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Summer Fun

Cameron Run Regional Park offers a variety of water features for all ages. More photos, page 3.

Construction Boom In Route 1 Corridor

Area watches Fort Belvoir grow, construction of the National Library for Study of George Washington.

> By Gerald A. Fill The Gazette

he Fort Belvoir or Mount Vernon Estate construction projects alone would be enough to impact area traffic and the character of Mount Vernon. However, the area is now in the midst of substantial private sector development along the Route 1 Corridor, running from the Beltway in the north to the Fairfax County line and the Occoquan river in the south.

In addition to the large federal projects there is underway or planned construction or renovation of hotels, motels, mixed use developments, new fast food restaurants, and shopping malls. They have created pressure to design, finance and complete infrastructure projects such as the wid-

ening of the Route 1 highway in the Fort Belvoir area to the south, or the much debated prospect of installing light rail transit, metro transit extension and/or bus rapid transit.

Looming large for many in the Route 1 corridor is the consequent eminent domain land acquisition required to widen Route 1 and accommodate the mass transit expansion to carry commuters, visitors, and others along the Route 1 Corridor.

Here are some of the many projects planned for or already underway in the Route 1 area (additional information from Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation):

The National Library for the Study of George Washington. Construction is now underway adjacent to the Mount Vernon Estate SEE TRANSFORMING, PAGE 5

Documents Withheld, Even in Closed Cases

Police officials deny access to records, even when investigations have ended.

By Michael Lee Pope
The Gazette

n December of 2008, Fairfax County police officers chased 19-year-old Hailu Brook across the county line into Arlington and shot him dead. Arlington Police officials says Brook, a senior at Yorktown High School, robbed a BB&T in McLean, and Fairfax

County officers chased him across the county line. A press release issued later that day by the Arlington Police Department said that the teenager was holding a handgun, a fact that later turned out to be untrue

"It was a weapon that appeared to be a handgun," said Arlington County Police Chief Douglas Scott.

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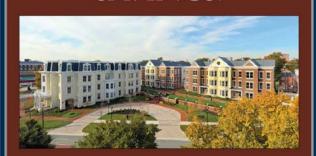
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The line for the waterslide snakes up the stairwell at the park.



Documents Withheld, Even in Closed Cases

The autopsy report indicates that Brook was shot by three different officers, who fired 20 to 25 rounds into the teenager. He was struck in his left eye, right arm, left buttock, right side of his chest and left thigh. As it turns out, he was holding an airsoft pistol, not a handgun. When asked if the press release should have been worded differently, Scott was clear.

"No," the chief responded. "We don't usually go into that level of detail in a press release."

ACROSS VIRGINIA, there are almost no details available to the public about crime that happens every day. From petty larceny to murder, Virginia police officials routinely deny access to basic documents such as incident reports. In the case of Hailu Brook, his father Brook Beshah can't even get a copy of the investigation conducted by Arlington County officials detailing how Fairfax County police officers shot and killed his son — even though the case is

"I wish they were more transpar-

ent. Definitely," said Brook. "Transparency wouldn't kill anybody. It is only when we have transparency that we will find accountability."

When the Associated Press tested the effectiveness of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act in 2006 by sending reporters to each county to ask for public records, only 43 percent had success. The rest were told that the records would not be released or would cost thousands of dollars in fees. Earlier this year, a State Integrity Investigation ranked and graded each of the 50 states on government accountability, transparency and corruption. Virginia got an F, largely because police agencies use an exemption clause in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act to withhold basic documents in all cases, regardless of what the case is about and regardless of whether the case is open or

"There is no question that under some circumstances that it is in the public interest to protect the identities of some victims and some witnesses," said Lucy Dalglish, director of the Arlingtonbased Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. "I just don't think it is necessary to protect the identities of all victims and all witnesses in all circumstances."

THIS WEEK, law enforcement leaders and advocates for open government will meet in Richmond to consider the fate of Senate Bill 711, originally introduced in 2010 by state Sen. John Edwards (D-21). The effort has languished for years as police chiefs and prosecutors from across the commonwealth have spoken out against any effort to undermine their broad power of exemption, which includes withholding "complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements, and evidence relating to a criminal investigation or prosecution." The bill currently under consideration would add the words "ongoing investigation" to that list, allowing for the public release of documents in closed cases such as the one conducted by the Arlington Police Department about the death of Hailu Brook.

"There's no policy reason why they should remain confidential once the case is over," said Edwards. "My bill even allows law-enforcement officials to shield confidential informants or techniques that are considered confidential."

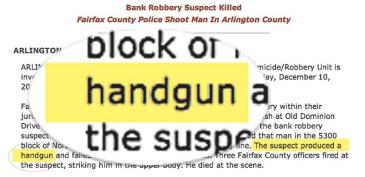
Police chiefs, sheriff's deputies and prosecutors disagree. During a hearing conducted by a subcommittee of the Virginia Freedom of Information Advisory Council in 2010, law-enforcement officials from across the commonwealth descended on the capital to oppose any effort to weaken the exemption clause.

Even if a case is closed, they said, releasing documents would be a bad idea. Now, two years later, the same subcommittee is set to meet yet again to consider the same legislation.

Arlington County Police Department 1425 N. Courthouse Road • Arlington, VA 22201 • 703-228-4050

December 10, 2008

Contact: Det. Crystal Nosal, 703-228-4331



Detectives from Arlington County and Fairfax County are coordinating the ongoing anyone who has information relating to this incident call the Arlington Police Tip-Line at

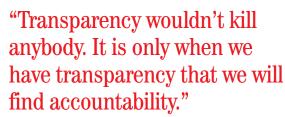
"We're still trying because we think this is an area that needs attention," said Ginger Stantley, director of the Virginia Press Association. "We've targeted this as one of the large concerns we have with our open government laws, denied.

"How can something happen to your son, and you're never going to know the facts?" asked Geoffrey Josseau. "I can't explain to the people back home what hap-

Geoffrey Djossou had to return to Togo for memorial services and explain a difficult truth othe same Virginia law that allows police agencies to withhold information from the public also allows them to deny access to victims of crime and their families. One of those family members

was an aunt of the slain teenager who works as a nanny for a law firm in downtown Washington. Hogan Lovells took the case pro bono and submitted a Freedom of Information Act request. As it does in all cases, the Alexandria Police Department denied access to the documents.

"To be honest, I thought it was some kind of joke," said Martin Price, an attorney for Hogan Lovells. "It's just hard to believe you can have a victim's family completely left in the dark."



- Brook Besha, father of slain 19-year-old

because it's important to our members."

and we're going to stay with this

EVEN FOR FAMILY members of crime victims, documents are routinely withheld by police agencies. One example is the 2009 murder of 19-year-old Kossi Djossou, who was shot at the Gold Crust Bakery in Alexandria.

After the murder, the Djossou family tried to find out what had happened. But their repeated attempts to get documents in the cases were

SFDC Launches New Website for Richmond Highway

Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation has launched its redesigned website prove the ability of citizens, businesses, and developers alike to learn about and participate in the continued revitalization of Richmond Highway.

The website includes a form to sign up for the SFDC email list,

links to social media, and RSS feeds for news, events, and real at estate listings. Additional features www.SFDC.org. The site features include regularly-updated infora new look and features that im- mation about current projects in the Richmond Highway corridor, an event calendar, demographic data, a database of historic images, information about transportation options, and information about retail, recreation, and historic resources in the Richmond

Highway corridor.

For members of the business community, the website now features an interactive database of available commercial space and properties. This free database allows business owners and brokers to easily search for retail, office, and commercial spaces available for lease or sale. Brokers and property owners may add to the database free of charge.



