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Fairfax County rescue workers maneuver a swift water rescue boat through flood waters on Fenwick Drive Sept. 8.

## Underwater And Frustrated

Old concerns come flooding back in Huntington neighborhood.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

In the wake of the second 100-year flood in the last five years, residents in the Huntington neighborhood of Mount Vernon are angry and frustrated at the county's failure to do anything about persistent problems. The troubles date back to the early 1970s, when Hurricane Agnes caused major flooding at Huntington. A county study concluded a floodwall was needed to prevent further problems.

Nothing happened.

Then a massive flood in 2006 prompted county officials to designate 160 homes inhabitable. The U.S. Corps of Engineers conducted a study and concluded that a \$30 million floodwall was needed between the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Telegraph Road. Yet the study also conducted a cost-benefit analysis that concluded the value of the properties in this neighborhood wasn't enough to warrant a federal expenditure.

Nothing happened.

Last week, the floodgates

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## Flooding Forces Evacuations

Huntington residents among hardest hit.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE

As 6 to 10 inches of rain fell on the area Sept. 8, the banks of Cameron Run overflowed, causing flash flooding throughout Fairfax County and forcing the evacuation of between 150 and 200 people in the Huntington community.

"The water was up to my waist in the middle of the street," said Craig London, who was checking on a 70-year-old resident of Arlington Terrace. "A lot of people wouldn't evacuate so my friends and I did

the best we could to help get people to a safe place in their home and to get as much as possible out of the basements."

Hardest hit were homes on Fenwick Drive, Arlington Terrace, Mount Vernon Drive and Liberty Drive, and swift water rescue boats were brought in to help with the evacuation of residents.

"Those firefighters did a hell of a job tonight," London added. "At times they were up to their necks in water but they made sure to get the handicapped

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Capt. Willie Bailey, right, thanks Huntington resident Anthony Campbell, 13, who helped elderly neighbors evacuate during the Sept. 8 flooding.



Capt. Willie Bailey, left, and Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland discuss the evacuation and flooding situation in Huntington Sept. 8.

## Residents, Officials Spar Over Flood Response

Community meeting held to discuss cleanup efforts.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE

Residents of the Huntington community met with public officials Saturday, Sept. 10 at Walt Whitman Middle School to discuss the handling of the flash flooding that forced the evacuation of nearly 200 homes during the evening of Sept. 8.

"If this community was Old Town, we'd have a different response," said resident Carolyn Boyd to the applause of some in the audience. "Promises were made last time that never materi

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Resident Carolyn Boyd questions county officials during a community meeting at Walt Whitman Middle School.

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# Old Concerns Flood Back to Huntington Neighborhood

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opened yet again. As the remains of Tropical Storm Lee moved through the region, the same streets that flooded in 2006 were evacuated once again. But this time homeowners who took out home-equity loans to pay for repairs found themselves underwater and flooded. Now, Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland is suggesting that his colleagues on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approve a referendum that would let voters decide whether the county should pay for the \$30 million flood-wall in November 2012.

This time, Huntington residents say, action is desperately needed.

"People here are frustrated, upset and distraught," said David Coon, secretary of the Huntington Community Association. "The county has basically dropped the ball."

**FRUSTRATIONS IN HUNTINGTON** run from anxiety to outright rage. Some have even suggested that the county is intentionally letting the neighborhood flood so that developers could demolish the existing neighborhood and build high-end housing. Some homeowners said they purchased their homes after hearing assurances from the county that a solution to the flooding was in the works.

"When I went to my first community meeting, I realized that the residents were skeptical," said Benjamin Whelan-Morin, who purchased his Fenwick Drive house in 2008. "Now I know why."

Like many Huntington residents, Whelan-Morin has yet to return to his home. His house has seven feet of water in the basement and no utilities. Like many of his neighbors, Whelan-Morin suspects that recent construction on the Beltway and at the Woodrow Wilson Bridge has created a perfect storm of sorts, eradicating the flood-plain and directing water to Huntington in the process.



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**Fairfax County sent large street cleaning trucks through the Huntington neighborhood clearing the mud and debris from the roadways after the water level in the creek flooded the area on Tuesday, Sept. 8.**

"A lot of people in my part of the county feel that Tyson's Corner gets a lot more attention than other parts of the county," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "I'm sure if Tyson's Corner was flooding, the county would be all over it."

**BUT THAT'S NOT** happening, even though Fairfax County has a \$60 million surplus. Surovell and others have suggested that Hyland's suggestion to allow voters to decide a referendum on whether or not to fund the \$30 million floodwall is misguided. Some have suggested that it's long overdue for the county to step in pay for a floodwall as soon as possible instead of waiting for voters to approve a referendum.

"This has obviously been a problem for some time," said Alan Ruof, who has lived in Huntington since 1987. "The cost-benefit analysis conducted by the Corps of Engineering was a very narrow and myopic way of looking at the value to the public of building this floodwall."



**Fairfax County Public Works and Environmental Safety staff did house-to-house inspections of the affected areas leaving warning notices requiring further inspections of the water heater, furnace and electrical circuits, fixtures and service panels on Friday, Sept. 9, after the storm.**



**On Monday morning, Sept. 12, residents continue to clear out damaged rugs, drywall and furniture from their homes.**

## Residents Evacuated



**Capt. Willie Bailey, left, briefs Fairfax County Fire Chief Ronald Mastin on the flooding situation in Huntington.**

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residents to safety and get life jackets on children."

Flooding from Cameron Run forced the Capital Beltway to shut down for nearly six hours and caused flood waters to reach levels of 6 to 7 feet deep in Huntington.

"They took out everyone on school buses," said 13-year-old Anthony Campbell, who waded through the waters to check on friends and elderly residents of the neighborhood. "It was pretty amazing watching the firefighters rescue everyone."

Homes in the area have been inspected and families who evacuated are slowly being allowed to return.

"It was unbelievable what I saw here tonight," London said. "But thankfully, all is OK now and nobody was hurt."



**Members of the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue team get briefed on the evacuation and flooding status of the Huntington area Sept. 8.**

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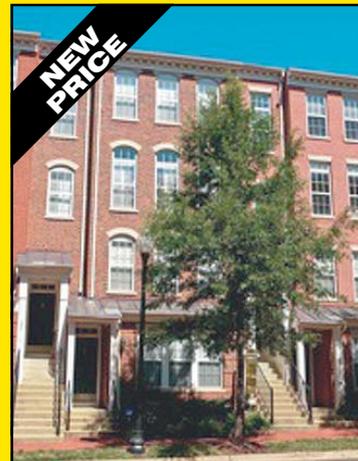
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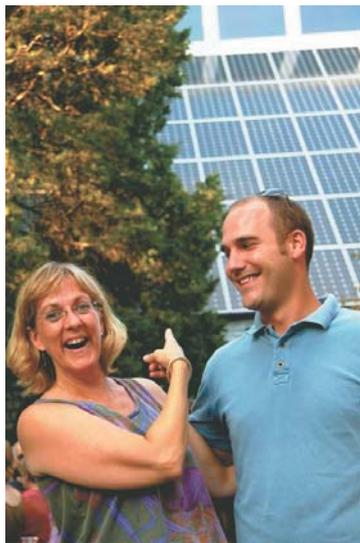


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The Rev. Kate R. Walker and Zach Fettig of the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church.

## Energy Project Fully Operational

Members and friends of Mount Vernon Unitarian Church had a special reason to celebrate at their annual Ingathering Picnic Sunday evening, Sept. 11: Their sustainable energy project was completed just two weeks earlier.

The project combines the use of 110 high-output solar panels to generate electricity with four new geothermal heat pumps for heating and cooling the main church building. Because the geothermal units will use much less energy than the conventional units they replaced — about as much as the panels contribute to the electrical grid — the building is expected to have “net-zero” energy consumption.

Special guests at the picnic were Zach Fettig, president of Shenandoah Sustainable Technologies, his wife Nicole, and their infant daughter, Ella. SST assumed the entire cost of purchasing and installing the new equipment. In return, for 20 years the church will pay SST a monthly fee of approximately what it had been paying for conventional energy. The Rev. Kate R. Walker thanked SST for “enabling us to live our values.”

When the church building was constructed in the 1980s, it was designed so that the slanting south roof eventually could be used for solar panels. Albert Weinstein, a church member who is now 95 years



During the winter months, numerous trenches about 10 feet deep were dug on both sides of the building where liquid-filled coils were then buried.

old and lives at Greenspring, was a member of that original planning committee and last fall donated \$10,000 as an incentive to the church to get the solar panels.

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church is located at 1109 Windmill Lane. Information about the project appears on the church’s website, mvuc.org.

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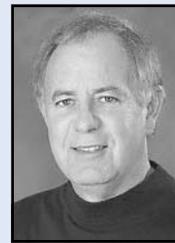
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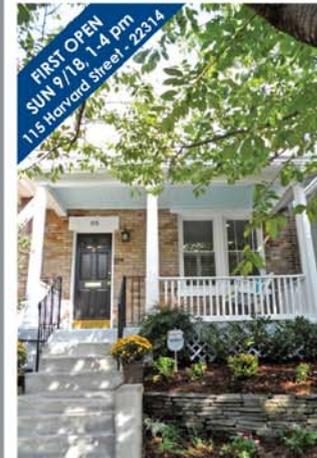
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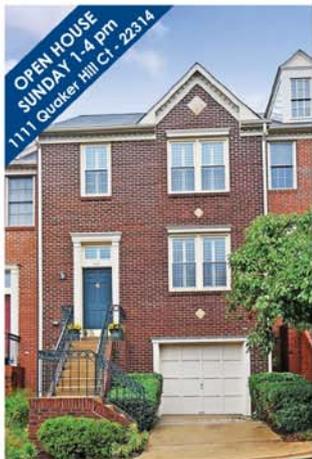
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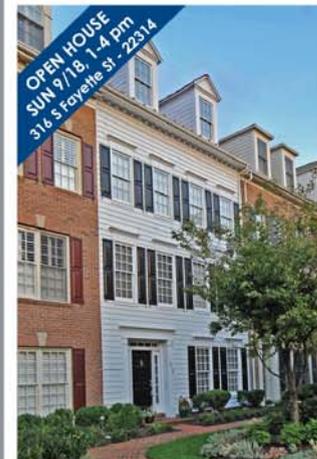
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ServiceMaster of Alexandria owners Jane and Greg Gandee, at right, are joined by family members after receiving top honors at the international ServiceMaster convention July 11-13 in Memphis. Pictured above: Jeff Coulter, Vice President of Disaster Restoration Services, SMCorp, Charles Gandee, Megan Gandee, Chris Coffin, James Coffin, Charlotte Coffin, Amy Coffin, Mike Isakson, President, SMCorp, Jane Gandee and Greg Gandee.

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## I-95 HOV/HOT Lanes Design Public Hearing I-95 Transit and Transportation Demand Management Plan

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Wednesday, September 28, 2011, 5-8 p.m.

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Find out about design plans for the proposed high occupancy vehicle (HOV) and high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes between Edsall Road in Fairfax County and Garrisonville Road in Stafford County. Learn about the findings in the I-95 Environmental Analysis and the Department of Rail and Public Transportation's (DRPT) Transit and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) plan for I-95. Representatives from each of these projects will be available to answer your questions. Exhibits and a video will be available. There will be no formal presentation.

Review information at [www.vamegaprojects.com](http://www.vamegaprojects.com) and at the meeting. Plans are also available at VDOT offices at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, 6363 Walker Lane, Suite 500, Alexandria, or VDOT's Fredericksburg District Office at 87 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg. Please call ahead on the project hot line at 1-855-895-4646 to be sure that appropriate personnel are available to answer your questions.

The environmental assessment will be available on September 9, 2011, on the project Web site and at the above locations. The transit and TDM plan will be available on September 26, 2011 at [www.drpt.virginia.gov](http://www.drpt.virginia.gov) and at the meeting.

Give your written or oral comments at the hearing. Comments on the project design and environmental analysis may be sent to John Lynch, P.E., Regional Transportation Program Director, 6363 Walker Lane, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22310 or e-mailed to [info@i-95hotlanes.com](mailto:info@i-95hotlanes.com) by October 14, 2011 with "I-95 Joint Meetings" in the subject line. Comments on the transit and TDM plan can be sent to Public Information Office, DRPT, 600 E. Main Street, Suite 2102, Richmond, VA 23219 or to [drptor@drpt.virginia.gov](mailto:drptor@drpt.virginia.gov) by October 26, 2011.

