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Blessing of Pets



Bob Blair brought in a box of some of his most recent Box Turtle hatchlings to be blessed.



Sara Thompson talks to Culotte and Lobo, two double yellow headed Amazon parrots.



Pat Rowell strokes Bess, her dog whom she adopted from the shelter.



At St. James' Episcopal Church's celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Gilly gets a blessing from Rector Ruth Walsh as Peg Iber watches on Sunday, Oct. 2.



Allison Jones's Patton, a French bulldog, listens as St. James' Rector Ruth Walsh begins the Litany for Animals.



Marsalla Magruder's dog Winston.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/
THE GAZETTE

Elected Officials Rally To Save Pavilions

National Park Service to "start all over again."

BY ED SIMMONS, JR.
THE GAZETTE

Fort Hunt Park's picnic pavilions may not be doomed after all now that the National Park Service has stated it's heeding a public outcry to save them.

"I believe," said U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly on Monday, "that the National Park Service has expressed a willingness to start all over again. It's very clear that the community doesn't support tearing down the pavilions. I'm hope-

ful this time the National Park Service will get it right and respect the wishes of the community and local elected officials."

The furor began at a public meeting Sept. 21 held at Fort Hunt Park when officials of the National Park Service proposed tearing down four of the park's five picnic pavilions and building a visitors center focused on the park's history, particularly its use in World War II as an interrogation center for Axis POWs. Attending residents were appalled.

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The Politics of Revitalization

Frederick hopes to make Route 1 a wedge issue against Puller.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Candidates have been talking about revitalizing the Route 1 corridor for a generation, and yet little seems to have been accomplished. The road seems more gridlocked now than it's ever been, and supporters for mixed-use development were crushed when a new Wal-Mart was constructed at King's Crossing. Now, as the November election approaches, revitalization may be emerging as a wedge issue in one of the hottest campaigns in Northern Virginia.

Republican challenger Jeff Frederick is hoping to make the



Puller



Frederick

lack of progress along the corridor a wedge issue, blaming state Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36) for the lack of action. In an interview this week, Puller shot back that Frederick is an ineffective leader who doesn't understand the pro-

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Jennifer Mills tries pinning up the flap of a tent to allow shoppers to pass through more easily during the rainy morning.



Michele Wise of Island Foot displays a number of her custom-designed shoes and sandals at the fair.



Melody Moore and one of her "Delectable Illuminations" dessert candles.



Gianna Varca shows a few of her custom-made Bottle Cap magnets.

Exploring Belle View Arts And Craft Fair



"Ruby and Baby" author Mary Jane O'Loughlin.

Saturday's rainfall did not keep the artisans or visitors away from the annual fair at Belle View. Local craftspeople, artisans and authors set up tents and warmed themselves with warm drinks and lively conversation. The fair will be held again this fall on Oct. 15 in the commons area.

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THE GAZETTE



Seamstress and instructor Kendra Miller of Sew Creatively Mine Studio displays one of her custom designed shoulder bags.



Bonnie J. Cote moves a few of her hand-made God's Eye's closer into the center of the tent to keep them out of the rain.

A new book "Ruby and Baby" by local author Mary Jane O'Loughlin, a story of an African elephant and a cat living in River Towers is now on sale. For more information visit www.rubyandbaby.com



CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon police department through Sept. 30.

ROBBERY

A man robbed a woman at knifepoint in the 7800 block of Belford Drive around 12:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 23. The suspect stole the victim's purse. He was described as black, between 20 and 30 years old, about 5 feet 3 inches tall and 170 pounds, with a muscular build. He had a bald head and was wearing a black hoodie and blue jeans. The victim did not require medical attention.

BURGLARY/ ARREST

Police arrested a man for burglarizing the Sport Zone

store, located at 7704 Richmond Highway, just before midnight on Wednesday, Sept. 28. A 39-year-old male of the 7800 block of Belford Drive in Alexandria was taken to jail and charged with burglary and trespassing.

LARCENIES

1600 block of Belle View Blvd. Cologne stolen from business.
5800 block of Cameron Run Terrace. Radio and cell phone stolen from vehicle.
2800 block of Fairhaven Ave. Jewelry and ironing board stolen from residence.

8200 block of Glyn St. License plate stolen from vehicle.
2400 block of Huntington Park Drive. License plate stolen from vehicle.
3100 block of Lockheed Blvd. Beer stolen from business.
3800 block of Mariposa Place. Bicycle stolen from business.
1800 block of Old Richmond Highway. Tires stolen from vehicle.
Richmond Highway/Old Mill Road. Wallet stolen from vehicle.
5900 block of Richmond Highway. Cash stolen from business.
6000 block of Richmond Highway. Stereo stolen from vehicle.
6000 block of Richmond Highway.

Coffee table stolen from business.
6600 block of Richmond Highway. Cell phone stolen from business.
6600 block of Richmond Highway. Food and beverages stolen from business.
7300 block of Richmond Highway. Camera stolen from business.
7400 block of Richmond Highway. Auto parts stolen from business.
7600 block of Richmond Highway. Computer stolen from vehicle
7700 block of Richmond Highway. iPad stolen from business
7900 block of Richmond Highway. Headphones stolen from business
8200 block of Richmond Highway. Steak stolen from business.

8600 block of Richmond Highway. Wallet stolen from business.
8200 block of Roxbury Drive. iPod, money, stamps, bookbag and identification stolen from vehicle.
3300 block of Southgate Drive. Gold coins stolen from residence.
Telegraph Road/Interstate 95. Construction material stolen from construction site.
VEHICLE THEFTS
7700 block of Condor Court. 1996 Nissan Sentra.
2500 block of Parkers Lane. 2003 Lexus.
3300 block of Southgate Drive. 1992 Honda Civic.

Park Planning Starts Over

FROM PAGE 1

Del. Scott Surovell raised an alarm, notifying Connolly, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, and U.S. Senators Jim Webb and Mark Warner.

Wrote Surovell on his "Dixie Pig" Blog: "I oppose the demolition of the picnic pavilions. Fort Hunt Park is a valued community asset used by thousands of my constituents."

Contacted Oct. 4, Jon James, assistant superintendent at the NPS, said, "What we're going to do is go back and come up with a couple more alternatives that are more balanced in terms of the pavilions." He noted that the deadline for public comments has been extended 30 days to Nov. 6, and that another public meeting will be held, most likely in January.

In a Sept. 28 letter to the NPS, Connolly and Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland addressed the issue of preserving the pavilions while expressing support for the building of an interpretative trail and reducing the nonpermeable paving, which benefits the Chesapeake Bay. They also went beyond park issues to address problems with the Mount Vernon bike path, calling for its widening and eliminating sharp turns.

Surovell said he has so far collected 52 public comments on his blog, running "98 percent opposed to tearing down pavilions." He's going to forward them to the NPS, which has already received over 70 comments.



PHOTO BY ED SIMMONS, JR./THE GAZETTE

The National Park Service is coming up with new alternatives that preserve pavilions.

"I'm happy that the National Park Service has listened to our community," he said by phone Monday, "and I'm hopeful that a new proposal will reflect the input of the Mount Vernon community."

Also commenting, Moran said, "The Park Service should establish the historical center in a way that strives to add value to the park while minimizing loss of its current use."

Meanwhile, state Sen. Toddy Puller questioned the expense.

"I can't imagine the federal government paying money to do whatever they want to do in Fort Hunt Park when they don't have the money to do essential services," she said.

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Jeff Frederick says Toddy Puller hasn't done enough for revitalization; Puller says Frederick doesn't understand the process.



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The Politics of Revitalization

FROM PAGE 1

cess. In the end, voters will have the final say when they head to the polls this fall.

"People may care a lot about abortion or gay rights, but it's not necessarily something that many voters have to deal with on a day-to-day basis," said Kyle Kondik, political analyst with the Virginia Center for Politics. "An issue like Route 1, which is something voters have to deal with every day, could be the kind of thing that resonates with voters."

Frederick is certainly hoping that's the case, mentioning the issue on the campaign trail and including it as part of his message in direct mail to voters in the district. The basic outline of his attack on Puller is she has been ineffective during her time in office, a term that stretches back to her first election in 1999. Frederick says the time for studying the issue has long since passed and that voters in the district deserve action now.

"If you want 20 more years of studies, elect my opponent," Frederick said in an interview this week. "But if you want action, elect me."

