

West Potomac Academy students Brianna Boyd and Parvana Habibi assist Dr. Kathryn Smith while she performs dental surgery on a patient.



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/ THE GAZETTE

## A Mission of Mercy

More than 800 residents receive free dental services during two-day event.

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE GAZETTE

The triage center at the Mission of Mercy Dental Health Clinic resembled a modern-day MASH unit. Dentists and volunteers in color-coded t-shirts dodged carts filled with sterilized instruments, greeted hundreds of patients and funneled them through initial screenings to determine what services they needed.

"Do you speak English?" asked one of the volunteers when she spotted an older woman wearing a faded black burqa, the traditional Muslim veil. The woman, whose native language was Farsi, spoke English haltingly.

"She's in luck. We have a volunteer who speaks Farsi," said Dr. Peter Cocolis, a Springfield dentist. "In fact, we have volunteers who speak French, Spanish, Korean, Urdu, you name it..."

Cocolis served as chair of this year's ninth annual Mission of Mercy (MOM) Dental Health Fair held Friday and Saturday, March 9 and 10, at the Northern Virginia Community College Medical Campus in Springfield.

"We are providing basically any procedure that patients need, from cleanings to extractions and restorative work," Cocolis said.

HE ESTIMATED that this year's clinic delivered about \$250,000 worth of dental services to nearly

900 patients from five counties who qualify as living below the poverty line. The clinic has limited spots for walk-in patients. "I bet if we could add another day to this, we could see another 300 or 400 patients. Sometimes, this is the only time they receive dental services."

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) attended Saturday's clinic, chatting with patients and touring the extensive, state-of-the-art facilities. Connolly, who collaborated with MOM when he was chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, said one of the aspects of the clinic is the partnership with public sector and non-profit community to help those in need.

"As chairman of Fairfax County, it was our priority to build partnerships like this," Connolly said. "This is really an amazing operation. Hundreds of local dentists and students volunteer their time, providing these critical services to the underserved in our community."

Cocolis said in addition to providing a wide range of dental services, oral hygiene education was a top priority.

"In our county, only half of the population has dental insurance, and of those people, only half actually see a dentist," Cocolis said, noting that every patient received an education packet that included information in English and Spanish on local services and the link between poor oral hy-



West Potomac Academy student Hajrah Javaid waits for instruction to assist in the sterilization unit.

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## The Guerilla Unearthed

Fort Belvoir officer publishes lessons from counterinsurgencies.

BY MONTIE MARTIN  
THE GAZETTE

Lessons from historic counterinsurgencies come to light in "Isolating the Guerilla," a new book by Centreville resident Lieutenant Colonel Michael Trevett, chief of Aerial Sensors Branch with the Intelligence and Security Command at Fort Belvoir.

Had the lessons related to isolation theory been known by policy makers when the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan shifted from conventional to insurgent warfare, Trevett argues the U.S. could have ended the conflicts long ago.

"I wanted to put the information out there so it might be used in current and future conflicts," said Trevett. "If the lessons learned

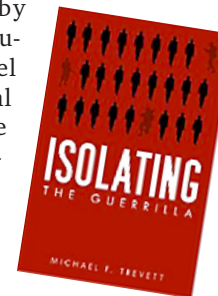
from this report had been known by policy makers, we would be done with the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. It would have saved much lost blood and treasure."

"Isolating the Guerrilla" is a transcribed report from the Vietnam era, and analyzes 19 counterinsurgency case studies from the Napoleonic wars through the French experience in Vietnam.

Insurgencies stem from political grievances, yet are fed by internal and external supports. Isolated from financial, moral and popular support, the guerillas can be dispatched with relative ease.

The original report was conducted in the 1960s by Trevor Dupuy through his Historic Evaluation Research Organization, yet

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## Ex Libris Mortem

Griffin recommends more cuts to libraries, but supervisors balk.

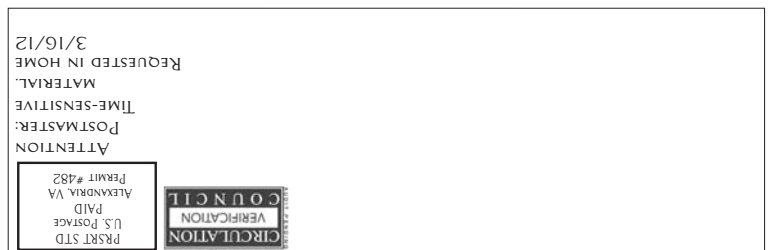
BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

Walk into the Centreville Library and one is confronted with an institution in crisis. Attendance is up and demand has increased, even as the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors slashed \$5 million out of the library system's budget in the past

four years. Longtime Library Director Sam Clay says the library has had to make some difficult decisions in recent years, reducing staffing and hours throughout the 21-branch library system.

"We've reduced the amount that we've purchase each year for our collection, and as a result we've

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# Waynewood Elementary Celebrates Student Art Month

The Springfield Art Guild Gallery in the Springfield Mall hosted the opening reception for the Waynewood Student Art Show on Sunday, March 11. The show is part of the guild's community outreach programs.

The show will be on display until March 28. The gallery is located just beyond J.C. Penney's on the lower level.

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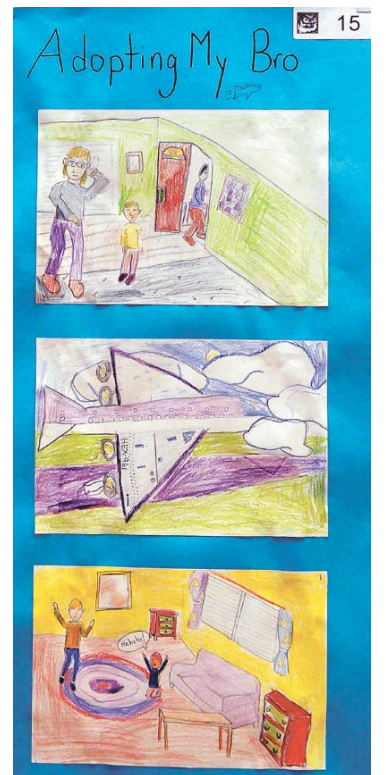
Miriam Keller and Naomi Mayo got a little help making their origami bunnies.



Springfield Art Guild co-president Gloria Benedetto and Waynewood art teacher Peggy Nigon.



Gillian Torza, Millie Robson and Eva Surovell make fingerprint drawings at the show.



By Sam Williams.



First grader Maddy Davenport with her block print.



Connor Allen works on a design.



Erin Collins works on a print at one of the activity tables.



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Class members and instructors gather for a group picture.

## Jazzercise Instructor Marks 25 Years

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BY GALE CURCIO  
THE GAZETTE

**T**wenty-five years ago, Whitney Houston's song "I Wanna Dance With Somebody (Who Loves Me)" was in the Top 10 List.

That was also the same year that Mindy LaBruno, certified personal trainer, started her career as a Jazzercise instructor.

She celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a special class and party earlier this month at the Hollin Hall Senior Center where she teaches most of her classes.

La Bruno initially began her Jazzercise career at Mount Vernon Square Apartments. After seven years at that location, she moved her classes to Hollin Hall Senior Center. She has been there ever since, growing her class list and currently offering 13 classes a week with a teaching staff of six instructors.

Peggy Frydenlund, Dawn Patillo, Harmony Allen, Kim LaForest, Jenny Farrar and Anne Nuttall are currently teaching classes, while Sharon Sanborn and Erin Triplett recently passed their certification and will be training as well.

She currently has 13 office managers — Susan Hosek, Catherine Taguding, Jodi Roberts, Beverly Proctor, Patricia Hayden, Pat Priest, Sharon Bingham-Wolfolk, Cindy Savage, Joyce Delaney, Brian Dorris, Ellen Ferguson, Barbara McWhirter and Cathy Martel. They coordinate the check-in, setup and management of the classes.

"After 25 years I can honestly say I love my job as much as I did when I started. I love the music, dancing, and treasure all the wonderful friendships I have made over the years," said LaBruno.

LaBruno has lived in the Northern Virginia area for 40 years, after moving here from Brooklyn, N.Y. She met her husband, Roger, during one of her Jazzercise classes at Mount Vernon Square. They have been married 22 years and live in the Vantage com-



Mindy LaBruno and Ingrid Brault.

munity in Alexandria. Labruno cares for her two-year-old grandson while her daughter works and is looking forward to another grandchild that is scheduled to arrive this summer.

LaBruno never liked to exercise, but said, "A friend of mine took me to a Jazzercise class she had been going to, and I instantly fell in love with it. Two years prior to becoming certified, I started going to classes as a student twice a day, I might as well be teaching the classes myself."

Jazzercise is described as "group fitness that combines dance-based cardio with strength training and stretching to sculpt, tone and lengthen muscles for maximum fat burn."

LaBruno also offers personal training sessions, which feature a Jazzercise alternative format and she offers Jazzercise Lite classes to the senior population throughout Fairfax County.

Her classes consist of men and women, ranging in age from 18 to 70. Many of the students have been with LaBruno well over 15 and 20 years.

Greg Koons, Realtor and former counselor at West Potomac, has been attending classes with his wife, Joni, for many years. He said, "Mindy has kept us as clients and friends for over 20 years because her Jazzercise class is more than about just having a great

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# Hundreds Receive Free Dental Services

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giene and serious medical conditions, such as heart disease, cancer and pneumonia.

Dr. Thomas Wilson, executive director of the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic in Falls Church and one of the event's organizers, said that Virginia was one of a handful of states in which oral health care is not a mandated service under Medicare.

"Education is key. Many times, patients don't see the link, but, put it this way, the mouth is the portal to the body. If the mouth isn't well, neither is the body,"



**Brett Brocki of Care Stream Dental talks with Dr. Earl Klioze between x-rays. Care Stream Dental donated digital x-ray machines to all three Fairfax County Academy Schools dental programs.**

Wilson said.