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**Fairfax Community Chaplain Carol Truesdale, left, and Fire and Rescue logistics worker Lavanda Sykes review an emergency supplies list at the Huntington Park Recreation Center Sept. 11.**



**Glenn Immer removes the For Sale sign from his home on Arlington Terrace during flood cleanup efforts Sept. 11.**



**Firefighter Antjuan Procter removes debris from a flooded home on Arlington Terrace during cleanup efforts Sept. 11.**



**The inspection sticker on an Arlington Terrace home lists the necessary repairs that must be made before it is inhabitable again.**

# Cleaning Up After the Storm

## Huntington residents begin clean up efforts.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE

The waters of Cameron Run receded nearly as quickly as they rose, but not before raging through the streets of the Huntington community Sept. 8 and forcing more than 200 residents to evacuate their homes.

"It happened so quickly," said Arlington Terrace resident Glenn Immer as he was cleaning debris

from his home the afternoon of Sept. 11. "The water was just gushing into my basement. I was able to save a few things but in the end, most everything down there was lost."

Based on past experience, Immer didn't hesitate to ask for help from the volunteers at the Huntington Community Center.

"I was here back in 2006 and knew there was no way I could handle this myself," Immer said. "I can't say enough about the help

the volunteers and firefighters have given me."

Fairfax County officials set up a command center at Huntington Community Center, where residents affected by the flood could pick up cleaning supplies and drinking water. Child and pet care arrangements were also available to help residents in the recovery.

"We have almost everything a resident might need to help in the cleanup of their property," said Fairfax County Community Chaplain Carol Truesdale. "Boots, buckets, mops and masks — we have it. And I am here as well if the resi-

dents or volunteers need me."

Huntington homeowners, many wearing the rubber boots and gloves provided by the county, bailed buckets of mud and water from their basements, salvaging what they could and lugging the rest to the curb.

"I am still trying to assess the extent of the damage," said Immer, who is staying with a sister in Burke while he continues to clean up his home. "I just go through one day at a time and deal with it."

County officials hope to have

most cleanup efforts completed within two weeks although Immer has no idea when he'll be ready to move back into his home.

"I still don't have gas and I'm not comfortable with the mold in the air," said Immer as he was finishing up a day of cleaning with Gloria Burlison and Dorothy Burton, volunteers from Bethlehem Baptist Church. "But it could have been worse. In the end, there's something about floods and snow that pulls people together. And that's what this community is about."



**Dorothy Burton and Gloria Burlison take a break after helping Huntington residents with flood cleanup Sept. 11. The women were volunteers from Bethlehem Baptist Church in Gum Springs.**



**Homeowner Glenn Immer thanks Capt. Corey Matthews for his help with flood clean up.**



**Fairfax County Solid Waste employee Robert Glenn loads damaged households good and debris onto a truck for removal from Arlington Terrace Sept. 11.**

### BULLETIN BOARD

**THURSDAY/SEPT. 15**

**Economic Summit.** The Northern Virginia Association of Realtors presents its 15th annual Economic Summit at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus. NVAR members - \$10; non-members - \$20 (cost includes continental breakfast and parking

pass). Visit [go.nvar.com/4p7h](http://go.nvar.com/4p7h).

**FRIDAY/SEPT. 16**

**Fall Prevention Program.** 10 a.m.-noon. Free. Experts in fall prevention for older adults at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. To register, contact [jennifer.edge@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:jennifer.edge@fairfaxcounty.gov) or

call 703-324-7210, TTY 711.

**SATURDAY/SEPT. 17**

**Shoreline cleanup.** 10 a.m. to noon. The Friends of Dyke Marsh, in partnership with the George Washington Memorial Parkway Unit of the U.S. National Park Service, will hold a shoreline cleanup at Belle

Haven Park and in the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Meet in the Belle Haven picnic area parking lot and wear sturdy shoes. Contact: Erik Oberg, NPS, 703-289-2500.

**TUESDAY/SEPT. 20**

**Mount Vernon Genealogical**

**Society.** 1 p.m. Free. The meeting will feature a presentation entitled "Headstone Records for U.S. Military Veterans, 1862-2011" by Claire Kluskens. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Contact Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969.

# Residents, Officials Spar Over Flood Response

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alized and we're concerned that our voices will go unheard until another crisis."

Some residents criticized officials for its handling of the situation, saying they had little to no warning of the flood before being forced to evacuate.

"We appreciate supplies, but we need solutions," said Karen Callahan, a resident of Arlington Terrace since 1995. "We're still where we were five years ago."

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) attended the meeting and opened with remarks no one wanted to hear.

"Much as I prefer to tell you the opposite, there is not going to be federal money for some time to come," said Moran of his efforts in Congress to secure federal funding for long-term flood mitigation for the area. "The total number and value of homes is less than other projects that are also seeking funding. I know that's not what you want to hear but I'm trying to be as honest and candid as possible."

Mount District Supervisor Gerry Hyland conducted the meeting, which was attended by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-

large) and several county department representatives who answered questions on the immediate clean up needs of the community.

"All 163 Huntington homes have now been checked," said Director of Public Works and Environmental Science James Patterson. "Eight of those homes were labeled green or 'Habitable.' Homes with a yellow 'Warning' sticker are safe to occupy as long as they have a working smoke detector."

The county is providing clean up supplies such as boots, buckets, mops, gloves, trash bags and smoke detectors to residents affected by the flood. They are available for pick up at the Huntington Community Center at 5751 Liberty Drive.

"You have help available," Hyland said. "You just need to ask for it."

Tension at the meeting peaked when Boyd accused the county of not doing enough to help the community following the 2006 flood because of the economic demographics of the residents, a claim Hyland vehemently denied.

"No, you're wrong," Hyland said. "The nature of this community is not the reason we don't have a flood control project. We



PHOTOS BY JEANNE THEISSMANN/THE GAZETTE

**A crowd of Fairfax County residents listen to officials address flooding concerns at a community meeting Sept. 10.**

need \$30 million to build a wall. I don't have it, but I'll do my damndest to get it."

In addition to the funding of a

flood wall, officials discussed the possibility of re-zoning the area to allow for commercial development.

"Private development may be an option," Moran said. "Because the land is so valuable, a developer may offer to buy out the homes

and rebuild."

But Moran made it clear that any decision on commercial development rested with the residents.

"These are your homes," Moran said. "You're going to have to decide what you want to do with them."

## More

**Flood recovery assistance contact information:**

**Flood clean up supplies:** Huntington Community Center, 703-960-1917.

**Child care:** Lloyd Tucker, Department of Neighborhood Services, 703-704-6700.

**Pet care:** Red Cross, Huntington Community Center 703-960-1917.

**Mold, water contamination:** Health Department, 703-246-2411.

**Trash and Debris Pick Up:** Jeff Smithberger, Department of Solid Waste, 703-324-5230.

**Home repair loans:** Paul Hansen, Department of Housing and Community Development, 703-246-5105



**U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) addresses Huntington residents at a community meeting Sept. 10 at Walt Whitman Middle School.**



**Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova confers with Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland at a community meeting at Walt Whitman Middle School Sept. 10.**

# OPINION

## Tune in for Elections

**Vote early, but not before figuring out who, what, where, when and why.**

Voting will be more complicated in some jurisdictions than others.

In Arlington, for example, figuring out what state senate district you are in is important; there are three possibilities, each is contested, and all of the choices are new to you or new to the Senate. In the 30th, Timothy McGhee (R) vs. Adam P. Ebbin (D); in the 31st, Caren D. Merrick (R) vs. Barbara A. Favola (D); in the 32nd, Patrick N. Forrest (R) vs. Sen. Janet D. Howell (D).

In Fairfax County, what is arguably the most important race this year is also nearly incomprehensible in its size and scope: school board, especially the at-large race. There will be at

least seven candidates on the ballot for the three school board at-large seats, and only one incumbent, Ilryong Moon, who is endorsed by Democrats. Two more candidates were endorsed by the Democrats, Ted Velkoff and Ryan McElveen. There are three candidates endorsed by the GOP, Lolita Mancheno-Smoak, Sheree Brown-Kaplan and Lin-Dai Kendall. Steve Stuban, father of a high school student who died of suicide earlier this year after being badly treated by the Fairfax County Public

### EDITORIAL

Schools disciplinary process, is also on the ballot. Technically, school board is non-partisan, but party endorsements have been important historically. FCPS controls more than 50 percent of the Fairfax County budget.

In the City of Alexandria, determining what Senate district you are now in and sorting out candidates will also matter. Could be 30th, Ebbin v. McGhee; 35th, Sen. Dick Saslaw (D) vs. Robert C Sarvis (R) and Katherine Pettigrew (I); 39th, Sen. George Barker (D) vs. Miller

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Not the Right Solution

To the Editor:

Thanks ... for nothing!  
On Thursday, Sept. 1, less than two working days before the start of the new school year, an email was sent to West Potomac families advising them of some Honors courses being offered. At first I thought this was the answer to the prayers of so many parents. However, after reading the email and the course offerings I saw that this was merely an attempt by FCPS to be able to say that they had offered Honors courses and their job was done. Shame on you! Here are some of the many issues with this "solution":

First of all, these are not true Honors level classes but are actually AP classes. I quote directly from the email "Utilizing the AP

World History and AP English Language and Composition curriculum." How can you use an AP curriculum and call it an Honors class? In the course description for the English 11 class it states that this class is equivalent to a college course and that at the end of the year students have the option of taking the AP exam. The 10th grade History Honors option also says students have the option of taking the AP exam. If the curriculum for these classes is AP college level then it is very simply not an Honors level class. It is an AP class and not the solution our kids need.

Secondly, these two classes are only being offered as online courses which is not a suitable option. These kids need an interactive, dynamic classroom setting. It will not be beneficial in the least to have them simply sitting in front of a computer monitor. Now in the notice they did say that if there was

enough interest the school had the discretion to possibly implement a face-to-face class setting. However, the only way to track interest in this class is to actually enroll for the online course. There are no guarantees that even if there is a huge demand that a class setting will be offered. And if it is not, then those kids that signed up are stuck in an online class.

Additionally, the timing of this announcement is very suspect. This notice came out less than two working days before the start of school. If West Potomac had any real intent of offering a class setting how are they going to be able to do that in a timely manner? We are told in the email to contact our counselor within the next two weeks (when I contacted our counselor she was not even aware of all this). By the time kids enrolled in this class, got approval and it was determined that there

## Election Dates

**Friday, Sept. 23** is the first day for in person absentee voting.

**Monday, Oct. 17** is the deadline to register to vote, either in person or mailed registration postmarked by that date.

**Tuesday, Nov. 1** is the deadline to apply for an absentee ballot by mail.

**Saturday, Nov. 5** is the last day to vote an absentee ballot in-person.

**Tuesday, Nov. 8** is Election Day.

### ELECTION INFORMATION

Fairfax County Board of Elections, 703-324-4700, [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb/)

Baker (R).

Virginia's state senate lines have changed dramatically, and all of Northern Virginia's races for Senate are contested by both major parties, so you'll have to tune in wherever you live.

Every voter should consider voting early via "in person" absentee voting. Given the traffic nightmares caused by earthquakes, flooding and man-made problems, anyone could find oneself unable to get to the polls if something goes awry on Election Day.

was enough interest for a class setting the school would then need to start the process of scheduling a class, or several, and finding a teacher. I cannot imagine that this process could be completed in less than a school quarter. Then would come the rearranging of our kids' schedules. What a mess.

I, along with so many other parents, feel that this is a very weak attempt by FCPS to be able to say they have offered us Honors level classes and their job is done. Any fool could see that these are not Honors classes and this is not the right solution for so many of the student population. For school board members your job may very well be done. I'm sure voting parents will have their say at the polls.

**Lisa Thompson**  
Alexandria

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**Just Missed** Hurricane Irene took down half of the Rinzels' front yard tree. Luckily the tree fell in exactly the right spot to avoid damage to the house or other trees. Ann Rinzel is in photo at right.

## PEOPLE

# Applying Tae Kwon Do to Daily Life

## Yoo's Authentic Martial Arts celebrates 35 years.

BY TED SEIFERT  
THE GAZETTE

In an unassuming building located off Richmond Highway resides Grandmaster Jun Saeng Yoo, a ninth degree black belt in not one, but three martial arts — Tae Kwon Do, Hap Ki Do, and Kung Fu.

At 63 years of age, Yoo is an intimidating physical presence — he works out two hours a day — yet possesses a humble demeanor, epitomizing both the physical and mental aspects of martial arts.

Born in South Korea, Yoo began practicing Tae Kwon Do, the national sport of South Korea, when he was 6 years old. His natural gifts, combined with a disciplined work ethic, earned Yoo a scholarship to Kyung Hee, South Korea's finest sports university. Following a friend and mentor, Yoo moved to Falls Church, Va., and began teaching Tae Kwon Do.

