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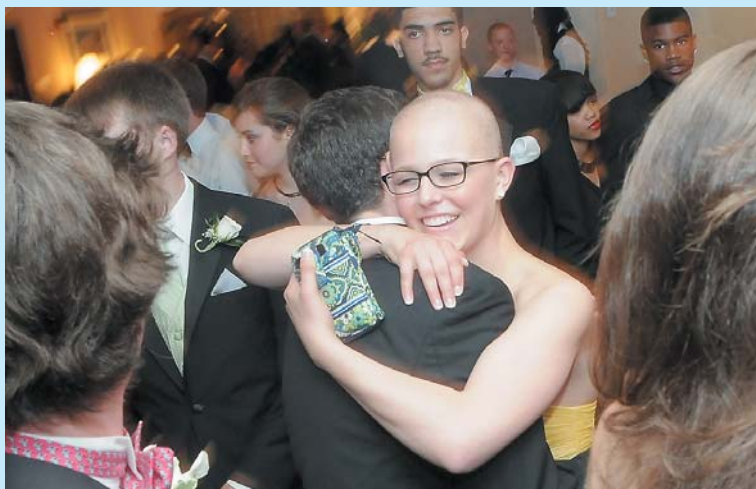


Jemar Edwards, Rebecca Adams, Mohammad Ulnais, Bryanna Webb and Sedrick Osei-Tutu at West Potomac High's prom, June 8, at Sheraton National Hotel.

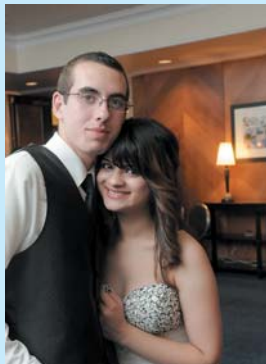
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## Night Of Proms

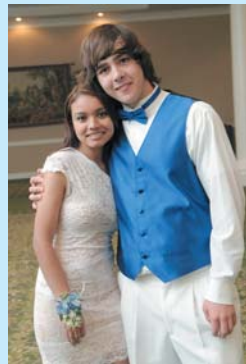
WPHS students and friends greet outside the ballroom at the Friday night proms.



Angela Lango and Kathleen Toulism of WPHS



Gavin Conway and Bakheawar Pirzada of WPHS



William Lacey and Halen Cisneros of MVHS



Sonia Mednick and Yarelis Nivera of MVHS



Rachael Willett, Madeline Ryan, Sarah Taribio and Stephanie Restifo at the Mount Vernon High School prom on June 8 at Springfield Waterford.



Breyana McLain and Michael Sey of MVHS

## 8 Year Old's 9-1-1 Call Saves Mother's Life

Second grader Katie Lee commended by county.

BY ERIK HEANEY  
THE GAZETTE

Stratford Landing Elementary School staff and students gathered for an assembly June 6 to honor 8-year-old Katie Lee whose quick response saved her mother's life.

Katie received the 9-1-1 Citizen Lifesaver Award in front of 220 of

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Katie with her mom Laurie Lee.

## County Leaders Pledge Support for Recreation

Improved recreation opportunities sought for Route 1 youth.

BY ED SIMMONS, JR.  
THE GAZETTE

In the packed multipurpose room of Bethlehem Baptist Church Monday night, June 11, as 400 parents, students and coaches waited and listened, Supervisors Gerry Hyland and Jeff McKay committed themselves to improving after-school recreation facilities and transportation to keep the community's young people productively occupied, nurtured and out of trouble.

"This is the most people I've seen come out to advocate for athletic recreation facilities in my 30-plus years in being involved in the county," said McKay, Lee District Supervisor, as he welcomed the challenge along with Hyland, Mount Vernon District Supervisor.

Organized by V.O.I.C.E. (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Com-

munity Engagement), the meeting was the result of months of community organizing and preliminary meetings. Follow-up meetings are planned.

Also committing themselves to action were School Board member Dan Storck and Park Authority board members Lynwood Gorham and Edward Batten.

Their commitments were preceded by testimony from parents, teachers, coaches and students that characterized after-school recreation opportunities for young people along the Route 1 corridor as deplorable to sadly lacking, particularly in comparison to wealthier sections of Fairfax County. Most neglected are the lower-income Route 1 communities of Audubon and Murraygate where children must play in the street and have no transportation

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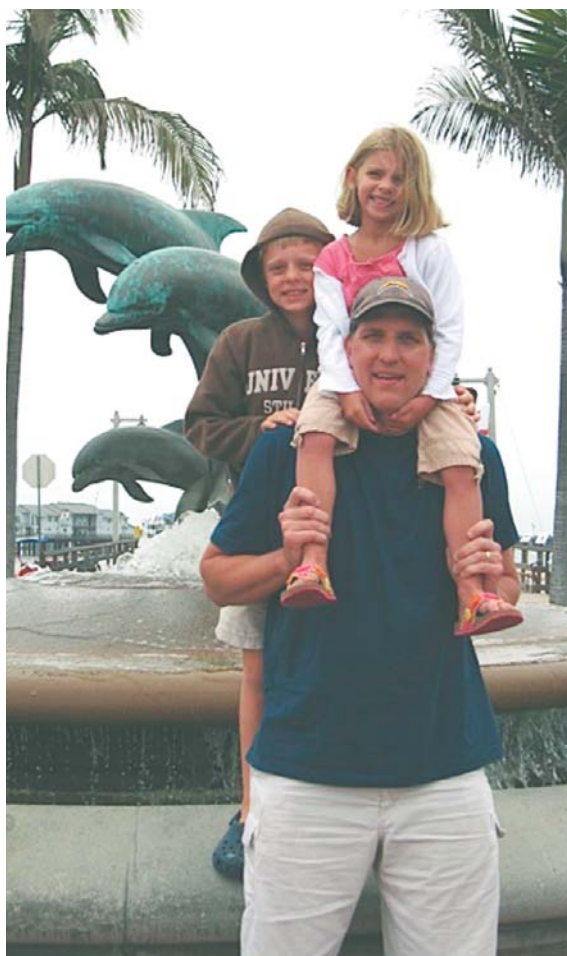


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# ME & MY DAD

A gallery of photos submitted for Father's Day.



**Kevin Fricka of Fort Hunt with son, Jack, and daughter, Emily, in California.**



**Brian and Blake Berry in San Diego, Calif. at the famous Hob Nob Hill Restaurant.**



**Connor Winkelfoos (age 4), Nathan Winkelfoos (father) and Bennett Winkelfoos (age 2) at Fort Hunt Little League Opening Day festivities on April 14, 2012. The boys were excited for their first official baseball opening day.**



**From left: Mitchell, Andrew, Zorine, Craig, Taylor and Matthew Shirley.**



**George Goodno and his daughters Ellie, 4 1/2, and Annabelle, 2 1/2, right before they left for a cross-country road trip with their mom to visit their grandparents in Oklahoma.**



**Charlie Zdebski and his son little Charlie enjoy their favorite rock star t-shirts of Bruce Springsteen together. They both love music and enjoy Charlie's band Black Moon Tonic.**



**Todd Foley of Alexandria enjoys an evening with his sons Chase, 10, and Carson, 8.**



**John Rives and Elizabeth Rives (12 years old) from Alexandria dance at the Spring Cotillion held at Mount Vernon Country Club on March 24, 2012.**



**Daddy, John Knapp, with sons Benjamin (4) and Tyler (18 months) at Rehoboth Beach, Del., last summer, September 2011.**



## Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center

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## News

## MVHS Wins Cappie Award

**M**ount Vernon High won a Cappie trophy at Sunday night's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Cappie Awards Gala at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. Freshmen Rita Fair and Jordyn Stewart received the honor for Props in their school's production of "Blithe Spirit."

"It's my first time doing this, and I couldn't have done it without my director, Trina Weiss-Null," said Fair. Both students were happy with the victory, even though they said their job was both tiring and trying, at times.

"People yelled at you for their props," said Stewart. "And about 20 martini glasses broke behind the stage during the Cappies performance, so we had to find more for the next two shows. But still, it was fun."

Westfield High won the most Cappies in the June 10 ceremony, garnering 10, including Best Musical, for "Crazy for You." The Best Play winner, McLean High, took home five awards, including Lead Actor and Lead Actress in a Play for its production of "A View from the Bridge."

— BONNIE HOBBS



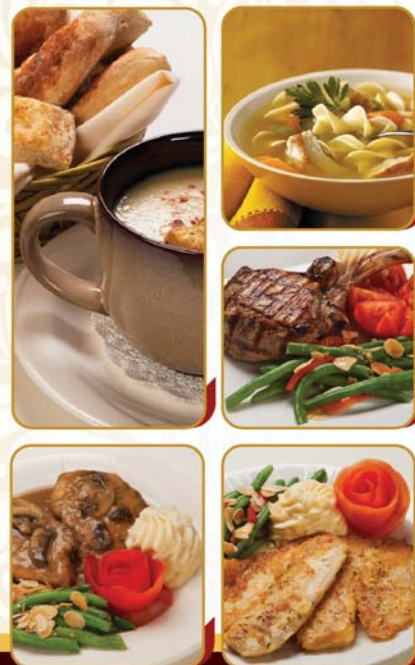
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**Props, Rita Fair and Jordyn Stewart, Mount Vernon High School, "Blithe Spirit."**



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# Northern Virginia's Role in the War of 1812