"This event is so important, because we are serving an underserved population," said Dr. Howard Kelley of Vienna, chief dentist of NoVa's Medical Education Campus. "It can be overwhelming to realize how great the need for dental treatment is, not only abroad but right here. Dental problems

are not self-healing. Here, we have an opportunity once a year to reach out to people."

**IN ADDITION** to the Saturday's event, MOM projects have been held in Wise, Va., two projects on the Eastern Shore and one in Annandale. For each MOM project, there



**West Potomac Academy Dental Careers instructor Regina Weems talks with Dr. Peter Cocolis during the Friday morning session at Northern Virginia Community College.**

are hundreds of volunteers who participate. To date, 5,365 patients have been provided with over \$1.8 million worth of free dental care. Virginia's MOM projects have broken records for the largest two and three day dental outreach clinics ever conducted in the United States.

# Heritage Presbyterian Church Celebrates 50 Years

**F**or 50 years, Heritage Presbyterian Church has been an active place of worship in the Waynewood neighborhood of Alexandria.

Honoring the past and looking toward the future, the congregation and friends of the church will celebrate this anniversary at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 22, with a special worship service and luncheon. The Rev. William Teng and Rev. Holly Davis, Heritage's current pastors, will be joined in the pulpit this day by Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Larry Glassco, who was pastor of Heritage from 1975 to 1990.

In addition to the anniversary luncheon, Heritage plans to commemorate its golden anniversary with the installation of a stained glass window dedicated to the anniversary. This window will be inscribed with the anniversary dates and the oft heard phrase, "Yea, we have a goodly heritage" (from Psalm 16:6).

When Heritage was first organized in 1961, it met in the Waynewood Elementary School cafeteria until the congregation was chartered in April 1962. The sanctuary was built in 1965 and stands on what was

formerly one of George Washington's eight farms. The old rail line that once ran between Washington and the Mount Vernon Estate also crossed Heritage's property.

From its Vacation Bible School, to a meeting place for countless Girl Scout troops, and the many performances by the Mount Vernon Children's Community Theater, Heritage continues to be a hub of activities not only for its congregation, but for the community.

Heritage also strives to be a mission-minded congregation and shares its building with a Salvadoran congregation, Iglesia Evangelica San Juan 8:32.

Heritage is also the church home of the "Bike Doctor," Charles Jones, who has collected, repaired and distributed almost 1,000 bicycles throughout our community to those in need.

The community is invited to Heritage's April 22 celebration. To attend, contact the church Office by April 8 at 703-360-9546 or visit [www.heritagechurchva.org](http://www.heritagechurchva.org).



**Heritage Presbyterian Church**

# County Executive Recommends More Cuts to Libraries

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reduced hours," said Clay before a meeting of administrators at the Centreville Library. "And because of that then we've reduced the number of programs that we're able to provide to our public."

Outgoing county executive Tony Griffin has suggested an additional \$300,000 in cuts next year.

"The cuts were intended to be on the edge, not his significant programs," said Griffin.

Dranesville District Supervisor John Foust disagrees.

"I think we are beyond the edges already with those, at least that's my experience in my district," said Foust.

**THE HISTORY** of the Fairfax County Public Library can be traced to 1939, when the Board of Supervisors approved \$250 to establish a free county system. These days, the county's library system is the largest in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area and the largest in Virginia. Library administrators log about 5.4 million visits a year and provide access to more than 2.5 million items. But recent years have seen a decline in funding, dropping from \$31.6 million in

fiscal year 2009 to a proposed funding level of \$26.6 million in fiscal year 2013.

"A lot of constituents really use the libraries," said Providence Supervisor Linda Smyth. "And they're feeling that pinch."

In many cases, hours have been cut back so dramatically that both users and employees have to navigate a complicated and inconsistent schedule. Some services are offered one day a month, others are offered on certain nights of the week. For researchers who have daytime jobs, it's a constant battle to gain access to public records. For employees of the system, some say it's a strain on families and careers.

"Showing up three mornings and two evenings and a weekend," said Mason District Supervisor Peggy Gross. "That certainly isn't the kind of county career that somebody would want to have."

Library officials are prepared to cut \$300,000 if they must. But they're also putting together a menu of options for supervisors to restore some of the staffing and hours that have been lost in recent years. This week, county officials will receive a budget memorandum outlining a menu of options for which services could be restored and how much money it would take for each line item.



# NEWS BRIEFS

## Volunteer For Cleanup Day

The Fairfax County Park Authority is looking for volunteers to wade into creeks and streams to remove litter and other debris on Watershed Clean-Up Day, Saturday, March 17. From 9 to 11:30 a.m. teams will descend into stream valleys near six parks to remove detritus deposited by litterbugs, floodwaters, and illegal dumping.

Volunteers are advised to wear heavy-soled boots, old clothes, and work gloves. Trash bags will be provided, and debris will be hauled away by park staff.

To volunteer to help clean up Huntley Meadows Park, call 703-768-2525.

Dan Schwartz, a soil scientist with the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District, is coordinating the

cleanup in unstaffed parks. To participate, contact him at 703-324-1422.

## Celebrating Piano Restoration

In celebration of the restoration of its grand piano, Mount Vernon Unitarian Church will host a festive music and dance concert at 6 pm Sunday, March 18 at its chapel, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, just off Fort Hunt Rd. The concert includes Cheryl Sabo with the Franck Flute Sonata, classical pianist

Jasmin Lee (doctor of musical arts), "Rhapsody in Blue" piano duet with Yee Von Ng and Li-Tan, and cellist Gozde Yasar and modern dancer Shannon Dooling performing Piazzolla's "Le Grand Tango." The Mount Vernon Unitarian Church Choir closes with Copland's "The Promise of Living" with four-hand piano accompaniment. A reception will follow.

This concert "christens" the restored Hoffmann grand piano and honors those who helped with the restoration. Free-will offering benefits the Piano Preservation Fund. See [music@mvuc.org](mailto:music@mvuc.org)

## Business Networking

Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring St. Paddy's Day Business Networking on Thursday, March 15, 5:30 to 7 p.m., hosted by ServiceMaster of Alexandria, 7551 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Food will be provided by Olympians Restaurant. Meet local businesses and learn about the chamber of commerce. No cost. Make a reservation at [www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org](http://www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org).

## Church Hosts Book Sale

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church will hold its annual Used Book and Art Sale Thursday, March 22 though Saturday March 24. The books and art fill the Chapel and Hollin Hall. Books in Hollin Hall are half price on Friday and \$5 per bag on Saturday. Hours are Thursday: 1-5 p.m. and Friday/Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. MVUC is located at 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria off Fort Hunt Road near Sherwood Hall Lane.

## CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon police department through March 3.

### ROBBERY

**3800 block of Laramie Place,** March 1, 9:15 p.m. The victim, a 19-year-old pizza delivery man, reported that three men approached him and took his cash. One suspect, a black man wearing black clothes and a black ski mask, was displaying a handgun.

### ASSAULT ON POLICE OFFICER

**5800 block of Richmond Highway,** March 3, 2:20 a.m. The officer conducted a traffic stop and performed field sobriety tests on the driver. The driver then allegedly fled and fought with the officer after being caught. A 34-year-old male of Maryland was charged with driving on a revoked license, driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, resisting arrest, assault on a police officer and open container of alcohol.

### ASSAULT

**Huntington Ave./ Mount Vernon Drive,** March 3, 11 p.m. The two victims were walking when they were struck in the back by eggs. A black male suspect was seen driving away in a silver Chrysler Sebring.

### LARCENY

**Marlan Drive/ Westgrove Blvd.,** March 4, 12:15 a.m. Officers responded for a suspicious vehicle. They found two juveniles, ages 16 and 17, from Alexandria, who allegedly were drinking alcohol and taking items from several vehicles. The juveniles were returned to their parents and petitions will be sought.

### ROBBERY

**6200 block of North Kings Highway,** March 7, 10 a.m. As the business was opening for the day, two men entered the store displaying handguns and demanding money. The clerk was unable to open the final door and the suspects fled. They were described as black men wearing ski masks, dark shirts and jeans.

### LARCENIES

**4300 block of Ambleswood Road,** Jewelry from residence.

**2700 block of Arlington Drive,** License plates from vehicle.

**2600 block of Arlington Drive,** Cash from residence.

**6100 block of Bayliss Knoll Court,** Cash, camera and documents from residence.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY FOR APPROVAL TO RECOVER HEXANE COSTS CASE NO. PUE-2012-00014

On February 3, 2012, Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL" or "Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting approval to recover \$1,252,580 of costs relating to the non-Btu component of hexane injections for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, and \$12,908 of costs related to the actual under-collection of non-Btu related hexane costs incurred during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009 ("Application"). In its Application, WGL explains that it has been injecting hexane into its system since February 2006 to replace heavy hydrocarbons in liquefied natural gas that enters the Company's distribution system. WGL's Application advises that pursuant to a Stipulation accepted by the Commission in Case No. PUE-2006-00059, the Company's performance-based rate regulation ("PBR") plan docket, the Company may request approval to recover the non-Btu portion of hexane costs in excess of \$400,000 if the Company's return on equity is less than 10% in any PBR annual period. Under the terms of the Stipulation accepted in Case No. PUE-2006-00059, the cost recovery of the non-Btu component of hexane will be limited to that amount in excess of \$400,000 required for the Company to achieve an earned return on equity of 10.0% for that PBR period under WGL's PBR Plan. The Company's Application advises that for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, the Company earned less than a 10% return on equity. WGL therefore proposes to collect its actual Virginia-jurisdictional non-Btu hexane costs in excess of \$400,000, or \$1,252,580, as well as an additional \$12,908 of non-Btu hexane costs under-collected for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

WGL proposes to collect the non-Btu hexane costs from its customers receiving service under Rate Schedule Nos. 1-Residential Service, 1A-Residential Delivery Service, 2-Commercial and Industrial Service, 2A-Commercial and Industrial Delivery Service, 3-Group Metered Apartment Service, 3A-Group Metered Apartment Delivery Service, 4-Interruptible Service, and 7-Interruptible Delivery Service, 8-Developmental Natural Gas Vehicle Service, and 10-Large Volume Delivery Service. The Company's Application further notes that it proposed new Rate Schedule Nos. 5-Large Commercial and Industrial Service, 5A-Large Commercial and Industrial Delivery Service, 6-Large Group Metered Apartment Service, and 6A-Large Group Metered Apartment Delivery Service in its currently pending general rate case, Case No. PUE-2010-00139. If the Commission approves the Company's proposed rate schedules in its general rate case, the Company will also recover the non-Btu hexane costs from customers receiving service pursuant to these new rate schedules.

