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Area residents fear that a federal bypass plan for Route 1 would doom Woodlawn Stables.

Impasse over Bypass

Opponents line up against bypass plan for Route 1 widening project.

BY NICHOLAS HORROCK
THE GAZETTE

As federal highway authorities opened a public hearing Tuesday, June 5 on their proposals to increase traffic flow to Fort Belvoir, they found themselves

facing growing political and public resistance to a plan that would harm historical properties on the Woodlawn Meadow and drive the 50-year-old Woodlawn Stables out of business.

Last Friday, U.S. Rep. James Moran (D-8), who secured the \$180 million in federal dollars for the project, sent a letter to the Federal Highway Administration, saying that he was joining Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland in rejecting the bypass plan and favored a widening of Route 1 for the half mile between Mount Vernon Parkway and Fort Belvoir's Pence Gate.

By Monday, Save Woodlawn Stables, a public
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Planning Delays Vote on Dog Park

The Fairfax County Planning Commission voted May 31 to defer a final vote on the proposed Interim Off Leash Dog Park (OLDA) for Westgrove Park until July 19.

Planning Commissioner Walter Alcorn initially made a motion to defer a vote indefinitely, but after some discussion amended his own motion to defer the Planning Commission vote on the interim OLDA until July 19. The vote to defer was nearly unanimous; one commissioner abstained because he was not in attendance at a previous public hearing on the subject, and one member was absent.

Staff of the Fairfax County Park Authority responded to a question on what they were going to do by saying they were still evaluating options and had not made any decisions on next steps. No further comment was available.

Steven Nixon, president of PACK, the dog owners organization leading the effort to establish an interim OLDA, said, "This is a very disappointing turn of events. We thought that with the overwhelming sup-

port of the community, our district supervisor, and the entire county staff that our simple cause would prevail. Our community is built on democratic values — so what does it take to get things done in our district?"

Glenda Booth, president of the Friends of Dyke Marsh, and an opponent of establishing an interim OLDA in Westgrove Park, said, "In deferring their decision for the second time, planning commissioners focused on the absence of a master plan for Westgrove Park. They questioned the appropriateness of granting special treatment through an interim use for a park with no agreed on master plan. In the master planning process everyone in the community could help decide what type of park Westgrove should be. The Friends of Dyke Marsh and others urge the Fairfax County Park Authority to use this rare opportunity to enhance the largely natural corridor that extends from Mount Vernon District Park to the Potomac river."

— GERALD A. FILL

Waiting for Floods

Huntington residents await storm season as they gear up for November bond referendum.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Everyone in the neighborhood near the Huntington Metro station has a story. Pregnant women rescued by firefighters in rafts. Waist-deep water. Mold. Mildew.

"The water comes from both directions," said Ana Funes, who lives on Arlington Terrace. "It comes from the street, the sewers, and it comes from the back. So it's the worst watching it. You see the field get filled with water, and you see fish and stuff coming this way."

Fish. Debris. And ruin. In the last

few years, this part of Fairfax County has been hit hard — multiple times. Back in the 1970s, Hurricane Agnes caused major flooding in Huntington. Then in 2006, county officials declared 160 homes uninhabitable after a major storm. Neighborhood residents were hit again in 2011,

"You see the field get filled with water, and you see fish and stuff coming this way."

— Ana Funes, Arlington Terrace resident

when another major flood evacuated the neighborhood yet again.

It's easy to pass over the headlines, oh, 200 houses flooded, neighborhoods evacuated, be

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How Best To Ensure Dyke Marsh Restoration?

Public comment period ends June 20.

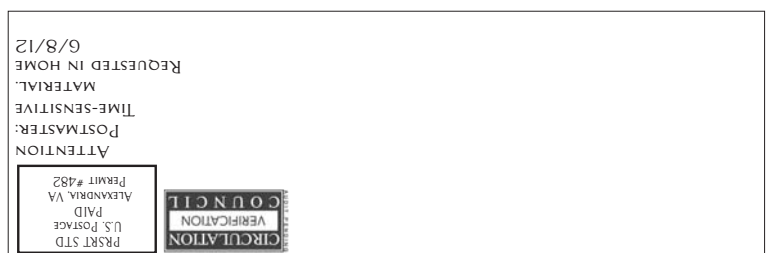
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Dyke Marsh has been losing its marshland steadily for many years and, without remedial action, is in jeopardy of eventually disappearing due to the forces of nature and neglect.

The U.S. Geological Survey, the U.S. National Park Service and the Friends of Dyke Marsh all agree on that projection. Because of that concern, the NPS completed an environmental impact assessment

this spring and called for public comments due no later than June 20. One NPS recommended option, called "Full Restoration" would, according to some concerned observers, have the effect of eliminating Belle Haven Marina. However, Park Service biologist Brent Steury disagreed, and said: "The only possibility of the EIA recommendations impacting the marina is to create marsh in the mooring area; no encroachment of the dock and boat slips is included." The marina is used by sail and power boaters, fishermen, kayakers; the park is used by birders, naturalists, bikers, picnickers, walkers, and other outdoor enthusiasts.

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On the Ballot

Voters to determine Republican and Democratic candidates for House and Senate.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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- ❖ George Allen
- ❖ Bob Marshall
- ❖ E.W. Jackson

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- ❖ Jim Moran
- ❖ Bruce Shuttleworth

Election officials are expecting an extremely low turnout for the June 12 primary, ranging from 3 percent in Arlington to 15 percent in Alexandria. Fairfax County election officials don't make predictions, although requests for absentee ballots indicates next week's election is not expected to bring large numbers of voters to the polls.

"It's not quite dead," said Fairfax County Registrar Cameron Quinn. "But on the other hand, the door is not exactly being pulled off the hinges with people coming in our office to vote."

Republican voters will be choosing between four candidates to be their nominee for the November election, when the winner of next week's election will face former Gov. Tim Kaine to fill the seat vacated by incumbent Sen. Jim Webb. The frontrunner in the race is former Gov. George Allen, who lost the seat to Webb six years ago. But Allen has three challengers — tea party favorite Jamie Radtke, Del. Bob Marshall (R-13) and Chesapeake minister E.W. Jackson.

"Having three opponents is good for Allen because all of the anti-Allen vote will be splintered, and there's been no indication that he's in any trouble in the primary," said Kyle Kondik, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "We can read the tea leaves all we want about what percentage of the vote he gets, but it would be a shock if he didn't win."

Democratic voters will be choosing between longtime incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) and challenger Bruce Shuttleworth, a first-time candidate. Shuttleworth has attempted to attack Moran on many of the same themes as several of his recent challengers, accusing the 10-term congressman of using his power as an elected official to help campaign contributors and himself. Some Moran supporters were concerned that a Texas-based, anti-incumbent political action committee known as Campaign for Primary Accountability would help Shuttleworth. But that financial support never seemed to materialize.

"It doesn't seem like Campaign

for Primary Accountability has put much of a commitment into this race, which probably means they don't think there's much of a potential for Moran to lose," said Kondik. "So my assumption is that Moran is fine."

Election officials in Alexandria are predicting the highest turnout, in part because of the hotly contested primary for Alexandria City Council. That race features 14 candidates seeking six slots on the Democratic ticket for November. Alexandria registrar Tom Parkins says the city could see as much as a 15 percent turnout, which would translate to about 12,000 voters. That's based on turnout from the last time Moran had a closely contested primary race in 2004, when he faced a challenge from Andrew Rosenberg. Alexandria Democrats have traditionally used a firehouse caucus to determine its slate of City Council candidates, which brought about 2,000 voters to the polls. That means next week's election is expected to have about six times as many voters.

"Because there are so many candidates, that could make a difference," said Parkins. "If you have several candidates that really organize and get people out, we could see those numbers go up."

Arlington, by contrast, is expecting an extremely light showing at the polls. Although Arlington voters had 12 percent turnout for a special election in March for the Arlington County Board, Registrar Linda Lindberg says next week's primary is not expected to draw nearly as many voters. So far, requests for absentee ballots have been sparse. So she's expecting turnout on Election Day to follow that trend. That could mean anywhere from 3 percent to 8 percent.

"Interest in this election has been pretty light," said Lindberg. "But who knows? Things could change between now and June 12."



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2012 Julia Johns award recipient Daniel Abramson addresses the gathering.

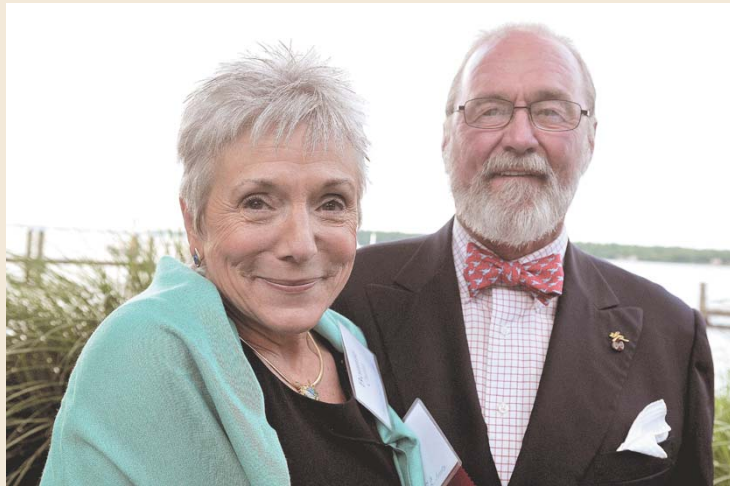
Setting New Standard in Giving

1872 Society gathers in support of Inova Alexandria.

Members and guests of the Alexandria Hospital Foundation's 1872 Society gathered Tuesday, June 5 at the riverfront home of board chairman Joseph Viar Jr., for its annual membership reception.

The program also included the presentation of the 2012 Julia Johns Award of Distinction to Daniel R. Abramson. The award is named for the woman responsible who organized and led the group of citizens who founded the Alexandria Hospital in 1872. The award recognizes and honors individuals who embody the same spirit as the hospital founder, Julia Johns, and who have made a notable contribution to advancing health care for the Alexandria community.

In addition to the award pre-



Bonnie Christ and Joe Viar

sentation, Chairman of the Board Joseph Viar Jr. announced a gift that he and Bonnie Christ are making to the Inova Alexandria Cancer Center in the amount of \$1.25 million. CEO of Inova Alexandria

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George Stevens, Belle Haven Marina manager.



Ned Stone, vice president, Friends of Dyke Marsh.

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Marsh Plan Concerns Marina Boaters

FROM PAGE 1

Tim O'Neill, a student of the Sail Boat Training School operating out of Bell Haven Marina, wrote: "A reasonable course of action would be to focus on a cost effective solution to preventing the loss of more marsh area and creating a breakwater extending from Hog Island ... providing access to the Dyke Marsh area for all users and working with each group as team partners is the only sustainable and practical solution to the future of this area."