News

Transforming Mount Vernon Area

off Route 235 and the Mount Vernon Parkway . It will be used by scholars to study the writings, philosophy, and life of George Washington, our first President, and to serve as a archival and education

- * Route 1 Widening: November 2011, DOD awarded \$180 million to VDOT and Fairfax County to widen the 3.5 mile segment between Route 235 and Telegraph road from 4 to 6 lanes, and accommodation for pedestrian, transit, and bike access. Public comment is underway on FHWA studies. Project due to be completed by 2016.
- ❖ Jeff Todd Way/Mulligan Road. Four lane connector road from Route 235 and Route 1 to Telegraph Road. Scheduled for completion in 2013.
- ❖ Transit Studies. A county-wide transit network study underway, including the Route 1 corridor, which will look at transit alternatives including light rail, bus rapid transit and metro rail extensions. Study expected to be completed at the end of 2012.
- ❖ VSE building. Proposal under consideration to remove existing building and replace it with a 346 unit high rise residential building and 366,000 sq. ft. office/hotel structure. This building is adjacent to the metro station on Huntington Avenue. County staff report due September 2012.
- ❖ Huntington and Biscayne Avenue. Proposal under consideration for a 173 unit mixed use redevelopment project. Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland requested the developer amend the proposal; would require a rezoning application.
- * Huntington Club Condominiums. Proposal under consideration for a 1,800 unit mixed use development for housing, retail and office space.
- Sunoco Gas Station. Sunoco plans to file a special exception permit to establish a gas station in the northern section Route 1 near Huntington Avenue.
- Penn Daw Special Study. Proposal under review for mixed-use revitalization of a 15-acre area adjacent to Penn Daw Plaza.
- * Kings Crossing. Multiple phase development plans for retail space in phase 2; phase 3 plan for mixed-use multi-family housing and retail space. Phase 2 already underway.
- ❖ The Grande at Huntington. Plan is to redevelop the site where "Fast Eddies" now exists. Will be a 225-250 unit mid-rise residential development with ground level retail. Under consideration.
- ❖ Fairfield Inn & Suites. Proposal to demolish existing Fairview Motel and replace with 108-room Fairfield Inn and Suites.
- * The Beacon at Groveton. Construction underway for 290 upscale apartments and ground level retail units. Additional retail and office building con-

struction planned later. First market rate rental in decade.

- ❖ Memorial Heights. This is the former Dairy Queen site. Proposal is 6,000 ft of retail and restaurant space to replace old Dairy Queen site.
- ❖ North Hill site. At the intersection of Lockheed blvd and Route 1 is a 33-acre site owned by the Fairfax Housing and Redevelopment Authority (FCRHA). Different proposals with different concepts are being considered. No decision on the direction that will be pursued.
- Costco. New store to be opened in place of the site where the Mount Vernon Movie Multiplex formerly existed on Route 1 near Sherwood Hall Lane. Due to open in 2013.
- Fordson Place. Plans approved to build a 12,500 sq. ft. retail center between Boswell Avenue and
- ❖ Inova Mount Vernon Hospital. A 65,000 sq. ft. renovation began in April 2012 that includes a new patient tower with 20 new patient rooms, two new operating rooms, and 20 new patient rooms for the Joint Replacement Center. In addition, medical surgery, orthopedics, joint replacement and rehabilitation services will be enhanced.
- * Mount Vernon Gateway at Buckman Road. Proposal and rezoning application pending to remove and replace retail and residential buildings on 17 acres and upgrade to 500 residences, including 350 multi-family units and 150 town houses.
- Candlewood Suites. Construction being completed on a 57-room hotel.
- Towne Place Suites. At the corner of Richmond Highway and Woodlawn Court adjacent to Woodlawn shopping center, a plan to develop a 92-room Towne Place Hotel. Rezoning application approval required.
- ❖ Accotink Village. Mixed use revitalization on 6.6 acres. Application for rezoning includes a proposal for 283 housing units and 24,000 sq. ft. of retail.
- ❖ Fort Belvoir Expansion. The Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission decision led to the expansion of the base, nearing completion, that includes the \$1 billion, 120-bed Belvoir Community Hospital, employing 3,200 people, which will serve 85,000 active duty and retired military personnel. Other projects include wounded warrior transition complex, among others. This is the largest single construction project in the Mount Vernon area and will add significantly to the number of employees, families and support personnel coming to the base.
- The U.S. Army plans to build the new National Museum of the U.S. Army on the Fort Belvoir Base near John Kingman Gate off Route 1. A 2015 opening is planned. Projections are for thousands of visitors annually to the Museum from all over the U.S.

The trouble with our times is that the future is not what it used to be. —Paul Valéry



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ath will pamper w/soaking tub, separate shower, & double sinks. Lower lvl has game room, rec-ration room, bar, & full bath. Great Location – Meticulously landscaped corner lot. Must See!!!



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News

Englin Resigns Two candidates emerge in fast-moving Democratic contest in 45th district.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE THE GAZETTE

or months, the Democrats have been buzzing about the potential resignation of four-term Del. David Englin (D-45), who announced that he would not seek election to a fifth term back in April. During an emotional speech to the Alexandria Democratic Committee, Englin announced that he had been unfaithful in marriage and that he would not be running for reelection next year to put his family back together.

"I will leave political life in order to put Shayna and Caleb first and focus on rebuilding what is and always was most important to me, my marriage and my family," Englin said in the April speech. "I am deeply sorry for hurting the people that I love the most and for disappointing so many others who put so much faith in me over the years."

Now, almost three months later, Englin is finally announcing a retirement -setting the stage for a political blitzkrieg in August during the dog days of summer. If Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell calls a special election for November, the timing of Englin's announcement means that it's too late to conduct a primary. Party officials from Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax must meet in the coming days to determine how to determine a nominee for the Aug. 17 deadline. In an interview this week, Englin said he decided to resign about six weeks ago. But he held back announcing the decision until after the statewide primary, when his son's elementary school year had concluded.

"We wanted to shield our 12-year-old from the difficult fishbowl he experienced from press coverage of my April announcement," said Englin, who is now working in public relations. "At the time of my April announcement," Englin said "I had not decided to resign."

Meet the Candidates

Karen Gauntney, 50: Born and raised Valley, Ala., Gautney received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Troy University and a master's degree in marriage and family therapy from the University of Rhode Island. She served as special agent for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service from 1984 to 1989, and she's worked in a variety positions on the staff of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, including deputy executive director, from 1991 to 2012. She currently works as a consultant assisting professionals working with lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender employees. She votes at the Durant Center precinct in Alexandria.

Rob Krupicka, 41: Born in Thousand Oaks, Calif., and raised in the Seattle area, Krupicka received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Virginia in 1993. He worked at America Online from 1995-2000 as the director of business affairs, and he is currently self-employed as a communications and business strategy consultant. He was originally elected to the Alexandria City Council in 2003, and reelected twice. In 2009, he was appointed to the Virginia Board of Education by Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine. He votes at the George Washington Middle School precinct in Al-

The timing of the announcement means that voters of the 45th District, which stretches from Arlington through Alexandria into the Mount Vernon District of Fairfax County will not have an opportunity to vote on the issue in a formal primary election. Instead, party members will gather at the call of a special committee of three members formed by one representative each from the three jurisdictions in the district. Alexandria Democratic Party Chairman Dak Hardwick agreed with Englin that timing the special election for November is the best course of action.

"Anything else would be a horrendous waste of money," said Hardwick. "This election should happen on Nov. 6."

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY after Englin announced his decision to not seek reelection in 2013, speculation began building that Englin would resign. But he waited.



Then candidates began to announce for the special election. And Englin continued to wait. After the June 12 primary, which could have included candidates in a special election for Englin's seat, he announced his resignation from the House of Delegates on June 21.

"To ensure the best possible stewardship of taxpayer resources, I also conveyed my hope that Governor McDonnell will schedule the special election to coincide with the general election of Nov. 6," Englin wrote in a letter to constituents announcing his resignation.