WGL proposes to collect its non-Btu hexane costs through an adjustment to the distribution charge for these rate schedules. WGL's Application advises that the hexane charge will be computed on a cents-per-therm basis comprising a current and a reconciling factor. According to the Company's Application, the current factor, if applicable, will be calculated annually by dividing the non-Btu portion of hexane costs approved by the Commission by the total weather normalized throughput for the year. The reconciling factor proposed by WGL will be the difference between the actual amount to be charged and the actual amount collected during the twelve-month period. WGL proposes to implement the current factor as an adjustment to the distribution charge in the first billing cycle month following the Commission's approval of the Company's Application to recover the non-Btu portion of the costs of its hexane injections. The Company's Application also includes testimony and exhibits showing the computation of a proposed charge of \$0.0020 per therm, which will allow the Company to collect the proposed \$1,252,580 of non-Btu hexane costs expensed in fiscal year 2010 and the \$12,908 of non-Btu hexane costs under-recovered in fiscal year 2009.

The details of WGL's proposals are set out in the Company's Application. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Application and other materials filed with the Application for the details of these proposals. Interested persons should also be advised that after considering the record in this case, the Commission may change the tariff revisions proposed by the Company or take other actions with respect to the recovery of the non-Btu component of hexane costs that differ from the proposals set out in the Company's Application.

The Commission has entered an Order for Notice and Comment that, among other things, docketed the Application as Case No. PUE-2012-00014 and established a procedural schedule for the filing of comments, requests for hearing, and the filing of testimony or a Report by the Commission Staff. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for details on how to participate in this proceeding.

Interested persons may also review a copy of the Application, the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, as well as other documents now or hereinafter filed in this matter, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the First Floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. A copy of the Application may also be obtained at no cost to interested persons by making a written request to the Company's counsel at the following address: Meera Ahamed, Esquire, Washington Gas Light Company, 101 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20080. If acceptable to the requesting party, the Company may provide the Application, with or without attachments, by electronic means. In addition, the Company's Application, the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, other orders entered in this docket, the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, and other information concerning the Commission and the statutes it administers, may be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

Pursuant to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, interested persons may file written comments or requests for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission on the proposals set out in the Company's Application on or before April 27, 2012. An original and fifteen (15) copies of all written comments and requests for hearing must be filed with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Any request for hearing must state with specificity why the issues raised in the request for hearing cannot be adequately addressed in written comments. If no sufficient request for hearing is received, the Commission may consider the Application based on the papers filed without convening a hearing at which oral testimony is received.

Persons filing a request for hearing and expecting to participate as a respondent in any hearing that may be scheduled in this case shall also file, on or before April 27, 2012, an original and fifteen (15) copies of a notice of participation as required by 5 VAC 5-20-80 B of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 et seq., with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Interested persons should refer to the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment for more information on how to participate as a respondent.

Interested persons desiring to submit comments electronically may do so on or before April 27, 2012, by following the instructions available at the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case> and referring to Case No. PUE-2012-00014. Interested persons shall refer in their comments, requests for hearing, and notices of participation to Case No. PUE-2012-00014, and shall serve a copy of any such document filed with the Commission upon counsel for the Company at the address set forth above.

## WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC



# So Hard to Imagine?

Poor families face challenges that officials and many of the rest of us have trouble envisioning.

The Commonwealth of Virginia and even Northern Virginia includes many poor families and individuals. But officials seem to have trouble wrapping their brains around some of the difficulties this can cause.

In Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria, some analysis of the effect of budget cuts and service cuts on families in the bottom 20 percent of income would be appropriate and revealing.

Cutting library hours and service again? Consider that for many, the public libraries are their only source of computer and internet access. This has a significant impact on school performance, the ability to hunt for a job, the ability to access services and more.

It's hard for many of us to imagine, check-

ing email at stop lights on our smart phones, that there are families who need to go the library to check theirs. If anything, in the current environment, the libraries should be open more hours, not fewer.

When Fairfax County Public Schools eliminated the year-round school calendar, followed by some of the county's poorest schools, and summer school, poor students were most affected, losing access to meals in the summer as well as a needed boost in instruction.

Similarly, some schools systems eliminated the telephone hotline to find out if schools are closed in inclement weather. Everyone checks that online, right? Or gets their daily email update?

Requirements to present a variety of identification to do a variety of things also present

bigger challenges to poorer residents.

## Veto Voter ID Bill

Gov. Bob McDonnell should read the handwriting on the wall from the U.S. Justice Department about making it harder to vote.

More than 600,000 registered voters in Texas do not have the identification that the voter identification law would require, according to Tom Perez of the Justice Department, including a disproportionate number of minority voters, and more than 10 percent of Latino registered voters.

The analysis will reveal similar disparities in Virginia. The Governor can save Virginia money, time and trouble by vetoing the bill now.

MARY KIMM,

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*Correction: Last week's editorial failed to correctly identify Del. Charniele Herring (D-46). The full editorial has been corrected online.*

### EDITORIAL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## A Tribute

To the Editor:

I have had the honor of being involved in recreational basketball in the Mount Vernon area for more than a decade. I have been a parent, a coach, a commissioner, and a league officer. I have affiliated with the Lee District, Mount Vernon and Fort Hunt leagues. I am proud to count my colleagues, not just as peers, but friends. The folks who make basketball avail-

able to the youth in the area contribute untold hours of community service with little explicit rewards. We owe these folks a tribute for making the great American sport available to the next generation of American leaders. Since the season ends this year ends on or about March 17, Saint Patrick's Day, I offer this tribute to them to the unofficial ballad of the Irish Diaspora, "Danny Boy:"

*Oh, referees, your whistles are no*

*longer blowing  
across the courts or along the coaches'  
bench line.*

*The season's gone, and no crowds are  
billowing.*

*'Tis the fans, 'tis the fans have gone and  
players must bide.*

*But come ye back next season for the  
new show,  
visitors in colors and home with the  
white of snow.*

*While now this season we fondly re-  
member,*

*but, even yet, we yet prepare for next  
October.*

*And if you fans come back next season,  
to await the sport and its emotion,  
(which sometimes frays beyond all reason),*

*please thank those folks who put the  
league into motion,  
they who manage the schedules and the  
game,*

*they who make it about the players'  
fame,  
they whose earnings are a just child's  
smiling face*

*and in making our community a better  
place.*

*and in making our community a better  
place.*

Patrick Rhoads

Alexandria

## Tracking Connolly's Votes

To the Editor:

After reading the self proclaimed fiscal moderate Congressman Gerald E. Connolly's commentary published in the March 8-14 Mount Vernon Gazette about selected votes regarding the unemployed, seniors and federal employees costs, I decided to review the Mega Votes published by Congress.org regarding his votes on major spending, taxing and

other monetary issues.

Congressman Connolly voted for trillions of dollars of spending and voted to increase the national debt limit that has added \$5 trillion in the last 3 1/2 years and totals \$15 trillion and climbing. He also voted against spending cuts and a balanced budget amendment that implies he supports runaway spending over sound fiscal policy. His support of such fiscal policies has helped cause the economic mess we are in. If the economy wasn't in the tank, there would be no dire need for stop gap measures such as payroll tax reductions and unemployment benefits. The payroll tax reductions will hasten the depletion of the social security trust fund hastening the bankruptcy of that fund leaving millions of seniors without a retirement if it is not fixed.

Congressman Connolly also mentions seniors being protected. He cites action to ensure that doctor's reimbursement won't be cut. However, he fails to mention that he voted for Obamacare that cut \$1/2 billion from Medicare. According to a report from Government Actuaries, 15 percent of seniors who have chosen Medicare Advantage will be forced out of the program because of Medicare cuts. Does that action substantiate his claim that Medicare "will preserve access to affordable health care"? Also, since passage of Obamacare, 3,000 waivers have been issued to various entities including the state of Nevada, the home of the big

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**Walk for Epilepsy** Join local families in supporting the sixth annual Walk for Epilepsy on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, March 31. The Walk supports the Epilepsy Foundation which includes funding research, ending discrimination against people with epilepsy, bringing awareness to seizure disorders and educating the public about how to identify seizures and how to appropriately respond. This will be the second year for the Delman family of Alexandria to participate with son, Zachary (above), who has been living with seizures since he was 14 years old. For more information, visit [www.walkforepilepsy.org](http://www.walkforepilepsy.org).

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# PEOPLE



**Tasty Green Eggs** The Cat in the Hat (also known as former Director Kathy Hoke) recently visited St. Aidan's Day School in Alexandria to act out the story "Green Eggs and Ham" with Librarian Lucy Kinsey. At the end of the story, prompted by cries from the children of "Try it! Try it!" the Cat eventually tried, and liked, green eggs.

## BULLETIN BOARD

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### MONTH OF MARCH

**Curves Annual Food Drive.** Curves of Alexandria is asking members to donate bags of non-perishable food or cash to help support the local community food bank. At Curves of Alexandria, 1506 A Belleview Blvd, Alexandria. Call 703-721-2044 or [belleviewcurves@gmail.com](mailto:belleviewcurves@gmail.com). Visit [www.curves.com](http://www.curves.com).