Last month, Yoo celebrated 35 years of teaching Tae Kwon Do in Alexandria. Former students traveled from as far as California and Oklahoma to honor the man who taught them physical and mental strength.



Grandmaster Jun Saeng Yoo with his wife and three children.

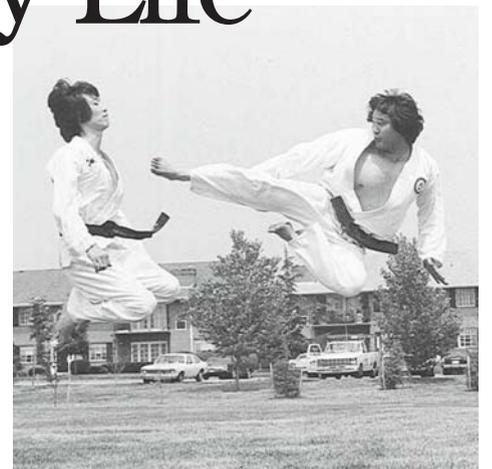
The milestone event prompted Yoo to reflect on the individuals he influenced through traditional tenets of Tae Kwon Do. "People who come through this school," Yoo said, "become better citizens for Alexandria, for the United States, and for the world."

Yoo's Authentic Martial Arts, opened in 1976, maintains the traditional practice of Tae Kwon Do despite the industry's increasing Americanization. "Some schools offer movie night with popcorn," said Yoo, "That is not Tae Kwon Do."

Yoo rejects all notions that children of differing ability should be rewarded equally. Students who do not show the commitment and discipline necessary to earn a higher degree belt will not receive one. Students who act out or do not follow directions will be sent home. No compromises.

Having taught many generations of students, Yoo worries more and more, that children are not being disciplined properly and that their exposure to technology is, in many ways, detrimental. "Children are softer. They do not want to work hard," Yoo said. "Technology is making them lazier, and parents want to be their children's friends rather than their parents. Parents need to create order ... children need an alpha to provide structure."

Sharing his father's concern for young people, Master Jason Yoo, a graduate of St. Stephens and St. Agnes High School, founded a pee-wee program for children ages three to five. Master Jason, the youngest ever Tae Kwon Do champion, left his job on Capitol Hill to have a more direct impact on children's lives. "I wanted to



Grandmaster Jun Saeng Yoo practicing the jump side kick.

teach discipline," Jason Yoo said, "to be a positive and humble role model."

He is passionate in his belief that Tao Kwon Do, and other sports, can help prepare youths for life. "We want to prepare kids for reality. You don't always win; it is about perseverance."

Cathal Armstrong, a four star chef, attests to the impact that Yoo's Martial Arts has had on his family. His eldest son Eamonn, 12, began training in January. "Eamonn," Armstrong said, "is much calmer than the other kids, much more mature." After discovering his cholesterol levels were higher than expected, Armstrong, 42, began training with Master Jason as well and has lost nearly 30 pounds in four months. "It was a complete lifestyle change. I don't drink anymore. I am the first one up in the morning ... and I am not tired at the end of a night in the restaurant."

This year, 13 of Grandmaster Yoo's students qualified for nationals. Three students won their division, while seven placed in the top three. "The teacher," Grandmaster Yoo said, "is very important in martial arts."



## UCM's Back to School Program

UCM outfitted nearly 1,000 disadvantaged children with back packs and school supplies to start the school year off right. Jeymi Romero, her sister Claudia, and her brother Jaime all received school supplies and back packs from UCM on Friday, Aug. 26.



UCM received two shopping cartloads of school supplies and back pack donations from Dominion Power. Romeo Santos and Evan Cooke of Dominion Power present Christine Fiske from UCM with school supply donations for UCM's annual Back to School Program.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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❖ **Alexander H. Simon of Alexandria** is a junior majoring in biological systems engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Taylor G. Bostick of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in civil engineering in the College of Engineering.

❖ **Lindsey M. Baumann of Alexandria** is a sophomore majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech.

❖ **Kerriane R. Beyer of Alexandria** is a senior majoring in fine arts in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

❖ **Julianne D. Bigler of Alexandria** is a sophomore majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

❖ **Molly A. Bowdring of Alexandria** is a sophomore majoring in psychology in the College of Science.

❖ **Reed H. Bryant of Alexandria** is a junior majoring in biological sciences in the College of Science.

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Walk to everything! Turn key! 4 fully finished levels offers high ceilings, welcoming wrap porch and open floor plan. Large chefs kitchen w/ bar opens to eating area, great deck and patio. Main level bedroom w/ full BA currently used as den. Lower level play room with fully bath, builtins, and huge laundry room. Upstairs offers a luxury master suite w/ custom closets plus 3 real bedrooms and finished loft. ~ \$1,125,000

1600 Hancock Avenue Alexandria, VA

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One level living! Owners have spared no expense in updating home. Hardwood floors, plantation shutters, custom built-ins, renovated eat-in kitchen w/ stainless steel appliances and granite countertops, large sunny family room, and study just off kitchen. 3 bedrooms + office, 3 full updated baths, large patio and deck great for entertaining! ~ \$725,000

1117 Woodcliff Drive Alexandria, VA

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7812 West Boulevard Drive Alexandria, VA

**SOLD!**



8108 East Boulevard Drive Alexandria, VA 22308

**UNDER CONTRACT**



624 Kings Cloister Circle Alexandria, VA 22302

**SOLD!**



9060 Tower House Place Alexandria, VA 22308

**SOLD!**



8839 Fort Hunt Road Alexandria, VA 22308

**SOLD!**



8817 Surrey Court Alexandria, VA 22309

**SOLD!**



8741 Plymouth Road Alexandria, VA 22308

**SOLD!**



8601 Cotswold Court Alexandria, VA 22308

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**Braddock Lofts**  
**\$749,000**  
727 North Fayette Street, Alexandria, VA 22314  
This tres chic four level Braddock Lofts 3BR + 2 1/2 + 1/2 bath town-home boasts hardwood floors, two fireplaces, spectacular gourmet kitchen, two car garage plus rooftop terrace!



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**Tiers of Manchester Lakes**  
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6035D Curtier Drive, Alexandria, VA 22310



**Location! Location! Location!** Bright 2 bedroom condo w/ fireplace. Updated kitchen appliances and AC heat pump. Located in the Manchester Lakes/Kingstowne area. Close to I-95, 495, 7100 (Fairfax County Parkway). Great Value!

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**Sherry York 703-625-3377**



**The Plaza**  
**\$229,900**  
803 North Howard Street, #150, Alexandria, VA 22304



Upgraded 2 bedroom unit. Kitchen has granite counters, wood floor as well as convenience of washer/dryer. Peaceful setting facing treed area from private balcony. Near I-395, Seminary Rd, shopping & public transportation.

**Ann Lockwood 703-299-8643**



**Riverside Gardens**  
**\$599,900**  
1905 Old Stage Road, Alexandria, VA 22308



**New Price!** Spacious 5 BR, 3 BA split foyer over 2700 sq.ft. - formal living & Huge family room. New roof, two fireplaces & hardwood floors. Stratford Landing Elementary. Easy commute to GW Pkwy & 10 min. to Old Town.

**Terry Ann Stevens 757-647-4705**



**Rosemont**  
**\$1,650,000**  
208 West Walnut Street, Alexandria, VA 22301



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**Chris Upham 202-359-1308**



**Sulgrave Manor**  
**\$399,900**  
4216 Adrienne Drive, Alexandria, VA 22309



**\$35,000 Price Reduction. So much house; so little money.** 4BR/2.5BA, 2 LVL rambler w/2 car gar on wooded prvt lot backing to parkland. New HVAC, floors paint, garage door. Screened porch. Minutes to Ft. Belvoir & Mt. Vernon. Priced to sell!

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**Collingwood Estates**  
**\$579,900**  
1121 Anesbury Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308



Very large four bedroom, three bath two level rambler in Waywood School District. New roof, some newer windows and HVAC, upgraded insulation, hardwoods, den, deck, gazebo.

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# LETTERS

## Misleading Headline

To the Editor:

Regarding the Sept. 1, 2011 issue of the Mt. Vernon Gazette, entitled, "Muslims Welcomed at Good Shepherd," subtitled, "A move from Aldersgate United Methodist after critical publicity."

You do a disservice to readers, members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, and the Muslims who worshipped there by stating in the subtitle that the Muslims left Aldersgate because of critical publicity. That is clearly not the case. Had that been so, they would have left long ago. The move to Good Shepherd had been anticipated because of conflicts with Aldersgate's fall scheduling. Moreover, Rev. Jason Micheli, associate pastor at Aldersgate, made clear in the very same article that the Muslims were not asked to leave. In a subsequent article in the September 2011 issue of the Virginia United Methodist Advocate, Rev. Micheli stated that what began as the sharing of space led to Muslim-Christian small groups and faith-sharing forums and that while these individual encounters might not seem like much, this kind of reconciliation has eternal value and God's blessing.

Your subtitle was false and misleading and it contradicted the very information contained in the body of the article.

**Juanita K. Csontos**  
Alexandria

## Last-Minute Half-Measures

To the Editor:

Last Spring, Fairfax County parents revolted against the decision of County School Administrators Jack Dale (School Superintendent) and Peter Noonan (Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services) to eliminate Honors courses (where AP courses exist) and offer but two levels of instruction where there had been three.

School administrators, having spent the Spring and Summer months defending this decision, could have restored Honors classes in time for the school system to adjust course offerings and for students to sign up for Honors for the 2011-2012 academic year. Instead, they announced just last week a "new" Honors program in which students take Advanced Placement (AP) classes but forego the national test or they may take Honors classes online. To my knowledge, they are no online Honors courses either developed or available so that option isn't serious. The school

system also offered an option for students to take Honors classroom instruction if "enough students" sign up although how that sign-up might occur just as classes are set to begin this week is most unclear.

So, substituting AP-Lite for Honors is the only practical option provided by school administrators.

Let's take it from the top. Stripping Honors out of the curriculum disadvantages the "college-prep" student who has to choose between going "up" to AP for which they are not prepared or taking Gen Ed which isn't suitable to their needs. Telling students to take AP minus testing and calling it Honors subjects students to college-level work and AP high workloads for which they are not ready. Research (Harvard, 2010) shows students who take AP and don't pass the test don't benefit from the advanced work. First, they haven't absorbed the material and second, they get no benefit from college screeners for scoring failures on AP. On that note, West Potomac High School average AP scores are low (2.75) — below the 3.0 needed to pass — which means most WPO students taking AP are not benefiting from AP-level courses. Adding another student group — those excluded from Honors and forced to take AP Lite to avoid taking Gen Ed classes only adds to the list of failures. That doesn't help anyone.

One more point on AP. AP courses are best reserved for students who have done well in a prerequisite course (eg, Honors). We obviously can't follow this "stepping stone" strategy if Honors are eliminated and not available. Elite colleges generally want to see students take highly challenging courses but those courses need not be AP.

Let's go back to what works. If school administrators have come around to believe Honors courses should be restored — then they should restore Honors in full and not hybridize AP courses and call that Honors. The decision to offer AP Lite in lieu of Honors begs the question — if Honors should be restored, why not restore Honors classes for which curricula have been developed, taught, and tested in Fairfax County Schools for perhaps 20 years?

It's time to hear from parents. Tell the School Board you want classroom Honors restored in Fairfax County to the levels of prior years so every high school student has the option to 1/ take high school courses (Gen Ed) or 2/ college-level courses (Advanced Placement) or 3/ college-prep (Honors) — or some combination of the three as suits each student.