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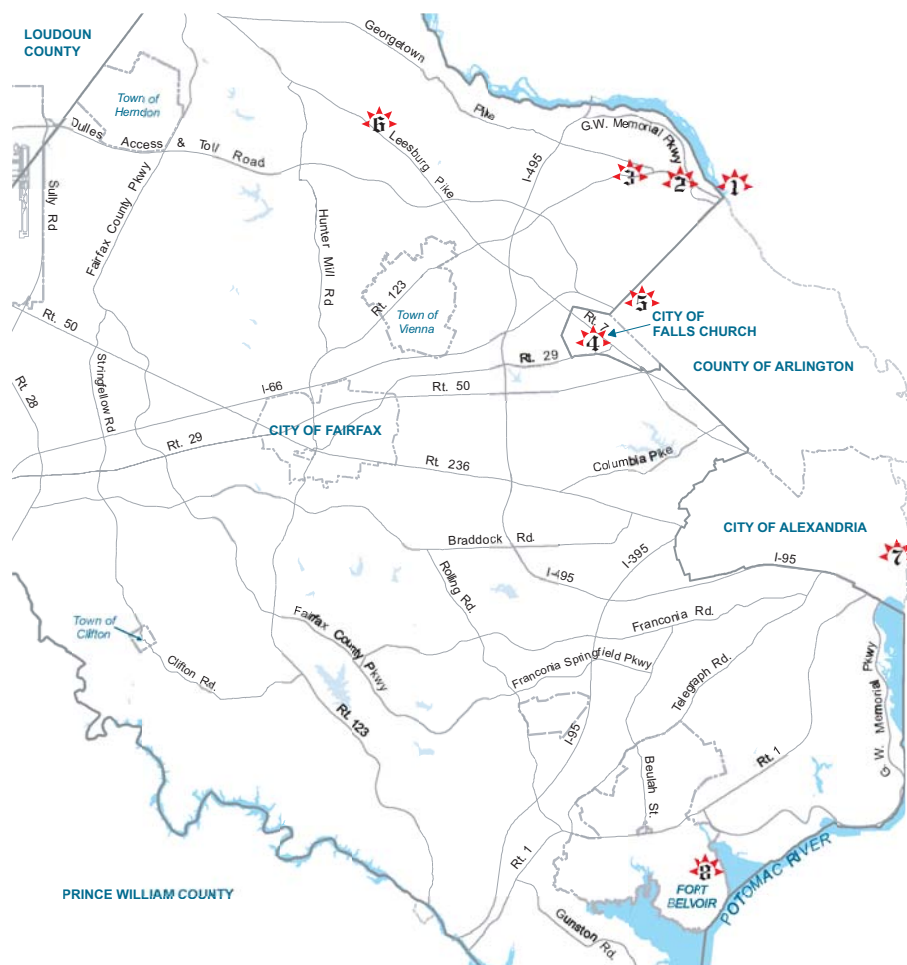
BY MICHAEL MCMORROW  
THE GAZETTE

To most Americans, the War of 1812 is the “forgotten war.” Its mention conjures images from a short list: The burning Capitol; Francis Scott Key writing poetry during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, Baltimore; or Dolley Madison fleeing the White House with George Washington’s painting under her arm.

For Northern Virginia, such forgetfulness is a blessing. Locally, the war’s characteristics were confusion, cowardice and courage, not in equal measure.

Great Britain had been fighting Napoleon for more than a decade. Its commerce was in tatters and it suffered manpower shortages for the army and, especially, the Royal Navy. Young United States was neutral, in name. British interference with trade, including impressments of American sailors from American ships, finally reached a tipping point and, on June 18, 1812, the United States declared war. “Sailors’ Rights and Free Trade” was the initial rallying cry.

For two years, it was a conflict of small, sporadic engagements. The United States held its own on land and at sea. Battles took place along the Canadian border and on the Great Lakes. The Americans burned York (now Toronto). In retaliation, the British invaded and burned Buffalo. Sea engagements produced enduring expressions like the unrealized “Don’t give up the ship” (Capt. James Lawrence, USS Chesapeake, June 1813) and the jubilant “We have met the enemy and they are ours” (Cmdr. Oliver Hazard Perry, USS



## War of 1812 Map Index

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2. Rokeby Farm
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4. Wren's Tavern
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8. Battle of the White House

Notes: Only Alexandria County of the District of Columbia and Fairfax County of Virginia existed during the War of 1812. There was no Arlington, no Falls Church and no independent City of Alexandria.

south of Alexandria on Aug. 28. Mayor Charles Simms approached Capt. Gordon in an effort to save his city. The terms of surrender included: All ships in harbor were seized; all stores in warehouses were forfeited, but private residences would remain untouched; and, if any resistance appeared, the city would be shelled and destroyed. Alexandria’s Common Council capitulated by formal resolution. The practical Scot merchants who had founded the town would have understood.

Meanwhile, Virginia militia forces lead by Gen. John Hungerford were fast approaching. They were intercepted by city officials who begged that their surrender terms be respected. This led one writer to describe Alexandria as “the city that did not wish to be saved.” Hungerford observed British pillagers for three days from his camp on Shutters Hill. All the while he was preparing to ambush the British ships once they sailed away.

Alexandria’s groveling brought round condemnation. Dolley Madison said it would have been better to let the city burn rather than accept the humiliating terms of the British. A military aide to the president expressed the same view. The final straw for many was the fact that Alexandria’s officials refused to raise the American flag even when the departing British ships were 20 miles downstream; their minds were changed only under threat by an American naval officer that he would shell the city.

Gen. Hungerford entrenched artillery with naval gunners and 1,400 infantry on the Potomac bluff at what is now Fort

Belvoir. A white house on the shore gave name to the battle which began on Sept. 3. The fleet heading for Chesapeake Bay was stalled for two days and suffered several casualties. A British landing party also was repulsed. The fight ended only because the Americans ran out of ammunition. This engagement was the only display of courage in Northern Virginia during the British invasion of 1814.

Niagara, September 1913).

When Napoleon abdicated and went into exile April 1814, the situation changed. Battle-hardened resources of the British Army and the Royal Navy now could be brought to bear on the United States. In short order, they were.

The seat of government was established in the District of Columbia a mere dozen years earlier. The 100 square miles was mostly rural. North of the Potomac was called Washington County and across the river was Alexandria County. There were three municipalities: Georgetown, Alexandria and Washington. Fairfax County in Virginia formed the District’s entire southern flank.

Adm. Alexander Cochrane commanded all British forces in North America. On August 16, 1814, his fleet anchored off Point Lookout, Md. Within days, and with American authorities frightened and confused, his main force moved up the Patuxent, overcame the Bladensburg defense line and burned Washington. A smaller British flotilla commanded by Capt. James Gordon sailed up the Potomac. Arriving abreast of Fort Washington (then called Fort Warburton), the Americans fled and destroyed their own fort.

Confusion also pervaded civil authorities. As President James Madison left to inspect opera-

tions at Bladensburg, he instructed wife Dolley to gather government records and seek safety in Fairfax County if events turned for the worse. Their plan was to meet at Wiley’s Tavern on the Alexandria-Leesburg Pike (today’s Route 7) near Difficult Run. She crossed the river at Chain Bridge and he later used the Georgetown ferry to Mason’s Island (now Roosevelt Island).

For two days, the couple played hide-and-seek, just missing each other at Rokeby’s Estate, where she spent the first night, and Salona House, today recognized as McLean’s most historic landmark. He twice visited Wren’s Tavern (also on Route 7) seeking information. Eventually and briefly, they met at Wiley’s Tavern. Overnight, the President went off to find his army in Montgomery County, Md. and wife Dolley settled in at Minor’s Hill, off Little Falls Road on the Arlington-Fairfax border. Advised that British forces had left Washington, the Madisons separately returned to Washington on Sunday, Aug. 28.

The President had not comported himself very well, especially given that it was his war and the war was two years old. Plans for offense and defense were lacking. Leadership was inept. Preparations of men and supplies proved grossly deficient. The spectacle of frantic hunting for his wife across Northern Virginia diminished him all the more.

With smoke still rising from Washington, the Potomac flotilla was a couple miles

## Two Good Reads

- ❖ “August 24, 1814: Washington in Flames” by Carole L. Herrick (2005, Higher Education Publications, Inc, Falls Church, Va.)
- ❖ “Old Roads And New Insights” by Winslow R. Hatch (1985, a monograph deposited in Fairfax County Public Library)



Bluff at Battle of White House, Fort Belvoir

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Trees mark site of Wiley’s Tavern, Route 7.



## News



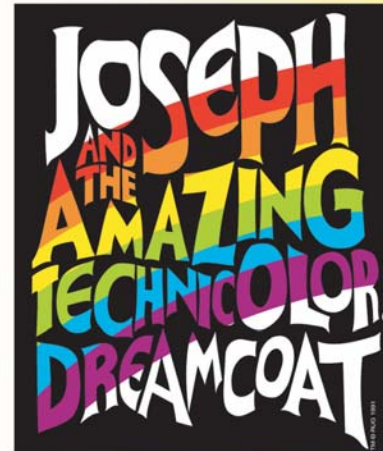
### Back from World Finals

A team of eighth graders from Carl Sandburg Middle School recently returned from the Odyssey of the World Finals at Iowa State University and presented their principal, Terrence Yarborough (second from right) with a trophy for their 4th place overall for their solution to the NASA-sponsored "Weird Science" problem. The team, which had finished first in the Virginia State Odyssey of the Mind competition, included (from left) Grace Kennedy, George Wright, Emily Carbone, Jonathan Gannon, Alex Richwine, Michael Bell, and Jade Schaub. More than 800 teams from 15 countries participated in this international competition. The team thanked the leadership of Carl Sandburg Middle School and the members of the community whose support helped make it possible for them to compete in Iowa, including those sponsors who donated \$1,000 or more: PJ's Coffee, New Orleans Roast and the Sandburg PTA.

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The graduates will be attending the following schools in the fall: **Bishop Ireton, Bishop McNamara, Christchurch School, Edison High School, Episcopal High School, Field School, Foxcroft School, Friendly High School, Gwynn Park High School, George Mason High School, Gonzaga College High School, Potomac High School, Sidwell Friends School, St. Albans School, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, T.C. Williams High School, West Potomac High School, and Woodbridge High School.**

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# Saving Her Mom's Life

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her classmates. Katie is only the third recipient of this award.

Joe Bui of the Fairfax County Department of Public Safety Communications presented Katie her award. He said, "For only 8 years old, Katie showed tremendous poise and composure as she relayed pertinent information to the DPSC 9-1-1 call taker — all this considering she had witnessed her mother falling down and in tremendous pain."