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## Supporting Animal Shelter

The K-Kids Club of Stratford Landing Elementary School arrived at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter on Feb. 6 to present the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria with a check for \$500. During the month of December, the K-Kids Club, a subgroup of Mount Vernon Kiwanis, made and sold more than 100 holiday ornaments and decorations to raise money for the League. In addition to raising money, the K-Kids built a number of small animal homes and made toys for the animals at the shelter.

## AT THE LIBRARY

### THURSDAY/MARCH 15

**AARP Tax Assistance.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Free tax assistance. Preference given to older adults. Adults. 703-765-3645.

**Small Wonders.** 10:30 a.m. Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Stories and activities for the very young. 12-23 months with adult. 703-765-3645.

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### SATURDAY/MARCH 17

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# Session Ends with Last Minute State Pension Deal

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



RICHMOND  
REPORT

**A**lthough we still did not pass a budget, the last week of session was an eventful week. We considered over 1,600 bills this session. I have written a more thorough summary of about 40 highlighted bills on my blog – The Dixie Pig – which you can read at [scottsuovell.blogspot.com](http://scottsuovell.blogspot.com).

We passed the most important legislation last at about 9:45 p.m. on Saturday night. This legislation restructures the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) and reorients local government responsibilities to VRS. Many local governments, including Fairfax County Public Schools, most public universities, counties, and towns, buy into VRS because it is more efficient than running their own retirement plan.

VRS current has a \$24-27 billion unfunded liability — an amount equal to about two-thirds of the annual General Fund. This is because the legislature has refused to contribute the monies requested by the plan trustees about 90 percent of the time over the last 20 years including 2010-2011 when

we appropriated \$0. Plus, the stock market has barely moved over the last 10 years notwithstanding gains over the last three years.

The bill's conferees announced an agreement on VRS around 4 p.m. on the last day of session (Saturday). The House Democratic member of the conference committee was excluded from the negotiations so he could not tell us what was in the bill. We were given a six-page 20-minute Powerpoint briefing on the bill around 6 p.m. The Senate voted the bills through around 7:30 p.m.

We were handed still warm copies of the 90-page bill at 8:20 p.m. while on the floor debating other legislation and debate started at 9 p.m. None of the affected 579 political subunits, including Fairfax County, had an opportunity to vet the legislation before we voted on it. None of the affected employee groups — teachers, college professors, local government workers — were

given a chance to provide feedback.

Generally speaking, the legislation required participating local governments to force their employees to pay a 5 percent contribution and give them a 5 percent raise. It also created a new “hybrid” retirement plan that reduced the pension benefits, but allows workers to pay into a 401(k) style plan.

The bill passed on a party-line vote in the House with a handful of Republicans crossing over. The Senate approved the bill 34-6. Both myself and Senator Puller voted “no” to all of the changes. I voted “no” for a variety of reasons including the way the negotiations were handled and the lack of transparency or public input. This bill affects the benefits of thousands of people, has billions of dollars of consequences, and we had about 20 minutes to read it.

Also, the legislature created this unfunded liability and we should take the necessary steps to fund it. Asking the employees to pay for the state's failure to fund their pension is like asking the victim to pay for crime. This is also a massive unfunded liability — Fairfax County Public Schools estimates at least \$15 million. You will see the bill for this in your property taxes. Virginia's pen-

sion also really helps us hire and retain top notch teachers. We are losing a competitive advantage over Montgomery County and others by reducing our benefits.

We were also handed a last minute compromise on the Governor's Transportation bill. The final product had virtually no new revenue except naming of overpasses – e.g. U.S. 1 Taco Bell Bridge – which is expected to bring in about \$20 million a year (about 0.25 percent of the cost to widen U.S. 1). I voted “no” and the bill deadlocked 20-20 in the Senate before the Lieutenant Governor broke the tie. We are still waiting for real progress on transportation.

The budget negotiations will continue over the next few weeks. A pro forma special session is scheduled for March 21 to restart the budget negotiations. We will hopefully approve a final budget some time after that and the “Veto Session” is scheduled for April 18.

I will continue to write articles over the next few months regarding some of the legislation we voted on so you can understand my positions and how it affects our community. In the meantime, feel free to shoot me an email if you have any questions at [scottsuovell@gmail.com](mailto:scottsuovell@gmail.com).

It is an honor to serve as your delegate.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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gest advocate, Senator Harry Reid, who pushed through the Senate the Obamacare bill. If Obamacare is so great for everyone including seniors, why so many waivers?

Congressman Connolly should tell us what he has done to create jobs and spur the economy instead of playing political games with temporary stop gap measures that do not help the unemployed or help solve the country's economic problems Congressman Connolly by his votes helped to create.

If you haven't signed on to receive the Mega Votes, I encourage you to go to web page [Congress.org](http://Congress.org) and do so. You will receive Mega Votes regularly that helps keep you informed on how your congressman and U.S. senators are voting without any effort on your part. More involvement by the public, should result in better accountability by our elected officials.

**Frank Medico**  
Mount Vernon

## From Taxation To Voter ID

To the Editor:

In the March 1 Mount Vernon Gazette, Frank Medico, Jay McConville and I had our letters to the editor published discussing the legislative agenda of Del. Scott Surovell. I was unaware the other

letters had been submitted. The response by others in last week's Gazette was “fast and furious.”

Ron Brandt and Jeff Carver favor reinstatement of the estate tax. Mr. Brandt punctuated his support for reinstatement with the words “Of course.” Mr. Carver used the extreme example of Paris Hilton's prospective inheritance. What could be more unfair than paying a tax when earning money, paying a second tax on the earnings from the portion of the money that was saved, then paying a third tax on the principal after death. Estate taxes threaten the ability of families to pass family businesses on to their heirs. Triple taxing the fruits of one's labors is grossly inequitable and smacks of redistribution of assets via the government from those who were successful to those who were less so.

Mr. Carver went further, attempting to tie me to the “transvaginal ultrasound” bill that was withdrawn. Re-read my letter Mr. Carver; I clearly and specifically stated my opposition to that bill.

Anne A. Andrews decried the voter ID law, claiming it discriminates against non-drivers, the elderly and African-Americans. She claims “there have been practically no cases of ‘fraud’ that need to be ‘corrected’ by these ID laws ...” How would she or anyone else really know? This very week, Project Veritas members visited polling places during the Vermont Republican primary election with lists of

registered voters including the deceased. They asked to vote in the names of those people and were never refused a ballot. See link for video evidence: <http://theprojectveritas.com/voterfraud3>. They didn't use those ballots but proved the point. Who knows how much voter fraud exists? Requiring an ID puts a stop to most of it and prevents the votes of legitimate voters from being illegally diluted. The Virginia voter ID law, Va. Code Section 24.2-643 was amended this year to require the following forms of ID, the changes shown in italics:

“his Commonwealth of Virginia voter registration card, his social security card, his valid Virginia driver's license, or any other identification card issued by a government agency of the Commonwealth, one of its political subdivisions, or the United States; or any valid student identification card issued by any four-year institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia; any valid employee identification card containing a photograph of the voter and issued by an employer of the voter in the ordinary course of the employer's business; or a copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck that shows the name and address of the voter.”

The amendments retain the leniency of identification requirements of Virginia law. As far as I am concerned, anyone who can't

produce one of the listed items, six of which don't comprise a photo ID, should not be permitted to vote.

A new low in civic discourse was achieved by Queenie Cox, an African-American civic activist and former co-chair of the MVCCA and Supervisor Hyland's Visioning Task Force. Playing the race card, Ms Cox attempted to equate opposition to a bill seeking to restore voting rights to those convicted of non-violent felonies, who have paid their debt to society, with support for Jim Crow laws which intentionally discriminated against African-Americans. Here's a message to you Ms. Cox: Before you inject race into a civic debate, please document your contention. Please show the community a study that demonstrates that African-Americans are disproportionately convicted of non-violent felonies under circumstances in which they really didn't commit the crimes for which they have been convicted.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

## For Ordinary Americans

To the Editor:

We need effective, sustainable solutions. When more than 100 million Americans are living in poverty, struggling to keep their homes, when millions of Ameri-

cans are unemployed and others have given up, we need jobs.

Many establishment politicians have made themselves icons for insularity, arrogance and corruption offering nothing or little to help us move forward in overcoming the challenges confronting our community and our nation.

Apparently, all three Democratic candidates for Virginia's 8th congressional district agree Jim Moran's insider trading was unethical. The difference: I supported Louise Slaughter's proposal six years ago when she first proposed the STOCK Act. Moran took no action until he was exposed on 60 Minutes.

Moran's legacy remains the record of an elitist. He voted against the Progressive Caucus to limit bankruptcy remedies for people in 2005, then to bail out Wall Street banks in 2008. He obviously is in favor of Wall Street as opposed to ordinary Americans.

I am an ordinary American, a concerned neighbor who cares, listens and takes responsible action.

In 2010 I wrote a plan for positive action. It remains the only comprehensive economic and fiscal plan Moran sent to the Congressional Budget Office for analysis in his time, over 20 years, on Capitol Hill.

The plan summary is available along with Moran's cover letter at [www.VA8.com](http://www.VA8.com) for your review.

**A. Will Radle, Jr.**  
Democratic VA-8 Candidate



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**JUST LISTED** **OPEN SUN**

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**Updated Home-Spectacular Lot!**  
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The Kohler Team **Heidi 703.609.7367 & Elke 703.967.7633**

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**Michael Manuel 703.615.6317**

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\$525,000  
Old Town  
400 Madison St  
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Alexandria  
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**Kim Muffler 703.282.7739**

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\$ 675,000  
Waynewood  
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**Anita D'Antonio 202.460.1809 & Elke Kohler 703.967.7633**

\$ 485,000  
Alexandria  
"JUST PERFECT"  
Pristine 4BR/3BA home on 1/4 acre lot in quiet cul-de-sac. Convenient Stonebrooke community; mins to Metro, Pentagon, Old Town, Ft Belvoir & more. Newly updated BAs, gourmet kit w/ eating area, garage pkg, hardwoods, fab deck & lg fenced rear yd...perfect for outdoor fun. LL w/tp, office area, wet bar, full BA/BR, + tons of storage.