Larry Doff, boat slip holder since 1991, said, "A biologist is running the study. He is not the right person. It should have been run by a generalist with a hydrologist's input. People should know that about 50 percent of the users go into the park itself; the other half use the marina. By protecting the marina we would be contributing to saving the marsh. The focus is entirely about the marsh itself and therein lies part of the flaws in the findings and alternative plans of the study." Steve Chaconas, professional fishing guide, said, "Mother nature has found a way to heal the scars from the years ago dredging of the marsh. The NPS mission should be to provide all groups access to the park and marsh. Preservation of the marsh rather than restoration is the most practical alternative to what is recommended in the EIA. The NPS should consider creating a jetty that will protect the Belle Haven harbor from erosion which will in turn help to protect the marsh. Let's protect what we have and not try and restore what was taken away many years ago."

Glenda Booth, president, Friends of Dyke Marsh, said, "A U.S. Geological Survey study found that Dyke Marsh has lost at least 100 acres since 1937, is losing 1.5 to 2 acres a year, and could disappear in 30 to 40 years without action. The Friends of Dyke Marsh support the full restoration of Dyke Marsh and the preservation of Belle Haven Marina. A restored marsh can provide protection against flooding, can better buffer storm surges, enhance water quality, provide more recreational opportunities for people, and more habitat for plants and wildlife. One of the

Details

U.S. National Park Service environmental impact assessment's findings:

- ❖ Dyke Marsh lost 25 percent of post-mining acreage between 1976 and 2006.
- ❖ Primary cause of erosion is from storm waves driven northward up the Potomac from winds and northeasters.
- ❖ Shoreline erosion averages 6-7.8 feet per year and is fragmenting the last significant tidal creek network on the marsh.
- ❖ Restoring geologic protection likely will restore the marsh's ability to regenerate by tidal deposition, or diminish its erosive significance.
- Alternative NPS Plans:
 - ❖ Alternative A: No action, no restoration.
 - ❖ Alternative B: Minimum (30 acres) restoration.
 - ❖ Alternative C: Moderate (140 acres) restoration.
 - ❖ Alternative D: Full (180 acres) restoration

More

What is Dyke Marsh? Why is the U.S. National Park Service conducting an environmental impact assessment?

Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve is a freshwater tidal wetlands area on the western shore of the Potomac river located along the George Washington Parkway immediately north of Belle Haven Marina and extending south along the Potomac river four miles to Southdown road. It is a federally protected wildlife habitat area managed by the U.S. National Park Service for the past 52 years. Located in this area are: 50 species of fish, 300 plant varieties, 6,000 arthropods, 16 different reptiles, beaver, fox, rabbits, muskrats, and Bald eagles. By some accounts half of all the visitors use Belle Haven Marina, the other half enjoy the park. The consensus from all perspectives is that it is threatened with extinction by a variety of factors including stormwater runoff, erosion, past dredging, among others. Because of the threats the National Park Service recently completed a long awaited 80-page environmental impact assessment to establish the basis for long-range planning and actions to restore Dyke Marsh. The first phase of the public comment process is coming to a close. The deadline for comments on the report and alternative plan recommendations is June 20.

most important recommendations of the EIA is to replace the promontory caused by the dredging in the 1930s."

George Stevens, Belle Haven Marina manager, said, "The Potomac river boating community is very concerned with the alternatives offered by the NPS regarding the restoration of Dyke Marsh. Alternative D, calling for the filling of the marina, should be eliminated immediately. It all but guarantees that future generations of boaters will be denied the water access so demanded by the residents of the area. We believe that some combination of both Alternatives B and C [minimum and moderate restoration options] would be acceptable.

"Unfortunately, the Park Service did not provide costs for their proposals before presenting them to the public. Without knowing the costs or the relative benefits of each alternative it is impossible to make informed decisions. Preserving Belle Haven Marina by dredging will provide a low cost way to restore Dyke Marsh and is a win-win for both the marsh and the marina." Brent Steury, supervisory biologist, U.S. National Park Service, said alternative D or full restoration would not eliminate Belle Haven Marina. "The only potential impact of the report on Belle Haven Marina is the possibility of establishing a marsh in the Belle Haven mooring area. However, we are open to comments on that subject. Everything is on the table and we will continue to assess the public comments and see what the affected users and others say about the report," he said. "We will look carefully at the comments and come up with a final preferred alternative. We will then convene another meeting to allow for public comments on the final report. The proposed final alternative and report will remain subject to change."



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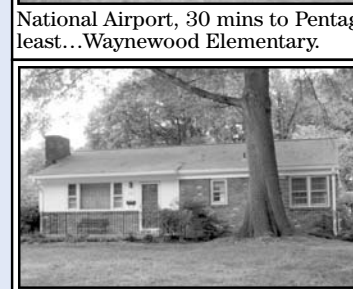
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NEWS



Barbara Doyle with scholarship recipients Erika Saravia, Bryant High School; Joseph Fitzsimmons, Hayfield Secondary School; Rachelle Powell, Hayfield Secondary School; Ian McKellips, Mount Vernon High School; Valerie Manu, Mount Vernon High School; Benjamin Dougherty, Thomas A. Edison High School; Abigail Jacobs, West Potomac High School; Sarah Jane Underwood, West Potomac High School; along with Ashley McNeff, Chamber vice president, and Dan Storck, Fairfax County Public School Board member.

Chamber Awards Scholarships

Nine high school students were recognized and awarded 2012 Education Partnership Scholarships at a May 31 reception by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. The scholarship recipients are Ian McKellips and Valerie Manu, Mount Vernon High School; Benjamin Dougherty, Thomas A. Edison High School; Abigail Jacobs and Sarah Jane Underwood, West Potomac High School; Joseph Fitzsimmons and Rachelle Powell, Hayfield Secondary School; Erika Saravia, Bryant Alternative High School, and Katherine Pfleeger, The Madeira School.

“The Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce feels very strongly that an investment in education looks to the future with an eye on improving individual lives, our workforce, and our community,” said Barbara Doyle, Chamber president.

“Providing these scholarships helps prepare future business and community leaders,” Doyle said. Since 1997, the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce has awarded more than \$112,000 in scholarships to local students.

Receiving the Jeff Todd Memorial Scholarship was Erika Saravia from Bryant High School. Todd was a former chairman of the chamber of commerce and owner of the Roy Roger Restaurants in the area. He had a great love for the schools and students. Many friends and businesses contributed to establish this memorial scholarship.

“The commitment the chamber makes to ensure scholarships each year is extraordinary,” said Holly Dougherty, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce. “The youth are the future, and these scholarships are an investment in the future of our community.”

The 2012 Education Partnership recipients are a talented group with a range of



Barbara Doyle, Chamber president and CEO of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, presents the Jeff Todd Memorial Scholarship to Erika Saravia of Bryant High School.



Paul Frank, executive director of Collingwood Library and Museum, welcomes the Chamber of Commerce and scholarship recipients.

activities and interests.

❖ Erika Saravia, Bryant High School, will attend NOVA where she plans to pursue a medical career and work as a medical assistant to help the community where she lives.

❖ Joseph Fitzsimmons, Hayfield Second

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PEOPLE

Serving the Muse and the Community

Peter Lattu turns to poetry and volunteering.

BY RUTH BAJA WILLIAMS
FOR THE GAZETTE

How to fill the void after the dog dies: That was the dilemma facing Peter Lattu. For several years, Lattu had taken his border collie on three long walks a day. But many empty hours stretched before the Alexandria resident when the dog was gone. "I needed things to do," said Lattu.

After finding the book "A Poem a Day," Lattu and wife Alison began reading a poem a day, usually at breakfast. In January 2006, he joined Tuesdays at Two, an Alexandria writers' group that requires two original pieces of writing a week. "Poetry was one of the things I wanted to do when I retired. At first I was very active sending things out. I had lots of rejections." Then the Mount

Vernon Gazette and the Alexandria Gazette Packet accepted some poems. Lattu has since been published on the Sheltered Poet blog and in two anthologies of writings by the Tuesdays at Two writers' group.

A resident of Alexandria since 1979 and of Tauxemont since 2002, Lattu's poems are often about local scenes such as The Athenaeum, River Farm, The Virginia Florist Window, Del Ray and Market Square.

In spring 2006, Lattu started reading poems in seniors' homes. Every two weeks, he reads at three seniors' homes on Monday afternoons and one on Tuesday mornings. "My readings at seniors' homes keeps me reading poetry because I always have to find new poems," said Lattu. Since Valentine's Day, Lattu has shared the program at Woodbine with members of Tuesdays at Two. "I

believe poetry is meant to be spoken. Poetry has been an oral tradition since Homer and Beowulf."

Once a month he facilitates a poetry Readaround at Sherwood Hall Library. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, working with Tony Lapallo, Lattu has organized poetry programs sometimes with music and dance. These programs have featured the poetry of The New York School, the Harlem Renaissance, Civil War poetry and the French symbolist poets of the late 19th century.

LATTU WAS LOOKING for an opportunity to cook. On hearing that the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church needed kitchen help with the Agape meal, he volunteered. "What they really needed was a cook. I'd never cooked for 50 to 100 people before but I was willing to give it a try. Now I cook for the Friday evening Agape meal that serves people with special needs. This meal, organized by Nancy Noel, also appeals to Lattu. "I like cooking. I seem to have a talent for it and people like what I



Peter Lattu

PHOTO BY RUTH BAJA WILLIAMS

cook. I feed off that, too."

While Lattu juggles cooking and poetry, he is also involved with two Focus Series in Alexandria in Mount Vernon and with the monthly Second Thursday Concerts at the Athenaeum. He has helped to present music programs at St. Elmo's in Del Ray, the Ly-

ceum and First Night Alexandria.

As if he didn't have enough to do, last year Lattu volunteered to serve lunch to homeless people once a month at the Route One Community Kitchen (R.O.C.K.). Here, he's only serving, not cooking. Lattu's days are now full to bursting with things to do.

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Brownie Troop 2822 leader Deb Kempton of Mount Vernon accepts a 100th year anniversary commemorative coin and card from Brownie Troop 2822

Girl Scout Leader Marks 20 Years of Leadership

Mount Vernon Resident Deb Kempton is finishing up her 20th year of Girl Scout Leadership. She has led troops in all levels of Girl Scouts from Daisies to Seniors, and has raised her own daughters to be Girl Scout volunteers.

During her 20 years as a Girl Scout leader she has gone on numerous camping trips, sang hundreds of songs and helped the girls sell many thousands of boxes of cookies to raise funds for the scout troops. She has taught hundreds of girls life skills that build courage, confidence and character and

help make the world a better place — one Girl Scout at a time.

Currently Kempton is the leader of Brownie Troop 2822 and co-leader of Senior Troop 849.