On Monday, May 14, "I was going up to the bedroom on the third floor," said Katie's mother, Laurie Lee, "I had gotten all the way to the top, and I guess I lost my balance." She fell down a flight of 14 stairs. When she hit the ground, she had a concussion and blood was pouring from a cut on her forehead.

Katie, having seen her mother on the ground, dialed 9-1-1. Despite the drama, Katie spoke with 9-1-1 dispatcher PFC Carolyn Kellam with calm, giving Kellam her name, address, and phone number. Furthermore, Katie helped relay information about her mother's condition to Kellam. As Katie waited for the paramedics to arrive, she was able to open the front door, put the dog away, and console her 7-year-old brother, Zachary.

Katie also suggested to Kellam to put the phone on speakerphone, so that Kellam could communicate directly with Laurie.

"I could tell pretty early on that she was very young, which what impressed me so much," said Kellam, "she sounded like an 8-year-old, but she did not come off as an 8-year-old. She was very mature and gave me the information that I needed as a much older person."

That is not to say Katie was not worried.



**9-1-1 caller Carolyn Kellam, Katie Lee (8-year-old lifesaver) and her mother, Laurie Lee.**

Katie recalled that "I was a little nervous, and I was thinking, I hope they can save my mom's life."

Laurie Lee received 7 stitches in her head that evening. It was then that she learned about her daughter's heroic actions. "That evening when I was in the hospital, things start to really come forward. My mother was there and told me [Katie] was so calm."

"After people were telling me how calm, it really hit that she had done what she had done," said Laurie Lee after her daughter's award ceremony, "she has got a strength in her."

Asked how much she loves her mother, Katie replied, "like, a lot."



PHOTOS BY TODD PAROLA

**Supervisor Jeff McKay (in front, with glasses) listens as testimony is given stating that recreation facilities and transportation for Route 1 corridor youth are not acceptable.**

## Hundreds Support Improving Recreation

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home from after-school activities.

The county leaders were presented with a "Route 1/Mount Vernon Youth Agenda" of improvements to be made.

❖ At West Potomac and Mount Vernon High Schools, synthetic turf fields must be built.

❖ At Muddy Hole Farm, organizers called for grading so the field does not slope, holes filled, grass seeding, bleachers built, goal posts erected, lights, trash cans and the repaving of the parking lot and tennis and basketball courts.

❖ Similar improvements must be made at Mount Vernon Woods Park, and in particular the removal of a dangerous sewer drain in the middle of the field.

❖ At Martin Luther King Park in Gum Springs, the field needs crowning so water will drain, a scoreboard built and press box.

❖ At Bucknell Elementary School, underutilized space needs conversion to a baseball field and a playing field.

❖ At Audubon and Murraygate, a parking lot needs conversion to a playing field and a recreation and community center built.

Furthermore, Fairfax Connector service must be established running between Route 1 and Carl Sandburg Middle School where an after school program with tutoring and mentoring must be established.

"We've got a lot of work to do to get there," said the Rev. Tuck Bowerfind, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in his concluding remarks calling for attendance at V.O.I.C.E. follow-up meetings June 26 and July 9 at 7 p.m. "No one's going to do this for us. We have to fight this battle for ourselves."



**Supervisor Gerry Hyland pledges his leadership to improving recreational opportunities and after school transportation for Route 1 corridor youth.**



**Katie Lee, second grader at Stratford Landing Elementary School, was recognized and honored with the 9-1-1 Citizen Lifesaver Award at a school assembly on June 6.**



# OPINION

## Partnerships That Make a Difference

Strategic partnerships with businesses, community organizations, benefit public good and fill gaps since government cannot do it all.

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A few weeks ago, the Connection was lucky enough to be included in a group of Fairfax County organizations honored for their efforts in giving back to the community.

Fairfax County and the Fairfax County Public Schools recognized their business and community partners for their continued contributions to the community at the Celebrate Partnerships awards ceremonies on May 21 at the Mason Inn. More than 55 businesses and community groups were nominated for these annual awards which focus on individuals and groups who partner with the County and FCPS to give back to the community.

The mission: "The Office of Public Private Partnerships (OP3) develops partnerships between the business community and local community organizations that address critical needs in Fairfax County. ... to stimulate positive change in the community and encourage civic involvement and responsibility. One of the goals of OP3 is to bring together resources between the public and private sectors to effectively transform the quality of life in the community."

Those efforts in the county and in the schools were on display at the awards. It was remarkable to hear about how partnerships between organizations, schools, businesses led to thousands of hours of volunteer work and millions of dollars raised. The benefits are tangible, significant and a part of what makes Fairfax County a leader in many areas.

The Connection award was based significantly on our special edition on homelessness in Fairfax County, but also cited the Connection's dedication to covering the communities we serve.

This year Anthony Griffin was given a special award for his work with partnerships. Other business honorees include MV Transportation, Helios HR, Nadar por Vida, Great Falls Friends and Neighbors, Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and Doug Brammer of Verizon.

The event was attended by more than 380 people who heard from Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova; Fairfax County Schools Chair Janie Strauss; Jorge Haddock, Dean of the School of Management, George Mason University; Fairfax County Executive Ed Long, and Superintendent of Schools Jack D. Dale.

To find out more, visit <http://www.fairfaxcountypartnerships.org>

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**Blue Ribbon Outstanding Event Award**, given for the Library READesign at Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School and partners Heart of America Foundation, Capital One, Lightspeed Technologies, AVD, Ltd. A library READesign is like an HGTV home makeover. In a READesign, a school is strategically selected, in this case Mount Vernon Woods, and school and FCPS staff collaborate on a new design for the space.



**Community Partner of the Year, Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA)**

There were two finalists for Community Partner of the Year, the Fort Belvoir chapter of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association partnered with Fort Belvoir Elementary School and the Fairfax Symphony Orchestra partnered with Instructional Services Department. AFCEA has been working with Fort Belvoir Elementary School for eight years. This partnership's natural military connections have helped it grow strategically and quickly. At a school with a high student mobility rate – meaning students come and go in the middle of a school year – the constancy and innovation associated with this partnership helps keep student engaged and pushed, with a special focus on STEM teaching and learning. Finalist Fairfax Symphony Orchestra partnered with the school system's Department of Instructional Services - Fine Arts Office. For some 30 years the FSO has been involved with in-school music education by offering programs right-in-tune and supplemental to the FCPS curriculum. Their Overture to Orchestra or OTO program introduces orchestra instruments to elementary students, and their SCORE program brings FSO musicians and conductors into schools for one-on-one mentoring instruction, workshops, and master classes. The Fairfax Symphony works with 25 schools, serves 10,000 students and donates some 750 staff hours each year.



**Media/Communications Partner, Connection Newspapers**

In photo, Sharon Bulova, Victoria Ross, Mary Kimm, Deb Cobb, Ed Long. The Connection was nominated by Dean Klein, executive director of the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, and the award springs from the Nov. 13 special edition coverage about the complex challenges of the homeless in Fairfax. Coverage of the issues included a "moving array of impactful photos and informative articles" that conveyed the scope of the challenges faced by those who are homeless in our community and the collaborative work of Partnership to End Homelessness. The award also cited other examples of the Connection's community partnership including "weekly highlights of neighborhood school activities and events, Thanksgiving story called 'Season of Giving' that featured 12 gifts that give back to the community, and extensive coverage of the Stuff the Bus Food campaign."

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## St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School Congratulates the Class of 2012

We salute the 96 members of the Class of 2012 who graduated Saturday, June 9. Here are just a few of their accomplishments, both as individuals and as a group.

### Academics

- ◆ Accepted by more than 130 colleges and universities in 30 states, the District of Columbia, Canada, and the United Kingdom.
- ◆ Academic honors program offers and academic scholarships, including:
  - Eight National Merit Commended Scholars
  - One National Achievement Scholarship Finalist
  - 20 inducted into the Cum Laude Society
  - More than one-third of the class was offered college scholarship or merit aid
- ◆ 92% were enrolled in one or more of our 23 Advanced Placement courses.
- ◆ Selected to participate in such prestigious programs as the Presidential Classroom, Virginia Governor's Schools, the Junior Science & Humanities Symposium at Georgetown University, the Student Climate & Conservation Congress, Model OAS, Model UN, and Model Judiciary.

### Community Service

- ◆ Helped prepare more than 15,000 sandwiches for Martha's Table, collected more than 1,000 food items for the Salvation Army, delivered toys, and raised money for local people in need.
- ◆ Donated hundreds of pounds of food to the Arlington Food Assistance Center and spent hundreds of hours working at local food pantries and food distribution programs for the homeless.
- ◆ Donated hundreds of mittens and coats for the needy of Northern Virginia.
- ◆ Walked, jogged, and ran for breast cancer, cystic fibrosis, brain cancer, epilepsy research, and homelessness.
- ◆ Participated in international causes in Romania, Africa and Haiti.
- ◆ Sent letters to veterans, candy to the troops, supported efforts in Haiti, and spent more than 1,000 hours with a wide variety of local organizations in support of senior citizens, preschool children, the hungry, the homeless, the environment, animals, low-income and immigrant families, and others in need.

### Athletics

- ◆ 23 playing their sports next year at some of the country's top colleges and universities.
- ◆ Earned All-American status in boys lacrosse and girls lacrosse.
- ◆ Recognized as Athletes of the Year in baseball, boys swimming, girls lacrosse, and boys lacrosse by the Alexandria Sportsman's Club.
- ◆ Led the field hockey team to the ISL League and Tournament Championships.
- ◆ Led the boys soccer team to the IAC Championship.
- ◆ Led the girls tennis team to the ISL League Championship.
- ◆ Led the girls basketball team to the ISL League Championship.
- ◆ Led the boys lacrosse team to the VISAA State Championship.
- ◆ Led the girls lacrosse team to the ISL Tournament Championship and the VISAA State Championship.
- ◆ Led the softball team to the ISL League and Tournament Championships.
- ◆ Participated in VISAA State Tournaments and Championship meets in field hockey, boys soccer, girls tennis, cross country, swimming and diving, girls basketball, wrestling, softball, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, and track and field.
- ◆ Set new school records in track and field, swimming, girls lacrosse, and softball.
- ◆ Many individual athletes were named to Academic All-American, All-American, All-State, Academic All-State, All-Met, and All-League teams for their performances throughout their Upper School athletic careers.

