 10.

Down by the Riverside

The Alexandria City Marina was the site of the Old Town Waterfront Fun Days July 10. Family activities and entertainment were provided by several local organizations including the Torpedo Factory Artists, the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, the

Alexandria Seaport Foundation and the Alexandria Art League. Pamela Cressey, the City's Director of Archaeology, hosted a Waterfront Walk. The next Waterfront Fun Days will be held Aug. 14 from 2 to 5 p.m. Contact 703-684-0580.

FINE ARTS

NOW THROUGH SEPT. 30

River Farm Exhibition. River Farm, the historic property near Old Town Alexandria which houses the American Horticultural Society, has opened its newest botanically-themed exhibition. Admission is free, though donations are welcome, and gallery hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m., weekdays, and 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. The property is closed Sundays. This show features paintings by Juleen Stacy, who also curated the show, as well as photography by Deb Booth, Brian J. McGahren and Dave Costa. The Opening Reception will be held Thursday, July 14, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. For directions go to River Farm's website, http://www.ahs.org/river_farm/directions.htm.

AUG. 5 TO 28

States of Mind Exhibit. 7 to 10 p.m. Join Kimberley Bush, Ellyn Ferguson, Lesley Hall, Fransi Kaye, Katherine Rand, Gloria Vestal, and Tracy Wilkerson as they showcase encaustics, abstract art, figurative works, stained glass, and mixed media artwork. Opening Aug. 5 from 7 to 10 p.m. At Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

AUG. 3 TO SEPT. 4

The Power of Color III. Artist's reception is Saturday, Aug. 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.gallery-west.com or call 703-549-6006.

AUG. 2 TO SEPT. 11

"Satellite Images." Free. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing and wall pieces will be exhibited. At Studio 18 in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, Old Town Alexandria.



NOW THROUGH AUG. 14

Tory Cowles: Living Large. Artist's reception is July 14 from 6-8 p.m. Reception: July 14, 6-8 p.m.; awards ceremony at 7 p.m. with juror, Harry Cooper, Curator and Head of Modern and Contemporary Art at the National Gallery of Art. Special Programming: July 28, 6-8 p.m.; Art Panel: Why does art move you? At the Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria.

JULY 14 TO AUG. 28

Drawing Analogies. Features seven artists who are united in that they are trying to explore and understand aspects of their worlds through the creation of drawings. Artist's reception is Sunday, July 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. At the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

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JAT: Paper, Brass and Process. Art work by Jonathan Thompson. In Paper, Brass and Process, JAT explores Victorian-themed issues of beauty and violence with emphasis on process and technique. At the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery.

NOW THROUGH JULY 24

"Up in Smoke." Kiln Club Show. At 105 North Union Street, Ground Floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.

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NOW THROUGH JULY 31

Poetry of Light. Pastels by artist Rachel Estrada. Closing Reception: Saturday, July 30, from 5 - 7 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.gallery-west.com or 703-549-6006.

MONTH OF JULY

"Artistic Visions." Twenty artists in multiple media will showcase their recent artistic expressions. A summer show and sale at the Gallery at Convergence. Meet the artists reception is July 22 from 5 to 8 p.m. At the Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.arlingtonartistsalliance.org.

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JULY 10 TO OCT. 31

Alexandria Arts and Crafts Fair. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Sunday. Features some of the areas' best artists and artisans and includes jewelry, glass works, ceramics and pottery, hand woven products, and other crafts. At St. George Gallery, 105 North Alfred Street, in the heart of Old Town Alexandria.

SUNDAYS IN JULY

Civil War Sundays. 1 to 5 p.m. Free. At the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, located on the third floor of the Torpedo Factory art Center.

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 571-970-0275 or phillip.ellis@sierraclub.org.

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Civil War Walking Tour. Saturdays and Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Covers the changing role of African Americans on the estate, views on George Washington from the perspective of Union and Confederate supporters, and the Washington-Robert E. Lee connection. At Historic Mount Vernon. These tours are limited in capacity and cost \$5 in addition to Estate admission: \$15 adults; \$7 children (6-11); free for children 5 & under. Visit www.MountVernon.org or call 703-780-2000.

THURSDAY/JULY 14

Michael DeLalla in Concert. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Part of the Second Thursday Music. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or visit nvfaa.org.