The Brownie Troop has been learning new and traditional Girl Scout songs and will converge on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., on June 9 for "Rock the Mall," part of the Girl Scout's 100th Birthday Celebration. The event is expected to draw more than 200,000 registered Girl Scouts and guests for what has been dubbed the world's largest sing-along.

Summit To Spotlight Green Development

Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) will present "New Trends in Green Development," a community event aimed at discussing the environmental aspects of revitalization with the citizens of Mount Vernon and Lee Districts. This event will feature presentations from public and private sector experts in several fields representing a diverse set of perspectives. The summit will focus on how good development can enhance the natural environment.

The summit will be held on Saturday, June 9, from

9-11:30 a.m. in the Lecture Hall at Carl Sandburg Middle School, located at 8428 Fort Hunt Road in Alexandria.

To register, visit SFDC's EventBrite page. If unable to register online or for more information about New Trends in Green Development, contact David Ben at 703-360-5008 or david.ben@sfdc.org. Tickets are free.

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Supporting Bond Against Flooding

FROM PAGE 1

cause you don't see it again the next day," said Jeff Hoekstra, who estimates that the 2011 storm cost him about \$15,000. "But the reality is I just finished up repairs from the last flood, which happened in September."

NOW THAT SUMMER is approaching, people are concerned that another flood may be on the way, perhaps even more devastating than the last. Those fears came flooding back last weekend, when severe weather caused major problems throughout the region. Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland said the neighborhood was staffed by officials from the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Fire Department and Office of Emergency Management.

"We would hope that we wouldn't have the same problem, but there's no guarantee of that," said Hyland. "We don't have a silver bullet that's going to keep a whole bunch of water out of that community absent a levee."

For years, growth and development have contributed to the problem.

For example, Cameron Run was rerouted when the Capital Beltway was constructed. And several developments in Fairfax County have added impervious surfaces that have increased the flow of water during heavy rain events. Residents in Huntington say the county's gain has been at the expense of their neighborhood.

"We don't have a silver bullet..."

— Gerry Hyland, Mount Vernon District Supervisor

The things that have caused the flooding for Huntington have been very good for Fairfax County," said Alan Ruof. "They've made sense. They've produced wealth and prosperity. But, boy Huntington has really paid the price, and we need help."

HELP MAY BE on the way. This November, voters in Fairfax County will consider a \$30 million bond referendum to build a levee along Cameron Run. That's a goal that was outlined by the Army Corps of Engineers to solve the problem back in 2006. But nothing happened. That's why the 2011 flood created so much frustration in Huntington.

"People here are frustrated, upset and distraught," said David Coon shortly after the 2011 flood. "The county has basically dropped the ball."

This November, voters in Fairfax County will have the final say. A \$30 million bond referendum will be on the ballot to construct the levee originally constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers back in 2006. Hyland compares the situation to Hurricane Irene, saying voters in Louisiana would recognize the importance of spending money to make sure New Orleans is not wiped off the map. Ultimately, though, a majority of voters will need to approve the referendum to get the money.

This is only going to pass if outreach is done, particularly by the people who are directly affected," said Hyland. "They are going to have to work to inform voters of this, and obviously I will do that through my office."

Rally Planned To Improve Athletic Fields

Young athletes will join with their parents, pastors and faith communities 7:30-8:45 p.m., Monday, June 11, when 300 people from the Route 1 and Mount Vernon areas of Fairfax County gather in the multipurpose room of Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria to call on their County Supervisors and Park Authority Board members to improve the fields and recreation opportunities in the area.

VOICE (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement), a broad-based organization, including Bethlehem Baptist Church, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, and individuals from St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, helped initiate the effort that will bring together constituencies from West Potomac High

School, Mount Vernon High School, Sandburg Middle School, Bucknell Elementary School and Hometown Audubon, a heavily-immigrant manufactured home community located behind Walmart and the new Costco site in south Fairfax County.

VOICE will challenge public officials to allocate a portion of the impending 2012 \$75 million Fairfax Park Bond to help fund synthetic turf fields at West Potomac and Mount Vernon high schools and to organize a public-private partnership to create an open recreation field near Audubon; to improve grassy fields at local parks; to make changes to Fairfax County Connector service to help Sandburg Middle School students get home afterschool; and to support building afterschool programs for elementary school youth.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that a brief (3-minute) fireworks display will take place as part of private events at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Museum & Gardens on the following dates:


Thursday, June 7, between 9:15 p.m. and 9:45 p.m.
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OPINION

Primary Voting

Statewide primary on
Tuesday, June 12.

On Tuesday, June 12, Virginia will hold a statewide Republican primary for U.S. Senate, plus numerous more local primaries for U.S. House of Representatives and localities.

In the City of Alexandria, there is a critical and hotly contested contest for City Council, which has been chronicled by Alexandria Gazette Packet reporter Mike Pope. You can read the coverage online here: <http://www.alexandriagazette.com/news/Election/Alexandria>

Alexandria, Arlington and parts of Fairfax County are affected by the Democratic primary for the 8th district of U.S. House of Representatives, with U.S. Rep. Jim Moran facing former Navy pilot Bruce Shuttleworth. The winner will face Republican Patrick Murray of Arlington in November.

Reston and some other parts of Fairfax County, represented by Moran for the past 10 years, will now be in District 11; incumbent Gerry Connolly will face the winner of next week's Republican primary in November. Voters in the Republican primary in district 11 will choose between Ken Vaughn and Chris Perkins.

There is no primary for either party in the 10th Congressional District. U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R) will face Democrat Kristin Cabral in November.

In the U.S. Senate Republican Primary, George Allen faces Bob Marshall, Jaime Radtke and E.W. Jackson. The winner will face Democrat Tim Kaine in November.

Gazette coverage of the Senate and Congressional races so far is available at <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Election/National/>

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❖ Arlington County Office of Voter Registration, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 320, Arlington, 703.228.3456, TTY 703.228.4611. <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/voterregistration/voterregistrationmain.aspx>

❖ Alexandria Board of Elections, 132 North Royal Street, Alexandria; 703.746.4050. <http://alexandriava.gov/Elections>.

EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Increase Natural Lighting

To the Editor:

I am a graduate of Carl Sandburg Middle School and still have many friends that go there. I attended the presentation on the plans to renovate Carl Sandburg Middle School, and I was impressed by how much it will be

renovated.

One thing that would help the school a lot would be to increase the amount of natural lighting. When I went to school there last year, everybody in my class hated the poor lighting. It's so dark that when students go outside and it's so bright that they can't see anything until their eyes adjust. So, my suggestion is to add more win-

dows and increase the size of the current windows.

Andrew Schurr

What Moran Stands For

To the Editor:

As someone who is active in the community and the Democratic candidate for Delegate from Virginia's 42nd district in last year's election, I offer my enthusiastic endorsement of Congressman Jim Moran in the Democratic Primary on June 12.

In his many years of public service, Congressman Moran has shown that he shares our values and fights for our community. As a senior member of the Defense Appropriation Sub-Committee, he is in a unique position to help our community thrive. He secured \$180 million to widen Route 1 through Fort Belvoir and mitigate traffic cause by BRAC relocations. It was Congressman Moran's fast action in securing \$20 million in additional funding for improvements to the area around the MARC Center that staved off a potentially nightmarish traffic situation.

Always a friend of Federal workers, Congressman Moran knows that the economic stability of Northern Virginia is tied to the health of our Federal Workforce and the private businesses that flock to do business here.

As a progressive champion Congressman Moran has been recognized many times for his work in advocacy for human rights, the abolishment of animal cruelty and as an environmental steward. He understands that in an economic

downturn it is the worst time to cut the social safety net on our hard-working Americans. He is one of Congress' fiercest warriors against Tea Party extremism.

As a result of congressional redistricting many more citizens in southern Fairfax County are now part of the VA 8th Congressional District. If you vote at Waynewood Elementary, Stratford Landing Elementary, Washington Mill Elementary, Gunston Elementary, Lorton Library, Lorton Station Elementary, Grace Bible Church, Saratoga Elementary, Woodley Hills Elementary or Riverside Elementary, you are now in the VA 8th district.

I urge you to get out and vote for Congressman Moran on June 12.

Jack Dobbyn
Alexandria

Showing Civic Responsibility

To the Editor:

I don't like to "blow my own horn" but Martin Tillet's condescending, misinformed letter in last week's Gazette demands an appropriate and prompt rebuttal.

First, there is nothing Martin Tillet could possibly think, say or write that would have to be "dumbed down," as he put it, to facilitate its understanding by anyone. Second, Mr. Tillet supports one of the more drastic proposals for "restoring" Dyke Marsh and mentions the "nearby public boat ramp where people can launch canoes and kayaks." That ramp

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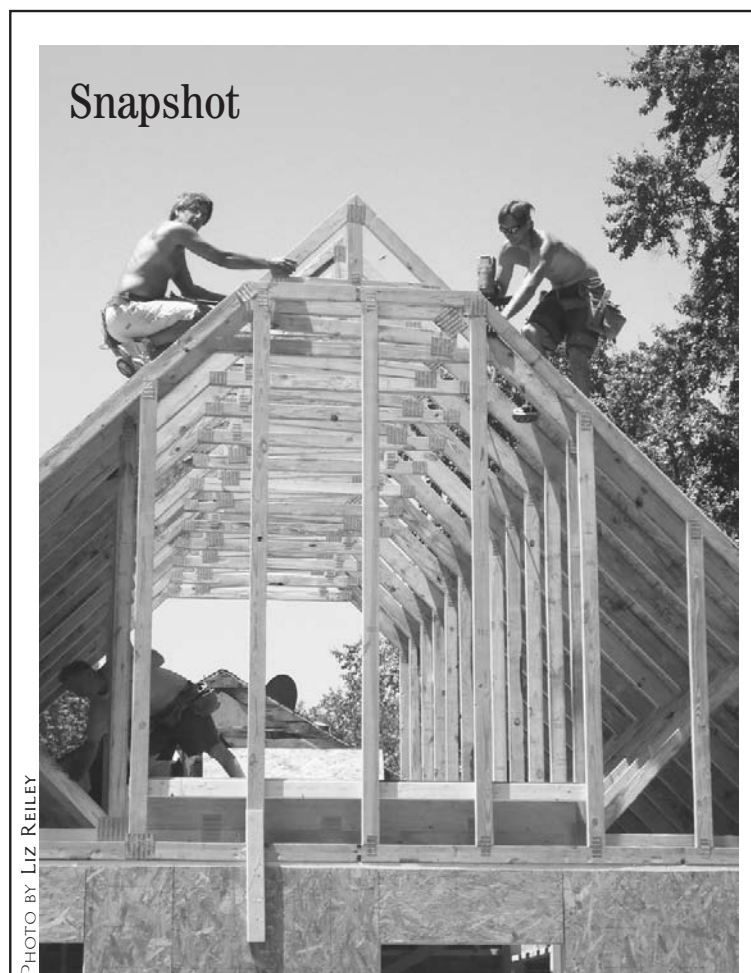


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Hollin Hall resident (and builder) John Hubbell (left) and Aaron Pagannini (right), frame an addition on a neighbor's house.