WHEN ASKED about the issue, Puller said Frederick didn't understand the issue and that studies are a necessary part of securing funding for transportation improvements. She said she tried to introduce legislation to get a transit study four times before it finally passed the General Assembly, and that her success on the issue was a reason voters should send her back to Richmond. She dismissed Frederick's line of attack on Route 1 as a cynical and misinformed ploy for votes.

"The man served in the House of Delegates for six years and he never introduced any bills about Richmond Highway," said Puller. "Now he's trying to copy me?"

The issue is certainly on the minds of voters in the 36th Senate District, which stretches from Groveton into Prince William County. Things are only going to get more complicated along the Route 1 corridor with the relocation of thousands of new workers to Fort

Belvoir, adding additional strain to the corridor. Both candidates say the additional workers offer an opportunity jumpstart the revitalization process, although they differ on the length of time needed to study the issue.

Some say more studies are needed. "I don't believe that there has ever been a truly comprehensive study integrating transit and land use," said Stewart Schwartz, executive director for the Coalition for Smarter Growth. "We need a bipartisan state and local commitment to smart growth revitalization of Route 1 in Fairfax and Prince William counties."

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— Kyle Kondik, political analyst, Virginia Center for Politics

AT THE HEART of the issue is money — funding for the millions of dollars that will be needed to pay for widening and transit lanes. Frederick says tax revenue from car insurance premiums could be set aside for transportation funding, creating a new stream of revenue that could be allocated based on the level of congestion. He would also support tax incentives for the corridor such a tax abatement program that would al-

low property owners to avoid paying property taxes on improvements for a certain period of time or eliminating the business and professional occupancy license taxes to attract new businesses to the corridor.

"Reagan cut taxes and revenues skyrocketed," said Frederick, who also pointed to tax cuts by John Kennedy and George W. Bush. "You can cut taxes and, in the end, create more revenue."

Puller blasted Frederick's plan to eliminate the BPOL tax as unworkable, describing the money as essential to the operating budget of Fairfax County. She said that she's worked for years to revitalize Route 1, and the transit study that's now being conducted is the final piece in the puzzle. Furthermore, she pointed to an analysis conducted by a business group known as Virginia Free that listed Frederick as one of the commonwealth's least effective legislators.

"He just doesn't understand what he's talking about," said Puller. "The BPOL tax is one of the major sources of revenue for Fairfax County, so we can't just do away with it and expect more money to come rolling in."



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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

ROUTE 1 IMPROVEMENTS AT FORT BELVOIR FAIRFAX COUNTY

Meeting: Wednesday, October 19, 2011; 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM; South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, Virginia, in Room 221.

Purpose: The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), in cooperation with Fairfax County, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), and the U.S. Army Garrison at Fort Belvoir, is continuing studies for improvements to U.S. Route 1 through Fort Belvoir. The limits of the studies are from Telegraph Road to Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Among the components of the study are identification of transportation needs, analysis of alternatives to meet those needs, and analysis of the environmental consequences of those alternatives, all of which will be documented in an Environmental Assessment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act. Public involvement and coordination with local, state, and federal agencies will be ongoing throughout the study. At this stage of the study, citizens will be updated on project activities to date and are invited to provide suggestions and comments on the range of alternatives that are being considered to address transportation needs in this section of the Route 1 corridor. This meeting is an opportunity for interested citizens to meet informally with study team members and discuss ideas, suggestions, and concerns. Informational displays and handouts will be available at the meeting, and there will be a brief presentation at 6:30 PM. Additional project information can be found on FHWA's website: <http://www.efhwa.dot.gov/projects/environment.aspx>. A summary of the public meeting will be posted on the site within two weeks following the meeting.

Comments: Comments or other information relevant to the study may be submitted at the meeting or sent to FHWA's Project Manager, Mr. Jack Van Dop, Federal Highway Administration, Eastern Federal Lands Highway Division, 21400 Ridgeway Circle, Sterling, VA 20166 by the end of the business day on **October 31, 2011**. Comments also may be submitted via e-mail to: Jack.VanDop@dot.gov.

Special Assistance: If you require additional information or special assistance to attend and participate in this meeting, please call Parsons Transportation Group at 202-469-6481.



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HOME SALES

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This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$8,260,000-\$445,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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8292 GLEN COVE CT	4	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$795,000	Detached	0.27	22308	COLLINGWOOD ESTATES
7504 PARK TERRACE DR	6	5	3		ALEXANDRIA	\$760,000	Detached	0.61	22307	WELLINGTON HEIGHTS
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7413 PARK TERRACE DR	7	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Detached	0.51	22307	VILLAMAY
1906 JOLIETTE CT	4	4	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.27	22307	HOLLIN GLEN
828 NEAL DR	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$688,000	Detached	0.25	22308	COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC
8520 CYRUS PL	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$686,000	Detached	0.38	22308	WAYNEWOOD
2208 BASSET ST	6	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$670,000	Detached	0.42	22308	STRAITFORD LANDING
8601 COTSWOLD CT	5	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$653,000	Detached	0.29	22308	STRAITFORD
1217 PRISCILLA LN	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$635,000	Detached	0.24	22308	WAYNEWOOD
7317 STAFFORD RD	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Detached	0.32	22307	HOLLIN HILLS
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2220 WILLIAM AND MARY DR	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Detached	0.65	22308	WILLIAMSBURG MANOR
7404 RANGE RD	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$599,000	Detached	0.35	22306	HOLLIN MEADOWS
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9223 CRAIG AVE	5	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$569,901	Detached	0.34	22309	MT VERNON GROVE
8409 MOREY LN	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$568,000	Detached	0.37	22308	COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC
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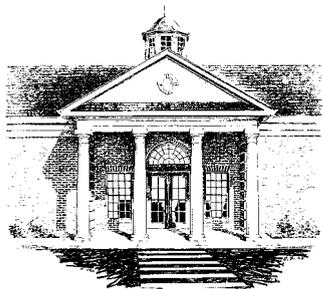
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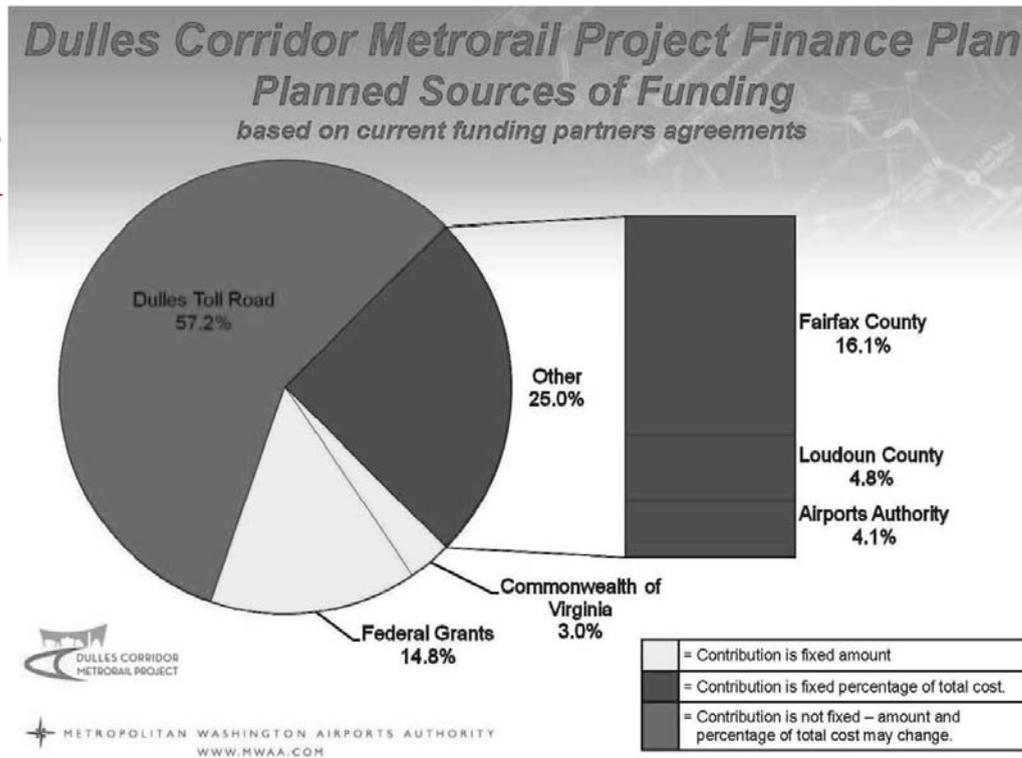
The Greenway in Loudoun leads to the Dulles Toll Road to Beltway HOT Lanes to Interstate 95 Corridor HOT Lanes. In each case, a driver would theoretically have an alternative, Route 7 along the Greenway and Dulles Toll Road, the regular lanes of Interstates 495 and 95.