Two candidates have already emerged in the special election, Alexandria City Councilman Rob Krupicka and civil rights activist Karen Gautney. For Krupicka, it's a second stab at an office in Richmond. The councilman was unsuccessful in a hotly contested Democratic primary to succeed former state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30) last year. The night he lost to former Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49), Krupicka announced it was his "last big campaign for a very long time." This week, he formally announced his intention to run in the special election.

"As I've done for the last 10 years, I will work for smart environmental and transportation solutions that create jobs and conserve our natural resources," said Krupicka in a written statement announcing his campaign. "I will fight against the right-wing extremism that has rolled back women's rights and true equality for every Virginian."

Krupicka has already lined up the support of U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille, U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), state senator and Democratic Leader Dick Saslaw. But it's a race that's already showing signs of division within the party. In his resignation announcement, Englin endorsed Gautney. At this point, she had no other big-ticket endorsements in the race to announce, although Englin's endorsement of Gautney was a strongly worded rejection of her competition.

"The people of the 45th District deserve a delegate who is totally fighting for what's right and not distracted by future political ambitions," Englin wrote. "Karen Gautney will be that delegate, and she has my endorsement and unqualified support."

Unlike Krupicka, who is well known for his three terms on City Council and his campaign for state Senate last year, Gautney is a relative newcomer. She served as a special agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service, and she's currently a consultant focused on helping professionals work with people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. She lives in Old Town with her partner of 23 years.

"David has been an ardent and remarkably effective voice for progressive values," Gautney said in a written statement announcing her candidacy. "I am honored to have David's support and I look forward to carrying on the tradition of effective representation for this district.'

Arlington School Board member James Lander was considering a campaign but decided against throwing his hat into the ring. He said the timing would have been right for a 2013 campaign, but he didn't want to leave his term early.

"I think it wouldn't be right for me to try and end my first term early to run for another seat," Lander said. "There are some issues going on with schools that require my focus, and now isn't just a good time between work, my service on the School Board and my service to veterans."



David Englin, seen here during the night of his primary victory in 2005, beat out five other candidates to become the Democratic candidate seven years ago.

OBITUARIES

Catharine Sexton Eckhof

June 24, 2012 with family by her side. Born in Utica, N.Y., in 1933, she was the daughter of the late Mason and Catherine (Douglas) Sexton and sister of the late Mason Douglas Sexton.

She graduated Middlebury College before marrying the late William Reed Eckhof, to whom she was a wife for 50 years. She lived with her family in Loudonville, N.Y., then moved to Alexandria, where she lived for 37 years.

She worked at the Smithsonian and volunteered at Huntley Meadows Park. Mother to Cassandra

Catharine Sexton Eckhof died Eckhof (Garrett) of Waltham, Mass., Pamela Atwell of Gainesville, Fla., and Leslie Aitcheson (Stephen) of Alexandria. Grandmother of four, greatgrandmother of two, and aunt of

> Graveside burial to be held June 30 in Fly Creek, N.Y. In honor of Catharine's love of wildlife, the family suggests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22306.

Her wit and love will be greatly missed.

Thelma T. Thompson

Thelma T Thompson of Venice, Fla. formerly of Alexandria, died Monday, June 11, 2012.

Born Oct. 4, 1921, she was raised in Alexandria, graduated high school here and went on to work and retire from The Federal Communications Commission in

June 1974.

She was preceded in death by her husband James C. Thompson and sister Marian T. Clausen.

Survivors include her sister Elton "Ellie" T. Randell, several nieces, nephews and grand nieces and nephews.

R. Tucker Winn

Tucker Winn, who was a Fairfax County Public School teacher for 25 years, died at Mount Vernon Hospital on June 23, 2012 of a stroke. She was 85 years old.

She was born in Wilsons, Va. (Dinwiddie County). Tucker Winn received her B.S. degree in chemistry from Longwood College in 1948. She was the class valedictorian. She worked briefly in private industry before turning to secondary education. She spent most of her career in Fairfax County, including stints at Fairfax High School, Woodson High School and Robinson Secondary School. She received her M.A. in education from George Washington University and then moved to George Mason University, in the Office of Admissions. S

he was one of the pioneers (early '60s) as a high school guidance counselor, making the transition from classroom teacher (chemistry) to guidance. Subsequent to her FCPS career, she opened her own business, College Rockville, MD 20850-5168.

Consulting and Placement Service, in Old Town Alexandria. For more than 20 years, she had the special gift of being able to recommend the right college for a particular student. The college admissions officers knew her and trusted her judgment. It was her very real interest in people that made Tucker Winn such a memorable chemistry teacher - and such an effective guidance counselor. Her former students flocked to her, and maintained long-standing relationships with this daughter of the South, small in stature but large in personality and graciousness.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on July 11 at Demaine Funeral Home, Alexandria, with reception to follow at Belle Haven Country Club. Interment will be in Blackstone Va. (Lakeview Cemetery) on Thursday, July 12, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Fisher House Foundation, Inc. 111 Rockville Pike, Suite 420,

MVHS Receives Governor's Award

The Teachers for Tomorrow program at Mount Vernon High School has received the 2012 Governor's Career and Technical Education (CTE) Exemplary Standards Award from Gov. Robert F. McDonnell.

The program, a teacher cadet program, began as a partnership between former Gov. Tim Kaine and the Virginia Career Education Foundation in the 2008-09 school year. Students are able to explore careers in education by analyzing teaching techniques, writing lesson plans, and teaching lessons. Students complete 60-hour internships at Mount Vernon High Pyramid schools and earn dualenrollment credit at a reduced cost via a partnership with Shenandoah University.



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OPINION

Case Closed. Why the Secrecy?

No reason for police to exercise "blanket" approach, shielding every document in every case.

azette readers know that we respect and appreciate our public safety professionals. Members of local police and fire and rescue departments are motivated by their deep commitment to serve and protect our local communities. We honor those with our coverage of valor awards, features on police efforts to curb drunk driving and distracted driving, and tragically sometimes a death in the line of duty.

While police earn and deserve a special consideration, police departments in Northern Virginia should let go of their relentless pursuit of secrecy. Police departments all over the country routinely allow access to police reports, incident reports and many other documents without harm, documents that police here refuse to allow the public to see.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in 1968, states that all public records "shall be presumed open." But the legislation includes an exception that allows police to withhold "complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements and evidence."

Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria have adopted what they call a "blanket" approach to using their exemption. That means they have decided to withhold any docu-

ment they can without any analysis of whether they EDITORIAL should. Police chiefs and prosecutors from across the com-

monwealth have spoken out against any effort to undermine their broad power of exemption.

Senate Bill 711, originally introduced in 2010 by state Sen. John Edwards (D-21) and up for discussion again this week, would limit the blanket withholding of information to ongoing investigations. This could allow for the public release of documents in closed cases such as the one conducted by the Arlington Police Department about the death of Hailu Brook. In December, 2008, Fairfax County police officers chased 19-year-old Hailu Brook across the county line into Arlington and shot him dead. Brook, a senior at Yorktown High

School, had reportedly robbed a BB&T in McLean.

The autopsy report, one of the few documents his parents were able to obtain, shows that the teen was shot 20-25 times by three officers with large caliber handguns. Baffled by what happened to their son, the parents sought access to police reports and documents, but even now that the case is closed, their requests have been denied.

Police wield power unlike any other entity - the power to detain and question, the power to arrest, the power to respond with force when necessary, sometimes deadly

With that power, comes responsibility the responsibility to operate openly and with transparency, the responsibility to make available the greatest possible amount of information, especially the responsibility to provide the public with a full picture of what happened when something goes wrong.

Somewhere along the way, police leaders in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax have gone astray in their control of information.

 Mary Kimm, MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Eroding Public Confidence

To the Editor:

Write

I am mystified as to why the county Board of Supervisors is stone-walling about the creation of a Citizen Review Board for police

Why are the county and the police force fighting this? What's there to hide? Aren't the police sworn to serve and protect we citizens? And if so, why can't we be aware of their actions in this regard?