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- **Dir: S on G.W. Pkwy from Old Town. R on Morning side. L on Admiral. R on Woodcliff Court to end of cul-de-sac.**



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- **Dir: S on G.W. Pkwy from Old Town. R on Tulane. L on Park Terrace. R on Villamay Blvd. L on Admiral to corner of Admiral and Gatewood.**

### 3345 Wilton Crest Court \$555,000

- Walk to Metro & just a few blocks to Beltway
- Wonderful Townhome with open floor plan
- Expanded bump out on all levels at rear include family room/kitchen, master bath & rec room.
- Fully finished basement
- Generous two-car garage
- Combination deck and patio
- Move-in ready!
- **Dir: Alex S. on Telegraph. R on Franconia. L on Governors Hill. R on Governors View. R to Wilton Crest to 3345 on left.**

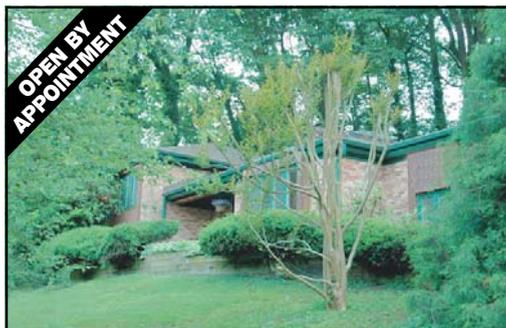


### 7729 Lee Avenue \$1,100,000

- Custom, Stone & Bead Board New England Cape on 2/3 Acre
- G.W. Parkway bike and walking trails just one block away
- Hardwood floors throughout • Approx. 4,000 Sq.Ft. under roof
- Two Generous Master Suites — One on each Level
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- Large Formal Rooms to include Library/Music Room
- Commercial Chef's Kitchen w/Viking Appliances & Granite
- Six-Panel Doors • Two Masonry Fireplaces
- Huge Two-Car Garage • Garden House/Playhouse
- **Dir: S on GW Pkwy from Old Town. R at Alexandria Ave exit just after stone bridge. Bear R onto West Blvd. L on Alexandria Ave. R on Lee to 7729 on right.**

### 7413 Burtonwood Drive \$900,000

- Corner Lot with Terrific Curb Appeal
- Unique Floor Plan allows for One-Level Living
- Two Bedrooms, One Shower Bath on Main Level
- Four Bedrooms, Office and Rec Area on Upper Level
- Generous Foyer Entry
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- Family Room w/Raised Hearth Fireplace spans depth of home
- Bright, New Kitchen w/Stainless Appliances & Granite counters
- New Roof
- Extensive Hardscape & Landscape
- **Dir: S on G.W. Pkwy from Old Town. R on Morningside. R on Park Terrace. L on Belle Vista to top of hill. R on Burtonwood. First house on R.**



### 1211 Tatum Drive \$1,149,000

- California Contemporary Home
- Sits on 1.63 Acres and tucked into the side of a Hill
- Transoms, Skylights, & Timbers
- Wonderful Soaring Ceilings
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**OPEN SUN**  
3718 Carriage House Ct  
\$719,000  
*Riverwood Opportunity!*  
Spacious 5 bedroom home on quiet cul-de-sac in prestigious waterfront community. Fabulous home features, updated kitchen, baths and gorgeous hardwood floors. Bright open floor plan with open kitchen-family room. Private fenced rear yard. Community river access. Great Value! OPEN SUN 9/18, 1-4! GW Pkwy S; L-Old Mount Vernon Rd; L-Riverwood; L-Carriage House Ct.



**OPEN SUN**  
4503 Ferry Landing Rd  
\$585,000  
*One Level Luxury!*  
Rare opportunity. Spacious one lvl home in premier Yacht Haven location! This home has been updated & offers many features: open floor plan, updated kit and baths, stunning MBR suite w/cath, ceiling and luxury bath, sunroom and 2 car gar. Looking to eliminate stairs & not sacrifice size and amenities-this is it! OPEN SUN 9/18, 1-4! GW Pkwy S; L-Ferry Landing;



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**  
\$ 535,000  
Springfield  
9218  
NORTLEDGE DR  
• Many, many updates  
• Hardwoods main floor  
• Vaulted ceilings

- Private back lawn
- Sprinkler system
- Two car garage

The Powers Team  
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Paula Powers 703.472.6925



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**  
\$ 345,900 / Fairfax  
5435 CROWS NEST CT  
Bright and spacious w/lots of designer touches: chair & crown molding, top-of-the line glass pane doors to brick patio, granite, eco-friendly Pergo & more! Kitchen has breakfast area; large LR w/frpl & sep DR w/French doors to oversized deck. Close to VRE.

Georgia McLaughlin / Patricia Landaeta  
703.628.4663



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**  
\$ 379,900  
Kingstowne  
6144 JOUST LN  
Pristine TH on quiet street. Spacious, open floor plan. 3 large UL BRs w/freshly cleaned carpets. Neutral paint thru-out. Inviting deck off kit overlooks private, fenced yd. Frpl in family rm. Tons of storage. 2 off-st parking. Home Warranty. Pool, tennis, fitness & more. EZ access to dining, shops & transportation.

Peggy Baldwin 703.772.5236



**OPEN SUN** **JUST LISTED**  
8826 Cooper Rd  
\$395,000  
*Spacious Rambler!*  
Country club views! You won't believe this large updated rambler is available for under \$400,000! Numerous features include:

large 1/2 A + lot, updated kitchen with granite countertops & SS appliances, fully updated baths, thermal windows, large family room with high ceilings, spacious living and dining rooms, garage and deck. Prime location minutes from Ft. Belvoir OPEN SUN 9/18, 1-4! GW Pkwy S; R-Old Mill; R-Cooper.



**NEW HOME**  
8313 Mount Vernon Hwy  
\$749,000  
*New Home-Resale Price!*  
Brand new home opportunity in prime Mt. Vernon location by Wakefield Homes. Custom building with many modern amenities and upgrades. Features include: expanded master bedroom suite, front porch, gourmet kitchen, high ceilings, 2 car garage. Pre-construction sales price provides unique opportunity to purchase brand new home for the same price as a 40 year old resale! Model available to walk through by appointment.



**NEW PRICE**  
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\$849,900  
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Truly special home with many features: elegant trim detail, updated, "state of the art" kitchen, 5BRs & fin LL. Gorgeous setting on 1/2 acre grounds w/ views of river. Priced to make a TRULY GREAT VALUE!



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**  
\$ 499,900  
Hollin Hall Village  
"FANTASTIC"  
2 level renovated / expanded home. Minutes to Old Town, Ft Belvoir, walk to shopping, Waynewood ES. Very private cul-de-sac location, huge fenced backyard w/playset area, deck finished basement w/ full BA, large kitchen & family room addition.

anita@homesfromanita.com  
Anita Vida D'Antonio 202.460.1809



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**  
#201 \$ 499,000  
#701 \$ 549,500  
400MADISON ST  
2 great Alexandria House units awaiting a preview & inspection. #201 2BR/2.5BA Shows like a dream, priced to sell! #701 2BR/2BA Move-in ready with wood floors and updated kitchen and baths. For more information on features & amenities, please call...

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**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**  
\$ 549,900  
Alexandria South  
2200 SHIVER DR  
Brick contemporary upgraded thru-out inc: cork flrs in family rm & kitchen w/granite, high-end appls; triple pane windows, zoned gas heat, solar hot water w/gas backup + new \$5,000 boiler. Master suite & 3BRs on ML LL has exercise & rec rms, laundry, den/ofc/ guest rm + extra storage. 2 wood-burning frpls.

Jim Crowe 703.856.8244



**NEW HOME**  
1205 Cedar Dale Ln  
\$1,250,000  
*Pre-Construction Value!*  
Rare new home opportunity just off GW Parkway! Fabulous price on spacious Fairfax model by Wakefield Homes, the area's leading custom builder. Craftman architecture with full front porch to enhance natural beauty of gorgeous 1/2A lot. Home is loaded with upgrades and custom features and located in Waynewood School Dist. Priced thousands below other new homes in area! (Pic is similar home)



**NEW PRICE**  
4502 Phyllis St  
\$499,000  
*Huge Home - Little Price!*  
Most home for the money in Mt. Vernon area! Incredibly spacious property with major additions including family room, master bedroom and oversize 2 car garage. 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, hardwood floors, and 2 decks. Library can easily be converted to main level bedroom. Prime location on large lot fronting cul-de-sac. Over 3,000 sq ft of beautifully maintained living area!



**NEW PRICE**  
9307 Mount Vernon Cir  
\$779,500  
*Prestigious Mt. Vernon on the Potomac!*  
Best price in years for a home in area's premier waterfront community. Classic center hall colonial in pristine condition on gorgeous 1/2 acre plus lot fronting quiet cul-de-sac. Numerous features: 3 finished levels, four spacious bedrooms, bright updated kitchen, first floor family room and oversize 2 car garage. Unique Opportunity!



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Catherine Foltz 703.626.6914



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**  
\$ 414,900 / Alex S  
6620 BEDDOO ST  
Reduced 4 quick sale 4 lvl brick atop pretty knoll - fresh paint, private yard w/Koi pond. Wood flrs on 2 lvs. Kit has granite & SS. Rec rm w/raised hearth brick FF. Tons of storage in bsmt. Huge enclosed porch. Major systems updated: windows, roof, AC, H2O heater & W/D. Near schools, Metro, shops, EZ access to Old Town / DC.

Mary Silverson 703.209.6918



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!**  
\$ 679,900  
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Rarely available "Amberly" center hall colonial. 3 levels, 4BR, renovated kit, finished walk-out basement, large screened porch off LR, garage & huge, fenced private backyard. Walk to pool, park & school.

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**JUST LISTED**  
7804 Southdown Rd  
\$1,750,000  
*Unique opportunity!*  
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**NEW PRICE**  
5421 Grist Mill Woods Way  
\$825,000  
*Modern Home-Magnificent Setting!*  
Large colonial with bright, open floor plan in prime location on 1/2 acre lot backing to gorgeous parkland. Fabulous home with all the bells and whistles including: high ceilings, dramatic 2 story foyer, gourmet kitchen, first floor study, large family room, sumptuous master suite, full walk-out lower level and two car garage. Amazingly beautiful, private setting.



**NEW PRICE**  
8890 McNair Dr  
\$729,500  
*Pristine Custom Colonial!*  
Custom colonial in enclave of 17 homes on quiet cul-de-sac surrounded by grounds of Mt Vernon Country Club. Many fabulous features include: large room sizes, stained hardwood floors, updated kit & baths, open kitchen-family room, upgraded trim detail & custom built-ins. Spacious master suite and 2 car gar. Pristine condition on gorgeous professionally landscaped lot.



\$ 370,000  
Annandale  
"INSIDE BELTWAY"  
Fully available! Renovated eat-in kitchen with granite counters & SS appliances. Hardwood floors, new windows, totally finished basement, renovated baths. Huge back yard. Short sale price approved! Both the sale of the property & the gross commission payable is subject to lender approval.

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\$ 530,000  
Yacht Haven Estates  
"YACHT CLUB"  
2 houses down from Mt Vernon Yacht Club, w/130 boat slips & pool along the Potomac River. Sun porch, decks, & family room w/FP. SS appl. & hardwood floors. Attached garage. 1/2 acre lot. Less than 1 mile to GW Pkwy & Ft. Belvoir.

Sara Rothwell 703.472.5289



\$ 389,000  
Alexandria  
"PERFECT 10"  
With-in walking distance to Metro! Renovated top/bot to incl: wood flrs, new cat-in kit open to DR & walk-out for fenced yard & patio. LL rec room w/full BA & closet, possible 4th BR. Updated BAs, fresh neutral paint. New HVAC, windows, HWH & landscaping. EZ to Old Town/Belvoir

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# OBITUARIES

## Virginia Susan Bromley

Virginia "Ginny" Bromley, age 26, died on Friday, Sept. 2, 2011 of natural causes at her home in Alexandria, Va.

Ginny was born with multiple disabilities Sept. 17, 1984 in Orange, Calif. to Bruce and Linda Bromley.

Ginny and her family moved to Alexandria, Va. in 1999, where she attended Sandburg Middle School, West Potomac High School and graduated from Pulley Career Center in 2006. While at Pulley she worked at many different job sites including Greenspring Senior Living Community in Springfield, United Community Ministries Back Porch thrift store, the Martha Washington Library, Kaiser Permanente Springfield Medical Center and the Best Western Mount Vernon Hotel.

Ginny was an active member of the disabled community in Fairfax County. She participated in Edies' Club, the Optimus Club Fun Bunch Bowling league, and in the Special Olympics. After graduation, Ginny was thrilled to work at the Service Source center on Edsall

Road in Alexandria where she met many dear friends including her longtime boyfriend Robert Nash. She became a resident of a group home run by the Hartwood Foundation in September 2010.

Ginny's interests included playing computer games, talking to her friends on the phone, listening to music, and visiting with friends and family. She enjoyed traveling with her family both domestically and abroad.

Ginny is survived by her loving parents, Bruce and Linda Bromley; her twin sister, Elizabeth Bromley-Vogel and her husband, Warren; her maternal grandmother, Louise Buechley; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Everyone who knew Ginny will miss her innocence and sense of humor.

## John Charalambous

John Charalambous, a former owner of Captain John's Restaurant (now the Green Olive Restaurant) died Friday, Sept. 9, 2011 at his home in the Alexandria area. John had been sick for some time and was undergoing kidney dialy-

sis treatments.

A viewing and service was held Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria. Burial will be in Cyprus.