Bastille Day Wine Dinner. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100. This night of celebration with a historically inspired five-course dinner paired with fine French wines is one both history and wine lovers will savor! At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or call 703-746-4242.

Music at Twilight Concerts. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Bobcats (Rock & Roll). At Fort Ward Park Amphitheater, 4301 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria. Contact: Special Events, maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5592.

Alive With History. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Explore the Torpedo Factory Art Center's history with a DIY button project and historical photobooth, and learn about the Alexandria Black History Museum. Target Gallery hosts the Artist of the Year reception for Tory Cowles, and The Art League Gallery hosts the reception for the All-Media Membership Show and Francis Borchardt's solo show, with live music by The Higher Ground String Band. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.

FRIDAY/JULY 15

Mount Vernon Swing Band. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$4 at door. Dance to a live band led by conductor Owen Hammett. Open to All. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

Alexandria Citizens Band Concert. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization. At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Contact Special Events, maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5592.

John Pizzarelli. 8 p.m. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-8899. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

JULY 15 AND 16

Comcast Outdoor Film Festival. 7:45 p.m. Free. "Avatar" will be shown on Friday and "Mama Mia" will be shown on Saturday. At Waterfront Park, 1A Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-5418.

JULY 15-17

Christmas in July. Presented by The Christmas Attic and the businesses of Union Street. Some 15 retailers and community organizations will host a variety of activities either inside stores or on Union Street ranging from pictures with "Summer" Santa & Mrs. Claus, historical tours, holiday trunk shows,



JULY 20

Saxophonist Dave Koz. Six-time Grammy-nominated saxophonist Dave Koz at The Birchmere. Dave's current CD, "Hello Tomorrow," debuted at No. 1 on both the Billboard Top Contemporary Jazz Albums chart.

food and wine tastings, cookie decorating, storytime for tots, ornament making, arts and crafts, ice cream, paint your own nutcracker, green holiday home tips, fashion styling, pooch pictures, musical entertainment and much more. Located on Union Street between Cameron and Duke Street in Old Town. Visit www.christmasattic.com or 703-548-2829.

SATURDAY/JULY 16

Jeff Bush Jazz. 8 p.m. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-8899. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

"How to Train Your Dragon." 7 to 10 p.m. At Cinema Del Ray. Free open air showings of recent films. At Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Contact: Jen Walker, 703-675-1566.

Hidden History of Union Street Walking Tour. 10 a.m. Free. Join City Archaeologist Dr. Pamela Cressey as she explores "The Hidden History of Union Street – Are We Walking on Water?" Walk along Union Street and learn what she and her colleagues have discovered above and below the ground about Alexandria's history. Meet at the Torpedo Factory Arcade (corner of King and Union Streets). Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-766-4399.

Speak Up for a Child. 11 a.m. Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates is hosting an information session for volunteers. If you would like to learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children, call 703-273-3526, x22 or email ekosarin@casafairfax.org. At Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria.

Civil War Spotlight Talks. Free. Explore Civil War Artillery Projectiles. 30-minute talks from 10 a.m. to noon; and 2 to 4 p.m. Learn about a variety of Civil War-period ammunition, from a 100-pounder Parrott shell to a Ketcham hand grenade. At Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.forward.org or call 703-746-4848.

JULY 16 TO AUG. 6

Signature's Sizzlin' Summer Cabaret. Cabarets will include "Let Me Sing" and "I'm Happy" ("The Music of Irving Berlin"), a collection of Berlin favorites featuring Sherri L. Edelen, James Gardiner, Matt Pearson and Bayla Whitten. Solo cabarets include Erin Driscoll ("[title of show]," "Sweeney Todd"), and last year's Sizzlin' Summer artists Bob McDonald and Sandy Bainum ("Sunset Boulevard"). Tickets for all cabarets are \$25 each. Signature offers a special All-Access Pass for \$125. At Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. Call 703-820-9771.

JULY 16-17

Free Music Lessons. Kingstowne Acoustic Music joins in the fight against heart disease by offering free music lessons in the following: guitar, bass, banjo, mandolin, violin, piano, ukulele and voice lessons. At 110 Kingstowne Center in Alexandria. Call Kingstowne Acoustic Music at 703-822-9090.