### The Arts

- ◆ Artwork selected to be shown placed in the top five at the Best of the Independent Schools Art Competition, the Congressional shows of Jim Moran and Gerry Connolly, and in the *Alexandria Gazette-Packet*.
- ◆ Artwork selected for the Southern Teachers Agency calendar two years in a row.
- ◆ Two accepted to prestigious art schools, Rhode Island School of Design and Savannah College of Art & Design.
- ◆ Three were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society.
- ◆ Received a rating of excellent for the eighth straight year in wind ensemble at the Virginia District X Festival.
- ◆ Received a rating of excellent in orchestra at the Virginia District X Festival.
- ◆ Performed in the District X Honors Jazz Ensemble and the District X Chorus.
- ◆ Performed in all drama and musical productions, Evening of the Arts, and at Multicultural Night.



The members of the Class of 2012 have distinguished themselves in all areas of school life and in our community. As they leave us to attend some of the world's finest colleges and universities, we salute them for a job well done. We know they will use their talents to become respected and worthy citizens of the global community that awaits them. Best wishes and congratulations!

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# LETTERS

## Must Know Costs First

To the Editor:

In a recent letter to the Gazette, I supported a modified version of option B for the restoration of Dyke Marsh. In last week's Gazette, Gerald Fill wrote an article concerning the restoration issue in which George Stevens, the manager of the Belle Haven Marina, pointed out that the National Park Service (NPS) has not provided cost estimates for options B, C and D that call for restoration of 30, 140 and 180 acres, respectively. I agree with Mr. Stevens. Until such time as NPS has provided a thorough cost analysis of all of the proposed options, as well as the timeframe within which each option could be commenced and completed, NPS should take no further action. In fact, NPS should withdraw the June 20, 2012 deadline for public comments and hold the public comment aspect in abeyance until such time as the cost and time estimates are provided. Who could credibly comment without knowledge of the costs?

In Mr. Fill's article, Glenda Booth weighs in on behalf of the Friends



Little Hunting Creek

of Dyke Marsh (FODM) in support of full restoration of Dyke Marsh. While she also alleges she supports "preservation of Belle Haven Marina," option D would result in filling of the mooring field shoreward of the southern end of the marina where sailboats are moored. Elimination of that mooring field would eliminate the main revenue source for the marina. I spoke to Mr. Stevens this week, and he told me that the sailing school at the marina is the most important revenue source for his operations. As such, any threat to that revenue source threatens the viability of the marina as an operating business.

Boat US issued a letter on June 11 expressing its support for Belle

Haven Marina in light of its boat ramp, slips, boat rentals, and sailing school. The letter explains that over 1,000 learn to sail there each year. In another aspect, as I previously explained, options C and D would result in filling in a deep furrow channelward of the current Dyke Marsh configuration, thereby destroying an important fish habitat. NPS's expert opined that filling that furrow would do nothing to enhance the viability of Dyke Marsh. As such, any proposal that would include filling that furrow is unacceptable.

The MVCCA's E&R Committee passed a resolution this week in which it supported option D "with a caveat to retain the marina con-

cession and mooring field." For the reasons explained above, the resolution is premature per se. Moreover, it is also inappropriate. It advocates filling the deep furrow and filling out to the historic 1937 boundaries of Dyke Marsh. It also repeats the Glenda Booth talking point that Dyke Marsh "is the last major remnant of once extensive fresh water marshes along the upper Potomac River." No surprise there — I'm told Ms. Booth and the E&R chairman authored the resolution. It is non-credible to discuss fresh water marshes in the Potomac River without including marshes located in its tributaries. The accompanying photograph was taken from the Woodland Park

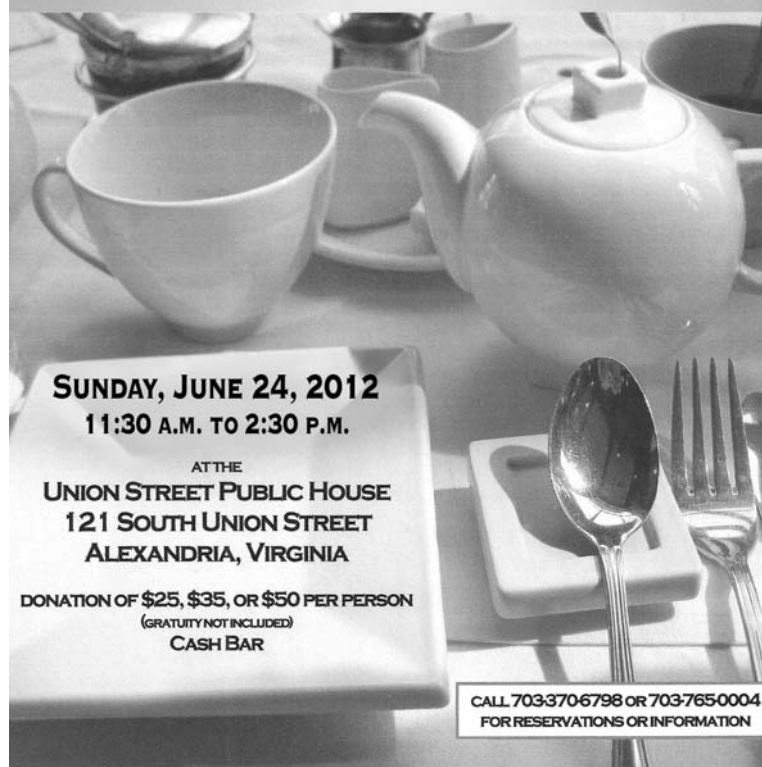
neighborhood directed toward Stratford Landing where the E&R chairman and I live, and shows dozens of acres of freshwater marsh land within Little Hunting Creek within sight of both of our homes.

The fact that Dyke Marsh is far from the only fresh water marsh in our area makes it no less worthy of restoration. At the same time, however, the taxpayers who will be paying the bill for the restoration are entitled to know what the costs will be so that those costs can be taken into account when they make their comments. It is irresponsible for our community to consider a plan of action for res-

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## Trends in Landscape Design

Local tastemakers offer suggestions for making the most of backyard space.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

**W**hether creating a tapestry of bold colors, a sanctuary to escape stress or simply a low maintenance landscape, local designers say taking a backyard from dull to dazzling is easier than one might think, and offer insight into the hottest landscape elements as well as trends in sustainable design.

"The biggest overall trend is that people are cocooning — that is, people are staying at home and creating multi-use spaces," said landscape architect Mark White, owner of Garden Wise in Arlington. "They want to be able to cook outdoors and have a dining area. They might want a water feature. They are creating a place for a mini-vacation in their backyard."

**WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE.** From custom waterfalls to simple, self-contained systems in an urn, fountains and ornamental water features are surging in popularity as homeowners strive to create a tranquil oasis in their backyards.

"Given the state of the economy and the fact that people are leading hectic lives, many are wanting calm spaces in their backyards," said White. "They are using water elements to create soothing sounds."

**LET IT RAIN.** Rain gardens are popular as eco-minded homeowners look for ways to decrease water pollution. Rain gardens allow rainwater runoff from surfaces like roofs, driveways and walkways to be absorbed into the ground instead of storm drains.

Landscapers at George Mason University in Fairfax, created rain gardens across campus using water-loving, native plants. The gardens help alleviate storm-water runoff and pollution.

"Also, rain gardens help to eliminate standing pools of water that might otherwise have been the perfect breeding ground for mosquitoes," said Archie Nesbitt, landscape supervisor at George Mason.

**HARVESTING RAINWATER.** "Many people are now collecting rainwater in rain



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barrels and using it to water their plants," White said. "You can connect a hose to the barrel and use it to water your garden."

**HOW DOES ONE'S GARDEN GROW?** Landscapes that incorporate both edible and decorative plants are popular now and serve dual purposes: providing both food and beauty. "There has been a huge interest in vegetable gardens, container gardens and fruit gardens, especially dwarf fruit trees, tomatoes, peppers and herbs," said Sherrye Schenk of Potomac Garden Center in North Potomac.

**MAKING ROOM.** Designers can make accommodations when space is scarce.

"Because many of the yards in this area are small, people don't have the space to dedicate to a larger garden, so we're putting plants in containers and growing what is known as 'patio vegetables,' which don't get as large," said White. "For example, there are certain varieties of tomatoes and eggplants that are suitable for a smaller space."

**KEEPING BAMBI AT BAY.** Homeowners who live in areas where deer abound also search for plants that don't attract these four-legged friends.

"Anything that is deer resistant is popular now," said Alex Dencker of Behnke Nurseries in Potomac. "Nandina and cherry laurel are deer resistant. 'Green giant arborvitae' works if you're looking for screen plants to create privacy. They grow tall very quickly."

**GOING NATIVE.** Designers say indigenous plants often grow beautifully with little

**Landscape designers say yards that incorporate both edible and decorative plants are popular. Herbs and patio vegetables are ideal for small outdoor areas.**



**Landscape architect Mark White uses ornamental water features to create a soothing space in the backyard of this Arlington home.**

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### Staving Off Mosquitoes

Nothing spoils a backyard barbecue like a swarm of bloodthirsty mosquitoes. How does one keep bugs at bay without harsh chemicals? Local experts offer tips.

**FANS.** Landscape architect Mark White of Garden Wise in Arlington, says installing a ceiling fan on a covered patio is an effective method. "They create enough air current to keep mosquitoes from lighting on top of your skin," he said.