But recent vitriol about tolls on the Dulles Toll Road is misplaced. This is one more example of the Commonwealth of Virginia feeding on revenues from the economic vitality of Northern Virginia, then forcing Northern Virginia residents to pay for the infrastructure of that economic activity out of local funds and personal pockets.

The Virginia Department of Aviation report in August attributes \$17.5 billion in annual economic activity in Virginia to Dulles International (IAD) and Ronald Reagan National airports, with Dulles providing the majority of that.

The Commonwealth collects most of the tax revenue that results from this activity, but pays only 3 percent of the \$6.2 billion cost of rail to Dulles. This will force more than 80 percent of the costs of building rail to Dulles to local drivers and property owners.

Having major airports adequately served by rail and other transportation options is more



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than an amenity, it is part of sustaining the economic benefit that comes from major airports. The question is not whether we should be building rail to Dulles, but about who benefits and who pays.

So yes, it makes sense to pressure MWAA to proceed to make cost-effective decisions. Yes, it is maddening that tolls could climb to the point of pushing drivers off the Toll Road and onto Route 7.

But when you hear that the state wrapped up last fiscal year with a surplus, you can realize one more time that Northern Virginia residents are paying for the Commonwealth's prosperity coming and going. No relief is in sight. The state collects the income tax from the good jobs generated here in Northern Virginia by the airports, by the high tech firms, by the business innovators, by proximity to the Pentagon

and the federal government.

The current funding structure for rail to Dulles, based on a projected total project cost of \$6.2 billion, is:

- ♦ Fairfax County, Loudoun County and Airports Authority contribution, 25 percent (Fairfax County pays most of this, 16 percent)

- ♦ Federal contribution, 14.8 percent, based on a fixed grant for Phase 1 of \$900 million.

- ♦ The Commonwealth contribution, 3 percent, which is based upon a fixed contribution of \$275 million.

- ♦ Dulles Toll Road contribution, more than 57 percent, provides the remaining amount.

And drivers beware, HOT Lanes ahead.

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Resolving Issues In Two Parks

To the Editor:

Holy Toledo! I can't believe the issue of "dogs," i.e., an "interim" Off-Leash Dog Area for Westgrove Park, is still a local issue. That word "interim" sounds very suspicious (reference the Sept. 29 Gazette). After enjoying an outstanding visit during most of August in Bavaria, primarily a place I believe is heaven on earth specifically "Berchtesgaden," I would have never guessed that the issue would still be alive and kicking. It seems to me that the Mount Vernon area has more critical issues to address, such as people going hungry along the Route 1 corridor, families losing their homes due to foreclosures, unemployment, etc., etc.

Also in the same issue of Sept. 29 of the Gazette was an interesting and informative letter by Mr. Surovell. He is absolutely correct in his recognition of Fort Hunt being a "jewel" (my

designation) historically. Many of us, including my family, have wrongly considered the park as a county park. Yes, we did enjoy our family picnics, bicycle riding, Cub Scout outings, etc. But it is truly a national park. If emphasize if, the local county supervisors would recognize the potential for developing Fort Hunt Park into a national historic site and cooperate with the National Park Service, the park would become a national tourist attraction. It is off of the parkway and would cause little, if any, traffic in the local vicinity.

In respect to losing picnic grounds (for local residents) in Fort Hunt Park due to any actions by the National Park Service to develop the "historical" aspects of the park, I would suggest in lieu of giving Westgrove park to the "dogs," why don't we develop and give the park to the people of the Mount Vernon area to use for picnics, family gatherings, etc.? Such actions would appear reasonable and prudent and make excellent use of both sites.

Melvin R. Bielawski

Parks Are For the Living

To the Editor:

It is wonderful that the National Park Service is planning on opening an interpretative center at the Ft. Hunt park site, in which the park's history — including Indian settlement activity and the WW2 POW-intelligence gathering activities — will be "brought to life" for visitors. I do not think this laudable mission needs to be at odds with retaining the existing picnic-facilities. The park's picnic facilities bring in more — and more diverse kinds of — people to the park than might normally even consider coming to a park that (under current NPS proposals) would primarily be a park essentially geared to "history buffs."

The park's current users are a diverse lot: Area Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops regularly use that park's picnic facilities — for ac

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tivities ranging from “field days” to Eagle Scout ceremonies. Other frequent users include family reunions/celebration; church and corporate groups; state societies; as well as class reunion and graduation groups (from kindergarten to college). As far as I know, picnickers have been for the most part respectful of the park’s rules and property. Picnic-facility users represent people of all ages and all socioeconomic backgrounds. By retaining this wonderful “diverse, peaceful-user” aspect of the park, it would be a great way to ensure that the park’s history and amenities are made available to the broadest possible audience. As such, the picnic facilities can be seen as a rather effective “loss leader” for the park — yes, it’s more work for the park service, but it brings in many people who may otherwise never know of its remarkable history and lovely setting. It should not be too difficult to combine some historic interpretation of the Indian settlement and POW activities with the existent picnic facilities — especially since there are currently no existing (remaining) structures from these time periods.

Finally, this park has become a democratizing, regional fixture. It represents for many people the one big, wide-open green space in which people can congregate joyfully, safely and rather freely. I would appeal to the NPS to please keep all of the park’s picnic facilities open and to please put up as many interpretative signs and information around these sites, as necessary, to inform all the people who attend various events there, of its unique and very interesting history. Ft. Hunt Park can become a benchmark for other National Park sites that feature a unique history — effectively combining the needs of the living with the great and important need to preserve and elucidate on what is significant and interesting from our past.

Andrée Dumermuth-Madison
Mt. Vernon

Balanced Approach

To the Editor:

I am a weekly visitor and facility user at Ft Hunt Park. I support the development of passive interpretive displays and access to historic elements of the grounds. I support shared use of the existing roads for auto, bicycling, and pedestrian use. I support reopening of the currently closed road circuit.

I support retention and renovation/upgrading to the public restroom facilities; preferably as they are currently located instead of one centralized facility. I support the presence of pets, namely dogs. I support the introduction of an off-leash dog area that is open for interaction and play, including mown lawn fields and woodlands.

I do not support the introduction of a small fenced-in sod-less enclosure for that purpose. I support retention of the newly constructed picnic pavilions, and the retention of open play fields that may be used for ball games, soccer, and any other form of field activity. I do not support the loss of any existing facilities in the interest of replacing them with an interpretive walk or pathway system.

I support the use of the existing wood frame residential house as a visitor center. I support the repair and maintenance of the existing woodland paths, without further expansion or disruption of the woodlands. I do not support the removal of existing roads or the interruption of the roadway loop as a shared use. I do not support the creation of a new perimeter pedestrian/bike path that would interfere with neighboring land uses, and thus promote conflicts between neighboring residents and park users. I support the park rangers being less aggressive in their patrolling of the park and their intimidation of dog owners. I do not support the development of the park as an outlet for park ranger interpretation activities and further advancing their police-like tactics.

I support the use of the park as a public national resource located within an established, historic residential community; one that does not need to become a national public attraction just because it is owned by the federal government. This is a community-oriented facility that should recognize its historic basis and should celebrate that legacy without harm to daily users who are not only its primary visitor/user group, but also its greatest protector, whether the park service wishes to acknowledge that fact or not. Any overpowering change to the park will result in a negative backlash from a surprisingly diverse user population that has been dedicated to the continuity of the park for many generations. This park should be enhanced for its current uses, and not become a theme park opportunity for bureaucratic national interests.

Therefore, I do not support any of the proposed Alternatives, and

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I am aggressively opposed to the preferred alternative. Any successful new plan must be responsive to sustaining passive non ranger-related activities, multiple uses, dogs, ball fields, and all other forms of active uses, and not be focused on the mummification of the site as an archaeological, ranger-oriented, theme park. I believe the historic, environmental, and cultural interests of the park service, and its need to perform its duty as stewards of the land, can be pursued in a more thoughtful, balanced, open-minded approach without harm to eagle habitats, historic artifacts, neighborhood and community resident users, ball players, kite fliers, dog walkers, bicyclists, and picnickers; while continuing to preserve and enhance our national population's linkage to their cultural heritage and greater understanding of our heritage as it exists within this unique site.