## Nathaniel Hammerlund Hunt

Nathaniel Hammerlund Hunt, 47, died suddenly in a tragic swimming pool accident on Labor Day, 2011.

Born in Denver, Colo., Mr. Hunt had lived in Alexandria, Va. since 1965. He attended Alexandria public schools, and St. James School in St. James, Md. Mr. Hunt received a high school diploma from T.C. Williams and a bachelor of science in ornamental horticulture from Virginia Tech.

He is survived by his dearly loved daughter Dakota Kelso Hunt, age 10, his parents, Lois



Kelso Hunt and Leon Gibson Hunt, his siblings Lucille Kelso Hunt, Rachel Gibson Hunt, and Charles Webster Hunt and his nieces and nephews Wyatt and Gabriel Qualiana, and Kincaid, Kelso and Keradwyn Hunt. Mr. Hunt's marriage to Rebecca Oxenrider ended in divorce 15 years ago.

Mr. Hunt had been the horticulturalist at Belle Haven Country Club for the past six years. While at Belle Haven Mr. Hunt obtained a certificate for wetland restoration and environmental remediation for the ponds on Belle Haven's golf course. Prior to joining Belle Haven, Mr. Hunt acted as an independent landscape designer creating beautiful gardens throughout the Washington metropolitan area. Before returning to the area seven years ago, Mr. Hunt

was the owner and operator of Mountain Spring Nurseries and Landscape Design Firm in southern Virginia where he resided for a time after graduating from Virginia Tech with a degree in ornamental horticulture. Mr. Hunt was deeply interested in plant propagation and developed many new

varieties of day lilies, amaryllis and hardy hibiscus. An avid fisherman, Mr. Hunt taught his daughter and nephews to fish and they fished many of the rivers and trout streams in Virginia's piedmont and mountain regions.

As a child Mr. Hunt was a member of the Shooter's Hill Junior Players that raised money for Children's Hospital. As an adult he was a faithful participant in the annual Shooter's Hill Ecumenical Carolers caroling event that over the years has raised tens of thousands of dollars for Children's Hospital. Mr. Hunt donated time and materials to install and maintain landscaping in public spaces and planted many trees to improve the region's beauty and air quality.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, 2 p.m. at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1608 Russell Road, Alexandria, Va. A reception will follow at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, Va. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent in the memory of Nathaniel Hammerlund Hunt to Friends of the National Arboretum, 3501 New York Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20002.



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## Big Design for Small Spaces

Alexandria-based interior designers share their suggestions for making diminutive spaces sing.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
GAZETTE

**L**ighting is important in any space, but is vital to a small space. “You don’t want [small homes] to feel cramped or tight,” said Laura Campbell of Peabody Architecture. “We alleviate that with lots of natural light.”

Elizabeth Todd saw the significance of lighting when she purchased a two story building in Old Town. She turned the top level into an apartment that she rents to her sister. Her biggest issue with the space was that it had only two windows.

“The first thing that I thought of when I got up there was ‘how do you make this place lighter?’ And that was the thing that we struggled with the most,” said Todd, who houses her store The Shoe Hive in the building’s bottom level.

Todd hired Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox of 2 Ivy Lane Interiors. The design duo added recessed lights and skylights to give the space an airy feel.

“Whether it is achieved through table lamps, floor lamps, recessed lighting or chandeliers, a proper lighting plan adds to



PHOTOS BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**Designers David Peabody and Sarah Pak use built in shelves in Ann McCord’s Alexandria condominium to create a feeding space for her dog Tonka.**

the ambience and mood that is set in a room,” said Deringer.

Another issue that Todd had with the apartment was the layout. “It was very chopped up and there was no flow,” she said.

The designers used color to create a sense of continuity.

“Using a common color though out threads throughout brings fluidity to the space,” said Deringer. “A common thread of color also adds a casual elegance. It is a unifier.”

That doesn’t mean that everything has to be beige. Vibrant colors can work in small spaces too. “Think of [furniture] as a little black dress,” said Deringer. “You can start with neutrals and always accessorize it with color through pillows or other accessories. Artwork can also be bold.”

Textures and patterns work in small spaces when used in moderation.

“To avoid a cluttered look in a small space, you don’t want a variety of patterns and colors that are fighting with each other,” said Deringer. Color adds depth to a space, but three or four patterns is enough.

### SMALL KITCHENS

Just because a kitchen is small on space doesn’t mean that it can’t be big on style and efficiency. Just ask Ann McCord. After living in her Alexandria condominium for almost 20 years, McCord decided to

**“By thinking through how a person really lives and designing creatively, you can make a small space seem bigger because everything has its place.”**

— Designer Sarah Pak

purchase the adjoining unit and create one larger living space with a little more than 1,500 square feet. She enlisted the help of David Peabody of Peabody Architects and Interior designer Sarah Pak of SPI Design.

One of McCord’s top priorities was a kitchen that was open to the living and dining rooms. Pak suggested using integrated appliances that are covered with wood panels that match the wood of the custom cabinets.

“In this case, it was important to invest the money in an integrated refrigerator,” said Pak. “They are expensive, but in this space it is really important that this refrigerator not look like a refrigerator. Otherwise you’re sitting at the dining room table looking at [an appliance].”

The design team added built-in bookcases that face the living room, but serve double-duty as a kitchen counter that camouflages



**Designer Alex Deringer keeps the colors in a small kitchen neutral and uses unexpected lighting to add elegance and glamour, as seen in this Alexandria kitchen.**

the sink. “If you are in the living room, you aren’t necessarily aware of the fact that there are dishes in the sink because the cabinet is high enough to hide it,” said McCord.

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**Designers David Peabody and Sarah Pak use built in shelves on the stairway wall in Ann McCord’s Alexandria condominium to create a wine rack. The designers stress the importance of using all available space in small homes.**

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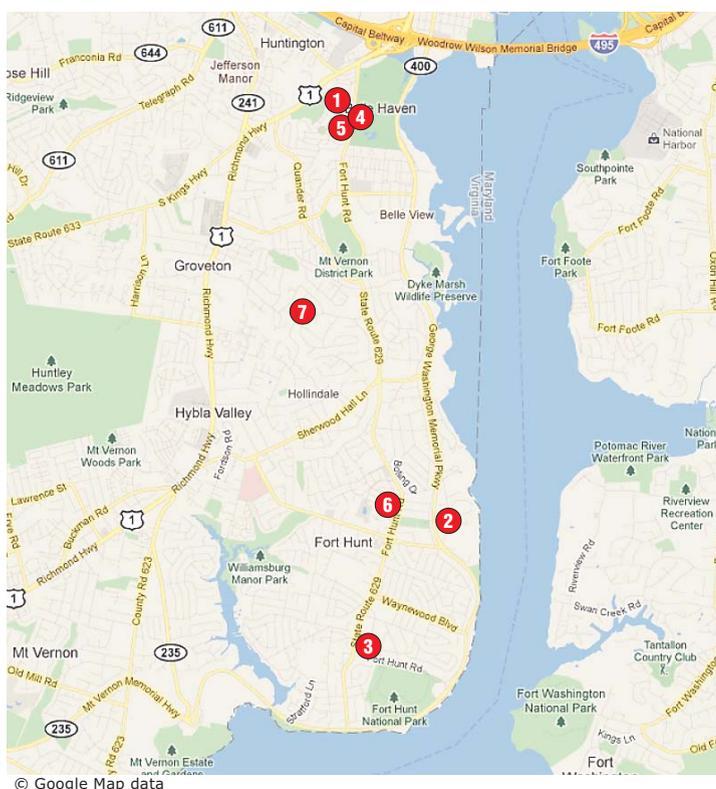
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# Small Spaces

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“We [make use of] every possible inch in a small kitchen by using shallow cabinets,” said Pak. “The type of cabinet you select in a small kitchen is very important, since storage is so often the biggest challenge. Frameless cabinets allow the most storage space.”

Another key to maximizing space is the use of small-scale appliances. “Most manufacturers have smaller depth, smaller width appliances that can fit into smaller spaces,” said Deringer. “There are dishwasher drawers [that fit easily into small spaces] as long as the amount of stuff you have to clean isn’t big.”

### STORAGE, EVEN FOR PETS

A dearth of storage space is a quandary many people face, no matter the size of their living space. Peabody and Pak added extra storage space to McCord’s condominium by using empty wall space to build shelving.

“We always try to use every bit of available space,” said Campbell. “We add more built-ins or creative ways to use what space there is.”

On the wall under the stairway that leads to the second floor, the design team built in a wine rack, book shelving and a cat bed. A similar pet space was added to the bottom of a half-wall that surrounds her kitchen. There are built-in spaces for pet food bowls and another space for a dog bed.

“[This keeps you from] having a big dog bed in the middle of the living room,” said Pak. “By thinking through how a person really lives and designing creatively, you can make a small space seem bigger because everything has its place.”



**Designers Alex Deringer and Courtney Cox of 2 Ivy Lane Interiors use skylights and recessed lighting to create an airy feel in Elizabeth Todd’s Old Town apartment.**

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West Potomac quarterback Charles Ruiz threw for 148 yards and a touchdown during a 49-10 loss to Centreville on Sept. 10.



Joseph Marinelli scored West Potomac's lone touchdown on a 45-yard pass from Charles Ruiz during the Wolverines' 49-10 loss to Centreville on Sept. 10.

## Wolverines' Strong Start Goes for Naught against Centreville

**West Potomac builds 10-7 lead but struggles with interceptions.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

Facing second-and-15 on the Centreville 45-yard line, West Potomac quarterback Charles Ruiz threw deep and connected with Joseph Marinelli for a touchdown. Centreville head coach Chris Haddock later attributed the scoring toss, which gave West Potomac a 10-7 lead late in the first quarter, to a technique breakdown in the Wildcats' secondary.

After burning Centreville deep, West Potomac continued attacking with the vertical passing game. However, it was clear

the Wildcats' secondary had learned its lesson.

Following the touchdown, Centreville intercepted West Potomac quarterbacks Ruiz and Caleb Henderson on three of the Wolverines' next four possessions and did not allow another point for the remainder of the contest en route to a 49-10 victory on Sept. 10 at Westfield High School. The game, originally scheduled for the night of Friday, Sept. 9 at Centreville, was moved to Saturday morning at Westfield due to problems stemming from inclement weather.

Despite the 10:30 a.m. kickoff, West Potomac came out strong, forcing an early turnover against a Centreville team now ranked No. 2 in the Washington Post top 20. The Wolverines punted on their opening possession, but the punt was muffed by a Centreville player and recovered by West Potomac senior Rontrell Peyton on the Wildcats' 10-yard line. After three plays moved the ball inside the 5, kicker Chris Blewitt

booted a 21-yard field goal for a 3-0 Wolverines lead.

Centreville took a 7-3 lead during its ensuing possession, but West Potomac answered the next time it had the ball. The Wolverines drove 65 yards in seven plays, capped by Ruiz's 45-yard touchdown pass to Marinelli.

"They've got some talented players," Haddock said about the Wolverines. "We knew that they had the potential to score quick and they did that."

However, a 10-7 lead in the first quarter was as good as it would get for West Potomac. The Wolverines' next possession lasted just one play as Ruiz was intercepted. After Centreville took a 14-10 lead, Henderson came in at quarterback and threw an interception on the first play of his drive. Two West Potomac possessions later, Henderson was picked again.

"I think, technique-wise, we broke down a little bit," Haddock said of the West Potomac touchdown pass. "I think we were

prepared for what they do, but I just think we moved some personnel around and just re-adjusted and changed our technique a little bit and the kids did a real good job."

The score stayed 14-10 until halftime, but Centreville pulled away in the second half.

Henderson started at quarterback and completed 6 of 18 passes for 94 yards. He was intercepted twice. Ruiz came off the bench to form a rotation, completing 8 of 15 passes for 148 yards and one touchdown. He was intercepted twice.

Marinelli caught two passes for 85 yards and a touchdown. DeMornay Pierson-El finished with five receptions for 72 yards and Tyrone Jenkins caught five passes for 73 yards. He also snagged an interception on defense.

The Centreville defense limited standout West Potomac running back Brandon Johnson to three yards in 11 carries.

West Potomac will host its Patriot District opener against South County at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

## Mount Vernon Football Evens Record with Victory

After a lopsided loss to West Potomac in the season opener, the Mount Vernon football team earned its first victory of the 2011 season with a 33-0 road shutout of Marshall on Sept. 10.

The game was originally scheduled for Sept. 9, but was postponed due to issues stemming from inclement weather.