**Kim Muffler 703.282.7739**

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\$949,000  
**Totally Expanded and Updated!**  
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**CONTRACT!**  
You won't believe this large updated rambler is a Club

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**SUPER VALUE!**

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\$699,000  
**Pristine Custom Colonial!**

**JUST LISTED** **SOLD!**

8528 Monticello Ave  
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**Updated Colonial!**

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**Expanded Tri-Level!**

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**Franki Roberts 703.898.0840**

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Alexandria  
"HISTORIC TH"  
Located in the desirable SE Quadrant, this carefully updated home, situated on a quiet court just blocks from the Potomac, Old Town & shops. Wonderful details: moldings, built-ins, hardwood & brick flooring, 2 wood-burning fireplaces & a charming, private garden w/brick patio.

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**Shazalynn Cavin-Winfrey, of SCW Interiors in Alexandria, was chosen to design the dining room of the 2012 D.C. Design House. She is creating a room suited for parties and celebrations.**



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**Sharon Kleinman of Transitions in Potomac will design the master bedroom in the 2012 D.C. Design House using the room's garden view as her inspiration.**

## Local Designers Selected to Make Over D.C. Design House

Annual event raises money for Children's National Medical Center.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

Some of the Washington area's top interior designers are unleashing their creative talent all in the name of charity. Organizers of the 2012 Washington, D.C. Design House announced the designers who will make over the 2012 D.C. Design Home.

"The selection [was] open to all area designers who wanted to apply," said Susan Hayes Long, chairperson of D.C. Design House. "They started by coming to a design walk-through to get a feel for the space, and then [submitted] up to three proposals for rooms, with at least one presentation board. The board [included] their floor

plan, color selections, and finishes they would use. Our design team selected the final 23 designers. We had more than 80 proposals this year, and so many fantastic presentation boards. The competition was really tough."

The D.C. Design House serves as a bellwether of local design trends. "Being selected to design for the show house is a bit like being crowned homecoming queen then having to run a marathon in your ball gown while collecting items for a scavenger hunt," said Shazalynn Cavin-Winfrey of SCW Interiors in Alexandria, who was one of the designers selected. "It is the most prestigious invitation. ... For a committee of veteran designers and industry leaders to select a designer is truly one of the highlights

### Where & When

The DC Design House opens to the public on Saturday, April 14 and remains open until Sunday, May 13. Times are: Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online or at the door.

of one's career."

With no paying clients to please, the designers unleash their creative talent. "I love participating in show houses for the freedom it allows me," said Annette Hannon of Annette Hannon Interior Design in Burke, who was also one of the designers selected. "For each house I've had the opportunity to engage in, I've gotten to conjure up an

imaginary 'perfect' client and design according to their needs and desires. It's a bit like celebrating one's birthday and getting to create your perfect party."

The Washington, D.C. Design House, a nonprofit entity, began in 2008 as a design event in which some of the region's most sought-after designers decorate a luxury home to raise funds for a local charity. After completion, the home is opened to the public for tours. Now in its fifth year, the D.C. Design House has attracted more than 30,000 visitors and raised nearly \$600,000 for Children's National Medical Center (CNMC). Proceeds will go to CNMC again this year.

Built in 1956, the 2012 D.C. Design House is located in Washington, D.C.'s Spring Valley neighborhood. It is currently on the market for \$3.9 million.

### Local Designers

Some of the local designers who were selected to make over the home offer a preview of their plans.

**Potomac-based designer Sharon Kleinman of Transitions will decorate the master bedroom.** "The room is architecturally challenging with many doors and minimum wall space," she said. "The focal point in the room becomes the sliding glass doors that look out into the garden. I use the garden view as my inspiration. Choosing fabrics in lush greens and warm browns, I brought the colors of the garden indoors. I believe master bedrooms should be serene so I used lots of different textures and very little pattern."

**Great Falls-based designer Susan Nelson of Susan Nelson Interiors designed a teenage girl's bedroom.** "I combined a variety of block and geometric prints in greens, yellows, pinks, brown and cream to create a cozy haven.

By using a mix of new and repurposed furniture, the room has the quality of changing along with the girl," she said. "For instance, the coverlet fabric is a sophisticated fabric with a water color quality to the flowers on it, but the club chair is slip covered in a fun confetti print in pinks and purples that she might have had as a child."

**Shazalynn Cavin-Winfrey of SCW Interiors in Alexandria is charged with transforming the dining room.** "I anticipate wonderful parties and celebrations in the dining room I will be creating this year and my use of color and pattern is a play on this celebratory mode. I am thrilled to help people who see the space take away some element in the design that might fit their home or their lifestyle," she said.

**Victoria Sanchez of Victoria Sanchez Interiors in Alexandria is creating a teenager's retreat.** "I have chosen a very lively, colorful design scheme from Missoni and will be using Mid-Cen-

tury modern furniture," said Sanchez. "This room is designed to be a perfect hangout for teenagers and will reflect the energy teenagers create."

**Nancy Twomey of Finnian's Moon Interiors in Alexandria will design a boy's bedroom.** "I love good design, but I also know children. Children's rooms are messy places, so it is best if there is an inherent order in the design elements, starting with the palette," said Twomey. "My 2012 D.C. Design House room has a serene quietude in its bones, but it isn't sleepy. It has timeless, classic ingredients such as menswear fabrics, juxtaposed with modern, playful ones."

**Elizabeth Krial of Elizabeth Krial Design in Reston will create a modern nursery.** "The most afforded luxury in my space is the natural sunlight that washes the room," she said. "As a designer, I have added luxurious layers of softness and comfort through textiles. The modern

nursery has a lightness that will remind you of the hope and joy that a new baby brings."

**Matthew Moore of John Matthew Moore Fine Art in McLean will decorate the foyer and staircase.** "My design philosophy is clean, classic spaces. My favorite period in design is the late fifties and sixties," he said. "I feel that that is the time when American design came into its own. I've chosen this style for the entrance and reception hall [because] the home was built in that period. It's a sophisticated design that would be as much at home in the fifties as it is now in the present."

**Shanon Munn of Ambi Design Studio in McLean will decorate the master deck.** "My concept for the space is to have an outdoor retreat," said Munn. "I chose pieces that are scaled similarly

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# Home Life Style



Elizabeth Krial, of Elizabeth Krial Design in Reston, was one of 23 designers selected to make over the 2012 D.C. Design House. Krial will design a modern nursery.

## Local Designers

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to indoor pieces and provide a great lounging spot. We chose patterns that are interesting and bold. We plan to take the existing railing, currently an eyesore, and make it a highlight of the deck with a long row of custom benches and pedestals strategically placed to create focal points and to hide the dated metalwork."

**Annette Hannon of Annette Hannon Interior Design in Burke designed the parlor.** "The [parlor] is the first living area a visitor will enter," said Hannon. "My goal was to create a comfortable, luxurious space someone would want to linger in long after the party's over. I felt it was essential to add layers of interest in the room."



**Shanon Munn, of Ambi Design Studio in McLean, was one of 23 designers selected to make over the 2012 D.C. Design House. She will decorate the master deck.**

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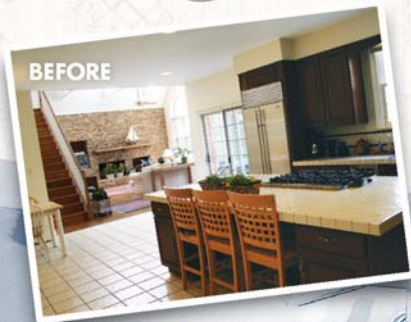
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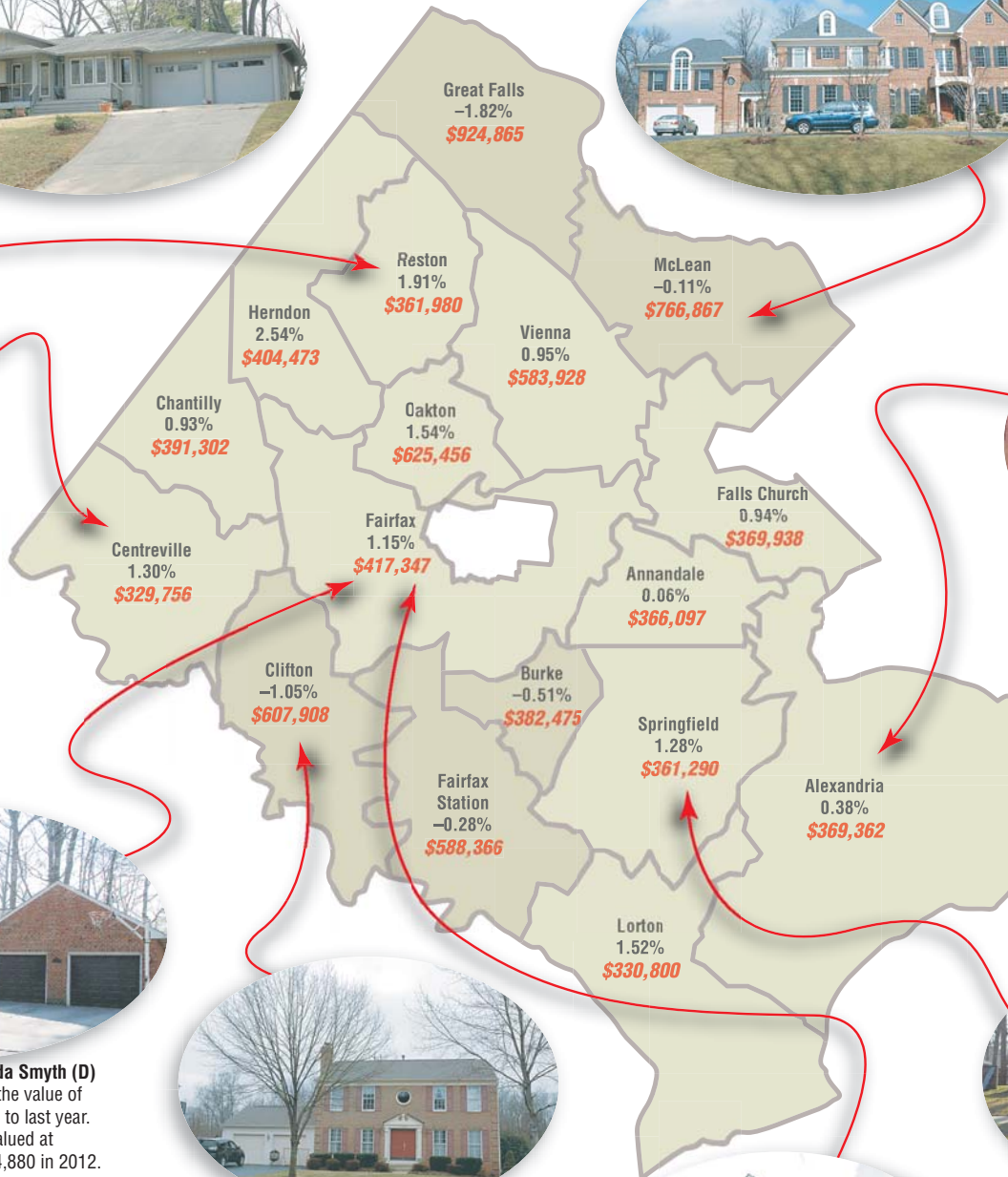
# Fairfax County REAL ESTATE