Mark X. LaPierre, ASLA
Hollin Hills

Double Standard

To the Editor:

Martin Tillett's personal attack against me in his letter in last week's Gazette is merely an exhibition of his frustration at the lack of credibility of his personal observations leading to his non-scientific conclusion that the drainage ditch in Westgrove Park is a perennial stream. What is Tillett's evidence? His evidence consists of his periodic visits to a park across the street from Westgrove Park without regard to the County requirement (grounded in science) that such observations occur when drought maps published by the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) say drought conditions don't exist. County records demonstrate that's exactly where County employees made their single observation that resulted in the perennial stream designation in the first place (although County employees at least consulted the drought maps prior to making their one observation). They never set foot in Westgrove Park. This is to be contrasted with the multiple observations required to remove the perennial stream designation. Quite a double standard.

Describing my comments as "propaganda" is truly inaccurate, particularly since my letters have been accompanied by photographic evidence and references to (1) the NOAA maps, (2) the exact

actions of County employees in designating the drainage ditch a perennial stream and (3) the exact County procedure for removing that designation. Facts are not propaganda. Tillett also alleges that his disagreement with me is "political." The truth is that Mr. Tillett is frustrated because he and his fellow anti-development zealots used to have the civic playing field to themselves. Now that other voices are being heard, imposing his extreme views on the community has become hard work.

The best evidence that the drainage ditch at Westgrove Park isn't a perennial stream accompanied Mary Tracy's letter in last week's Gazette. She provided a photo of ivy and other non-aquatic plants growing, in fact thriving, in the bed of the ditch. One need not have been a science teacher to know that such plant life can't exist in a perennial stream. The Virginia field indicators used to score possible perennial streams found at the following link give no score whatsoever for non-aquatic plants such as those found in the Westgrove Park drainage ditch. http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/stormwater_management/documents/Field_Datasheet_03.pdf Case closed.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

'Eyeball' Evidence

To the Editor:

Streams feeding into Chesapeake Bay are protected by sound scientific and legal regimens to shield them from contamination. An extensive, science-based process defines which streams should be protected. A comprehensive legal framework ensures that development avoids these streams. But

an organized group of citizens demanding an interim use of an off leash dog area or OLDA wish to see this protection removed using only "eyeball" evidence. We should all be greatly concerned about this lack of parity and its potential consequences for the bay.

The Chesapeake Bay's value to our region is well known, but this precious jewel is in peril. The Menhaden fishery is near collapse. Oyster harvests are about 1 percent of historic levels. Aquatic grasses cover less than half their historic area. And dead zones with oxygen choked out of the water are now common in this once great ecosystem.

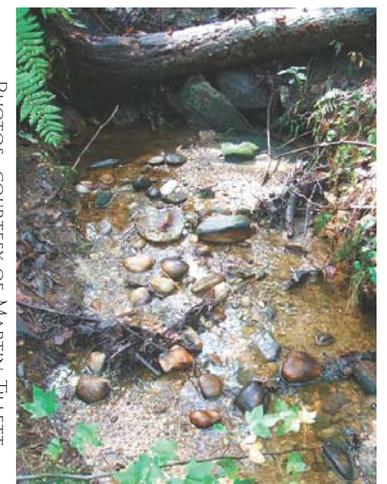
Twenty-five years ago, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency attributed the bay's decline primarily to contaminated suburban and agricultural runoff. This peril has not abated. Impervious surfaces in overdeveloped regions like Fairfax County rapidly shunt dirty water into streams. Streamside vegetation, once removed, can no longer filter runoff. The lesson learned is that the best way to protect the bay is to protect headwater perennial streams throughout the watershed.

Virginia took heed by participating in the historic interstate Chesapeake Bay agreement and requiring tidewater counties to identify environmentally sensitive buffer areas along perennial waterways, which cannot be disturbed by development. Fairfax County uses an exceptionally robust protocol to identify which streams to protect, relying on 26 hydrological, physical and biological characteristics that decades of scientific inquiry have shown mark the critical features of a perennial stream. The reason for this multi-faceted analysis is that water moves through the sediments of a streambed even when it is not visible.

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Spring seeping out of the hillside in Mount Vernon District Park about 100 yards below the park entrance at Dartmouth Drive.



Perennial stream about 100 yards below the spring near Dartmouth Drive that flows into Westgrove Park.

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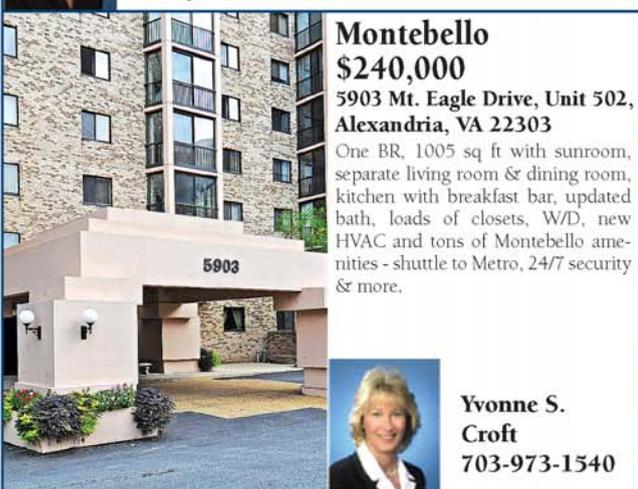
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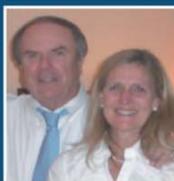
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The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra opens its season-long celebration of "The Music of Dreams" with its first concert, "An Altered State" this weekend, Oct. 8-9. I'm very excited about our thrilling series of concerts and its historic line-up of guest artists — true living legends.

Music and dreams seem to come from the same place in our subconscious and the hidden places of the human mind. The ASO's exploration of this potent combination will feature music ranging from the blissfully tranquil to the electrifying. These masterpieces profoundly affected the composers who created them, and their magic continues to haunt us today.

The complexities and nuances of "The Music of Dreams" requires music-making of extraordinary sensitivity and panache — we are lucky to have guest artists this season who are renowned for those qualities. The opening weekend concerts will feature the Turtle Island Quartet, which has delighted the world with its fresh and rejuvenating approach to programming and performance. The title of the first piece of their



Music Director Kim Allen Kluge

set illustrates their playful and joyful spirit — "Little Mouse Jumps." I am extremely proud that the second piece in their set — "Force of Nature" — will receive its world premiere with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra.

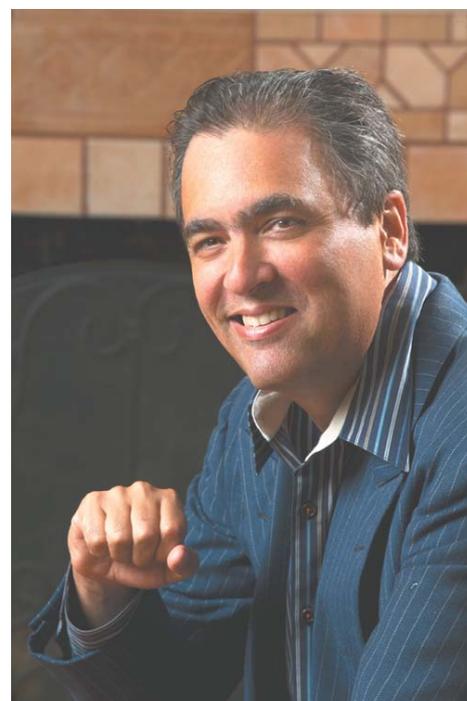
The Turtle Island Quartet knows how to mine the power of the subconscious and dreams through the mixing of ideas that are not always apparent on the surface of our consciousness; yet they constantly delight us with their sense of wonder and revelation. Their world premiere performance of "Force of Nature" will give us all the thrill of being a part of the excitement of discovering new and fresh music ... and music that relishes in a sense of fun and play!

"An Altered State" concludes with Berlioz's "Symphonie Fantastique," arguably the most famous example of music within the realm of dreams. Berlioz provided us with a storyline that utterly shocked the early 19th century and still has the power to shock today. I don't want to spoil the surprise for those of you who are new to this astonishing piece — it is still able to get under my skin and leave me rattled!

Please join the Turtle Island Quartet and the musicians of the Alexandria Symphony on Oct. 8 and 9 for our "Music of Dreams" grand opening. We hope you will experience the entire season featuring the legendary violinist Midori, clarinetist Richard Stoltzman, organist David Brock and pianists Thomas Mastroianni and Carlos Rodríguez. Together we are the music makers, the dreamers of dreams ...

See you at the concert!