Mount Vernon head coach Barry Wells said the Majors rushed for 287 yards against the Statesmen, with Dennis Mensah and Sadiq Odyedele both reaching the 100-yard mark. Mensah was the team's top ground

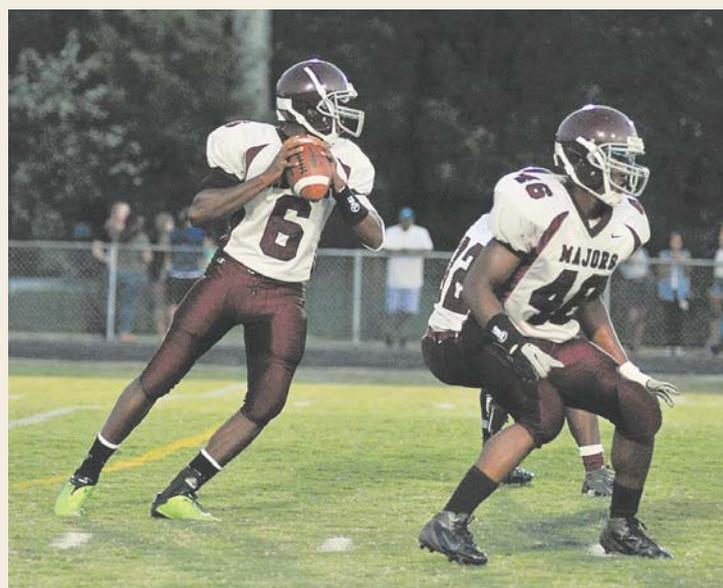
threat last year, and Wells said Odyedele has improved this season.

"He's really coming into his own," Wells said.

Bashan Williams also ran well against Marshall, according to Wells.

Junior Robert Nelson and sophomore Brendon Maturey have continued rotating at quarterback, with neither establishing himself as the starter, Wells said, adding he would like to have the position figured out before the start of National District competition.

Mount Vernon (1-1) will face Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 16 for the Majors' home opener. Centreville is 2-0 and ranked No. 2 in the Washington Post's lat



**The Mount Vernon football team, seen earlier this season, defeated Marshall, 33-0, on Sept. 10.**

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RICHARD MAPLE

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# SPORTS BRIEFS

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est top 20 poll of teams in the Washington, D.C.-metro area. The Majors open district play on Saturday, Sept. 24 at home against Washington-Lee.

## MVHS Hosts 9/11 Tribute

Mount Vernon High School is hosting a 9/11 tribute during halftime of its varsity football game against Centreville High School on Friday, Sept. 16. The occasion will be honored with the comments of Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Curt Nutbrown, a survivor from the attack on the Pentagon 10 years ago. Additionally, there will be performances by the MVHS music department and fifth- and sixth-grade students from Fort Belvoir, Riverside, Woodley Hills and Woodlawn Elementary Schools.

The football game starts a 7:30 p.m. and the cost of admission is \$5. Military personnel with ID will be admitted free with their families.

Contact the Director of Student Activities, Bob Maxey at 703-619-3141 or rdmmaxey@fcpe.edu with questions.

## MVHS Hall of Fame Banquet

Former Mount Vernon High School athletes who were inducted into the MVHS Hall of Fame are invited by the Mount Vernon School Activities Office to attend the second annual Hall of Fame Banquet. All MVHS Hall of Fame inductees will be guests of the school. Additional family members are invited to accompany inductees at a cost of \$25 a person. This year, the Hall of Fame Banquet will coincide

with the varsity football game being played on the same weekend. The banquet will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23. The next day, Saturday, Sept. 24, there will be a football game against Washington-Lee High School at 2 p.m. There will be a special recognition ceremony at halftime to honor our Hall of Famers in attendance.

RSVP the MVHS Athletic Office by Sept. 15 by calling Bob Maxey, the MVHS director of student activities, at 703-619-3141.

## MV Field Hockey Wins District Opener

The Mount Vernon field hockey team defeated Robinson, 6-0, on Aug. 31 and beat Wakefield, 3-0, on Sept. 6 in the Majors' National District opener, improving their record to 4-3. Mount Vernon will host Hayfield at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15.

## MV Volleyball Wins Twice at Tournament

The Mount Vernon volleyball team defeated Wakefield and Marshall and lost to Westfield, Thomas Jefferson and George Mason during the Raider Rumble on Sept. 10. The Majors will host Marshall at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 15.

## WP Field Hockey Wins

The West Potomac field hockey team defeated Wakefield, 3-0, on Sept. 7. The Wolverines will host Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 19.

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# ‘Savage In Limbo’ MetroStage puts on Shanley play.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

You may not recognize the name, but you no doubt recognize the works of John Patrick Shanley, the Bronx-born playwright who won an Academy Award for the 1987 film “Moonstruck” and a Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award for the 2005 play “Doubt.” “Savage In Limbo: A Concert Play” is one of Shanley’s contemporary classic works, playing now at MetroStage.

Making its debut 25 years ago, the powerful play — despite the title, this is not a musical — peers into the very disparate and often desperate lives of a group of 30-somethings spending a lonely Monday night in a Bronx bar.

The “savage” of the play is 32-year-old virgin Denise Savage, played by Helen Hayes Award-winning actress Natascia Diaz. Limbo is the run down Bronx bar where she gets reacquainted with Catholic elementary schoolmate Linda Rotunda, brilliantly played to N’Yawk perfection by Veronica del Cerro. Together, the disillusioned duo makes plans to change course from the dreary routine of their lives.

Swept along in their alternating friend/enemy alliance is waifish barfly April White, another school-



**Veronica del Cerro, left, is congratulated by actress Jennifer Mendenhall, who originated the role of Linda in “Savage In Limbo,” now playing at MetroStage.**

mate played by Jenna Sokolowski in a touching — and at times howlingly funny — display of self-medicated tragedy and vulnerability.

The bartender Murk, played with straight-faced precision and stony stoicism by Sasha Olinick, referees the verbal volleys.

Rounding out the cast is Michael Kevin Darnell as Linda’s perfectly caricatured and conflicted commitment-phobe beau Tony Aronica.

As the play opens, socially back-



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**Veronica del Cerro and Michael Kevin Darnell star in “Savage in Limbo.”**

ward Denise is looking to change her life and escape the apartment she shares with her mother. Ditto for heartbroken sexpot Linda. In the course of the evening, the two first align then clash as they betray, seduce and ultimately retreat to the safety and familiarity of the lives they are trying to leave behind.

Shanley’s razor sharp dialogue alternates between hysterically energetic and heartbreakingly poignant as the characters struggle with their loneliness and disillusionment. Diaz and del Cerro in particular turn in mesmerizing performances.

Masterfully paced by director Lise Bruneau, the



**Cast members celebrate following the Sept. 12 performance. Clockwise from back left: Artistic Director Carolyn Griffin, Michael Kevin Darnell, Director Lise Bruneau, Jenna Sokolowski, Sasha Olinick, Natascia Diaz, Veronica del Cerro and Jennifer Mendenhall.**

execution of the dark comedy is astonishing at times and the exceptional acting of the superb cast should be on every theater fan’s “must see” list. “Savage In Limbo” is an engaging and captivating show that is not to be missed.

“Savage In Limbo: A Concert Play” is playing now through Oct. 16 at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. For tickets or more information call 703-548-9044 or visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org).

# ‘Rabbit Hole’

LTA production funny, touching, gripping.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Few occurrences in life are more heart-rending than the death of a child. The grief lingers long after the funeral is over, leaving behind those caught between anger and despair, guilt and forgiveness.

But rather than a play about death, David Lindsay-Abaire’s Pulitzer Prize-winning “Rabbit Hole” is a play about hope — touching, funny and gripping and masterfully executed by The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

The play opens less than a year since Becca and Howie’s 5-year-old son was struck by a car and killed. Rather than bring the fam-

ily closer together, the grief isolates them as Becca seethes with anger and bitterness over her son’s death.

While both Becca and Howie put up a good front, they are emotionally hobbled and the intimacy between them virtually non-existent. As their grieving travels on different trajectories, Becca’s unwed younger sister Izzy inconveniently discovers she is pregnant while her hard-drinking mother Nat’s attempts to help the family find closure only adds to the tension.

In the pivotal role of Becca is Karen Jadlo Shotts, a two-time Best Actress WATCH award winner. Shotts turns in a mesmerizing performance, capturing Becca’s simmering rage and unyielding grief.

Andy Izquierdo, last seen as Billy Flynn in the LTA production of “Chicago,” is Howie. The eight-time WATCH nominee and three-time winner shatters his on-stage razzle dazzle persona with an explosive performance as a father



**Collin Chute (Jason) and Karen Jadlo Shotts (Becca) star in David Lindsay-Abaire’s Pulitzer Prize-winning “Rabbit Hole,” now playing at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.**

grieving the loss of his son masked by the false bravado of a man barely in control of his emotions.

Rebecca Lenehan, another WATCH award winner and one of the finest actresses working, returns to LTA as Becca’s hard-drinking mom Nat, and Rebecca Phillips is Izzy, the mercurial mother-to-be.

Native Alexandrian Collin Chute is a standout in the supporting role of Jason, the young driver who

accidentally hit Danny. Chute discovers the nuanced emotions of an awkward teenager trying to come to terms with his own guilt and sorrow.

Under the skillful direction of Joanna Henry, the superb cast negotiates the complex familial rhythms of fondness and frustration. With lighting design by Ken and Patti Crowley, costumes by Beverley Benda and sets by MYKE,

LTA pulls together a production that augments one of the most riveting acting performances ever seen on any stage.

“Rabbit Hole” is playing now through Oct. 1 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).

# FINE ARTS

## NOW THROUGH OCT. 3

**Red Dots: Drawings by Shanthi Chandrasekar.** At the Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, Old Town Alexandria.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 23

**"The Fat Lady Sings."** 7 to 9 p.m. Closing reception featuring fashion sculpture, photography and video by artist Deborah Lash. At the Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-998-6260.

## NOW THROUGH SEPT. 25

**So Yoon Lym: The Dreamtime.** Artist uses hair and braid styles to make statement about immigration and diversity. At the Target Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target).

## 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. For directions go to River Farm's website, [http://www.ahs.org/river\\_farm/directions.htm](http://www.ahs.org/river_farm/directions.htm).

## NOW THROUGH OCT. 2

**Shades of Fall.** At the Torpedo Factory Center's Scope Gallery. Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays until 9 p.m. At 105 North Union Street, ground floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope).

**Retakes and Transformations.** Art from everyday life. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org)

**"Suburbia."** A collection of impressionistic oil



## OCT. 8 TO 31

**Kimberley Bush, Ceramist.** Sublime 2D forms that focus on positive and vibrant energy and combines encaustic painting with horsehair or raku decorating processes on handcut ceramic panels. Artist's reception is Saturday, Oct. 8 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King St., Alexandria. Visit [www.gallery-west.com](http://www.gallery-west.com) or call 703-549-6006.

paintings by Parisa Tirnaz. At Gallery West, 1213 King St., Old Town Alexandria. Visit [www.gallery-west.com](http://www.gallery-west.com) or call 703-549-6006.

## NOW THROUGH OCT. 3

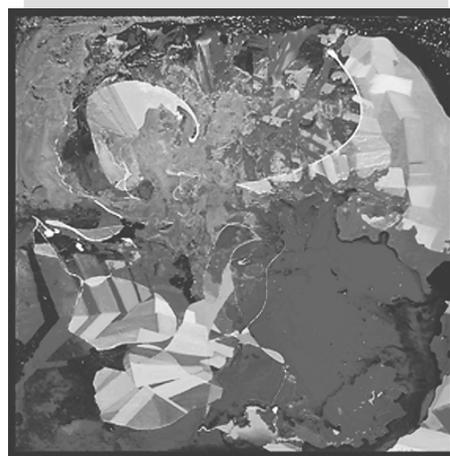
**"Forgotton" and "Off Season."** Works by photographers Sandy LeBrun-Evans and Eric Jonson. At Multiple Exposures Gallery, Suite 312, Torpedo Factory Art Center. Call 703-683-2205.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 7

**Get Sparked!** Show Opening. 7 to 10 p.m. DRA and SPARK ([getsparked.org](http://getsparked.org)) embark on an artistic journey that pushes boundaries. Experience a unique showcase of writing as inspiration, and artistic interpretations. Free. Details: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org)

## FRIDAY/OCT. 14

**Get Sparked!** 7 to 9 p.m. SPARK writers share



## NOW THROUGH OCT. 30

**"Chaos Matters."** Works by J. Jordan Bruns. Opening reception Saturday, Sept. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. Artist's talk at 6 p.m. At the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria.

aloud the inspiration pieces that prompted the current gallery show's art. Light snacks and refreshments, open to the public! Donations accepted. Details: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org)

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 19

**Exploring Watercolor and the Figure.** 2 to 5 p.m. Join local artist Diana Gamerman as she demonstrates painting the figure in watercolor. A short talk on different types of watercolor paint, mediums, paper and brushes will be followed by a chance for participants to experiment with these different materials as the group paints from a nude model. All supplies provided. Register in advance: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/watercolor](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/watercolor)

## FRIDAY/OCT. 21

**Students Get Sparked.** 7 to 9 p.m. Greenbriar



## NOW THROUGH OCT. 30

**"Diptychs, Triptychs & Tetrptychs."** Art work by Maggie Stewart in the Printmakers Inc. Studio #325 at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-683-1342 or [www.tfpi.org](http://www.tfpi.org).