**ALL-NATURAL SPRAYS.** Alex Dencker of Behnke Nurseries in Potomac, says oil-based sprays help keep the mosquito population under control. "Oil-based sprays like cedar oil and clover oil keep critters off without using nasty chemicals," he said. "Most of these repellants come in sprays or granules."

**LEMON.** White recommends a lemon-scented plant called lemon bomb as a barrier for repelling mosquitoes. "Lemon scented plants do a bang-up job of keeping mosquitoes

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# Home Life Style

## HOME SALES

In April 2012, 119 homes sold between \$1,075,000-\$64,000 in the Mount Vernon area. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$375,500-\$210,000 range.

For the complete list, visit [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

Address .....	BR .	FB .	HB ..	Postal	City ....	Sold Price ...	Type .....	Lot AC ..	PostalCode .....	Subdivision .....
2601 PHILLIPS DR .....	5	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$375,500	Detached .....	0.27	22306	GREGORY HEIGHTS
4700 DEER RUN CT .....	4	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$375,000	Townhouse .....	0.06	22306	DEER RUN CROSSING
8556 WYNGATE MANOR CT .....	4	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$365,900	Townhouse .....	0.04	22309	WYNGATE MANOR
5947 MONTICELLO RD .....	3	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$362,500	Semi-Detached .....	0.08	22303	JEFFERSON MANOR
2509 FAIRVIEW DR .....	3	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$360,000	Detached .....	0.54	22306	FAIRVIEW
6714 ANTHONY ST .....	4	3	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$360,000	Detached .....	1.00	22306	BUCKNELL MANOR
8800 OAK LEAF DR .....	4	3	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$360,000	Detached .....	0.50	22309	MARY LEA PARK
5941 EDGEHILL DR .....	2	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$350,000	Duplex .....	0.09	22303	JEFFERSON MANOR
4713 PERCH PL .....	5	3	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$349,900	Detached .....	0.25	22309	MT VERNON VALLEY
2708 FARNSWORTH DR .....	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$347,000	Duplex .....	0.10	22303	JEFFERSON MANOR
5702 MEDALLION CT .....	3	2	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Townhouse .....	0.03	22303	LOFTRIDGE
2012 ROLLINS DR .....	4	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Detached .....	0.17	22307	BUCKNELL MANOR
4213 ASPEN DR .....	5	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Detached .....	0.24	22309	J W COX & MARGALET
4746 POMEGRANATE CT .....	3	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$339,900	Detached .....	0.21	22309	MT VERNON VALLEY
3205 AYERS DR .....	4	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$332,000	Detached .....	0.40	22309	SUNNY VIEW
5501 SACRAMENTO MEWS PL .....	3	2	2	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$319,900	Townhouse .....	0.05	22309	SACRAMENTO MEWS
5901 MOUNT EAGLE DR #105 .....	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$312,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22303		MONTEBELLO
2451 MIDTOWN AVE #314 .....	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$312,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22303		MIDTOWN ALEXANDRIA STA
2328 RIVERVIEW TER .....	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$297,000	Semi-Detached .....	0.08	22303	HUNTINGTON
5904 MOUNT EAGLE DR #415 .....	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$295,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22303		MONTEBELLO
5705 FENWICK DR .....	2	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$290,000	Duplex .....	0.08	22303	HUNTINGTON
2226 HUNTINGTON AVE .....	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$289,900	Semi-Detached .....	0.08	22303	HUNTINGTON
2451 MIDTOWN AVE #613 .....	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$287,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22303		MIDTOWN ALEXANDRIA STA
3813 ROXBURY CT .....	3	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$285,000	Townhouse .....	0.03	22309	ROXBURY OF MT VERNON
2451 MIDTOWN AVE #801 .....	1	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$283,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22303		MIDTOWN ALEXANDRIA STA
2313 MARY BALDWIN DR .....	4	3	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$283,000	Duplex .....	0.09	22307	BUCKNELL MANOR
2451 MIDTOWN AVE #615 .....	1	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$280,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22303		MIDTOWN ALEXANDRIA STA
1100 BELLE VIEW BLVD #A1 .....	3	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$270,000	Garden 1-4 Floors .....	22307		BELLE VIEW
7991 AVERY PARK CT .....	2	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$269,000	Townhouse .....	0.03	22306	AVERY PARK
5503 WOODLAWN MANOR CT .....	4	3	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$269,000	Townhouse .....	0.03	22309	WOODLAWN MEWS
7809 GUM SPRINGS VILLAGE DR .....	4	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$263,000	Townhouse .....	0.03	22306	VILLAGE AT GUM SPGS
7035 STANFORD DR .....	3	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$260,000	Duplex .....	0.11	22307	BUCKNELL HEIGHTS
8119 PINELAKE CT .....	4	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$260,000	Townhouse .....	0.05	22309	PINEWOOD LAKE
8125 STEADMAN ST .....	3	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$260,000	Detached .....	0.31	22309	MT VERNON VALLEY
7110 COLD SPRING CT .....	2	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$259,000	Townhouse .....	0.05	22306	WOODSTONE
5825 EDGEHILL DR .....	2	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$253,000	Duplex .....	0.10	22303	JEFFERSON MANOR
7149 TOLLIVER ST .....	2	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$250,000	Townhouse .....	0.05	22306	WOODSTONE
8694 VENOY CT .....	3	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$248,000	Townhouse .....	0.05	22309	VILLAGES OF MOUNT VERNON
3721 HAMPTON CT .....	3	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$241,000	Townhouse .....	0.04	22306	WOODSTONE
5619 NORTON RD .....	3	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$235,000	Detached .....	0.17	22303	BURGUNDY VILLAGE
7502B CALDERON CT #266 .....	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$230,000	Garden 1-4 Floors .....	22306		SOUTH MEADOWS
6628 WAKEFIELD DR #B1 .....	2	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$230,000	Garden 1-4 Floors .....	22307		BELLE VIEW
8236 CLAREMONT WOODS DR .....	3	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$230,000	Townhouse .....	0.03	22309	GEORGE LAND VILLAGE
5903 MOUNT EAGLE DR #712 .....	1	1	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$218,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22303		MONTEBELLO
8680 VENOY CT .....	3	2	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$217,755	Townhouse .....	0.03	22309	VILLAGES OF MOUNT VERNON
6621 WAKEFIELD DR #109 .....	2	1	1	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$216,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors .....	22307		RIVER TOWERS
2013 ROLLINS DR .....	2	2	0	...	ALEXANDRIA	\$210,000	Duplex .....	0.02	22307	BUCKNELL MANOR

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## Backyard Tips

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maintenance and no fertilizer. "Whenever possible, allow things to be what they want to be ... the more a planted area can be self-sustaining [and] not require up-keep, the better," said Nesbitt.

Drought tolerance is another bonus that makes native plants favorites among homeowners and landscape designers. "Purple cone flower are popular, as are creeping phlox which blooms early, provides great ground cover and requires little maintenance," said Dencker. "Black-eyed Susans and redbud trees are also native plants that have colorful buds. There are so many birds and other critters that need our native plants to survive. That is another reason why our native plants are so important."

## Mosquito Tips

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[away]," he said. "I have it planted all over my yard and on Memorial Day we had no mosquitoes, which is unheard of in Northern Virginia." He added that citronella geranium plants are also effective mosquito repellants.

**INSECTS AS WEAPONS.** Sherrye Schenk of Potomac Garden Center in North Potomac, says that preying insects can keep mosquitoes and other pests under control. "Praying mantis and lady bugs work well."

— MARILYN CAMPBELL

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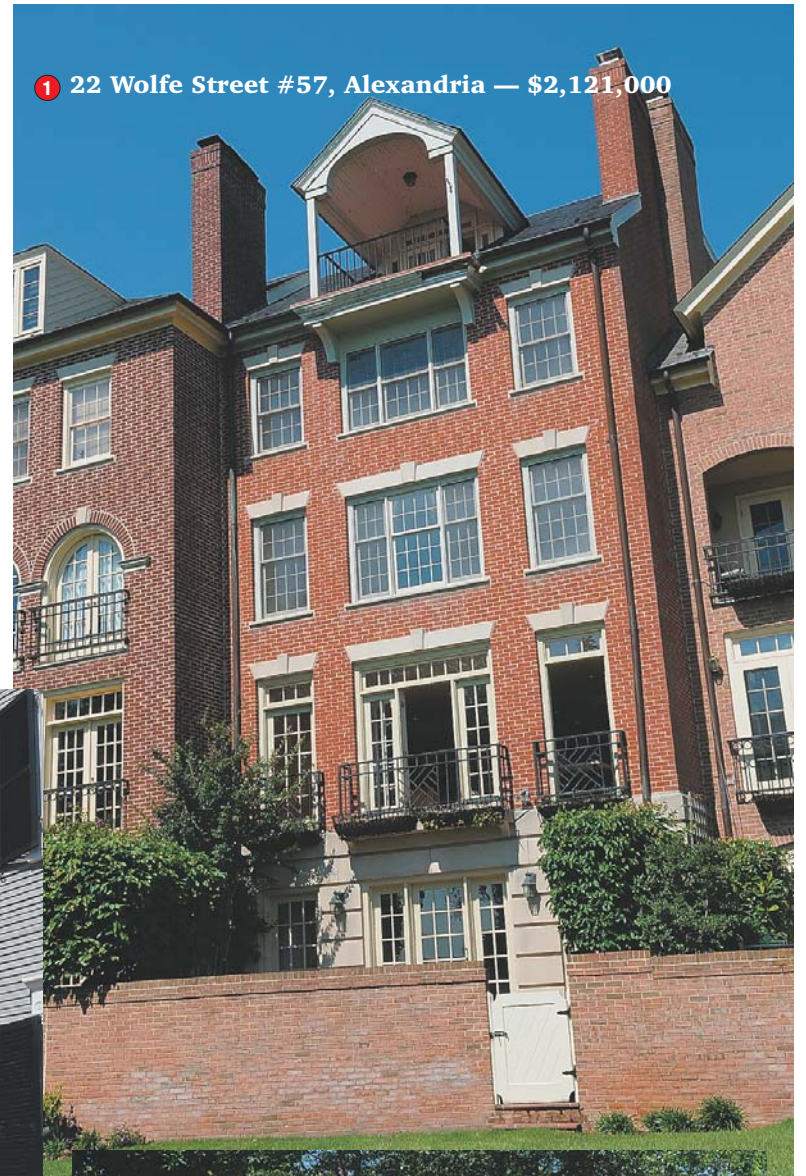
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**2** 507 High Street, Alexandria — \$1,335,000