KIM ALLEN KLUGE
Music Director
Alexandria Symphony Orchestra
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The Alexandria Symphony is gearing up for a "fantastique" opening weekend featuring Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique and performances by David Balakrishnan (above) and Mark Summer of the Turtle Island Quartet.

The cool fall weather signals the start of a new season of music by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Entitled "Music of Dreams," the 2011-2012 season, led by Maestro Kim Allen Kluge, will begin on Oct. 8-9 with the world premiere of David Balakrishnan's Force of Nature, performed on cello by the composer's fellow Turtle Island Quartet member Mark Summer. Balakrishnan will perform violin on another of his original compositions, Little Mouse Jumps. Other performers this season include Thomas Mastroianni performing Liszt's transcription of Schubert's Wanderer Fantasy on Nov. 5; Richard Stoltzman on Mozart's Clarinet Concerto Feb. 11-12, and Carlos Rodríguez rounding out the season on May 19 with a performance of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto No. 2.

Repertoire highlights throughout the year include Berlioz's Symphonie fantastique; Symphony No. 3, Organ by Saint-Saëns; Mozart's Requiem; Stravinsky's Firebird Suite; and The Planets by Holst.

ASO's "Music of Dreams" season will include the return of violinist Midori, who most recently appeared with the orchestra in 2006. In addition to performing Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto on March 31 and April 1, she will also spend the week of March 26 in the high schools of Alexandria and Arlington as part her Orchestra Residencies Program. The ASO was one of two orchestras in the United States personally selected by Midori and her staff for this honor in 2012.

The ASO will also bring back several of its other annual events in 2011-2012: the Children's Holiday Concert at St. Paul's in Old Town, Alexandria and the Children's Arts Festival in spring of 2012. As in past seasons, the Symphony will continue with its \$5 youth tickets to all concerts.

All classical subscription concerts will take place at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Parking is free to all ASO patrons. For more information, visit alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885.

2011-2012 Season

Saturday, Oct. 8, 8 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 9, 3 p.m.

Kim Allen Kluge, conductor
David Balakrishnan, violin and Mark Summer, cello, members of the Turtle Island Quartet
Balakrishnan: Little Mouse Jumps
David Balakrishnan, violin
Balakrishnan: Force of Nature*
Mark Summer, cello
Berlioz: Symphonie fantastique
*world premiere

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Kim Allen Kluge, conductor
Thomas Mastroianni, piano
Schubert/Liszt: Wanderer Fantasy
Thomas Mastroianni, piano
Saint-Saëns, Symphony No. 3 in C minor, "Organ"

ASO, Richard Stoltzman, and Mozart's Requiem

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 12, 2012, 3 p.m.
Kim Allen Kluge, conductor
Richard Stoltzman, clarinet
Alexandria Choral Society
Metropolitan Chorus
Mozart: Clarinet Concerto
Richard Stoltzman, clarinet
Mozart: Requiem

Midori with the Alexandria Symphony

Saturday, March 31, 2012, 8 p.m.
Sunday, April 1, 2012, 3 p.m.
Kim Allen Kluge, conductor
Midori, violin
Mendelssohn: Concerto for Violin
Midori, violin
Stravinsky: Firebird Suite

Alexandria Symphony presents The Planets

Saturday, May 19, 2012, 8 p.m.
Kim Allen Kluge, conductor
Carlos Rodríguez, piano
Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 2
Carlos Rodríguez, piano
Holst: The Planets

ENTERTAINMENT

NOW THROUGH OCT. 30

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

NOW THROUGH OCT. 31

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

Art Show and Sale. Sponsored by the Springfield Art Guild and the Friends of Green Spring Park. Opening reception is Sunday, Sept. 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

Kaleidoscope. An initiative of the Alexandria Arts Forum and Access through the Arts, focusing on visual and performing arts in Alexandria from Labor Day to Halloween. Enjoy theater, music and dance performances as well as art exhibitions at locations throughout the city. Dates and admission prices vary. www.ArtsKaleidoscope.com or www.ArtsEventsAlexandria.com

NOW THROUGH 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.

NOW THROUGH DEC. 19

Tavern Toddlers. Mondays between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Cost is \$7/group of three. A five-visit pass is \$30. A weekly open playtime and a new craft activity each week. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

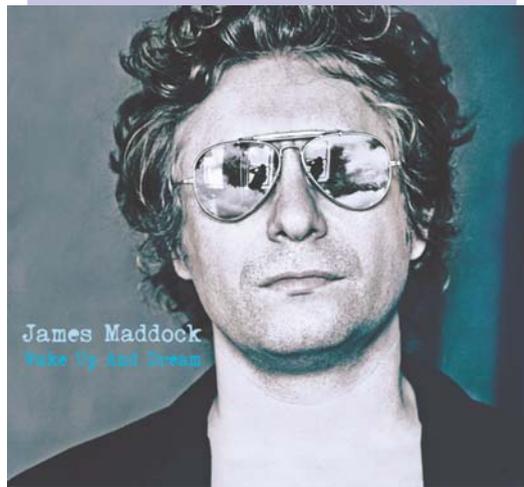
THURSDAY/OCT. 6

Mask Making Workshop and Lecture. 6 to 8:30 p.m. Free. In collaboration with the Mental Health anti-Stigma HOPE Campaign's exhibit, Art Uniting People: A Celebration of Creativity and Mental Health. At the Torpedo Factory in Old Town Alexandria.

Life Line Screening. Get screened for strokes, bone density. Packages start at \$139. At First Assembly of God, 700 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 7

"A Most Unlikely Hero" Film. (2003). 7 p.m. The story of Captain Bruce Yamashita's courageous and inspiring battle against racism and discrimination in the United States Marine Corps. At Mount Vernon



James Maddock
Wake Up and Dream

SUNDAY/OCT. 9

Musician James Maddock. Will be appearing at the Birchmere in support of the Spin Doctors on their Pocket Full of Kryptonite 20th Anniversary Tour.

Unitarian Church, Hollin Hall Fireplace Room, 1901 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-721-0595 or gpourchot@yahoo.com.

Book Launch. 7 p.m. The Hidden History of Alexandria, D.C., by Michael Lee Pope. How did Alexandria end up as part of the District of Columbia? What went wrong, and why did it leave? Find out as author Michael Lee Pope reveals the "Hidden History of Alexandria, D.C." at the historic Athenaeum. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. nvfaa@nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

SATURDAY/OCT. 8

Alexandria Arts Safari. Noon to 4 p.m. Free. Hands-on arts and crafts

activities for children. Children will enjoy the Clay Experience, Arts Safari Painting, Fabric Collage, Origami Art, Giant Paper-Mache Animal, and more. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Slave Memorial Commemoration. 11 a.m. The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association joins Black Women United for Action to honor the slaves who lived at Mount Vernon with a program and wreathlaying ceremony. The event features dramatic readings, African drumming and uplifting music in recognition of the slaves' sacrifices and contributions to the early formation of this nation. At Historic Mount Vernon. **"From Florida to Coahuila."** 4:30 p.m. Part of Movies with a Mission Series. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 or visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

Big Sale. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Habitat for Humanity's ReStore and the Washington Metro Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers are hosting their fourth annual Big Sale at the ReStore, 7770 Richmond Highway, (behind Gold's Gym) Alexandria (5 miles outside Beltway on Route 1 South). Designer donated items for sale include wall hangings, fabrics, trim, cabinets, blinds, shades, architectural details, countertops, tile, curtain rods, light fixtures, furniture and much more. All proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity. Contact Joann Manzek, ASID at 703-731-4968.

OCT. 8 TO 9

West End Art & Wine Festival.

Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cameron Station and Ben Brenman Park are transformed into a destination event featuring more than 90 juried artists; 25 crafters; a "Taste of the West End" teasing the taste buds with culinary delights from 15 ethnic restaurants; a wine garden featuring award-winning DelFosse Vineyards and Winery; captivating local entertainment; children's activities and sponsor booths. Admission: art festival - free; wine garden - \$5. Call 703-751-6455 or visit www.westendartandwinefestival.com.

Northern Virginia Handcrafters Guild Fall Festival. Admission is \$3. Some 60 juried artisans and crafters will be on hand to show and sell their works. Saturday, Oct. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3. At Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, Gymnasium, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Samples of their work can be seen at www.nvhg.org.