East Elementary students showcase artwork inspired by selected poets and writers. Kid-friendly opening, light refreshments, an art project to take home! Open to public. [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) or [arwright@feps.edu](mailto:arwright@feps.edu).

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that on Tuesday, September 20, 2011, between 8:45 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., a brief fireworks display will take place as part of a private event at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate & Gardens. The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association thanks you for your tolerance and apologizes for any disruption.

To receive Mount Vernon fireworks notifications via e-mail, write to [Events@MountVernon.org](mailto:Events@MountVernon.org)

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 15

**Beverly Hills Garden Club.** 10 a.m. The Beverly Hills Garden Club will hold its first monthly meeting of the 2011-2012 year. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, September through June, in the Fellowship Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church 2701 Cameron Mills Rd. Alexandria.

**Stroke and Osteoporosis Screenings.** Cost is \$139 for all five screenings, which take 60 to 90 minutes to complete. At Manchester Lakes Senior Apartments, 7131 Silverlake Blvd., Alexandria. Visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com). Call 1-877-237-1287.

**Beginner Pilates Class.** 8:15 to 9:05 p.m. Free. Discover the wonders of Pilates at Studio Body Logic, now celebrating its 15th birthday! New students only and reservations required. Contact [studiobodylogic@earthlink.net](mailto:studiobodylogic@earthlink.net) to reserve your spot. Studio Body Logic - Del Ray, 2417 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. [www.studiobodylogic.com](http://www.studiobodylogic.com).

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 16

**Wee Ones Storytime.** 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Explore the exciting world around us with favorite stories and songs. For ages 2 and under. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092.

**Author Reception.** 6 to 8 p.m. Adults only. Hop aboard the Matthew Hayes riverboat and wine and dine with some favorite authors. Cost is \$30/person. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Visit [AlexStoryFest.org](http://AlexStoryFest.org) or call 703-299-9855 to RSVP.

**9/11 Tribute and Military Appreciation Night.** 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5. Mount Vernon High School is hosting a 9/11 Tribute and a Military Appreciation Night during halftime of its varsity football game against Centreville High School. At 8515 Old Mt. Vernon Road, Alexandria. Call Bob Maxey at 703-619-3141.

**Write. Speak. Live.** 7 p.m. Free. Spoken word poetry slam with Shelly Bell. Attending the event is free, but for a \$10 entry fee, audience members can compete, slam style, for a \$100 prize at the end of the evening. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org).

**Bottle Rockets.** 7:30 p.m. With guests Marshall Crenshaw. Cost is \$27.50. At The Birchmere, 3710 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**Music for Flute and Harp: Carole Bean with Elizabeth Blakeslee.** 8 p.m. Works by Ravel, Piazzolla, Borne, Jongen. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington, Old Town Alexandria. \$15 admission payable at door. Visit <http://www.alexperformingarts.org>. or call 703-505-0700.

## SEPT. 17 AND 18

**Colonial Market & Fair.** Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event also features 18th-century entertainment including music, fire-eating, sword-swallowing, puppet and magic shows. This weekend only, Potomac River sightseeing cruises, courtesy of Spirit Cruises and Potomac Riverboat Company, are free-of-charge. The Colonial Market & Fair at Mount Vernon is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; children ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free. At Historic Mount Vernon.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 17

**Sherwood Library 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free events, activities, storytelling, children's crafts and swing music. Tales of Adventure with Gary Lloyd at 11 a.m.; Mount Vernon Dixieland Band at 1 p.m.; Mount Vernon Swing Band at 3 p.m. At Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria.

**Community Yard Sale.** 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Seller set-up from 6 to 7 a.m. Cost is \$15/space for sellers. Sponsored by the Alexandria Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees). Sellers may sell anything legal (appliances, clothing, toys, books, etc.) except for food and drinks. Go to [www.alexjaycees.org](http://www.alexjaycees.org) for directions, other dates, registration information, and seller rules. At Anthony Lane Elementary School, 7137 Beulah Street, Alexandria. Call 703-866-7171.

**Audition for Spot-LYTE Company.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$237.50 per nine-week quarter. Ages: 16-21; must have two years of theater experience. The company gives performers ages 16-21 further performance and technical training and engages them in educational outreach with arts integration in public and private schools. At Workhouse Arts Center, Building W-11, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Contact Caren Hearne at 703-584-2961 or [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).



## SATURDAY/OCT. 1

**Living History with Dorothea Dix.** 2 to 4 p.m. Pat Jordan from the American Historical Theatre in Philadelphia will take on Dix's character (as head of the U.S. Army Nurse's Corps during the Civil War) and explore her experiences during the war in a two-part presentation. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 or visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).

**The Great Grape Throwdown.** 2 p.m. A dozen wines compete for the title — six Cabernet Sauvignons alongside six Cabernet Francs. At Planet Wine Shop, 2004 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Advanced reservations required. \$35 per person. \$30 For wine club members. Call 703-549-3444 to reserve.

**Community Fun Fair.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Games, prizes, gifts, dunk tank, moon bounce, face painting, cake walk, great food, popcorn, candied apples, cotton candy, music and more. Free health screening. Sponsored by Woodlawn United Methodist Church at Faith United Methodist Church, 7010 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Visit [www.woodlawn-umc.org](http://www.woodlawn-umc.org). Contact: Rhona Powell at 703-360-9450.

**Virginia Native Plant Sale.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Native trees, shrubs, ground covers, ferns, and wildflowers will be offered for sale by the Potomack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.vnps.org](http://www.vnps.org)

**Alexandria Story Festival.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Join in celebrating the magic of stories. At 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria. Visit [www.AlexStoryFest.com](http://www.AlexStoryFest.com).

**Author Brooke C. Stoddard.** 2 to 5 p.m. The Alexandria resident will sign copies of his new book, *World in Balance: The Perilous Months of June-October 1940*, at The Hangar: Aviation Specialties. At 1325 King St., Alexandria.

**Virginia Grand Military Band.** 8 p.m. Admission is \$20. The Allentown Band (America's oldest civilian concert band) and the Ringgold Band (the last organization conducted by John Philip Sousa) are saluted in a concert band extravaganza. At the Rebecca S. Wilburn auditorium at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Call 703-426-4777 or visit [www.vgmb.com](http://www.vgmb.com).

**Art and Craft Fair.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featuring 35 artists and crafters both inside and outside the church building. Handmade books, paintings, clothing, jewelry, fused glass, pottery, decorative items, knitted and crocheted items, food, raffle, shopping. At St. James' Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road, Alexandria. Call 703-780-3081. Visit [www.stjamesmv.org](http://www.stjamesmv.org).

**Bikes for the World Collection.** 9 a.m. to noon. For his Eagle Scout project, Thomas Gigure is collecting unused bikes to donate to Bikes for the World. A \$10 donation per bicycle to handle the overseas transportation is encouraged. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, Alexandria. Contact Thomas Gigure at 703-915-6215 or [gigure3@cox.net](mailto:gigure3@cox.net).

**Annual Recovery Fest/BBQ Cook-Off.** Noon to 5 p.m. Live bands, community organization info tables, vendors, KCBS Sanctioned BBQ Cook-Off, kid's activities and more. Sponsored by the McShinn Foundation; last year's event drew 7,000 people. At Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. Visit [www.mcshinn.org](http://www.mcshinn.org).



## SEPT. 18 TO NOV. 13

**Brit Wit.** Sundays 5 to 6:30 p.m. Join Maryland Public Television station's Afternoon Tea lady Heather Sanderson, who will help you explore the unique style of British comedy through hilarious short pieces that will remind you why laughter is the best medicine. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Call 703-683-5778 ext. 2.

**Wee Ones Storytime.** 10:30 to 11 a.m. Free. Explore the exciting world around us with favorite stories and songs. For ages 2 and under. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092.

**Alexandria Story Festival.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Meet favorite authors, like Anna Dewdney (*Llama Llama Home With Mama*), Pamela Duncan Edwards (*Princess Pigoria and the Pea*), and more! Sponsored by Wright to Read and Hooray for Books. At Jefferson Houston Elementary School. Visit [AlexStoryFest.org](http://AlexStoryFest.org). Call 703-548-4092.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

**Talk Like a Pirate Storytimes.** 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Free. Join resident buccaneer Cap'n Patrick as he entertains children with pirate stories. For ages 3 and under. At Hooray for Books, 1555 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092.

**Scott Ainslie and Chatham Street.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org). Info: 703-501-6061.

**Ladies Tea at Gadsby's Tavern.** Sip Gadsby's Tavern Museum's special blend of tea and eat period-inspired delicacies at Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, 138 North Royal St. Tea time is 3-4:30 p.m., with a tour of the museum at 4:45 p.m. Tea is \$30 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Reservations are required, call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) to attend.

**The United Jazz Ensemble.** 4 p.m. Meade Church, 322 N Alfred St., Alexandria. Donation is \$15. Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available in the church's lot and on the street. Presented by Committee for Jazz at Meade.

**Evening Prayer.** 5 p.m. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4766 or visit [www.wpc-alex.org](http://www.wpc-alex.org).

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 20

**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. Free. The meeting will feature a presentation entitled "Headstone Records for U.S. Military Veterans, 1862-2011." The program will be presented by Claire Kluskens. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or [publicity@mvgenealogy.org](mailto:publicity@mvgenealogy.org).

**Open auditions** for all voice parts with the Alexandria Singers are being held on Sept. 13, 20 and 27. Contact audition@alexandriasingers.com for an appointment, or call 703-941-SING. Visit [www.alexandriasingers.com](http://www.alexandriasingers.com).

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 21

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With the Smokin' Polecats with Marianna Previti. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

**Audition for Spot-LYTE Company.** 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$237.50 per nine-week quarter. Ages: 16-



## SUNDAY/SEPT. 18

**Judgment of Alexandria.** 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100. Fall wine-tasting event — France Versus the World. Old Town-based Borvin Beverage is selecting the event's wines from vineyards in California, France, Germany, and Spain. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Old Town Alexandria. Sponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria; ticket sales go to funding SSA's programs and operations. Visit [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org). Call 703-836-4414, ext. 14.

21; must have two years of theater experience. The company gives performers ages 16-21 further performance and technical training and engages them in educational outreach with arts integration in public and private schools. At Workhouse Arts Center, Building W-11, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Contact Caren Hearne at 703-584-2961 or [www.workhousearts.org](http://www.workhousearts.org).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 22

**Scurlock: Negro Leagues.** 7 p.m. Dwayne Sims discusses his book. At the Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. To RSVP, contact Audrey Davis at [Audrey.davis@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Audrey.davis@alexandriava.gov).

**An Evening with General Edward Braddock.** 7 p.m. At The Lyceum Auditorium, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria. Performance tickets: \$12 per seat followed by a "Meet the Star" Reception (with cash wine bar). Reservations: 703-838-4994 (during business hours). Purchase tickets online through PayPal at: [www.generalbraddockinterview.com](http://www.generalbraddockinterview.com)

**"Old Blue Eyes."** 1:30 p.m. Free. The spirit of Las Vegas in the form of Steve Flynn as he sings the songs made famous by Frank Sinatra. At the Hermitage in the auditorium.

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## SATURDAY/SEPT. 24

**Melissa Ferrick.** At The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

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**Genealogy Workshop.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Genealogy Workshop: In Search of Mathew Henson's Roots. At the Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. To RSVP, contact Audrey Davis at [Audrey.davis@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Audrey.davis@alexandriava.gov).

**Charity Casino Event.** 6 to 10 p.m. Rebuilding Together Alexandria, a 501 c 3 non-profit that provides free home repairs to in-need homeowners, is hosting Rock the Ante to help raise funds for its program. At Christ Church Fowler House, 111 N Columbus Street. Register online at [www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org](http://www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org) or call 703-836-1021.