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will be gone with Belle Haven Marina if Mr. Tillett gets his way.

Third, Mr. Tillett makes reference to the website at www.littlehuntingcreek.org (which I own) which states that there are no places on the Creek where the public can launch a boat or canoe. However, the creek is not a private waterway. It is accessible to anyone who owns a boat. Numerous visitors enter the creek using kayaks and canoes (see accompanying photo). The tidal wetlands depicted in the photograph in last week's Gazette are not my "private view shed" as alleged by Mr. Tillett. Rather, they are viewable by any member of the public who wishes to visit the creek by boat as well as from any number of public streets.

Fourth, Mr. Tillett made reference to my opposition to a public park at the Little Hunting Creek sewage pumping station. Yes, I successfully fought the MVCCA's attempt to make Stratford Landing the destination for a public park for anyone on the planet. My position on this issue was vindicated by the APR Task Force, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors, including Supervisor Hyland. Fifth, Mr. Tillett implies I oppose access to the creek. Apparently he is unaware that in 1998, I offered the Stratford Landing community access to the creek across my own property. The community declined the offer. Moreover, I daresay no one in our community has done more over the past two decades to



PHOTO BY H. JAY SPIEGEL

Kayaks and canoes on Little Hunting Creek.

facilitate safe access to Little Hunting Creek by the general public than have I. I established the location of the navigable channel of the creek at my own expense over 20 years ago. I hold the Coast Guard permit for the navigation buoys that mark that channel and safely guide visitors to and from the creek. I paid for those buoys myself and maintain them with the assistance of neighbors. The photo shows my buoy number 18. I

worked to establish the County's No Wake Zone Ordinance, got it applied to the creek, and paid for the No Wake buoys and signs. I am the responsible party for the Creek's No Wake Zone markers. The No Wake Zone has done more to restore the presence of wildlife in Little Hunting Creek than any other single act. It also makes it safe for non-motorized vessels to visit the creek.

Sixth, Mr. Tillett implies that I

am not involved in improving the quality of the environment on Little Hunting Creek in the context of the creek clean-ups that have occurred this year that I have not attended. People who live on the creek including me play their part in keeping the creek clean every day of the year.

That's a partial listing of my legacy in the civic arena. I think it compares favorably to Mr. Tillett's legacy: partial credit for each of the Spring Bank Wal-Mart, no restoration of Quander Brook, no park at the Fairchild property, traffic congestion on Richmond Highway, a ghost town at the Penn Daw shopping center, no stormwater controls on the Wal-Mart property and plural attempts to kill affordable housing on North Hill.

Finally, in response to Mr. Tillett's weak attempt to draw an analogy between Sarah Palin and me, our community would be better served if he limited his civic activity to what he can view from inside his house with the blinds closed.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

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SATURDAY/JUNE 16

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CASA Info Session. 11 a.m. to noon. Fairfax CASA trains volunteers to advocate for a child's best interests in Court. Meeting at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. For reservations or information, contact Elisa Kosarin, Associate Director - Recruitment and Training, at 703-273-3526, ext. 22, ekosarin@casafairfax.org, or visit www.fairfaxcasa.org.

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MONDAY/JUNE 18

Discussing Health Care. All are welcome to the briefing on the implementation in Virginia of the Affordable Healthcare Act at Sherwood Regional Library at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Kathy May, director, Virginia Consumer Voices for Healthcare.

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ONGOING

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WELLBEING

The Power of Touch

Reiki masters credit the practice with promoting healing.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

“May I touch you?” asks Marion Werner, a willowy woman with shoulder-length blonde hair. Her hands descend lightly on her patient’s chest.

This is Reiki, a decades-old, Japanese mind-body technique used for relaxation and stress relief that is gaining acceptance in the United States. During a session, a client lies on a massage table, fully clothed. Practitioners rest their hands on or just above the client’s body, palms down. They use a set of eight to 12 hand positions, each held for about two to five minutes.

While some healthcare professionals dismiss the practice as quackery, major medical centers including those at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and George Washington Hospital’s Center for Integrative Medicine now offer it to patients, and medical schools have integrated mind-body courses into their curriculum.

Reiki is credited with promoting healing and addressing a host of ailments from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression and anxiety to infertility, heart disease and the side effects of cancer treatment.

“A relaxed body and mind gives us a foundation for healing,” said Springfield, resident Christine Mosley, a Reiki master who also practices in Fairfax Station.

However, practitioners don’t claim to be healers. “It’s like when you get a cut, the body responds and heals the cut. You might get stitches to help the healing, but your body is actually doing the healing,” said Werner, a Reiki master in Chevy Chase. “It is a capacity that we’re all born with but, stress can make it difficult for the natural healing process to work. Reiki treatment encourages relaxation and balance in the system.”

SOME PRACTITIONERS believe that Reiki is a mechanism for tapping into a universal energy that supports the body’s natural ability to heal itself, but this notion is



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL/THE GAZETTE

Reiki Masters Christine Mosley, of Springfield, and Marion Werner, of Chevy Chase, perform a Reiki treatment.

not commonly accepted among physicians in the United States.

“In China and Japan they know it works and they don’t care how it works,” said Dr. David Rosenthal, medical director of the Leonard P. Zakim Center for Integrative Therapies at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston and a professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. “In this country we have to show not only that it works, but how it works. ... I think the evidence is getting there, but I don’t think it is totally there yet.”

Reiki can be given to those who are dying and to their families. “It can help impart a sense of peace and acceptance,” said Naning Sugeng, a practitioner in Potomac, who, along with Werner and Mosley, offers free services to cancer patients and wounded veterans.

Comfort for America’s Uniformed Services (CAUSE), a non-profit organization that offers respite to wounded members of the military, provides free Reiki treatments to battle-weary soldiers and their family members and caretakers. “It is so gentle that it can be used on shrapnel wounds and re-

cent amputations to improve wound healing and relieve phantom pain,” said Mosley who is also the coordinator for CAUSE’s Reiki program at Fort Belvoir in Virginia.

PRIVATE SESSIONS with a Reiki master can cost between \$75 and \$100 an hour. The profession is not regulated, but traditional Reiki training and certification has three levels of expertise. While classes for the first two levels can be completed in two-day classes, preparation for the third, or master, level can take years.

Locally, Reiki treatments are offered at the Pain and Palliative Care Service at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Inova Loudoun Hospital’s Life with Cancer program and the Center for Integrative Medicine at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Still, doctors say more large-scale studies are needed before Reiki becomes a mainstream practice. “Not only is there not enough research, but a lot of the Reiki research has been criticized for not being rigorous enough compared to the standards that are in place to study other medical in-

terventions,” said Dr. John Pan, founder of the Center for Integrative Medicine at the George Washington University Medical Center in Washington and a faculty member at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Researchers at George Mason University conducted a study of patients in Inova’s Life with Cancer program to determine whether yoga, Reiki, or meditation would help alleviate symptoms of chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy (CIPN).

“At the conclusion of the study, each group, with the exception of the control group, showed [improvement], but the results were not statistically significant,” said Paul G. Clark, PhD, LCSW, assistant professor of social work. “What we did learn was that these therapies are worth studying on a larger scale.”

In 2011, Rosenthal co-authored a study of 18 men with prostate cancer and found that Reiki helped ease their anxiety. “It does relax people, it does decrease stress acutely,” he said, adding that Reiki can be an alternative for patients who have an aversion to techniques such as massage or acupuncture. “There are some people who do not like their bodies being rubbed and do not like needles being put into their skin.”

Reiki is also credited with calming jittery preoperative patients. Kate Snipes, a 41-year-old wife and mother of two, received Reiki treatments before and after a prophylactic double mastectomy. She recalls feeling tranquil post-treatment, void of the anxiety that had gripped her before the procedure. “I felt more at peace with [the surgery],” said Snipes. “I felt pain relief, and I felt more comfortable and relaxed in the parts of my body that were kind of tense.”

REIKI IS GENERALLY SAFE and NIH’s National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine says that that no serious side effects have been reported.

“It won’t cause harm, but some people may not respond to it,” said Pan. “It is an individualized process. What works for one patient may not work for another.”

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Opponents Line Up Against Bypass Plan

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nonprofit group fighting to keep the stables as an equestrian facility, announced it had commitments from three members of the Virginia Assembly and two area state senators to oppose the bypass. State Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36), has organized a letter from the opponents to Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez asking him to abandon the bypass plan. Shelley Castle, a spokesperson for Save Woodlawn, said the opponents would include state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30), Del. Scott Surovell, (D-44), Del. Mark Sickles, (D-43) and Del. Dave Albo (R-42).

The public hearing was held in the cafeteria of Hayfield Secondary School and highway officials had lined the room with aerial maps of the different plans and boards with descriptions. The total project would widen Route 1 from Mount Vernon Parkway to the Fairfax Parkway. Each person who attended received a written form to file comments and questions.

Several hundred members of Save Woodlawn Stables, which acquired more than 3,000 signatures of people opposed to the bypass plan, came to the meeting, many of them wearing blue t-shirts and jodhpur riding pants.

Jack Van Dop, a regional FHWA official, conducted the meeting, giving a brief description of the plans and opening it to some 30 minutes of questions and comments. The FHWA has created plans that pit different stake holders against each other. The widening plan would supposedly cause Woodlawn Baptist Church to have to exhume 100 graves from its cemetery. Travis Hilton, Woodlawn Baptist pastor, gave a moving description of his attempting to tell two members of his congregation that their loved ones would be exhumed and moved to a different location. "They could not understand that," he said.

The bypass plan would avoid the Baptist church property, but cut a swath through the center of the historic Woodlawn Meadow, destroying 150-year-old buildings on the property and driving the 56-horse stable and riding school out of business.

The bypass is a completely new road, "a 6-lane elevated roadway, approximately 30 feet high, possibly with sound barriers, and



Maps depicting the plans for widening Route 1 from Mount Vernon Parkway to Fairfax County Parkway.

a 6 percent grade," according to a Save the Woodlawn Stables analysis. Though the news coverage often talked about two choices for widening Route 1, in fact the bypass plan contemplates a completely new roadway and will require that the old right-of-way to be demolished and removed.

Two local residents pointed out that no matter how much the road is widened, traffic will be dominated by two choke points, some four miles apart, one where Route 1 goes down to one lane at U.S. Route 95 and another at the intersection of Mount Vernon Parkway and Route 1. A local resident estimated that 66 cars per minute during rush hours would enter the old two-lane Route 1, causing extensive backups.