Turtle Island Quartet with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. With Kim Allen Kluge, conductor. Featuring David Balakrishnan, violin and Mark Summer, cello, members of the Turtle Island Quartet. Tickets are \$35/adult; \$30/seniors; \$10/students; \$5/youth. Join Colleen Fay for a free preconcert chat one hour prior to each performance in the Concert Hall. Free parking. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

THROUGH OCT. 9

Jamestown Settlement Ship Godspeed. Free. The Godspeed, a recreation of one of the three ships that brought America's first permanent English colonists to Virginia in 1607, will host public tours. The ship will be docked in Alexandria City Marina on Oct. 4-7, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Oct. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. At Alexandria City Marina adjacent to Founders Park near North Union and Queen streets. Visit www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com.

SUNDAY/OCT. 9

Bach Vespers. 5 p.m. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4766 or visit www.wpc-alex.org.

The Spin Doctors with James Maddock. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 11

Christine and David Hagan. 7:30 p.m. NOVA Community Chorus Benefit Recital. Music for one piano, four hands: Brahms, Respighi, Milhaud, Gershwin and Jonathan Kolm. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, NVCC Alexandria Campus, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-845-6097.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 12

George Washington Lecture. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12/\$10. Dr. Peter Henriques, Professor Emeritus of History from George Mason University, presents "The Man in the Middle: Washington's Relationship with the Marquis de Lafayette and Gouverneur Morris." At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or www.gadsbystavern.org.

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

OCT. 12 TO 15

Fall Book Sale. Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. (Friends Preview

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HISTORY

Don't Miss Virginia Archaeology Month

Throughout October, the Alexandria Archaeology Museum will be offering several programs in conjunction with Virginia Archaeology Month. This year's statewide theme is "Between the Battles: The Life of a Civil War Soldier," and many of Alexandria's activities will explore the Civil War. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

SATURDAY, OCT. 1, 10 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

"Bipoints Before Clovis" Lecture. Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, #327. Kick off Virginia Archaeology Month with this free illustrated lecture on the history of bipoint technology. Author and archaeologist William Jack Hranicky will discuss the bipoint knife, which has sharp points at both ends, and why it is one of the oldest technologies among Homo sapiens. According to Hranicky, bipoints date back about 25,000 years, predating the Clovis culture. He will also discuss the Cinmar bipoint and the Virginia Norfolk bipoint. Sponsored by the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology (FOAA).

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 5, 7:30 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

"A Visual Tour of Civil War Alexandria" Lecture. The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. See what Alexandria looked like during the Civil War through the eyes of photographers who documented it! Wally Owen, Assistant Director of Fort Ward Museum and co-author of *Mr. Lincoln's Forts: A Guide to the Civil War Defenses of Washington*, will present an illustrated lecture featuring 3-D images and rare photographs, including many that have never been published. Tickets are \$10 per person and advance reservations are required. Call 703-746-4994.

SATURDAY, OCT. 8, NOON TO 4 P.M.

Arts Safari & Museum Open House. Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, #327. The Torpedo Factory Art Center hosts its annual Alexandria Arts Safari, a festival of hands-on arts and crafts activities for kids and their families. The Potter's Art activity presented in the Alexandria Archaeology Museum is designed for kids of all ages. Learn to identify 19th-century Alexandria potters from the designs applied to salt-glazed stoneware pottery, and create your own take-home drawing at this free family event.

SATURDAY, OCT. 22, 1:30 P.M. TO 3 P.M.

Archaeology Day at Shuter's Hill Site. Grounds of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Archaeologists from Alexandria, Mount Vernon, and Fairfax County will offer site tours and hands-on archaeology fun at Shuter's Hill, once home to an 18th-century plantation and a later estate occupied by Union troops. Find out what discoveries archaeologists have made this year before the site is closed for the season. This event is free but reservations are required, so call 703-746-4399.

THURSDAY, OCT. 27, 6:30 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

Auction and Reception to Benefit Freedmen's Record Book. Principle Gallery, 208 King Street. Join Alexandria Archaeology at this benefit event to support the Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial and the historic book of records linked to the cemetery. Proceeds from this reception and silent auction will support the restoration of the original book listing marriages and deaths of hundreds of African Americans who came to Alexandria seeking refuge during and after the Civil War. The extremely fragile book is at the Library of Virginia and must be completely unbound, cleaned, stabilized, and rebound, a process that is estimated to cost more than \$1,500. This volume is the only source of the names of the people buried at Freedmen's Cemetery, names that will appear on the Memorial. Minimum suggested donation to attend the reception is \$10.

SATURDAY, OCT. 29, 10 A.M. TO 11 A.M.

"Historic Alexandria" Lecture and Book Signing. Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union Street, #327. Author, historian, and member of the Alexandria Archaeological Commission Ted Pulliam will explore key events and people that make up the Alexandria story, with a special focus on the Civil War. Ted's lecture will be based on his new book, *Historic Alexandria: An Illustrated History*, which will be available for purchase and signing following the free lecture. Sponsored by the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology (FOAA).

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In addition to the above events, at the Archaeology Museum each Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., explore the Civil War in Alexandria with "Civil War Sundays": a free showcase of an original, May 26, 1861, edition of the New-York Tribune detailing Colonel Elmer Ellsworth's death in Alexandria, a Peeps diorama illustrating Ellsworth's death, a TimeTravelers Passport exhibit featuring the Civil War drummer boy, diorama of a heating system constructed in Alexandria to warm Civil War hospital tents during the winter of 1861, a cocked and loaded Wickham musket discarded in a privy during the 1860s, and an exhibit on the Lee Street Site during the Civil War.

For more information, visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org.



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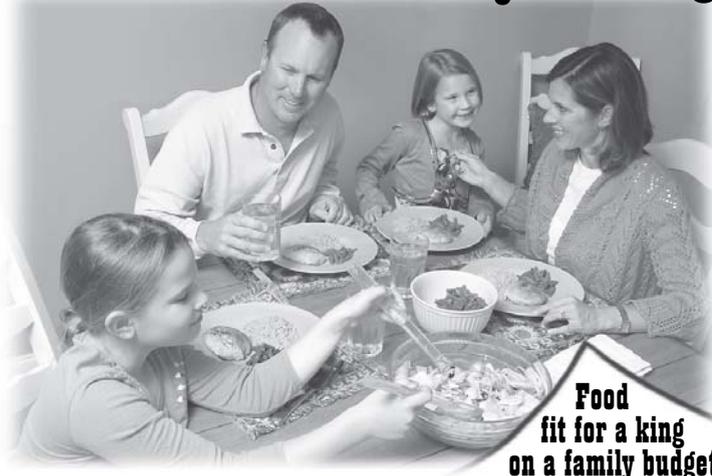
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Night: \$10 entrance fee for non-Friends); Thursday, Oct. 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705.

THURSDAY/OCT. 13

Lynn Hollyfield. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Visit nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Spanish Wine Tasting. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Focusing on wines from the wines of Spain. Tasting will be led by Wilkinson Wine Cellar; tickets \$25/person. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org.

OCT. 14 TO 30

"Twelve Angry Men." Staged by the Aldersgate Church Community Theater. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Special dinner show on Oct. 20 at 7 p.m. (Must be pre-purchased by Oct. 16.) Tickets online are \$14/adults; \$11/youth/senior. Or \$15/\$12 at door. At Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd. Alexandria. Visit www.acctonline.org or 703-660-2611.

FRIDAY/OCT. 14

Civil War Wine Dinner. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$100. Savor Civil War history and Virginia wines with a menu inspired by the 19th century at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. This five-course meal with wines from Gray Ghost Vineyards takes place at 134 North Royal St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 15

Family Fall Festival. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free. Entertainment features the Beale Street Puppet Theatre and the sounds of "Boy's Night Out." Also activities by the Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, face painting, pumpkin painting, hayrides and more. At Armistead L. Boothe Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd., Old Town Alexandria. The event will be held rain or shine. In the case of inclement weather, the festival will move indoors to the Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School, 435 Ferdinand Day Dr. Call the City's Special Events Hotline at 703-746-5592 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Big Top Country Market. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Alexandria Country Day School celebrates its 21st Annual Big Top Country Market with carnival games and rides, airbrush tattoos, spin art crafts, cake walk, clowns and balloon animals. Marketplace with local vendors and BBQ cafe from Famous Dave's. At 2400 Russell Road, Alexandria. Visit www.acdsnet.org.

Steven Gellman in Concert. 8 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.stelmoscffeepub.com or call 703-739-9268.

EYA Concert. 7:30 p.m. "Stella Serena: Celestial Hymns to the Virgin", and features music of 12th-14th century England, France and Spain. Admission is \$20/adults, \$15/seniors, \$10/students and teachers. Call 703-765-4342. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road,



Union officers outside the City Hotel, now Gadsby's Tavern Museum.