**1** 22 Wolfe Street #57, Alexandria — \$2,121,000



**5** 1112 Roundhouse Lane, Alexandria — \$1,200,000



**4** 311 Lee Street South, Alexandria — \$1,230,000

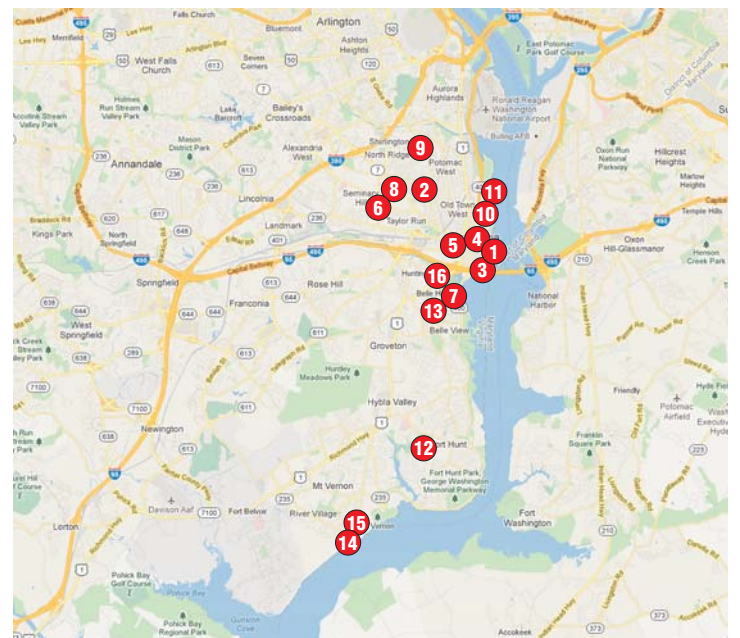


**7** 1804 Hunting Cove Place, Mount Vernon — \$1,075,000

**12** 2200 Lakeshire Drive, Mount Vernon — \$920,000

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<b>1</b> 22 WOLFE ST #57	5	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$2,121,000	Townhouse		22314	HARBORSIDE	04/16/12
<b>2</b> 507 HIGH ST	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,335,000	Detached	0.51	22302	OAKLAND	04/19/12
<b>3</b> 19 FRANKLIN ST	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,285,000	Townhouse	0.03	22314	FORDS LANDING	04/27/12
<b>4</b> 311 LEE ST S	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,230,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	OLD TOWN	04/16/12
<b>5</b> 1112 ROUNDHOUSE LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,200,000	Townhouse	0.06	22314	OLD TOWN VILLAGE	04/27/12
<b>6</b> 510 QUAKER LN	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,150,000	Detached	0.63	22304	GOODMAN HOUSE	04/23/12
<b>7</b> 1804 HUNTING COVE PL	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,075,000	Detached	0.22	22307	BELLE HAVEN	04/10/12
<b>8</b> 823 MARSHALL LN	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,045,000	Detached	0.53	22302	CHAPEL HILL	04/27/12
<b>9</b> 3205 CIRCLE HILL RD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,037,500	Detached	0.26	22305	BEVERLY HILLS	04/27/12
<b>10</b> 215 PRINCESS ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,025,000	Townhouse	0.04	22314	PRINCESS	04/24/12
<b>11</b> 826 RIVERGATE PL	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,002,500	Townhouse	0.06	22314	RIVERGATE	04/30/12
<b>12</b> 2200 LAKESHIRE DR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$920,000	Detached	0.52	22308	MANORS@MT VERNON	04/30/12
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toration of Dyke Marsh without knowing the financial ramifications. On that point, those who say the costs will be minimal because the fill will be provided at nominal cost are just non-credible dreamers. Fill must be tested at significant expense before it is placed in our nation's river. Not every type of fill is suitable for just throwing into the Potomac River to satisfy the desires of our community activists. Care must be taken to assure that fill is not toxic to the creatures who call the river their home. The MVCCA should table its resolution and NPS should adjourn the comment period until firm cost estimates and time periods for enactment of each possible option are provided.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

## Value of Restoration

To the Editor:

For thousands of years since the end of the last ice age in North America, the Potomac River co-evolved with nature in such a way that to not take an opportunity to do restorative work is to deny the great contribution and service this waterway has provided countless species of organisms and the humanity that used its resources to conduct commerce and nourish their communities.

In prehistory, the ancient peoples living along the shores developed a rhythm with nature that sustained them for thousands of years. So bountiful were the fish, shellfish and waterfowl that the earliest accounts by Europeans seem incredible compared to the limited abundance today.

In the 1600s: Captain John Smith of Virginia was the first to record the fabulous quantities of fish of many sorts to be found in the Potomac. His report was subsequently confirmed by Henry Spelman, Captain Samuel Argoll, Henry Fleet, and Father Andrew White, S.J., the first chronicler of the Maryland colony.

In the 1700s: Andrew Burnaby in speaking of the Potomac River, remarked as follows. "These waters are stored with incredible quantities of fish, ... above 5,000 have been caught at one single haul of the seine." Multiple documents written by George Washington refer to seines, the nets used to catch large numbers of fish, and other aspects of the fishing industry at Mount Vernon.

In the early 1800s: The original record books of George Chapman, Esq., haul seine fisherman for American shad in the Potomac River during the period 1814-1824, include the numbers of shad and herring caught and sold each day. Shad catches from Chapman's fishery amounted to 955,615 shad and 116 million herring for the 11-year period.

In 2012, for the first time, fishing restrictions on the alewife and river herring species were applied in the Potomac. Shad have been restricted since the '90s. Fisheries biologists are rightly concerned about the rapid decline of these important fish. They are anadromous fish species meaning that

they live most of their adult lives in the Atlantic Ocean and during the spring months of each year, they make a seasonal spawning run into the Potomac and other Chesapeake Bay tributaries to start a new generation.

While overfishing has played a role in the decline of these fish, it is only one of several factors in their shrinking numbers. After the eggs hatch during the spring spawning run, the larval fish begin a spring to fall journey southward feeding, growing and gaining strength to begin their adult lives in the shoals of the Atlantic Ocean.

During the centuries of great abundance of these fish, most of the shoreline of the tidal Potomac was buffered by tidal marshes full of canals and guts that contained the decomposing plant matter of the prior growing season. Microbes feeding upon this rotting vegetation recycle nutrients back into this ecosystem nourishing other micro and macroscopic life forms that are food to these fish during their early growth stages. They forage the marshes using comb-like structures in their mouths called gill rakers that collect the tiny organisms from the nutrient rich waters.

Today the majority of the tidal marshes that sustained these fish are nearly gone. Scientific studies reveal the critical role the marshes play in protecting the shoreline during storms and as biological nurseries for a wide range of diverse organisms.

George Washington and others were beneficiaries of an ecologically functioning river. Today, we honor George Washington by fully restoring his home, lands and enterprises so it is equally fitting that we further honor him with efforts to restore the river to the health and condition that so enabled him to exist and prosper.

**Martin Tillett**  
Mount Vernon

## Expand and Improve Access

To the Editor:

The National Park Service is offering 4 "Alternatives" for Dyke Marsh Restoration. They should be offering one plan for preservation. While the Park Service states the marsh is "one of the largest remaining freshwater tidal wetlands in the Washington Metropolitan area" they omit the fact there are many other marshes including the vast marshes located in Little Hunting Creek. Many, representing narrow-mindedness, feel access to a marsh is limited to paths and trails. A greater appreciation and understanding of marshland is seen with unobstructed view from the water. NPS restoration Alternatives include blocking water access.

Alternative "B" blocks water access by filling in and connecting two islands, which will cut off the river flow and stagnate the Belle Haven Harbor. It will also provide access for land predators to reach one of the marsh island's birds and other marsh creatures.

Mr. Tillett [letter to the editor] points to an obvious problem: Access. Right now, Belle Haven Marina provides the only vi-



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## Snapshot

**6:38 p.m., June 7: Sideline at the Mount Vernon High School baseball field. Jalyn Lee, Tatiana Hall, Gloria Bartolomei and Janae White keep pace with the boys running 50-yard sprints at the evening football camp.**

able public access to the splendor of the marsh and its wide range of flora and fauna. However, NPS plans call for filling and disturbing what Mother Nature has worked so diligently for the past 50 years to repair. There is a new ecosystem and disturbing this vibrant oasis will impact nature's renovated home for birds, fish, turtles and mammals.

As far as Stratford Landing's decision to drop efforts to gain access to Little Hunting Creek, Supervisor Hyland informed the community over a decade ago that the neighborhood sewage pumping station would not be going away, making discussion of creating access to Little Hunting Creek a moot point. However there were those who insisted moving forward, a complete waste of time, with pursuing a "park" in the middle of Stratford Landing. Supervisor Hyland also made it clear the county would not "give" land to a community for private access. Faced with this public park scenario, 70 percent of the community voted to turn down the "park" concept. This was consistent with the rejection of an offer nearly 15 years ago from one of our residents (H. J. Spiegel) to donate an easement for community access.

So, access to marshes and the Potomac River is very limited. Belle Haven is too valuable to "fill in." Appreciation and support for the environment is not limited to those with binoculars. It is a natural resource to be shared and the marina is the common ground. The NPS should be supporting efforts to restore Belle Haven Marina and thus preserving the marsh.