## 2012 Assessments by Zip Code Areas

Hunter Mill Supervisor **Cathy Hudgins (D)** saw her assessment went up 4.60% from \$545,440 in 2011 to \$570,520 in 2012.



Dranesville District Supervisor **John Foust (D)** saw a 5.69% gain in his property value when compared to 2011. The county valued Foust's house at \$2,884,060 last year and \$3,048,110 this year.



Sully Supervisor **Michael Frey (R)** saw a 2.88% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Frey's home was assessed at \$208,480 in 2011 and \$214,490 in 2012.



Lee Supervisor **Jeff McKay (D)** saw an increase of 9.06% in his home assessment in 2012. Last year, his home was worth \$645,030 and this year it is valued at \$703,450.



Providence Supervisor **Linda Smyth (D)** saw a 2.66% increase in the value of her house when compared to last year. Smyth's home was valued at \$482,080 in 2011 and \$494,880 in 2012.



Springfield Supervisor **Patrick Herry (R)** was the only member of the Fairfax County board to see his assessment drop this year. Herry lost 1.07% of his home value, taking him from \$525,750 to \$520,120.



Braddock Supervisor **John Cook (R)** has a new home in Springfield assessed at \$556,920 in 2012.



Fairfax County Chairman **Sharon Bulova (D)** saw her home value remain flat this year. Bulova owns a house in Fairfax assessed at \$591,990 in both 2011 and 2012.

**2011 County Average (Percent Change)**  
 Single Family Detached **\$545,279 (0.70%)**  
 Townhouse **\$327,499 (1.20%)**  
 Condos **\$212,764 (-0.06%)**

ZIP CODE AREA	2011 MEAN	2012 MEAN	PERCENT CHANGE
Alexandria	367,948	369,362	0.38
Annandale	365,880	366,097	0.06
Burke	384,443	382,475	-0.51
Centreville	325,536	329,756	1.30
Chantilly	387,704	391,302	0.93
Clifton	614,353	607,908	-1.05
Fairfax	412,608	417,347	1.15
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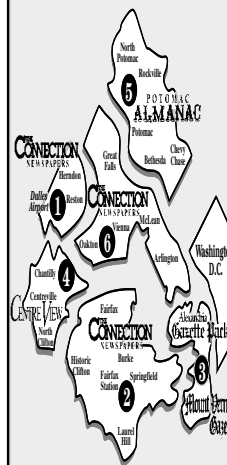
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**Shannon Kingett, Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical**



**Christopher Harris, Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical**



**LTA cast, crew members and supporters celebrate following the WATCH Awards March 11 at the Birchmere Music Hall.**



**Award winners Gina Tomkus and Sue Pinkman.**



**Brenda Parker and "Hairspray" producer Russ Wyland.**



**Margaret Snow, Outstanding Properties in a Musical (with Judy Kee, not pictured)**



**Jean Schlichtine and Kit Sibley, Outstanding Costume Design in a Musical**

# And the Winner Is . . .

## 'Hairspray' leads LTA to 17 WATCH Awards.

BY JEANNE THEISSMANN  
THE GAZETTE

The Little Theatre of Alexandria was the big winner at this year's Washington Area Theatre Community Honors Awards (WATCH), taking home 17 trophies at the March 11 ceremony at The Birchmere Music Hall in Alexandria.

"What an exciting night for us," said Sue Pinkman, a dual winner for Outstanding Hair Design and Outstanding Direction of a Musical for her work on the blockbuster production of "Hairspray." "This was an incredible journey for everyone who worked on the show."

LTA's production of "Hairspray" was clearly a crowd favorite during the evening and the cast received a resounding standing ovation as Brenda Parker performed "I Know Where I've Been" as part of

- Outstanding Cameo in a Musical - Gina C. Tomkus as "Matron/Gym Teacher" - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Choreography - Iván Dávila - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Costume Design in a Musical - Jean Schlichtine and Kit Sibley - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Direction of a Musical - Sue Pinkman - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Hair Design in a Musical - Anna Michelle Jackson, Irene Kasotakis, Margaret Murphy, Sue Pinkman - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical - Christopher Harris as "Edna Turnblad" - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Lead Actress in a Musical - Shannon Kingett as "Tracy Turnblad" - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Light Design in a Musical - Franklin C. Coleman - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Makeup Design in a Musical - Robin Parker - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Music Direction - Christopher A. Tomasino - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Musical - Hairspray Outstanding Properties in a Musical - Judy Kee and Margaret Snow - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Set Design in a Musical - Myke Taister - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Set Painting in a Musical - Kevin O'Dowd, Cathy Rieder, Sabrina Begley, Maggie Cotter - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Sound Design in a Musical - David Correia and David Hale - "Hairspray"
- Outstanding Set Construction in a Play - Dan Remmers - "Noises Off"
- Outstanding Light Design in a Play - Ken & Patti Crowley - "Widdershins"

the WATCH Awards ceremony. Going into the evening with a record 43 nominations among re-

gional theatres for the 2011 season, "Hairspray" led the evening with 15 WATCH Award wins. The productions of "Noises Off" and "Widdershins" each won one award, bringing LTA's 17 awards to more than triple the second place theatre, The Arlington Players, who took home five of the coveted statuettes.

"I am so proud to be a part of community theatre," said Pinkman, who received a standing ovation from the sold out crowd of more than 500 as her name was called for Outstanding Director in a Musical. "We all work so hard for no pay, and while it's nice to be recognized by your peers, we do it because we are part of a family and make friends that we'll have the rest of our lives."

Winners were selected from 127 productions that were adjudicated at 33 community theatre companies. Visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).



**Ivan Davila, Scott Strasbaugh and Gina Tomkus celebrate LTA's haul at the WATCH Awards.**



**Dan Remmers, Outstanding Set Construction in a Play**



**David Correia, Outstanding Sound Design in a Musical (with David Hale, not pictured)**

**Ivan Davila, Outstanding Choreography in a Musical**



# ENTERTAINMENT

## MONTH OF MARCH

**Radiance Yoga Classes.** \$5 for all weekday morning classes during month of March. For classes starting from 6:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Arrive 10-15 minutes early for class. At Radiance Yoga, 110 King street, Alexandria. Visit [www.Radiance-yoga.net](http://www.Radiance-yoga.net) or call 703-535-8282.

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 1

**20 Years on The Avenue.** The 20th Anniversary Committee invites you to celebrate DRA's 20 years on "The Avenue" with past and present masterpieces. This member-only show runs from March 2-April 1, 2012 and will be juried from outside our DRA family of members. Opening Reception for the "XX" show on Friday, March 2, 7-10 p.m. and will feature local jazz band "Veroneau". ([www.VeroneauMusic.com](http://www.VeroneauMusic.com)). Running March 3- April 1 special exhibits of Del Ray Artisans' history will be featured. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

## NOW THROUGH MARCH 18

**March Madness.** Features 200 panels of artwork each \$150, a free kids art activity on March 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and the Art Party on March 16, from 7-10 p.m., featuring prizes, music, food drinks and more. The Art Party will be located in the main hall of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, outside of the Target Gallery. Cost is \$15/advance; \$20/door. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/marchmadness](http://www.torpedofactory.org/marchmadness).

## THURSDAY/MARCH 15

**St. Paddy's Day Business Networking.** 5:30 to 7 p.m. Sponsored by Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. Hosted by ServiceMaster of Alexandria, 7551 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Food will be provided by Olympians Restaurant. Meet local businesses and learn about the chamber of commerce. No cost. Make a reservation at [www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org](http://www.MtVernon-LeeChamber.org)

**Landscape Design for Pollinator Diversity.** 7:30 p.m. Join Susan Abrams for a slide lecture that will showcase the use of native plants in area landscapes to enhance wildlife diversity, with particular emphasis on enhancing pollinator diversity. At Green Spring Gardens,

4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

## MARCH 16 TO 25

**Repertory Opera Theater.** Presents Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana" and Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci." Fully staged with costumes. In Italian with projected English translations. Friday, March 16 and 23 at 7; Saturday, March 17 and 24 at 8; Sunday, March 18 and 25 at 4 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$30; Seniors, \$20; Students, \$15; under 10, free. At Immanuel Church on the Hill, 3606 Seminary Rd. and Quaker Lane, Alexandria.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 16

**Mount Vernon Swing Band.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Owen Hammett will conduct the live band. Light refreshments will be provided by "ManorCare Health Services - Alexandria. \$4 at the door. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

**Celtic Concert.** 7 to 9 p.m. Featuring Scottish Gaelic singers, the Celtic folk band Na Maragan and other musicians, including Cèilidh in the Kitchen and Scott Morrison of the Maryland-based group Dileab Phriseil. Sponsored by the Gaelic Society of America. Tickets are \$12/person; \$25/family. At the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Contact Bill Cassidy 703-717-0074 or [WillBCassidy@gmail.com](mailto:WillBCassidy@gmail.com).