Failure to implement such a citizen oversight board will continue to fester and seriously erode public confidence in the police.

> Ronald E. Narmi RADM USN Ret. Alexandria

Let's Get Back to Costs

To the Editor:

I'd like to thank Glenda Booth, president of Friends of Dyke Marsh (FODM) for quoting some reference materials in last week's Gazette that are helpful to the dialogue concerning the future of Dyke Marsh.

For example, Ms. Booth quoted Public Law 86-41 (June 11, 1959) as requiring administration of Dyke Marsh "so that fish and wildlife development and their preservation as wetland wildlife habitat shall be paramount ..." Options C and D propounded by the National Park Service (NPS) would result in destruction of a significant fish habitat (the deep furrow) that existed in 1959 when NPS took over ownership of Dyke Marsh. Thus it appears options C and D are un-

Ph.D.: "Freshwater tidal marshes are rare ..." From the NPS website: "Dyke Marsh ... is one of the largest remaining freshwater tidal wetlands in the Washington Metropolitan area ..." In fact, there are numerous freshwater tidal marshes or wetlands in our community. The accompanying photo shows the bountiful freshwater marshes of Piscataway Creek directly across the river from Fort Hunt Park. The U.S. Geological Survey considers the Potomac River to be a freshwater body from north of about Indianhead, Md. http://md.water.usgs.gov/publications/ofr-91-157/ofr-91-157.html This approximately covers the river and its tributaries north of the powerlines crossing the river just north of Quantico Marine Base. Among the creeks, coves and rivers within this area are Occoquan, Mattawoman, Pomonkey, Gunston, Dogue, Little Hunting, Piscataway, Swan, Broad and Hunting, all of which have abundant freshwater tidal marshes or wetlands.

Other quotes: from L.K. Thomas,

Why is Dyke Marsh such an attractive target for restoration? The answer is simple: since it is located in a National Park, the possibility exists to use a federal appropriation for the restoration, a situation rarer than the rarity of Dyke Marsh as a freshwater tidal marsh. When one thinks about federal appro-

priations, one must think in terms of national benefit. What is the national benefit to taxpayers residing in Alaska, Hawaii, California, Wyoming, Montana, etc., few of whom will ever visit Dyke Marsh? The answer is little if any, particularly given the plentiful examples of such marshes in our community that tourists can easily visit without having been taxed to do so.

NPS claims the cost will be low if, in fact, enough developers dump their fill into the river. Given statistics showing at least 2 acres/ year of erosion of Dyke Marsh, that much fill will have to be provided annually just to prevent further size reduction. Assuming an average depth of 3 feet of fill over 2 acres, that amounts to almost 3 truckloads of fill each and every day of the year, just to stay even (43,560 square feet/acre x 2 acres x 3 feet depth x 1/27 cubic feet/ cubic yard = 9,680 cubic yards, divided by 10 cubic vards/truck divided by 365 days/year = 2.65trucks/day). Does our community truly want to suffer this disruption for decades as Dyke Marsh becomes a new landfill to rival the daily rumbling of trucks at Lorton landfill? There will also have to be a backup plan, funded by those Alaska, Hawaii, etc tax dollars, should fill supplies be insufficient to keep up with erosion and ad

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vance the cause. Also noteworthy is the absolute requirement to test proposed fill before dumping it in the river to make sure it won't contaminate the nation's river.

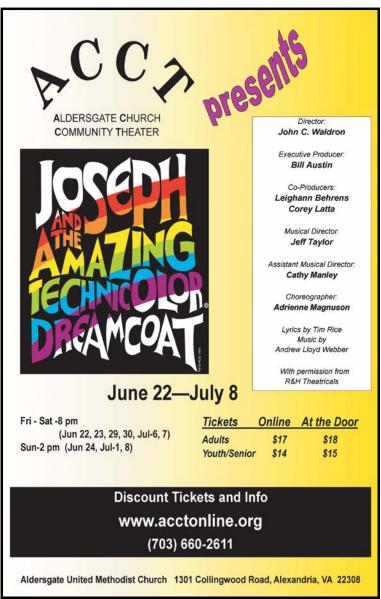
As I earlier stated, until such time as NPS provides its cost estimates so that taxpayers throughout the country are apprised of the proposed costs and can intelligently comment, nothing further should be done. As a proponent of, at minimum, protecting what's left of Dyke Marsh, I hope NPS will quickly provide the cost estimates so we taxpayers will know if we're purchasing the "marsh to nowhere." FODM should be a little less eager to spend other people's money in the absence of knowing the potential costs, and, instead,

should act responsibly and join those who properly believe the financial impact must be known before a decision is made. FODM should also remain mindful that excessive lobbying on behalf of its causes can cause it to run afoul of Section 501(c)(3) of the Tax Code.

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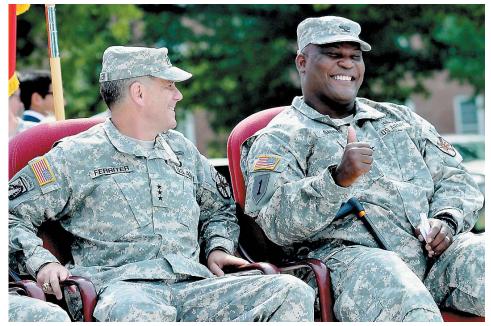
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Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter and Colonel Greg Gadson take their seats for the Change of Command Ceremony.



The new commander of Fort Belvoir, Col. Greg Gadson, greets friends after the ceremony June 25 at Fort Belvoir.

Change of Command at Fort Belvoir

n a ceremony outside the post headquarters at Fort Belvoir, Col. Gregory D. Gadson assumed command June 25 of one of the Army's most diverse installations.

Lauded by the Army for his leadership skills and ability to inspire, Gadson comes to Belvoir after serving as the director of the Army Wounded Warrior program. The ceremony host, Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter of the Installation Management Command, said of Gadson, "He was a leader on the football field and on the battle field." Gadson played football as a cadet at West Point and served in Afghanistan and Iraq as well as other conflicts and contingencies since his graduation in 1989. Ferriter also mentioned that Gadson was the first incoming commander to bring with him two honorary Super Bowl rings.

Wounded in Iraq in 2007, Gadson is the first bi-lateral amputee to command an Army installation.



Incoming garrison commander Col. Greg Gadson returns the guidon to CSM Grelock after receiving the flag from Lt. General Michael Ferriter.

Outgoing commander Col. John J. Strycula wished Gadson well in his remarks at the ceremony and



In a tribute to the spouse of the outgoing commander of the base, Wendy Strycula is presented with a bouquet of roses by Staff Sgt. Patrick Bledsoe, Headquarters Company, Special Activities, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Belvoir. Her children - David, Lauren, Mark, Kathleen and Mary — are recognized with single roses.

Kim Gadson, the incoming commander's wife, receives a bouquet from Sgt. Paul Stavar, 212th Military Police Detachment.

reflected on his own tenure quoting children's author Dr. Suess, "don't cry that it's over, smile that it happened."

Strycula commanded Belvoir during the final implementation of BRAC 2005.







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Exhibit Showcases Occupation

Lyceum reveals life in Alexandria during the Civil War.

BY ROSS SYLVESTRI
THE GAZETTE

hroughout the Civil War, Alexandria was an occupied city under the control of the federal government. An exhibit at the Lyceum, Alexandria's history museum, displays what life in the city was like during that time, as well as before and after the war.

In the years before the Civil War, Alexandria was a thriving commercial center. "There were a lot of new industries, factories, and different things starting in Alexandria during the 1850s," said Jim Mackay, director of the Lyceum.