SUNDAY/JULY 17

Civil War Sundays. 1 to 5 p.m. Check out the free showcase of Civil War history. At the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, #327. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or



JULY 18 AND 19

Jonny Lang with Natalie York. 7:30 p.m. Vienna singer/songwriter Natalie York opens for Grammy-winning blues artist Lang. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. www.birchmere.com; 703-549-7500.

call 703-746-4399.

Jazz at Meade. 4 p.m. Featuring The Jolley Brothers, twins Nathan and Noble Jolley. Admission is \$15 donation. At Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-1334.

JULY 18 TO 21

Pint-Sized Playacting. 10 to 11:15 a.m. Join Miss Megan on an exploration of creative play! Exercises in focus, ensemble, movement, and more are combined with interactive activities and storytimes to form a solid foundation for your budding thespian. Ages 5-7. \$20. Registration required. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092 or visit megan@hooray4books.com

TUESDAY/JULY 19

Life Line Screening. Packages start at \$139. All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. Get screened to reduce your risk of having a stroke or a bone fracture. At Lincolnia United Methodist Church, 6335 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria. To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Free. The meeting will feature the presentation "Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions" by Christine Rose. Meets in Room 112 of Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or publicity@mvgenealogy.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 20

Ben Brenman Park Concerts. 7 to 8 p.m. Dave Chappell Duo (Blues). At Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr., Alexandria. Contact Special Events, maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5592.

Summer Concert Series. 8 p.m. American Jazz Heroes with the U.S. Air Force Band — The Airmen of Note. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, Atomic Swing Club. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

THURSDAY/JULY 21

Swing Machine. 8 p.m. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-8899. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Wee Ones Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. Explore the exciting world around us with some favorite stories and songs! Ages 2 and under. Free. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092 or visit megan@hooray4books.com

Suite Drive and Golf Tournament. Mount Vernon Chapter, American Society of Military Comptrollers, 2-5 p.m. Fort Belvoir Golf Course, 8450 Beulah St # 2920, Alexandria. Join in a suite drive to support FACETS and a golf tournament. Cost is \$75 for golf, lunch, and prizes. Opportunity to win a car with a hole-in-one contest. Contact gary@gdbrooks.com or register at: <https://www.123signup.com/register?id=cgtxr>.

SATURDAY/JULY 23

Wee Ones Storytime. 10:30-11 a.m. Explore the exciting world around us with some favorite stories and songs! Ages 2 and under. Free. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092 or visit megan@hooray4books.com

Installation Appreciation Day. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Belvoir Federal Credit Union as a way to celebrate Fort Belvoir's military and civilian communities. Activities available for children include a rock climbing wall, moon bounce and clown, as well as face painting and balloon animals. Visitors will have the chance to win more than 20 prizes, including a free cruise. Visit www.BelvoirCreditUnion.org/iad2011

Pianist Victoria Bragin. 8 p.m. Admission is \$15. Will perform a special "Blue Ribbon" salon recital at the Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria. Her program features works by Scarlatti, Beethoven, Debussy, and Schumann. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Old Town Alexandria.

JULY 23 TO AUG. 13

"Hairspray." Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m. Directed by Sue Pinkman; Music Direction by Chris Tomasino; and Choreography by Ivan Davila. CAST: Shannon Kingett as Tracy Turnblad, Sam Jones as Link Larkin, Christopher Harris as Edna, Larry Grey as Wilbur, Brenda Parker as Motormouth Maybelle, Adrian Cabbage as Seaweed, Jaclyn Young as Penny, Christina Kidd as Amber, Janette Moman as Velma, Gardner Reed as Corny, Gina Tomkus as Prudy, Marissa Moody as L'il Inez, Scott Strasbaugh as Mr. Pinky, Mark Williams as Mr. Spritzer. Members of the ensemble include Andrea Berting, Amanda Corbett, Maureen Eul, Jonathan Faircloth, Meg Glassco, Blake Hopkins, Caitlin Jackson, Derek Marsh, Jody Parker, Chris Rios, Maria Simpkins, Zaria Stott, Ryan Walker, Samantha Williams, Jacob Wittenauer and Roger Yawson. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com or call 703-683-0496.