Several opponents said that the FHWA has not done sufficient review or planning and should go back to the drawing boards.

Rebecca Ballo, who is the preservationist in Arlington County, said the public process has not "been following Section 106 procedures" for preserving historical properties and the highway authorities have not coordinated adequately with the affected properties.

Ballo wrote a formal complaint for Save Woodlawn Stables and filed it on May 29 with the federal board that oversees the protection of historic trusts. She urged the board to review the entire process that she said was hurried and inadequate.

The need to provide more lanes for cars to and from Fort Belvoir came after the Department of Army moved additional operations to the base. Some 20,000 defense employees moved south from Arlington and Washington and some 8,000 will be working at Fort Belvoir. The Army also built a

new hospital that will service some of the 500,000 military families and retirees living in the Washington area.

Cynthia L. Mitchell one of the owners of Woodlawn Sables said in an interview "discussions to widen Route 1 had gone for decades." She recognized that it might extend into some of the Woodlawn land along Route 1 and realized with the growth of Fort Belvoir the need for it. Woodlawn rents the land and buildings of the riding stables from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, which operates the Woodlawn Estate built on Mount Vernon land for George Washington's nephew Major Lawrence Lewis.

The stables land has historical significance in its own right. The barn complex was built in 1912 by Miss Elizabeth Sharpe who had restored Woodlawn. It contains a dairy bar, a corn crib and the oldest of three "bank barns," remaining in Fairfax County. On the property is the Otis Mason house, part of which was built in 1854, and belonged to Otis Tufton Mason, a prominent Smithsonian Institution anthropologist in the late 19th century.

Mitchell said when the bypass that would cut through her property was proposed, she was not notified by the Federal Highway Administration or the historic trust. Her lease runs until 2016. Her support group statement said that the bypass plan was not discussed at environmental meetings.

One of the first ways it came to public attention was on April 27 when National Trust President Stephanie Meeks issued a press release stating: "No decision on either road widening option has been made by the FHWA. However the agency does have a legal mandate to minimize harm to historic properties, and the southwest bypass alternative would cause less harm to the historic setting of Woodlawn, by moving Route 1 further away ..."

The supporters of the Woodlawn Stables were shocked that Meeks would make that statement before the federal highway authorities had made a full study of the options or fully informed the public.

Save Woodlawn Stables filed a formal complaint on May 29 with the federal board that oversees the protection of historic trusts.

Woodlawn Hosts 49th Annual Needlework Exhibition



Christmas stockings hang at the fireplace in the family parlor.

Catherine Jordan/Counted Thread - Original.



The annual Needlework Exhibition opened Saturday, May 12 and runs through June 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., closed Tuesdays. The change in the date from March is due to the restoration of the windows in the mansion.



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ENTERTAINMENT



Things That Go Bump in the Night

LTA premiers "The Woman in Black."

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

An illuminated moon just one day shy of reaching its eerie, ghoulish fullness, shone down on the cobbled streets of Alexandria June 2, setting the perfect stage for the premiere of "The Woman in Black," a classic English ghost story now playing as part of a special late-night series at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

Based on the 1983 play by Susan Hill and adapted for the stage by Stephen Mallatratt, the play-within-a-play is a spellbinding account of dark fantasy and frightening reality, where simple tricks of light, shadow, sound and mind are deftly used to spin a twisting tale of horror, darkness and unrelenting grief to the stricken.

Directed by Kristina Friedgen, "The Woman in Black" uses just two actors to tell the story of Arthur Kipps, a young London lawyer tasked with settling the estate of a reclusive widow in a small town on the coast of England. It is in her desolate and secluded home, completely cut off from the mainland during high tide, that Kipps encoun-

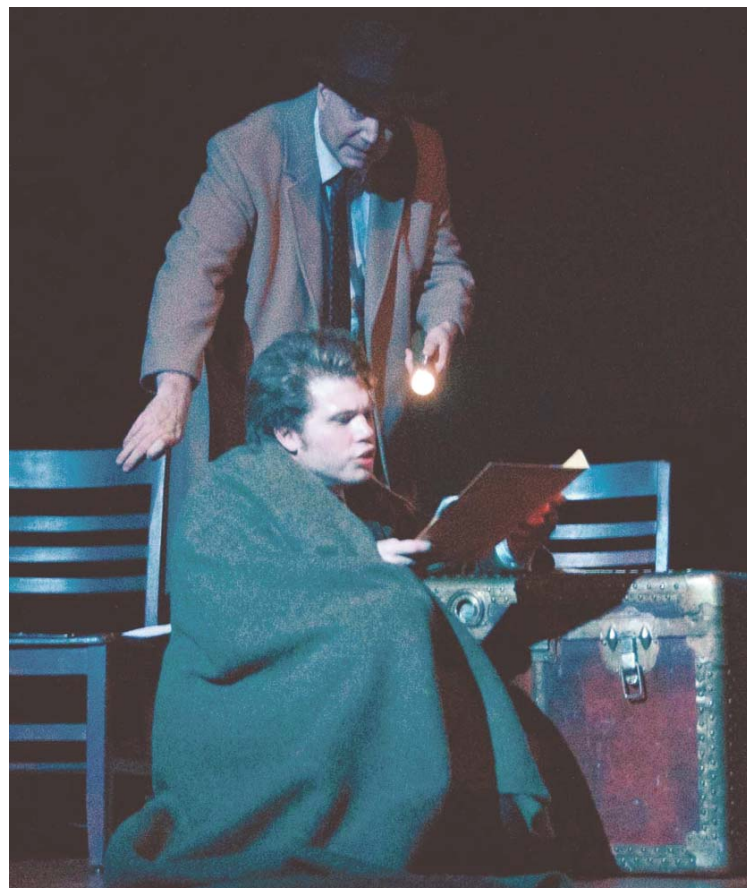
ters the Woman in Black and subsequently endures an increasingly terrifying sequence of unexplained events.

Erik Harrison is Kipps, with Elliott Bales as his counterpart simply referred to as The Actor. Together they are mesmerizing in a tension-filled, riveting performance of a clever script that demands the full skill and mastery of the extremely talented cast and crew.

Using little more than a trunk and a few chairs, Friedgen never underestimates the power of suggestion, creating a psychological fear that relies on the audiences' imagination rather than big effects.

WITH AN UNDERLYING STORY line that could easily be told to young campers around a campfire between marshmallows and s'mores, the effortlessly executed production shows to chilling effect the

ON STAGE



Elliott Bales (The Actor) and Erik Harrison, sitting (Arthur Kipps).

PHOTOS BY DOUG OLUMSTED

award-winning skills of the lighting design team of Ken and Patti Crowley.

Erin Gallalee makes the shadowy appearance as The Woman in Black in what is now the second longest running play in London theater history. Recently made into a movie starring Harry Potter's Daniel Radcliff, "The Woman in Black" is a special late night LTA production that begins at 10 p.m. on weekends.

Because of her understanding that horror is as much psychological as visual, Friedgen and her team have brilliantly succeeded in crafting a ghost story to shock and enthrall an audience of all ages.

"The Woman in Black" is playing now through June 23 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to the Gazette, gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper.

FRIDAY/JUNE 8

Musician Jonathan Coulton. 7:30 p.m. With Justin Townes Earle. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.Birchmere.com.

Valentina Lisitsa, Pianist. 7:30 p.m. Free; unreserved seating. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Visit www.wpc-alex.org.

"Red Carpet Pops" presented by The Alexandria Singers. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at tickets@alexandriasingers.com. Call 703-941-SING (7464) or visit www.AlexandriaSingers.com. First

Baptist Church 2932 King Street Alexandria.

Wee Ones Story-time. 10:30 - 11 a.m. Ages 2 and under free. Explore the exciting world around us with some of our favorite stories and songs. Located at Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore at 1555 King St. Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092 or www.hooray4books.com

Alexandria Citizens Band Concerts. 7:30 p.m. The Alexandria Citizens Band, the City's Oldest Performing Arts Organization, is celebrating 100 years. Join them in front of City Hall and enjoy the wide variety of music including marches, jazz, classical, patriotic and others. Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-5592

SATURDAY/JUNE 9

Occasionally Cake is celebrating the opening of their Old Town Alexandria store with a grand-opening celebration from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at 207 King Street. Visit

www.occasionallycake.com.
"Red Carpet Pops" presented by The Alexandria Singers at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available for purchase. The Singers are also featuring local celebrities in the spotlight. Call 703-941-SING (7464) or visit www.AlexandriaSingers.com. First Baptist Church, 2932 King Street, Alexandria.

Guitarist, Larry Snitzler. 8 p.m. Admission \$25. For students with IDs & Seniors \$20, for individuals under 18 with a paying adult \$5. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

Beginners Yoga. noon-2 p.m. \$35 entrance fee. If you think you're not flexible enough to do yoga then this is the workshop for you. Learn the art of yoga and give yourself the gift of health. 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Alexandria. Visit www.532Yoga.com or contact suzanne@532Yoga.com or 703-209-0049.

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The Birchmere, Wednesday, June 13

Paul Thorn at 7:30 p.m. With Jamie McLean. Tickets are \$25. Thorn will perform the new release titled What the Hell Is Goin' On? At The Birchmere. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.Birchmere.com.

ENTERTAINMENT

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Field Orientation. 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Required of all volunteers interested in excavating. Must be at least 16 years old. Free, but reservations required. Email Archaeology@alexandriava.gov.

CALENDAR

70th Anniversary Homecoming and Ice Cream Social. 4:30 p.m. Bring a picnic and enjoy ice cream for dessert. And bring any old photos or albums that you can share.

At Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool, 7719 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Email tauxemontcoop@gmail.com or visit www.tauxemont.org

Jefferson-Jackson Dinner. Keynote speaker is former Gov. Tim Kaine, Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate. Also honored will be Vice Mayor Kerry Donley and City Councilman Rob Krupicka, who are leaving the City Council this year. Tickets are \$125. At the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 901 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria.

Wine Tasting Event. While sipping a variety of wines and tasting an array of cheeses and charcuterie, you can walk around the boat-building workshop sponsored by the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. Tickets are \$55. Sponsored by Grape + Bean of Alexandria. Tickets are available online at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/243578 or phone 1-800-838-3006.

MONDAY/JUNE 11

Author Talk by Lyle Smythers. 7:30 p.m. Author of *Feasting with Panthers*. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705 or visit

www.alexandria.lib.va.us. **Kinky Friedman.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 12

Start, Manage, Grow Your Business. 8 to 10:30 a.m. Free. At The Mary G. Gates Learning Center/United Way Worldwide, 701 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria. Registration required. Call Pat Melton, 703-778-1292 or visit www.alexandriabdc.org.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10. Featuring King Teddy. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 13

Lunch Bunch Concert. Noon-1 p.m. Musical performance by Cathy Ponton King featuring blues, series held in partnership with Tishman Speyer. Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Call 703-746-5592

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

Paul Thorn. 7:30 p.m. With Jamie McLean. Tickets are \$25. Will perform the new release, titled *What the Hell Is Goin' On?* At The Birchmere. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.Birchmere.com.