The city was also an important seaport. Alexandria Canal, which was built in the 1830s, helped provide passageway through the Potomac River, and it helped connect the port with the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, which stretched from Washington, D.C. to Cumberland, Md. However, according to Mackay, the completion of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad made the Alexandria Canal irrelevant and much of the trade was being "siphoned off to Baltimore." The construction of the Alexandria, Loudoun & Hampshire Railroad was a way for the city to catch up. The railroad helped to bring grains and other raw materials from the Piedmont and Valley regions of Virginia.

For much of the mid-19th century, Alexandria, like the country as a whole, was divided by the issue of slavery. A pre-war incident in the city highlighted the national tensions that the country was facing. The Rev. Alfred Griffith, the minister at Trinity United Methodist Church in Alexandria, went to a Methodist convention in the



The Washington Street United Methodist Church was built in the early 1850s, following the congregation's split over slavery with another church. The church still stands today at 115 South Washington St. in Alexandria.

1840s and become involved in a debate about slavery, which he spoke out against.

After Griffith returned to Alexandria, many of the members in his congregation disliked what he had said about slavery. The members who supported slavery left to form the Washington Street United Methodist across the street.

It's "an interesting pre-war incident because it indicates how strong the feelings [over slavery] were before the war," said Mackay.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S SECESSION from

the Union and the attack on the Fort Sumter, which was controlled by the federal government, both in 1861, had led to the start of the Civil War. More southern states decided to secede as well, including Virginia. However, during the debate of whether or not to secede, many Alexandrians weren't

sure of what to do.

"There was so much pride in this community in the history that had happened here, the links to George Washington, [and the] fierce, strong sense of patriotism" made many in Alexandria hesitant to want to leave the Union, said Mackay.

As time went on, however, people in Alexandria became more and more secessionist. Finally, on April 17, 1861, Virginia voted to secede from the Union. Due to Alexandria's proximity to Washington, D.C., Union troops were sent in to occupy the city, and would do so for the remainder of the war.

Life was difficult for people living in Alexandria living under occupation.

"I think for a lot of people it would have been a strange experience because of marshal law being in effect. You couldn't come and go into town the way that you had be-



A statue erected in the memory of the Confederate soldiers from Alexandria who died during the Civil War. The statue faces south to show its defiance of the North.

fore the war. You needed a pass for everything. You needed the federal government's permission to do so many things that would have just been a part of daily life before."

Mackay said, for instance, that if some-body living in neighboring Fairfax County wanted to go into Alexandria to do some shopping, that person would need some kind of permit to enter the city. The same went for people who wanted to leave the city. He said that there's a quote in the exhibit from an Alexandria resident during the war stating that saying how there's "a line outside the provost marshal's office every Monday," which was where the travel passes were issued.

This created much animosity among many Alexandria residents towards the Union troops due to the restrictions placed their lives, and there were incidents of violence between the residents and the troops.

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Wee One's Story Time. 10:30 to 11 a.m. Hooray For Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. 703-548-4092. Visit www.hooray4books.com.

Chopteeth (Afrofunk) - Mt. Vernon Nights at Workhouse Arts Center (Lorton) at 7:00 p.m. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or www.chopteeth.com. Chopteeth is a 12-piece Afrofunk orchestra exploring the common groove between the funkiest, most hipshakin' West African and American popular music on the planet.

Serenade Festival's "African Evening." 6 p.m. Free. In partnership with Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Classical Movements will present two exhilarating choirs from Africa (Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society and Voices of Namibia). At Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 South Alfred Street Alexandria

How to Get To Wonderful. 5:15-6:45 p.m. Ronna Webb, Reiki Master, leads this 90-minute class on creating the life you want. Learn to use your intuition and attract health, success

and peace of mind. Cost is \$47. At Alexandria Massage Therapy 1217 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0310.

The Clan MacLeod North

American Gathering being held at the Alexandria Crowne-Plaza Hotel will have the Stanley R. Mcleod Memorial Lecture, open to the public, by Australian John MacLeod at 9 p.m.

Nature-Based Preschool Open

House. 9-11 a.m. Free. Come see this mini-farm located on two acres adjoining Huntley Meadows Park. Serves children 18 months to prekindergarten. Frog Pond Early Learning Center, 7204 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-765-7663 or visit www.FrogPondKids.org.

SUNDAY/JULY 1

Washington Metropolitan
Philharmonic Association

2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Performance by Benjamin Scott, Violinist. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit www.wmpamusic.org. E-mail: wmpa@earthlink.net or call 703-799-8229.

Opening Reception, 3-5 p.m., for Tribute to the Queens, a photography exhibit by Louise Noakes at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Visit www.louisenoakes.com.

Serenade Festival. 11 a.m. The Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society will join the 11 a.m. Sunday service with the Alfred Street Baptist Church choirs. At Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 South Alfred Street, Alexandria.

American Doll Tea. 1 p.m. Cost is \$15/person. Guests will enjoy a

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Joseph (Hunter Bales) and the Narrator (Marie Wakefield) and the ensemble of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." The story is told entirely through music in a multitude of styles including parodies of a French ballad, rock and roll, countrywestern, Caribbean and disco.

ACCT Presents 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'

Idersgate Church Community Theater proudly presents Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Musical Production. "Joseph" tells the biblical story of the "coat of many colors", found in the Book of Genesis. This story is told entirely through music in a multitude of styles including parodies of a French ballad, rock and roll, country-western, Caribbean and disco. There is something for everyone in this fun-filled, heart-warming, un-traditional retelling of the traditional bible story.

Directed by John C. Waldron, and Musical Director: Jeff Taylor, the cast of 40 is lead by veteran ACCT actress Marie Wakefield (Narrator) and newcomer Hunter Bales (Joseph). Lyrics by Tim Rice, Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is now playing through July 8, at the Aldersgate Church Community Theater, 1300 Collingwood Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-660-2611 or visit www.acctonline.org.

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menu of finger sandwiches, scones, lemon tea bread, and an assortment of desserts all while sipping a special blend of spring teas from Tea & Spice **Exchange of Alexandria**. At Carlyle

House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 or email carlyle@nvrpa.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

Alexandria, Visit

July 4th Fireworks Cruise on the Matthew Hayes. Depart at 7 p.m. expected return 10 p.m. Tickets required. The cruise will benefit the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Alexandria City Marina behind the Torpedo Factory. 3 Cameron St.,

www.july4thcruise.eventbee.com.

Fireworks Flow. 8-9:30 p.m. \$25 if pre-registered. Honor the independence of our nation and honor your own freedom while igniting the fire (agni) within. 532Yoga. 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Alexandria. All welcome

to the 4th of July workshop. Visit www.532Yoga.com, suzanne@532Yoga.com or call 703-209-0049. **Myth Asana**. 11a.m. - 12:30 p.m. \$25

if pre-registered. Have you ever wondered about yoga's mythology and symbolism? In celebration of July 4, this special workshop will delve into the symbolic nature and mythology of what you do on your mat. All are welcome. 532Yoga. 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100, Alexandria. All welcome to the 4th of July workshop. Visit www.532Yoga.com, suzanne@532Yoga.com or call 703-209-0049.

THURSDAY/JULY 5

Chris Robinson Brotherhood. 7:30 p.m. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com.

FRIDAY/JULY 6

Polynesian dance troop Hui O Ka
Pua 'Ilima performs the traditional
and contemporary songs and dances

of Hawaii and the Polynesian islands of New Zealand and Tahiti. Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park. 7:30 p.m. 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway Alexandria, VA 22309. Visit www.ilimahui.com/

Musical Performance. 7 p.m.
Jonathan Edwards, who topped the charts with the classic hit "Sunshine" in the 1970s, will perform songs from his latest release "My Love Will Keep," his first in 14 years. The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500.

SATURDAY/JULY 7

USA/Alexandria Birthday

Celebration. 4-10 p.m. Program includes children's activities and preshow entertainment, exhibits by community groups and food sales; followed by awards presentation, birthday cake distribution, musical performances, and concludes with fireworks. Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Call 703-746-5592.