SUNDAY/JULY 24

Women's Day. 11 a.m. With guest preacher Rev. Dr. Mae E. Harrison, senior pastor, United Methodist Church of the Redeemer, Temple Hills, Md. Held at Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, 606 South Washington St., Alexandria. Contact Number: 703-836-7332

Famous Magician Fund-raiser. Noon to 4 p.m. At Fort Hunt Park. A fund-raiser for a child's cancer treatment. Come out to support Brennen, son of Executive Director of Spring Hill Mount Vernon Assisted Living, Robinette Todd. Brennen was diagnosed with a rare form of brain cancer and the fundraiser will help pay for his future treatments. Alain Nu, a Las Vegas headlining magician as seen on TLC, will perform. Food, games, a moon bounce, and face painting will also be present. Tickets are \$18/advance, \$20/door; and \$10 for age 5 to 12. Call Krista Wells at 757-749-6225 or Robinette Todd at 240-274-7731.

Family Tour Day. 1 to 4 p.m. Special tours hosted by Junior Docents who will be stationed at each stop on the tour, including the taproom, bedchambers, ballroom, assembly room and dining room. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 27

DJ Dance party. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

Lunch Bunch Concert. 12 to 1 p.m. Joe Rathbone (Indie Pop). At Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza, Alexandria. Contact: Special Events, maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5592.

Music in the Parks. 7:30 p.m. With the U.S. Army Blues Band. At Lee District Park in Alexandria.

Summer Concert Series. 8 p.m. Free. "A Tribute to Stan Kenton." The U.S. Air Force Band — The Airmen of Note. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or www.usafband.af.mil

THURSDAY/JULY 28

Music at Twilight Concerts. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Alexandria Harmonizers (Men's Barbershop). At Fort Ward Park Amphitheater, 4301 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria. Contact: Special Events, maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5592.

FRIDAY/JULY 29

Alexandria Citizens Band Concert. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization. At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Contact Special Events, maureen.sturgill@alexandriava.gov, 703-746-5592.

OBITUARIES

Arlene F. Barnes

On Saturday, July 9, 2011, longtime Mount Vernon resident Arlene F. Barnes died. She is the beloved wife of Walter T. Barnes, mother of Stacy Edwards and Kirby Barnes, grandmother of Neely Edwards.

A Memorial Gathering will be held at the Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, from 5-8 p.m. on Sunday, July 17. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, on Monday, July 18 at 10:30 a.m. Inurnment will occur at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Contributions may be made to the Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary.

Harriet Fatzinger

Harriet Horton Fatzinger was born on July 7, 1936 and died on

July 10, 2011. She was born in Durham, N.C. as the daughter of Paul and Edith Holloway Horton. She graduated from Durham High and graduated from airline school. She was employed as a teletype operator in Detroit, Mich. by Capital Airlines for one year. She moved to Washington where she was employed first as a teletype operator and then as secretary to the head of the Engineering Department of United Airlines at National Airport. She worked for 13 years for United Airlines.

When her United Airlines job was moved to San Francisco International Airport, Harriet decided to become a nurse and entered the nursing degree program at the Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale. She graduated in 1972 from the Northern Virginia Community College cum laude with an Associate's Degree in Applied Science in Nursing and became a registered nurse. After graduation, she was employed in

the operating room of the Fairfax Hospital and as an RN for handicapped children at the Francis Scott Key School in Fairfax County. Later, she was employed as a school secretary at the Groveton Elementary School for 13 years in Fairfax County.

For the past 18 years, Harriet was very involved in volunteer church work at the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Fairfax County where she served as an elected church elder on the church governing board on two different occasions. While serving as an elder, she was co-founder with the Rev. Jeri Fields of the church's popular Agape Reservoir fellowship program for persons with special needs. That program, which has been operating successfully for 11 years, has been recognized as an outstanding program nationally by the Presbyterian Church. At the time of her death, she was serving as a church elder.

Harriet is survived by her hus-

band, Dr. Glenn B. Fatzinger, of nearly 49 years and daughter Jennifer at home. Her only sister, Drucilla Bonnett, predeceased her 12 years ago.