But, typically, the government, emboldened by those who feel throwing money into a hole in the river to turn back the clock to 1937, is planning to fill 270 acres lost to erosion and storms in addition

to filling deep dredging scars with millions of tons that were taken away to create land masses for Reagan National Airport and the Pentagon. All without consideration to diminished access implicit with Alternatives B, C, & D in the name of marsh restoration. Supporters of restoration are filled with theme-park giddiness as they prepare to support an immense project with no published price tag, willing to spend taxpayer dollars to satisfy their own single-use nature trail.

The answer to this issue is simple: It's erosion stupid. Any plan for the marsh should start with preserving what's left. To try to alter the current environmental stability would displace birds, beavers and boaters. Keep Belle Haven open and expand and improve access to the Nation's River.

**Steve Chaconas**  
Mount Vernon

## Join Kaylyn; Volunteer

To the Editor:

In recent weeks, many of us have watched students receive diplomas at local high schools. It's an interesting time for a community to take a long, hard look at its oldest children. Statistics tell us that 1 in 4 of those girls has been sexually abused, and about 1 in 6 boys has as well. We know from our work in prevention that many more have been touched by some form of child abuse or domestic violence in their home during their first 18 years of life.

It can be unsettling to think about this point in the cycle of family violence, when

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the abused may transition into the role of abuser. It can be downright overwhelming to think about the thousands of at-risk teenagers right here in our community possibly headed for that same pattern.

At moments like this, I'm grateful to know someone like Kaylyn Pennock.

Kaylyn is a rising senior at West Potomac High School who has been volunteering with our Parent Education Program for nearly two years. She works with children in our childcare programs while their parents attend parenting classes or meet with their parent support groups. You may hear her name pop up in the local news over the next few weeks, as she'll be honored at upcoming Arlington County Board and School Board Meetings for receiving the county's Connect with Kids Champion Award.

We're grateful to have Kaylyn as a volunteer, where she excels at interacting with young children in a compassionate, approachable manner. But what's been most inspiring about Kaylyn is this: she is not waiting around for someone to tell her it's time to make a difference. She's doing it now.

Here she is — a local teenager,

in the midst of high school drama and studying for finals and still growing up herself — having an impact on adults and families who need support. She's giving children that extra attention they need after a long day, and providing parents with the rare opportunity for quiet in a busy week, to strengthen their skills and find support as they struggle with the challenges of family life.

What Kaylyn can teach all of us is this: We don't need to wait. We don't need to be overwhelmed by how many at-risk children might be out there. We just need to start with one. Without waiting. Without making excuses. Because if we all did that, we might just be overwhelmed by how many children we protect, how much abuse we prevent, how far-reaching even one day of volunteering can be instead of how many opportunities we may have missed.

A 16-year-old in your neighborhood is making an impact. And you can too.

I encourage readers to explore the wide variety of volunteer opportunities on our website at [www.scanva.org](http://www.scanva.org).

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# ENTERTAINMENT



Jennifer Finch, Ric Andersen, and Robin Parker in "All the King's Women."



Jennifer Finch and Robin Parker in "All the King's Women."



Sarah Holt, Ric Andersen, and Robin Parker in "All the King's Women" at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

PHOTOS BY DOUG OLIMSTED

## All Shook Up

**'All the King's Women' dazzles at LTA.**

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE

Some are enthralled, some are appalled but all are obsessed as the story of Elvis Presley is told through the eyes of various women in "All the King's Women," now playing at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

On a sultry Memphis-like summer evening, the scorching play by Luigi

Jannuzzi debuted at LTA with a talented cast of four masterfully guided by director Ellen Dempsey, who draws the audience into a quick-paced comedy romp through the rise of Elvis as a national icon of American music, his untimely death and the legacy he left behind.

Spoiler alert: Elvis never appears. Although that spoils nothing. Instead, eight sketches separated by brief collages of period newsreels, imagery and sounds carries

the audience back in time, beginning when an 11-year-old Elvis dejectedly walks out of a five-and-dime with his first guitar in lieu of the BB gun he coveted.

Though he never appears, the presence of Elvis is palpable from the moment the award-winning Sarah Holt opens the play with a gorgeously acted solo performance as the saleswoman who sells a guitar to a young boy longing for a rifle on his birthday.

On roll the scenes, flowing in chronological order with each touching a different aspect of Elvis' career and his impact on the people he met, touched and moved.

Scene two brings you to Elvis' controversial early career. In this day it's hard to imagine the shock of the unprecedented moves and "gyrations" in his performances, but Jannuzzi lets the audience eavesdrop on a

hilarious bantering between his agent and a television network representative and censor. Does Elvis get his way? Laugh along and find out.

Another sketch escorts you behind the scenes at the White House. Craftily written and performed with seamless timing by Holt, Jennifer Finch and Robin Parker, the audience is caught up in the frenzy of Elvis hysteria, his longing to aid an ailing nation and his historic 1970 visit with President Richard Nixon.

Holt, who teaches the Introduction to Improv class at LTA, leads the talented cast that includes the return of the comically gifted Finch and LTA acting debut of Parker, who has spent the last three years working behind the scenes on wig, costume and

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#### THURSDAY/JUNE 14

**2nd Thursday Art Night:** Swing into Summer. 6-9 p.m. Free. Enjoy live music by Dulcie Taylor, sample sweets from the art center's new Bread & Chocolate Café, and practice your swing with a mini-golf challenge. Visit Target Gallery for the reception for Forged. Then join The Art League Gallery for the reception for Rural Connections and the All-Media Membership Exhibit. Make a dazzling summery accessory at our Do-It-Yourself Summer Button Station. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria

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**English as a second language classes.** 10 a.m.- noon. Free. Drop-in Intermediate ESL Workshop. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702x3.

**Latin American Book Discussion Group.** 7 - 8:30p.m. Discussions are in English. For stories in Spanish and English, contact the adult services/reference desk: 703-746-1702x3. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

#### SATURDAY/ JUNE 16

**Outdoor concert.** Nativity Lutheran Church. 4-6 p.m. Free. Performances by WAMMIE-award-winning 'roots

rock' singer/songwriter Janine Wilson and guitarist Max Jones. Refreshments will be sold. Nativity Lutheran Church at 1300 Collingwood Road in Alexandria. Call 703-768-1112.

#### SUNDAY/ JUNE 17

**Chamber Music.** Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association 2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Special performance by pianist Haskell Small. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org), email [wmpa@earthlink.net](mailto:wmpa@earthlink.net) or call 703-799-8229.

**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](http://www.alexandriatutors.org)).

Located at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St, Old Town Alexandria. Visit [www.OPMH.org](http://www.OPMH.org) or call 703-549-6670.

#### MONDAY/JUNE 18

**Read, Sing & Play, Baby!** 4 p.m. Children's program, for ages 0-11 months with an adult. Select one program per week to attend. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street, 22314. Call 703-746-1703.

**Del Ray Music Week.** 8-10 p.m. Free. The Highballers kick off Del Ray Music Week. St. Elmo's Coffee Pub. Visit [www.highballersmusic.com](http://www.highballersmusic.com) or [www.delraymusicfestival.com](http://www.delraymusicfestival.com).

**Great Lakes Beer and Pizza Night at RedRocks Pizza.** 904 King Street Alexandria VA 22314. 7-11p.m. \$25 per person. RSVP to 703-717-9873. For more info visit

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#### TUESDAY/ JUNE 19

**English as a second language classes.** 10 a.m.- noon. Free. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702.

**English as a second language classes.** 3-5 p.m. Free. Drop-in Intermediate ESL Workshop. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702.

**Stories to grow on.** 11 a.m. Children's program, for ages 2 and up with an adult. Select one program per week to attend. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street, 22314. Call 703-746-1703.

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## WEDNESDAY/ JUNE 20

**Duncan Book Discussion Group.** 7 p.m. Discuss Emperor of All Maladies by Siddhartha Mukherjee. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Call 703-746-1705.

**Stories to grow on.** 11 a.m. Children's program, for ages 2 and up with an adult. Select one program per week to attend. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street, 22314. Call 703-746-1703.

## THURSDAY/ JUNE 21

**English as a second language classes.** 10 a.m.- noon. Free. Drop-in Intermediate ESL Workshop. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702 for more information

**Great Books Discussion Group.** 7-8:30p.m. Located in the Story Time Room. Call Bill Scouton, 703-931-3559. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

**Paws To Read.** 15-minute session starting at 5:30 p.m. Grades 1-6. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

## SATURDAY/ JUNE 23

**Field Day.** The Alexandria Radio Club will be demonstrating Amateur Radio at Armistead Boothe Park, 520 Cameron Station Boulevard, between 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, in the picnic pavilion area. The public is invited to come and see ham radio's new capabilities and learn how to get their own FCC radio license. To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to [www.emergency-radio.org](http://www.emergency-radio.org).

## SUNDAY/ JUNE 24

**Chamber Music.** Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association 2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Special performance by Soprano Laura Mann assisted by Pianist Susan Ricci, music by Handel, Fauré, Chaminade, Fanny Mendelssohn, Richard Strauss, Saint-Saens, Rachmaninoff, Sheldon Harnick, Lucy Simon, and Maurey Yeston. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. For more information visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org). E-mail [wmpa@earthlink.net](mailto:wmpa@earthlink.net) or call 703-799-8229

## MONDAY/JUNE 25

**Little Wonders.** 10:30-11:15 a.m. children's program, ages 12-23

## Old Town Arts & Crafts Festival

Volunteer Alexandria's upcoming 32nd annual Old Town Arts & Crafts Festival and Volunteer Fair will feature six area musicians including singer/songwriter Dulcie Taylor performing songs from her latest release, *Free of This Sorrow*.

In May of 2012, Taylor's album rose to the number one position of Amazon's top-rated Alt-country/Americana list which also variously includes Alison Krause, KD Lang, Cowboy Junkies and Johnny Cash.

Each year the line-up has included the best of VA/DC/MD area singer/songwriters with nominees and winners of Washington Area Music Association's WAMMIE Awards who are individually screened and selected to perform their own original songs at the festival.