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Public Meeting Set to Present 2012 Park Bond

The Fairfax County Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority will hold a joint public comment meeting on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in Rooms 106/107 of the Herrity Building located at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA. This meeting will provide an opportunity for residents to learn about plans for a bond referendum this fall and to comment on the bond program highlights.

In May, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors authorized a \$75 million Park Bond referendum as part of the Fiscal Year 2013 through 2017 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This referendum, if approved by voters this fall, would provide \$12 million for the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority and \$63 million for the Fairfax County Park Authority.

The Fairfax County Park Authority has worked hard to create a balanced approach to capital improvements. Using the Needs Assessment 10-year capital plan, facility condition assessments, park master plans and stakeholder input as tools for project selection, the allocation of park bonds would fall into three categories: stewardship and land acquisition, facility renovations, and park development. The project list balances priority needs, reinvestment in aging facilities, advancement of phased projects and improving the park experience.

The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority utilizes a similar approach to allocating park bond funds, taking into account user needs, the capital improvement program, the strategic plan and existing facility conditions.

At the July meeting, staff will present the categorical highlights of the bond and will take public comment. Individuals and groups are welcome to speak. Individuals may speak for three minutes and representatives from groups may testify for five minutes. To sign up to speak in advance or for more

information, contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662. You may also sign up to speak at the meeting. The public may also submit written comments to the Park Authority at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 927 Fairfax, VA 22035-1118 or at parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

To submit comments to the Regional Park Authority write to 5400 Ox Road, Fairfax Station, VA 22039 or pladev@nvrpa.org. All comments will be taken until August 10, 2012.







If accommodations and/or alternative formats are needed, please call (703) 324-8563, at least ten working days in advance of the registration deadline or event. TTY (703) 803-3354 703-324-8700 • ONLINE: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks • E-mail: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov

All the World's a Stage

LTA holds Open House July 13.

By Jeanne Theismann The Gazette

he Little Theatre of Alexandria will hold an Open House reception Friday, July 13 at 8 p.m. to welcome the community. Guests will have the opportunity to meet the producers and directors of the 2012-2013 season, learn about upcoming shows and explore ways to get involved in the theatre.

"Everyone is welcome to attend," said Eddie Page, Governor of Membership at LTA. "You don't have to be an actor to get involved in the theater. There are many ways to participate

and be a part of the special family that is LTA."

The reception will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. in the Green Room of the theater at 600 Wolfe St. in Alex-

Shows scheduled for the upcoming season include "Sweeney Todd," "The Full Monty," "Funny Money," "Dial 'M' for Murder," "Cantorial," "33 Variations," "Twentieth Century" and "A Christmas Carol."



Cast members of "All the King's Women" ham it up following the opening night performance June 9 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria. Pictured are director Ellen Dempsey, Ric Andersen, Robin Parker, Sarah Holt and Jennifer Finch. The show runs through June 30.

"This is our second year to hold an open house with the producers and directors," Page said. "It takes from 150-200 volunteers working behind the scenes to put on one of our shows. The open house is a fun way to learn more about what we do, hear how a show gets produced and meet some amazing people."

To RSVP, contact Eddie Page at eddie. page@verizon.net. For more information, visit www. thelittletheatre.com and click on "volunteer."

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Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association

2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber Music Series. 3:00p.m. Special performance by Pianist Victoria Park. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit www.wmpamusic.org, email: wmpa@earthlink.net or call 703-799

MONDAY/JULY 9

Come go Fishin' with Ebenezer.

Join Ebenezer Baptist Church, 909 Queen Street, Alexandria, "Fishing on a mission with Jesus" July 9-13, 6-9 p.m. each night. We will fish our way through crafts, Bible Stories, Games, Arts/Crafts, Skits, and have a light dinner. Transportation provided by calling the church office 703-683-1473 ext. 3. Visit www.ebenezer909.org.

TUESDAY/JULY 10

Tom Cunningham Orchestra, 9-11 p.m. \$10. The 17-piece orchestra plays the standard Big Band hits of swing era. The Carlyle Club. 411 Carlyle Street, Alexandria

WEDNESDAY/JULY 11

Billy Wilder's "Double

Indemnity." 7 p.m. Free. Part of the monthly Film Noir Series at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., in Del Ray. After the movie, viewers are invited

PLANNING A FAMILY REUNION?

to discuss the film at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub at 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705

DJ DANCE PARTY. 9-11 p.m. With DJ Dabe Murphy. \$6. Nick's Nighclub. 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

Used Book Sale. 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For children and teens. Hardbacks: \$1; paperbacks, 50 cents with discounts for books bought by kids. Sale will be held at the Charles E. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Contact 703-746-1702 or www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Lunch Bunch Concert. Noon-1 p.m. Musical performance by Lea, featuring folk & contemporary acoustic music. Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Call 703-746-5592.

Ben Brenman Park Concert. 7-8 p.m. Performance by Jazz Foundry, featuring traditional jazz. Lawn seating, you are welcome to bring a blanket or folding chair to enjoy the music. Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr. Call 703-746-

THURSDAY/JULY 12

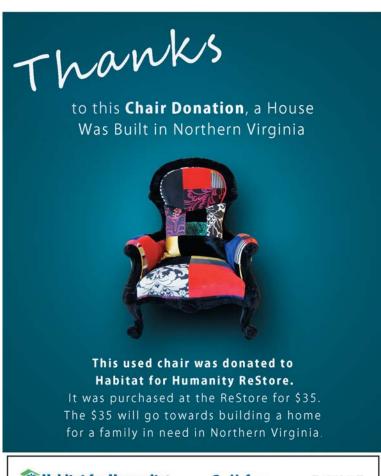
Music At Twilight Concert. 7:30-8:30 p.m. John Carlyle Square Park. New Location. Performance by Lesson Zero. John Carlyle Park, 300 John Carlyle St. Call 703-746-5418.

Swing and Blues Dance Party with Gina Desimone & the Moaners. 7pm.

FRIDAY/JULY 13

Mt. Vernon Nights. 7:30 p.m. Little Red & The Renegades performs a variety of American music, emphasizing Zydeco and Cajun. Mt.

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Mount Vernon Ladies' Association Acquires George Washington's Original Acts of Congress

eorge Washington's original copy of the Acts of Congress will once again find a home at Mount Vernon, the first president's beloved Virginia estate. The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association emerged as the winning bidder in an auction at Christie's in New York, securing the prized volume for the shelves of the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington. Slated to open in fall 2013, the library will function as a privately-funded presidential library for George Washington.

Emblazoned with Washington's bookplate and featuring his handwritten notes penciled in the margins, the 106-page book contains Washington's personal copy of the U.S. Constitution, a draft of the Bill of Rights, and other documents recording the early acts of the new Congress. Washington received the book in 1789, his first year in office as President of the United States, and brought it with him to Mount Vernon upon his retirement from public office in 1797.

The acquisition ranks among the most significant in the history of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, the private, not-for-profit organization that maintains and operates the estate in trust for the American people and accepts no government funding. Since purchasing the estate from the Washington family in 1858, the association has welcomed home scores of original Washington family objects, largely through private donations. Each year, the estate attracts more than one million visitors. The quick timing of the auction and the rareness of the opportunity sparked the association to move swiftly to place the winning bid.

The volume is a centerpiece for the association's latest initiative, the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington. Currently under construction near the main entrance to the estate, the library will serve as a place to safeguard Washington's documents as well as a gathering place for leaders and scholars. The association has currently raised more than \$85 million of the \$100 million needed for the construction of the library and its initial slate of programming.

Mount Vernon expects to take possession of the volume later this summer. The association will announce plans for its display and viewing at a later date.

For more information about the Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of Mount Vernon, visit www.MountVernon.org/library.