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, on Friday, July 15, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, July 16 at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the NVCC Educational Foundation, Inc., 7630 Little River Turnpike, Suite 817, Annandale, VA 22003 C/O Harriet H. Fatzinger Nursing Memorial Scholarship or the Harriet H. Fatzinger Memorial Fund at the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306. Blood donations to the Alexandria Hospital would also be appreciated.

Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his contribution to the United States' early space surveillance program, Project SPASUR. SPASUR provided the satellite tracking data in the days of SPUTNIK. Unique among the many research programs was Project ORCON. This project designated "organic control" and guidance of airborne missiles. Based on the Department of Defense proposals and techniques of the psychologist B.F. Skinner, Mr. Tipton outfitted and trained pigeons to detect and successfully track aerial views of naval vessels. The majority of his research efforts were in the field of man/machine interfaces. A major contribution to the human factors field was his research paper detailing standardized display treatments that optimized the human control of complex craft. He was a member of, and contributor to, the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

Golf was his favorite avocation. He was an original member of the NRL golf league and founder of the "GOTCHA" golf team. In 1982, he won the club championship of Greendale Golf course in Fairfax County. Although



Clarence Lee Tipton

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Clarence Lee (Tip) Tipton, a 39-year Naval Research Laboratory research analyst and WWII veteran, died on June 30, 2011. Originally from Holyoke, Mass., born Sept. 5, 1920, he was a 66-year resident of Alexandria. He was a graduate of George Washington University and a member of the Good Shepherd Church.

His wartime service saw active duty in both the Pacific and Atlantic theatres. He was aboard the USS MCCALL (DD400) at Pearl Harbor. At the Normandy landings, he was aboard the USS Arkansas (BB30). This ship provided fire support to the launching forces of Omaha Beach. Following the war, he continued service in the Navy Department by joining the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory (NRL). He retired from NRL as a systems analyst and engineering psychologist. During his tenure, he became Head of the Special Studies Office in the Office of the Director of Research. He received the

not a licensed contractor, much of his retirement was spent building and remodeling homes.

His immediate survivors include his sister, Jo Anne Wildman, of Vero Beach, Fla.; his current wife of 47 years, the former Ellen Cook of Alexandria; and their two children: Tiffany Tipton and Sandra McMaster both of Alexandria; two children from his first marriage to Amy Thompson (deceased) Karla Costello of Waldorf, Md.; Timothy Tipton of Bethesda, Md.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Vitas Hospice Care. <https://vitascharityfunds.org/donation>

Vitas Hospice Care sustained the family beyond their expectations.

Accidental Mount Vernon House Fire

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department units responded to a house fire, Thursday, June 30, at approximately 11:20 p.m. in the Mount Vernon area of Fairfax County. The single family home is located at 2620 Childs Lane.

Firefighters encountered heavy smoke and fire coming from the rear of the rambler style home upon arrival. Firefighters conducted extensive overhaul operations to the deck, siding in the rear, eaves, and portions of the roof sustained considerable fire damage. Two adults have been displaced. There were no injuries. Cost of damage is to be determined. The fire was accidental. Improperly discarded smoking materials on the porch caused the fire, according to officials.

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Fort Hunt Finishes Tournament Runner Up

The Fort Hunt Little League's 9-10 All-Star team recently competed in the District 9 all-star tournament. The team made a spirited run at the title, finishing ahead of seven other teams from Northern Virginia before falling just short in a loss to a solid West Springfield team in the championship game July 7. Fort Hunt played West Springfield even through four innings but the West Springfield pitching staff took control and led its team over the Fort Hunt squad.

Fort Hunt played eight games in 12 days, which featured lots of Fort Hunt highlights. The team had solid pitching — including two team no-hitters — from a pitching staff highlighted by Sam Meyer, Jimmy Curley, Collin Sundsted and Nick Dupuis, that kept opposing hitters in check. Hitting stars for the hard-hitting team included Ryan Smith, Christian Copeland, and Zach Heisler, with his four tape-measure home runs. There were web gem highlights from Alex Grove at shortstop, Andrew Edwards at catcher, Erik Larkin in center field, Xan Wojie at third base, Sean Murphy in left field, and Declan McPherson in left field and center field ensured opposing-team run production was minimal.