2012 Supporting Sponsor is World Tavern Poker VA Northeast Region League - players made individual donations to support the the Old Town Arts & Crafts Festival and make a difference in the community. Specialty Sponsor is ING Financial Partners. Media Sponsor is Washington Post Local Living. Volunteer Breakfast Sponsor is Alexandria's Bread & Chocolate. Gift Donors include Artfully Chocolate of Alexandria and LocalMotion, a City of Alexandria resource for transportation alternatives involved in initiatives such as the recent National Bike to Work Day on May 18.

To find out about sponsorships for this and other Volunteer Alexandria community events, contact Donna Walker James, [djames@volunteeralexandria.org](mailto:djames@volunteeralexandria.org).

*The 32nd Annual Old Town Arts & Crafts Festival and Volunteer Fair at Market Square, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Free to the public. Saturday, June 16, 1-6 p.m. Sunday, June 17, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free trolley from King Street Metro Station, underground parking at the Square \$2/day on Saturday and Sunday. Free Sunday street parking. Visit [www.volunteeralexandria.org](http://www.volunteeralexandria.org) or [www.razoo.com/story/Arts-And-Crafts-Festival-And-Volunteer-Fair](http://www.razoo.com/story/Arts-And-Crafts-Festival-And-Volunteer-Fair).*

months with an adult. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

**Books The Bagic is Real.** 7 p.m. Marvel at Joe Romano's magic show. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult at the program. Call the Burke Information

## Musical lineup:

### SATURDAY/JUNE 16

- 2 p.m.** Dulcie Taylor gets things rolling with selections from her latest release, *Free of This Sorrow*, a No.1 seller on Amazon's Alt-country/Americana list. [www.dulcietaylor.com](http://www.dulcietaylor.com).
- 3 p.m.** Jim Heald, contemporary folk and roots music, with a little bit of Chicago, a little bit of Austin and a dash of jazz and blues. [www.facebook.com/jimhealdmusic](http://www.facebook.com/jimhealdmusic).
- 4 p.m.** Lynn Hollyfield, contemporary folk/blues/jazz, Wammie nominee, [www.lynnhollyfield.com](http://www.lynnhollyfield.com).

### SUNDAY JUNE 17:

- 1 p.m.** Yvette Greene, folk/blues/soul, [www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xv2mVcmzeA&feature=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xv2mVcmzeA&feature=youtu.be)
- 2 p.m.** The Crooked Angels, Americana/roots/country, [www.facebook.com/thecrookedangels](http://www.facebook.com/thecrookedangels).
- 3 p.m.** Herb & Hanson, new roots/blues/bluegrass/folk/rock, [www.herbandhanson.com](http://www.herbandhanson.com).

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# ENTERTAINMENT



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Jennifer Finch, Robin Parker, and Sarah Holt in "All the King's Women" at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

## 'All the King's Women' at LTA

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makeup design.

Ric Andersen returns to LTA in his sixth production, rounding out the cast in various roles that include manager of a Memphis car dealership and ultimately Elvis impersonator.

Pick a favorite scene if you must, and pressed to do so, the hilarious yet ultimately touching encounter between a late-night grocery shopper (Holt) and a dark-dressed Elvis out for bananas and peanut butter leaves the audience rolling in the aisles.

From Tupelo, Mississippi to the final chapter — the present day Graceland gift shop replete with

bobble heads, posters and knick-knacks celebrating the King's reign and its descent into chintz — the stellar cast underlines the adoration Elvis still inspires 35 years after his untimely death at the age of 42.

Are you lonesome tonight? Put on your blue suede shoes and head over to The Little Theatre of Alexandria for "All the King's Women," a bring-the-family comedy that is a tender and witty tribute to one of the most celebrated figures of the 20th century.

"All The King's Women" is playing now through June 30 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).

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To register, call 703-746-1714 or email [hmartyn@alexandria.lib.va.us](mailto:hmartyn@alexandria.lib.va.us). Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street.

### TUESDAY/ JUNE 26

#### English as a second language

**classes.** 10 a.m.- noon. Free. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702.

**SUMMERQUEST JR.** 10a.m. Children's program, for ages 0-5 with an adult. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Call 703-746-1705.

#### SUMMERQUEST JR.

11 a.m. Children's program, for ages 0-5 with an adult. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street, 22314. Call 703-746-1703.

#### Paws to Read.

5:30p.m.- 6:30p.m. Children's program, for grades 1-6. Registration required. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Call 703-746-1705.

**Time For 2's.** 10:30 a.m. Children's program, ages 24-36 months with an adult. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

#### Baby Rhyme Time.

11:30 a.m. Children's program, ages 0-11months with an adult. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

#### English as a second language

**classes.** 3-5 p.m. Free. Drop-in Intermediate ESL Workshop. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street. Call 703-746-1702 for

more information.

**Basic Computer Class.** 4 p.m. The class will cover computer hardware/software, mouse, keyboard, working with windows, and an overview of searching for basic information on the internet. Call the Burke Information Desk to register at 703-746-1704 x3. Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library. 4701 Seminary Road.

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## Mount Vernon Hosts Inaugural Mini-Majors Football Camp

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

**I**n 2010, first-year head coach Barry Wells helped transform a winless Mount Vernon football team into a playoff participant. Two years later, Wells is continuing to build the program by developing relationships and continuity with local youth well before they don the maroon and gray.

On June 5-7, Mount Vernon High School hosted the inaugural Mini-Majors Football Camp. About 25 athletes in elementary and middle school participated in the event, which was run by Majors coaches and players. Wells, a native of Harrisburg, Pa., is hoping to make future Majors familiar with the Mount Vernon program. While coaching in a transient area provides certain challenges and benefits, Wells wants to bond with the athletes who will be in the area long term.

"I'm from Pennsylvania, and in Pennsylvania, it's all about the feeder system," Wells said. "When you go to some of those high schools, those kids have been running the same football system from the time they played little league right on up through high school. Even though this is a transient area with Fort Belvoir, my hope is for the kids that are here for the long term, that they're going to eventually play for me, so I have a vested interest in watching how they progress and taking opportunities to get to know them, so it's well worth the time."

Along with building relationships through the camp, Wells said he can gauge the talent that will potentially be passing through the program. What did he see during this three-day event?

"The future is bright," he said. "The only thing I really need is for the football gods



Joseph Word lines up for a drill during the inaugural Mini-Majors Football Camp on June 7 at Mount Vernon High School.

**Mount Vernon head football coach Barry Wells talks with Tyrell Lee, left, and Graham Bartolomei.**



to smile on us and bring some Texas line-men to Fort Belvoir, because if they do that, we're going to be something to deal with."

Among Wells' camp assistants was 2011 graduate and former defensive end/line-backer/tight end Julien Randolph, who af-

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**— Mount Vernon football coach Barry Wells**

ter one year at Glenville State will join the football program at West Virginia University.

"It's fun," Randolph said of helping at the camp. "I always wanted to be a coach. It's a good experience to start off with."

What did the youths think of the camp?

"It was fun," 12-year-old Graham Bartolomei said. "We worked a lot on drills."

"I had a lot of fun," 11-year-old Tyrell Lee said. "I love football."

Wells said he's hoping attendance doubles, at least, next year.

"The kids were very attentive, very enthusiastic, well behaved and from what I'm gathering from the parents," he said, "they all enjoyed themselves."

### SPORTS BRIEFS

## West Potomac's Fultz Signs with Highland CC

West Potomac senior Bryant Fultz has signed a national



**From left: Shelby Fultz (mother), Aaron Helmick (director of student activities), Bryant Fultz, David Houston (head varsity coach), Tyrone Strother (assistant varsity coach)**

letter of intent to play basketball at Highland Community College, a member of the NJCAA, in Highland, Kan.

Fultz, a 6-foot-5 forward, was a two-year varsity player for the Wolverines. He was voted captain by his teammates for his senior season and started every game. He averaged 15 points, eight rebounds and two blocks per contest en route to team MVP, first-team All-Patriot District and honorable mention All-Northern Region accolades.

Fultz was named MVP of the George Long Holiday Tournament at Wakefield in 2011, leading the Wolverines to their second consecutive tournament title. He also earned game MVP honors at the Northern Region senior all-star game, which his team won in overtime.

## Little Leaguer Throws Perfect Game

Cole Peverall, a 9-year-old pitcher for the Woodlawn Little League AAA Red Sox, threw a perfect game against the Phillies on June 9. The Red Sox defeated the Phillies, 13-0, in five innings.

Cole is coached by his father, David Peverall. His mother is Cynthia Peverall.



**Nine-year-old Cole Peverall threw a perfect game for the Woodlawn Little League AAA Red Sox on June 9.**



## SPORTS



**2012 FHYAA 18U Champions, the MVYAA Mount Vernon Raiders, with their championship trophies: Front row, from left, Eryn Smith, Dominique Gil, Clara Boggs, Raven Williams, Susannah Anderson, back row, from left, Harley Divine, Nisha Lathrop, Allyson Clubb, Erin Rockwell, Hannah Talbert, Sydney Haas, Katie Hutchinson and Diondra Jones.**

## Champions in U18 and U12 Softball

**T**his past weekend, the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association Girls Softball program wrapped up its 2012 Spring season with championship games for both the U12 and U18 age divisions.

On Saturday, June 9, at Carl Sandburg Middle School, the Mount Vernon Raiders beat the Fort Hunt Flash 19-5 and were crowned champions of the U18 division. Due to inclement weather earlier in the

week, the Raiders played two games on Saturday first defeating the Fort Hunt Dynamite 9-3 in the semifinal game before beating the Flash in the afternoon championship game.

The Mount Vernon Raiders swept their two Round Robin Playoff games and then won the Championship Game decisively. All the games were played at the Carl Sandburg Middle School Softball Field. In

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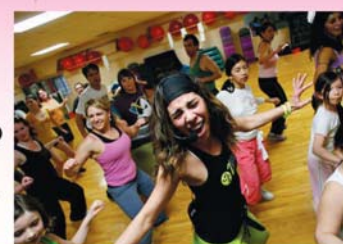
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