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Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park. 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway Alexandria. Visit www.littleredandtherenegades.com.

Alexandria Citizens Band

Concerts. 7:30-8:30 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/JULY 14

The United States Marine

Chamber Orchestra: Summer Concert Series II. 7:30 p.m. Free. The Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.marineband.usmc.mil. Banjo Festival. 7:30 p.m. Mike Seeger

Banjo Festival. 7:30 p.m. Mike Seeger Commemorative 6th Annual Old Time Banjo Festival. Artists include Bill Evans, Adam Hurt, The Old 78's, Evie Laden, and Cathy Fink & Marcy Marxer. Advance tickets are highly recommended. Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 202-397-SEAT.

SUNDAY/JULY 15

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association 2012 (22nd) Annual Chamber

Music Series. 3 p.m. Special performance by The Edwin Trio: violinist Rachele Sills, cellist Ryan Bridgland, and pianist Stefanie Watson; with Guest Artists: violinist Winnie Nham and Erin Terwilliger. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit www.wmpamusic.org, email wmpa@earthlink.net or call 703-799-

Jazz at Meade featuring Nasar

Azz at Meade featuring Nasar Abadey. 4p.m. \$15 donation. Nasar Abadey is an educator, composer, and bandleader from Washington DC area. He has been the recipient of grants and fellowships for composition, performance and merit by the most prestigious music arts organizations in the US including the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities. Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available in the church's lot and on the street. Meade Memorial Episcopal Church. 322 N Alfred St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-1334

Banjo Workshops. noon-2 p.m. and 2:30-4:30p.m. Artists include Bill Evans, Adam Hurt, The Old 78's, Evie Laden, and Cathy Fink. House of Musical Traditions, 7010 Westmoreland Ave. Takoma Park, Md. Call 301-270-9090.

TUESDAY/JULY 17

Sarah Jaffe to open for Blitzen

Trapper. 7:30 p.m. The Music Hall. Tickets are on sale now at http://sarahjaffe.com

Jazz. Bohemian Caverns Jazz Orchestra will play on Tuesday July 17 at The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria from 9-11 p.m. Cost \$10.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 18

Ryan Montbleau Band (R&B/Pop) -Lee District Nights at Lee District Park at7:30 p.m. For more information and directions, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ or www.ryanmontbleauband.com.

Live Music. Hangover Royale, DC area's newest rockabilly/swing/blues power trio will play at Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria from 9-11 pm. Cost \$10.

FRIDAY/JULY 20

Tommy Lepson Band (Blues/Soul) -Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill Park. 7:30 p.m. Visit fairfaxcounty.gov.

Spoken Word. 7 p.m. Admission is free, entry fee of \$10 for competitors. Featuring live music, scheduled artists, and an open mic, SLAM ALEXANDRIA is hosted by Shelly Bell and co-sponsored by the NVFAA and Shelly B. Arts. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street.

Children's Iconic World Traveler Turns 25

Waldo, the children's book character, turns 25. And just where is Waldo after all these years? In Alexandria, of course. The fellow in the striped shirt and black-rimmed specs will be visiting 20 different local shops throughout the month of July. Those who spot him can win prizes.

In celebration of Waldo's longevity and popularity, his publisher, Candlewick Press, is teaming up with the American Booksellers Association and 250 independent bookstores nationwide, including Hooray for Books!, an independent children's bookstore in Alexandria. Participation is free.

Look for the Waldo figures in public areas of Alexandria local establishments. Pick up a "Find Waldo in Alexandria!" search list with the names of all the businesses, and collect an "I Found Waldo at ______" card for each Waldo spotted.

For every 16 cards collected, Hooray for Books! will provide a Waldo button and an entry for other larger prizes to be drawn at a Waldo party on July 31. The grand prize is a complete six-volume set of Waldo books.

For more information about hunting for Waldo in Alexandria, call Hooray for Books! at 703-548-4092 or contact Ellen Klein at ellen@hooray4books.com

— SANDRA MARTINEZ

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that a brief (3-minute) daytime fireworks display will take place as part of the annual American Celebration public event at George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate, Museum & Gardens on Wednesday, July 4 between 12:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.

The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association thanks you for your tolerance and apologizes for any disruption.

To receive Mount Vernon fireworks notifications via e-mail, write to Events@MountVernon.org

George Washington's MOUNT VERNON ESTATE, MUSEUM & GARDENS



Monday, July 9, 2012 • 9:00 a.m. Shotgun



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Home Sales

wIn May 2012, 131 homes sold between \$965,000-\$97,500 in the Mount Vernon area.

This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$965,000-\$237,900 range.
For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

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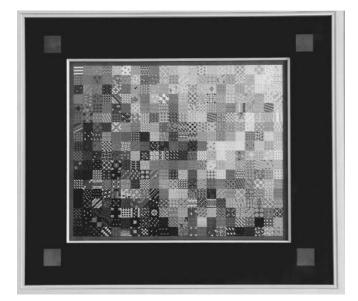
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Woodlawn Hosts Needlework Exhibition

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Christmas stockings hang at the fireplace in the family parlor.



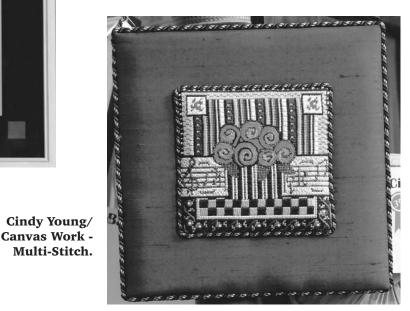
Sherri Berkman/Counted Thread - Cross Stitch.



Nelly's Needlers served a light lunch in Nelly's Tea.



The annual Needlework Exhibition opened Saturday, May 12 and ran through June 10. The change in the date from March was due to the restoration of the windows in the mansion.



Theresa Baird/Sampler - Multi-Stitch - Original.



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Work - Multi-Stitch.



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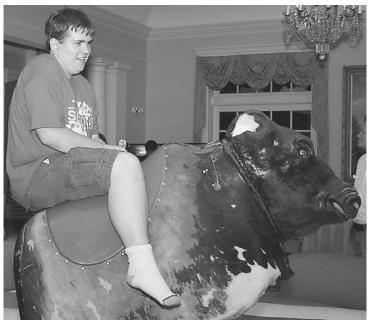




The All-Night Graduation Celebration included a variety of games and activities.

Appreciative

West Potomac seniors enjoyed the Senior Lunch June 13, showing their appreciation for the parents, friends and sponsors who contributed to the All-Night Graduation Celebration which took place June 15 at Belle Haven Country Club. The All-Night Grad Celebration is a West Potomac tradition: a safe, fun, supervised alcohol and drugfree night for seniors coordinated by parents of the graduates and funded by donations from parents and local businesses. Students enjoyed food, games, prizes and entertainment at the event after the commencement ceremony earlier in the day at the Patriot Center.



Entertainment included riding a mechanical bull.



Seniors participate in Sumo wrestling.



At Olympic Trials

Hellen Moffitt qualified to compete in the 100 meter backstroke and the 200 meter backstroke at the 2012 U.S. Olympic Team Trials. The trials are taking place June 26-June 30 in Omaha, Neb. The top two swimmers out of about 200 in each event make the U.S. Olympic Team. "For us, the event is a celebration of what's possible when one dreams big, sets a goal, and works hard to achieve that goal," said Janet Moffitt. Mansion House Piranhas and J&M Swim add their best wishes.

Bulletin Board

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ONGOING

Vacation Bible School at Plymouth
Haven Baptist Church is open for
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July 23-27 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
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org.

MVCCT's Summer Camp. Two-week sessions: July 2 to July 13; July 30 to Aug. 10; Aug. 13 to 24; One week: July 23 to 27. Prices range from \$270-\$650, discounts for Early Bird, siblings, and all day attendance available. At Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. To register for camps, visit www.MVCCT.org.