Fort Hunt Football, Dance Camps

The Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association will hold football and cheer and dance camps July 18-22 and July 25-29 at Carl Sandburg Middle School. Both sessions run from 6-8 p.m.

The football camp will be introduce new players to basic concepts and will be non-contact and low intensity. The cheer and



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The Fort Hunt 9-10 division All-Stars from left: Coach Mike Sunsted, manager Glen Copeland, (players) Collin Sunsted, Ryan Smith, Sam Meyer, Zack Heisler, Andrew (Ace) Edwards, Jimmy Curley, Declan McPherson, coach Bill Curley, (second row), Alexander (Xan) Wojie, Sean Murphy, Christian Copeland, Nick Dupuis, Erik Larkin and Alex Grove.

dance camp will teach basic cheerleading and dance moves and will be a stepping stone to more organized and focused routines.

Cost is \$80 per session or \$150 for both. If one is unable to pay the camp fees, a confidential financial hardship can be arranged.

Visit the FHYAA Website at fhyaa.org to register. Contact Tina McCammon, assistant commissioner, at tina.mccammon@yahoo.com for more information.

Fort Hunt Coaches Needed

The Fort Hunt Football and Cheerleading Program is looking for coaches for football, flag football and cheerleading. No experi-

ence necessary.

Becoming a volunteer coach is an excellent opportunity to give back to the community, be a positive role model to many young kids and do something for the greater good. If interested, contact Tina McCammon, assistant commissioner at tina.mccammon@yahoo.com.

Fort Hunt Flag Football Program

The Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association will field a flag football program for boys and girls ages 5 and 6 (as of Aug. 1, 2011) this year. Registration is open until goals of 64 players and 10 on a waiting list are met (waiting list players if not selected to teams will receive full refunds). Practices begin on Aug. 8 and will run from 5-6 p.m. Regular season games will start Sept. 17 and run through Oct. 8. Playoff games will be held Oct. 15 and the championship game is Oct. 22.

Cost is \$100 per player. Visit the FHYAA Website, fhyaa.org, to register.

WP Air Raid Football Camp

The Wolverine Booster Club is sponsoring the Air Raid Football Youth League Camp, structured toward grades 4-8 and ages 10-14 on July 18-22. Each day runs from 6-8:30 p.m. on the West Potomac High School practice fields.

Cost is \$75. Make checks payable to the Wolverine Athletic Booster Club or WBAC.

WP Boys Basketball Summer Camps

West Potomac will host a basketball camp July 25-29 for boys ages 7-16. Cost is \$120. Contact West Potomac head coach David Houston at djhouston@fcps.edu for more information.

American Legion Baseball Players Wanted

The Montgomery College Rockville baseball team is looking for American Legion or showcase-quality players for the fall 2011 and spring 2012 seasons. The Rockville Express of the Cal Ripken League plays their home games at MC Rockville. Contact coach Rick Price at 240-447-6948 for more information.

Sports Updates On Twitter

Follow sports editor Jon Roetman on Twitter at @jonroetman for sports updates around Northern Virginia and Montgomery County, Md.

Register Open For Senior Olympics

Registration is open for the 2011 Northern Virginia Senior Olympics, which will take place Sept. 17-28. Participants can register online by going to nvso.us.

More than 25 indoor and outdoor events from track and field to scrabble and chess are offered. Senior adults 50 years of age and older, who live in a sponsoring jurisdiction, are eligible to participate. Registration information is available at local senior centers, community centers, senior residences or by calling 703-228-4721. Details and registration forms are also available online at www.nvso.us. Deadline to register is Sept. 1. The fee is \$10 plus \$1 per event. There are additional charges for golf, miniature golf, bowling and fencing.

Seniors may compete in more than one event. Each event is divided into age categories and some by gender. Winners will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals after each event.

WPHS Grad Copeland Headed to FCC

Daryl Copeland excelled on the basketball court and the football field for West Potomac, knocking down 3-pointers and catching touchdown passes prior to his 2011 graduation. Now one month from starting life as a college student-athlete, the 5-foot-7 speedster is confident in his ability to make the transition.

"I'm ready," Copeland said. "I'm not nervous, I'm just prepared."

Copeland will play basketball at Frederick Community College in Frederick, Md., during the 2011-12 season. He plans to study communications and play two seasons at FCC before transferring to a four-year school.