Jamie McLean Band. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Will be playing "Live

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Wayne Taylor directing the Friends & Family Chamber Orchestra in concert at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Springfield.

Family, Friends Make Music at St. Mark's

With musicians, the music goes on long after retirement. ACPS music teachers Wayne and Ginny Taylor, who retired in 2002 after 33 and 25 years (respectively) in Alexandria schools, were having dinner one night with their son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Holly Taylor, both orchestra teachers in Fairfax County Public Schools. Dinnertime conversation got around to music and music-making, as usual. Wayne and Ginny admitted to wishing they were still actively making music in some way. Mark and Holly had plenty of contact with musical colleagues and so the idea of the Friends & Family Chamber Orchestra was born in 2005.

With Wayne as the director and Ginny as the manager, FFCO is now a well-established ensemble of professional musicians who gather to rehearse and perform three free concerts per year for the northern Virginia community.

They play classical string orchestra and full orchestra pieces, often accompanying soloists from within their own ranks, and also soloists from the National Symphony Orchestra, the U.S. Army Band, the U.S. Marine Band, and the Washington Performing Arts Society.

One of their favorite soloists is current John Adams Elementary School music teacher and pianist, Wes McCune. McCune was instrumental in gathering singers together to form the Friends & Family Chamber Choir, which now sings

one or two concerts per year with the orchestra.

Karen W. Randall, who taught vocal music in ACPS for 30 years, retiring in 2006, now assists in preparing the choir for performance, and will be a guest conductor in the next concert.

Other ACPS connections: in the violin section is Julia Moline, and in the choir is Melanie Modlin, both T.C. Williams graduates. The oboe soloist in the next concert will be Karen Randall's son, Brian James, who attended Polk Elementary School in fourth and fifth grades, playing in the band directed by ACPS retiree, Barbara Shearer. Brian is now a professional oboist in Canada.

Just as the names imply, the Friends & Family Chamber Orchestra and Choir include many people who are related to one another. In the next concert the groups will include: eight sets of spouses/partners, six sets of parents/children, two sets of siblings, and 12 sets of teachers/students. The focus in the groups is not only on making beautiful music together, but also on having a good time doing it and presenting joyful concerts.

The next concert of the Friends & Family Chamber Orchestra & Choir will be Sunday, June 10, 2012, 4:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road in Springfield. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted.

For more information email justginnyt@aol.com.

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at Gibson" CD Release. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Kinobe & the African Sensation (Traditional African). 7:30 p.m. at Lee District Park. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or www.kinobe.com.

THURSDAY/JUNE 14

Tony Denikos. 7 p.m. Cost is \$10. Part of Second Thursday Concerts at the Athenaeum. 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035. Visit nvfaa.org.

'Yappy Hour.' At Fosters Grille (2400 Eisenhower Avenue), 5:30-9:30 p.m., sponsored by Tyler Business Services, Inc. Admission is free, as are the fries, onion rings, and dog treats. Cash bar with happy hour prices. All donations benefit the AWLA.

FRIDAY/JUNE 15

Pat McGee Trio. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$100 ticket includes all food, beer, wine and mixed drinks. At Jackson 20 Restaurant, 480 King St., Alexandria. Visit www.jackson20.com or call 703-842-2790.

Mount Vernon Swing Band. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$4/door. All are welcome. Owen Hammett will conduct the live band. Light refreshments will be provided by Spring Hills at Mount Vernon. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

Memphis 59 - Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park at 7:30 p.m. For information and directions, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or www.myspace.com/memphis59band1. Memphis 59's sound, influenced by artists like Tom Petty, Paul Westerberg and The Old 97's, is described as a combination of rock, alt-country and pop.

SATURDAY/JUNE 16

Sir Alan and the Calypso Ponzi Schemers at Mt. Vernon Nights at Workhouse Arts Center (Lorton) at 7 p.m. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or www.myspace.com/ponzischemersband. Sir Alan and the Calypso Ponzi Schemers plays classics from calypso's two great hubs the Caribbean and New York City.

JUNE 15 AND 16

Vince Gill. 7:30 p.m. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

Fest Too. A DIY music and arts festival with 30 bands and artists. Tickets are \$8/Friday; \$10/Saturday. Hours are June 15 from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.; June 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. At The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Visit festtoo.tumblr.com.

SATURDAY/JUNE 16

The United States Marine Chamber Orchestra: Summer Concert Series I. 7:30 p.m. Free. The Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.marineband.usmc.mil

Java Jolt: Civil War Northern Virginia 1861. 10 a.m. Lecture and book signing with William Connery, with light refreshments. Sponsored by the Friends of Alexandria Archaeology. Alexandria Archaeology Museum,

105 North Union Street, #327. Free, but reservations required. Archaeology@alexandriava.gov.

Gum Springs Community Day. 1 to 5 p.m. Free. Featuring music, food, demonstrations, children's activities and other informational activities along with a vendor fair. The swimming pool will be open from noon to 7 p.m. At Martin Luther King Jr. Community Park, 8115 Fordson Road, Gum Springs. Visit www.newgumspingscivicassociation.com.

Marine Chamber Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or visit www.schlesingercenter.com

CASA Info Session. 11 a.m. to noon. Fairfax CASA trains volunteers to advocate for a child's best interests in Court. Meeting at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. For reservations or information, contact Elisa Kosarin, Associate Director - Recruitment and Training, at 703-273-3526, ext. 22, ekosarin@casafairfax.org, or visit www.fairfaxcasa.org.

Juneteenth Celebration. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free. Music, entertainment, vendors, food. A history of Juneteenth and Multicultural Health Fair. At Jefferson-Houston Elementary School, 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria. Call Randy Stephens at 703-501-3431.

Fuse Box. The Alexandria-based band Fuse Box will be performing at Lucy's ARL, 2620 South Shirlington Road, Arlington at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY/JUNE 17

Concert with a Cause: The Children's Choir of Michiana. 4 p.m. Free-will offering. Benefit Concert for the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (www.alexandriatutors.org). Located at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St, Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.OPMH.org or call 703-549-6670.

JUNE 18-29

Tribute to the Queens, a photography exhibit by Louise Noakes at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center.



Vince Gill

Visit www.louisenoakes.com.

TUESDAY/JUNE 19

UCM Fundraiser. 5:30 to 10 p.m. When you eat at Teatism, 15 percent of the sale from your meal will be donated to United Community Ministries (UCM). At Teatism in Old Town Alexandria, 682 N. St. Asaph St., Alexandria. Call 703-684-7777.

"All the King's Women." 7 p.m. Cost is \$30. Wine and cheese reception in the Green Room and a benefit performance. Silent auction. Enjoy a night at the theatre and help support Carlyle House Historic Park. Tickets must be purchased in advance at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Alexandria, or by calling 703-549-



Student violinists of the Ramsay Tango Club, from left: Mariesha Kamara, Mysha Kader, Mercy Anane, Victoria Atsutse, and Donia Mohamed.

QuinTango Fever Strikes

Young string students all over Alexandria are busy preparing for their concert with tango ensemble QuinTango and Argentine bandoneonist Emmanuel Trifilio.

The June 8 concert combines a variety of tango favorites and Astor Piazzolla classics performed by QuinTango (two violins, one cello, one bass, and a piano) and Emmanuel Trifilio, Argentine bandoneonist. The concert will end with two Argentine tangos, A Media Luz, and Carlos Gardel's Por una Cabeza (made famous by Al Pacino in Scent of a Woman) performed by the All City StringTango orchestra (students ages 6-12). An exhibition of social-style tango dancing will also be featured.

The ACPS student performers reflect the rich immigrant mix which created the tango. The students selected for this performance come from families with roots in Spain, Ethiopia, Mexico, Togo, Egypt, Ghana, England, Germany, Bangladesh, El Salvador, China, Sierra Leone, and many other countries — and they attend Ramsay, MacArthur, George Mason, and Mount Vernon Elementary Schools and Hammond Middle School. The students have worked this



QuinTango

year with QuinTango's director Joan Singer and ACPS string teachers Bonnie Cohen and Leslie Nero.

StringTango is part of QuinTango's community engagement program. It is supported by the ACPS Arts Center, the Alexandria Arts Commission, and is part of Virginia's Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Children and the Arts 2012. Minds Wide Open is a statewide collaboration of artists, arts organizations, and other institutions presenting programs focusing on Children and the Arts. Learn more by visiting www.artsva.org.

Where & When

QuinTango will appear Friday, June 8 at 7 p.m. at Minnie Howard Auditorium., 3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria 22302. This performance is free. There is ample free parking in both east and west parking lots of Minnie Howard. The hour-long concert is appropriate for all ages. The public is invited to meet the performers at a reception following the concert. Call 703-548-6811.

2997. Visit www.nvrpa.org.

Mt. Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Free. Constance Potter will give the presentation, World War I Graves Registration and Gold Star Mothers. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or publicity@mvgenealogy.org

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 20

Del Ray Music Week. 5-9 p.m. Nightly performances from a variety of groups leading up to the Del Ray Music Festival. Location: Mt. Vernon Avenue. Contact Kate Moran, info@DelRayMusicFestival.com or call 703-346-1468

THURSDAY/JUNE 21

Jane Franklin Dance presents Happy Endings at 7 p.m., Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Free.

Del Ray Music Week. 5-9 p.m. Nightly performances from a variety of groups leading up to the Del Ray Music Festival. Mt. Vernon Avenue. Contact Kate Moran, info@DelRayMusicFestival.com or call 703-346-1468

Music At Twilight Concert-John Carlyle Square Park. 7:30-8:30 p.m. New Location. Musical performance by the Alexandria Singers, featuring pop choral. John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Call 703-746-5418.

FRIDAY/JUNE 22

Del Ray Music Week. 5-9 p.m. Nightly performances from a variety of groups leading up to the Del Ray Music Festival. Mt. Vernon Ave. Contact Kate Moran, info@DelRayMusicFestival.com or call 703-346-1468.

Alexandria Citizens Band Concerts. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Arts Organization, is celebrating 100

years. Join them in front of City Hall and enjoy the wide variety of music including marches, jazz, classical, patriotic and others. Market Square, 301 King St. Call 703-746-5592.

The Nothin' Fancy Band performs at Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park. 7:30 p.m. From the Shenandoah Valley, Nothin' Fancy plays bluegrass music and has released five full-length albums and one CD single. 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309. Visit nothinfancybluegrass.com/

SATURDAY/JUNE 23

Del Ray Music Festival. 10 a.m-10 p.m. The Del Ray Music Festival is a celebration of local music, food and community. Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Contact Kate Moran, info@DelRayMusicFestival.org or call 703-346-1468.