## THROUGH MARCH 16

## MARCH 16 AND 17

**"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown."** Featuring Joey Ledonio, 15; as Charlie Brown, Mim Blower, 12, as Lucy; Chris Adleson, 12, as Schroeder; Jack Ladd, 13, as Linus; and Bruno del Alamo, 12, as Snoopy. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Show times are Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors and students or can be reserved in advance by calling the Box Office at 703-212-5175.

## MARCH 16 TO 18

### St. Pucchi Bridal Trunk Show.



## THROUGH MARCH 16

**Join the League of 25.** The Art League launches their latest arty fundraising initiative, a new society of 25 supporters who pitch in \$100 a piece to fund an Art League Gallery exhibit while having some fun. The inaugural exhibition sponsorship is for the environmentally conscious "Earth," which opens on April 12 with a reception featuring a recycled art challenge, with teams of League of 25 members competing in a sculpture making relay race. Donations are requested by March 16. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org), 703-519-1741.

Friday, March 16 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, March 18 from noon to 4 p.m. The luxury bridal line by wedding dress designer Rani Totman will be featured in a three-day trunk show at Le Star Bridal, 1201 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-9797.

**Get to Know a Great Dane.** At the Super Pet Expo at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly. Friday, 4-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. At 4320 Chantilly Shopping Center. Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League (MAGDRL).

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## SATURDAY/MARCH 17

**"Her Story: Women in Action."** Cost is \$6/person. A panel of former Girl Scouts will share their memories of Girl Scouting and how scouting empowered them. Participants will learn about Juliette Gordon Low, the founder of American Girl Scouting, by looking at a timeline of her life. Two sessions: 12:30 to 2:45 p.m.; and 3 to 4:10 p.m. Advance registration at [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) or by calling 703-746-4994. At the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street in Old Town Alexandria.

**Steven Gellman in Concert.** 8 to 10 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.stelmoscoffee.com](http://www.stelmoscoffee.com) or call 703-739-9268.

**Free Water Testing.** 10:30 a.m. Bring your favorite drinking water and have it tested for free. At the Martha Washington Branch Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call Margaret 703-599-7527.

## Mighty and Future Shock Youth

**Showcase.** High-energy Hip-Hop and street dancing from dancers across the U.S. Groups include Future Shock and Mighty Shock DC, Future Shock Ottawa, Future Shock Atlanta, Future Shock LA, Beat Ya Feet Kids, Dimensions Dance, and more. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria.

**Spring Kid's Rummage Sale.** 9 a.m. to noon. Admission is \$1. At Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria. Proceeds from the door will go to Mondloch House, a community shelter that helps the homeless. There are a few tables still available. If you are interested in selling children's items and would like more information, contact Jen at [jakelley19@gmail.com](mailto:jakelley19@gmail.com).

**Choreographers Collaboration Project.** 7 p.m. Presents The Science Project, a Modern Dance Concert. This concert is the culmination of a season creating dances based on science concepts, and exploring "science as inspiration" for other art forms. Tickets are \$10/adults; \$5/ages 12-17. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King street, Alexandria.

**Fairfax Symphony Orchestra.** 8 p.m. George Mason University Center for the Arts, 4400 University Drive, Fairfax. With pianist Rick Rowley. Stravinsky's Firebird Suite (1919 version), Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Sibelius' Symphony No. 7, and Sibelius' Finlandia. Free pre-concert discussion for ticket holders at 7 p.m. Tickets \$25-\$55. [info@fairfaxsymphony.org](mailto:info@fairfaxsymphony.org).

## SUNDAY/MARCH 18

**In Nature's Realm.** 2 p.m. The Marine Chamber Orchestra performs. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NVCC, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com)

**Celtic Group Runa.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At the Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org) or call 703-501-6061.

**Piano Celebration Concert.** 6 p.m. A festive event to "christen" the recently restored Hoffmann grand

piano. Selections include Cheryl Sabo with the Franck Flute Sonata, classical DMA pianist Jasmin Lee, "Rhapsody in Blue" piano duet with Yee Von Ng and Li-Tan, and cellist Gozde Yasar and modern dancer Shannon Dooling performing Piazzolla's "Le Grand Tango." The MVUC Choir closes with Copland's "The Promise of Living" with four-hand piano accompaniment. Freewill offering benefits the Piano Preservation Fund. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Contact Mark Zimmerman, music director, [music@mvuc.org](mailto:music@mvuc.org).

## MONDAY, MARCH 19

**Mini Open House.** 1 p.m. At Hollin Hall Senior Center. Tour Hollin Hall Senior Center with Jan Kestyn, enjoy refreshments, and peek in on some ongoing sessions. Bring a friend! An opportunity to participate in programs on this day. Call 703-765-4573.

**Historian Ted Pulliam.** 7:30 p.m. Free. Will discuss Alexandria's beginnings in Historic Alexandria: An Illustrated History. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705 or visit the library online at [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**"The Alexandria Beat: Our Evolving Press."** Rodger Digilio, Alexandria News; Shannon McLoone, Old Town Patch; Michael Lee Pope, Alexandria Gazette Packet/WAMU; and David Sachs, Alexandria Times. Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Avenue. Reception at 6:30 p.m., Dinner (members with reservations by March 13: \$28; with reservations after deadline: \$33; without reservations: \$38/non-members with reservations by March 13: \$33; after deadline: \$38; without reservations: \$43) at 6:45; Program (\$5 non-members) 7:15 p.m. Dinner reservations required. Contact Sherry Brown, 703-548-7089 or [agendaalexandria@aol.com](mailto:agendaalexandria@aol.com).

## MARCH 19 AND 20

**Jewelry Sale.** All Jewelry by Toby of Masquerade, \$5. Sponsored by The Board of Lady Managers of INOVA Alexandria Hospital. All proceeds go to the purchase of new anesthesia machines for the hospital's surgical services. Monday, March 19, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Tuesday, March 20, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. At INOVA Alexandria Hospital, Education Rooms 1 and 2.

## TUESDAY/MARCH 20

**Mount Vernon Evening Lions.** 7 p.m. The speaker will be from the Fairfax County Police Department who will give tips on personal safety. Meets at Pema's Restaurant for dinner. Contact Andrea Corsillo at 703-960-4973.

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Hangover Royale Band. At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

**Foreclosure Prevention Clinic.** 4:30 p.m. Free. At the City of Alexandria Office of Housing, Conference Room 3, 421 King Street, Suite 200, Alexandria. To register, call 202-667-7006.

**Mount Vernon Genealogy Meeting.** 1 p.m. Free. Speaker Marie Varrelman Melchiori will describe the important finding aids to NARA (National Archives Records Administration) Records. Meet at Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or [publicity@mvgenealogy.org](mailto:publicity@mvgenealogy.org).

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# ENTERTAINMENT

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## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 21

**Have Trunk, Will Travel.** 9:30 a.m. Free. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will feature Fred Murray, a curator, historical authority, and restorer of antique trunks. A slide show will be included. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria.

**Mount Vernon Pyramid Chorus Concert.** 7 p.m. Free. Each year, the choruses from Mount Vernon High School, Walt Whitman Middle School, and their feeder elementary schools put on a joint concert for the Mount Vernon Community. This year the theme is "Rainbow Connection" and the choirs will feature music from all around the world. Contact Judi Belzer at [Judith.Belzer@fcps.edu](mailto:Judith.Belzer@fcps.edu).

**"Have Trunk, Will Travel."** 9:30 a.m. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will feature "Have Trunk, Will Travel" with Mr. Fred Murry, a Curator, Historical Authority and restorer of antique trunks. The public is invited. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria.

**George Washington Lecture.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12/person; \$10/members. Join Dr. Peter Henriques, Professor Emeritus of History from George Mason University, as he continues to explore the many facets of the "Father of our Country" through his lectures. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Tickets may be purchased by calling 703-746-4242 or through the online shop at [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

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

## MARCH 22 AND 23

**"Godspell Junior."** 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by St. Louis Catholic School. Tickets are \$3/students and seniors; \$5/adults. Visit [www.stlouisgodspell@gmail.com](http://www.stlouisgodspell@gmail.com). At 2901 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-768-7732.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 22

**Toast to Fashion.** 6:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$50. The event combines a fashion show, marketplace, raffle and cocktail reception. All proceeds benefit the Campagna Center. Sponsored by the Junior Friends of the Campagna Center. At Belle Haven Country Club in Alexandria. Visit [www.campagnacenter.org](http://www.campagnacenter.org).

**Meet the Legends Reception.** 6 to 8:30 p.m. Honoring the 2012 nominees. Reservations by March 15: \$40/\$75 for two; after March 15: \$50/\$95 for two. The 2012 Legends are: Bob Calhoun, Al Grande, Harry "Bud" Hart, Wendy McGann John, William "Bill" Kehoe, Allen Lomax, Jimmie McClellan, Pat Miller, Mike Oliver, Lillian Stanton Patterson, Joseph S. Shumard, The Steuerle Family, and the team of Dorothy Turner and Gwen Menefee-Smith. At the Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulaney St., Alexandria.

## MARCH 22 TO MARCH 24

**Used Book and Art Sale.** Thursday, March 22 from 1 to 5 p.m.; Friday, March 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-765-5950.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 23

**Spring Fling Silent Auction.** 6 to 9 p.m. Stratford Landing Elementary will host its annual Spring Fling Silent Auction and Ice Cream Social. At 8484 Riverside Road, Alexandria.