"When I visited, I saw the campus and it's pretty nice," Copeland said. "I saw the team it was pretty good, and I liked the environment."

Copeland said he plans to play point guard in college and expects to compete for playing time. A two-sport standout at West Potomac, Copeland said playing basketball at the next level has long been



PHOTO BY RICHARD MAPLE
Daryl Copeland, a 2011 graduate of West Potomac High School, will play basketball at Frederick Community College next season.

a desire.

"It was a tough decision because I had a lot of good football options, but I love basketball," he said. "... It was my first sport. I fell in love with it and I always knew that I wanted to play basketball in college."

Copeland is the only West Potomac player since 2004 to

score 1,000 career points or 400 points in a season.

— JON ROETMAN



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Fort Hunt Sportsmen's Association
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Thank you!

The Wolverine Athletic Boosters Club and the Fort Hunt Sportsmen's Association wish to thank our Sponsors, Donors, Participants, Volunteers, and Old Hickory Golf Club for this year's WABC Golf Tournament. This 5th annual event brought the community together to raise funds to fund capital athletic needs for West Potomac High School. Over 80 golfers enjoyed a great day of golf and fun on June 13, 2011.

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Bradley Cotrina of Alexandria, a freshman majoring in biochemistry in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, has been inducted into the Virginia Tech CommonWEALTH of Honors Student Organization.

Marymount University announces that the following residents are among the more than 450 undergraduates and 350 graduate students who received degrees at the University's 60th Commencement Ceremonies at DAR Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., on May 8.

❖ **Jennifer Born of Alexandria** earned a/an M.A. in Forensic Psychology.

❖ **Johnnie Drew of Alexandria** earned a/an B.A. in Communication.

❖ **Zenebe Gedamu of Alexandria** earned a/an B.S. in Nursing (second degree).

❖ **Tabatha Kane of Alexandria** earned a/an B.S. in Nursing (second degree). Kane graduated magna cum laude.

❖ **Jennifer Syracuse of Alexandria** earned a/an M.S.N., Family Nurse Practitioner.

❖ **Vanessa Alvarez of Alexandria** earned a/an B.A. in Liberal Studies.

❖ **Elizabeth Carey of Alexandria** earned a/an B.A. in Liberal Studies. Carey graduated cum laude.

❖ **Maria Stack of Alexandria** earned a/an B.A. in Fashion Merchandising. Stack graduated magna cum laude.

❖ **Edlin Rodriguez of Alexandria** earned a/an Bachelor of Business Administration.

❖ **Christine Agoos of Alexandria** earned a/an Bachelor of Business Administration.

❖ **Sharon Merrick of Alexandria** earned a/an M.S. in Health Care Management.

❖ **Lisa Sager of Alexandria** earned a/an B.S. in Nursing (second degree).

❖ **Colette Agha of Alexandria** earned a/an M.Ed. in English as a Second Language.

❖ **Cihan Allison of Alexandria** earned a/an B.A. in Liberal Studies.

❖ **Tameka Brown of Alexandria** earned a/an M.A. in Human Resource Management.

❖ **Katelyn De Bruin of Alexandria** earned a/an M.A. in School Counseling.

❖ **Benjamin Monroe of Alexandria** earned a/an Bachelor of Business Administration.

❖ **Quynhhu Nguyen of Alexandria** earned a/an B.A. in Fashion Design.

❖ **Jessica Thiel of Alexandria** earned a/an B.S. in Nursing (second degree).

❖ **Amy White of Alexandria** earned a/an B.S. in Information Technology. White graduated magna cum laude.

❖ **Rachel Awolowo of Alexandria** earned a/an B.S. in Nursing (second degree).

❖ **Michelle Pearson of Alexandria** earned a/an M.A. in Community Counseling.

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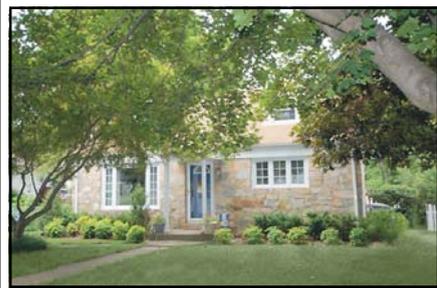
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