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Del Ray Music Festival June 23



The Alexandria-based band Fuse Box will be performing at Lucy's ARL on Saturday, June 16 at 8 p.m., 2620 South Shirlington Road, Arlington.

Celebrate the diversity and talent of the community at the sixth annual Del Ray Music Festival on Saturday, June 23. Scheduled from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center Fields at 2701 Commonwealth Ave., the Del Ray Music Festival is free and will include music, food, games and a chance to welcome the summer with friends and neighbors.

Chaired by Kate Moran, longtime Del Ray resident and lead singer in her own band, the festival is organized with the support of a group of Del Ray citizens. The festival will feature a variety of music including jazz, blues, folk, country, Latin, reggae and rock. The majority of the musicians who will take the stage are residents of the neighborhood.

This year's festival, headlined by The Pat McGee Band, also features local favorites like Wes Tucker and the Skillets, Natalie York, Chatham Street and Derek Evry and his band of Misanthropes.

The festival continues to collaborate with the National Capital Area Affiliate of Guitars Not Guns, who will raffle off a signed guitar and host their "GnG

Music Experience." Professional guitarists will demonstrate techniques, provide playing tips and answer questions. The group will also offer introductory lessons. In addition, Del Ray Music Week, leading up to the festival from June 18-22, will host more than 30 local musicians and bands as they perform along "The Avenue" at local Del Ray businesses from 5 to 10 p.m. each night.

In addition to the music, the day will feature games for children, including a moon bounce, crafts activities and carnival games, such as "Pin the wand on the Dairy Godmother." Neighborhood favorites Del Ray Pizzeria, Taqueria Poblano, Evening Star and the award-winning Pork Barrel BBQ will provide food. The festival is made possible by the support of sponsors, most notably Jennifer Walker, Jack Taylor, Bobi Bomar and the Del Ray Business Association. For information on sponsorship opportunities, e-mail info@delraymusicfestival.com or if interested in volunteering, visit www.delraymusicfestival.com.

— SARAH CARROLL

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JUNE 22 TO JULY 8

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Presented by Aldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT). Show times are Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m. (June 22, 23, 29, 30, and July 6 and July 7); Sunday matinees, 2 p.m. (June 24, and July 1 and July 8). Online Tickets \$17/adults; \$14/youth/senior; Box Office Tickets \$18/adults; \$15/youth/senior. At Aldersgate United

CALENDAR

Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd., Alexandria. Visit www.acctonline.org or call 703-660-2611.

JUNE 22 TO 23

SkateFest / Sk8 For a Cause. A fundraiser for the Children's Hospital National Medical Center. After completing the Sk8 For a Cause 4-checkpoint course through Wakefield Skate Park, skateboarders, their families and friends enjoy a day of skateboard competitions, vendors, food, demos, auctions, music and

more. Visit www.skatefestfairfax.com.

JUNE 23 TO 24

"Field Day" is the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators will construct emergency stations in parks, shopping malls, schools and backyards around the country. The Alexandria Radio Club will be demonstrating Amateur Radio at Armistead Boothe Park, 520 Cameron Station Boulevard, June 23-24 between 2 p.m. Saturday and 2

p.m. Sunday, and will be located in the picnic pavilion area. Visit www.emergency-radio.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 23

Oral History Volunteers Sought. 10 a.m. to noon. Alexandria Legacies, the City's Oral History Program collects personal oral histories of long-time residents. Interviewer and transcriber volunteers are needed to assist in the collection process. Meets at the Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., Third Floor, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4399. RSVP to jen_hembree@hotmail.com by June

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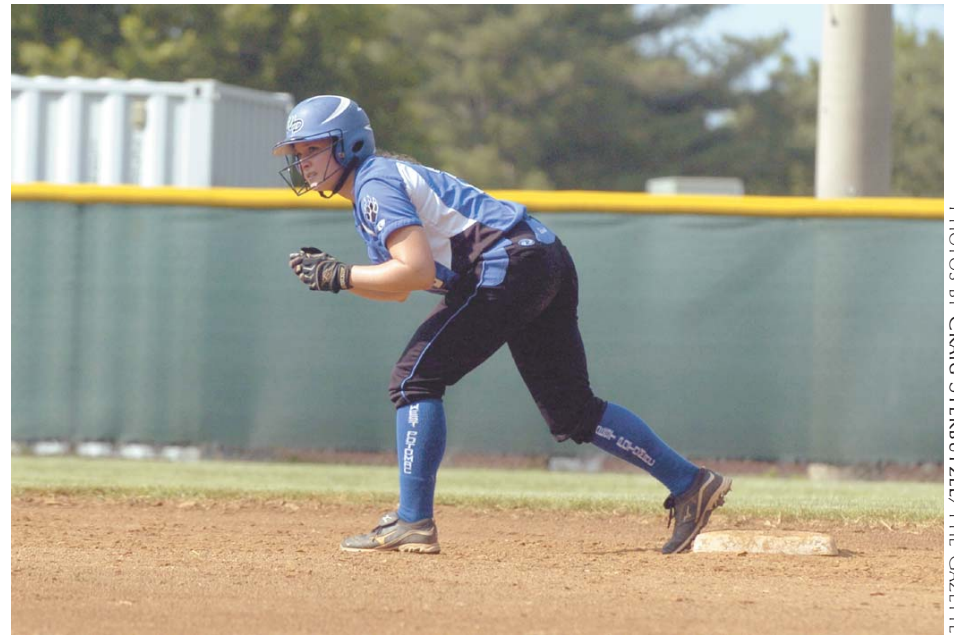
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West Potomac senior catcher Jasmine Picini earned first-team all-region and all-district honors in 2012.



West Potomac senior center fielder Danielle McHugh will play at Tennessee Tech next season.

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West Potomac Softball Ends Season in Region Semifinals

Wolverines must replace standouts Maniglia, Picini, McHugh.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Morgan Maniglia's voice quivered with excitement as she answered postgame questions after hitting a game-winning home run against Chantilly in the region softball quarterfinals. Two days later, the West Potomac senior's voice shook with frustration after the Wolverines lost to Stone

Bridge in the semifinals.

The West Potomac softball team's 2012 season ended with an emotional pair of postseason contests. On May 28, Maniglia's two-run homer in the 11th inning propelled West Potomac to a 3-1 victory against Chantilly at Falls Church High School and one of the deepest postseason runs in program history. On May 30, the Wolverines got off to a rough start, allowing five first-inning runs to Stone Bridge en route to a 7-0 loss at Madison High School. After two hits, a walk and two West Potomac errors produced three Stone Bridge runs, Bulldogs catcher Olivia Tatara hit a two-run homer to increase the team's lead to 5-0. Maniglia then hit a batter and issued another walk before head coach Craig Maniglia, her father, came out to the circle for a visit. Morgan Maniglia retired the next two batters,

but by then the Wolverines were in too deep of hole.

"I don't think we were expecting them to be this good — I know I wasn't," Morgan Maniglia said. "I felt prepared for this game. I don't know what happened."

The semifinal defeat left West Potomac one win shy of qualifying for the state tournament and Maniglia wishing her high school career ended differently.

"I'm kind of upset," she said. "I didn't really want it to end like that, but I ... [think] this [loss] doesn't define us at all. We proved a lot this year. I think we seniors especially did what we could to get here. I'm proud of our team, I'm proud of myself, but I'm just kind of frustrated at the outcome of this game."

While Maniglia's career ended on a sour note, her senior season was a decorated one.

She was a standout in the pitcher's circle and in the batter's box. According to records kept on the VHSL website, Maniglia's 10 home runs would put her in a second-place tie for the most home runs in a single season in state history.

She was named first-team All-Northern Region and first-team All-Patriot District as a pitcher and was the district Pitcher of the Year. She also made first-team for the district and region tournament teams, and was named second-team All-Met by The Washington Post.

Along with Maniglia, senior catcher Jasmine Picini and senior center fielder Danielle McHugh helped carry the Wolverines throughout the season.

Picini, who will play at Alfred University in New York, earned first-team all-region

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Mavericks Win Travel Baseball Tournament

The 11U Mount Vernon Mavericks, a travel baseball team composed of players from Ft. Hunt Little League, competed in and won the May 26-27 Virginia Sports Complex Memorial Mayhem tournament in Ruther Glen, Va. Teams from three different states competed over the course of two days. The Mavericks opened play on May 26 and posted a 1-1 record in qualifying round play. The team then went 3-0 on May 27 to win the tournament championship, culminated by wins over the West End Bombers from Richmond and Man-Up Baseball from Salisbury, Md.

Sterling pitching and fielding balanced with clutch hitting sealed the tournament victory for the Mavericks.

"Our Mount Vernon community can be very proud of how well this team represents the community both on the field as sportsmen and off the field as fine young men and citizens," team manager Glen Copeland said. "They have worked hard over the course of several years to build their baseball and life skills. The tournament win is not only a great accomplishment for our Mavericks program but is also a testament to our community's support of the team and our other Mavericks teams across several age groups."

"We are so proud of the team and what it has accomplished," assistant coach Mike Sundsted said. "We look forward to its continued development and positive contributions to our community."

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The 11U Mount Vernon Mavericks from left: (bottom row) Sam Meyer, Zac Quinonez, Collin Sundsted, Ryan Smith, Sean Murphy, Christian Copeland, (back row) manager Glen Copeland, Angeles Pierpoint, Erik Larkin, Declan McPherson, Alex Grove, coach Mike Sundsted. Not pictured are team members Zac Heisler, Thomas Sowell and Jonathan Letai.

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SPORTS

Wolverines Must Replace Standouts Maniglia, Picini, McHugh

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and all-district accolades as a catcher, along with making first-team for the region tournament team. She garnered All-Met honorable mention from The Post.

McHugh, who will play at Tennessee Tech, was a first-team all-region and all-district selection as an outfielder, and received All-Met honorable mention from The Post.

"How do we rebuild to get here with the three powerhouses that we'll lose?" Craig Maniglia said was going through his mind after the semifinal loss to Stone Bridge. "That's tough."

While West Potomac will lose a lot of talent, the Wolverines will have some skilled players returning. Freshman second baseman Nikki Minnis showed she can hit for power despite her small stature.

Junior outfielder Sydney Maniglia and junior shortstop Hannah O'Neil each earned second-team all-district honors and

Maddy Bolger was a starter in the outfield. Freshman Jayne Orleans could be next season's starting pitcher.

"I feel like we left a print and we left a pathway for the younger ones to follow," Picini said, "and hopefully they work as hard to get here and go further."

West Potomac finished the season with an 18-7 record.