**Native Plant Sale.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Largest native plant sale in D.C. Metro Area hosts 14 vendors from five states selling native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade in historic Parkfairfax. At 3601 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Call 571-232-0375 or [www.ParkfairfaxNativePlantSale.org](http://www.ParkfairfaxNativePlantSale.org).

**Art Auction Fundraiser.** Art preview at 7 p.m. followed by the auction at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20/advance. Special guest artist John Stanisci will also be in attendance. Fund-raiser for the Alexandria Jaycees and King Street Cats. To purchase tickets, contact Amy at [amy.alexjaycees@gmail.com](mailto:amy.alexjaycees@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.alexjaycees.org/art.php>. At the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron Street in Alexandria.

**Genealogist Char Bah Lecture.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5/person. Discover your own family history with expert techniques for tracing African-American ancestors. Bah will present "In Search of Matthew Henson's Roots," an illustrated lecture on how she traced the Alexandria family members of the great North Pole explorer. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 or visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).

**Twig Homes Tour.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Twig, the Junior Auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital, is having its 70th Annual Historic Alexandria Homes Tour & Marketplace. Six private residences and gardens in Old Town will be open to the general public. Tickets are \$35/advance; \$40/day of tour. To purchase tickets online, visit [www.thetwig.org](http://www.thetwig.org). Tickets may be purchased at The Ramsay House Visitors Center, 221 King Street and The Twig Thrift Shop, 106 North Columbus Street.

**American Balalaika Symphony.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20/advance; \$25/door. Scored for the Screen - Movie Music from the U.S. and USSR. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter](http://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter).

**Belle View Annual Craft Show.** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. DJ will provide Jazz music throughout the day. Food and refreshments. At 1204 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria. Rain date is Oct. 1. Call 703-765-8775.

**Community Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Parking lot of Lincolnia United Methodist Church, 6335 Little River Turnpike at Lincoln Avenue, Alexandria. Rain date Oct. 1. Info: 703-354-5176 or [lincolniaumc@verizon.net](mailto:lincolniaumc@verizon.net). See [www.lincolniaumc.org](http://www.lincolniaumc.org).

**Museum Day.** Three Alexandria museums are participating in the Smithsonian's Museum Day. On that day, Gadsby's Tavern Museum, Alexandria Archaeology Museum, and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum will be offering free admission to anyone presenting a Museum Day Ticket which is available to download at [www.smithsonian.com/museumday](http://www.smithsonian.com/museumday). Visitors who present the official pass will gain free admission for two people to participating museums and cultural venues.

SEPT. 24-25



SEPT. 21

**NASCAR Event to Support Food Bank.** Noon to 6 p.m. OneMain Financial's No. 2 Chevrolet Impala show car will be on display and fans are encouraged to stop by with canned goods for donation to the Capital Area Food Bank. At OneMain Financial, 6328 Richmond Hwy. in Alexandria.

**Bead and Jewelry Show.** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Northern Virginia Bead Society is hosting its annual Bead and Jewelry Show at the Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Admission is \$5, and parking is free on Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. For discount coupons, visit [www.meetup.com/NVBS-Jewelry-Classes/](http://www.meetup.com/NVBS-Jewelry-Classes/) or [www.nvabeads.org](http://www.nvabeads.org). Contact NVBS2002@yahoo.com.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 25

**"Inspired by Nature" Fall Concert.** 3 p.m. Concert for Alexandria's Kaleidoscope Festival of the

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# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 15

Fairfax County school administrators have provided but one argument for the original decision to revoke Honors courses and quote College Board research shows that high school students benefit from taking AP. That is countered by third-party research (again, Harvard 2010) that says that students who take and pass AP in high school do no better in college than those who don't and that those who take AP in high school and fail do worse.

Evidence suggests the resources might be better spent by improving academic preparation in the earlier grades rather than expanding AP in schools where a large fraction of students are performing below grade level. This is key; school administrators should be focusing on improving K-8 achievement to prepare students to take AP in high school, if that's where we're headed, rather than pushing AP on a largely unprepared cadre of high school students.

This is just not that difficult. What can you do about this?

Write your School Board representative; tell him/her to get school curriculum matters under control and restore Honors classes. Second, there are a number of School Board hopefuls campaigning on restoring Honors classes; come November, support them. Cast an informed vote in November for a School Board that will restore Honors, rein in feckless bureaucrats, and oversee our schools in the good faith entrusted to them.

Need more information on this issue? Contact Kate Van Dyck at [savewestpohonors@gmail.com](mailto:savewestpohonors@gmail.com).

**Barry Meuse**  
Alexandria

## Still No Answer On Flooding?

To the Editor:

People are struggling with property damage, emotional despair and financial devastation.

Clearly, the incumbent chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has not provided effective solutions and people are dealing with the consequences.

People are suffering in an already challenging economy.

In fact, U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D) has said the Huntington area has flooded three times in the past 10 years. What has the incumbent chairman done to deliver effective solutions? Nothing.

Working with front-line county staff and listening to community

residents, I own responsibility and embrace accountability to help prevent future damage in Huntington from storm water.

My government plan provides the needed resources to build the effective, sustainable solutions to this community challenge without delay. I will provide people accessible, accountable government.

Serving as a representative on the Lee District Land Use and Transportation Committee since 2004, I possess practical, real-world experience working with storm water management, soil conservation, traffic mitigation, land use, zoning ordinances, and the comprehensive plan.

Not every candidate for chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors possesses this essential experience. I do.

More importantly, I am personally committed to ensure the people of our community have the resources necessary to move forward with confidence.

**A. Will Radle, Jr. (D)**

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

## More Resources For 'Wet Basements'

To the Editor:

In the Sept. 1, 2011 Mt. Vernon Gazette, Mr. [Gerald] Fill offered advice about a critical aspect of post-hurricane recovery for homeowners with recurring wet basement concerns. I agree with his useful comments in general but I suggest that he has omitted another source of knowledgeable assistance for property owners who do not have broad experience in such matters to be able to interpret a range of technically different and costly proposals from contractors.

Many architects in Northern Virginia are very experienced in diagnosing the causes of "wet basements" and other moisture-related problems, and in designing appropriate strategies and solutions. They are also knowledgeable and helpful to property owners in identifying and selecting contractors with the experience and ability to address the specific areas of concern.

The Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (located in Alexandria at 205 S. Patrick St.) can assist homeowners connect with architects able to provide this service.

**Richard Bierce**  
Alexandria



## Perennial Stream?

To the Editor:

As the process for establishing an interim use off-leash dog area (OLDA) at Westgrove Park moves along at glacial speed, one issue remains unresolved. Fairfax County designated a water-conveying depression running through the park as a "perennial stream." The impact of this decision is that a resource protection area (RPA) is designated 100 feet to either side of the depression. This alleged RPA intrudes into the area where OLDA proponents want to locate the OLDA. If, in fact, the depression is not a perennial stream, the alleged RPA would not exist.

The county's website says the following: "Believe it or not, there is no consistent definition of a perennial stream. Basically, perennial streams carry flowing water continuously throughout the year, regardless of weather conditions. The streambed of these systems lies below the groundwater table and is fed by groundwater sources. The systems also receive input from stormwater runoff. Only periods of hydrologic drought, where the water table recedes below the streambed, will cause the channel to be dry. The biology of these systems includes organisms whose life cycles require a fully aquatic environment for a year or more. See link: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/newsletter/perennial1.htm> .

The pictures [above] accompanying this letter demonstrate that

the "depression" is nothing more than a drainage ditch that drains stormwater from Quander Road on down, not a perennial stream. The first picture, taken Aug. 26, 2011 shows the depression bone dry. The second picture taken on September 12, 2011 a few days after over 10 inches of rain shows only a small trickle of water. Clearly, there are no organisms living in the depression. The NOAA drought maps demonstrate that we have not been experiencing drought conditions when the pictures were taken. No surprise there! Designation of the depression as a perennial stream is incorrect and must be changed.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

## Losing Physicians?

To the Editor:

I have been told by a surgeon and a hematologist, who were my doctors, that government red tape and interference has caused them to quit their practice. So I and many others who relied on their services lost quality care of two excellent physicians.

I am concerned that when the Obama Care health law fully kicks in that it will increase health care costs and have an adverse affect on doctor-patient relationships that could cause more doctors to stop practicing. I surely hope not. There is evidence that the health care costs are increasing since the

government has issued 2,500 waivers to organizations and other entities from complying with the health care law because of increased costs. Also, the law establishes a panel to issue regulations for administering health care based on life expectancy and cost. Further, with about 30 million persons expected to be added to the health rolls, a shortage of doctors could be disastrous for the health care delivery to many. More regulations may affect doctor-patient relationships and exacerbate the problem of government red tape and interference.

We must be vigilant to do whatever we can to prevent doctor shortages because of the adverse affect that it will have on all who

need health care. I urge each of you to become familiar with the requirements of the health care law including talking with your doctor to gain first hand knowledge that can help minimize adverse affects on the health care system. Let your congressman and U.S. senators know your views. We must speak up to help ensure that quality health care is available at affordable costs and minimize government red tape and interference with doctor-patient relationships. A person's well being should always be paramount. We can make a difference.

**Frank Medico**  
Mount Vernon

## Shoreline Cleanup Scheduled for Saturday

The Friends of Dyke Marsh, in partnership with the George Washington Memorial Parkway Unit of the U.S. National Park Service, will hold a shoreline cleanup at Belle Haven Park and in the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, Sept. 17, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

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Virginia "Ginny" Bromley, age 26, passed away on Friday,  
September 2nd, 2011 of natural causes at her home in  
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Ginny was born with multiple disabilities September 17th, 1984  
in Orange, CA to Bruce and Linda Bromley.

Ginny and her family moved to Alexandria, VA in 1999, where  
she attended Sandburg Middle School, West Potomac High  
School and graduated from Pulley Career Center in 2006.  
While at Pulley she worked at many different job sites including  
Greenspring Senior Living Community in Springfield, United  
Community Ministries Back Porch thrift store, the Martha  
Washington Library, Kaiser Permanente Springfield Medical  
Center, and the Best Western Mount Vernon Hotel.

Ginny was an active member of the disabled community in  
Fairfax County. She participated in Edies' Club, the Optimus  
Club Fun Bunch Bowling league, and in the Special Olympics.  
After graduation, Ginny was thrilled to work at the Service  
Source center on Edsall Road in Alexandria where she met  
many dear friends including her longtime boyfriend Robert  
Nash. She became a resident of a group home run by the  
Hartwood Foundation in September 2010.

Ginny's interests included playing computer games, talking to  
her friends on the phone, listening to music, and visiting with  
friends and family. She enjoyed traveling with her family both  
domestically and abroad.

Ginny is survived by her loving parents, Bruce and Linda  
Bromley; her twin sister, Elizabeth Bromley-Vogel and her  
husband, Warren; her maternal grandmother, Louise Buechley;  
and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Everyone who knew Ginny will miss her innocence and sense of  
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## MILITARY NOTES

**Navy Reserve Seaman Recruit Paula A. Farmer**, daughter of Carolyn Williams of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. During the eight-week program, Farmer completed a variety of training that included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety.

**Navy Reserve Seaman Recruit Phubest Thanunyanon**, son of Chanattha and stepson of Anthony W. Kirk of Alexandria, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Thanunyanon is a 2008 graduate of Robert E. Lee High School of Springfield.

**Air Force Airman Jocelyn A. Settles** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Gregory Settles of Benjamin Court, Clinton, Md. Her mother-in-law, Carol Glover, resides on N. Pelham St., Alexandria. Settles is a 2002 graduate of Suitland High School, Forestville, Md.

**Air Force Airman Miguel Valdez** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Miguel and Helen Valdez of Blue Heron Terrace, Sterling. Valdez is a 2005 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, Alexandria.

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The Fife and Drum Corp signals the troops to fall in for the march.

**The March to Yorktown**

In September of 1781, while the American and French troops traveled by boat from Baltimore to the James River, General George Washington, and Comte de Rochambeau rode by land to Mount Vernon. Washington and Rochambeau rejoined their troops, almost 19,000, outside of Yorktown where they laid siege to the town and the British troops under the command of Lt. General Lord Cornwallis on Sept. 28, 1781.

Comte de Grasse commanding the French fleet in the West Indies sailed up to the Chesapeake Bay to assist in the siege and station a blockade with 29 warships. Cornwallis surrendered on Oct. 19, 1781. Reenactors arriving Thursday, Sept. 8, and Friday, Sept. 9, set up camp in the west field at Mount Vernon and performed military drills and demonstrations for visitors throughout the weekend.

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The American scouts take aim to fire.



Spectators watch from a safe distance as the cannons and muskets are fired.