**Joseph Siedlarz will be starring as Jesus in St. Louis Catholic School's March 22 and 23 performances of "Godspell Junior."**

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Contact Beth Day at 703-801-8806/[beth.day001@verizon.net](mailto:beth.day001@verizon.net) or Frances Sankey at 703-799-0969/[frances.sankey@gmail.com](mailto:frances.sankey@gmail.com)

**Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Free. The James Madison University Jazz Ensemble, directed by Chuck Dotas, will perform a program featuring the music of Radiohead, Dave Douglas and John Hollenback. Faculty guest soloists will be David Pope, Andy Connell and Bob Hallahan. At Pendleton Hall, Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-933-4135, email [vdp@episcopalhighschool.org](mailto:vdp@episcopalhighschool.org), or go to [www.episcopalhighschool.org](http://www.episcopalhighschool.org).

to learn how to halt the invasion of exotic plants. At the American Horticultural Society's River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria. To attend, RSVP to [chair.er@mvcca.org](mailto:chair.er@mvcca.org) or call 703-360-0691.

**Tauxemont Preschool Silent Auction.** 6:30 to 11 p.m. Sponsored by the Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool. To be held at the Collingwood Library & Museum, 8301 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria. Visit [www.tauxemont.org/auction](http://www.tauxemont.org/auction).

**Rum Punch Challenge.** 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50/person. Enjoy different rum punch creations from local restaurants and distilleries and vote for your favorite. Rum Punch Challenge participants include reigning champ Dogfish Head, returning competitors Bacardi, Bittersweet, FireFlies, and Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, and first-time challenger Red Rocks. Guests will also enjoy food – both period and modern – as well as a silent auction. At Gadsby's Tavern. Reservations required. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Wedding Wishes Vendor Event.** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tour Carlyle house, enjoy tea blends from The Spice & Tea Exchange of Alexandria, enjoy delicious creations from Occasionally Cake and admire the designs of area florists. At Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997.

**Used Book Sale.** 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Friends of Martha Washington Book Sale, Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Contact Lee Mayfield at 703-965-8677.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 24

**Mental Health First Response.** 9 a.m. to noon. Learn how to recognize early signs of mental health and substance use concerns. At Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3801 Buckman Road, Alexandria. Contact Ann Bahr, phone 703-324-7010, TTY 711.

**Workout for the Cure.** 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. At Sport & Health Club in Alexandria. A \$25 donation is requested. Events include 8:05 a.m. Yoga; 8:30 a.m. Cycle; 9:15 a.m. TaeBo; 9:20 a.m. Pilates Mat; 10 a.m. Cycle; 10:30 a.m. Body Pump; 10:30 a.m. Power on Sports Conditioning. Call 703-519-1600 Ext. 103 or email [skinner@livewiredc.com](mailto:skinner@livewiredc.com).

**Invasive Exotic Plants.** 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Join National Park Service ecologist Erik Oberg and Audubon Society of Northern Virginia naturalist Cliff Fairweather



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Senior midfielder Amardo Oakley, left, is the Mount Vernon boys' soccer team's captain.



Mount Vernon's Simond Kargbo and Erik Rodriguez, in white, jump for the ball against T.C. Williams on March 13.

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## Mount Vernon Captain Oakley Returns from Broken Leg

### Majors enter season with state tournament aspirations.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

**A**mardo Oakley served as motivation in spirit to the Mount Vernon boys' soccer team during its 2011 season opener. Oakley, then a junior midfielder and team captain, suffered a broken leg during a preseason scrimmage and would miss the entire campaign. While Oakley recovered in the hospital, the Majors brought his jersey along to West

Potomac and defeated the rival Wolverines — Mount Vernon's first step toward what would be a 14-3 final record.

One year later, a healthy Oakley is back to motivate his teammates in the flesh.

Now a senior, Oakley is Mount Vernon's lone captain and unquestioned leader. On March 13, he played in his first game for the Majors in two years as they hosted T.C. Williams. The game ended in a 1-1 tie, but Oakley was thriving in his leadership role, including confronting the Titans about po-

tentially injuring one of his teammates.

"He's the one voice everybody listens to," head coach Robert Garza said. "...They all believe in him. He still is their inspiration."

During a preseason scrimmage in early March, Oakley was involved in a play similar to the one which led to a broken leg last year. Garza said Oakley hustled through the play with no hesitation, confirming he had returned mentally, as well as physically.

"It was painful," Oakley said of missing his junior season. "There were games I wish

I could be in to help my team, not only to win but to be there for them. ... The team helped me get through it and I look forward to the season. ... When I broke my leg, it gave me a reality hit. I've got to go out there and I've got to give it my all every time because you never know what may happen."

While Oakley was pleased to be on the field Tuesday, the outcome against T.C. Williams was less than desirable. Mount Vernon went undefeated on its home field in 2011. While the Majors didn't lose to the Titans, starting a season in which they have state tournament aspirations with a home tie equated to what Oakley called a "wake-up call."

"I think we can go really far," Oakley said. "We've got a great team. We have a lot of chemistry together, we play a lot together and I think we can go really far if we just put our minds to it."

Junior forward Simond Kargbo scored Mount Vernon's lone goal, firing a shot over the goalkeeper's head from about 30 yards out midway through the second half. Kargbo was the National District Player of the Year in 2011 and Garza has high expectations for No. 10.

Junior forwards Erik Rodriguez, a second-team all-district selection last season, and Foday Sillah, a transfer from Hylton High School, will also play key roles in the Mount Vernon offense. Senior Reymi Rodriguez will patrol the midfield, and seniors Damaro DaCosta, Bryan Castellon and junior Cedric Ekoue (second-team all-region, first-team all-district) will be key contributors on defense. Junior goalkeeper Lucas Belanger was an all-state selection last year.

Junior forward Rahim Dorsey-Costa, a transfer, and junior midfielder Aldaid Rodriguez will provide depth.

Mount Vernon finished district runner-up to Washington-Lee last season, losing 2-0 to the Generals during the regular season and 6-0 in the tournament final. After beating Robinson in the opening round of the regional tournament, the Majors lost to Langley in the quarterfinals.

Mount Vernon will host Wakefield on March 27.



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**MVP** Peter Costigan, a seventh-grader at St. Louis School, won MVP at the Fairfax County Basketball Banquet on Sunday, March 4. Costigan plays guard for the Fairfax County Basketball League and averaged more than 20 points per game. Also, Fort Hunt's Chip Gamely was named Most Valuable Coach for his eighth-grade girls' team.



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**Scholar Athletes** Sarah Jane Underwood (indoor track), Patrick Murphy (swimming) and Reanna Dona (swimming) were named West Potomac's 2012 Winter Sports Scholar Athletes. The criteria for this award are: Must be a senior, have a GPA of 3.5 or better for the second quarter, excel in a sport and contribute to the school and community. Each head coach can nominate any athlete that meets the criteria. Each head coach then votes for one boy and one girl. This year, West Potomac had two female athletes equally deserving of this award so for the first time in school history, the Wolverines had a tie for the female scholar athlete.



# Lessons from Counterinsurgencies

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was systematically suppressed by the military as the U.S. pivoted to counter the Soviet Union on traditional grounds. "At the end of the Vietnam War the defense department said we would never do this ever again, and shut everything down," said Christopher Laurence, president and executive director of the Dupuy Institute, the predecessor organization of Trevor Dupuy's HERA. "Trevett independently saw the report while researching at Ft. Huachuca, and knew he had to get it out there."

According to the report, counterinsurgencies have historically taken three approaches. These include brutal suppression, appeasement and elements of isolating the guerilla's support.

A sympathetic population fed the Philippine Insurrection of 1899, with external funding from financiers in Hong Kong. The first few years proved disastrous for American forces, and the insurgency was only suppressed after a brutal campaign of population control and naval blockade.

Support from the local population, however, is not always voluntary. Prior to the official outbreak of Korean War, North Koreans infiltrated south and established bases in the countryside. The insurgents received their orders and a level of support from Pyongyang, and forcibly extracted material from local villagers under threat of terror. As hostilities between the North and South boiled over, the insurgents conducted raids that effectively tied down units of the South Korean army. The insurgents were only put down after the South marshaled a force of internal police that blanketed the countryside, and closed the avenues of support from the North.

These case studies and more are explored with greater depth in "Isolating the Guerilla." Although the studies themselves were written by academics and have always been open sourced, the aggregate conclusions were only declassified in 2004.

After his discovery of the complete paper, Trevett spent several months transcribing the material for publication. The process was time consuming, and Trevett solicited help from his daughter.

"I typed and edited, he needed my help," said Monique Trevett, 14 who studies at Westfield High School. "It was a good experience, I learned how incidents affect government and military decisions."

Trevett periodically inserts his



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**Lieutenant Colonel Michael Trevett's new book, "Isolating the Guerilla," is available in stores and online.**

own annotations throughout the text in a bid to make the analysis relevant to today's ongoing conflicts. His expertise with counterinsurgent warfare includes a stint in Colombia as military attaché with the Coast Guard. While in country he worked with

government forces as they engaged the guerilla Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia.

At the height of the troop surge in Iraq, Trevett served as an instructor at the Counter Insurgency Center for Excellence at Camp Taji. During his 15-month deployment from August '06 to October '07, Trevett picked up lessons, invited key Iraqi leaders to speak, and passed on practical steps that went beyond counterinsurgent theory.

"We would go to various sites, live with the outgoing units, hear what they learned and impart the knowledge to arriving troops," said Trevett.

"The definition of success should be defined before getting into a counterinsurgency; it should be well thought out before hand," said Trevett. "It's a hard thing to describe, it's unique to each case. It could be protecting civilians, ensuring international agreements are enforced, or retaining a desired government in power. Success is almost never based on military grounds, but political reality because that's how insurgencies start."



Mindy LaBruno (center) with her instructors.

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