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Comedian Paula Poundstone. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$39.50. "Wait Wait Don't Tell Me" at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 800-745-3000 Visit: www.ticketmaster.com.

Genealogist Char Bah. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. The Ft. Ward & Seminary African American Descendants Society Inc. is sponsoring a presentation and discussion entitled: "Their Families were there: Families of the Fort." At Oakland Baptist Church, 3408 King St., Alexandria.

Rock n Roll Flea Market and Guitar Show. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale. Visit www.rockfleamarket.com.

Firefighting Walking Tour. 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6/adults; \$4/youth. The Friendship Firehouse Museum is offering a new tour exploring Alexandria's firefighting history. The walking tour, "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting Past," begins at the Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred Street, in Old Town. Tickets may be purchased at www.friendshipfirehouse.net or by calling 703-746-4994.

Oktoberfest 2011. Noon to 5 p.m. Rustico House will hold its fifth year of brewed bliss with 50 domestic and international craft beers on draft. Plus German-inspired foods. At Rustico, 827 Slaters Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-224-5051 or visit www.rusticorestaurant.com.

Mega Bazaar and Craft Show. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. More than 30 crafters, a huge silent auction with services and new merchandise, a bake sale, door prizes and lunch. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. At the Colecroft Community, at the intersection of Oronoco and North West Streets, in Alexandria.

Burgundy Fall Fair. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Includes live performances, local artisans, delicious

food, a used book sale, and games and prizes for kids. At Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road, Alexandria. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 16

Fall Colors Nature Walk. 2 to 4 p.m. Free. Sponsored by the Friends of Dyke Marsh. Meets at the entrance to Dyke Marsh, south of the Belle Haven parking lot, off the GW Memorial Parkway south of Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.fodm.org.

NOVA Community Chorus Concert. 3 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$20/\$10. Dr. Mark Whitmire, director, presents Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" with Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Call 703-845-6097.

Big Wide Grin. 7 p.m. With Nick Peters and Steve Erickson. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.focusmusic.org or call 703-501-6061.

Fall Festival. 3 to 6 p.m. Pony rides, petting zoo, moon bounce, games, crafts, live music, silent auction, book sale by Hooray for Books, storytelling and refreshments. Sponsored by Fort Hunt Preschool, at 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-768-7584 or visit www.forthuntpreschool.com.

Bach Vespers. 5 p.m. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4766 or visit www.wpc-alex.org.

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 to attend.

Lee-Fendall House Brunch. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$35. The Board of Directors of the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden is hosting a brunch to focus on membership. At the corner of Washington and Oronco Streets in Old Town. Attendees can pay at the door. They can also pre-register, sign up for membership or donate on the website, www.leafendallhouse.org and click on "Online Store" for tickets or "Support the Lee-Fendall House" for membership.

Life Membership and Awards Banquet. 6:15 p.m. Sponsored by the Alexandria Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Tickets are \$75/person; \$700/table of 10. The theme is "Affirming America's Promise." The keynote speaker is Dr. Lonnie G. Bunch, director of the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture. At the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Tickets can be purchased on line at <http://alexfreedomfund11.eventbrite.com/>.

TUESDAY/OCT. 18

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Sharon Hodges presents "Isle of Hope, Isle of Tears — The Story of Ellis Island." Meets at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Visit <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/> or call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 19

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With JP McDermott and Western Bop. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 20

Nuts Plain and Fancy Fund-raising Sale. Five products to choose from for holiday gifts, hostess gifts and treats for the family. Sponsored by the Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria, a volunteer group that raises funds to support the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Call 703-548-7454 or jring10@comcast.net to order. Pick up or delivery the middle of November.

THURSDAY/OCT. 20

Fashion Show. The Yacht Haven Garden Club is presenting its 28th annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, "Girls Just Want To Have Fun" 10 a.m. at the Fort Belvoir Officers Club in Alexandria. Fashions for women of all sizes will be provided by Bloomingdales. For tickets contact deborah.alea@verizon.net or call 703-447-1315.

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Colonial Republican Women. Social time at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting 7 to 9 p.m. At the Virginia Hills Administration Center (Old Virginia Hills School), 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria. Contact Debbie at 703-768-1934 or dbodlander@hotmail.com.

FRIDAY, OCT. 21

King Street Brass Quintet. 7:30 p.m. With organist Thom Robertson. If you enjoy the heroic sound of organ and brass, you'll enjoy this evening. A free-will offering will be received to help defray expenses. At Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. Contact www.gracealex.org or call 703-549-1980.

SATURDAY/OCT. 22

Rummage Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. Great deals on toys, clothes, bikes, electronics, household items and more. At Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool, 7719 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria. All proceeds benefit the school. Visit www.tauxemont.org.

Green springs Gardens Lecture. 9 to 10:15 a.m. "Nature's Artifice — Reintroducing Ecology Back into the Urban Environment." Scarfone's lecture will be part of a daylong Garden Design Symposium: Designing Tomorrow's Garden from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Tickets for the Garden Design Symposium are \$75 per person. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gssp or call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

Del Ray Chili Cook-Off. 4 p.m. To enter a chili: Bring \$10, your best batch o' chili, a table, and a clever name for said chili. Set up early at 3:45 p.m. Winner takes all the loot and bragging rights for what could be the last chili cook-off. There is also a cornbread contest. Held at Bellefonte and La Grande. Awards ceremony at 6 p.m. Call 703-518-9918 or 703-836-3092 or visit www.delraychilicookoff.com.

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At 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 15, 2011, Fairfax Water will conduct
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The hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park
Avenue, Fairfax, VA.

The proposed changes, to be effective April 1, 2012, include the
following:

1. An increase in the Availability Charge from \$3,600 to \$3,700.
2. An increase in the Local Facilities Charge from \$8,500 to \$9,000.
3. An increase in the Account Charge from \$32 to \$33.
4. An increase in the base Commodity Charge from \$2.04 to \$2.16 per
1,000 gallons of water.
5. An increase in the Peak Use Charge from \$2.95 to \$3.20 per 1,000 gal-
lons of water.
6. An increase in the Fees for Use of Fairfax Water Fire Hydrants to
include the increase in the Commodity Charge and Peak Use Charge.

A copy of the proposed changes can be viewed on our Web site at
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All written comments must be received by close of business on
Wednesday, December 14, 2011 to be included in the record of the public
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Gas Station Robbery in Beacon Hill Area

Mount Vernon District Police responded to a report of an armed robbery at the Mobil gas station at 6817 Richmond Highway on Sunday, Oct. 2. Two men entered the convenience store area around 10:30 p.m., approached the cashier, produced a gun and demanded money. The clerk complied and the suspects fled.

The suspects were black, around 6 feet tall and wore sunglasses with black hats and black pants.

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

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Tyrone Jenkins finished with seven receptions for 107 yards and two touchdowns against Annandale on Sept. 30.



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West Potomac quarterback Caleb Henderson threw three touchdown passes against Annandale on Sept. 30.

West Potomac's Jenkins Gets Aggressive Against Atoms

Wolverines score a touchdown on each of their first four possessions.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Back in August, West Potomac head football coach Eric Henderson called Tyrone Jenkins “the best pure athlete in the Patriot District.” But nearly two months later, while Jenkins’ ability is apparent, one Wolverines assistant coach felt the senior receiver played passively during the team’s first four games.

Heading into West Potomac’s Sept. 30 homecoming contest against Annandale, Jenkins vowed to make a change.

“Earlier this season, [after] some catches I got, I kind of went down easily,” Jenkins said after Friday’s game. “I had a talk with [defensive coordinator Chad] Louisville yesterday and he said it seems like I’m a different player from what I was last year — I’m not as aggressive as I was last year — so I had to turn it up this game in order for me to go back to how I was last year.”

Jenkins turned it up to the tune of seven receptions for 107 yards and two touchdowns against the Atoms as West Potomac

defeated Annandale, 45-10. The Wolverines’ record improved to 3-2, including 2-1 in the district.

Each of Jenkins’ touchdowns was the product of a short pass he turned into a long gain. Late in the second quarter, Jenkins ran a hitch pattern and caught pass near the left sideline. He evaded would-be tacklers with a spin move and then tip-toed down the sideline for a 20-yard touchdown and a 28-0 West Potomac lead.

Early in the fourth quarter, Jenkins caught a pass near the right sideline, made a hesitation move and then stiff-armed the Annandale defensive back on his way to an 18-yard score and a 38-3 Wolverines advantage.