Fort Ward Museum is now registering for its annual Civil War Kids' Camp, a week of learning and fun for boys and girls ages 8 to 12. Participants explore the lives of Civil War soldiers and civilians with marching, drilling, reenactor guest appearances, games, crafts and other activities.

Civil War Kids' Camp runs Monday,

June 25, through Friday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road.
Registration is limited to 24 participants. Spaces fill quickly, and applications are accepted on a first-come basis. Registration, including souvenirs and healthy snacks, costs \$200 per child, with limited scholarship assistance based on financial need. Contact Fort Ward Museum at 703-746-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

UCM's food pantry depends on community donations. Canned meat and fish are needed, as well as canned soups, fruits and vegetables. Help by dropping off food donations at UCM's main office, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria. UCM's food pantry accepts food donations Monday – Friday, from 9 am to 5:30 p.m. and the first Sunday of the month from 9:30 am to 1 p.m.

UCM's Back Porch Thrift Store is in need of donations of furniture. UCM will pick up furniture, as well as other larger donations, or they can be dropped off at the back of the store Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To arrange for pickups, call 703-768-7106, ext. 320. Located at the Mt. Vernon Crossroads Shopping Center at 7838 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.







Fairfax County Public Schools FY 2013 Budget and New Schools Opening

New School Buildings Opening in September

Students in three Fairfax County communities are eagerly anticipating the first day of school on September 4. Two new schools, Mason Crest Elementary School in Annandale and South County Middle School in Lorton, will open their doors for the first time. Graham Road Elementary School will move students from the old school location to a redesigned building previously used as an administrative building. All three projects were funded by bonds approved by Fairfax County voters.

Mason Crest Elementary School

Mason Crest Elementary is located at the site of the old Lacey Instructional Center at 3705 Crest Drive in Annandale. Members of the community participated in naming the school which combines the name of the old Masonville school and the Broyhill Crest neighborhood.

"We are excited to already be working with our parents and our community," said Brian Butler, principal at Mason Crest. "Our mission is to ensure high levels of learning for all our students and it will take all of us, parents, teachers, and the community, working together to honor every student"

More than 470 students in grades K-5 are expected to attend Mason Crest. The school will

host programs and services including a Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP/ Headstart), advanced academic local level IV services, special education preschool and School- Aged Child Care (SACC).

The two-story building was designed with sustainable and environmentally friendly features including a ground source heat pump, the first one installed in a Fairfax County Public School. The heat pump uses 96 geothermal wells buried 400 feet under the ground to exchange heat to or from water in pipes as it travels to and from the building. Electricity helps move the heat back and forth, but the pump does not burn fossil fuel. This process helps reduce the school's carbon footprint because there are no harmful emissions to the environment.

South County Middle School

South County Middle School was built in one the fastest growing areas of Fairfax County. It sits on 40 acres of land located at 8700 Laurel Crest Drive in Lorton and was constructed on property obtained from Fairfax County Park Authority.

Many of the students attending the new middle school previously attended South County Secondary School (SCSS), which is adjacent to

the new school property.

"We look forward to keeping many of our SCSS traditions as we create a new identity as a separate middle school," said Marsha Manning, principal of South County Middle School.

The middle school is a two-story building with more than 176,000 square feet. It will have 40 general education classrooms and additional elective rooms for students in grades 7 and 8. By obtaining land from the park authority and using the same design as was used for Glasgow Middle School, FCPS was able to achieve cost savings for the development and design of the project.

The new middle school will be home to stateof-the-art technology and facilities and host an Advanced Academic Level IV Center Program and a program for intellectually disabled students.

"We're thrilled to move into a new building that we will make into our home," said Manning. "We will strive to make every student feel capable, connected, and a contributor at South County Middle School."

Graham Road Elementary School

Graham Road Elementary is moving to a new location that will increase the school's capacity for more students and provide improved athletic fields and playground facilities. The new location will be at 2831 Graham Road in Falls Church.

In 2008, the Fairfax County School Board decided it would be less disruptive to renovate the administrative center than to renovate the elementary school since students would not be on the campus during the renovation. The new site also offered less traffic congestion, better traffic flow, and an opportunity to keep the Head Start-Family and Early Childhood Education Program (FECEP) together with the K-6 students in one building.

"The opening of our new school building is very exciting for our students, parents, and staff," said Terry Dade, principal at Graham Road. "We are eagerly anticipating the day when the doors officially open and the students' faces light up as they enter a building that is bright and inviting and provides the latest technology and resources to enhance their learning. We sincerely appreciate the community support during this process and we're really looking forward to the first day of school in September."

The renovated building has been transformed with all new interior and exterior finishes, energy efficient windows, and a new roof. In addition, a new HVAC system has been installed along with a new fire alarm and other life safety systems.



Getting To Know Us

IT Operations Cathy Sells

As you watch a building being constructed over time, you notice the concrete being poured, the roof being built, and the windows installed. Each person working on the school building plays a significant role in the process and is relied upon by the whole team.

Opening a new school building requires coordination by a team of skilled professionals, from the areas of design and construction, transportation, food service, human resources, information technology, safety and security, instructional services, special services and many

Behind the scenes there is much going on that may not be visible or noticeable. Cathy Sells, director of operations for information technology (IT) at FCPS, works with the entire IT department to ensure that the technology required for a school building is available when and where it is needed.

"Technologies such as network connectivity, voice services, wireless access, data storage, computer equipment, printers, and copiers ensure a contemporary learning environment for 21st century instruction," said Sells.

"Our IT team works very closely with the school principal on the technology plan for the school. Our mission is to provide technology leadership and services to ensure a safe and secure environment for 24/7 learning.

"It is really fascinating to see the coordination of the people involved when we build a new school," she said. "Everyone works together to ensure that the new site will be the best possible place for the students and staff in that community. We all rely on each other and it's one of the best things we do as an organization."



Fairfax County School Board Adopts FY 2013 Approved Budget

The Fairfax County School Board has adopted the Fairfax County Public Schools 2012-13 school year (FY 2013) Approved Budget of \$2.4 billion that includes:

- compensation increases for employees.
- · the elimination of student athletic fees.
- more than 700 new positions to address enrollment growth.
- extended learning time for at-risk students.
- the expansion of the World Languages program in elementary schools.
- a phase in of mandated employee contributions to the Virginia Retirement System (VRS).

The FY 2013 Approved Budget is an 8.2 percent increase over the FY 2012 Approved Budget. For more information visit www.fcps.edu and click on FY 2013 Budget.



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New Leadership At Navigation Center

Coast Guard Captain William J. Burns III assumed the duties and responsibilities as Commanding Officer of the Coast Guard Navigation Center (USCG NAVCEN) in Alexandria, on May 17.

The ceremony, presided over by Rear Admiral Kevin Cook, Deputy Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area and attended by family and friends, bid farewell to the outgoing Commanding Officer, Captain Frank Parker and welcomed Captain Burns.

Burns is in charge of over 80 military and civilian members, charged with overseeing the nation's foremost systems operations center for combined maritime situational awareness, navigation signals, and navigation information services.

Under his leadership, the Navigation Center provides nationwide GPS augmentation signals, tracks vessel movements for enhanced maritime domain awareness, publishes maritime advisories and information, manages the Coast Guard's electronic chart portfolio, and coordinates the investigation of GPS outage reports. For more information about the Navigation Center, visit its website at www.navcen.uscg.gov.



Scholar

Mount Vernon High School senior Kaitlyn Schneider was awarded a \$4,000 meritbased scholarship by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Northern Virginia (NOVA) Chapter. AFCEA NOVA annually awards a number of merit-based scholarships to quali fied students who are pursuing degrees in technical fields supportive of national security. Kaitlyn will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall to pursue a degree in engineering. Since its inception, the AFCEA NOVA Scholarship program has awarded more than \$1,000,000 to more than 400 recipients.



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