"I'm extremely happy. I feel like we've already won a championship, to be honest," Picini said after the Stone Bridge loss. "... Just to make it here is awesome. I'm a positive thinker, so I take everything positive from it. Don't be fooled, I'm upset, but I think it's incredible that we got here. We're the underdogs and we made it here, so I'm happy with that."

West Potomac seniors Sammy Clifford (second-team all-district), Maggie Grady (injured standout), Jackie Rhodes and Zoey Williams also concluded their high school careers.



Freshman second baseman Nikki Minnis, right, and junior shortstop Hannah O'Neil, center, will return in 2013, but pitcher Morgan Maniglia ended her West Potomac career with a decorated senior season in 2012.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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MV Athletes Receive All-Met Honors

Mount Vernon junior soccer player Simond Kargbo and junior track and field runner Michael Thomas-Brown were each named first-team All-Met by The Washington Post in their respective sports.

MV Track and Field Performs Well at Regionals

The Mount Vernon boys' track and field team placed ninth at the Northern Region championship meet on May 25-26.

The 4x100 relay team of Bashan Williams, Jamal Smith, Joshua Bekoe and Mike Thomas-Brown placed third and broke the school record with a time of 42.74 seconds, qualifying the Majors for the state meet.

Thomas-Brown won the 200-meter championship, setting a school record with a time of 21.54, which was the third-fastest time in the state. He also finished second in the 100 (10.64) and second in the long jump.

Region, District Baseball Honors

A pair of West Potomac baseball players earned first-team All-Northern Region honors for the 2012 season.

Senior third baseman Sean Trenchard and junior utility player Jayme Murray, who is committed to George Mason, were named to the first team. Each was named first-team All-Patriot District, as well.

West Potomac catcher Matt Hrin, designated hitter Dan Jarrell and pitcher Andrew White each earned second-team all-district.

For Mount Vernon, shortstop Justin Boutin and pitchers Jeremy Larkey and David Lehner were each named second-team All-National District.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Two Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) teachers have been selected as Educators at Sea for the 2012 Nautilus Exploration Program, which offers them the opportunity to explore the geology, biology, archaeology, and chemistry of the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea: **Bonnie Keller**, a science teacher at Lanier Middle School, and **Jason Pittman**, a science focus teacher at Hollin Meadows Elementary School.

Samuel Benjamin Abramson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Abramson of Alexandria, graduated from Dickinson College on May 20 with a BA in international business & management. Abramson is a graduate of The Potomac School.

The following Alexandria area students received master of arts degrees from the University of Oklahoma Norman campus during Spring graduation ceremonies: **Andrew James Stephens**, **George Ampadu**, **Ariana Bianca Raveica**, **Philip M. Lere** and **Mark Kaufer**.

MVHS All-Night Grad Party tickets are on sale in the cafeteria during lunch, Thursdays and Fridays through June 8. Tickets are \$25. Included in the ticket price: Round trip transportation on a tour bus, unlimited bowling, billiards, a \$20 power card, a T-shirt, prizes, plenty of games, a refuel food buffet, DJ and lots of fun all night long.

The **MVHS Junior/Senior Prom** is Friday, June 8, and the 2013 class officers, sponsors, teachers, and staff have been working hard to make it a special occasion for the Senior Class of 2012. The Junior Class presents "Casino Royale" from 8 p.m. until 12 midnight at the Springfield Waterford. The Prom King and Queen will be announced at 11 p.m. Tickets are \$65 per ticket. Tickets will be on sale through June 7 during all lunch periods.

Bucknell University has conferred bachelor's and master's degrees to students on May 20 who completed their graduation requirements during this past spring semester.

The list identifies any local graduates receiving Bucknell degrees and provides information on honors earned.

❖ **Lawrence R. Leggett**, Alexandria, son of Lawrence and Jeanne Leggett of Alexandria, and

a 2008 graduate of St Stephens & St Agnes School, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Spanish.

❖ **John C. Luce Jr.**, Alexandria, son of John and Margaret Luce of Alexandria, and a 2008 graduate of St Stephens & St Agnes School, graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering.

❖ **Jason D. Neithamer**, Alexandria, son of Calvin and Susan Neithamer of Alexandria, and a 2008 graduate of St Stephens & St Agnes School, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics.

❖ **Simeon B. Smith-Wimbush**, Alexandria, son of Iris Wimbush of Alexandria, and Jerome Smith of Pompano Beach, FL, and a 2008 graduate of Mount Vernon H S, graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Music.

❖ **Robert J. Thorborg**, Horseheads, NY, son of Robert Thorborg of Horseheads, NY, and LouAnn and Charles Fraser of Alexandria, and a 2008 graduate of Horseheads H S, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Cell Biology/Biochemistry.

Mount Vernon High School student **Shahara Simmons** won second place in Fashion Construction at the Family Center and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) state conference held recently in Virginia Beach. Classmate Moses Abraham was elected Virginia FCCLA vice president at the event.

Sarah Ames, **Robby Scherer**, and **Olivia Scheidt** of Stratford Landing Elementary School won awards at the Junior Solar Sprint in the Novice Division. The group was awarded first place for their design of a model solar electric car and third place for the car's speed.

St. Mary's College of Maryland announces that **Jonathan Convery**, of Alexandria, graduated with a major in computer science.

The ceremony, which took place on May 12, 2012, featured addresses from Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and President Joseph Urgo, who told the 442 graduating seniors to "attend to essentials" in life and to remember their roots. An honorary degree was conferred upon Rawlings-Blake. Student speeches were made by the Class of 2012 valedictorian and the St. Mary's "quintessential student."

The MVHS Science Department is proud of the 17 students who competed at the Regional Science Fair (March 16-18) at Robinson Secondary School. For the first time, all Mount Vernon students who competed at the Regional Science Fair either placed or won Corporate/Professional Organiza-

tional Awards.

❖ **Adel Lahlou**, Gabrielle Ocker, Callista Skaggs, Sarah Busch, Ben Deneault, Megan McKinney, and Mimi Zhang won 2nd place in their categories.

❖ **Kevin Ng**, **Grayson Jarvis**, **Melissa Oberly** won 3rd place in their categories.

❖ **Helen Sudhoff** and **Samuel Reynolds** won Honorable Mentions in their categories.

❖ **Madeline Ryan**, **John Victoria**, **Adel Lahlou**, **Gabrielle Ocker**, **Emily Whitworth**, **Callista Skaggs**, and **Kevin Ng** all won prizes or certificates of merit from various professional organizations.

The **Browne Academy eighth grade** placed first in the Middle School "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" state competition on Feb. 11. The competition took place in the 4th District Courthouse in Richmond. Browne Academy competed against 11 other teams representing each congressional district from across the state. Coached by their history teacher, William Marshall Stribling, the team participated in mock congressional hearings testing their working knowledge of the U.S. Constitution.

On Jan. 12, Browne Academy won the 8th District "We the People" competition, making them eligible to compete in the state competition.

"We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution" is a competition in which high school and middle school students take part in a mock congressional hearing that include four minutes of prepared testimony and six minutes of questions and answers. Subjects include historical, political, and Constitutional issues.

This is the third year that Browne Academy has finished in the top five. Browne Academy earned second place in 2010 and fifth place in 2011.

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of 800 outstanding Black American high school seniors who have won Achievement Scholarship awards through the National Achievement Scholarship Program, including: **Bryan M. Williams** of Thomas Jefferson High School. Probable career field: Computer Science. This award is supported by NMSC, which conducts the National Achievement Scholarship Program.

Michaela Reilly Balderston from Alexandria, graduated recently with a B.A. in Political Science and Middle Eastern and Islamic Civilization Studies from Colgate University.

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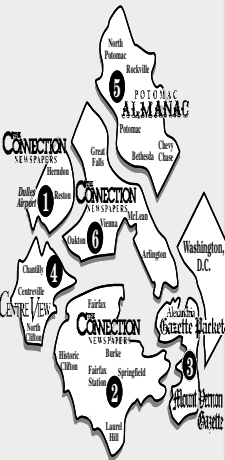
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Lessons from a Pro

Brenda Shultz-McCarthy, best known for breaking the record for the fastest women's serve (130 mph) last held by Venus Williams (127 mph), gave tips and inspiration to the players at the invitation-only United States Tennis Association – USTA (Official) Competition Training Center Clinic held June 3 at Mount Vernon Athletic Club. Each player had the opportunity to return serve from Shultz-McCarthy. In 1996 she reached World No. 9, and in 1995 reached the quarterfinals of Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. The CTC clinic is an elite tennis program for under 12's. The program offers coaching with an added nutritional component, video analysis and tennis-specific cross training. More information can be found at www.mtvac.net

Chamber Awards Scholarships

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ary School, will attend the University of Virginia, where he plans to study business and systems engineering and says he "can't wait to make his own contribution to the business world."

❖ Rachelle Powell, Hayfield Secondary School, will be the first person in her family to attend college. She plans to attend Stevenson College in Maryland and pursue a degree in accounting.

❖ Ian McKellips, Mount Vernon High School, will attend Auburn University. His experience with a family lawn mowing business has led him into the business world.

❖ Valerie Manu, Mount Vernon High School, is excited to explore her horizons at Virginia Commonwealth University

where she plans to study international business.

❖ Benjamin Dougherty, Thomas A. Edison High School, credits his IB Business and Management Class as well as the Edison Leadership Class with helping him develop as a business leader. He will attend Brigham Young University.

❖ Abigail Jacobs, West Potomac High School, plans to attend the College of William and Mary and the Mason School of Business where she can combine a business major with her international experience.

❖ Sarah Jane Underwood, West Potomac High School. Sarah Jane's experience working at a local business has led her to pursue a business degree at the University of Pennsylvania. She plans to emphasize finance or accounting.

❖ Katherine Pfleeger, The Madeira School, will attend Stanford University where she will pursue dual degrees in engineering and business "to gain the real world skills needed to translate my technical skills into services that are both valuable and understandable to companies and communities."

Correction

In photos accompanying "Dentists Help UCM Program Participants" (The Gazette, May 30), the name of one of the dentists was misspelled. It should have read: Dr. Rolin S. Henry.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon police department through May 25.

ASSAULT

8500 block of Highland Lane, May 17, 8:15 p.m. The victim, a 39-year-old school employee, reported another man approached him and punched him. The suspect then walked away. The victim did not require any medical attention.

ROBBERY

2900 block of Arlington Drive, May 17, 10:15 a.m. A masked man entered the business through a rear door. While brandishing a handgun, he stole cash then fled back through the rear door. No one was injured.

BURGLARY/ DESTRUCTION

1300 block of Collingwood Road, May 18, 7:45 a.m. A custodian reported someone broke into the building, stole cash and destroyed several offices. Forced entry was made through a window.

BURGLARY

2600 block of Arlington Drive, May 21, 9 p.m. The resident reported someone entered his home and stole fish and meat from the freezer. It is not determined how entry was made.

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