“He’s an excellent athlete and can make anybody miss on the field and he did get aggressive,” Henderson said. “He attacked the defensive backs and tried to make something out of nothing. With hitches, there are a lot of people rallying to the ball and he’s got the quicks to run away from it.”

Jenkins wasn’t the only West Potomac playmaker putting his talents on display. Joseph “Jam” Marinelli caught four passes

for 68 yards and a touchdown. DeMornay Pierson-El broke a 65-yard touchdown run and tallied two receptions for 10 yards and running back Keaton Labyzon rushed for 49 yards and a touchdown.

Sophomore quarterback Caleb Henderson was in charge of distributing the ball and played into the fourth quarter after splitting time with Charles Ruiz Hernandez during the first four games. Eric Henderson said coaches made the decision to go with Caleb Henderson on a full-time basis during a loss to Lake Braddock on Sept. 23. No. 6 rewarded coaches by completing 15 of 22 passes for 204 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed six times for 44 yards.

“I love throwing to the athletes I have,” Caleb Henderson said. “They just make me right all the time. ... [Our playmakers are] all different in their own way. DeMornay is shifty in the open field, Tyrone will just burn

right by you and Jam will make that tough catch that no one can make.”

With West Potomac leading 38-3 in the fourth quarter, Ruiz Hernandez came in to play quarterback and threw a 20-yard touchdown pass to Chris Carter.

West Potomac reached the end zone on each of its first four possessions and kicked a field goal on its fifth. The Wolverines led the Atoms 31-3 at half-time.

West Potomac will host Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6. The Lancers are 4-1, including 2-0 in the Patriot District, and are averaging 38.6 points per game. The Wolverines are averaging 31.6 points per contest. With

each team featuring a high-powered offense, Eric Henderson told his team the game could turn into a “video game.” Caleb Henderson said the Wolverines are ready.

“I know our defense will do their job and our offense will do our thing,” the quarterback said. “We’ll score every time we get the ball, just like we did today.”

“... I had to turn it up this game in order for me to go back to how I was last year.”

— West Potomac receiver Tyrone Jenkins

West Potomac Girls Win Glory Days Invite

Each of the five point-scoring Wolverines finish in top 20.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

From an individual standpoint, Monacan’s Kaila Blackburn, Robinson’s Macey Schweikert and Washington-Lee’s Isabel Amend pulled away from the pack at the Glory Days Grill Invitational and finished first, second and third, respectively, on Oct. 1 at Bull Run

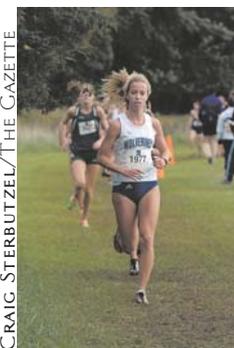
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Sixteen seconds later, West Potomac’s Sarah Jane Underwood crossed the finish line and set in motion a display of team pack-running dominance.

The West Potomac girls cross country team won the Glory Days meet with a total of 54 points, 32 better than second-place Osbourn Park. The Wolverines had three top-15 finishers and each of West Potomac’s

five point-scoring harriers finished in the top 20. The Wolverines’ 1-5 split was 1 minute, 9 seconds.

Underwood placed fourth with a time of 18:57. Dale Lescher crossed the finish line 23 seconds later, finishing seventh with a time of 19:20. First-year cross country runner Katie Genuario finished 15th (19:57), Sophia Passacantando was 19th (20:04) and Colleen Boyle finished 20th (20:06).



CRAIG STERUTZEL/THE GAZETTE

West Potomac’s Dale Lescher placed sixth at the Glory Days Grill Invitational on Oct. 1. The Wolverine girls won the event.

“It was amazing just turning around and seeing the entire team right there,” Lescher said. “It’s a great feeling just to have every

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SPORTS

West Potomac Boys Finish Ninth

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one so close.”
The team win was the West Potomac girls’ third of the season. The Wolverines also won the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 14 and the William & Mary Invitational on Sept. 17.

“I think the girls ran well,” head coach Jenn Dietz said. “We have a long way to go, but they’re coming along nicely. Dale Lescher had a great race and Katie Genuario — this is her first season of cross country — for her to come in the top 15 is very encouraging.”

While Genuario is a talented athlete, Dietz said the sophomore is benefitting from training with talented teammates.

“The great thing about having this girls team is that they get great training and workouts,” Dietz said. “Even though this is [Genuario’s] first season, she’s training at a high level with the girls that she’s with. Yes, she’s kind of gotten thrown in there and a lot of it is her natural competitive



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE GAZETTE

West Potomac’s Brady Corum placed sixth at the Glory Days Grill Invitational on Oct. 1 at Bull Run Regional Park.

instincts and her natural talent, but some of the credit goes to her teammates as well.”
While the Wolverines have experienced early season success, their goals are focused on end-of-the-year meets.
“We know to keep our heads level and just focus on districts and regionals,” Underwood said, “because that’s when it really counts.”
The West Potomac boys finished ninth, led by Brady Corum’s sixth-place finish. After focusing on SATs earlier in the day, Corum finished with a time of 16:13.
“I think he did very well,” Dietz said. “He’s still looking very strong. I know he felt a little drained from the SATs but I’m very encouraged by what he showed today and I think he did a good job.”
The West Potomac varsity “B” girls finished second with 73 points, two behind first-place Westfield. West Potomac will participate in the Georgetown Prep Cross Country Classic on Saturday, Oct. 15.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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This flowing water, often less than an inch out of sight, supports aquatic life and can certainly carry pollutants toward the bay. A number of the protocol’s 26 factors can signal the likely presence of such below-streambed flow: seeps and springs, for example, or aquatic creatures that require running water to live. Flowing streams also write their signatures on the landscape, as meandering channels with a sequence of riffles and pools. The protocol accordingly cautions that visual “flow may stop at a point and begin again some distance downstream,” and the simple observation of flow by human eyes or lack thereof is not determinative. In other words, appearances can be deceiving.

But despite the scientifically rigorous protocol and state regulations requiring “a reliable, site-specific evaluation” before stripping protected streams of their buffers, supporters of the OLDA are asking for the elimination of stream buffers in Westgrove park based simply on visual observations of a purportedly “dry” stream. At present their intent appears to be an effort to trigger a renewed evaluation of a stream all for the sake of an interim use lasting a few years. Should they succeed, then maybe at some unforeseen time, the county may revisit the issue, but otherwise a stream declassification is permanent.

Qualified and neutral county staff applied the protocols and

concluded that the stream should be protected. They classified it as perennial thus creating the land buffers afforded to a resource protection area. Are the other 25 factors of the protocol to be ignored and the stream’s buffer eliminated, based on visual observations of the stream bed on the east side of Fort Hunt Road? So what of the stream west of Fort Hunt road with observable surface flow or after it leaves the Westgrove property? Is it, miraculously, perennial once again but not so on the area for the OLDA?

While the fate of the West Grove stream alone will not exacerbate the record dead zones predicted for the Chesapeake, similar streams across Fairfax are at risk, and the cumulative threat is profound. We should not rely on visual evidence of stream flow without considering subsurface flow that may continue despite a temporarily “dry” appearance? If the OLDA people want a restudy of the Westgrove stream to reverse the prior classification, then they should pay for a new review since taxpayers already paid for the review that classified it as perennial.

I am supportive of more OLDA’s in Fairfax County. They are needed and more should be built. There exists other public property and parkland that do not have environmental protections that could equally serve this function. What really surprises me about the group in support of the OLDA that calls themselves PACK is their

breaking the line ahead of other groups in Fairfax County also asking for park use designations. By doing so they are permitted to subvert a park planning process that FCPA has followed for decades. It surprises me even more that the FCPA Board asked FCPA staff to consider the request for a fenceless, walk-to OLDA within Westgrove Park. There is seemingly less courage than I would have expected from a board that most citizens expect to be on the frontline of protecting our natural resources.

Fortunately there must be a 2232 Review (the Planning Commission must review public facility proposals to determine if the proposal is consistent with the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan) and there may be a public hearing. The FCPA Board will not give final approval until after the 2232 review. People wanting to help the Chesapeake need to do more than place a Save The Bay bumper sticker on their vehicles. Citizens need to appear at public hearings as proposed here and speak in support of our watersheds and once and for all put an end to the chipping away piece by piece the components of our streams, otherwise, the careful system of interstate protections to rehabilitate the imperiled Chesapeake Bay will suffer the death of a thousand cuts. As our local streams go, so goes the bay.

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